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**IN**

**PROPHECY**

## FOREWORD

The city destined to make the greatest impact upon the world is not Washington, Moscow, Tokyo, Paris or Rome. It is JERUSALEM.

Whereas, Rome is sometimes referred to as the 'eternal city' it is mentioned in the Bible only a dozen times, whereas Jerusalem is mentioned over 800 times.

Originally intended for our Radar News publication, because of the tremendous demand for this material it was decided to put these articles used on the broadcast in booklet form.

May the Lord bless and inspire your heart as you read these articles, and study the scripture guide of prophecies concerning Jerusalem.

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## GOD'S PLAN FOR THIS AGE

One of the striking stories to come out of the Middle East war is one concerning the part a Baptist minister from Texas played which helped enable Israel to capture the old city of Jerusalem.

The Rev. Vendyl Jones, Baptist minister from Sudan, Texas was talking to the Israeli commander and related how he was color blind, but that somehow he could detect Arab gun emplacements because the camouflage fabrics used contained a kind of synthetic dye which caught his eye. "When I see that kind of dye", said the minister, "it shines like new money." So the Israeli commander gave the minister a pair of binoculars and he soon spotted, clear as neon, the important details of Jordanian gun emplacements guarding the old city of Jerusalem.

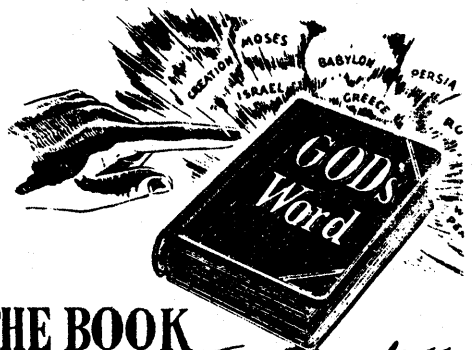
Using the Baptist minister as a spotter, the Israelis quickly knocked out these gun emplacements which enabled Israel to gain control of Old Jerusalem. It was not known whether any Americans participated in the actual fighting or were needed, but at least one - this Texas minister - helped to fulfil prophecy by enabling the Jews to take their coveted city of Jerusalem.

The Bible says, "Jerusalem will be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

Indeed these are thrilling days. As we relate the news to endtime events forecast in the Scripture, the Bible actually comes alive. Ancient prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes. For instance, in the book of Acts, chapter 15 we have unfolded God's plan for this age. You don't have to consult a fortune-teller or crystal ball gazer to know about the future. The Bible is an up-to-date book which reviews the past as well

as to indicate the future.

For example, Scofield refers to this passage in Acts 15 as the most important dispensational passage in the New Testament. He notes: "It gives the divine purpose for this age, and for the beginning of the next! Verse 14 reads: "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name. And to this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written, After this I WILL RETURN, and will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."



## THE BOOK *That Foretells*

You see, God knows what He is doing. Some wonder if God is aware of what is going on with 'wars & rumors of wars', violence, and immorality. Certainly! God's Word declares exactly that which we are seeing today - a repetition of the days of Noah which will ultimately end in judgment. Instead of a flood, however, there will be fire. Instead of an ark for safety, there is the coming of Christ for His own to miraculously catch away all; those ready to meet Him, who will then escape the coming

holocaust seen encompassing the the world when the earth is in flames.

Notice again this passage we have just read! Three things are noted. ONE: The purpose of God in calling out a people for His name. Upon Israel's rejection of her messiah, God turned to the Gentiles, who were the heathen of that day, to invite them to receive Christ and become heirs of salvation, to enjoy the blessings of life now, and eternal life later.

God is today building his church upon those who confess Christ as Saviour and Lord. This is what we just read in Acts 15 where it says, "God is taking out a people for His name."

Now notice, then we read: "I will return!" Did you hear it! What tremendous truth! God is saying that after He builds His church, after He calls out a people for His name, after the number of those who trust Christ is complete . . . I WILL RETURN.

That is why we talk about the return of Christ! This is the greatest, most exciting news in all history! Jesus is coming again! He said He would return, but not until the church age is complete.

Some of you may remember when our forces were driven out of the Philippines during World War 2. Just prior to the fall of Bataan and Corregidor as Mac Arthur was leaving, he told the native populace, "I'll be back!" And two years later he did come back and seized the territory. It was a glorious victory.

Two thousand years ago our Lord stood on the Mount of Olives, just outside Jerusalem. Having won His greatest victory when He wrought our redemption, He had declared He would go back to heaven to prepare a place for us and at the time designated He would come back again!

Even the two men in white apparel declared: "this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven!"

So, God's first purpose for this age is to invite as many as will trust Christ as Saviour and Lord to become a part of this heavenly kingdom.

Afterward, our Lord is seen returning for His own.

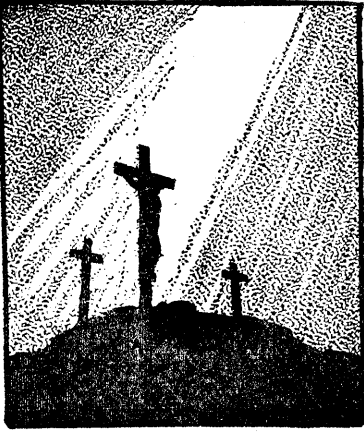
Finally, we're told He will build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down . . . that the residue of all men might seek after the Lord!

Hasn't it been thrilling to follow the news, to see where all of Jerusalem has now been captured by Israel. When the Israeli commander took the Wall, sacred to the Jews, we read how he wept, declaring to his troops: "None of us alive has ever seen or done anything so great as he has done today!" To see pictures sent over by Telstar of the people flocking into old Jerusalem, some going to the ancient wall to pray, others to gaze upon the city that Jesus wept over. Certainly it is most thrilling.

However, our Lord did say He would come back again. And Zechariah in the Old Testament looks ahead to tell us all about it. He notes: "His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem." Yes, from the very mount where He ascended up into heaven, He is coming back again!

Then what will happen? Well, we read in Zechariah 12:9, 10. "It shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and THEY SHALL LOOK UPON

ME WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn!"



Here we have a picture of Israel finally receiving her messiah – the one pierced, whose blood was shed for the sins of the whole world, and they will turn to him and receive Him.

Now, according to Bible Prophecy Israel's capture of Jerusalem was meant to be a sign that this Scripture is soon to be fulfilled, that the 'times of the Gentiles' is coming to an end, and God is again building the tabernacle of David which was fallen down.

For the first time in 2600 years, Jerusalem is not under the control of the Gentiles but of the Jews. And this is regarded by many as the greatest of all recent signs to indicate God has about fulfilled His purpose in calling out a people from among the Gentiles and that the coming of Christ is near when He will again return to Israel, and they will accept Him as their King, and mourn over the fact that they had rejected Him as their Messiah.

Zechariah goes on to indicate that Israel will be in for difficult days;

that Jerusalem will become a troublesome stones for all the nations.

