

REVELATION 12:1-6

THE WOMAN OF REVELATION 12:1, HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GREAT MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE; AS FAR AS THE GENTILE CHURCH WORLD IS CONCERNED. THEY HAVE CALLED HER EVERYTHING EXCEPT WHAT, OR WHO SHE REALLY IS. NATURALLY HER TRUE IDENTITY IS SEEN THROUGH EYES THAT HAVE BEEN ENLIGHTENED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; BUT ONCE YOU SEE IT, EVERYTHING FITS PERFECTLY IN PLACE, AS YOU READ THE FOLLOWING VERSES. THAT OF COURSE, IS ANOTHER THING THAT IS ONLY FOR THE END TIME SAINTS TO UNDERSTAND; BUT WE ARE LIVING IN THAT TIME; SO LET US TAKE SOME TIME AND DEAL WITH THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS CHAPTER.

We have been seeing a great political upheaval taking place in the world; and the majority of those who speak of it, look at it as a freedom that will cure all the problems of those who have lived under dictatorial rulerships for so long; but I am looking for a freedom where sin will no longer rule nor reign, and where races will no longer know how to hate. I am looking for that freedom where corruption and graft no longer exist, and where rich and poor are all treated alike. That is the freedom I am looking for. This world has such an era in its future; but before it comes to that, it must go through a period of time that no person living on it then, will be glad to see. In the last few months, as Communism has been falling apart, I could not help but think, as our Secretary of State, James Baker, traveled from place to place taking care of what was expected of him as a representative of this nation, This is that LAMB BEAST of Revelation 13, fulfilling its part in getting things ready for that week of Daniel, when a great peace covenant will be in effect between many nations. At least the week will start out like that. First he was in Moscow, then on to Bulgaria, and from there, on to the Middle East. This generation has not seen it like this before; but it all fits right into Bible prophecy that must be fulfilled before the bride of Christ gets out of here. West Germany sent their man to Moscow to talk over the re-uniting of East and West Germany with Mr. Gorbachev. All of which is definitely bringing Europe into position for its great prophetic role foretold in the scriptures. The United States has been the world's influential tool, to help bring all of this about; and natural minded people of the world today, look upon this as the greatest phenomena the world has ever seen. It is truly a phenomena; but it is all right here in the Bible; and has been all the time. The world at large, wonders how such a thing could transpire in such a short interval of time; but does not the scripture say that God will put it in the heart's of men to fulfill His will? We need not think that truth pertains only to what Revelation 17:17 is dealing with; for God has been in control of things all along. He has always put it in the heart's of mankind to fulfill His will and purpose. The events foretold in the scriptures are a beautiful combination of predestination, foreknowledge, and man's free choice all fitted together to produce an element of people from every age for the kingdom of God. It is like the little song says: God does not make us go against our will; He just makes us willing to go. He already knows every person that will ever believe the gospel and be saved; so He just works circumstances around us, to help us make up our mind to follow the leading of His spirit. As Communism in Russia and eastern Europe crumbles, and apartheid crumbles in Africa, do you think this is opening the door for another two or three hundred years of economic prosperity? Do you think it has opened the way for more reveling, so more people can just have a good time? That is what people do when they suddenly obtain this kind of freedom. Just wait though until this shaking takes place in the Middle East. Then people are really going to have something to talk about. Most people really have no idea whatsoever, what is really taking place over there in Israel. The Arabs are all up in the air over this mass immigration of Jews; especially from the Soviet Union. The government of Jordan has asked the Soviet Union to halt Jewish immigration to Israel until the Palestinian issue is resolved. They say this immigration to the Israeli occupied territories is crushing all future peace chances. Israeli officials expect three hundred thousand Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel in the next few years; and they are busy preparing to take care of them. They have no plans for giving up any of what the world refers to as occupied territory; just to pacify those who demand that they do so. Israeli Prime Minister Shamir has aroused anger in the Arab countries by just plainly saying that Israel should hold on to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, to handle the influx of immigrants they are expecting. That is prophecy in fulfillment. That is why I said, Wait until this shaking starts in the Middle East. We are going to see how the western world is

going to react. You can take my word for it; they will not jump for joy; and rush to support Israel. (This may all be history by the time you read this paper.-editor)

A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN

Let us open our Bible's to Revelation 12:1, where we find these words, "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." We preached and printed a message dealing with this woman John saw clothed with the sun; but there are other things we want to place within it this time; as we deal with it in this series of messages. When this prophecy was written by John in 96 A.D., the Jewish nation no longer existed. John was given this vision twenty some years beyond the destruction of Jerusalem. The Jews, the two southern tribes, had been carried off into captivity, to an uncertain destiny in dispersion. They did not know how long it would last. John, the last of the old patriarchs of the covenant faith, no doubt wondered what would be the future of his people; and of the very land itself; for he knew the land had been promised to Abraham and his seed for an everlasting inheritance. (Gen.17:8) "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." No doubt he knew the prophecies of the scriptures, where God had spoken through His prophets that He would restore; but even still, that would not keep one from wondering just how it would be brought about. We do not know how John approached God in prayer concerning this matter; but we do know God saw fit to give him an experience more unique than all others before him. He saw a door opened in heaven: and heard a voice say to him, "Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter." God carried John away in the Spirit, to various periods of future time; and allowed him to see those things which would be, in these various future ages of time. Then He was returned to 96 A.D., to fulfill his part, write it and send it to the seven Churches of Asia. The Gentile Church has carried this letter ever since; but over a period of almost 2000 years, very little of what he wrote had ever been understood. Christendom has seen sawed back and forth with an interpretation of much of it, especially this 12th chapter. Some have looked upon it because they could no longer see Israel existing as a nation, as pertaining to the Gentile Church. Since they could not see it as actually pertaining to Israel, many have said, This woman clothed with the sun, has got to be the Gentile Bride. Therefore that has been one of the beliefs that has been fostered concerning this woman. Well God just let it lay here in the Bible without being understood, until the end of time was in sight. Then He revealed it to the Gentile Bride of Christ, allowing her to be able to relate to the understanding of these things, that she might know how to begin to prepare herself for her exodus out of here. We will read the entire picture of what John wrote concerning this woman; before we go back to touch on the various details of it. (1) "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; (like a phenomena) a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: (2) And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. (3) And there appeared another wonder in heaven; (or phenomena) and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. (4) And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. (5) And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne." What we have read in these 5 verses, is what we have symbolized in the drawings of these two charts we are pointing to. In 96 A.D., John could no longer envision an Israelite nation in the land. Rome was ruling the world. Rome was prophesied in Daniel 7, to be the 4th beast of the four Daniel saw come to power one after the other. Daniel saw this Roman beast ruling from its beginning, straight on through to the end of time. He also saw that Roman beast evolve through certain distinct changes; but there would always remain a Roman connection. The reason I state it like that, is because we have a lot of church people today, that when they begin to try to understand prophecy in the light of the antichrist, they waver all over creation with their projections of who or what the antichrist is. For a long time it was believed, that it could be the Catholic Church, or the pope; but after the Church came out of the Dark Ages and things changed so drastically, they then ditched that whole thing. They began to grope and run around in circles; and probe at every other possibility. Today, you will not find very many nominal churchgoers that are willing to believe the antichrist could come out of Rome. Various one's have written their books, setting forth all kinds of suppositional ideas. Most of them are written with a vocabulary that most others do not even understand; so when they get through reading the book, they find themselves right back where they started; still not knowing any more about the

antichrist than they did before reading the book. Why? Because they are not willing to say in plain words that it is either this or that. The Bride of Christ cannot live on that kind of teaching, this late in the age. We have to see Rome for what she is, where the antichrist will come from, and how this woman fits into that picture.

ANALYZING THE MYSTERY WOMAN

This wonder in heaven, let us consider it. If this is Israel, in what way do we describe this woman as being Israel? First we make note of the fact that she is a pregnant woman. Then we note that she is clothed with the sun. Naturally the sun has to symbolize something; and we will get to that in a minute. The moon is under her feet; and we know what the moon is, as a planetary body. It gives no light of itself; It is only a planet that reflects light from another source. That is what sets a beautiful type there. Then the crown with twelve stars is easily misinterpreted to represent the gospel of the twelve apostles, if that is all you are looking at; but you have to relate that to the rest of the description of this woman; and it just simply does not come out right like that. As we consider the description of the whole woman from top to bottom, we can see what God meant for His Church to see. **The woman is the nation of Israel**, shown in a heavenly profile, past, present, and future, all wrapped up in one picture. The red dragon symbolizes the embodiment of Satan. Not up there in the heavens, though that is where it is portrayed. The picture is reflected up there; but that is not where he has always persecuted Israel. It is a profile of the embodiment of Satan in the Roman Empire; representing past, present, and future. Whatever each of these symbols represent in Israel's past, they remain to be the same in the present time, and also in her future. For instance, if this dragon symbolizes Satan in the Roman Empire in the days of the old Caesars, you cannot change that embodiment of Satan from Rome to something else for the present, and for her future. Naturally we understand that the Roman Empire, under the rulership of the old Caesars, did not have seven heads and ten horns. Neither were there ten crowns. You would see a dragon with just one head back then; but we are looking at it in its completeness, here in this setting. This woman, clothed with the sun and so forth, and the moon under her feet, gives a panoramic view of the nation of Israel from her beginning right on through to her Millennial glory. How do we know this is Israel? All you have to do is go back and study the prophet Hosea. When Hosea, in the eighth century, was told to go marry a wife of whoredoms, in the natural, according to the Law, that would be absolutely ridiculous for a prophet to let his attention be attracted to such a woman. However at the time, Israel, the nation to whom Hosea had been sent by the eternal God to be a prophet, was in just that kind of spiritual and moral state. Jehovah, the Elohim of the Old Testament, had espoused her to Himself. She was His national wife. It was through this nation, (His wife) that God had purposed, through time, to perfect His plan of redemption. He impregnated her with His seed, which was the word of prophecy he gave her through various prophets. That is why all of those prophets prophesied, when Israel still lived in the dispensation of the Law; which covered approximately 1450 years. During that time, she not only received the Law by Moses, she received the writings of all the other prophets God sent to her. These prophecies became the seed, planted in the spiritual womb of Israel. That is why the woman is shown over here, as with child, in pain, waiting to be delivered. The Law age was not the age of her glory; it only reflected it in various types and shadows; like the moon gives a reflection of the sun. In this setting where she is shown in her Millennial glory, the Law age has already accomplished its purpose. That is why the moon is shown under her feet. She was delivered of that child almost two thousand years ago; and that old dragon did truly try to devour Him. Notice the wording in these two verses. (4) "And his tail (the dragon's) drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: (That is the works of Satan.) and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, (Ready to be delivered of Him who was foreordained to be called The Christ, who became our Lord and Savior; and who first offered Himself to the nation Israel, because in reality He was the Messiah they had waited for through centuries of time.) for to devour her child as soon as it was born. (5) And she brought forth a man child, (and named Him JESUS) **who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron:** (in the Millennium) and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne." As 1400 years came and went, this woman (Israel) went through a lot of turmoil. We have to realize, this woman that is symbolized here, does not represent every Jew, or every Israelite. There were many Israelites born of a reprobate attitude. They were the people that many times caused the influence of idolatry and evil to be brought into the nation of Israel. Therefore we need to understand, that this woman we are looking at represents that true spiritual seed of Israel that has lived in every generation of her past. We could say, Those of every generation, that loved and respected God, and

that wanted to do His will. Much of the time, that spiritual element among them were the ones that were pushed back into the background and excluded from the decision making. Yet this is the element of that nation that sighs and cries for the fulfillment of all these blessings she finds prophesied for them. It is because of the reprobates that has always been among them, that God has had to bring on these empires of chastisement against them; for He has always dealt with them as a nation. Therefore the innocent, the spiritual ones have had to suffer the consequences that go along with the sin of the others. This woman we see portrayed here, pregnant, heavy with child, and in pain, waiting to be delivered; pictures her two thousand years ago; just before Jesus was born to Mary. She is crying for her Messiah to come and deliver her from her oppressors. You just have to make the spiritual application to this picture according to the various phases that are represented in the whole scope.

