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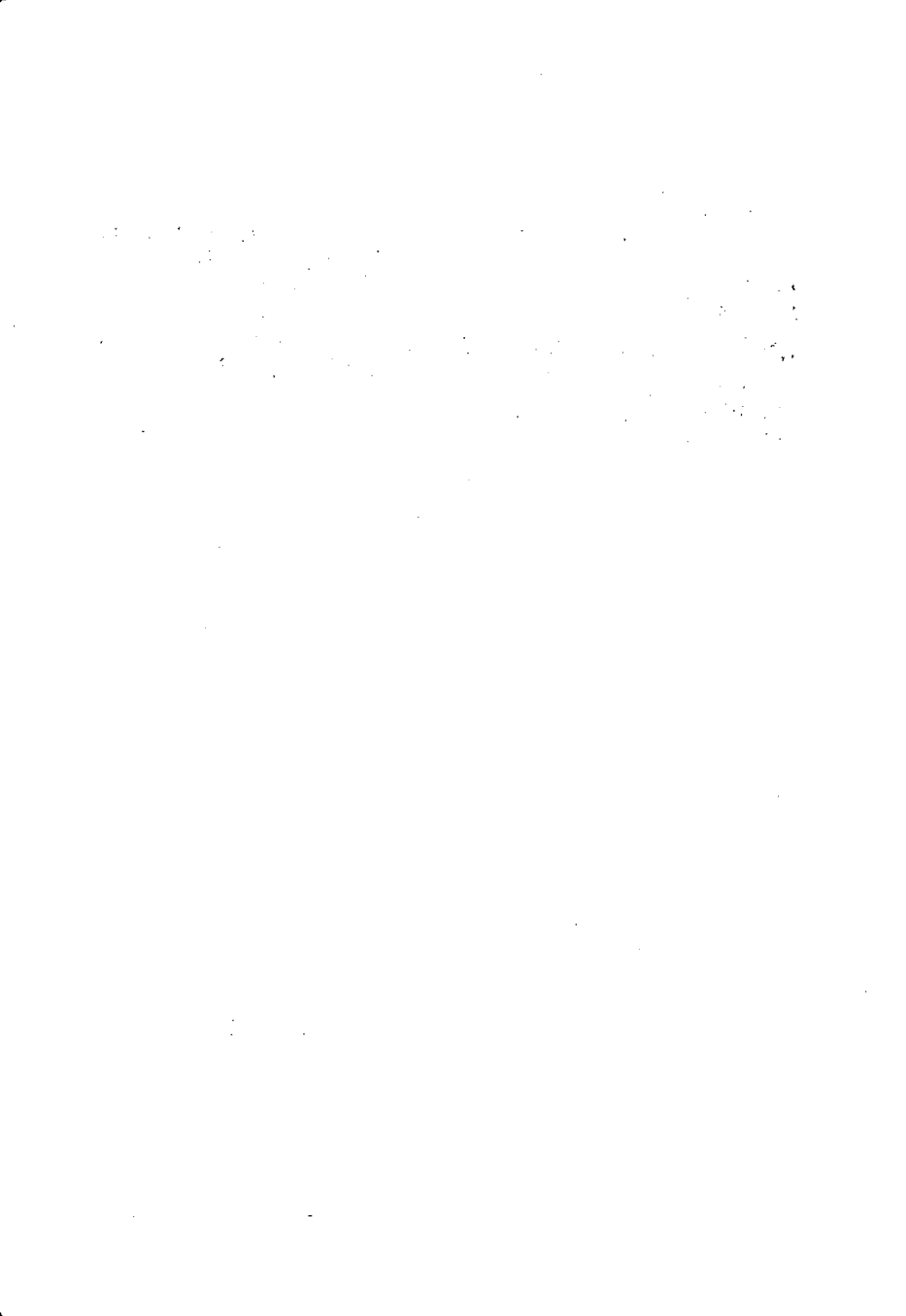
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This humble endeavor in the name of our Lord is dedicated to a treasured friend, loyal and faithful:

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FOREWORD

Tremendously significant events are taking place in our time, and no one can appreciate the meaning of these events more than one who has a knowledge of the prophetic scriptures. The prophecies of the Word of God concerning the time of the end are being dramatically fulfilled before our eyes. It is the humble desire of this writer to share with you some of the remarkable evidence to substantiate this fact. This is not a literary work and it is certainly not original, but it is, in the prayerful conviction of the author, the truth and truth belongs to all. God grant that it will serve to intrigue the reader with a greater desire to thoroughly investigate the Holy Book and generate in the heart a deeper love for our blessed Saviour whose coming cannot be very far away.

(And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure) 1 John 3:3.

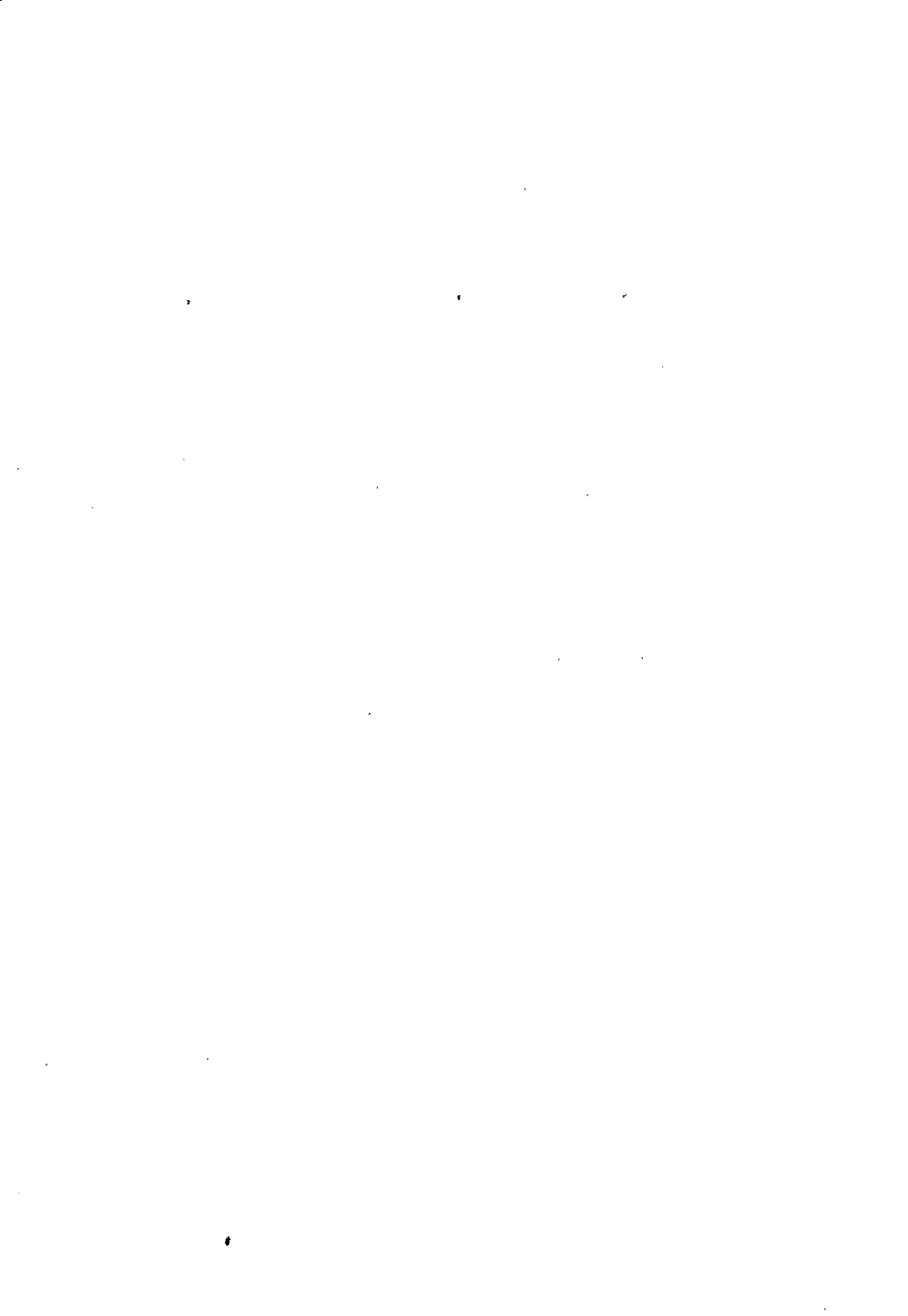
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1. Introduction

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of the proposed system on the performance of the system. The system is designed to improve the efficiency of the system and reduce the time required to complete the task. The results of the study will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the system and to determine the best way to implement it.





RUSSIA'S TERRIBLE DESTINY

“Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel” (Ezekiel 39:1, 2).

The Word of God makes a clear distinction between nations and *the* nation. This special “nation” is Israel. God told her from the beginning: “Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be

a peculiar treasure unto me above all people, for all the earth is mine, and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation....” (Exodus 19:5,6).