Whatever the outcome of the United Nations deliberation over Palestine, we do know the coming of Christ is near. For Zechariah goes on to say – "the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee." (Zech 14:5)

Well, before this prophecy is fulfilled. Before Christ returns with His saints, He must come for His saints. Let me read it to you. The plan of God for His church composed of all truly born-again believers is this. In 1 Thess 4 we read, "The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise 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." This is what all Christians should look forward to, the coming of our Lord to remove us from the earth while battles rage ending in Armageddon where our Lord is seen returning back to earth. And after all battle resistance is ended, and the armies of earth destroyed, He sets foot on the Mount of Olives, is recognized by Israel as her Saviour and Deliverer, and a thousand years of peace is ushered in, wherein Christ reigns as King of kings, and the Lord of lords. Hallelujah.

All signs point to the rapture – the coming of Christ for his saints. Again we ask ARE YOU READY? For when Jesus comes back it will all take place in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, with no time then to get ready. Indeed, be ye therefore ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh.



# Jerusalem

## IN PROPHECY

NEWS of the capture of Old Jerusalem by the Israelis should cause all Christians to be alerted to the imminence of Christ's Return!

For you will remember Jesus testified saying — "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

The TIMES OF THE GENTILES is that period of time beginning with the reign of Nebuchadnezzar until the time our Lord returns for His own.

What an hour in which to live! And to realize the capture of Jerusalem by Israel could indicate the times of the Gentiles are at an end! At least, this is what the Bible infers! And if the Jews can maintain their position — their hold upon the Holy City — we should all momentarily expect and believe that the coming of our blessed Lord is indeed closer than we realize. Although the time element is not the important factor, at least capture of Jerusalem by the Jews is significant and constitutes one of the prophetic clues to indicate that we are approaching the Endtime.

Dr. Wilbur Smith is one of the greatest Biblical scholars of our times, having been the author of *Pelubets Notes*, teacher at Fuller Theological Seminary, and my own professor while at Moody, an interdenominational Bible school in Chicago.

Here is what Dr. Smith says: "If tomorrow morning you should open your paper and see that the Jews had suddenly moved in on Jerusalem, had taken it and could keep it, that would be the first time in 2,600 years that Jerusalem was not trodden underfoot



of the Gentiles. It could happen any time (notes Dr. Smith). The strangest thing in the world today is that the Jews do not go into the city and take it. There is a mysterious divine hand holding them back."

Well, if the news from the Middle East is accurate, and Jews are in control of Jerusalem, this could be the most significant news. For it marks the period wherein Gentile supremacy must eventually and ultimately end.

We would point out again that Gentile supremacy began in the year 586 BC with the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar.

When Jerusalem was captured by General Allenby during the first World War there were books written declaring the fulfillment of this prophecy. For Allenby liberated Jerusalem from the Turks. But what many did not realize then was that Allenby was British. And the British are as much Gentile as are the Turks or the Americans.

Jesus said, "Jerusalem would be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." And to think this may be happening before our very eyes. Of course, she





may again lose the city. Nevertheless, what we are witnessing is indeed significant and indicates, we believe, the coming of the Lord is near and hastening with amazing rapidity with the unfolding of end-time events.

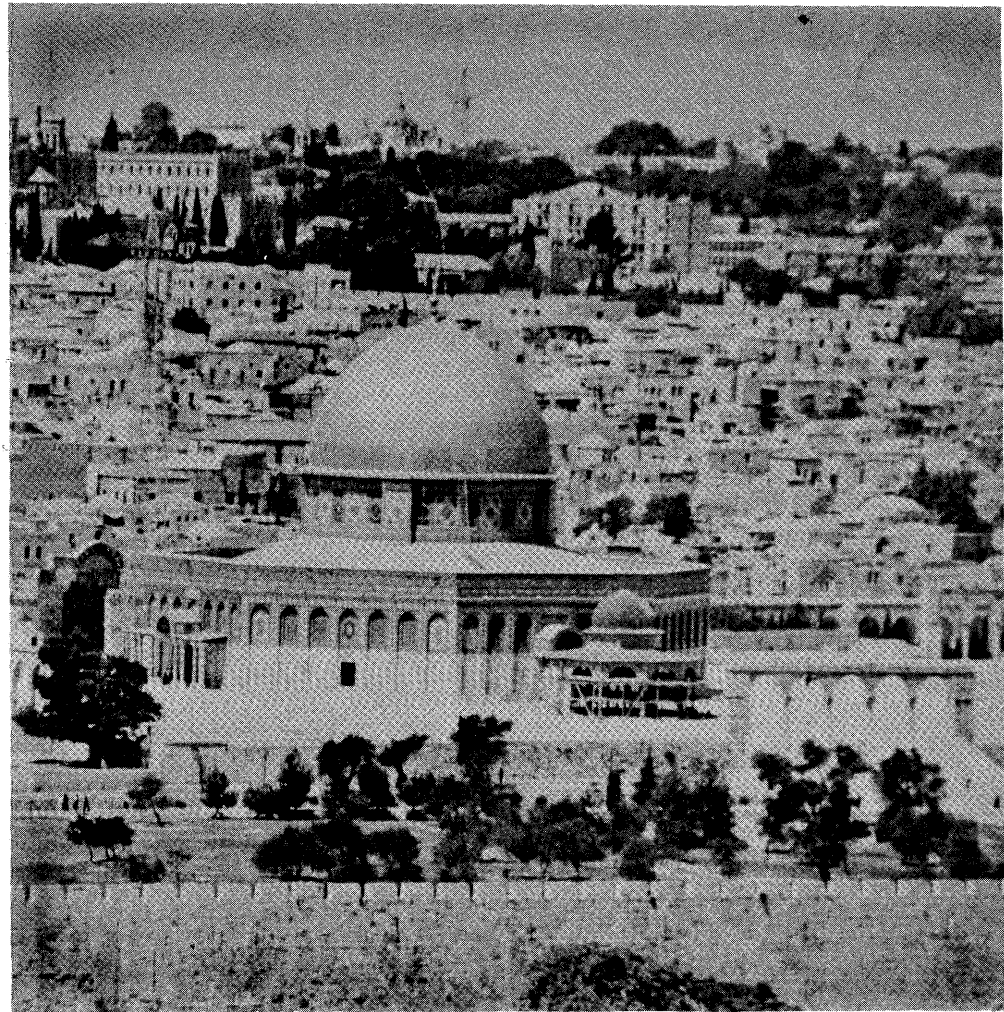
Following the capture of the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem, the former Israeli premier, David Ben Gurion, visited the Wailing Wall, one of Jewry's most sacred shrines located there. He said it was his greatest thrill since Israel was established as a nation May 14, 1948.

Ben Gurion in his book, **THE REBIRTH AND DESTINY OF ISRAEL**

has written: "We are now at odds not only with our Arab neighbors, but to a certain extent with the greater part of the world organized in the United Nations. **THE ISSUE IS JERUSALEM,**" noted the former Israeli Prime Minister.

Jerusalem is sacred to Jews, Christians and Mohammedans as a religious center.

And as was pointed out in U.S. News & World Report it is also the geographical and political center of the earth. In fact, a marked spot on the floor of the Holy Sepulchre is said to be the geographical center of the earth.



What the United Nations will decide concerning the future of Jerusalem will become of tremendous importance. Past attempts to internationalize the city have met with failure. And the future holds dismal hope of any kind of settlement leading only to greater hostility in the Middle East.

In Zechariah 12 we read: "Behold, I will make JERUSALEM a cup of trembling unto all the people round about...I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it!"