WHAT ONE REJECTS ANOTHER RECEIVES

Let me take time to explain a little point here. When Israel came out of Egyptian bondage and received the Law, she lived 1400 years through that. That is what the moon under her feet symbolizes in this vision shown to John. Though some interpreters say this woman has to be the Bride of Christ, clothed with the revelation of the gospel, I say, That just goes to show how some people use their Bible. I will show you why being clothed with the sun has nothing at all to do with the revelation of the gospel. Whatever this is, (Bro. Jackson is pointing to the moon under the feet of the woman.-Editor) that is what is reflected here. She (the woman) lived 1450 years coming through that. It is completely clear to me; that this is a picture of Israel restored in the land, **the tribulation is past, Jesus Christ is ruling and reigning, and she is in the land with all twelve tribes.** That is to symbolize how Israel will shine, reflecting the glory of God, in the days her Messiah rules and reigns from the throne of David in Mt. Zion. Why do you say that Bro. Jackson? Simply because of this, As Israel passed from the Law age, the age which was a shadow of, or a reflection of what was coming, God gave to Israel, by the ministry of John the Baptist, the ministry of Jesus, as well as the ministry of the early apostolic church, the opportunity to understand and accept the revelation of the gospel of Jesus Christ in His plan of salvation. He did it all within one generation of time. He gave that remnant of Israel which was in the land at that time, the opportunity to clothe herself with the revelation which was preached in that first age; but did she accept it as a nation? No. She rejected it. Therefore as she rejected it, God gave the gospel to the Gentiles; and in so doing, the heavenly Father has worked through that, getting a Bride ready for His Son, which is the man child of verse 5. He drove this nation out of the land so that she would not live in that land through the dispensation of the gospel. If this was to represent the Church, clothed with the revelation of the gospel, she would have had to live in the land, and live there long enough that there is centuries related to that, just as she was, while centuries related to the Law, passed. I hope you understand my statement. You cannot live 1400 years in a type; and only 60 years in the real thing. That should be clear. When that woman goes into this, (Her Millennial glory) it will be a dispensation of a thousand years. Israel will truly shine during that time. She will be the nation that all other nations look up to. What does it say in Haggai 2:6-7? Notice, "For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And **I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.** God said He will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations will be to do what? To come here. Come where? Chicago? No. To Jerusalem, to Mt. Zion. Why go there? Because the Messiah will be there. The earth's king will be there. He is the one who is going to give you and I our freedom from all this nonsense that is going on in the world today. Therefore keep in mind, It is true, that God did offer the gospel to the Jewish nation first; before Gentiles received it; but she, as a nation, did not receive it, to be clothed in it; so she could live a dispensation of time in it, reflecting it to the world. What she rejected, God gave to the Gentiles; and cast the woman out of there; to stay out until these last days. That lines right up with what we are going to look at next. As we can see all the areas, this is the Law. (Bro. Jackson is pointing to the charts.-Editor) This represents her Millennium age. She always called it her kingdom age, the age of time when she knew her Messiah would rule and reign, and all nations would come to Jerusalem to worship the Lord of hosts. That is the way Israel, through the Old Testament, sees the Millennium. She did not know it would be just a thousand year span of time. It is you and I that know it as a thousand years; because it is written in the book of Revelation, a book in our Bible, that the Jews do not acknowledge as the word of God, that it will last for a thousand years. She (Israel) will definitely have all twelve tribes back in the land for the Millennium. That is why it is necessary at this time, for God to be in

the process of bringing a sufficient representation of these Jews back from Russia; and from all the other areas of the world where they have been scattered to. When I said, Wait until this shaking starts in the Middle East, I was just thinking, What a turmoil! The Arabs are saying to them, You cannot settle in east Jerusalem. That is exactly what the prophet Micah said. The prophet Micah said that Jerusalem would be desolate because of its inhabitants. It stated how they would be removed. The word desolate, does not mean there will be no buildings. It speaks of the people that have a right to be there. Naturally we realize that the world is moving rapidly towards the events of the coming of Jesus Christ. God in His own words said, A quick work will He do and cut it short in righteousness. God is not playing around now. He will do in six months, what has been going on now for years. It also says this in one of those prophecies, that Jerusalem will say, (This is a prophecy concerning the old city, that the old city itself will say this.) Whence came these, where have they been? That is not the Arabs talking. That is that old city, when she wakes up one morning, and the Arabs have all been hauled off. Right now, three fourths of old Jerusalem is populated by Arabs. They are pointing the finger at the western world, saying, You had better not let any more of those Russian immigrants come in here. We will not tolerate them settling in Jerusalem. We will not tolerate them settling in the Gaza Straight, and all such like. Nevertheless the prophecies of the Old Testament say that Gaza shall be inhabited by Judah. Not Arabs. That is why I say, Either the Bible is right, or it is wrong. In Zechariah it says something to the effect that, in that day Jerusalem, (and it is not talking about western Jerusalem, the new part, it is talking about old Jerusalem, which is east Jerusalem.) is going to be renovated and inhabited by Jews coming in there from all over the world. The prophecy closes by saying, The children of the later shall be more than of the former. What does that mean? It simply means this, In 69 and 70 A.D., when the Roman army came in and tore Jerusalem down, and took those Jews away from there, leaving Jerusalem a ruined, desolate city, it was eventually rebuilt in certain ways by oncoming scavengers of all sorts, through many years of time; but they are not the children of this prophecy. Palestinian Arabs are living there now. I am not talking about the individual Palestinian Arab. Some of them are just as good a person as I am. However we have to realize, our racial identity does not change the Bible. Therefore as we look to the future, there cannot be this, (Jerusalem filled with the people of these prophecies) until there has been something take place to put them there. That is why we are now living in a transition period; when the Jewish nation must be enlarged. Somewhere from the four corners of the earth, a remnant from all the tribes must come home; and God will bring them home, enough to fulfill what He sees is His quota, to make up that nation He wants to visit by the ministry of the two prophets of chapter 11. They will prophesy to the nation as a whole; but as always, there will be a vast number of Jews that will not receive one word they have to say. These will rejoice and be very glad, when the Antichrist has those two prophets slain, after they have ministered 3 1/2 years, which will be exactly in the middle of the seventieth week of Daniel.

THE WOMAN THE MAN CHILD AND THE DRAGON

Let us again read verse 2, and I will fill in a few more details on how to identify the woman. (12:2) "And she being with child cried, travailing (really agonizing) in birth, and pained to be delivered." To understand what we have read in this verse, I will direct your attention back to the prophet Hosea once again. The prophet Hosea was told (by the Lord) to go take a wife of whoredoms, as a type of the nation God Himself was married to. The ten northern tribes which we are seeing on the News coming home to Israel from Russia, the Baltic countries, central Asia, and really from all over the world, are the remnant of those tribes carried away captive in approximately 728 B.C. by the Syrian Empire. God spoke concerning them by the prophet Hosea; that they never would be allowed to return to their homeland as tribes of people until the last days. Hallelujah! We are in the last days. Now how do we look at this? With the ten tribes gone, it left only the two southern tribes in the land; basically the tribe of Judah, and the little tribe of Benjamin that always aligned itself to it, because it joined itself right next to it. This was the remnant of what Israel was identified as, when she was brought back into the land in the days of Haggai and Zechariah, to rebuild the temple, and get the things of prophecy set for what we now know was the first advent of the coming of Christ. Yes it was the remnant of the two southern tribes that was in the land of Israel, in the days when the Roman Empire came into being. As the Roman Empire rose to power and took over the faltering Grecian Empire in its weakened condition, the Roman Empire wound up controlling the vast areas of what once had been the Grecian Empire, as well as Europe. Yet it did not have seven heads on it at that time. It was an empire with one head. That is the way you have to look at Rome in its initial power structure. With Rome ruling, and the two southern tribes in the land, that brought time into what we call the advent of Christ.

These two tribes were back in the land; and no doubt in their minds, they would look back to the time their ancestors came back with Nehemiah, Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah and those different prophets and patriarchs of that period, and know in their hearts that it was definitely ordained to lead to the fulfillment of something in the prophets. Yet when it came, it was in such a simple manner they, as a nation, missed it. In the days when Caesar Augustus was Emperor in Rome and Herod was governor in Judaea, we find this woman, (Israel) in terrible agony. She wanted to be delivered. She was wanting to be delivered from the Roman Empire. That is how we have to picture this dragon that stood before the woman, ready to devour her child as soon as it was born. The Roman Empire knew nothing of what was about to take place; that is just how it turned out, as they did what oppressors do. We all know the events that led up to the birth of Him who became the Christ; but you can read it in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, in the New Testament; if you wish. As we read of the birth of Christ, (the man child) we know this, Jesus potentially, was born to rule all nations. Yet in a dispensational manner, we know He was not even intending to take over the governments of the world at that junction of time. He first had to come as a Savior, in order to come later as their King. However Israel did not know what would have to precede their Kingdom Age; they just looked for their deliverer to come. That is because certain prophecies were hidden from their understanding. If they had not rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah; and dealt with Him as they did, we Gentiles would still be pagans; and without hope in God. Just think of it, only a few individuals knew what was really transpiring when that little baby was born into the world. Simeon, Anna, Mary and Joseph, and the sheep herders, were the main ones the scriptures mention; but the society as a whole just berated Mary, and looked upon Jesus as a bastard child. Those certain individuals like that, knew how the Spirit of God had dealt with them, and they understood something of what had taken place; but outside of those few, the advent of the birth of Christ came and went without shaking the foundations of the nation of Israel as she existed at that time. However when He comes again, it **will** shake the foundations of the nation of Israel. That is the way we have to look at it. "And she (Israel) being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered." She was crying for her deliverer; to deliver her from Roman oppression. Now notice verse 3, "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; (That is how John saw it; because he was lifted up in the Spirit; but it was an earthly scene of the past, as well as the future, that he was seeing.) and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. (4) And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." Caesar Augustus was Emperor of Rome, and Herod was the Roman appointed king of the Jews; and you can read the Gospel of St. Matthew, to see how Joseph had to take Mary and her little baby, and flee into Egypt, to save His life. Satan knew who that little child was destined to grow up to be; and he was fully represented in the ruling powers when Jesus was born. He (Jesus) would have been devoured by that old dragon at birth; if God had not warned Joseph in a dream to take Mary and the young child and flee. Herod was not a God appointed king over Israel; he was a puppet controlled by Rome.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEN CROWNS

Saints, I want to direct your attention to something I had never noticed the significance of, until I was studying for this message the other day. Many times we just read scriptures, and skim right over certain words, without ever seeing what is right there in plain view. We see the words, but we do not see the picture portrayed in the words. Remember, we are reading about the Roman Empire. I will read this little portion again. (part of Rev. 12:3) "Having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads." Can you see the little crowns on those heads? Those have to signify something. I had the crowns left off of the horns; because it would be so small you could not see them anyway. Just imagine though, on each horn sticking up there, John saw a little crown. I want you to realize, If that is the Roman Empire portrayed in this heavenly profile, we need to look a little deeper into the description. Therefore I want to take you to Revelation 13:1, and notice where the emphasis is placed. "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a **beast** rise up out of the sea, having **seven heads** and **ten horns**, and **upon his horns ten crowns**, and **upon his heads the name of blasphemy**." Saints, we are going to take this out of the heavenly realm; and put it down here in a political, geographical fulfillment, according to what the Holy Ghost has revealed to us in this age. Let me just say this to you. As you watch the evening News broadcasts, and as you read the daily Newspapers, you are living witnesses of this very beast rising to power in Europe. It is already out of the waters. We are just waiting now, for that last head to start breathing and showing itself for what it is

destined to fulfill. Remember, on one of its heads it had the wound by a sword, that seemed like a deadly wound; but the Bible foretells that the deadly wound was healed. Therefore we are now watching for that wound to be completely healed. We have seen it being healed, in certain gradual phases. That is why Christian people, if they know the Bible in its true meaning, do not have to set back and wonder, What could this be?. It is a religious world that is kept in the dark, because they reject truth; not the true children of God, that love truth. As we see Rome coming up for the last days, here in chapter 13, we see a beast "having seven heads (**the same number as the heavenly scene**) and ten horns, (**the same number as above**) and **upon his horns ten crowns.**" This verse puts the **crowns on the horns** in the forefront. It says nothing at all about crowns upon the heads. There has to be a reason why emphasis is placed upon the crowns on the horns. Had you ever noticed that? Why would that be written like that? Here is what we are looking at. Keep in mind, John lived in 96 A.D. In his natural human way of looking at it, he knew good and well how Rome, in its imperial type of government, stomped and ruled the vast domains of the world from Europe, to Asia, to the Middle East, to north Africa; and all the areas the other empires at one time had ruled. Rome ruled all of that, as well as western Europe. Well John saw 7 heads on that beast; and he saw 10 horns; and we know the horns symbolize powers; so what can you say, other than that this beast represented everything that had ever been incorporated within the power structure of that old Roman Imperial form of government. We have studied these heads; and we know what they represent; and we know for sure that this beast did not just suddenly grow 7 heads. Neither did the ten horns just suddenly appear. They are the result of a process of evolution; as that old imperial system went through a breakup. The crowns on those 7 heads definitely speak of the type of government that must always be related to the imperial rulership of the Caesars. The Roman beast only had one head in the days of Julius Caesar, Augustus, Tiberius, Claudius, Nero and all of them of which Nero was the last. After the death of Nero, the seven heads began to form; as various one's ascended to the throne to rule as emperor. There were dozens of emperors that ruled Rome down through the years; but only 7 of them ever managed to establish a form of rulership that would put a head on that beastly dictatorship. I do not know if you are looking at what I am looking at or not; but if that crown that was on Augustus, Julius, and all those other Caesar's, down through the hour of Nero, made Rome that beast that stood before the woman, ready to devour her man child, Rome will remain to be the city from whence this last phase of the Roman Empire will rule, even to the coming of Christ. You just have to keep those seven horns tied to Rome. Do not try to place them over in Cairo, Egypt, Moscow, Damascus, Syria, nor anywhere else other than Rome. Those seven crowns have got to be imperial types of rulership. That lets us know, when that old imperial crown of the Caesars was finally passed on, it is not that the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church is wearing the same crown; but the fact that his crown has become exalted above the Caesars' crown. If you can see that, you can see what this beast vision really covers. All you have to do is go back to some of the old secular history books, and read how the old popes used to talk, claiming that they alone were the sovereign, supreme rulers of the universe. In the eyes of God, that is blasphemy. Notice that it plainly states, that down here on these heads is the name blasphemy. Blasphemy is not tied to the ten horns. They are not exercising any type of authority that God would look upon like that. However if that word blasphemy was written on every head, then you have to also keep those crowns associated within the selfsame kind of authority that comes out of Rome. That is why we printed the article years ago, titled, From Rome to the Vatican. That is a riddle I know; but it does catch your attention. When you go from Rome to the Vatican, where have you actually gone to? You have gone nowhere. Actually, all you have done, is gone from one throne to another. Just from one part of the city to another part of the same city. You have gone from the place in that city from where its government was once controlled, to another throne in the same city where it is now controlled from. Remember though, blasphemy is on the heads, not on the horns. Therefore these horns have to symbolize some kind of sovereign authority by how this entire dragon manipulates itself to carry out its diabolical purpose. These heads have to be forms of government that have been exemplified in time, all coming from Rome. Whatever form of government that was, when that beast was wounded in one of its heads, you can rest assured, that when that beast comes up out of the water again, to show itself in the last days, (the days in which we are now living) and that head is healed, it is going to be just exactly what it was when it was wounded. That is why, however Europe looked in history, and however the pope acted in history, in the days when the Reformation struck that wounding blow, that is exactly how Europe and the Pope will be, when he (the Pope) puts on his last performance.

