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IN THE LAST four or five broadcasts we have been considering the general characteristics which Christ gave to His disciples as the "sign" of His coming and "the end of the age." You will remember that we explained the meaning of the phrase, "the times of the Gentiles," as that period during which the Gentile nations are exercising lordship and governmental authority over the earth. We saw that these general characteristics have existed all during this extended period of time, and that they are to increase in intensity and violence as the age draws near its close. From the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew we noted the five "signs," which are to mark the end of the age: religious declension, world wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes. All of these have existed since the Lord Jesus Christ went back to glory, but they have greatly increased in number and in fierceness since the turn of the century; in fact so much so, that they constitute a remarkable "sign," which speaks very forcibly to us, telling us that the end of the "times of the Gentiles" must be very near.

This morning I want to consider with you some specific signs relating to political conditions at the end of the age; for prophecy not only gives us the broad outline of coming events, but it also sets forth some very remarkable details concerning the future alignment of nations. This should interest us greatly, especially in this day when history is being made at such a fast and furious pace.

THE THREE GREAT CONFEDERACIES IN THE END OF THIS AGE

The Bible portrays three great confederacies which are to tunction under dictatorships at the end time. There is first the great northern confederacy with Russia at its head, which will include also Germany and probably other northern European countries. Then there is the eastern or "sunrising" confederacy under the probable leadership of Japan, which is to produce the amazing army of two hundred million soldiers. And there is the revived Roman Empire with the superman or Antichrist as its nominal ruler. I say "nominal" because to this superman will be given supernatural wisdom and power from the Devil himself.

Now do not think that the three powerful heads of these confederacies are to be warm friends. Quite the contrary, they will be deadly enemies; and their enmity toward one another will provoke a portion of the final struggle of the armies of the earth that is to culminate in the battle of Armageddon. Likewise, the so-called friendship of the dictators today, written all over the pages of our newspapers, is to be of short duration, we believe.

I am positively amazed at the rapidity of the movement of events today. And yet, as I think back, this is just what many of us have been preaching for years. Yet we take no credit for this fact, because God has clearly revealed these very things in the prophetic portions of the Scriptures; and He has been exceedingly gracious to us in allowing us to understand His prophecies and to tell them to others.

THE TRANSLATION OF THE CHURCH—THE NEXT EVENT IN REVEALED PROPHECY

Just one other word before we consider the greatest of these powerful confederacies yet to hold sway over the earth. Today I received a letter from a brother who asks if there are any prophecies yet to be fulfilled before the church can be translated. To such a query, my answer is, "No." I believe the only event that must transpire before the Lord returns for us is the completion of the body of Christ, which is the church. And I take my answer from the Word of God. The church began on the day of Pentecost and has been "added to" ever since that day. It includes every person who has put his faith in Christ as Saviour. This body will some day be completed, when the last person who is to be a member of the bride of Christ has been born again. At that moment, I believe, the translation will take place, and those who are "asleep in Jesus" will be raised first. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:13-18). And as I have pointed out to you before, this event will be secret and silent, so far as the world is concerned. They will know only that a great many people have suddenly disappeared. There will be some wonderment, no doubt; but I think that the Devil will have some seemingly plausible explanation to offer, and the world will go merrily on.

"THE MAN OF SIN"—THE HEAD OF THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE

The particular "sign" to which we want to give our attention this morning, is the future revelation of "the man of sin," as the head of the revived Roman Empire. This manifestation of the "lawless one" will take place as soon as the church is gone, even as Paul tells us in II Thess. 2:1-12. The seventh and eighth chapters of Daniel also describe a man known as the "little horn." As I study the Word of God, I believe that these two are one and the same, none other than the Antichrist, who is to be the head of the revived Roman Empire.

That is, the nations which now occupy the territory once a part of the old Roman Empire of the Cæsars will confederate into a revived Roman Empire. In this new grouping there will be ten kingdoms, each one ruled by a dictator, with one supreme dictator exercising control over the others. This supreme personage will be the Antichrist, whose seat of authority is clearly seen in Daniel 7:7, 8:

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."

How very significant these prophecies become when they are interpreted by events of the last six months! For instance, there appeared in our newspapers a few mornings ago some dispatches from Rome, in which the present Roman dictator gave his war aspirations. These included the Suez Canal, Egypt, all of North Africa, Corsica, the island of Malta, Gibraltar, and Spain. Why, my friends, some ten years ago these aspirations would have been thought the brainstorms of a madman; they would have been laughed at and made the target of the world's ridicule. Statesmen would have said that they were absolutely impossible of realization, but I want to call your attention to the fact that today's governments do not say any such thing. When dispatches come today from Rome, the whole world listens. There is every likelihood that Mussolini's dreams for a revived empire of glory may be realized, and that quickly enough.