Today Jerusalem is a burdensome stone for all people. It is a topic of importance for the United Nations. And we would point out — a burdensome stone is something that one wishes he did not have to carry; the longer he carries it, the heavier and most exhausting it becomes.

A century ago a noted scholar and lecturer, Dr. Charles Wright of Trinity College in Dublin, made this comment on these verses, saying: "in vain should all the nations round about seek to fit the stone of Jerusalem into any of the political structures which they might seek to erect. All their efforts to raise that burdensome stone would prove injurious to them-

selves."

Did you hear it?

Zechariah went on to say: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."

Incidentally, Paul Harvey, news commentator began his broadcast by quoting this verse to announce the defeat of the Arabs by the Israelis during their recent brief encounter.

Probably no city on earth has suffered from as many invasions, battles, and threats to peace as has Jerusalem. It is no wonder we are reminded to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

Daniel the prophet, speaking of Jerusalem notes: "Even unto the end wars and desolations are determined." (Daniel 9:26)

LEUPOLD, noted expositor in his comments says: "WAR, which is getting more and more to be the mark of the times, and which is growing increasingly more cruel, shall go on to 'the very end.' And Jerusalem is destined to become the scene of much of this endtime conflict which will ultimately end in the Battle of Armageddon."

In Zechariah 14 we read, "Behold the day of the Lord cometh...For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken..." Then, we read, "shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations as when he fought in the day of battle."

Lest anyone suppose that the Middle East crises is settled let it be known that the Battle for Jerusalem has just begun. What nation, or group of nations, will long permit the control of Jerusalem to Israel or the United Nations?

Sir George Adam Smith, writing sixty years ago, declared: "The bare catalogue of the disasters which have overtaken Jerusalem is enough to paralyze her topographer. Besides the earthquakes which have periodically rocked her foundations, the City

has endured twenty sieges and assaults of the utmost severity, some involving a considerable, others a total, destruction of her walls and buildings."

The PALESTINE ANNUAL of that period lists forty-six sieges, captivities and destructions of Jerusalem since David's day. Yet, Jerusalem was meant to be the city of peace.

What will ultimately bring peace to Jerusalem and the world will be the coming of the Prince of Peace.

As the Psalmist declares: "In his days shall the righteous flourish; and ABUNDANCE OF PEACE."

Jerusalem once again under the control of the Jews should be a sign to indicate our Lord's return to be very near.

We are not indicating that there is not trouble ahead in the Middle East, but that lasting peace will come only with the return of the Prince of Peace.

Dr. Carl F. Henry in his book, GLIMPSES OF THE HOLY LAND, says: "The fate of Old Jerusalem will be the timetable which discloses how near history is to the end of the Gentile age and to our Lord's return. Today the old city remains in Gentile hands, but a dramatic turn could take place at almost any time, and overnight Jerusalem would be in Jewish hands."

Well, Jerusalem is now under the control of the Jews and this should be an outstanding sign to indicate that the Gentile age is coming to its close and our Lord's return is near.

As Dr. William Culbertson has observed: "...the coming of our Lord brings to an end the times of the Gentiles, just as it initiates the deliverance of Israel and the beginnings of the millenium."

How close then our Lord's coming must be, and how necessary for us to be ready and living for Christ every day.

For He hath said, "Be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour that ye think not, the son of man cometh!"

## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM

Richard Joseph, reporting from Jerusalem, tells of severe casualties suffered on both sides as the Arabs and Israel sought to preserve the holy places during the recent fighting.

The Israeli high command ordered that the city was not to be bombed or shelled. So Arab Legionnaires and Israeli troops battled in hand-to-hand combat for control of the ancient city.

Among the casualties was an Arab Christian, Warden of the Garden Tomb. Well-known and well-liked Solomon Matar would witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ to those who came to see the empty tomb.

Dwight Baker, chairman of the Baptist Convention in Israel reports what happened, relating how on the second day of fighting Matar had responded to persistent pounding of the gate to the Garden Tomb. As he opened the gate he caught a burst of machine gun fire at point-blank range as Israeli soldiers then rushed into the garden. The Israeli soldiers had expected to find the garden full of Jordan Legionnaires, but Warden Matar was the lone casualty who was buried there in a grave in the garden.

Today Israel bitterly resents giving up any of its territory but particularly Jerusalem. Said one Israel officer: "Our boys died to protect the holy sites. Now we should be trusted to take care of them and see to it that they're kept open for all people of all faiths — which the Arabs never did!"

For the past 19 years Jews have been prevented from entering Old Jerusalem. So when the Israelis captured the ancient city they hugged and kissed each other, shouting — "Jerusalem is ours! Jerusalem is ours!"

Upon the conquest of the city a bearded rabbi in a paratrooper's uniform blasted a note of triumph on the ram's horn. An officer, wearing a skullcap, hoisted the blue and white Israeli flag atop the Wailing Wall. The city ruled over by King David 3,000 years ago was again in Jewish hands.

Max Lerner, news correspondent, suggests — "If one wishes a single stripped-down reason for the (recent) Israeli victory it lies in those pictures of the Israeli soldiers at the Wailing Wall and the historic continuity they suggest." Says Lerner, "all through the centuries the Jews have been the People of Book, (meaning the Bible) keeping alive the tradition and the functioning of the life of the mind."

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**Israeli soldiers' emotion at Wailing Wall**

Well, there are many others who regard the capture of the Old City of Jerusalem to be Israel's main accomplishment during the recent fighting. May we relate how this is prophetically significant.

First, may we read to you from

Zechariah, chapter 8, beginning with verse 4. You tell me whether or not this Scripture is on the verge of modern-day fulfillment. For this is what we read:

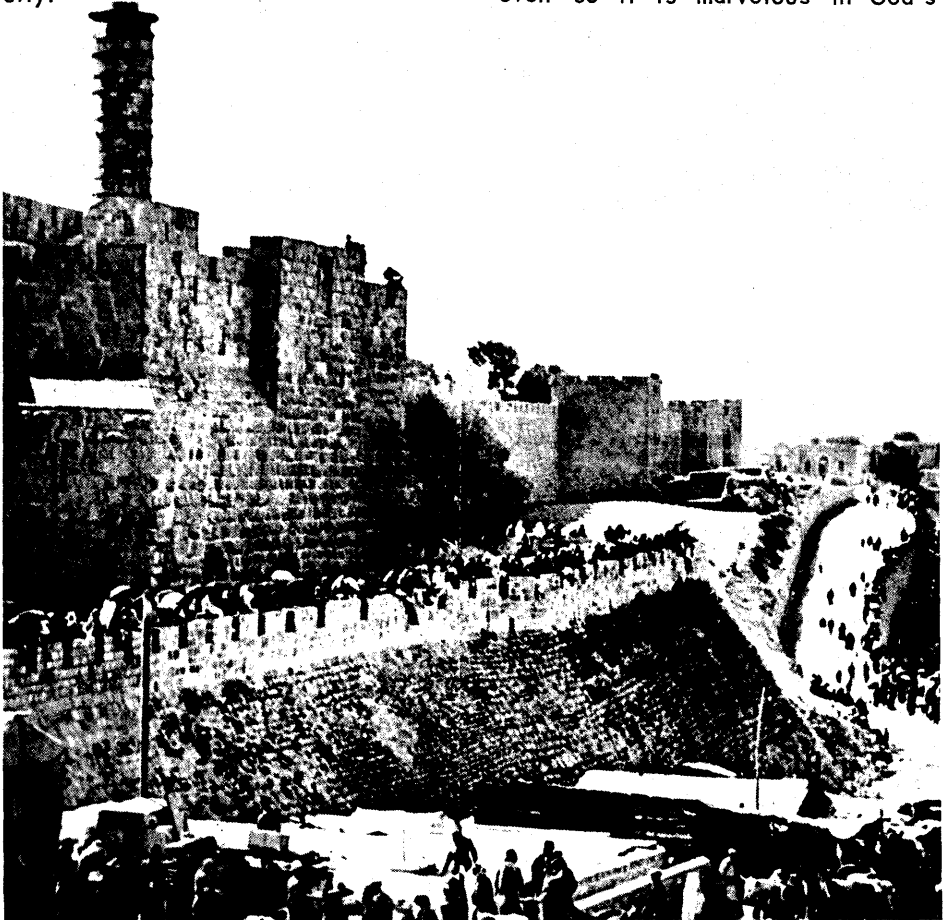
“Thus saith the Lord of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.”