THE DRAGON SPIRIT IN A VERY HIGHLY ESTEEMED MAN

Let us read verse 4, again. "And his (the dragon's) tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman (Israel) which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." There is quite a bit covered in that one verse. Satan, which we commonly refer to as the devil, in reality, is that fallen Archangel Lucifer, that tried to exalt himself above his Creator and had to be cast down from his former estate. Not only was he cast down to earth **to become the devil**, but a large host of the other angels that sided with him against their Creator were also cast down with him; and they are his evil helpers in trying to thwart the plan of God. One goal that Satan has had, ever since Israel became a nation of people, is to try to completely wipe all traces of her from the face of the earth. He knows what the scriptures promise concerning that little nation. He knows the promise God made to Abraham; before there ever was a nation of people called Israelis. Well God has used him to chasten that nation, by allowing him to work through various other kingdoms of people to oppress her; but there is no possible way for him to completely destroy her, no matter how hard he tries. He tried to kill Jesus at birth; but God directed Joseph in ways to avoid the possibility of it. He (Jesus) had a mission to accomplish, before God could allow that devil motivated mob to take His life. When he was allowed to take His (Jesus') life, he thought he had finally got the upper hand over his Creator; but what he did not know anything about, was that resurrection power of God that would bring Him (Jesus) up out of that old tomb of stone and clothe Him with an immortal body. **He is alive forever More! Hallelujah!** What the power of God did for Him, it will do the same for every one of us, if we will submit ourselves to the Spirit of the Father like He did. No, we will not avoid being harassed by the devil; and neither will Israel; but we have this assurance, (Rom.8:28) "And we know that **all things** work together **for good** to (Who?) **them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.**" Does that apply to Israel also? God has His separate plan for Israel; and He is in the process of fulfilling it even this very hour. Sure there will be another blood bath during that great tribulation hour; but God will preserve an element of that little nation to fulfill this picture we see here in chapter 12. You can count on that. Rome, filled with all the fury Satan can fill that old beast with, under the leadership of the Antichrist, will try once again to destroy every trace of that little nation from the face of the earth; but we all know already, how that last effort is going to turn out. Hallelujah! We can place all of our confidence in what God has inspired His holy apostles and prophets to write. The revelation of the 5th seal allows us to know, that dragon spirit in Hitler slaughtered a lot of Jews whose souls have been crying out to the Lord for their blood to be avenged; and they have been told to rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. That will take place in the last half of Daniel's week, in the great tribulation. That dragon will not be in Hitler this time; it will be in the Roman Catholic Pope, and that European super power that is being formed. Just think of it saints, the Assemblies of God, and a lot of other so called Christian churches today, have completely removed the Pope from their considerations of who the Antichrist will be. They do not think anyone knows who he is, or where he will come from. I may not know the name of the man who will be in that office in that hour; but I sure do know what office that beast man will come from. The truth is, it is coming right down the road, breathing right down their neck's, and they are too blind to see it. "And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. "Jesus who became the Christ was born over 1900 years ago. The woman was delivered of her man child who was born potentially, to rule all nations with a rod of iron. Even those who crucified Him acknowledged that; for they set up over His head this inscription, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." They may have been making fun of Him; but what they wrote was destined to be exactly that. That is what you see in Revelation 19, especially in verses 15 and 16, where Jesus is coming to earth with all the armies of heaven, already crowned, ready to execute judgment upon all of wicked mankind that is still alive then.

THE WOMAN'S MAN CHILD WAS CAUGHT UP UNTO GOD

We need to examine verse 5, and be sure we get it placed right. "And she (Israel) brought forth a man child, (Jesus) who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: (In the Millennium) and her child (The resurrected Jesus the Christ) was caught up unto God, and to His (The Father's) throne;" and that is where He still is this very hour. Why was He caught up? It was because the political element, that religious element that thought they knew everything that was to be known in that hour, CRUCIFIED HIM; not even knowing He was the ONE all their scrolls had been pointing them to. Just think of it, those Pharisees and Saducees had been going to their various synagogues, reading the scrolls of the prophets, and going through their little

rituals every Sabbath day. What were they reading? The promises of their Messiah that was to come. There He came, and they did not know one thing about Him. I just have to say this, Denominational Gentile churches are doing the same thing, looking for, and talking about a Bridegroom they know nothing at all about. I received a letter from a brother in Wisconsin, with a little tract enclosed. The tract was put out by an outfit in Scottsdale Arizona. The writer of this tract titled it, **Pretribulation Rapture**. He leaves it as though what we believe is a false revelation. I just thought as I read that thing, Mr.: You are another one of those who cannot see yourself anywhere in the Bible except Revelation 7:9-17, which is a picture of tribulation saints. If John had never written Revelation 7, I wonder if you would be able to relate to 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18. Let us just refresh our memory, concerning the apostle Paul's revelation of what the true Church should be looking for. (13) "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, **even as others which have no hope**. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. (15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, **that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord** shall not prevent them which are asleep. (16) For 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: (17) **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. (18) Wherefore comfort one another with these words. We are supposed to comfort one another with these words; not the words of Revelation 7. Those words are for the foolish virgins, that great multitude that would rather speak in tongues than to sit and listen to truth. I have nothing against speaking in tongues; but if you have no revelation of the word of God, and all you can think of is having a good time with the gifts of the Spirit, Revelation 7 has a place reserved for you, lest you be a make believer. The truth is, If Revelation 7, is all the vision you have, you may not even make it in that group; for the apostle Paul spoke of another group that a lot of people are going to fall right in with. You will find in 2nd Thessalonians 2, where Paul said God Himself would send strong delusion upon those who have no love for the truth. Remember, the devil does not try to keep anyone from going to church; his only interest is in perverting the word of God, so those who do go, will be satisfied with something less than a revelation of the truth of that word. I never get too excited about people just merely being faithful to go to some church building regularly. I get excited when I find someone who is truly hungry for the truth; instead of just being satisfied with traditional hand-me-down religion. An awful lot of people seem to think that just because the book of Revelation was written some 30 years after most of the Epistles, it annuls all those things the other apostles had already established in the Church; but I will be quick to tell you, The book of Revelation annuls nothing that was already written in the word of God. To me, it clarifies an awful lot of what was already written. As for the man child being caught up unto God, that is exactly what happened; but not before He was crucified, buried, resurrected and allowed to walk upon earth for 40 days after His Resurrection. Of course we can see, that this embodiment of dragon power was in the old Caesars that ruled the Roman Empire at that time. Capital punishment was not allowed to be administered by the Jewish court of law. They could try Him. They could condemn Him; but they could not administer capital punishment. The capital punishment had to come by ones that were in ruling power. When they finally brought Him to Pilot, he wanted to let Him go. He was the secular ruler, the one appointed by the Romans. He would have let Him go; but that zealous bunch of Judaistic Pharisees, the religious leaders of that day said, Crucify Him! Let His blood be upon us. I hope I can say this in a right way. The Jews that have suffered so much throughout the various nations they have been driven to for the past two thousand years, do not realize why they have had to go through some of those ordeals of punishment, suffering, and bloodshed. Their forefathers prophesied it upon them. At least, they asked for some of it; when they stood there in the streets that day and said to Pilot, Crucify Him! Crucify Him! We'll take the blame. Let His blood be upon us, and on our children. (Matthew 27:25) Pilot wanted to let Him go. Pilot took that pan of water and washed his hands and said, I deliver myself of responsibility for Him. That bunch of religious Pharisee leaders said Crucify Him. Let His blood be upon us, and on our children! I am only pointing to what is written; so if any Jewish person should ever hear this, I want them to know, I am not saying these things to belittle them for being a Jewish. I know you are living in a generation when God is going to open your eyes, if you are one that cares about pleasing God; because the prophets have written in your scrolls very plainly, that He would do this in the last days. You who could not understand Hitler's ordeal, and who will not be able to understand what the antichrist will do during that last 3 1/2 years of Daniel's week, will no doubt be among those, when Jesus does come to reveal Himself to you, that will ask Him, (Zechariah 13:6) "What are these wounds in thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." They read that in their synagogues every day; but they do not

know what it is talking about. None of us have anything to be puffed up about; we Gentiles have been blinded to. Why else would so many Gentile Professing Christians believe that God is **THREE PERSON'S**, if it were not that they are spiritually blind? These Trinitarians read verses like Acts 7:56, where Stephen while being stoned to death, looked up to heaven And said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God;" and it just reinforces their belief that God is three persons. Saints: Listen to me, That is blindness. Are you going to tell me, that Jesus Christ (the **only person** in the Godhead) is coming after a bride that knows no more than that about the God they profess to believe in? Not on your life. He is coming back for a bride that embraces the same revelation that first age element of Christianity held. He truly was caught up unto God, and to His throne; when He led His disciples out to the Mt. of Olives that day, and a cloud received Him out of their sight; but that does not make the Father a person. When He ascended up to the throne of God, where He has been ever since that day, that fulfilled the portion of that phenomena we see portrayed here in Revelation 12:1-5; but the phenomena still hangs there; because as there was **past, which was the Law, present, giving birth, there is yet the future.** I hope you can see that; for that is what we are coming into. When the child was caught up unto God and to His throne, there in verse 5, God slipped the whole dispensation of grace in between verse 5 and verse 6. The gospel of the revelation of Jesus Christ was given to us Gentiles; and we have had it for over 1900 years; and verse 6, has not been fulfilled yet. In 69 and 70 A.D., the remnant that was left of that Israelite nation was scattered throughout the world; and the nation no longer existed. That was the state of it, at the time John had this revelation given to him. Therefore the Grace Age Church has been living time wise, between verses 5 and 6. Where does verse 6 pick up again? Verse 6 picks up somewhere just up ahead of where we are right now; when the woman element of the nation of Israel has to flee for her life, getting away from the evil forces of the old Antichrist. If she is running for her life, where did she start running from? She did not start running for her life from Russia; nor from Africa, nor Austria. No. Somewhere before verse 6 is a reality, God must bring that nation of people back from dispersion in sufficient numbers to fulfill all of His word. Then, after she has heard the preaching and prophesying of the two prophets for 3 1/2 years, and the old Antichrist initiates the bloodbath that will last for another 3 1/2 years, she knows it is time to get out of there, to the place the two prophets has told her about. Let us read verses 6 and 14; and then I will show you something. (6) "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. (14) And to the woman were given **two wings of a great eagle**, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent." Verse 14, is what lets us know it will be the message she receives from the two prophets that will direct her to her place of safety God has prepared for her. Why do I say that? Let us go to the book of Exodus 19:4, where we find these words, "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on **eagles' wings**, and brought you unto myself." That is what God said to the children of Israel after He had brought them safely out of Egypt by the direction of Moses and Aaron; but tell me, Where did the eagles' wings come in? That is how God referred to His two prophets that had been His instructors to the people; and it refers to the same thing in Revelation 12:14. I might note also, that it is only when the Jews are in their land, that God deals with them according to the prophetic utterances in the scriptures. That is why at the close of WW2, certain things were set in motion for the rebirth of this nation. No, it was not natural minded mankind trying to fulfill the prophecies of the Bible; that set those wheels to turning. God put it in the mind's of those who were instrumental in the allotment of a certain portion of the land of Palestine for Jews to go home to. That was the start of getting a sufficient number of them back in the land of their forefather's; to finish what had been prophesied to her as a nation. God said He would save Judah first; so at the end of WW2 He brought Judah back. That was basically those Jews dispersed throughout the European areas. He spoke in the prophets, how Judah was to be looked upon as the corner, the nail, the battle bow, and everything that He (God) would use, and need, to start the beginning of the rebirth process of the reconstruction and restoration of the nation of Israel. He foretold that He would use Judah to establish that. Once Judah is established, then He speaks of how He would save Joseph or Ephraim, which is two titles the ten tribes are called by. That is where we are standing today; right at the crossroads of time. The remnant of those Jews in Russia are the remnants of the ten tribes; that have been right there for centuries of time, waiting for the hour that God would call upon them to come home.

ISRAEL IN HER LAND-THEN WHAT?