When Israel was disobedient, she was always judged by God, but ultimately Israel’s disobedience led to appalling apostasy. And when God rejected the Jews because of their sin, we have the beginning of an era the Lord Jesus called the “times of the Gentiles.”

Jesus said in Luke 21:24--“Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.” This expression describes the entire time during which the Jews are out of harmony with the divine purpose for which they were brought into being.

This began when God, because of Israel’s persistent sin and rebellion, called his prophet Hosea to write in regard to this mysterious people: *Lo-ammi* (“not my people”).

Israel always should have been at the head of the nations as the vehicle that revealed to the world God’s redemptive purpose. But because of her unbelievable, shocking failure, she became not the head but the *tail*.

Ever since they were handed over to mighty Babylon, the Jews have been entirely subservient to the dominion of the Gentile nations. Subservient, that is, until May 14, 1948 when Israel once again, after nearly 2,000 years, became a sovereign state. Eventually they will be completely restored and their long anticipated Messiah will appear in glory.

The "times of the Gentiles" do not end until the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Revelation. And the recognition of this great Bible fact is absolutely necessary to our understanding of all divine purpose concerning this sin-laden, war-mad world.

The Great Gentile Powers

After Israel's apostasy there arose four great Gentile powers which completely subjugated her. These are described in Daniel 2, Daniel 7, and Zechariah 1:19.

These powers preyed upon Israel during the time of her apostasy. They were the enemies of Israel and therefore the enemies of God. Their enmity reaches a full fruition at the end of the

age--just previous to the return of our Lord.

That is the time that is always described in the Word of God as the "latter days." In this regard it is interesting to note that every nation in Europe is saturated with Jewish blood. Jews have been blamed for everything from the Black Plague to World War II. Stalin tried to erase Yiddish culture from the earth by slaughtering writers, painters, actors and musicians but all to no avail.

The Word of God makes it clear that at last all these nations that hate the Jew and are characterized as anti-Semitic are to be judged. We have lived to see the judgment of God fall on some of them.

All through the days when the Nazi war machine seemed well nigh invincible there was one truth that God gave to Abraham that absolutely guaranteed Germany's emasculation. God promised Abraham: "I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee" (Gen. 12:3).

The trial of Adolph Eichmann has been a grim reminder that the Nazis were responsible for the death of some 6,250,000 Jews in the most ghastly forms of murder ever conceived in the perverted, sadistic mind of man. It's no wonder Germany has gone down like a day star

and has been dismembered so severely she will never fully recover. According to the Scriptures, Germany will never be independent again. She is destined to be a Russian satellite.

The worst is yet to come for the nations that have rejected God and persecuted Israel. God guarantees the invincibility of Israel and miraculously protects her. "Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob," says the Scripture, "neither is there any divination against Israel...." (Num. 23:23).

The Second Psalm shows how God vanquishes the heathen nations: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."

Psalm 83:3-5 prophesies that in the last days these enemies of God and Israel shall form an alliance: "They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said: Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee."

What a graphic description this is of the decision of the Nazis to commit genocide against the Jewish people and to eliminate them from the earth.

Julius Streicher once said mockingly: "The holiest night in the world will be the night when the last Jew dies."

The Confederacies

The Scripture describes these confederacies that join together for the dissemination of these people.

One of them is the Northeastern Confederacy, which is clearly identified in Joel 2:20, "But I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things." Joel 3:9-17 refers to the Battle of Armageddon which takes place at the close of the tribulation and is not to be confused with the battle described in Ezekiel 38 and 39.

The last battle of the last war (Armageddon) will not be between great world powers, but between God and man (Rev. 19). The struggle will be over the issue as to who is to rule the world. The answer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Man who is God (I Tim. 3:16).

The Northeastern Confederacy Explained

In Elton Trueblood's book, *Foundations for Reconstruction*, he makes a comparison between the two great vying traditions and cultures locked in combat today. Though he seems unacquainted with the prophetic import of his words, yet he makes a very startling statement when he says, "We could then say that the power of the earth is divided between those who profess a half-hearted devotion to the traditions of the West, and those who demonstrate a burning devotion to the developing traditions of the Northeast."

This sentence is an exact description of the principals in this conflict.

¹ *Foundations for Reconstruction*, Harper and Brothers, 1946

Then he goes on to say: "Russia is the only true representative of this system (Northeastern) though admirers in other lands, particularly in China, are numerous, and no land seems to be without them."

What Mr. Trueblood is saying is that the term "Northeastern" is the name of a new culture. We identify this culture as the Northeastern Confederacy described in the prophetic Scripture.

This confederacy is composed of the godless, Jew-hating, Christ-rejecting nations. Later we shall study the nations and identify those that make up the Northeastern Confederacy. But for the present we must say that no modern nation is set forth so vividly in the prophetic Word as Russia:

The prophecy of Ezekiel 38 and 39 has long been associated with Russia; and the passage states expressly that the military invasion which sweeps upon Palestine comes from the north (Ezekiel 38:15, 16).

As we shall later see, the strategic position of Palestine, along with the tremendous oil reserves and mineral deposits there, will make it a valuable prize. The rise of Russia certainly

fits into the larger picture of the close of the age with amazing precision.

We ought to mention also that coupled with Russia in our time is the incomputable military strength of the Orient. According to the Scriptures, one of the major elements in the final great battle which culminates in the return of the Lord to establish His kingdom on earth is the invasion from the east. A great army of two hundred million is pictured in Revelation 9:16 as related to the release of the angels bound in the River Euphrates to the east.

As disclosed in Revelation 16:12, the route of the kings of the east--the leaders of the great Oriental army--is prepared by the drying up of the Euphrates. This tremendous army converges upon Palestine in preparation for the great and final battle of Armageddon.

The kings of the whole earth are "gathered" for "the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:14).

Dr. John Walvoord, President of Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas, in his book, *The Return of the Lord*, says: "Never before in the history of the world has such an invasion been a greater probability. The moving of such

a force overland to Palestine is possible in our day of mechanization as never before. The linking of the Orient with Russia was an alliance little dreamed of outside the Scriptures, but today this has become already a fearful reality."

Dr. Walvoord further states: "In the world today we can see then a portend of the gathering storm, the military might of Russia and the Orient is already a reality. The rise of atheism and of world government are already upon us. Never in the history of the world has there been such a converging of more ominous tokens, but the climax is not far distant. For the Christian, this is a divine sign that the day of deliverance is at hand."

The Word of God, which cannot lie, gives the absolute assurance that Russia is headed for military disaster. And let me make it immediately clear that Russia will never dominate the whole world.

The Book of Daniel presents four great world empires and states clearly that the Roman Empire will be succeeded by a fifth empire--an empire over which God himself will reign (Dan. 2:44,45).

A study of what Daniel has to say, compared with the other prophets in such portions of Scripture as Revelation 20, will lead to the correct conclusion that the fifth world empire is none other than the world Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He will establish this Kingdom when He returns in power and great glory, as the Scriptures prophesy.

How deadly accurate is the sure Word of prophecy! How could Ezekiel write about a great godless nation in the northeast without divine foreknowledge? Why is Russia picked out and identified so dramatically? The answer is that the eternal God, looking across the sands of time, beheld Russia as no other nation, raising her mighty fists, and hissing her defiance. No phenomenon of the present day is more striking in its significance to the student of prophecy than the rise of atheism and the worship of power in Russia.

For the first time in the history of the world, a modern nation has officially embraced atheism as its belief.

Never in the history of the world has there ever been such a colossal attempt to remove from a culture every trace of religion, whether

true or false. This becomes extremely significant when we compare it with the gigantic apostate church that will be functioning with fantastic control at the time of the great tribulation.

Rooted in militant atheism and overtly profaning the name of God in outrageous blasphemy, modern Russia has become the prototype of that which is to come. This anti-God philosophy with its destruction of human dignity is already subtly infiltrating and saturating the nations of the earth, but it will not be released in its terrible and final intensity until the restraining power of the Holy Spirit is taken away with the translation of the Church.

Russia is the first nation of modern times to try to conquer God in the heavens. The dialectical materialism of Communism is utterly atheistic.

Zinoviev, liquidated by Stalin, said: "We will grapple with the Lord God in due season; we shall vanquish Him in His highest heaven, and wherever He seeks refuge, we shall subdue Him forever."

Stalin, the neurotic dictator of Russia, signed an official decree back in 1932 ordering

God Almighty to "pack His remaining belongings and get out of the Soviet Empire." That decree, according to the London *Morning Post*, read: "On May 1, 1937, there must not remain on the territory of the USSR a single house of God...The very conception 'of God' will be vanquished from the boundaries of the Soviet Union; it's a survival of the Middle Ages, which has served as an instrument for the oppression of the working masses."

No nation of modern times has hated God more than Russia.

One unforgettable day in the Revolution was January 5, 1930. Atheistic and anti-religious societies throughout the Soviet Union began a three-day onslaught against the Russian Orthodox Christmas celebration which was to begin on January 7.

The attacks were bitter and inhuman, and were instigated by government leaders. Thirty-six thousand atheists marched through the streets of Moscow, headed by a black hearse, carrying the "corpse" of religion, which was then burned and cast to the four winds.