Pictures in magazines and on television have shown this very sight — of pilgrimages being made into the newly-captured holy city by young and old alike — but particularly by Jews who have lived in Palestine for nearly twenty years but now are able to walk unhindered into the holy city.

The rallying cry of Jews for centuries has been — “next year in Jerusalem” and this literally has come to pass in our time.

Zechariah goes on to quote the Lord as he declares — “And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Thus saith the Lord of hosts: If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts?”

Did you hear it? God is saying — if when this is accomplished, and Jews are again back in Jerusalem, considering this to be marvelous, even so it is marvelous in God’s



The walls of old Jerusalem crowded with pilgrims.

eyes as well!

Israeli Commander, Moshe Dayan commented upon the capture of Jerusalem, with its Wailing Wall, saying: "We have returned to the holiest of our holy places, never to depart from it again."

Well, time will tell. Some may think this prophecy of Zechariah to relate to a still-distant time when Messiah will restore the kingdom to Israel. At least, we are seeing a fore-running of this event revealing that day to be very near and hastening.

Let me read on what Zechariah writes: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of JERUSALEM . . . (did you hear it); and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness!"

My friends, We have seen Israel return to her land – we have seen Jews fulfilling prophecy by coming from the East and West – from every country in the world they have been returning to their homeland. And now, we believe we have seen this prophecy in part being fulfilled – with all of Jerusalem presently under Israeli control. For how long we do not know!

Christianity Today magazine comments: "The fate of Old Jerusalem will remain a center of controversy and spiritual concern." It will be debated and deliberated in the United Nations as it has been this past week. BUT GOD has already determined the outcome of this city. For eventually to Jerusalem Christ will come, and from there he must reign over all of the earth.

This magazine goes on to comment



further saying: "Christians remember that divine history marches toward the NEW JERUSALEM and raise their cry, 'Even so come, Lord Jesus.'"

Hear me, beloved friend, you who listen from week to week to these broadcasts you should thrill over these scriptural prophecies being fulfilled. What a day in which to live! And our heart longs to see this message proclaimed to the ends of the earth – the good news that JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!

Our Lord would remind us – "of that day and hour knoweth no man" but signs such as these should indicate that it is very near – close at hand!

A magazine just received in the mail today had this announcement on the front page. It read: "Notice is hereby given to all our readers that Jesus is coming! The Bible declares it! The trends of development all over the world, and especially in the Middle East, are fairly screaming out the message that He is nigh, "even at the door!"

# UFO'S

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# Jerusalem

One of the startling stories to come out of the Arab-Israeli war is the appearance of an armada of 'flying saucers' that were reported on the radio as seen along the Suez Canal.

This information is verified by Mrs. Stanley Duce who was in Israel during the war and whose account of these unidentified flying objects is most thrilling and significant.

That this earth has been visited from time to time by heavenly objects is a fact of Scripture as well as history.

Ezekiel's description of a fiery wheel may be the same luminous disc seen by Pliny the Elder who writing from Rome in 583 mentions the appearance of a shield of fire crossing the sky.

Or shall we go back into Bible times to inquire, for example, concerning the phenomenal appearance of a fiery object in the presence of Abraham.

Abraham, you may remember had a vision of the appearance of the Lord who told him, "I am thy shield..." Abraham was also promised a land that he should inherit, and told his seed would be as the stars of heaven for multitude.

While Abraham believed God he asked him for a sign. "How shall I

know that I shall inherit this land?" inquires Abraham. Suddenly, while offering a sacrifice which God had commanded of him, a strange phenomena appeared. It was a heavenly visitation signifying a covenant God was making with Abraham, saying: "Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:" (Gen 15:18)

Now the remarkable aspect of this episode was the appearance of a fiery object that darted in and about the sacrifice which signified God's acceptance of this covenant with Abraham - that this land was his forever, and that his seed would be as the stars for multitude. (For God said, "Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them; and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be." (Gen 15:5)

We read, "And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces." (Gen 15:17)

So here you have the appearance of this phenomenal and strange object described as a 'smoking furnace' and a 'burning lamp' which came to signify acceptance of God's covenant that he had made with Abraham.



Thus, the appearance of heavenly objects in our skies vividly described as luminous, fiery, and smoking could be exactly what Abraham saw in his day. And the appearance of these objects at the time of Israel's restoration as a nation might indicate to us that this is God's reminder of his covenant with Abraham.

While many sincere UFO observers link the appearance of heavenly phenomena in our skies to the fact that we have atomic weapons and are under close scrutiny it is our further observation that these heavenly objects may also signify God's recognition of his covenant with Israel which he established nearly 4000 years ago.

For God sent a 'smoking furnace' and a 'burning lamp' as Abraham described them, to show that Israel's preservation would be assured, and Abraham's seed would yet inhabit the Land that God had given them.

Later, the Lord appeared to Moses at Sinai and it is reported again his appearance was as "the smoke of a furnace". We read, "And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire, and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly."

God's presence with his ancient people was indicated by an unusual and strange appearance of a cigar-shaped object such as has been seen in our skies today. For instance, here is a description from the Bible where we read: "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night." (Ex 13:21)

Now may we describe what some people are seeing today - called UFO's (unidentified flying objects) but taking on the appearance of a

large cylinder. One account referred to the object sighted as 'an immense vertical cylinder, brightening the night with a flashing light and lighting up the surroundings; in the daytime a rocket of rigid aspect, surrounded by whirling clouds, moving slowly...'

Note the similarity of the descriptions making us wonder if these long, cigar-shaped objects, sighted on rare occasions, might not be the same pillar-shaped objects seen in Moses time.

Isaiah, too, looking ahead to the coming Day of the Lord sees this divine intervention on behalf of Israel.

Look at Chapter 31 where we read... "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help: and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen because they are strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord!"

Then we read, "Now the Egyptians are men, and not God, and their horses flesh, and not spirit...For thus hath the Lord spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: SO SHALL THE LORD OF HOSTS COME DOWN TO FIGHT FOR MOUNT ZION, AND FOR THE HILL THEREOF."