God would not be opening up the way for multiplied thousands of Jews to return home; if it were not time for prophecy to be fulfilled concerning that nation in the last days. God gave her the opportunity to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ before it was ever made accessible to Gentiles; but as a nation, she rejected it; and the Gentiles have carried it ever since. That does not mean there were no Jews saved in that first age of the gospel of Christ. There were a lot of individual Jews that believed; in Israel as well as in other nations; but the past 1900 and some years are referred to as the Gentile Bride Dispensation. Like I said, We are living between verses 5 and 6, of the 12th chapter of Revelation. Prophecy, many times, is written in strange ways. It reaches a certain point of the event, then jumps a huge gap. That is what throws a lot of interpreters off course; they just simply do not know how to relate certain things to other developments that are injected into the stream of prophecy. When you pick up verse 6, you automatically see the woman fleeing; and a lot of people just simply cannot relate that to the first five verses as it should be. We just have to realize that God deals with prophecy you might say, just by stopping a stop watch so to speak. He brought Israel up to a certain point in the seventy weeks of years Daniel's prophecy covers; then He just stopped the prophetic clock for about 2000 years, while He used that time to call out a Gentile bride for His only begotten Son. That did not stop all prophecy; it just put a hold on that part of prophecy that pertains to God's dealing with Israel as a nation of people. Israel, Jehovah's wife nation, has been dispersed, scattered throughout the nations of the world for centuries; but if there is to be a woman fleeing, as verse 6 shows, then somewhere in this broken interval of time between verses 5 and 6, it is absolutely necessary that there be a regathering of an element of that nation sufficient in number, to fulfill all these other prophecies for the last days. We need to realize also, that not every Jew that goes home to Israel will be saved. It takes both the spiritual element as well as the political element, to fulfill all of what is written. The woman will be fleeing from the same area of the earth she was driven from in 69 A.D. by the Roman army. Some may say, Where will she flee to? Well we could speculate; but for now let us just take note of the fact that it will be a place God already has prepared for her, where she will be fed and protected for a period of 1260 days. That is exactly 3 1/2 years of prophetic time; which has only 360 days to a year. (Rev.12:6) "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath **a place prepared of God**, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days." Saints: The things we see taking place in the Middle East today, involve a lot more than just what the News Media reports. God is positioning those nations for this end time wrap up. There are sufficient prophecies lying right here in the scriptures, to let us know for sure that God, in the end time, will restore the nation of Israel to its geographical identity of old. I know a lot of people today, will say that is not fair; but you have to remember, God gave them that land for an inheritance, and they were driven from it; so He is just simply going to see that they get it back. We have this little map drawn up, to illustrate what we are talking about. You will notice this little body of water at the top, with **Dan** right above it, that represents the Sea of Galilee. The line running from there, down to the next body of water, represents the Jordan River; coming right down through there to the Salt Sea; (Dead Sea) and presently, Israel does not hold any territory beyond the Jordan River; so what does that tell us? Simply this, There has to be some kind of situation develop in that area of the world, that when it is all over, Israel will once again hold all of her ancient territory. You will notice here, that part of the tribe of Dan, part of the tribe of Manasseh, the tribe of Gad, and the tribe of Reuben, are on the east side of the Jordan river. That is land they must have before the last week of Daniel can go into effect. Presently her land goes only to the Jordan River, and for years now the Palestinian Arabs have been trying to throw her out of what you always hear referred to as the West Bank. Geographically, from the Jordan River and the Dead Sea, as you would climb the slopes of the Judean mountains, some 1800 feet above sea level, this is where they are talking about. It is the west slopes of the mountains, and it would be just as accurate to say that, as saying, the west bank; because we are definitely not talking about the bank that runs along the river. on the west side. Well I have news for the Palestinian Arabs, and for anyone else who thinks like they do. It is too close to the end of this age, for Israel to be giving up any land. It is time for her to take some more. I understand, how the world looks upon that touchy situation; because those Arabs were born there. It is home to them. I want to say also, that I am not personally against the Palestinian Arabs; but I have confidence in the word of God; So I know what is coming. Israel will have all of her land back; and she will not be taking it back during the Millennium. She will get it back somehow, before the great peace covenant is signed with the Antichrist. Most of you have maps in the back of your Bible's; and no doubt one of those maps will show the land of Canaan, as it was divided among the twelve tribes of Israel in the days when they possessed all of the land which God had given to them.

A LOOK AT BIBLE PROPHECY IN FULFILLMENT

We are going to deal with some of the prophecies we have been referring to; and I hope each and every one of you will pay attention to how various things have come about during the past forty years. From the close of WW2 in Europe, which was the month of April, that the fighting stopped, and they began to work out the armistice arrangements, things started happening that led right into what we are looking at. In the month of May, 1948, an element of Jews from Europe were given a certain amount of land in Palestine, that they might have a place to go when they left Europe. Many of those Jews had come from the areas of Poland and Austria, which were mainly of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, that had been carried into Europe after the Roman siege in 69 A.D. We are not going to pin it down so technical, that we would say there were none from any of the ten tribes among them. That would be foolish, and very unnecessary to the point we will endeavor to make. However prophetically, we must keep each tribe identified in its separate identity; because the prophecies themselves prove that God was to deal with Judah first, before He would start dealing with the ten tribes in any major manner. First we will go to Zecharich 10:3-4, which says, "Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the Lord of hosts hath visited His flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as His goodly horse in the battle. Out of him (Judah) came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together." As we read this prophecy, it portrays to you and me the gradual progression, of how God would start the restoration of this woman we are talking about, which is the nation Israel itself, back in the land given to their forefathers. Watch my point. The United Nations was faced with a problem. Thousands of Jews were left in detention camps; and Europe did not know what to do with them. It was like God was saying to the United Nations, You have a hot potato on your hands, what will you do with my people, Israel. In haste, in just one night's time, as the U.N. General Assembly convened, May 8, 1948, and even Russia giving her agreement and voting with it, unanimously voted to give Israel a petition, something like this, (pointing to the chart) just short of the Jordan River. Right in here it has a big pocket; because this is in the area where Jerusalem is. There is a pocket that goes around, and then comes out and goes toward the sea. This is just a rough description; of what was called the United Nations partition, meaning they divided the land of Palestine. On what basis? On this basis, that since 1800 and something, there had been a slow migration of Jews under the Zionist movement, back into the land. They had begun to come back home. As they came back home, little by little they began to locate in the most desolate, remote areas, buying up whatever acreage they could, from the Arabs, who were almost like the barons of England and France in the Middle Ages. They owned vast holdings of land. However the land was just a grown up waste land. The Arabs owned this land along with a few goats and sheep. They did not care how it looked. They were content with it as it was. Remember though, the prophets of old had said, that while Israel would be out of the land, the land would lay desolate, virtually untilled in any major way. The ancient villages that Israelites once lived in, also would remain in ruins, uninhabited. That is the way it had remained for centuries. However coming into the twentieth century, these Zionist Jews had bought up a considerable amount of this type of land; and immigrant Jews were slowly going back, buying up more land, clearing it of the rubbish, and forming little Kibbutz settlements. That is where they combined their abilities, their western technological learning of how to make the land produce agriculture, and so forth. In a short interval of time they had succeeded in clearing away rubbish; and in these kibbutz settlements, they were building, farming, and making the land do things it had not done in a long, long while. The Arabs were startled, because they had not even suspected that the land would do such a thing. Take the valley of Jezreel for instance. It is also called, in secular history, the plains of Megiddo. It is where the battle of Armageddon is to be fought. That valley runs toward the sea, coming out at Haifa. At the turn of this century, that valley was nothing but a swamp; but in ancient times, when the ten tribes did live in their own land, that valley was Israel's bread basket. That was where her grain was produced, just like in Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska in the United States. That is what that area was to Israel in the early B.C. times. When those tribes were taken out of there, that valley became a waste land, a desolate, grown up wilderness. Then they became swamps. They even had crocodiles. However as these Jews began to come back, what did the prophets of old say about it? They said God would bring them back in the last days, and they would build the ruined places, the desolate places would be inhabited and so forth. Do you know what they first began to do? They set eucalyptus trees in those swamps. In a short interval of time, the swamps were dried up. Then they brought in bulldozers to finish clearing the land and get it ready to grow crops on. That whole Megiddo valley today, has an agriculture potential, equivalent to anything in existence in the Middle East. They are raising cotton, oats, barley, and wheat. In fact they are competitors with Egypt today, in the production of cotton. A hundred

years ago, that valley was nothing but a swamp, infested with crocodiles; and today they are shipping their produce everywhere. That is how prophecies are being fulfilled right before the eyes of our modern twentieth century people; and they are too blind and ignorant to realize what God is doing. As we speak about the regathering of Israel, and of the reestablishing of her as a nation, we have read two verses in Zechariah. God specifies in this prophecy that has been lying here all these centuries of time, just what He intends to do. He has a unique, and very precise manner, in which He sets about the reconstruction and the restoration of this nation. Of course as you might read the first two verses, some of it is irrelevant to what we are reading the prophecy for. Many times that is the way prophecy goes; because the prophet who spoke it was looking at a present tense condition; and his words are specifically for that. Then the spirit takes it, and goes beyond that setting to speak of something else. This is God's way of concealing the understanding of it until the time for it to begin to be fulfilled. Verse 3, is where we really began to see the significance of what God has done in the last forty years. In 1948 the U.N. was forced to partition that piece of land that we mentioned. Israel drew up a charter, and that is why we speak of the birth of a nation, in a night's time. At that time, the Israelite nation was not in any position to fulfill what we will later speak of, as we continue on in the message. I want to show you just how these prophecies we are going to use are being fulfilled right before our eyes, as we sit and watch our television sets. CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE.

THE WOMAN OF MYSTERY -CONTINUED

WE ENDED OUR JANUARY ISSUE SPEAKING OF HOW ZECHARIAH 10:3-4, IS BEING FULFILLED RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES AS WE SIT WATCHING OUR TELEVISION SETS; SO THAT IS WHERE WE WILL PICK UP.

Let us again read those two verses, before making any further comments. (3) "Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the Lord of hosts hath visited His flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as His goodly horse in the battle. (4) Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together." Truly God has used the Jews that came back to the land of their father's from Europe, (which were basically the two Southern tribes called by the name Judah) to get things ready to receive that element of the ten Northern tribes which would be coming out of Russia and other parts of the world, coming back to the land for various reasons of their own; but for the purpose of God, they are coming back there to prepare for the coming of their Messiah. God does not deal with the Jews as a nation anywhere except in the land of Israel; therefore the twelve tribes must be sufficiently represented in the land, before that last week of years prophesied to Israel by the prophet Daniel can begin, for its end time fulfillment. In Revelation 12:6, John wrote of this woman (Israel) fleeing into the wilderness, to a place prepared of God where she would be fed (and protected from the evil forces of the Antichrist) for a period of 1260 days; which of course is the full duration of the great tribulation period of time. Daniel spoke of it (12:1) as a time of great trouble. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: (Daniel's people were Jews.) and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people (Spiritual Jews) shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." As we have already stated in the first part of this message, the 144,000 servants of God, of Revelation 14:1, will flee to the nations of the world, preaching the everlasting gospel; and the woman element will flee to this place already prepared of God for her; until the time of trouble has ended; but let me add this, In 1948 Israel was in no way capable of flying away. She was in the beginning of first being restored to the land, from where **somewhere in future time** she would fly away. Therefore let us watch time; and the prophecy; and see how it is applied. To you young people, I realize that when you go to school, they care little about prophecy of the Bible; but you can know what to expect as the days come and go. They (the secular element of modern society) think this Bible is a book of myths; but in my honest opinion, before not too long a time, some of our school professors might have to hang their head and say, Something is going on in Mt. Zion. Hallelujah! They will not be saying it though, until God does something to awaken them to reality.

ZECHARIAH LOOKING TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Notice verse 3, of Zechariah 10, "Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds." That is speaking in past tense. That is how God looked upon the rabbis, the scribes, the priests, the leadership of the people of Israel, that were responsible; and held accountable by God, that caused Him to do to her, (the nation of people) what He did. "And I punished the goats: for the Lord of hosts hath visited His flock the house of Judah." Brothers and sisters, if He punished the goats, we have to look backward to the time when He did it. That does not apply to the Middle Ages, nor anywhere else in time other than when that tribe was carried out of there into dispersion. Therefore we must look back to 69 and 70 A.D., when the Roman army was sent (by God) just like it was prophesied by Jesus. In that time the Roman army came against Jerusalem, tore the city down, demolished that beautiful temple which the Jews thought was so magnificent; and took them away into captivity. That was what fulfilled the words of Jesus, (Matthew 24:2) "And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." From that time, the Jews were there, were scattered. This was basically the Judah tribe that became scattered into Europe and eastern Europe, to remain there for the durations of time until this prophecy would resume its fulfillment. Notice how God said this, as He has punished them, He also follows up and says, "and I punished the goats: for the Lord of hosts hath visited His flock.(As WW2 ended, God began to look upon an element of Jews that were established in the areas of Europe. We are not going to get technical with it; but we are dealing mainly with the tribe of Judah; because it is prophesied that Judah has to be moved first, for this beginning of national restoration, and the eventual climax of what it must come to.) and hath made them (the tribe of Judah) as His goodly horse in the battle." That language structure is very mysterious; because the average person today, knows we do not fight wars with horses any more. That is so far in the past, it is not even written about anywhere in books, to really know how to relate to that; but in here the prophet speaks of Judah being like the goodly horse in the battle. How could Judah possibly be associated with anything related to by that likeness as spoken in this prophecy? We have to go back to 1948. As I touch this phase of her beginning, do not forget, No sooner did the U.N. say, We will partition that land and give it to these displaced Jews of Europe, did her boats begin to arrive at Haifa and wherever else they landed, and the Arabs in that land began saying, We will not let any more Jews come here. They sensed trouble. As long as it was a few at a time, buying up land, most of the Arabs were not saying very much against it. England was still the controlling power of that area. However when England gave it up, in order to allow the U.N. partition to go into effect, the Arabs took over England's military equipment she left behind, and became possessed with one thing, killing every Jew that landed on shore in the land of Palestine. All you have to do is go back and study whatever histories are now written about it; but You will have to do it by the Jewish writers. When you read of the conflicts that began to take place as those Jews kept coming, you cannot help but thank God for the fact that you were born in a nation where you have not had to grow up under such conditions as those young Jewish people that lived to go from Europe to Israel. Some of those young people never even lived to see their dreams come true. As they landed there, war broke out. That was the war of 1948, you have heard about. Remember though, God said He has made Judah like His goodly horse in the battle; so if He had brought Judah back home eating ice cream and angel food cake, without any resistance, you can rest assured, she would never have known how to survive all the other wars she has had to fight, 1956, 67, 73, 80, 82, and all the other resistance she has had to face. I have read some of what the various writers have written, telling of the hostilities that took place at night. When they heard on the short wave radio, that the U.N. had partitioned a certain amount of land to be turned over to these Jews, that very night Arabs in many major cities throughout the land of Palestine, went on a rampage, shooting and killing. The Jewish underground army was the only thing Israel had, that they could look to for help; as they fought for survival. With that in mind, let us look at this goodly horse in battle, because we have to go back and pick up some story to relate this to. I have in my possession a booklet, that tells about the British occupation in Burma, back in the colonial period, back when they used horse cavalry, and horse drawn artillery. In her records of warfare, they wrote this outstanding article about this one particular horse in a certain unit, and the troops only had this one gun unit being pulled by these two horses; but this one horse had been in Burma for a long time. He had been under fire. He was a horse that knew how to conduct himself under fire. Instead of going mad, crazy, and going every which direction, he seemed to use his horse sense. That is what we have to see in this scripture. God likens Judah to a goodly horse in battle. He could either go wild and carry his rider into a trap, or else he could keep his cool and carry his rider to victory. It told how, as this British unit was moving along the Burma road, naturally it was in jungle like, heavy foliage. All of a sudden they were fired on from both sides of the road. The footmen immediately jumped to the bushes; but it left the riders on this gun carriage, and this gun, and the article stated how there was a bank there they thought was entirely too steep to even