Miniature models of churches, mosques, and synagogues, were carried on floats through the

snow-covered streets, and later burned in a special ceremony.

Anti-religious carnivals lampooning God and all religions were held on 20 Moscow skating rinks, and were followed by a physical culture holiday.

Lest you think the situation has changed, though it is true that the Soviet constitution tolerates religion under rigorous discipline, the policy of the Kremlin is anti-religious and the right to propagandize against religion is actively conducted by the Communist party.

A father was arrested and exiled to Siberia because he forbade his children to attend some of the Communist youth activities.

The Communist newspaper *Pravda* urges a "scientific and atheistic crusade against religion in the Soviet Union."

Said *Pravda*: "Religion is one of the most tenacious and harmful remains of capitalism."

In asininity that beggars description, Mr. Khrushchev said when Russia orbited her first sputnik: "Sputnik proves there is no God."

He told newsman Henry J. Taylor that Gagarin and Titov proved there is no heaven and no hell.

And so we understand why, in the Word of God, that in the latter days God turns the spotlight on Russia.

Ezekiel Foretold Russia's Doom

The prophet Ezekiel, looking down the corridors of time, wrote of Russia, her allies, and her doom.

The Russian stamp commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Russian cavalry, pictures four horsemen. The leading horseman is carrying a red flag, and, interestingly enough, he is riding south--seemingly setting the world on fire as he goes. One cannot fail to think of the four horsemen of Revelation starting forth on their ride to judgment and to death.

Russia's own stamp shows her ride into the valley of death, which God has prophesied in the vision of Ezekiel.

With all of her peace overtures and disarmament conferences, it becomes obvious that Russia does not really desire peace. The resumption of nuclear testing gave the lie to every word that Russia has ever said about desiring peace and, of course, made it necessary

for us to begin testing in the atmosphere.

Former atomic energy commissioner, Louis Strauss, tells us: "They have always tested clandestinely. I think this statement is the sort of thing one might expect from Mr. Khrushchev."

Senator Humphrey tells us that Russia's resumption of testing was a cynical attempt to terrorize the world into submission.

James Marlow said, "Soviet flip-flops--there have been some beauts--are done with sheer gall and handy, if unconvincing, sanctimonious explanations. But in each case...Moscow acts without visible embarrassment." With the United States resumption of testing the Russian propaganda machine changed its line without a break in rhythm and piously accused the U.S. of war-mongering, threatening world peace, etc.

The whole story of Russia's international relation with the rest of the nations of the earth has been a story of broken promises. She has followed a consistent policy of obstruction and delay, meanwhile seeing to it that she gets all that the traffic will bear in the reparations and territorial gains, regardless of what seeds of future trouble may thus be sown.

In one of his columns, the late George E. Sokolsky said, "Everybody is against Soviet Russia, but few want to do anything about it. One reason may be that we actually lost World War II. We did not lose it to the enemy, Nazi Germany, but we did lose it to our ally, Soviet Russia.

"First Stalin, and then Khrushchev, took every advantage of the war involvement to seize countries and people until now Soviet Russia dominates more of the earth's surface than Germany and Japan did during their most successful days in World War II."

Russia has slithered her tentacles into the sovereignty of practically every nation in the world, from Czechoslovakia to Tibet.

Almost a quarter of a century ago, Dmitry Manuilsky, leader of the plot to take over world control in the name of atheism and Communism (and the man who was Chairman of the United Nations Security Council in 1949), said, in addressing the Lenin School of Political Warfare in Moscow, 1931: "War to the hilt between Communism and Capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in twenty or thirty years.

(Notice, that would be the approximate date we are living in at the moment.)

“We shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeois will have to be put to sleep, so we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record.

“There will be electrifying overtures and unheard-of concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fists!”

That statement is a true analysis of the aim and the purpose of Russian Communism, when Manuilsky voiced it before this Soviet gathering.

It is still true; it has never been denied; it is in the books for all who read to see.

The average American has decided that Russian Communism has changed its policy, but this is an amazing commentary upon our stupidity and suicidal lack of understanding.

If men and women are asking today, “What is Russia up to?” they can find the answer in the Word of God: “And the Word of the Lord

came unto me saying, 'Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal'' (Ezekiel 38:1-3).

The Greek Septuagint's version of the Old Testament, which our Lord used when He was on earth; says, "and the word of the Lord came unto me saying, 'Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh....'"

Why does God say so specifically that He is against Gog, the prince of Rosh? It can only be because this Gog, the prince of Rosh, is so definitely against God. He has defied God.

By the way, these names that we find in these verses are the old forms for Moscow, capital of Russia, and Tobolsk, the chief city of Siberia.

Russia is now the Union of Soviet Republics. The great Hebraic scholar, Gesenius, identified Rosh as modern Russia, Meshech as Moscow, and Tubal as Tobolsk.

It is significant that Leningrad, formerly St. Petersburg, is not the capital of Russia to-

day. Within recent years it has been changed to Moscow.

This is all the more striking because Russia had every reason to keep Leningrad as the capital. There is no name so revered in Russia today as that of Lenin. His body is kept in a permanent state of embalming. Here we have a very dramatic fulfillment of the Scripture.

Later verses will make it clear that no other than Russia can be meant in this Scripture.

Magog applies to the territory north of the Black Sea and north of the Caucasus Mountains.

Once again we can say that no modern nation is set forth as plainly, as dramatically, as Russia in the prophetic Word. And so we have God telling His prophet to set his face against Gog, the prince of Rosh.

It would seem that the Lord, beholding this terrible monster, whose deeds of cruelty, lust, and massacre were not even surpassed by Ivan the Terrible, or Nero, or any other vicious beast known to history, would have the Prophet Ezekiel tell of its final destruction.

The great Creator is never against anyone, but is longsuffering to all. He is not will-

ing that any should perish... "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

But there is the possibility of men resisting the striving of the Holy Spirit so persistently, and rejecting God's offer of salvation so consistently that finally there comes that time when there remains nothing else "but a certain fearful looking after of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversary."

This Gog, the prince of Rosh, and those found with him in the last days, are positively arrayed against God, thus their awful madness and the ultimate divine judgment that is to come upon them.

This great struggle is already beginning, the darkness is coming on. How near the climax is, who can say? Years ago Dr. Louis Bauman said, "Man proposes, and God disposes, but one day the dictators of the earth will shake their fists in the face of omnipotence, only to have omnipotence laugh and command them to move onward to fulfill their part in the divine program that shall set the King of Israel upon the holy hills of Zion."

“And when omnipotence commands, the dictators trot.

“Our God is still upon the throne of the universe. He is not planning to abdicate. God in His mercy has been giving prolonged opportunity for men to receive and obey His Holy Son Jesus.

“But when the nations deliberately reject Him, blaspheme Him, vilify Him, He must establish His authority over a redeemed earth.

“His victory is certain.

“The Scriptures teach that there can be no peace among the nations until Christ returns. He, the Prince of Peace, will bring peace to the nations.”

However, the Word of God teaches that anyone who is willing to completely trust in Christ, can have His peace even in a world that knows no peace. The peace our wonderful Lord gives is the peace of reconciliation.

Any Christian who is willing to let Christ rule in his heart can have this matchless peace “that passeth all understanding.”

There is an old saying: “The best way to avoid the shadows is to face the sun.” If you are facing the sun you do not see the shadows.

If you are facing the Son of God, if your face is fixed upon Him, you can have peace, even though terrible days are coming upon the earth.

Russia's destiny is pre-written. She is to be destroyed on the plains of Meggido.

If you are not a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ your destiny hangs in the balance and will be determined by your relation to Him. The great question of destiny is, "What shall I do then with this Jesus who is called the Christ?" On this question hinges the fate of men, nations and the world!

THE TRAGIC END OF THE KREMLIN DREAM

As we look upon the world of our day, we cannot but marvel at God's patience. In Noah's time, He gave them 120 years in which to repent, but when they did not, He sent judgment upon them, though not until Noah and his family were safely in the ark.

God's patience was exhausted, even as it will finally be with the people of our day. God allows men to go on as they are because this is the day of grace. But eventually this day will be over. The Scripture reminds us: "My spirit shall not always strive with man..." (Genesis 6:3). The time will come when the events recorded in Ezekiel will take place.

Once when Robert Ingersoll, a renowned infidel, was addressing an audience, he said: "Here is my watch; if there is a God, I defy Him to strike me dead in five minutes!"

One minute passed and a great quiet settled upon the waiting audience. A second minute passed. After the third minute, women fainted and had to be carried from the room. The fourth went by, and yet nothing happened. Then, the fifth passed with Ingersoll still alive.

Addressing the group arrogantly, he said: "You see, there is no God; if there were, He would have struck me dead; He would have accepted my challenge."

Joseph Parker, the mighty preacher of England, was living at this time, and when he was told about the incident he asked, "Does this gentleman think that God's patience can be exhausted in five minutes?"

No, not in five minutes, but God's patience *can*, in time, be exhausted.

In the book of Romans we have those strange and awful words, "But God gave them up...." There will come a time when people will know something of the wrath of God.