Did you hear it? Here predicted is a time when the Lord himself will come to deliver Israel.

In commenting on this Scripture, Dr. Howard W. Ferrin says: "I know some of you say that the Lord does not fight with swords and guns and spears and atom bombs and hydrogen bombs...Notice, though, it says the Lord shall fight as when he fought in the day of battle!"

## UFO's and JERUSALEM

We read further: "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it!"

Preposterous? No, I don't think so. In the book of Revelation Armageddon is pictured as the armies of earth gathered together to make war with armies seen coming from heaven.

Reminds me of General Douglas MacArthur, first general of a United Nations army. When asked for his evaluation of these unidentified flying objects being seen in our skies he is said to have remarked - he did not believe there would ever come a 3rd World War for that would be double suicide. But he did believe that ultimately the armies of earth would gather to make war with these 'flying saucers' or people from other planets which he surmised them to be.

I have always considered it significant that flying saucers came into prominence at the time of Israel's restoration to her land. Perhaps there are several reasons why we might link these unidentified objects seen in our skies of Israel's preservation.

First, we would note that the book of Ezekiel which deals specifically with an endtime invasion of Israel begins with the marvelous description of wheels which went like the lightning, and which resembled a fiery cloud. Concerning these wheels we are told - "the glory of the God of Israel was over them above." (Exek 10:19)

Then, second, we would similarly note that Elijah was taken up into heaven in a very unusual conveyance described as a chariot of fire, and we're also told Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. (2 Kings 2:11)

Elisha, looking on, seeing this heavenly conveyance cried out, "My father, the *chariot of Israel!*"

I don't think it should seem surprising to note the appearance of unusual and strange phenomena in our skies. Jesus said there would be signs and wonders. And the appearance of these fiery objects we commonly call 'flying saucers' are not the invention of man's imagination. Scientists, astronomers, pilots, and those who have seen them testify that they are very real.

The one that came for Elijah, Elisha called "the chariot of Israel".

In the last chapter of Isaiah there is a description of this endtime battle wherein God is seen destroying all manmade opposition prior to the setting up of the messianic kingdom wherein Christ shall reign over the whole earth.

And linked to that occasion is the appearance of heavenly chariots, for we read; "For, behold the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many."

Perhaps you ask - how many chariots does the Lord have? What kind of army?

And again we believe the Psalmist would remind us - "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels; the Lord is among them..."

So we repeat - it is not impossible for the Lord to have an army of chariots and angels.

We read of an earlier appearance of the Angel of the Lord in a 'flame of fire out of the midst of a bush... and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.' (Ex.3:2)

Again the voice of the Lord is heard, saying: "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham..." And the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry...and I am come down to deliver them."

So have you recognized that these appearances are tied in with Israel's preservation and future deliverance?

What we are saying, then, is that the Scriptures indicate a relationship between various strange sky phenomena and ISRAEL. So it is not unusual to note an increase of sightings of objects which came into prominence simultaneously with the regathering of Jews back to their land and the restoration of the nation of Israel.

The bible tells us that Jerusalem, and eventually Israel will be under attack from all of her enemies, ancient and modern, as they seek to destroy this tiny nation. It is only as God comes to the rescue that Israel is spared total destruction so that a remnant will be left.

Could it be that some of these fiery objects seen in our skies today will come to the rescue of Israel in her darkest hour when all hope is lost apart from divine intervention?

We think so.

In the 83rd Psalm the Psalmist laments how the enemies of Israel have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."

The Psalmist goes on to note: "For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee!"

The Psalmist, feeling the burden for his own people, cries out: "Do unto them as unto the Midianites: as to Sisera..."

Now, you'll remember how Gideon and his band of 300 put the Midian-

ites to flight. Though outnumbered many times Gideon's army was successful for they went to battle in the name of Jehovah. Their cry was - "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon".

Similarly, concerning Sisera we read, "the Lord discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host..." Here we have a supernatural occurrence of the God of heaven intervening to fight the battle against Israel's enemies. How do we know? Well we read: "They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera." (Judges 5:20 4:15)

So Israel's future preservation may likewise depend upon divine intervention, God himself coming to the defense of Israel.

Zechariah tells us of a time when Jerusalem will be encompassed with armies saying: "In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David.

Again we read, "Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations as when he fought in the day of battle."

In other words, as when the stars in their courses fought against Sisera so there will be an invading armada from heaven to come to Israel's aid in a day when her security is threatened.

What tremendous days in which to live. And we should keep looking up - not for these strange objects necessarily but for the coming of our Lord.

By trusting Christ as your Saviour, and living in obedience to His Word, doing His will - reading your Bible and praying - you can be ready when He comes!

For remember he hath said - "Be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh!"



REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

In Jerusalem, a favorite topic of discussion these days is — How long will it be before plans get underway for the rebuilding of the Temple. The hopes, aspirations and dreams

of orthodox Jews is for the rebuilding of their Holy Temple now that Old Jerusalem is under Jewish control.

When the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem sent his blessing to the Rabbi of Moscow he noted: "May it be God's will that all of us be worthy to witness the rebuilding of Israel and our Holy Temple in its glory."

Thus far the only official comment coming from Israel is that complete religious freedom will be preserved and the shrines maintained for all faiths. Already there is the speculation in some quarters that if Israel seeks to maintain control of the Old City it may provoke a holy war of all Islam and its 465 million people.

If the Jews proceed to build their Holy Temple it could easily bring on such a war. For it would first of all mean the dismantling of the newly re-finished Dome of the Rock which is built on the temple site.

The temple site is an ancient landmark. For it was at the Rock, otherwise known as Mt. Moriah, that Abraham took his son Isaac for a sacrifice to Jehovah. This is also the former location of Solomon's Temple so it can readily be understood why the Jews desire this particular location.

This temple area has been in the hands of Muslims since the 7th century. At various times Jews have been permitted to pray at the Western Wall, the only remaining portion of the Temple, more commonly referred to as the Wailing Wall. But since 1948, when the city of Jerusalem was divided, Jews have been prevented from having access to the Temple area.

Following the Arab-Israeli war of 1948 it was reported that the Israelis had captured the Old city of Jerusalem but were under orders from Prime Minister David Ben Gurion NOT to keep the city. It was stated that Ben Gurion did not wish to become involved in the theological controversy that might flare up over the rebuilding

of the Temple and restoring of Temple sacrifices.

Dr. Dwight L. Baker, a Baptist reporter from Jerusalem, says the idea of the ancient Old city being a 'theological bomb too hot to handle' is 'happy fiction.' Actually, the bed-ragged Israelis in 1948 were spread too thin to hold Old Jerusalem, and other fronts were more urgent. However Baker reports that if the Jews rebuild their temple the initiative won't come from their religious members. According to religious law we're told the Jews may approach the Wailing Wall only by way of the Dung Gate (northern entrance) or the Jaffa Gate (western entrance). They are not permitted to cross the Temple Mount. In an extraordinary meeting held June 9, 1967, the Chief Rabbinate Council reminded religious Jews of this prohibition and warned that it would remain in force UNTIL THE TEMPLE HAD BEEN REBUILT WITH THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH!