try to get the gun carriage to go up. Therefore the troops that were on this gun carriage just bailed out and went up the bank into the bushes, leaving this team of horses with the gun. That one horse, instead of him becoming wild, he had been under shell fire before, the one horse took a look at that bank and that is where you can say God let extra adrenalin come into that horse. Because as he looked at that bank, he made one leap and took the other horse, gun, carriage and all, and climbed the bank into the bushes. The men set the gun up, and the fact that it was saved, enabled them to keep from being massacred. In other words, that one horse was credited with saving those men; so that is what we are looking at, in this scripture pointing to Judah. As Judah came back to the land in 1948, if she would have looked at all this Arab hostility, and given herself over to fear, (because she was so overwhelmingly outnumbered and had so very few weapons) the history books would be telling a completely different story about the rebirth and restoration of Israel. I read one story in the book; called, The Exodus, telling how in a northern city there was a Jewish quarter, where Jews at the beginning of the century came back and settled. It was in that part of the mountain city of Safad. As this Arab hostility broke out in the Arab quarter, they lived in the hill population overlooking the Jewish quarter. As the hostility grew very bad, they knew that somehow or other, if some kind of aid could not be reached from the underground army supply systems, then in all probability the Jewish quarter in Safad, could possibly be overrun by the Arabs. One man volunteered to travel through hostile territory by night and make his way to Jerusalem, to the Haganah people, asking if they had any kind of weaponry, supplies, explosives, or anything. When he got there, he was completely refused, because the Arabs at Jerusalem had caused the Jews there to have to expend so much of their supplies, they had nothing to spare. In that book it tells how they were left with so many sticks of dynamite. That was about all the weapons they had. Well that man went back; and there is where God took a little and made a lot out of it. You know the song, little is much if God be in it. The Jews in that Jewish quarter of the city of Safed said, Then we have to take what we have, and devise some way to frighten these Arabs. They gathered up all the nails, and all the small pieces of scrap they could find, and devised a contraption they named Goliath. They fixed up a launching instrument of some kind. Then they fastened knives onto the end of sticks, like spears. They had a few old rifles with just a few rounds of ammunition left. They were saving them for the last go around. They were mainly depending upon that one giant explosion to do something for them though; and in the book it says that when the Arabs started their attack, the Jews launched this Goliath contraption. When it went off, the Arabs began yelling, They have the atomic bomb! That broke their spirit, and they fled. Has not that always been the strategy God has used on behalf of Israel? Read it in the Old Testament. He will take a simple little something, and put fear in the heart's of the enemy; and then just multiply it. I am bringing all of this in, just trying to explain how this scripture applies. Verse 5, says, "And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the Lord is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded." Judah started out as she was being brought back into the land to start the reconstruction of this nation that would eventually be recognized, with very little to protect themselves with; but having the favor of God made the difference for them. God has always used strange devices to make His power known to Israel.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A GENERATION MAKES

Before we read Zechariah 10:6, I just want to refresh your memory on what verse 4, says. God likens Judah as His goodly horse in the battle. In other words, Judah has been through it, he is experienced. After all, where did those Jews come from? Out of Europe. They had already been through a living hell. They had nothing to lose. Therefore verse 4, is talking about Judah. "Out of him came forth the corner." What is a corner? It is a beginning point. That is what the tribe of Judah is. It is God's beginning element, which He would use to start rebuilding that nation. If you are erecting a building, you must have a beginning point. You must have a corner to start with. That is why God referred to Judah like that. "Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail." In other words, if there is something to be held together, Judah is going to be the tribe that God will use to do it. "Out of him the battle bow." We are talking about a military instrument. Judah came back with no military equipment to speak of. No nation wanted to sell to those Jews going back. They were willing for the Jews to go back and be settled there; but no one ever stopped to think of all the hostilities they were facing when those Arabs had threatened to kill every last one of them. I have read in various writings, that through underground means, they bought obsolete rifles from any source that would sell them. That was their way of surviving, holding on, and establishing a foothold back in the land of their father's. It was the beginning of God's restoration and rebirth of a nation that one day would

climb to be the fifth greatest military power in the world. That is what she (Israel) is today. Israel today, does not have to purchase her arms through the underground system. She is making many of her own weapons. Well we ought not be surprised; it is right here in prophecy. She brought the French Mirage fighter. She used to buy some of the British Spitfires. Finally Britain and France cut that off. Then it was the United States alone that would sell to them the various jet fighters. Finally, as the United States began to sell them the more sophisticated models, Israel and the United States launched a program of working together. The United States began to realize, that if some of her own military equipment was ever going to be tested, it should be tested in the fields of future Middle East warfare. Therefore we sold them the Phantom jets. Then Israel took them, modified a little of this and that; and now you know what they are capable of doing with them. They did the tanks the same way. She modified everything to fit desert warfare. Out of that, Israel began making a tank all of her own. While all other conventional tanks have to be entered from the top, Israel has her own model, that is entered from the back. That way, if the front end is blown off, the crew does not have to escape from it in view of their enemies. They can escape out the rear. She realized it is to her betterment, to save the crew rather than the hunk of iron. I am not going to dwell too long on these things; but I want to show you, that out of her (Judah) has come the battle bow. From nothing, Judah, in the forty some years she has been back there, has become a competitor, now manufacturing weaponry to sell to other parts of the world. She has made one of the best automatic rifles in the field of warfare. With that, she has made a pilotless plane. She tested it; and it proved successful in the war of 82. She has what they call a drone plane, maybe about six feet long. It has a TV scanning camera in it. She can fly it 100 and some miles away from base. She can fly it over enemy territory. One article told how a camera in it could pick out a spot on the top of a car, and show it back. In the 1982 war, they could spot an enemy moving through heavy foliage and so forth, and it would send the data back to a ground base; and from a ground to air rocket launcher, they would fire that rocket and hit that tank right where it was spotted. The United States was also working on building some of these type planes; but according to the article I read, the United States had not brought hers to a successful test. She wound up, if I remember correctly, she wound up buying approximately two thousand of those drone planes from Israel. Then Israeli technicians along with our native technicians, would experiment with these things together. There are many other things in the military line I could bring in right here; but I feel that this is enough for us to realize, that here is a prophecy right here in Zechariah, that we have seen fulfilled in the last forty years. Judah come from nothing, you might say, to where she is today; and now she is able to make way for the ten Northern tribes to come home. Verse 5 shows us that by the time Judah has reached a potential of being the precise instrument God wants to use, she is in a place to be used. Let us read it again. "And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the Lord is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded." That of course, is talking about her enemy, if they were on horses. We know modern day warfare has no place for horses. It would be foolish to bring horse flesh against all the gunfire of modern day weapons; but it takes that language to give the thought God wants us to receive, because it lets us know God will put such bravery, and such a strong gallant fortitude in the people of Judah, that her enemies, when they would try to oppose them, would be like foolish people on untrained horses in battle. In such cases everything goes berserk. With this little view of what has already taken place, we can see that verse 6 brings us to the time we are living in right now. Notice, **"And I will strengthen the house of Judah."** He has already done that. She is there in her homeland; and she is not to be taken lightly. Let us just look back twenty some years. When we look back to 1967, the Jews had only been back in that land nineteen years. They were constantly harassed by the Arabs, because the Palestinian motto was, no concessions, no giving in. Israel must be destroyed. King Nasser of Egypt, in June 1967, along with the other Arab states, was bent doing that one thing. They threatened to drive Israel out of that partitioned land into the sea. An Israeli general we were privileged to meet in 1968, on a flight to Israel, was in the armored corps that went through the Sinai, that helped push the Israeli line to the sea. He said to us, Before the war started, we were contemplating ten thousand citizen casualties. We were in the process of building wooden boxes to bury our dead in. Yet when the war started, in six days it was over. There was not one civilian casualty in the whole six day war. All casualties were military casualties; and that was very few. I have said all of this to show how God has strengthened Judah. From that time, look what she did. She pushed the borders from the U.N. partition, all the way to the Jordan River. She even pushed all the way to the Golan Heights in Syria, where she has built settlements. Syria does not like that; but she is there anyhow. She pushed on down into the Sinai Desert on the other side; and she is building villages there. Bro. Jackson, they have no right to do that. If you disagree with what they are doing, maybe you had better talk it over with your heavenly Father; for verse 5 says, "And they (Judah)

shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, **because the Lord is with them.**" God is enabling them to reestablish their old borders; and it is very unique, the way it is being done. Their enemies attack them; and when they repel them, they just end up with a little more of the land they are supposed to have; and God is with them. God is reestablishing the outer territorial, rural settlements of Judah first, before He does very much of anything about bringing the other ten tribes back home. Therefore when we read here, "He will strengthen the house of Judah," and we see what happened in the six day war the tribe of Judah was forced to fight, we can very well see what these prophecies were pointing to. As we have already said, the tribe of Judah, is the tribe we see back in the land, doing the fighting that is fulfilling these prophecies. When she pushed the borders to the Jordan River, she took the old city Jerusalem, which is called eastern Jerusalem; and three fourths of its population is Arabs. There is only one Jewish quarter, which Jews actually live in. Everything else around the old city is called new Jerusalem. Keep in mind though, that is not the New Jerusalem that is to be the capital for the Messiah. We have to look at old Jerusalem for that; because that is where God put His name. That is where God's eye is looking to; and that is where we have got to look to in the next few months, as prophecy is in the process of being fulfilled. As we watch developments in the Middle East, we need to realize that Judah stands ready to do her God ordained part. Yet through all of her trials, she has done her best to work favorably with the world. She realizes the world gave her that partitioned land; but she also realizes she does not have all of the land God Gave her forefathers; so when the world is saying, Israel, if you want peace, you have got to give up so and so, I say, Israel will never give it up. Let me say it like this, Judah will never give it up. She was the beginning. She knows why she is there. Why should she give it up? You must realize though, she does not want any more outside hostility toward her, than what is absolutely necessary; so she is trying her best to weigh the issues, play it cool diplomatically, and try to go along as far as possible, with what western negotiators are saying. Let us try to follow this prophecy, and see what else the Lord says. In verse 6, God says, "And I will **strengthen** the house of Judah, and I will **save the house of Joseph**, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the Lord their God, and will hear them." Joseph is one of the names the ten northern tribes were known by. One of the offspring of Joseph was the father of the tribe of Ephraim. That tribe became a major tribe, in the north. It was a major tribe in the north, just like Judah was in the south. Rather than the ten northern tribes being referred to as Simeon and Ephraim, they were basically called by the name Ephraim because of its outstanding characteristics, just like Judah in the south. One time it says Joseph, and another time it will call it Ephraim; but whichever it is called, it is talking about one and the self same thing, the ten northern tribes. First it is Judah, then Joseph. "And I will bring them again to place them: for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the Lord their God, and will hear them. And they of Ephraim (notice now, He brings in the word Ephraim) shall be like a mighty man." God has opened the door in these Communist countries, so those Jews that have been there for centuries may have the opportunity to go home. He is not going to make them mighty men in Russia. No. That is not where he is going to make them mighty. It is when they come into the land of their father's, that He will make them mighty. That is where the mighty part comes into the picture. Just as soon as Russia began to allow those Russian born Jews to go home, the Palestinian Arabs began doing exactly what they did in 1948, when Jews were given that partitioned area of Palestine for a home land. They immediately set up a protest. They sent word to Russia, Don't let any more of them come here, until we get this statehood question settled. Well I have news for them; This is a work of God. Gorbachev cannot stop it until God gets His quota out of there. That door of opportunity is like every other door God opens up, He is the only one that can close it. I will say this though, That door will not stay open for one hundred years. God has it marked. However as God creates the conditions and sets the agenda, and determines the pace and magnitude of this thing, do not think the Arabs at home are going to set back and wait until they all get there, before they start their campaign of hostility toward them. They are going to do exactly like they did in 1948. We are already seeing it in the News; but it will get worse. Let me read the rest of verse 7, and verse 8, then I want to show you something in chapter 12. Notice this, "And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the Lord. I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased." God said He would hiss for them, and gather them; and this is the very hour that prophecy pointed to; so no matter what the Arabs do, and regardless of what the United Nations may try to do, God is gathering His quota from all twelve tribes of Israel, getting them ready to hear the message of the two prophets that will soon come upon the scene in

Israel. Saints, this is a work of God; so do not be surprised at what you may see take place in that area of the world very shortly.