The scene so vividly portrayed in Ezekiel

38 and 39 is one that solemnizes the heart and brings us to realize what a terrible end will come to the Kremlin dream.

Never forget, Communism is, in its dialectical, materialistic expression, aggressively, venomously, absolutely anti-Christian.

It was shocking that at a committee meeting of the National Council of Churches in Cleveland, a quotation was read from an open letter of Karl Barth, in which he stated that "One can, after all, preach Christianity, believe Christianity, and live Christianity under a Communist regime."

I agree with Emil Brunner when he said, "Clearly the only person who would make such a statement is he who has never asked himself the question what the victory of the Communist system would mean." And then he says, "Communism possesses completely, thereby differing from all former tyranny. It completely monopolizes all the means of forming a man. It has the complete propaganda apparatus at its disposal from kindergarten to university.

"It controls, newspapers, movies, radio, and television.

“It has built up the psychological technique of forming mind and soul in the most cunning ways.

“It is able to neutralize and destroy in a most telling way all influences which are contrary to its goals.

“The man it creates is a human being minus all that is human, a man without spontaneity or freedom of thought, a man completely part and parcel of the system--the system of consequent atheism.

“This collective being is without a heart and without feeling or conscience, because all that is despised as being bourgeoisie; this being is the perfect robot of the socialist state.

“Done away with are all traces of Christianity and all the means by which Christianity is spread and can remain in existence... All churches destroyed, all Bibles destroyed, all humanistic literature and art, all memory of human history must be removed unless it can serve as a means to ridicule religion and humanitarianism or glorify Communism.

“All this is not accomplished as yet, but surely will be when Communism no longer has to reckon with world opinion. Then it can ex-

press its very being without hindrance, and concentrate on its own development without competition, concentrating solely on perpetuating itself.”

The Communist unceasingly asserts that Christianity is the chief hindrance to the universal acceptance of all that for which Communism stands.

By the end of the second five-year plan, the Communists had almost entirely obliterated even the most meager suggestion of Christianity from the lives of the Russian people. The entire method of education has come to be of such a character that the coming generation will not only be indifferent to the Gospel, but will surely seek to destroy its very influence among men.

What is taking place in Russia today is only a shadow of what will take place later.

The most blasphemous words in history have come from Russia. Lounatcharsky, the former Commissar of Education, said: “We hate Christians; even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemy.

“They preach love to one’s neighbor and pity, which is contrary to our principles. Christian love is a hindrance to the development of the revolution.

“Down with love for one’s neighbor; what we want is hatred! We must know how to hate, for only at this price can we conquer the universe.

“We have done with kings of the earth; let us now deal with the King of the skies. All religions are poison; they intoxicate and deaden the mind, the will, and the conscience.

“A fight to the death must be declared upon religion. Our task is to destroy all kinds of religion, all kinds of morality.”

A high Soviet official, Comrade Solz, said: “Faith in God, whether it be Jewish or Christian, only weakens the will of men for the fight. All gods are the same as poison. War without quarter should be declared upon all.”

Hessel Tiltman wrote, after a 2,500-mile tour through Russia: “No lie is too despicable, no insult too coarse to hurl at Christ and His followers. If I were a Christian in Russia, I should keep my eyes turned to the pavement to escape those blasphemous pictures on the boardings, which are a continual reminder of the grand attempt to sabotage God.”

W. C. Jones: “Communists are serious idealists, and are atheistic. They are con-

vinced they will win in the end, and the question is not 'will' but merely of 'when.'"

This drive in Russia against religion is supported by continuous propaganda.

Blasphemy has no meaning in Russia. Posters which depict "Mr. God" as a funny little man smoking a pipe and smiling complacently, while the workers groan beneath the weight of a gold cross, are seen everywhere.

In Moscow there is now a religious museum with horrible cartoons. For example, one shows the disciples eating the body of Christ like cannibals.

When we consider such blasphemy as this we begin to understand why our Holy God must be against the men who are responsible for it. Now that the Iron Curtain has shut off the eyes and ears of the world, there is no way of really knowing to what extent that country has gone in its attempt to destroy all the influence of the Gospel.

We need to pray for the few Christians that are in Russia, for they are in daily peril for their lives. I am sure that we all rejoice in the report that we hear about the attendance at the services of the Baptist Church in Moscow. But even when it is crowded and packed, it repre-

sents only the smallest segment of the population of that great city.

We have no way of knowing the number of evangelical Christians in Russia, but we can certainly assume that they represent a very insignificant minority. They are difficult to identify because they, of necessity, must propagate their convictions secretly and with as little publicity as possible.

But one day God says Russia is going to be impelled to battle. How vividly this is outlined in these two tremendous chapters of Ezekiel.

Russia's ambition for world conquest will be used of God, even though they are ignorant of it. God is certainly not responsible for Russia's war-like propensities. He merely chooses the direction they will take, namely, toward Palestine. They are moving that way now.

How interesting it is that increasingly Russia is widening her sphere more and more toward the Balkans and toward Palestine. Her ambitions with regard to Germany are obvious. She hopes one day to take over all of Germany. She will agitate for one concession after the other until she gets what she wants. More and

more the sphere of her influence encircles the land of Palestine.

Now, the Word of God says this invasion is to take place "in the latter days." This always means the end time.

"After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them" (Ezekiel 38:8).

The word "visited" has the meaning of being inspected, showing us that in the last days God would particularly turn His spotlight on Russia.

The relationship of the 38th chapter of Ezekiel to that of the 39th is simply that Ezekiel 39 is an identical prophecy, except that it fills in the details.

In Chapter 39 God tersely seals the doom of Russia in the first verse: "Behold, I am against thee, O Gog..." It is logical at this time of inspection that Russia should rise to foremost significance in world affairs, and that

has happened. From a relatively insignificant place, Russia has now emerged from World War II as the most prominent nation in all the world. This is exactly as God said it would be.

Chapters 34, 36 and 37 are prophecies of Israel's regathering to dwell "in the land." We have seen the beginning of this dramatic fulfillment of prophecy.

Chapter 37 concludes with the King on the throne of David, and the nations living in full recognition of God's greatness, and God's goodness. It is a millennial picture.

The events that are so distinctly foretold in the book of the inspired prophets are never presented in a disorderly manner, but are always in strict harmony with their ultimate unfolding. For instance, chapter 36 speaks of the long desolation of the land of Israel. God, through the prophets, shows that it was because of their persistent wickedness and abominable idolatry that the Jews came to be scattered among the nations of the earth, and the sacred land was thus brought into a sad condition of age-long desolation and Gentile domination.

Ezekiel 36:19 makes this solemn declaration: "And I scattered them among the heathen,

and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them."

Later, in the same chapter, there is as clearly foretold the element of divine deliverance of the Jews and their regathering back to their homeland: "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean..." (Ezekiel 36:24,25).

This chapter then goes on to show how the long-desolate land is to be transformed so that it shall actually become as the garden of Eden. Believe me, that is exactly what has taken place. How well we know the desert is blossoming as the rose. Because of reservoirs, aqueducts and irrigation systems the land of Palestine may be very soon the richest citrus area in the world.

But now, going on to chapter 37, we see the method described by which the Jewish people are to be finally restored to the everlasting purpose of God. The prophet tells us how he was carried in the spirit of the Lord and set down in the midst of the valley which was filled with dry bones.

“Can these bones live?” was the divine question. What a strange question it was. How could dry bones ever be made to live?

God told Ezekiel to prophesy to the dead bones, and to say to them, “O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord” (Ezekiel 37: 5,6).

So Ezekiel prophesied as he was commanded. He said, “As I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.”

Now, that is the prophet’s description of the first stage of this astonishing resurrection of the Jewish nation of Israel. We should notice that the resurrection definitely has two parts. The valley, instead of having dry bones, is now filled with bodies that have flesh, but there is no life in them.

Then God said to Ezekiel, "Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live:

"So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army" (Ezekiel 37:9,10).

Now, there is no doubt whatsoever as to what is meant by the strange description we have here. This is not a divine picture of a great resurrection of all the dead. It should never be imagined as such, for God Himself explains the vision when He says, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.

"Behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore, prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

"And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people; and brought you up out of your graves. And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live,

and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, saith the Lord" (Ezekiel 37:11-14).

That is God's interpretation of the resurrection that will take place in the valley of dry bones. The dry bones represent the true national condition of God's covenant people of Israel during the whole of the times of the Gentiles, that time when the Jews are under the dominion of the Gentile nations.

And very evidently the intention of the vision is to show what hundreds of other Scriptures so clearly do, that this people is again to be restored to the purpose of God, and to become a nation among the nations, as we witnessed May 14, 1948. God has not cast away the Jews forever!

Their house is left to them desolate, and they are not going to see their Messiah until they are ready to say of Him that which 1900 years ago they refused to say: "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

But that they are surely going to do, although it is only to happen when they shall "see him whom they have pierced."

"And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and that shall mourn for him, as

one mourneth for his only son..." (Zechariah 12:10). That is, when the Son of man shall come in His glory.