Following the capture of Old Jerusalem, Historian Israel El dad declared: "We're at the stage where David was when he liberated Jerusalem. From that time until the construction of the Temple by Solomon only one generation passed. SO WILL IT BE WITH US!" And concerning the Moslem shrine — the Dome of the Rock — he noted: "It is an open question. Who knows what we're going to do with that shrine? Perhaps it will be an earthquake!"

Roy Gustafson, touring the Holy Land, representing the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, says reliable information has it that the Chief Rabbinate reveals there are plans to take the Dome of the Rock apart, piece by piece, and put it up for the Muslims. For the Jews would never be satisfied unless their Temple was rebuilt at the very site where Solomon's Temple stood.

Mt Moriah, the temple site, is sacred to the Muslims because accord-

ing to their teaching it was there that Abraham agreed to sacrifice, not Isaac, but Ishmael, through whom the Arabs trace their lineage to Abraham.

And according to the tradition of certain Muslim sects it is the spot where Mohammad will someday return to earth as their MAHDI (Messiah).

So it can be readily seen why a holy war could flare up over Jewish plans to dismantle the Muslim shrine and replace it with their own Holy Temple.

Now the primary reason why we are interested in this discussion of the rebuilding of the Temple is because the Bible has a great deal to say about the construction of such an edifice in the Endtime. In fact, the last nine chapters of Ezekiel are devoted to their future temple. And the building instructions read like an architect's blueprint.

Vividly described is the sanctuary with its chambers and porches, the outer and inner courts, the windows, the gates, and the arches; the number of steps leading into the temple, and even the picturesque setting of palm trees on either side of the gates leading into the temple.

This temple is meant to become the dwelling place of our Lord during His millennial reign, when He comes to earth as King of kings, and Lord of lords.

In Isaiah 66:1 we read — thus saith the Lord, "Where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?"

So the rebuilding of the temple is tied in with the coming of Messiah.

That a temple may be in existence during the tribulation time seems to be a possibility from references given in the Bible to the Antichrist who would defile and desecrate the temple. You may remember Jesus warned of this saying, "When ye 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 Judae flee into the mountains."

(Matthew 24:15-16)

The late Russel Taylor Smith, whose radio broadcast in the Philadelphia area was respected, and whose publication was called GOD'S NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS, had this to say about Jerusalem. Wrote Smith: "Jerusalem is the place where Anti-Christ will, for a brief period, establish his headquarters. Certain prophetic scriptures tell of the rebuilding of the temple; they speak of the desecration of the temple by the man of sin (Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4) and the language of such scriptures implies that the temple will be built by the Jews."

We await further developments. Knowing the Jews now contemplate the rebuilding of their temple we realize anew how close our Lord's coming could be.

It has been reported that the parts of the temple are already in Israel waiting for the day when the temple is to be rebuilt. It is also reported, should a construction crew work around the clock, the temple could be built in just 40 days.

Indeed, prophecies are being fulfilled as we stand in awe and wonder over these developments. Momentarily we should be expecting to hear the sound of the trumpet, along with the appearance of our Blessed Lord for His own.

Again we ask — Are you ready for our Lord's Return? Would you be ready were He to come yet today? Is Christ your Lord and Saviour? Do you delight in the thought of His soon appearing?

By coming to Him now you can be forgiven. By calling on His name you can be saved! And by living for Him in holiness and peace you can be ready when He comes.

For remember He hath said, "Be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh!"

FROM THE SERIES...

# Jerusalem

## IN PROPHECY

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"We are entering the messianic era!" This was the declaration of a rabbi upon the capture of Old Jerusalem.

Truly these are indeed significant days as we read reports coming from Israel of Jews who now await the coming of their Messiah!

Shlomo Hizak, former Israeli police official who guarded the home of David Ben Gurion, reports the return of Old Jerusalem back into Jewish hands has stirred up the people into thinking anew about God.

Says Hizak: "Many are saying perhaps this is the sign of the coming of the Messiah."

That the Bible predicts a return of Christ to Jerusalem is made clear in various scriptural accounts.

In Isaiah we are told, "the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem." (Isaiah 24:23)

Likewise Jeremiah 3:17 notes: "At that time they shall call Jeru-

salem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem..."

Zechariah, more than any other prophet gives a detailed account of what will happen, saying: "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem..." (14:4)

As one devout Israeli declared: "We Jews, as we watch the things that are happening in the world, cannot come to any other conclusion than that the coming of the Messiah must be very near at hand." He went on to observe, "On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives as the Prophet Zechariah has said, and I go there every day that I may be ready to give Him welcome."

Zechariah goes on to say, "And the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee!"

Here might be proof of the rapture. For before the Lord can come to earth WITH His saints He must first come FOR His saints.

That's why we urge readiness for the return of Christ. For the Bible teaches that one day unexpectedly our Lord will come "as a thief" and all who are ready will be caught up to meet him in the air. Then on earth there follows the time of Jacob's trouble (for the Jews) and Great Tribulation for the whole world during which time Antichrist will reign.



The JERUSALEM POST thinks it may have already figured out who the Messiah is going to be — Uriel Ben David — who is the stepson of Amran Blau, fiery leader of an extremist sect.

Uriel Ben David is a recent convert to Judaism. His mother was Roman Catholic before her marriage to Blau.

So this newspaper speculates that BEN DAVID is a likely candidate, because his surname recalls the name — “Messiah, Son of David.” The newspaper also pointed out that on her conversion, his mother took the name of Ruth, the number one convert of Biblical history, through whom King David descended.

We're reminded of Jesus words when he warned of false Christs and false prophets who would appear. To Israel Jesus declared: “I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another come in his own name, him ye will receive.” (John 5:43)

Actually, no living Jew today can lay claim to being Israel's Messiah. Since the dispersion of AD 70 all records have been lost so that no Jew can trace his lineage to prove a right to the throne of David.

Jesus Christ alone can make this claim for He was the son of David, of the tribe of Judah, and of the seed of Abraham. He alone fulfilled the messianic prophecies — born of a virgin, born in Bethlehem, and His lineage can be traced back to Adam.

In warning of deceivers who should come claiming to be Messiah our Lord declared: “Many shall come saying I am Christ, and shall deceive many.” (Matthew 24:4-5) Throughout history there have been, and will continue to be, false Christs — false Messiahs! Imposters!

However, the greatest imposter of all will be one whom the Scripture refers to as the Antichrist, who will appear at the end of the age as Israel's messiah!

Bishop Fulton Sheen once wrote: “The antichrist will not be so called, otherwise he would have no followers ...He will come disguised as the Great Humanitarian; he will talk peace, prosperity and plenty...he will even speak of Christ and say that he was the greatest man who ever lived.”

So, Antichrist is not some beastly fellow. As Bishop Sheen goes on to say, “He will wear no red tights, nor vomit sulphur, nor carry a trident nor wave an arrow tail...”

Yet, Antichrist arises as an imposter, posing as the very Christ, while in reality he is the very embodiment of Satan, called “the man sin,” and “the son of perdition.”

As Dr. M. R. DeHaan related in his book, “Antichrist will attempt to simulate the true Christ in every detail.” Yet, noted Dr. DeHaan: “he will be the incarnation of the devil.”