If you were to go to Rome today and enter the old Colosseum where, about 1900 years ago, the early Christians were made sport of and tossed to the lions, you would see on the walls of that building, hoary with age, three great sets of maps or plaques. The first of these outlines the glory of the empire of the ancient Cæsars, showing all the countries which were under the dominion of those rulers. The second plaque represents the empire in a state of decline, stripped of territory and power. The third shows the reviving empire coming back to new life under the direction of the present dictator.

You well know that it is the dream of Mussolini's life to restore the ancient Roman Empire, and bring to it a new glory that will even surpass that of the days of the Cæsars. In every Italian home

there are two pictures hanging on the wall. One is the picture of Mussolini and the other is the picture of the expanding empire. I want to say again that what appeared to be but idle dreams and speculations a dozen years ago are about to become concrete facts.

Did you know that every child in Italy must learn the Fascist Creed? It is a blasphemous parody of our Apostles' Creed, sacred to every child of God. It reads:

"I believe in (1) Rome Eternal, the Mother of my fatherland; (2) and in Italy, her first born; (3) who was born of her virgin womb by the grace of God; (4) who suffered under the barbarian invader, was crucified, slain and buried; (5) who descended into the sepulchre, and rose from the dead in the nineteenth century; (6) who ascended to heaven in her glory in 1918 and 1922 (by the march on Rome); (7) who is seated at the right hand of Mother Rome; (8) who will come thence to judge the quick and the dead; (9) I believe in the genius of Mussolini; (10) in our Holy Father, Fascism, and in the communion of its martyrs; (11) in the conversion of the Italians; and (12) in the resurrection of the Empire! Amen."

Not only is this the teaching given in the Fascist schools; but every true follower of Mussolini is said to believe sincerely that it is truly Italy's destiny to become once more the mighty, world-encircling empire she was a score of centuries ago. And destiny it is, for God's Word has decreed it. But how little do Mussolini and his people understand just why they are to rise again to world dominion. Yes, truly they are to reach great human heights under the leadership of Satan and his "man of sin," only to fall in what will be the most momentous defeat in history. He will fall in that "war to end all wars," even the war in which God's mighty Son will return to rout all the enemies of God, and to destroy them with "the sword" which proceedeth out of His mouth, even His eternal Word.

Please bear in mind that the principal personage of this time of the end is not to be the dictator of the northern confederacy, nor yet the mighty head of the army of two hundred million from the Far East. The Devil's masterpiece will be the head of the revived Roman Empire. It is to this one that Satan will delegate "his throne, and great authority" (Rev. 13:1, 2).

You well know that the Bible tells of the exceeding cunning and subtlety of Satan. And this subtlety will, in a great measure, be given to the one who is to rule in the revived Roman Empire. With this wisdom which will be more than human, Satan's man will be able to deceive, and thus to rule, the nations of the world. Turn with me to Dan. 11:36-39 for a complete and life-sized picture of this man:

"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain."

Now here are a great number of very interesting things. Please bear in mind that to Daniel in Babylon was given the privilege of looking down the centuries to focus his vision on the superman who will rule the world for a short space of time, not for God, but for the Devil. And please note, with me, the things which the Spirit of God has caused to be recorded here concerning that superman:

1. "*The King Shall Do According to His Will.*" That is, he will be an absolute dictator. We have been privileged to see dictators with varying degrees of power. Some must consult their advisers before they can act. Others have a representative government, or parliament of some sort. Here, however, is a man who will do only and always according to his own will. And when we understand that to this one the wisdom and shrewdness of Satan himself will be given, we can readily understand that he will be "miles ahead" of the most brilliant statesmen the world has ever seen. First, in his self-will, he will exalt himself above all others in the world.

2. "*He Shall . . . Magnify Himself Above Every God.*" He will be a blasphemous infidel. In II Thess. 2:4, to which we referred a moment ago, we read concerning this one, that he "opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." This blasphemer will be permitted by God to do all this; for all this "is determined" against him and against Satan, in order for God to accomplish His purpose with Israel and with the world.

Not only will this world dictator be unchristian, but he will also be violently and bitterly anti-Christian. His heart will be filled with the most vehement hatred and blasphemy against God. His lips will overflow with the vilest and most wicked oaths and

denunciations of God and Christ. The text says that he "shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods." This should be translated in the sense here indicated, that he will speak with terrible blasphemy against the God of gods.