JERUSALEM A BURDENSOME STONE

I want to read a few verses from Zechariah 12, to let you see how vain it is for other nations to try to negotiate a settlement between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs. In verse 2, just think for a moment what that actually means. "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. (3) And in that day will I 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." In any negotiating process between the Middle East nations, Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians, let us just watch this prophecy, how it speaks out. Judah is there. They took the old city in 1967. It is true that even though the Israelis control the police force, and they do the governmental administrative chores, three fourths of the population of the old city is Arabs. Therefore since three fourths of the old city of Jerusalem is Arabs, those Arabs are not going to stand idle, and allow Jerusalem (the old city) to become the prophetic spotlight the word of God speaks of, and them not do something about it. There has been much said, and Israel is being pressured to give those Palestinian Arabs living in the occupied areas voting rights. That puts Israel in a very tight spot with all the others who think they have a say in the matter. Will they allow the eastern Jerusalem Arabs to vote? If they do, Israel is faced with the possibility of defeating their own purpose. As long as three fourths of the population are Arabs, you can rest assured that this three fourths element is not going to let Jerusalem be the Messiah's capital in the Millennium. Now some may say, What does that have to do with prophecy? It has a lot to do with prophecy. There are other prophecies that tell us the rest of the story. Isaiah spoke of how God will remove the inhabitants of it, afar off. I wonder why God talked that way such a long time ago? It was because He looked right down through the twentieth century and saw this very hour. He saw how hostile the world would be, and it is even mentioned right here in Zechariah, how it will be. The point is, sooner or later old Jerusalem will become a focal point, as we get closer to the time when old Jerusalem must be peopled by Jews. Why is that necessary Bro. Jackson? Because in Isaiah you have a prophecy, how the city of Jerusalem is talking, as she sees the immigrants in the last days coming back to possess her place, the city of Jerusalem will cry out, Whence came these? That is not the Arabs crying out, whence came these? The children of the later shall be greater than the former. The old city remembers when her children were taken away from there in 69 A.D. That is a prophecy of how Jerusalem will feel when the Arabs have been far removed and the Jews are coming from the ends of the earth to resettle her dwelling places. The hour is coming when God will cause old Jerusalem to become a trouble spot, right in the spotlight of international world affairs. That is why He said, "Behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about." Right now that is the Arabs; they are the ones who want to keep the land for themselves. They are the ones who want to live there. They are the ones who do not want prophecy fulfilled. No, they want Mohammed. That is why we preached the message asking, Is it Isaac or Ishmael, Jesus or Muhammed? They want Muhammed. It is not going to be Ishmael and Muhammed. It is going to be the descendants of Isaac that God will place in that promised land; and Jesus will one day soon be recognized as their Messiah they have longed for down through centuries of time. What does God mean, "I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about?" What is a cup of trembling? Did you ever see a cup in the hands of a drunk person? Such a person reminds you of someone who is scared half to death. When this issue of what is to be done with Jerusalem gets so hot, so important, anyone who sticks his hand out to get involved in it, God will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling for them. Would that not be embarrassing, to reach out and take hold of something that has already become a hot potato, too hot to hold? It comes your turn to make your assessment and you hear these words, What do you say about it? You stick your nervous hand out and take it, but oh how humiliating. It becomes obvious to everyone, that you are scared too. Sure you are. You are scared. That is why God likened it to a cup of trembling to them round about. That is the Arabs. They are the ones that are round about. They are the ones that are kicking up the fuss. Just listen, "When they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem." This combines the two together, Judah and Jerusalem. Keep this in mind, and watch my illustration. Jerusalem is right here. (Bro. Jackson is pointing to the chart-Editor.) See that dot? Jerusalem is right there. That is the ancient capital of the entire nation of Israel. Jerusalem was also the major city of the tribe of Judah; so you have two things that stand out as important. As we look at this city, it lets us know that when

the time comes that the city becomes an important issue, so also will the ancient territory of Judah become an important issue. "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: (this is pointing to the international picture) all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." Politically the cry is Give it up; but God says keep it. In the past forty years it has not been the major issue. Israel has played it along. Every time it has come up for discussion, they have always been able to shove it on a little further on out into future time; but time is running out. Prophecy must be fulfilled. Immigrants are coming home; and they are going to need to go somewhere. The Arabs say, Do not put them in there. The Arabs could not care less if they stacked them end on end; just as long as they do not put them in what they call occupied territory. I see a different picture in God's word though. In the prophecy of Isaiah, concerning this great influx of Joseph or Ephraim that comes back, the immigrants coming in will get so crowded, the prophecy brings out the cry that the people will begin to have, It is too straight here for me. In other words, it is too crowded. In the past, through the years of normal immigration procedures, that has never occurred. Everything has been absorbed in a slow gradual process, as God built Judah up, saved her, and established her as a tribal territory first. Now comes the time to bring the other tribes home; so we see the issues that are at hand. I want to read a few verses from Isaiah 49, before we continue with these in Zechariah 12. Here is the picture as it was shown to Isaiah. (Isa. 49:17-22) "Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee. Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the Lord, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth. For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell. Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been? Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders." I just wanted to refresh your memory on this prophecy; because it is already being fulfilled; and it will necessitate the fulfillment of these others very soon.

BIBLE LANGUAGE MADE UNDERSTANDABLE

In Zechariah 12:4, God says this, "In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, (That means Israel's enemies, and it pertains to their military capability.) and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness." Brothers and sisters, I believe I told one time, about my uncle and I riding a blind mule right into a sink hole. We thought the earth had opened up and swallowed us. It scared us so badly, it seemed that our heart's were right up in our mouth's. Anyhow that experience helps me see a picture, as God describes how He will smite the horses of Israel's enemies. Naturally an army on horses in ancient times, was superior to the army on foot. However for instance, if God for some reason, should smite a horse with madness and blindness, that the horse could not see where it was going, then the rider on that horse had better get off as quick as he can. God uses language that seems strange to us; but it is not so strange it cannot be understood. Verse 5 gives us a little insight of what God, in the near future, will no doubt do to the political leaders. Just think about it, for the last 20 some years since the six day war, they have done nothing but bicker and fuss, bicker and fuss about this situation between the Jews and Arabs in the Middle East; and none of them ever stop to ask, What does the Bible say about this? How can prophecy be fulfilled when you have leadership pulling in every direction. There are Israelis there in the land today that are so void of spirituality they say, Peace at any cost, we do not need to fight. Well if it is peace at any cost, that means they are ready to give up the capital. Well if that happens, you have prophecy going in reverse. That is why it is up to God to do something to settle that stalemate, calm those leaders down, and make them all see alike. "And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of hosts their God." Saints, we have to realize, that up until this very hour, the leaders of Judah and Israel cannot say that. They cannot say that now, because three fourths of its population are Arabs. However somewhere in front of us, as this great ingathering of the immigrant Jews continues, we have to realize it is God's time to really settle Jerusalem with Jewish people, to get the city in its prophetic relationship to time

and to the word of God. He will then move upon those leaders, to get them to begin to see things His way. At that time, those leaders will look at those Arabs that have carried on so; and that have made life impossible for them, and they will say, Look, we have tried to negotiate with you, we have tried to compromise, we have tried to present you with the opportunity to live in this land with us; but you are determined to destroy us. Therefore we have no choice but to deport you. We cannot continue on like this. This is just my way of making a point. I do not know exactly how it will come about; I just know that it will. I have already touched on this next verse, but I have a point or two more to bring in, to show its meaning; so let us read verse 7. "The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah." In this one verse you see Judah; then you have Jerusalem mentioned. I will have to take you back to ancient times for the illustration I want to use, because that is how God's word speaks of it. When God said He would save the tents of Judah first, what was He talking about? Ever since the six day war, it has been out in these remote regions of the ancient rural areas of the tribe of Judah, that they have been building the little country villages. No, they are not living in tents today; but in ancient times the rural people did live mostly in tents; because they were like nomadic people. That is not necessarily so any more. However for the past twenty some years since the six day war, when they took this area for Judah, all the way into the Gaza Straight, the Arabs do not want them to keep it. They are going to keep it though, because it said it will be dwellings for the tribe of Judah. During the years since Israel regained control over that area, they have been slowly building villages, small settlements in the remote, rural areas of the ancient territory of Judah. That is why it reads like that. He would save the tents of Judah first, or establish her rural dwelling. Do you know why? Because if He would have established the Jew to live in Jerusalem first, and if any of them had a Messianic hope about them, they would have had no interest, nor would they have cared what happened to the rural area; just as long as they could be in Jerusalem. It is like that everywhere today. Some people could not care less about what the country side looks like; just as long as they have a nice place on Main Street. That is what we are looking at right here. Nevertheless I am happy to report that God is putting this thing together the way it fits His plan and purpose. That is why it is worded like this. As He establishes the tents of Judah first, this lets me know He is not going to give up any of it. Well when He starts working His way toward Jerusalem, then, is when He will begin to show His power in such a way that people will know for sure that it is God Himself, that is doing the regathering, the reestablishing of that nation, and that they are truly approaching the time of their Messiah. Brother, I am one that will not protest what is taking place; for it is all leading right toward what I am looking and waiting for, the coming of the Lord. Hallelujah!

GOD USES NATURAL MINDED MANKIND TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL AND PURPOSE

When God gave the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, this fulfilled the prophecy of Amos, of how God would come among us Gentiles, (in that interval of time between verses 5 & 6 of the 12th. chapter of Revelation). It was also prophesied in Hosea, "that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God." While Israel was in dispersion, God has been working among the Gentile people of the whole earth, redeeming an element of people to be called by His name. Then, after that, He is to return again and rebuild the tabernacle of David and close up the breeches thereof. That is what is just ahead for the Jews; and we Gentiles are living right now in the closing months and days of this interval of time. Saints: All the signs are right, for these various prophecies to be fulfilled in our day and hour. Therefore remember what I said earlier, If the woman of Revelation 12:6, is definitely destined to flee into the wilderness, she cannot flee from Russia or the United States, or from Europe, that is not the setting. She must flee from the very ground that is her heritage; because it was from that land that she was scattered into the nations of the world, to fulfill the scriptures of the Old Testament prophets, as to how God would chasten them. God has used dictators over and over again and again, in His dealings with the nation of Israel. Let us now read Revelation 12:6, and realize that in the light of what we have been looking at in these other scriptures, the hour for the fulfillment of this verse is close at hand. "**And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God,** (In other words, it has already been determined in the mind of God where that place will be.) **that they** (the people of that place) **should feed her there** (Her is the Jewish people that will flee. This wording is not by chance.) **a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**" That is exactly 3 1/2 years of prophetic time, the exact amount of time allotted to the Antichrist. That is the same as a time, times, and half a time that you read in Daniel. Before this can take place though, something has to pressure Israel enough to get her to

reach out and occupy all of the rest of her geographical heritage. Do not look for those two prophets to show up in Israel before she has accomplished that. Everything has to be in its proper order. God takes no short cuts. When the woman (Israel) flees, she will be fleeing from her own heritage, all of it, fleeing from the wrath of the old Antichrist, that by that hour, will have brought his international police force into the nation of Israel, broken the peace covenant, and set about to slaughter every spiritual minded Jew. As I have already stated, This will be the time of Jacob's trouble. Daniel 12:1, speaks of it as a "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time." The bride Church will be gone by then; but there will be a great multitude of Jews and of Gentile foolish virgins martyred in that hour of time.