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen" (Revelation 1:7).

Notice, there are two distinct stages. There is the great noise, the mighty shaking, the coming together of the bones, the covering over with them of sinews, flesh, and skin, but no spiritual life.

We have seen in the fires of the awful conflict going on in Palestine the shaking, the great noise, that has brought Israel into the consciousness of her national life. We have seen, and are seeing, the fulfillment of the first stage.

The second great step in prophecy is the time when the Lord Jesus Christ will come, and when Israel will recognize Him as their own Messiah, as the One who was pierced in their behalf. Then the nation will fear His name, believe on Him, accept Him as the Son of righteousness, and the nation is to be spiritually reborn, according to the Apostle Paul, in a day.

“And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins” (Romans 11:26,27).

Remember, if you want to know what time it is on God’s clock, then watch the Jew. The record demands that when this great tragedy begins, as outlined in Ezekiel 38 and 39, Israel must be back in her own land.

It is during the regathering of Israel that God turns toward Russia. The phrase in chapter 38, “In the latter years,” refers to the closing years of long Gentile domination, the times of the Gentiles. “Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles....”

This era began with the captivity of Babylon, and will end when Israel and Judah are gathered home, and Christ Himself will take over the reins of world government.

Brought Back From The Sword

“In the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword...” (Ezekiel 38:8).

Now Israel *has* literally been brought back from the sword. How well we know. No place on earth has more conflict than Palestine. Jerusalem has suffered 46 sieges, captures, and destructions since David's days. Seventeen times it has been leveled to the ground.

The Jews and the Arabs, in deep-rooted antagonism, are in the midst of conflict today. But according to the Word of God, in spite of every effort of man and government to thwart it, we know that eventually the land is going to belong solely and only to Israel, and the flag of David is going to fly over the entire land of Palestine. She is to be brought back from the sword.

The Word of God makes it clear that in this situation that has now arisen in Palestine, there is no doubt that God's hand is going to move so that Israel is going to possess its land and, as it were, bring it back from the sword.

After twelve centuries of Mohammedan domination, the religion of the sword, and four hundred years of oppression under the Ottoman Turks, the Holy Land is destined one day to be under a government whose aim is peace and justice, and lasting benefit to all the elements of the diverse population.

“In the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people...” (Ezekiel 38:8). Certainly this is an appropriate description of the population of Palestine today.

The immigrants to Palestine have come from all over the world. No matter where the Jews were scattered they never lost their identity.

The Zionist movement, but particularly persecution, has served to bring them out of every nation on the face of the earth. The Yemenite Jews, living in isolation in Arabia, and practically cut off from any communication with the Jews in Palestine, believed that the Messiah was coming back, and that they must return to their own land, and now not one is left. The Israeli government brought them back by plane.

Jews from China have come back to the land of their fathers. Other Jews have made their way to that one spot, driven strangely by an inner urge that can only be called the directing finger of Almighty God.

The Word of God says they will come “against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste...” (Ezekiel 38:8). Palestine became desolate because of the disobedi-

ence of Israel. But in the last days the Word of God prophesies there will be no more waste.

Isaiah said: "The wilderness and solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose" (Isaiah 35:1). This is beginning to happen on a scale that is almost unbelievable. The Jews, who heretofore have never been an agricultural people, are engaged in agriculture as never before.

Target For Invasion

Palestine is a very small country, 150 miles long, with an average breadth of 50 miles, and yet already we see that it is a coveted area. We read, "Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee." (Ezekiel 38:9).

Although the terms used here to describe war are the terms that were used in Ezekiel's day, yet this could well be a picture of modern aerial warfare.

Russia has already demonstrated her dramatic superiority in the progress that she has made in space. And we need to remind our-

selves that all of Russia's exploration in space has had a military objective. This is evident in the way Khrushchev is using Russia's successes in an attempt to terrorize and frighten the world into submission.

All reports concerning Russia in Ezekiel, tally with the situation today. In verses 10 and 11 of Ezekiel 38 we read: "Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages..."

In Old Testament times, all the cities were walled, but in the day when Russia with her allies, comes against Palestine, there will be no walls.

These things are happening before our eyes. Israel is already in the land after 2,000 years of dispersion. That alone is sufficient indication of the end of the age.

Russia's road leads directly to her defeat, in the not too distant future. How long it will be until God steps in, we cannot tell, but the indications are that this cannot continue much longer.

And God's next move will be the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then the hour of the

world's greatest trial and judgment will come without any warning, and God Himself will take a hand in settling the affairs of the nations.

We remember our Lord's words, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

WHEN GOD BURIES THE RUSSIAN LEADERS

In the fall of 1961, while the world suffered a state of shock over Mr. Khrushchev's announcement that the Soviet Union planned to resume nuclear testing in the atmosphere to produce monstrous super bombs and terrorize the world, there was a second catastrophe in the death of U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold.

As we might expect, the Soviets refused to express any grief over the loss of this friend of Western civilization, but proceeded to deprecate and vilify him in every way possible, and to use the very tragedy for an insistence on the "troika"--a plan of three secretary-generals to

replace Hammarskjold. One would represent the West, one the East and one the Neutrals.

Actually, such an arrangement would torpedo once and for all any possible usefulness of the United Nations, and make it nothing less or more than an apparatus to further Soviet aggressions and to propagandize the world.

Said the New York Times: "Premier Khrushchev's action demonstrates that the whole Soviet propaganda for both the nuclear test ban and total disarmament, is only a gigantic hoax perpetrated on the world."

The fine bibliographer, Dr. Wilbur Smith, has commented:¹ "No great religion in the world today has in its hands a volume that speaks of such days as these in which we are living, except the Christian religion with its Holy Scripture. A number of anthologies have appeared during the last few years with such titles as 'The Bibles of the World'; but if you turn the pages of these bulky volumes, or look into their indexes you will search in vain for any sentence that can be recognized as foreseeing such a day as this.

¹ "World Crisis and the Prophetic Scriptures"--Moody Press

“In the Bible, and there alone, do we read of Israel’s restoration, of a final world government, of a coming apostasy, of deepening deception, of wars of increasing intensity, of governments blaspheming God, of Rome’s fornication with the kings of the earth, and the re-awakening of the great empires of the East, of the ultimate appearance of an enemy of (anti-Christ) whom the world will worship and obey.

“Moreover...there is yet another portentous phenomenon of our century which the prophets long ago foresaw, namely the appearance of Russia as a mighty power, enemy of God and Israel, terrible in her destruction...”

Russia In God's Spotlight

The significance of Russia.

The rise of Russia fits into the larger picture of the close of the age with amazing precision. For no phenomenon of the present day is more striking in its significance to the student of prophecy than the rise of atheism and the worship of power in Russia.

The history of Russia and her present place in the world could not possibly be more concisely expressed in a single phrase than Joshua Kunitz has expressed it in the title which he has given to us in his book, "Russia, the Giant that Came Last." He says: "For a thousand years Russia remained, to all appearances, an intellectual and spiritual void, contributing infinitesimally little to the cultural life of the world.

"As late as 1834 it was still possible for one of the outstanding Russians, Peter Chaadaiev, to characterize his country as 'a blank in the moral order of the universe; we have given nothing to the world, taught it nothing; we have added not one idea to the body of human thought.'

"Today Russia is next to the United States as the most powerful, the most described area in the world, and in some ways even more progressive than our own land."

This is certainly one of the most amazing phenomena in the history of the world.

Again Wilbur Smith comments: "Russia, whose name was synonymous with backward civilization, superstition, and partial barbarism two generations ago, is today the greatest threat that civilization has known since the barbarians

came down into Italy and sacked the city of Rome.”

‘Even By The U.S.A.’

Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany was asked if there were scientists in his country who might help the United States catch up with the Soviet Union in the science of rocketry.

Chancellor Adenauer replied: “You know that after the breakdown of Germany, the German scientists who were working on this matter especially, for the greater part, had been transferred to Russia--given to Russia, even by the United States, so that unfortunately, German knowledge was also the basis of the Soviet development in this field...”

This is only one small incident in the now well-rounded and documented case that whatever strength the USSR has developed is the result of the aid given to her by subversives, uninformed or naive people in positions of leadership in the United States.

If we lose our independence, our freedom, and our self-government, we will have nobody to blame but ourselves.

The stupidity, or worse, which we have shown for the past twenty-five years is almost beyond belief.

The only hope is that there may now come a great resurgence of patriotism that will demand of the present administration that these timid policies of appeasement and betrayal be completely reversed and that a strong, aggressive, will-to-win policy be inaugurated at once in the manner we have witnessed in the Cuban situation, and followed till victory is achieved.

We have today, as Morgenthau has said: "Two giants who determine the course of world affairs. All the nations that could have taken sides have taken sides, and in the foreseeable future no switch from one side to the other is likely to take place.

"If it were to take place, it would not be likely to reverse the existing balance of power. Thus...the international situation is reduced to the primitive spectacle of two giants eyeing each other with watchful suspicion."