Dr. R. E. Neighbor, Sr., wrote in 1914 the following: “The Antichrist is to sum up all that men adore. He will not only head nations but he will head divine worship. He will federate the state and the church, he will unite politics and religions.” Then notes Dr. Neighbor, “He will make league with the Jew.”

The question might then be raised — Will he also be a Jew? Would Jews accept as their Messiah anyone other than a Jew?

J. H. McCormick, in PROPHEPIC DIGEST, replies: “The Jewish nation would never receive a Gentile as their Messiah” basing his contention on Daniel 11:37 which says, “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.”

On the other hand, the late Joseph Hoffman Cohn asserted there is not a syllable in the Word of God that could justify the speculation that the Antichrist will be a Jew. Rather, much to the contrary, he will be a Gentile,

asserts Dr. Cohn, who goes into detail giving reasons why his people will be deceived into accepting a Gentile as their Messiah, believing false claims and false promises rather than accept the truth as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Concerning the appearance of Antichrist we are told of a covenant he will make with the Jews for a period of 7 years, and after 3½ years he will break this covenant. (Daniel 9:27)

As G. P. Raud, writing in the GOSPEL HERALD, notes: "Antichrist drew up this covenant with the Jews doubtless in order that they would accept him as their Messiah. He covenanted that he would allow them to keep their sacrifices and the rest of their services in the temple which they built in Jerusalem."

The speaker on the MESSAGE TO ISRAEL broadcast sometime ago had this to say concerning the coming Antichrist: "He will make a covenant with Israel that will cause the chosen people of God to believe at last that their Messiah has come. This false, counterfeit Messiah will bring about a semblance of peace between Israel and the surrounding Arab nations. He will have such a magnetic personality, coupled with supernatural power and energized by Satan, that he will be able to bring about universal peace among the nations of the world. There will be prosperity along with this false peace."



So here is what we might be led to expect. Ultimately, the political maneuverings of a master-mind, possessing super-human wisdom and

spiritual leadership, will arrange for a covenant with Israel which will permit a return to her offering of blood sacrifices as in the time of Moses. This, of course, will necessitate the rebuilding of the temple.

Then Antichrist, who negotiates this covenant with Israel will move himself to Jerusalem, locate in the temple, and will cause the blood sacrifices to cease. Instead, as Paul declares, "as God...(he will sit) in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God!" (2 Thessalonians 2:4)

That day could be closer than we realize. We believe the stage is set. Israel needs assurance of protection. The holy sites must be preserved. Peace must be maintained.

Thus, Antichrist could appear on the scene at any time.

But before he makes his appearance, we are led to believe the rapture will occur first — when Christ comes for His own. Then, on this earth will come this time of Great Tribulation; while the saints are in heaven waiting to return to this earth following this period of awful judgment.

From the writings of Irenaeus, a disciple of Polycarp, who lived in the days of the apostles, we read: "...when this antichrist shall...reign for three years and six months and shall sit in the temple at Jerusalem,...then shall the Lord come from heaven in the clouds of glory from the Father, sending this man and those who follow him into the lake of fire, but will bring for the righteous a time of the kingdom..."

So, the choice is clear. Receive Christ now and be ready for His coming, or be left behind to bow to Antichrist later!

Today is still a day of Salvation, turn to Christ, and live for Him daily. For remember He hath said, "Be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh!"

Our series on JERUSALEM would not be complete without a reference to the coming world-wide revival predicted for the Endtime.

Joel's promised outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh is not only linked to the day when the sun shall be darkened and the moon turn to blood just preceding the great and terrible day of the Lord. But specific mention is made to Jerusalem as the source of Salvation. For we read: "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in JERUSALEM shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call!" (Joel 2:32)

Is this not the verdict of notable men — that revival will close this age?

J. Hudson Taylor, who founded the China Inland Mission, once declared, "I am convinced that there will be a great spiritual awakening, which will usher in the Second Coming of the Lord."

Alexander Whyte, eminent preacher of the last century, who said: "I may not live to see it, but the day will come — when there will be a great revival in the whole world!"

Observes D. M. Pantou: "Throughout the Prophets, no prediction of the Spirit's action is more precise, more positive, than Joel's forecast of a double Pentecost, the Christian dispensation clasped at both ends, like a jewel, in a bracelet of miracles."

So there are those who link revival to the last days!

That Israel is destined to share in this revival is made plain from the Scriptures. For in Romans 11:25-27 we read: "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is Written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is My covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."

John Barkey writing in CHRISTIAN VICTORY magazine comments: "It is pertinent...to consider what is meant by 'all Israel'...Does it mean that all the Jews who ever lived will be saved? No, because this would involve the idea of a second chance for those who have died, which is unscriptural, and theologically untenable." Barkey goes on to say — "There are indeed indications that at the time required by the text, the nation will have been reduced to small proportions, for they will be the survivors of the 'time of Jacob's trouble' (Jeremiah 30:7) which is the time of 'great tribulation' foretold by our Lord.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of this coming revival will be its impact upon the whole world, bringing in a floodtide of blessing, imparting a message of holiness.

As Dr. Max I Reich, noted instructor at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago once observed: "The next revival of Israel will not be followed by apostasy, but on its rising tides it will merge into that flood tide of blessing that will cover the earth with divine glory as the waters cover the sea."

Revolutionary changes will take place when Christ reigns in Jerusalem, and his people extoll his holiness to the ends of the earth.

For instance, in Zechariah we read, "Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts...in that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD!" Did you hear it?

For some people who claim to be saved you'd never know it because they don't show it. Their lives are just the same, with all the same sinful habits as before.

But here the Bible tells us of a day when the POTS and KETTLES will join in proclaiming the message of holiness, and even the horses will know their owners got religion. For upon the bells of the horses will

appear the words, "holiness unto the Lord."

What a revival?

If I understand the Scriptures correctly there's coming a day on this earth, when Christ shall reign, everything on earth will glorify God.

When you turn on your radio or television set during the millennial age every program will be fit for human consumption — no rock and roll, no shows of violence, no newscasts reporting rape and murder, no reports from the battlefronts of the world, no clowning comedians with off-color jokes, but every broadcast glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ.

In that day signs along the highways won't advertize beer and whiskey or some brand of cigarette, but will proclaim, "Holiness unto the Lord!" We read in Isaiah, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called THE WAY OF HOLINESS: the UNCLEAN shall not pass over it!" (Isaiah 35: 8-10)

Ah yes, it will be a restricted thoroughfare — no hypocrites or hippies allowed, but only the pure in heart!

What a day in which to live?

But, it is God's intention that Christians live that way now...that holiness characterize our lives NOW. There's no Scripture for a watered-down, anemic, do-as-you please, follow-the-crowd religion which doesn't save anyone.

God says, "Be ye HOLY, for I am holy!"

And particularly as we face the coming of the Lord do we find 'holiness' as one of the requirements for 'readiness'.

For in Hebrews 12:14 we read, "Follow peace with all men, and HOLINESS without which no man shall see the Lord!"

Did you hear it?

The Scriptures do not teach some

— "easy believism" but a practical faith that is backed up by the evidence of OBEDIENCE and GOOD WORKS. GOD does require PURITY IN HIS PEOPLE or else they are living a lie.