A NEW WITNESS FOR THE LORD OF HEAVEN

Let me take you to Jeremiah 16:14, for a prophecy that first began to be fulfilled even before WW2; and we are witnessing the final phases of it even as I speak of it. This is a prophecy pointing ahead somewhere in time, when God would do something to start the gradual regathering and restoration of this nation of Israel. Here is how this prophecy reads, "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither He had driven them: (That prophecy has a collective, universal application.) **and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.** (This next verse tells how He will start the process.) Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, (He did not mean He would send literal fishermen, as we think of fishermen.) and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes." Do you wonder how God fulfilled that? It is in the past tense, His starting the process of regathering the nation. Well, I hold in my hand a book that I have had for many years. I have never even taken the time to read very much of it until now. It is called "**The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion.**" It is the minutes of the Zionist movement. It starts around 1905. The book was written about 1906. This particular copy is just another printing of some of the earlier editions. This book was destroyed completely, in Russia, by the Communist government, when they took over. Just in case a Jew would see this video or eventually hear this message, I want you to know that what I am including in this message, is meant only to furnish a bit of vindication for the prophecy we have just read. I mean to convey no personal feelings whatsoever. There are some people who could read this, and immediately hate every Jew upon the face of the earth. I read it knowing that after being dispersed for 1900 years, and suffering the things they have suffered, out of impatience, and the knowledge of what they have the ability to do, some began to take a carnal approach to solving their dilemma. As I read certain portions of it, I saw two lines of thought. One is a carnal thought and objective which an element of the Zionist will try their best to perpetuate. However as time goes on and they try to manipulate certain things for their objective, God only lets certain spiritual things that will serve His purpose, be allowed to function; So that when it is all said and done, His purpose has been behind it from the very beginning. First, the Zionist movement had a message to get out. In 1968 I was privileged to talk to a Rabbi in Jerusalem. He told us a little about the early Zionist rabbis and elders, (as they were called) how they began to go throughout the world, gathering the Jews into their various synagogues and community centers, to present their message. The message they present to the people was this, Brethren, it is time for us to prepare to go home. This rabbi told us how many times those rabbis were booed in the very audiences of Jews they were speaking to. However they were the fishermen of this prophecy. Some would bite, and wanted nothing at all to do with such a thought. Nevertheless He sent fishermen. That effort covered the years through WW1 and WW2; and the average person that even heard of it, had no idea at all of what would eventually come of that effort. Through that number of years, those fishermen caught the attention of enough Jews to initiate their first objective. As they set about universally, to apply many of the conditions and bring about changes in national structures, it was with the idea that they would eventually have enough money to buy up, control, and gain possession of the land of Israel. They said, We realize this is not going to be done in a short time. They even stated in this article I read, how this could go on as long as a century; but they said, it will eventually succeed. The Zionist message, urging the average Jew to go home, was as far as I know, responsible for some of the early kibbutz settlements which were first established there in that land. The land was bought. They did not just land in Israel and fight those Arabs for it; they bought it from Arabs that were glad to sell it. They went in there, one by one, two by two,

families and such like, and made deals with Arabs that owned this land, and what they bought up, looked to the Arabs just like wasteland, unwanted, good for nothing. They (the Jews) knew what they could do with that land though, once they had a sufficient foothold. They built their kibbutz's and set up their communal system of living. They are one people that can do it and survive, while others will get angry and destroy each other. By the time the WW2, years came, many of the carnal and political approaches of the Zionist's message they were in the process of bringing in among the Gentile societies where they lived, had backfired. I will not mention to you why it backfired. You just have to believe me. If I let you read it, you would see point blank why it backfired. What they intended to create in Europe, if it had succeeded, you can rest assured, the world no doubt today would have been ruled by a people of such financial influence, we would not be a bit better off than if Hitler had conquered the whole world. What they were attempting to accomplish in Europe, as the fishermen of this prophecy, when they became ineffective, God raised up Hitler. The very thing they did not expect, is the very thing that happened. Hitler sent his Gestapo, the hunters, and hunted them out of every hiding place they had in Europe. From Poland to Austria, and to France, they rounded them up by the thousands. Remember though, we are looking at Judah, that remnant of Judah that had to be back there to start the fulfillment of all those other prophecies. Therefore by the time WW2 was over, the hunters had done their job. After all that had taken place there was then an element of Jews in Europe, that could no longer stay in Europe, and perpetuate the carnal Zionist message. All of that was completely destroyed. Therefore we just have to say, God uses those carnal approaches to get certain things started; then He reaches out and cuts it off, right in a place where it fits into the fulfillment of scriptures. The God we serve, is a wonderful God. We never want to forget how the unseen hand of God can intervene in the affairs of men; to fulfill His own purpose. That is why, out of a chaotic condition in Europe, those Jews were compelled by necessity, to go home and begin to do what the fishermen had failed to get them to do. They did not know why God sent such a bunch of hunters to hunt them; but one thing is sure, when it was all over, Europe was no longer a place where they wanted to stay. There are other things I could say along that line; but being a Gentile I am fully aware there are Gentile Christian churches today, that are just as carnal in their ways of doing things as anyone can be, and in the end, they will wind up being tools in the hands of the antichrist. They will be as anti-semitic as anyone you have ever seen. If they were to read certain things in this book, they would just simply spend their time propagating hatred for Jews, not even seeing the spiritual side of anything that has taken place. The year 1988, was Israel's 40th. birthday. During that 42 years they have been back there as a nation of people, you need to realize that they are basically the tribe of Judah, and that God has used them to bring the nation to a point in time for the rest of the regathering prophecies to be fulfilled. We have already read how God said He would save Judah first, and that He would first establish the tents of Judah, (That would be the rural areas of the dwelling places of the tribe of Judah.) before He would establish the inhabitants of Jerusalem. If you look at the prophecy right, in the tribe of Judah, there is a certain line of Jews they are the literal descendants of the royal line of King David. It was the King David lineage that basically made up the population of ancient Jerusalem. Even right here in the **Protocols**, as they would set about to establish a Millennium (a kingdom rule) whereby they would bring a Messiah on the scene, (Remember, this was all from a political standpoint) once the time had come that they would have this land in their possession, including Jerusalem, they would seek out those people who were the descendants of King David, and from that element, they felt that the God of heaven would choose one who would literally be their Messiah, rather than one coming directly from heaven. Their vision was that it would be someone chosen from heaven of the earthly realm. Saints, please understand that my reason for bringing this in, was just to let you see how people can get a carnal picture in their mind's, with the idea of fulfilling prophecy of the scriptures. When we talked to that Rabbi in 1968, we asked him how he viewed the coming of the Messiah. He said, We, (and when I say we, I am speaking of myself and certain types of Jews) believe our Messiah will literally come from heaven. That was our chance; but we did not say to him, Well Jesus was that Messiah from heaven you speak of. That is just not the way you talk to a Jew. You must talk to him on his level. He then said, However there are many Jews that are looking at the Messiah as maybe just an era of time wherein man has somehow or other brought about a better system and way of life on earth. This would be the Messianic kingdom. He injected this remark then, "If that would be true, I might be justified in saying that the Messiah is a computer." That is the way he said it, The Messiah could be a computer. At least that let us know he did not believe in that type of foolishness. He is definitely looking for a true Messiah, one that will come from heaven, ordained of God, not chosen by man. Nevertheless in their movement, Jerusalem would eventually be peopled by this particular line of Jews, those who are the descendants of the royal, kingly tribe of David. when you link that with the prophecies we read in

Zechariah, you can better understand why, after the six day war, they were not allowed to take full control over Jerusalem. They took the administrative control of Jerusalem; but they did not touch the holy temple ground. Had they done so, they would have set about to establish some kind of temple worship. They would also have endeavored to make Jerusalem a dwelling place for Jews; and as we stated already, three fourths of the population of old Jerusalem is Arabs. Furthermore if God had allowed that, the Jews would all be huddled together in the city; and only a very few of them would have ever been willing to live outside the perimeter of Jerusalem. They would just say, Let the outer territory go to the dogs, this is where I want to live; and Zec.12:7, would not have been fulfilled. Remember, it says, "The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah." The tents of Judah speaks of that outer territory. It is easy to see now, why after the six day war it was important to establish the Judaeen territory, geographical, the inhabitants, the tents, the outer dwellings of the rural places. Judah is the main tribe God will use to get the land ready for the rest; yet Jerusalem is to be the capital city of the entire nation. Well they truly could have had a beautifully restored city, after twenty three years; but God did not intend for them to have a beautiful rose sitting in a field of thorns, so to speak. If the Jews had just went to work on Jerusalem, that is exactly what they would have today. That is why the prophecy required it to go that way first.

HOW GOD SEES MOUNTAINS-HIGHWAYS

We have already read part of Isaiah 49; but I want to go back there, and start with verse 11, which deals with a present phase of what is to be accomplished in respect to dispersed Jews coming home to Israel. As we have already stated, Those Jews which returned to their home land following WW2, were basically the tribe of Judah and those related to Judah, which was Benjamin.

<A BEGINNING-TWO TRIBES-IN THEIR LAND>

They were the European and eastern Europe dispersed Jews; but what we are looking at now is basically the remnant of the ten tribes. They are scattered to the ends of the earth; and the overall goal through these restoration prophecies, is that the entire nation be regathered and restored; not just one particular tribe. The beauty of it all though, is that it has a beginning and a consummation; and everything has to be done in God's order. He is the One that works circumstances to bring it all into being. In verse 11 of Isaiah 49, the Spirit is speaking of our day, as this prophecy begins to have its introduction in time. Look at the world scene today. Communism is falling apart. Russia is no longer a world power to be reckoned with. That could not have been said two years ago. What has caused such a drastic change? Did man do it? No. God did it. Why did He do it? Because the time has come, for Him to fulfill something else written in His word. Up until this time, Russia was locking her heels when it came to letting very many Jews go from there. Every time they let a plane load go, the Arabs in the land set up a cry, Don't let any more of them come in here. However the United States just kept pressuring Russia, You have to give those people a chance to travel, a free choice to go and come wherever, and whenever they choose. Gorbachev eventually took the idea, not even realizing what it would eventually lead to. Since that change on the part of Russia, we now have a completely different situation. In every one of those Communist nations the door is now flung wide open. Those Jews can leave just as quick as they can get things processed and the means of transportation to take them out. What prophecy spoke of such a condition, one might say? Well let us look at Isaiah 49:11, and notice the wording of it. "**And I will make all my mountains a way,** (Now saints, do not literalize this, He is not talking about literal Pike's Peak, or any other literal mountains. He is talking about kingdoms, governments, and world powers.) **and my highways shall be exalted.**" Again let me stress the fact that this is not to be taken literally. He is not talking about Interstate Highway systems of the world. What is He talking about? He is talking about the ways He is going to open up, to bring these Jews from the ends of the earth. That is the way you have to see it. Mankind with their carnal ways of looking at everything, will read scriptures like these and imagine vain things; but when God begins to bring it to pass, spiritual minds see the picture clearly. Let me take you back to the time when God brought Israel out of Egypt. He never touched one mountain. Such a mountain, is an obstacle to human progress, or to the way we want to do things. Even Isaiah 40:3-4, when we see how it was fulfilled, we realize that geographically, nothing was changed, when John the Baptist fulfilled that prophecy. "**The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**"

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." Every word of that prophecy pertained to something spiritual. None of the landscape in Israel was changed, as John fulfilled that prophecy. All of that, pertained to something spiritual that was being done in the hearts of the people in Israel. That language speaks of how God sees society, or mankind, or kingdoms. God made a highway in the desert for the children of Israel, coming from Egypt to Canaan land, but if you had been there, you would not have seen a paved road. He made a way for them to come out. He made a way for them to survive. We are living right at the threshold of a great change. As we see these political systems fall, it is the hand of God preparing a way. For what? God is going to fulfill the end part of the prophecies dealing with getting that woman of Revelation 12:1, back in her land, and in a position where she can hear the message of those prophets that are eventually to come on the scene. I think often, of how God looks upon these Gentile missionaries who are always trying to convert the Jews to their trinity of Gods. If they only knew how God looks upon their systems of religion, I wonder what they would say then? In the eyes of God, they are nothing but a bunch of spiritual whores, prostitutes. God despises the whole bunch. Oh Brother Jackson, you ought not talk like that. Why not? If I am going to present the scriptures to you in truth, I have to talk like this; for that is exactly what the word of God calls these systems of religion. That is why it plainly tells us that the 144,000 servants of God in the book of Revelation, chapter 14, are virgins; simply because they have not been defiled by these Gentile harlot systems of religion. That is what it means, when it says they have not been defiled by women. In other words, Protestant, denominational missionary endeavors. God keeps the hearts of those Jews free from all of that; so they will not have to sort out what they hear from their prophets, from some Trinitarian doctrine. Isa.49:12, "Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, (Now He is not just pin pointing Europe now. This is a universal picture.) these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim. (The closest any one knows what that word Sinim, means, is in the Scofield Bible footnotes. It is believed to be the land of China). Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted His people, (I am telling you brothers and sisters, while the Arabs are presently the antagonistic aggravators and agitators in the midst of the Jewish population, God is getting ready to do something in that Middle East realm, that is going to be just as dynamic and outstanding, as the fall of Communism has been in the past year. Just think of it, what the Bolshovike revolution attained, where men fought and died to establish an empire, in just a few months of time it has just crumbled and fallen all to pieces. That just goes to show, that when the time comes for God's word to be fulfilled, He moves every obstacle out of the way. Is it not written in the book of Revelation concerning the ten horns, that they will give their power unto the beast, until the word of God is fulfilled. Rev.17:16- 17, "**And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.**" That is greater Europe. That is what is taking place today; God putting in the heart of men to fulfill His word. They are doing it blindly, not realizing that prophecy is being fulfilled by what they are doing. The world is ignorant to the true purpose of what is taking place in the world today. However the true children of God are not ignorant, nor blind; we see it coming about, even before it gets here. Is it not written, that the wise shall understand but the wicked shall not? They are led into a trap. As greater Europe comes to the forefront, rising up out of the sea, she is rising with all the particular identities she went down with in the Middle Ages. She is coming alive again, for her end time role in fulfilling the scriptures. The pope is an outstanding figure in world diplomacy today. He outshines all other temporal heads. Each year he will grow more important, until his hour finally arrives.

NOTE

IN OUR SERIES OF MESSAGES TITLED FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END, WE WOULD BE DEALING WITH THE BEAST AND THE FALSE PROPHET LATER ON; BUT IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE MIDDLE EAST RIGHT NOW, AND BECAUSE THE BEAST OF REVELATION CHAPTER 13, IS SO DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE DRAGON OF REVELATION 12:3-4, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT AS WE IDENTIFY THE WOMAN OF VERSE 1, WHICH BROUGHT FORTH THE MAN CHILD AND LATER IS SEEN FLEEING INTO THE WILDERNESS, WE FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME, TO INSERT

SOMETHING THAT WILL BRING ALL OF THIS UP TO DATE, IN THE LIGHT OF PRESENT HAPPENINGS. (Editor)

WHERE ARE WE TODAY IN THE SCRIPTURES?