Speaking of the tremendous influence of Communism, Wilbur Smith says further: "As the truth of God leaves the soul of man, as hope of a future life is driven out of his mind by these contemporary materialistic philosophers, and

man has nothing to live for but bodily comforts and the exaltation and enrichment of the state for which he lives as a slave, the Communist philosophers sweep in with promises to man who, without God, sees it as the last hope.

“Especially powerful is Communism in conditions where governments have been rotten with corruption, and the masses have been treated with less decency than is ordinarily given animals. Communism professes to speak for the oppressed masses of the world; and they, having no God, and no other hope in the world, are embracing it by the millions.

“The House of Bishops of the Anglican Communion recently said what no one can deny that ‘the most highly recognized, consistently powerful form of secularism is, beyond doubt, Communism. The one live alternative to the Christian interpretation of man lies between the two. It is between these two that the world must choose.’”

Never forget that the goal of Russian Communism is to rule the world. But the Word of God makes it clear and plain that she never will. She was not defeated in Korea or in Indo-China, or in Tibet, or Laos, or anywhere else she has pressed her aggressions against the weak and

the defenseless nations. But she will meet her doom in Palestine.

An article in ²*U.S. News and World Report* entitled, "Khrushchev's Big Fear," reminds us that for all his big talk it is a frightened Khrushchev that Western officials now see in the Kremlin.

What frightens Khrushchev is the future. That is why he is pressing so hard now--threatening West Berlin, resuming atomic tests, stabbing at Southeast Asia. On his borders in eastern Europe is a captive empire of 100 million restive people waiting for a chance to revolt.

Behind his back in Red China is an overpopulated nation of nearly 700 million people acquiring atomic weapons, and hungrily eyeing the open spaces of the Soviet Union.

And now, growing up in Western Europe, is a new and rising danger, a group of nations that, as a whole, is far more powerful than Soviet Russia. And these nations are beginning to combine their power.

This is the picture that causes Western officials to suspect that it is fear, rather than confidence, that lies behind the newest Khrush-

² U. S. News & World Report, Sept. 11, 1961

chev threats. Add to this that Soviet Russia is almost on a full-war footing, straining her utmost to keep ahead in the arms race, and denying her people the good things of life so that more of her production can go into arms, not much room is left in the Russian economy for military expansion. For Khrushchev, then, the logic of win-soon-or-perhaps-never is uppermost, so he is putting on the pressure.

The article concludes: "Does this mean that Khrushchev is ready to go all out in a nuclear war in a desperate gamble for a quick victory? Western officials continue to doubt that. Standing in the way of a quick Soviet triumph is always the nuclear power of the United States.

"It is ³doubted that Khrushchev is yet ready to risk destruction by that nuclear power. What Khrushchev is believed to see in the present situation is a chance to win much by threat and bluster...and he is expected to try for all he can get in that way.

"The danger, though, is that Khrushchev may have convinced himself that the West will

³ That Khrushchev does not want a nuclear war was clearly demonstrated when the U.S. demanded the removal of the Soviet missiles and bombers, with the ultimatum that if they were not removed, Cuba would be attacked. Khrushchev backed down! Never have we come closer to nuclear war.

not fight. This is the thinking that lies behind the western policy of firmness in Berlin. The idea is this: Khrushchev, afraid of the future, must also be made afraid of the present--so he will not go too far."

Undoubtedly Khrushchev is gambling because he believes that in the arms race, Russia is winning.

We have not followed a crash program in the development of an anti-missile missile but Soviet Russia has. States an article in *U.S. News & World Report*: "In the hands of Nikita Khrushchev an anti-missile missile would be a weapon of nuclear blackmail.

"Russia, able to strike a devastating first blow, and then defend itself against missile retaliation, would be in a position to negotiate from power. Nuclear blackmail could be translated into definite political terms on issues such as Berlin.

"In the hands of the United States, a true missile killer could save 50 million lives in case of attack. It could protect for this country the means to strike back, and destroy the Soviet Union."

Thus, it could deter Khrushchev and keep him from precipitating hydrogen holocaust.

However, the present world order is not to be destroyed until the end of the millennium, although the greater part of the population of the earth will die during the great tribulation that follows the rapture of the church.

Events Of Prophecy and Russia's Tragic End

"In the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword..."
(Ezekiel 38:8).

We mentioned that Israel has literally been brought back from the sword, which refers to the twelve centuries of Mohammedan domination, which is the religion of the sword.

Yitshak Ben-Zevi, President of Israel, said: "We are witnesses of the wondrous process of the joining of the tribes of Israel bone to bone, flesh to flesh, into one people. An ancient people, condemned to exile and dispersion, has sprung to life again."

Of course, he was referring to the 37th chapter of Ezekiel which we spoke about earlier--the

vision of the valley of dry bones, where the prophet said these bones are the whole house of Israel.

Israel in Bible Prophecy, by ⁴ Lewis H. Hauff, says:

In the first year of Israel's history they brought in about 100,000 Jews from the displaced persons camps in Germany, Austria, and Italy. About 40,000 also came from camps in Cyprus, where the British had kept them from 1939 to 1948 as illegal people. Now they were brought home on legal ships, as a legal people, to a legal land.

One of the thrilling stories was about the return of the Jews from Yemen in 1949. The entire Jewish community of 50,000 returned. For centuries they had lived in slavery in the Arab kingdom of Yemen.

Before 1949 it meant death to try to leave Yemen, but in 1949 they were permitted to leave, if they abandoned their property or sold it for about nothing.

They were a deeply religious people, and they had to pay a head tax on themselves and their Bible scrolls. They crawled out of Yemen on foot, for hund-

⁴ "Israel in Bible Prophecy" Gospel Publishing House

reds of miles, to the British protectorate of Aden.

The American Joint Distribution Committee, through the United Jewish Appeal, flew them out in giant C-54 skymasters, piloted by American boys of the Flying Tiger Line. It was called 'Operation Magic Carpet.'

They claimed to be the oldest Jewish community in the world, because they went into voluntary exile in 628 B.C. to escape from Nebuchadnezzar. They made a strong place for themselves in Yemen and refused to return to Jerusalem at the invitation of Cyrus, king of Persia.

By the 7th century they became second-class citizens. Oppressed and humiliated, they returned to their Jewish faith. When the planes came for them, they were not frightened by them; they said it was prophesied in Isaiah 40:31.

One of them said, 'For all of these years we waited upon the Lord, and He kept renewing our strength; now we are mounting up with wings as eagles, only the Bible didn't say they would be American eagles' wings!'

In May, 1950, the Iraqi government gave the Jews one year to get out. Once again weeping Jews, by the rivers of Babylon, were returned to Palestine in the largest human air lift in history. One

thousand Jews a day were flown from Iraq to Israel, in an operation called 'Ali Baba.' American planes flew out 122,000. In 1951, 80,000 Jews came from Romania, others from Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The entire Jewish community of Yugoslavia returned to Israel, and about 40,000 came from Bulgaria. From 1952 to 1956 thousands of Jews arrived from North Africa. They came from Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia. Many came from Egypt after Nasser took the businesses of wealthy Jews.

More came from Hungary. In one year, 40,000 fled from Poland. Thousands came from Iran, and others from Kurdistan and Afghanistan and Bukhara, small communities on the Iran border.

Many of them traced their descent from the lost tribes of Israel. Two thousand three hundred 'Black Jews' of India returned, and settled in Israel. These had lived in the southern extremity of India as far back as the 4th century....

What prompted them to go to Israel? They were unfamiliar with 20th Century Zionism and modern trends in Jewish life. It has been said that they were moved to take this step out of a vague religious Messianic feeling.

Black Falasha Jews, who traced their descent from King Solomon's guards,

came from Ethiopia. A community of 2,000 Jews from China. In twelve years of Israel's history, the country has absorbed one million Jewish immigrants, who have returned from about seventy nations, speaking about seventy different languages.

What a vindication of the promise of Scripture: *"For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land"* (Ezekiel 36:24).

This has happened on a scale that is almost unbelievable. The Jews, who have not been an agricultural people for centuries are engaged in agriculture as never before. And they are exporting fruits and vegetables to the markets of the world.

Even in 1957, eight million cases of citrus fruits were exported mostly to Europe and Asia. The budding of the land of Israel has been a great achievement. This has been the goal of the earliest settlers who returned to Israel.

"Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee" (Ezekiel 38:9).

This would seem to be the picture of modern aerial warfare, even though we know the terms that were used in Ezekiel's day were terms that would be familiar to the prophet.

But it is evident that Khrushchev is using Russia's successes in space to terrorize and frighten the world into submission. And we must say that all reports concerning Russia in Ezekiel tally with the situation as we find it.

Why Russia Invades Palestine

“Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages.” (Ezekiel 38:10,11).

This, by the way, is one of the surest proofs that this prophecy was not fulfilled in the past, because in the past there were no unwallled villages.

Now, when we ask, “Why should so large an army invade the tiny land of Palestine, the obvious answer is, “To take a spoil, and to take a prey” (Ezekiel 38:12).