It may seem to some inconceivable that God in heaven should allow such a person to live and breathe on the earth, but we must remember that all these things are allowed until "the indignation be accomplished." Then God will thunder His voice in the most terrific judgments the world has ever witnessed. Then the cup of the wrath of God's indignation will be filled.

Now, while it is not specifically stated here, we are given to know from other passages of Scripture that the whole world will follow this dictator. As he blasphemes, so will they blaspheme. As he is violently and vilely anti-Christian, so will they follow in his steps. Nor will God forget this; for that will be a time of His fierce wrath, to be visited upon the Antichrist, Satan, and all his henchmen, and the inhabitants of the earth who worship him.

3. "*Neither Shall He Regard the God of His Fathers.*" Twice this statement is made here. It is thought by many Bible students that the words, "the God of his fathers," definitely identify this superman as a Jew, since this is distinctly a Jewish phrase. Then, too, we know that this one shall be received by the Jewish people as their Messiah; and we are sure that the Jews would never countenance anyone for such an exalted position who was not a member of the promised race. Then as it is Satan who perpetrates this, the greatest of all frauds, upon the people of the earth, he would not stumble over this matter of failing to have this man of sin a member of the race from which prophecy said the Messiah-King should come.

4. "*Neither Shall He Regard . . . the Desire of Women.*" This expression has been variously interpreted as describing his cruelty or his licentiousness. However, it seems best to me to interpret it in line with the Messianic hope. What was the desire of the Jewish woman? Was it not her supreme desire that she might be selected to become the mother of the Messiah who was to be born? The mothers of Israel desired this birth; but this desire will be utterly disregarded by this "wilful king," in that he will not show himself to Israel in that fashion.

I have heard another rendering of this passage, explaining that the desire of women, and especially of the pious women of Israel, was that all their children might grow up to worship the God of their fathers; but that this wilful one will not regard the God of his fathers; nor will he regard any God. No doubt many of these

things will be true about this wicked one, "the son of perdition."

5. *He Shall "Honour the God of Forces."* His supreme honor and attention are to be given to the God of forces, or "fortresses," as the Revised Version renders it. Let me quote to you again Dan. 11:38, 39 from this translation:

"But in his place shall he honour the god of fortresses; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones and with pleasant things. And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god: whosoever acknowledgeth him he will increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price."

The God of force indeed! How familiar this sounds to our ears today! Let me quote a paragraph from one of the recent utterances of the dictator on the Tiber. He says:

"Every young man, as he grows up, gets two things from me: an appointment to the ranks of the blackshirts, and what is infinitely more important, a first class gun, with plenty of cartridges. I am not satisfied with soldiers who fight only when they are ordered. I want a more aggressive spirit in my army. I want men who fight for the sake of fighting, men who are longing for battle, and whose ruling passion is combat and the encounter with the enemy."

I have listened to speeches by other dictators who declared with all the invective they could muster that their god from henceforth would be only the god of the mailed fist. Here is the supreme ruler of the revived Roman Empire declaring—prophetically, though he does not know it—that he is to honor the god of force, and the god of the fortress. "Might will make right," as far as he is concerned. There will be no round-table discussions to arbitrate the problems of the world. It will be a matter of take it; or if you do not take it, force will be used. My dear friends, surely it is not necessary for me to call to your attention the startling significance of all this. A score of years ago this would not have meant much to us. But today we have been reading about this very thing from the newspapers; and we have heard these same phrases spoken over the radio this morning. Surely the time of our deliverance draws near! We are not saying that Mussolini is the Antichrist, but "coming events cast their shadows before."

6. *"A God Whom His Fathers Knew Not Shall He Honour."* This god "whom his fathers knew not" he will honor greatly with silver and gold, and with precious stones and pleasant things. There need not be any question concerning the person's identity here. You will remember that in Isaiah 14:14, where the sin of Satan is set forth, he is recorded as having said, "I will be like the

Most High." Why was not Lucifer, who became Satan, content with the position that God had given to him? It was because he desired to receive for himself the worship and homage that were being given to God.

Then again, in the New Testament record of the temptation of Christ, Satan, after showing our Lord all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, said, "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Matt. 4:9). I tell you, my friends, the supreme and consuming ambition of Satan is to be worshipped. And through the Antichrist he will realize his ambition, in that the one whom the world worships will turn over that worship and adulation to him. In that day there will be devil-worship on a world-wide scale.