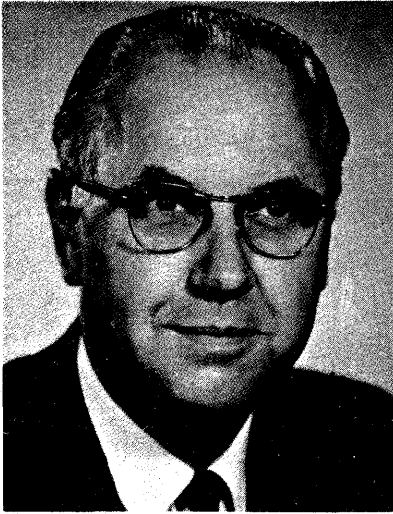
How do we think we can fool God? Remember, "without holiness no man shall see the Lord."

The idea of holiness implies separation, so that if we profess Christianity God expects us to live like Christians, and be separate from the world.

Now when Christ comes we read in Revelation where He will divide men into four groups for the purpose of rewarding. Here's what we read, "Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Then we're told, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous let him be righteous still: and he that is HOLY, let him be holy still."

In which classification will we be? Among the UNJUST OR THE UNSAVED? Or among those given over to some filthy talk or a filthy habit — the Lord tells us to "Lay aside filthiness"! Or will we be among the righteous — those who have trusted Christ as Saviour and Lord, and among the HOLY, those separated, doing the will of God, living in obedience to the Word of God?

Hear me, my friend, God's will is that we be among the righteous and the holy when he comes; that we be saved and know it, that if we be Christians we show it; that if we profess to be holy we live it, and if we don't profess to be holy we'd better come clean for God, forsaking immorality and impurity, "for remember, without holiness no man shall see the Lord."



Associate Evangelist Roy Gustafson of the Billy Graham team

## **INTERVIEW**

ON

# **ISRAEL**

**Question.** Roy, tell me, what have been some of your impressions since your latest tour, and since the latest conflict in the Middle East?

**Answer.** Well, I have to say this, that I've never been so moved. Of course, I've never been close to war before. I was close to war this time, but apart from that was the fact that I sensed, and not only I but even people who would not be professing Christians, sensed that we're living now toward the end of human history as we've known human history, and that we're coming into the Messianic age.

**Question.** How do the Israelis feel concerning this latest war? Do they consider this a tremendous victory?

**Answer.** Well, of course they do, but may I say this about the Israelis, they're not the ones to sit down and gloat over their victory. They say "All right, that's behind us. Let's get on with the job." In fact, they had a brand new road already put in. It was in two or three weeks after the war. A brand new road, black-topped, bridge, everything from TelaViv right on into Jerusalem to cut the time to Jerusalem about 20 or 30 minutes. They already were in the old city of Jerusalem. They've connected the water supply, for instance. The old city of Jerusalem, the walled city, under the Arab regime, would get four hours of water a day, two days a week. Now with the Israelis in there, they get pure water 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and already have .....

**Question.** What have been your contacts with some of the Israeli officials?

**Answer.** Well, I've had the privilege of spending over an hour with David BenGurion which was a tremendous thrill. And I met General Dayan's daughter the other day, but also some of the heads of his staff. And Ray, I think you'd like to hear this, that one of these (I've known him quite a while), David BenOrr is his name. He's one of the Chief of Staff. He came to my room at the Hilton Hotel in TelaViv and as soon as he sat down, he said "Roy, I want you to know, this is for the record." He said, "People have asked us, did we have any secret weapon." He said, "I want to tell you, we did! God was not neutral. God was on our side." And he said, "I haven't cried for forty years, but when I went to the wailing wall and saw those people, hardened, tough, paratroopers praying and weeping and thanking God" he said, "I wept like a child." And I'll say this, Ray, for the first time in all my visits to Israel, even though they had tremendous victory in '47 and '48 and again in '56 in the Sinai under General Dayan, for the first time (that is, in my knowledge) I find the majority of the Israelis giving the honor and the glory and the praise to the One who rightfully deserves it, and that is Almighty God.

**Question.** Do you find something of a spiritual resurgence then amongst the people?

**Answer.** Oh, there definitely is this. I mean they're going to the Bible. The maid in the hotel, in the TelaViv Hilton. I said "Where are you from?" I said, "Are you a SABRE?" (That means one born in Israel.) She said "No. I'm from Indonesia. I've only been here, not quite a year and a half." And then she went on all on her own, "Last night I was reading the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel..." and she was quoting the verses. Others came to me. This one I just mentioned went to Leviticus, and he said, "I just read this" and there is this. You see, a child in school will go through the Bible, the Old Testament, three times during the course of their education. If they come from a religious home and they get synagogue training, they go through the Bible the fourth time before they're 18 years old.

**Question.** Do you find any feeling of insecurity since there are still threats of war there in the Middle East?

**Answer.** I wouldn't say insecurity. No. I'd say they want peace. They sincerely want peace, and they're willing to go a long way with these other, their Arab neighbors. They want to do this. Of course, there is the natural fear, not of the Arab nations, but of Russia.

Question. Now you have toured much of that area. I believe you've flown over some of the area. Could you tell us something about that?

Answer. Well, I flew down over the Sinai down as far as the Suez. And the thing that really got me as I saw that huge graveyard, really, of tanks and trucks and jeeps and thousands of them blasted out and burned. It's just a graveyard for all of these. And then there's a friend of mine, (a pilot who shot down two migs, incidentally,) said that a few days after the war, 5000, 8000 feet above, where they were flying, they could smell the dead carcasses of the Egyptians. The thing that irked me was to think that a fellow like Nassar would commit his country, his people, who were starving with their bellies empty anyway, commit them to total war. And these men in their tanks that were pressing toward Israel were already out of water. And how foolish can a man be? But it was something to see. Very, very moving. Incidentally, one young Israeli boy, 21 years of age, shot down four migs in one day. I just saw on television this morning we were rejoicing that we shot down two migs over Viet Nam yesterday — our whole air force. One of them shot down four! He shot down two over the Sinai. He was wounded. While they were treating his wounds, they were servicing his plane. He got back in, went up to Syria, shot down another. Came back, they serviced the plane again. He went down over Sinai and shot down the fourth one. Another Israeli boy shot down and on the ground as well 18 planes in six days.

Question. Would you say the Arabs were unprepared for this? What really happened over there?

Answer. Well, they were completely taken unawares. They thought they were going to win. They really thought they were, and of course, they should have — by all natural means, they should have won. They had 900 of the best tanks in the world right there in the Sinai. They had many more aircraft, but I think it's too long in your interview to go in to telling exactly how the Israelis did it. But going back to the Bible, Ray, you'll remember that their strategy is the same as the Jews' strategy has always been — Hit first. Hit hard. Discuss it later. They're always outnumbered by their enemies. Abraham had 318 men trained in his own house. He chased 5 kings with their armies as far as Damascus. David had 38 mighty men. Gideon had 300. Joshua was outnumbered. David BenGurion was outnumbered. Moshe Dayan was outnumbered. But they have no inferiority complex. They're not afraid, and they're willing to go in to get this job done. Not that they like to kill. They don't. They're sorry about all that, but it was necessary for their own survival.

Well, thank you, Roy Gustafson, for today's interview.