Dr. L.S. Bauman said many years ago that pillage would be a worldwide epidemic. He further stated that anti-Semitism and spoilation, the two rotting diseases with which all Gentile nations have been more or less infected throughout the centuries, will prove utterly fatal to the "Northern Colossus."

The infection of anti-Semitism and spoilation are even now an epidemic spreading over the whole world.

"Pillage" is ever foremost in the minds of the unregenerate nations of the earth. How easy it is to see in the words of our text Russia's policy. Her program has been and is one of constant aggression against the weak and the defenseless.

Palestine is described as the land of unprotected villages, without walls and defenses. By subtle propaganda, fifth column activities, false promises, propaganda, intimidation and infiltration, Russia has overrun her weaker neighbors. What a horrible thing is this evil desire for "pillage."

With manic madness, the Russian bear has leaped from its lair to crush between its bloody jaws Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Fin-

land, North Korea, Hungary, China, the Balkan States and many other lesser nations.

And Turkey wonders if she is also to become meat for the bear. Pillage is one of the reasons.

Then, certainly, another reason is that the Dead Sea will become increasingly valuable. It is only in recent years that men have discovered that the land of Palestine has wealth which cannot be measured. The mineral resources are enormous, containing something like forty billion tons of salt.

The potash, bromine, salt, gypsum, calcium, chloride, and magnesium chloride in the Dead Sea, are estimated to be worth \$1,267,620,000,000,000. The riches of the Dead Sea are worth more than the combined wealth of all the nations of the earth!

In rebuilding Palestine, the Zionists are using these minerals to enrich the land, and to turn desolate places into watered gardens, vineyards, and fruitful groves. Through experimental farming, oranges weighing a pound have been produced in this fruitful land. This has been made possible by the minerals of the Dead Sea, which are used to enrich the soil. No place on earth has such a rebuilding program as the nation of Israel.

Likewise, these chemicals are vital to the manufacturing of raw materials. The Palestine Potash Limited Co. has the concession for extracting these minerals from the Dead Sea for a period of ninety-nine years. A large plant is at the north end of the sea, likewise another at the southwestern corner near Jebelusdum.

Nowhere else on earth is there such an inexhaustible supply of the necessary chemicals for modern life as the Dead Sea.

When the powerful nations of the northeastern confederacy think they can invade the land and get access to this fabulous wealth, they will do so. Potash is one of the most valuable fertilizers in the world, and there is enough on the north shore of the Dead Sea to fertilize every bit of terrain on the globe.

Russia has more and more taken an interest in agriculture and has become increasingly ambitious in this way. But there is one thing she lacks, and that is fertilizer. It has been estimated that she has only three per cent of what is necessary, and there is only one way she can get these minerals, and that is by possessing the Dead Sea.

Undoubtedly, this will be one of the attrac-

tions that will bring Russia down to Palestine. And, as we shall later see, there she will meet defeat by the alliance of nations under the anti-Christ, and will be reduced to one-sixth of her original number, and driven back to the wastes of Siberia.

Khrushchev's threat to bury us has an eerie sound when we read: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog (the valley of Gog's host).

"And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land" (Ezekiel 39:11,12).

No, Khrushchev and the Kremlin gang are not going to bury the world, but God is going to bury them on the plains of Megiddo. This great struggle is in the approaching shadows. How near the climax is, who can say? But certainly we know that judgment is about to fall upon a God-defying, sin-loving, soul-corrupting, Christ-rejecting, Holy Spirit-resisting world, and that

the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ for His Church must be near at hand. We do not know when our Lord may come, but we do know that these signs--the restoration of Israel, the rise of Russia, the revival of the Western alliance--have been prophesied as coming in the end of the age, before the return of our Lord.

These signs are unmistakable.

“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up...for your redemption draweth nigh” (Luke 21:28).

“So likewise ye, when you shall see all these things, know that it (He) is near, even at the doors” (Matthew 24:33).

HOW THE WOUNDED COLOSSUS FALLS

If we were to choose the three most outstanding signs of the coming of Christ, we would have no difficulty in placing the rise of modern Russia among those first three signs.

The political restoration of the nation of Israel is undoubtedly the first sign, and the rise of Russia, as second in power possibly only to the United States, is the second sign.

And then in view of the predicted world government of the tribulation time (Revelation 13), the trend in our day toward centralization of power, and the popular acceptance of world government as a way out of world chaos, and the fact that, for the first time, there is a workable

union in which the great nations of the world have participated actively, the United Nations is certainly the third sign.

We see today a portent of the gathering storm, the rebirth of the nation Israel, the military might of Russia and the Orient, the rise of atheism and of world government.

Someone has rightly said, "Never in the history of the world has there been such a converging of more ominous tokens that the climax is not far distant. For the Christian, this is a divine sign that the day of deliverance is at hand".

The budding of the land of Israel has become a great achievement. An article in the ¹ *U.S. News and World Report* is entitled: "Israel: A David in a World of Goliaths." The article says in part: "As a nation, Israel is only 13 years old. In area, it is smaller than Massach. It has only 2.1 million inhabitants.... Yet Israel already has entered the space age.

"It fired a solid fuel rocket 50 miles into the ionosphere July 5, 1961 and now is aiming at higher altitudes. Israel long has been in the atomic age, with one uranium reactor in operation, and with a larger reactor under construction

¹ U. S. News & World Report, Sept. 18, 1961

“In developing solar energy, Israel is among the world’s leaders. For six years it has been marketing solar water heaters, and is now developing solar refrigerators and air conditioners. An experimental plant is producing steam power from solar energy.

“Located in a part of the world that is mostly underdeveloped and scientifically backward, Israel has established itself among the most advanced nations of the world in technology. Surrounded by hostile Arab nations, which outnumber Israel many times in manpower, Israel has built a military force that twice has proved more than a match for its Arab foes.

“The Israeli army is recognized as one of the strongest in the Middle East. Military equipment made in Israel is being exported to Europe. The Dutch Defense Minister recently placed a substantial order for Israel’s ‘uzi’ machine pistols.

“Israel produces its own jet trainer planes, and soon will enter the field of commercial aviation with a twin engine jet aircraft designed and built in Israel.”

The article concludes: “When Israel declared itself an independent nation in 1948, the

odds seemed high against its survival. Now Israel is being watched by old as well as new nations around the world as evidence of what a determined people can do against great odds."

The Scripture tells us concerning the great enemy of Israel: "Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm. Thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou and all thy bands, and many people with thee" (Ezekiel 38:9).

As we have said Khrushchev is using Russia's success in space to terrorize and frighten the world into submission. And this may be a description of the kind of aerial warfare that will be launched in this awesome day against this land so clearly designated in God's program.

Sometimes we forget that no country in the world has persecuted the Jews more than Russia. The Scripture says, "which have gotten cattle and goods"--referring, of course, to the wealth of the Jewish people.

We have known for years that the Jews have controlled a large portion of the wealth of the world, and now, returning to Palestine, they are taking their wealth with them.

Notice, too, the Scripture says that they are to dwell in the midst of the land. Now, Pales-

tine is in the center, or the middle, of the earth, and it is from this place that our Lord will reign a thousand years during the millennium. I mentioned that whenever we see Russia moving toward the Middle East, it should alert us.

An article by Joseph Alsop in the New York Herald Tribune titled "Another Storm Cloud," has this to say:

"Among the Western policy makers there is rising concern about a possible Soviet attack on Iran, to be launched when the Berlin crisis absorbs the entire attention of the leaders of the West, when the horizon is already so dark it is depressing to have to report the appearance of still another storm cloud." (Notice the word storm cloud, which is the exact language of Ezekiel.)

"But the cloud is clearly there in the form of plentiful signs that the masters of the Kremlin are at least considering this new adventure in the Middle East.

"No one can say whether the adventure will finally be ordered, and if so, when.... If there is a considerable possibility, in fact, of a Soviet Military attack on Iran--then the world outlook is even darker than the pessimists have previously supposed.

"A Soviet attack on Iran, combined with climactic pressure on Berlin, would add up to a general political offensive against the Western allies in general and against the United States as leader of the West in particular.

"It would leave no alternative whatsoever except American surrender on the most abject terms, or a full-scale thermo-nuclear war.

"In short, if such an adventure is even being tentatively mulled over in the Kremlin, it would just mean that Khrushchev is not yet convinced that the United States means business, either at Berlin or anywhere else. In some ways this is the ugliest aspect of the whole ugly affair."

Identification Of Russia's Allies and Opposers

"We have already seen that Magog is Russia, Gog its ruler in the latter days. Russia's allies are identified and called "Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, and Togarmah."

The first to strike our attention is Persia. In 1932, Moscow signed a treaty with Persia, providing, in the event of war, free access is given Russia through the land of Persia to the Middle East and to Palestine.

In 1935, the name of Persia was changed to Iran. The reference to Ethiopia does not refer to African Ethiopia, for there was also an ancient Ethiopia called in the Scripture "Cush."

The same is true of Libya. The old name was "Phut," another ancient Bible land in the same geographical location as Persia and Ethiopia to the south of Russia.