7. *He Will Offer Counterfeit Rewards.* You know, my friends, how many times I have told you that salvation is an absolutely free gift of God. I have also told you that you may work for rewards in the Christian life; and that every service done in the name of our blessed Lord, even to the giving of "a cup of cold water," will surely not lose its reward. This matter of rewards will be dealt with at the coming "judgment seat of Christ." In that day Paul will receive his reward, of which he speaks in II Tim. 4:8. And in that day we shall receive ours. But what I want to tell you is that Satan, through his tool, the Antichrist, will also be passing out rewards. Those who do His will shall be acknowledged and given honor and power. Moreover, they shall be put in advanced places of rulership. And the land shall be divided "for gain," or "for a price." The "land" in this case, as is usual in the prophetic Scriptures, is the land in which God has most concern, the land promised to Israel. And it seems that it shall be the policy of this world-ruler to divide the land for the best price that can be obtained. The land shall be desired by many. It is desired by many today. And the recipient shall be the one who can pay the most; for money, much money, will be required to maintain world government.

8. *His Power Will Be Only for a Short Time.* The success and prosperity of this mighty earth-ruler are to be of very brief duration. He is to prosper only till the "indignation be accomplished" and that "that is determined shall be done." Like a mighty rocket which soars high, lighting the whole countryside, only to fall in a few seconds, shall the career of this one be. The period of his prosperity will cover only "the seventieth week of Daniel," a period of seven years, with emphasis on the latter half of that period. We do thank God for this, for the Word of God says that this tribula-

tion shall be "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved" (Matt. 24:21, 22). Therefore, terrible as this time will be, it will be shortened by the mercy of God.

9. *He Will Make a Covenant with Israel.* One of the acts of the Antichrist, at which the world will wonder, will be his seeming to solve the Jewish problem. At first he will get along exceedingly well with Israel, and will make a covenant with them. Under the terms of this covenant he will allow the return of many of the world's Jews to their national homeland. Having returned, they will desire of him that they may set up a new temple where their ancient worship of Jehovah will be revived. Because of his subtilty, he will apparently agree with them, and allow them to rebuild their temple. This the Jews will do joyfully; and many of their orthodox numbers will set up again, as best they can, the Mosaic system of the worship of Jehovah.

10. *He Will Break His Covenant with Israel.* After about three and one-half years of the seven-year period of his rule, the Antichrist will suddenly cause the temple oblations and sacrifices to cease. He will break his covenant with the Jews; and in place of the worship of Jehovah in the temple at Jerusalem, he will set up a system of worship whereby the Jews, as well as the rest of the world, will worship him and him only, or be put to death by him. In Matt. 24:15 this act on the part of the Antichrist is called "the abomination of desolation." It will be the desecration of the Holy of Holies in the Jewish temple at Jerusalem, and the inauguration of a world-wide system of pagan emperor-worship. This act is also referred to in II Thess. 2:4, which we read a few minutes ago, and in which this "man of sin" is described as sitting "in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is god." Nor is this to be a hollow-sounding attempt, for from verse 9 of this same chapter we learn that these words and acts are to be accompanied with "power and signs and lying wonders." I know there are many within the sound of my voice today who profess utterly to disbelieve in miracles. I want to tell you, the unbeliever who is under the domination of "the man of sin" will believe in miracles in that day. And those who reject Christ and His miracles, will some day accept the Antichrist and his miracles, which are to be wrought by satanic power.

There are many other characteristics and features about this coming personage, this masterpiece of Satan, which will fill other broadcasting periods. But I want to continue, if I may, with the remaining verses in the eleventh chapter of Daniel.

CONFLICT BETWEEN THE THREE GREAT CONFEDERACIES

Let us look at verse 40 carefully:

"And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over."

Here the phrase, "the time of the end," does not refer to the end of the world, but to the end of "the times of the Gentiles." The whole theme of the book of Daniel is "The Character, the Course, and the Consummation of 'The Times of the Gentiles'." According to the prophetic Scriptures, there are yet many events which must take place before the end of the world. This reference is to the closing chapter of Gentile rule over this earth.

And what a rule it has been! Characterized by greed, brutality, force, intrigue, corruption, blood and tears! Oh, how we long for the coming of the One who will rule in righteousness and in equity!