The next nation, Gomer, offers no difficulty. As practically all expositors agree, it refers to Germany. It is interesting that Dr. L.S. Bauman wrote during the time when Nazi Germany seemed invincible: "It is not Germany, but Russia that is to be the Goliath of the end time, that will compel other nations to form a colossal federation to preserve them from its tyrannous power. Germany will march as an ally of the northern colossus, probably because she will find herself in a position where she is unable to do anything else...."

The last nation mentioned is "Togarmah," identified as the nations of central Asia, traditional enemies of Israel, and closely allied to Russia throughout their history.

A few years ago this prophecy of Ezekiel seemed remote. Today we have seen these countries silently infiltrated and taken over by

Russia, and brought under the hammer and sickle, together with the other Slavic people to the north of Palestine.

Ezekiel said 2,500 years ago that these nations would comprise the great northern confederacy. We are living in the day of the fulfillment of these prophecies. Watch Palestine and the Middle East, for God has spoken, and when God speaks He carries out His program.

Russia's program of aggression, bit by bit, is running true to form according to prophecy. Increasingly Russia is going to demand that she possess the Dardanelles, otherwise she is landlocked, and that situation is going to become increasingly tense. It may be that Russian hordes, in the next few months, will sweep in and take over Turkey, and in that way ally her to the cause.

The United States, at the present moment, is pouring war materials into Turkey and we have our jet bombers based there. How fascinating that this situation was predicted thousands of years ago.

Gaebelein wrote of it in 1907. Bauman wrote of it in 1934. D.L. Cooper in 1940.

And now that World War II is over, in accurate fulfillment of the prophetic Word, we have

seen Russia increasingly dominate these nations.

On this basis you can predict that before all of these diplomatic conferences are over, before very many summit meetings are held, Russia is going to be in control of the greater part of Germany.

The East Germans are absolutely under the heel of the Russians now. The Balkans have been taken over, and Russia is the commander.

“Be thou prepared, and prepare thyself, thou and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be a commander unto them” (Ezekiel 38:7).

Russia's army is now the largest in the world. Her military power is so great that she is actually trying to terrorize the world into submission. God has singled out these nations, Russia and her cohorts, as the anti-God, anti-Semitic, anti-Christ nations.

In Ezekiel 38:13 we have the nations mentioned which will be used to defeat Russia. The nations mentioned here are Sheba, Dedan, and Tarshish....” Sheba, Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, art thou come to take spoil? Hast thou gathered thy

company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?" (38:13).

We see from this verse that Russia's advances are protested by these armies, and her motives questioned. Sheba, according to Bible expositors, comprised the Arabian tribes in the south of Arabia. Dedan refers to a people in the same area. From the context it seems evident that they are the African colonies which are associated with Tarshish in this last final battle.

When we come to the name Tarshish we have little difficulty identifying many of the United Nations who will defeat Russia in that day.

Without taking the time to detail the documentation, Tarshish undoubtedly refers to England and the British Isles. "The merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof" reminds us of the familiar symbol of a lion as used by Britain.

This lion had cubs that grew to young lions, according to Ezekiel. Britain's colonization has produced a litter of mighty young lions: the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand (all Britain's English-speaking allies), and her

colonies in Africa, represented by Sheba and Dedan.

God will use these western nations, now represented by the United Nations, to defeat Russia's purpose. This battle between these Western nations and Russia, at the end time described in the Scripture, is not to be confused with the battle of Armageddon, which will occur later at the coming of Christ at the close of the tribulation period.

The battle in Ezekiel 38 is between Russia and the nations united during the tribulation period--Sheba, Dedan, Tarshish and her young lions. The battle of Armageddon is between these end-time federated nations and God Himself.

The Time Of This Invasion

This invasion will take place after Israel will be regathered in her own land. "In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely...." (Ezekiel 38:8).

Israel is not dwelling securely or safely today in any real sense of the word. We all know of the tension which exists in the land of

Palestine, but the prophetic word tells us that after the church has been taken home to glory, the head of the revised Roman Empire, the anti-Christ, is going to enter into a contract with the Jewish people. In that agreement he is going to offer them protection, with the result that Israel will return to Palestine in even greater numbers than we have seen in recent days. They will dwell securely, because they will have had a covenant confirmed with the head of the revived Roman Empire, who in this way will seek to settle the Arab-Israeli dispute, by giving Israel the right to occupy the land.

Their security will not be because they have an army of their own, but because they are under the protection of the leader of the western nations.

It is interesting that it has been reported that our president and the prime minister of Britain have agreed that the defense of western Europe is the all-important thing before our strength is sapped by secondary attempts to stop Russia in other theaters of war.

I feel like Dr. M.R. DeHaan who says: "How I wish I could remind them that according to the Word of God the real area of defense must be in the Middle East in the land of Israel."

“Over a dozen verses in these two chapters in Ezekiel alone tell us that the final battle with Russia must be fought over Palestine. Only there will it be decided.”

Apparently the battle that is pictured will occur during the first half of that last seven-year period leading to the second coming of Christ to establish His kingdom, possibly just preceding the beginning of the last three and a half years called the “great tribulation.” Therefore, the time of Russia’s defeat will be between Israel’s national political restoration (which has already taken place) and the second coming of Christ at the end of the tribulation.

By the second coming of Christ we mean His return at the close of the day of the Lord, and the tribulation upon this earth.

Now, the Church will be raptured before the tribulation, and Russia will not be finally defeated until after the Church of Jesus Christ has been caught away. Thus, the Word of God teaches that Russia will finally be defeated by a federation of western nations, after the pattern of the present day United Nations.

Five-sixths of Russia’s armies will be killed in this Palestinian battle. The remnant (only 16 per cent of the original armies) will be driven

back into the uttermost parts of Siberia.

Dr John Walvoord lists the prophetic events in this order:

1. The Church will be taken to heaven.
2. The Mediterranean area will be organized into a united states, or confederacy of nations, headed up by a ruler, the "prince that shall come" (Daniel 9:26).
3. Under these circumstances, Russia will attempt to conquer the land of Palestine but will miserably fail, and its armies will be destroyed.
4. Then the revived Roman Empire will extend and exercise power over the entire world, until destroyed by Christ in His second advent (Daniel 2:44,45).

The Red Flag Will Go Down Forever

"...Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and I will turn thee about, and lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north, and I will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel, and I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of

thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou and all thy hordes, and the people that are with thee. I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured” (Ezekiel 39:1-4).

Down into the valley of death, bounded on the south by Mount Carmel, on the north by the hills of Galilee, on the east by Mount Tabor and Little Herman, and Mount Gilboa, unto the larger plains of Esdraelon this mighty force will come.

And there, on the plains of Megiddo, which has been the scene of the world’s greatest battles since the dawn of history, will take place the defeat and the destruction of the Russian hordes.

Five Out Of Six Will Die

L.S. Bauman notes: “The sword of the anti-Christ (even as the sword of Nebuchadnezzar) paradoxical as it may seem, becomes the sword of the Lord God of Israel, and Gog and all his allies are cut to shreds there where ‘the stars in their courses fought against Cicera’ (Judges 5:20), and where Gideon’s ‘300’ routed the kings

of the east. That ground has been soaked with blood more often than any other spot on earth.

“Seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them...in the valley of Hamon-Gog’ (39:12-15).

“As a result of the slaughter of the Russian army by a judgment from God, there will be a sudden shift of military power.

“With Russia out of the way, the head of the revived Roman Empire, in control of the Mediterranean area at that time, will be able to proclaim himself as dictator of the whole world.

“This victory will bring him to the zenith of his power, when all the world shall cry, ‘Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to make war with him?...and power was given him over all kindreds and tongues and nations, and all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him’ (Revelation 13:4,7,8).

“And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain, yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him” (Daniel 11:45).

After being the judgment in God’s hand to destroy Russia, the anti-Christ will himself be judged by God Almighty at Armageddon. Con-

cerning the question of the future of Communism, the Word of God points definitely to the conclusion that Russia will never conquer all the world. She is at this very moment marching to her doom.

Let me close with this thought: we said this invasion takes place after Israel is gathered in the land and before Israel's final establishment under the reign of their Messiah. And so, before this great battle takes place, we who love the Lord Jesus Christ will be with Him.

In Revelation 4:1-3, the rapture occurs before the breaking of the seven seals of judgment. In Isaiah 26, the rapture occurs before the day of the vengeance of our God. Paul tells us in I Thessalonians 5 that those of us who are believers have not been appointed unto wrath. And always, when our Lord is pictured coming in the Revelation, His saints are coming with Him.

Undoubtedly, the nearest thing, and the next thing on the program of God, is the coming of Jesus Christ for His Church.

If you do not know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, then this is the supreme hour of privilege.

This is the day of grace.

You cannot afford to wait or delay.

Death may overtake you, or the Lord may come.

Once the Lord has taken out His Church, all hope for you will be passed forever.

Well may the heart of an unbeliever be fearful, for judgment is coming upon a God-defying, sin-loving, soul-corrupting, Christ-rejecting world.

You can know your future, whatever the future of the world may be.

You can know that you are safe forever, if you are willing to trust Jesus Christ as your own Lord and Saviour.

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