Now whenever we read of the north, south, east and west in these passages, the directions are always in relation to the land of Palestine; for Palestine is the center of the world. Some may have considered Boston or New York City or Paris or London the center of the world. But in God's mind, the center of all things for this planet is the land of Israel with its capital city of Zion. Therefore, when in Dan. 11:40 we read that "the king of the south shall push" at the Antichrist, God means the king south of Palestine. And who is the king of the south? More than likely he will be the king of Egypt, with the possible support of Great Britain, if, indeed, Britain keeps her influence in Egypt. Evidently the country of Egypt will once more come under the sway of the Roman Empire, as it did two thousand years ago. Possibly she will form a friendly alliance with Rome, with a measure of self-government. We do not know.

But at the time referred to in Dan. 11:40 something will be done which will displease "the king of the south," who will "push" or make a feint at the Roman ruler. Into this situation the armies of the Antichrist will go promptly to put down this rebellion. And put it down they will! But there will be more trouble brewing.

"And the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships."

Earlier in this lesson we stated that one of these three great

confederacies will be that of the north, including the countries of Russia, Germany, and possibly the northern European or Scandinavian lands. Russia is the land of "Magog," referred to in the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth chapters of Ezekiel. "The king of the north" in Daniel 11:40 is none other than "Gog," the prince of "the land of Magog." He will be aroused by what the Antichrist will be doing in the land of the south. So he will "come against him like a whirlwind," with great equipment. He will have chariots and horsemen and many ships. If this description were written in today's papers, such an attack would be called a *blitzkrieg*. However, it is not specifically stated in this passage that these two great armies meet. Note that after the Antichrist and his armies have put down the rebellion in the south, "the king of the north" will start to "come against him."

Now let me quote the latter part of verse 40 and verses 41-43:

"And he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps."

Following the battle with "the king of the south," which, as we have seen, is Egypt with the possible support of Great Britain; and following the receipt of the news concerning the moving armies of "the king of the north," the Antichrist with his armies will move eastward and northward, overthrowing many countries, of which only Edom, Moab, and part of the land of Ammon escape. He will spoil the treasures of Egypt, and the peoples of Libya and Ethiopia will be subject unto him.

"THE GREAT TRIBULATION"

Of course the phrase, "the glorious land," refers to the land of Palestine. I would constantly remind you that it is God who is causing these prophecies to be written; and He refers to lands by their proper names and locations. As this great host enters into the land of Israel, then Israel will have her very darkest hour; for in Dan. 12:1 this very time is referred to as "a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time." It is at this time that the fierce anger of the Antichrist will flame into a white heat, and his wicked heart will plot heinous crimes against God's ancient people. As the Jew has always been a symbol

to the world of the existence and power of Almighty God, so this diabolical, satanically inspired dictator will resolve to wipe off from the face of the earth the last vestige of Judaism. Talk about anti-Semitism! I want to tell you this will be anti-Semitism with satanic power. Trouble will be so horrible that minute instructions are given to the Jews who will be present in the land at that time, telling them just what they should do. Of that dark hour our Lord said to His disciples, in Matt. 24:15-21:

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand;) then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains: let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

There have been not a few Bible students who wondered why the Jews were told to flee to the mountains and not to return to the houses. But the latest advances in modern warfare shed abundant light upon these words. With great planes swooping down out of the clouds, machine-gunning all those who are in companies, dropping bombs on houses, as well as on factories, the only safe method of escape seems to be individual flight for cover to the hills and forests where one cannot be seen by the massive birds of prey. I think that we should ponder well these sentences; for when God speaks of a tribulation period as "great tribulation," I tell you He means what He says!

Without a doubt the fierce anger of this satanically inspired dictator will be at the boiling point against what he believes to be a nation that should no longer exist; and he will feel that this is the time to strike and utterly to destroy ever living Jew. Pogroms and campaigns of extermination have always seemed to be the lot of the nation of Israel, ever since that fateful day when their leaders, rejecting their Messiah, cried out that His blood was to be upon them and upon their children. Today there are a half-million Jews back in their own land, with additional thousands being secretly added each month, in spite of the strict regulations regarding immigration imposed by the British government. In a short space of time the Jewish population in Palestine may number several million. And with the covenant of peace awarded to them in the beginning of the reign of the Antichrist,

perhaps half of the "world's wanderers" may be back in their ancient land. To this country, then thickly populated with a people hated by the earth's dictator, because they symbolize the name of Jehovah, is to be turned the scythe of death by modern, swift methods of mass destruction. How persecuted Israel will then need the divinely given instructions not to go into houses, but to flee swiftly to the mountains, to the valleys, to the forests, and to natural cover of any kind, in order to protect themselves from the terror of death from the skies!

Note the pompous assurance of the marching dictator, as described in Dan. 11:45:

"And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain."

Here we see the army of the Antichrist, coming up from Egypt and spreading itself out in the land of Palestine somewhere between the seas in the city of Jerusalem. This ancient city will be preserved by God, and shall not be destroyed. Perhaps it will be in the mind of the dictator to keep it an "open city," in order that its beauty and treasures may not be lost. At any rate, plans are to be laid for the mass extirpation of Jewry, from the "tabernacles" or "tents" of the commander-in-chief. And these "tabernacles" will be between the Mediterranean and Dead Seas, in Jerusalem.

If there was ever a fiendish plot concocted from the depths of the lowest hell, it will be this one! The horrors of the Spanish Inquisition or the French Revolution cannot be compared with those of the reign of terror that will be planned for God's ancient people. I tell you, my friends, my heart bleeds for Israel. I think that we should daily remember them before the throne of God's grace, asking Him to save many for Himself before this day of terror comes.

Let us notice the wrath of the dictator, as described in verse 44:

"But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many."

We have previously spoken of the movement by "the king of the north," who will march against the dictator-emperor with great swiftness. There is also another force that will have to be reckoned with at this time, the almost unbelievable hordes of the army of "the kings of the sunrising," possibly Japan with the support of China and India. This host is spoken of in Rev. 9:16; 16:12.

Because of the insubordination of these groups, the fury of the dictator will know no bounds; and orders will fly forth to com-

plete the work at hand. Plans will issue forth to assuage the wrath of the Antichrist, first upon the chosen people of God, who among other things will refuse to turn from their ancient worship of the living and true God, to worship the emperor and his image. Yet note the abruptness of the account in Dan. 11:45:

"Yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

THE RETURN OF CHRIST IN GLORY

Just what will cause this sudden change in the affairs of Israel and the whole waiting world, is not given to us in Daniel's prophecy; but it is given in other portions of Scripture. Just when the stage seems set for a complete and final victory for Satan and his cohort, "the man of sin," the whole scene changes. And we are not left in doubt as to the reason; for we read the great cause of this strange reversal of affairs in Rev. 19:11-21:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness doth he judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns. . . . And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. . . . And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceedeth out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."

Here is the answer of Almighty God to the blasphemies of this arch-deceiver, this Satan-inspired fiend of hell. All his armies will be slain by the mighty word of the Son of God. Rivers of blood will run high; and months will be consumed in burying the dead. The Antichrist, along with his collaborators in crime, will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone forever. Satan will be bound, and God's well beloved Son will take up the reins of power, to execute judgment and justice upon a world that has known only misrule and woe. Oh, what a glorious time that will be! And truly Isaiah's prophecy will be fulfilled in that day when men "shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks" (Isa. 2:4). War shall be learned nevermore, and righteousness shall cover the earth "as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

The bells upon the horses shall bear the gracious inscription "HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD" (Zech. 14:20).

Oh, my dear friends, what a blessed relief to turn from a consideration of the atrocities of the reign of man to a consideration of the blessedness of the reign of God's Son! How I long for that day! Don't you? What a time of peace and security and plenty that will be!

Let me quote another wonderful passage in Matt. 24:27, 30, describing this dazzling event:

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. . . . And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

That will be the day of glory for this old sin-cursed world, though the world does not know of His coming; nor is the world looking for Him to return. But He will surely come. And from all indications and signs along the earth's horizon, I know that He will come soon.

As I bring this message to a close, I want to remind you once more, Christian friends who are listening, that these events will transpire after we are in the glory-land. We shall not be here on earth to see or know the power and depredations of this monster-dictator. Before he can be revealed, we must be caught up to be with our Lord. "The great tribulation," of which we have been speaking, will be "the time of Jacob's trouble," and of judgment on the world. It will not be a time of judgment on the church, for our penalty and judgment were fully borne one day on Calvary's hill by our blessed Sin-bearer. God must deal with Israel as a nation, and with the Christ-rejecting world; but before He can do so, the church must be out of the way.

This, I firmly believe, is the teaching of the Bible from beginning to end. The message of these present world-stirring events is a message urging us to wholeheartedness in service. The time is short, and the opportunity for testimony for Christ will soon be passed. Let us, therefore, bend every effort to be used by the Lord to make Christ known.

In our next broadcasts I shall be taking up the matter of the northern and eastern confederacies more in detail. Good bye, and God bless you all.

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