Before we go into Revelation chapter 13, for our text scriptures, let me just say this, This world is going to go berserk. Out in the streets today, especially in our major metropolitan cities like Washington D.C., and many others, there is a category of people thinking they are doing something great, by standing out there acting like foolish people. You hear the cry, Stop the War. Come Home. We do not need this, and we do not need that. Why were they not carrying on like that when dope gangs, perverts, and demon possessed people were first found creating conditions that have led this nation to the place where we have such a sick society? Why did they not demonstrate just as enthusiastically about all of that? Saints: if this war in the Middle East should last four weeks longer, and especially if we were to have a thousand casualties, there will be people demonstrating, climbing walls, and ready themselves to tear up something. Yet an awful lot of those same people have nothing to say about unborn babies being killed by the thousands, and little children being kidnapped, abused, and left to perish in a dumpster somewhere. I remember a time when it was not like that. It is a shame, that so many people will allow their mind's to be used like that. They will say, I am an American; I have this right to protest. Well I say, If the people that founded this country and fought for freedom from the British Empire, could come up out of their graves and witness what this freedom is being used for, they would chase a lot of you out of the streets with their old musket rifles, and let you know for sure, that such as this was not what they fought for. They knew what they were doing. You ought to thank God every day, that we are not still a part of what was once the old British Empire. I do not hate the British; but you need to realize, the system of government back then had a certain objective; and that was to drain the excess. That is how the British Empire existed for so long as such a great thing. It was her colonial territories that fed her, kept her going, and made her great. Like you have heard said, The sun never sets on the British flag. She had a navy that covered the seven seas, until World War 2. When it struck, it was just like the hand of God reached out and put an end to some things. The Dutch people came home. The French came home. The British came home, giving up, and giving back. The world has had nothing but problems, economic, social, political, and militarily, ever since. God always knows how to set things in motion, when the time comes. That is why I want to go into Revelation chapter 13, and sort of bring things up to date scripturally. We are going to take a look at this prophecy today; and try to understand it in the time factor we are now living in. I pray that this will help some of you to have a better picture of what is going on in the world; and then I hope you will say, God help me in whatever time we have left, to get my life made ready for your return.

JOHN'S VISION

When the apostle John, in 96 A.D., had been caught up in the Spirit and shown things that were at that time, centuries into the future, he told how he heard a voice say, (in the fourth chapter) **"Come up hither and I will show you things which must be hereafter"** (meaning far beyond 96 A.D.). When we come to this, (actually it is a vision) it relates to the world, and world conditions, and governments of the world, somewhere in time as we get close to the end time. John was caught up in the Spirit, into the future tense of time. That is what this type of prophecy is, something looking to the future. As he was taken off into time, into the future, it says this, (John speaking) **"I stood upon the sand of the sea,** (In other words, he was standing right in the same situation in his vision, in the spirit, that Daniel was in, over in chapter 4 of his writing.) **and saw a beast,** (which means a world power, or empire) **rise up out of the sea, having** (it already had this when John saw it) **seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast** (going back to the territorial, geographical makeup of this monstrosity of a world system) **which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon** (which is the devil, not God) **gave him** (the beast) **his power,** (that means authority) **and his seat,** (his seat would be the position from which this authority is derived) **and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death;** (Please understand this, It did not just come up, and immediately receive a wound. What he saw, was that the head had already been wounded somewhere in the past tense of time; and it was a wound that looked like it should have been unto death.) **and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world**

wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: (It is the devil giving that system life, power to be active, to function, and the position from which the authority is motivated.) **and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?** Brothers and Sisters: If I know anything at all, when the day comes, that this old beast is doing the talking, giving authorization for what is to be and not to be, this gang that stays in the streets so much of the time, protesting, will be the first ones to climb aboard his vehicle, and ride with him to damnation. In other words, take the mark of the beast, which we will speak more of later. It is people with their kind of attitude, that will be quick to say, "**Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?**" Listen to verse 5, "**And there was given unto him (this beast) a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.**" This mouth that does the speaking has to be symbolically related to how a certain man within this beast system will speak, when his hour comes. Daniel saw the same thing in chapter 7 of his prophecy. Daniel and Revelation, written hundreds of years apart, go hand in hand. Daniel was the prophet of God in the Old Testament, five hundred years before the advent of Christ, pointing forward in time. John, the apostle to the Christian, Gentile Church, in 96 A.D., was caught up in the Spirit and projected into future time, and allowed to see the things that would be for that hour of time that he was projected into. Which of course we understand now, that he was looking at events taking place in this very hour of time. Everything is so uniquely portrayed in our Bible. "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." That sets a specific duration for this beast man to be allowed to do that. It specifies that it will only be for a period of forty and two months; no more, and no less. The point is, What John saw was not something new; it was something that had been in existence previously, was wounded unto death, but was healed; and now it is back in position to continue on. That is why I am going to title this subject "**Continue Thou On.**" We have read it time and time again; but do we really know what this word continue, is really implying? Before I read the dictionary definition of what this word continue, means, I just want to refresh your mind a little. In so-called Christendom today, we have tens of thousands of voices saying, Well the Bible says there is going to be a ten horned beast. Others will say, The Bible says the Roman Empire is going to be restored. Well technically all those references are truth; but just to say that much is not much benefit, if you do not know how to apply those references. It leaves one void of knowing how to understand what is going on in the world today. If you hear things like that all the time, you can get a very distorted picture; and become terribly confused and troubled. Well saints, my little message is not meant to confuse anyone; but rather to help you get above the natural thinking of carnal mankind, and see the reality of some of these prophecies of the Bible. The beast that we see with our natural eyes, by world events and every day news, is up out of the water today, ready for its end time role in world affairs. Somewhere just in front of us, it is going to go into motion. Therefore we have need to understand how to identify it. The beast that John saw had already been a beast, very active, very alive, very influential in the world. It is not something new. It is something old, being restored and **brought back to prominence to continue** on a little space of time. Let me read to you the words, it says right here, and power was given unto him to continue. That lets us know it is not something new, just starting out. It is the continuing on of something that has already been. It is important that you catch the word **CONTINUE**, or you will not understand how it fits into this prophecy. I will read Webster's dictionary definition; just to give my point emphasis. Naturally Webster's gives you different definitions of the word; so for our purpose let us just think of it like this. Suppose you have been writing a story, and you lay it aside for a while: when you get back into it again, you are continuing. Well in this case, there will be a continuing on, of something that was interrupted. Therefore by the help of God, I want to show you how that old beast that was there in the past, came to a non existent, dead, or unrecognizable state; so that generations were born not knowing how it had previously functioned, and affected mankind; but is now very much alive and ready to **CONTINUE** on for an allotted time. The interruption in its history was definitely an act of God; and during this interruption God has restored the original revelation of His word, back to the true Church; and now the world stands at the threshold of the completion of God's restoration plan for His creation.

REVELATED PEOPLE WATCHING GOD WORK

Now that time has progressed to the point when Revelation 13, is a present day reality, there is a generation of people on the scene that just simply do not know how to understand it; but as God allows the devil to

restore this thing back to a living, functioning beast again, restored back to its original status, He has some people upon earth that do understand it; and they will be watching it very closely. Once it has fully reached that restored status, and the head that had been wounded unto death, (This wounding is what brought about the interval of interruption) is restored back, meaning, completely healed, then God will again permit the devil to activate the thing; and it is going to continue on with the same motives and ungodly actions that it had previously. That is what it means, "And power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." I have said this, When WW2 came, there were preachers who began to preach, Oh beware of Communism, it is the beast, (the Antichrist). That was during the time when Mussolini, set about to try to bring territories back under the scope of his power. Mostly because he was a Roman, people began to say, Mussolini is the Antichrist; because he comes out of Rome. Well, he is dead, hung by his heels, and the world moves on, still looking for the Antichrist. Back then, time had not progressed to the point where God wanted the identity of the Antichrist to be made known. However by the time his hour arrives, there is going to be an element of people on this earth that will understand; and they will be able to see the whole picture; just as there were people in the days of the first advent of Christ, that the Spirit of God dealt with, to enable them to recognize what was taking place. He dealt with the shepherds and the wise men in a supernatural way, enabling them to be participants in what was being fulfilled in their day. They were among those that began to see and understand how the prophetic scriptures pointing to the Messiah were being fulfilled. John the Baptist came on the scene later, right at the precise time to prepare the people for, and to introduce Israel's Messiah to them; using nothing more than the written scriptures that foretold it. The prophecies are all already written; but in each age the Holy Spirit reveals to spiritual people that which they need to know, to be witnesses in their hour of time. When John the Baptist came out of the wilderness preaching with such authority, some thought he might be the expected Messiah; but he quickly answered, I am not He; but I am one sent to prepare the way for the One who is to come. Those that went out to hear John preach, and were baptized by him, were given an understanding of how to look forward to the soon appearance and manifestation of their long awaited Messiah. That is what John was doing. He was preparing a way. He was preparing their hearts to understand and accept events that were applicable to their generation. Then when they stood there and saw Jesus baptized, and saw that great display of the Spirit of God, how it came down upon Him, and how the voice spoke saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," they knew they were living in a very great hour of time. That did not change the religious hierarchy at the temple; but the things that were taking place were destined to shake up their comfortable little religious routines for a long time to come. The high priests, and all those scribes and Pharisees were just as head set in their own stubborn, apostate, religious ideas as they always had been. That is why when Jesus come out of the wilderness in the power of the Spirit and began to preach, He had so many confrontations with them. They knew He had authority they did not have; but they could not humble themselves to accept anything from anyone that had such a humble background. They looked upon Him as an illegitimate child, that could not possibly have anything they should humble themselves to submit to. Therefore the only thing they knew to do, was try to get rid of Him, before He ruined their religious setup. It is always like that. What God uses to enlighten one element, blinds another element of mankind; and the blind ones are always the ones that are so set in their own ways, they are not open to further enlightenment. Do you think it will be any different in our day and hour? I am here to tell you, It will not be. The world has lived through the period of this interruption in the old beast system of rulership; and to a lot of people that beast was not just wounded; they believe it is dead forever; but if that were true, then it would be impossible for the Roman Empire to ever be restored. Remember though, we are not talking about the rulership of the old Caesars; we are talking about the last form of Roman rulership, when the Roman Catholic Popes cracked the whip. Therefore we need to take a look at time, history, and prophecy.

IDENTIFYING WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT

First we need to ask ourselves, Why is all this trouble centered in the Middle East, all of a sudden? The main scope of attention has turned from the Baltic states, and the Russian Empire, to the Middle East. Think of it. In just two years time, God has smashed that great iron curtain and broken its wall all to pieces. That did not destroy old Russia, which was known in many centuries of the past. It is just simply a fact that the great perimeter of her empire, God has caused to come to an end; and it is for one specific reason. Better than two million Jews were detained there by political means of Communism; and God wanted them out of there. What did God want them out of their for? To bring them back to the land of Israel, for the

restoration back to Israel all the things she had lost. First He brings Judah, then He brings the ten tribes, which is referred to either as Ephraim or Joseph. Now they are coming in mass numbers. The Jerusalem Post told how they even found a small congregation of Jews in the country of Albania, which was a strong communistic part of that Russian perimeter. Actually there was between 350 to 500 of them. They finally got their opportunity to come back to the land of promise. That has been their hope. Why is it necessary for Gentile people to know about these things that are just for the Jews, you may say? It is through the understanding this picture, that we learn to prepare ourselves to be ready to go to be with the Lord, for that interval of time when He will have His bride Church away from what is going on in the world. When we read in Genesis, how this area of the world was the area that was first populated, and that this is the portion of the world where the Bible was written by the Jewish people, we have to realize that what takes place here, is important to the Creator. God separated Abraham from the inhabitants of ancient Mesopotamia, and took him to the land of Canaan, giving him all the land between those rivers and so forth, for an everlasting inheritance. You can read it in Genesis. Abraham's seed are the rightful owners of all of that land, no matter who may be living in part of it at this present time. The Bible was written by those seed of Abraham, that were his seed through Isaac. That is where the great squabble over land in the Middle East gets hard for outsiders to reconcile their thinking to. Those Arabs throughout that land readily admit that the land belongs to Abraham's seed; but they are also Abraham's seed; and they feel that it belongs to them. They will never accept the fact that Abraham's inheritance went to Isaac and his seed after him; because they do not accept the Bible we get our understanding from. Therefore before I go further, I will read a few verses that make the main points we are dealing with; and you can read the verses in between, at some other time. God said to Abraham, (Gen.15:7) "And He said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it." Now I want you to notice the covenant. (Gen. 15:18) "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." (Gen.17:8) "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." In this next verse we get the God appointed heir of that land given to Abraham. (Gen.17:19) "And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him." Ishmael was not forgotten, nor ignored; God made Abraham a promise concerning him also; but he was given no inheritance within the boundaries set forth in the promised land. (Gen.17:20) "And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation." God kept that promise also; and all of Ishmael's seed are Arabs; and you know how they feel about Isaac's seed, the Jews; but none of their feelings can change the word of God, nor the purpose of God. I have one more verse for now. (Gen.17:21) "But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year." Regardless of how you or anyone else may feel about Jews and Arabs, and about who should be where, the word of God answers it all; and God is not going to change His mind. It is forever established.

A WORD ABOUT LAND DIVISIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The red dot you see here marks approximately the spot of the ancient city of Ur. (Bro. Jackson is pointing to one of the charts.-Editor) Abraham came from that region. This was called Mesopotamia. That is why Saddam Hussein looks back in time, and wants to model his future from that ancient Mesopotamian society and power. The next red dot is on up the river Euphrates, approximately where the ruins of the ancient city of Babylon lies. We have a large map of this area, that we have used to design our charts. It shows the geological ruins of these two cities. We do know this, right in here between Iraq and Saudi Arabia is the little country of Kuwait. Right in here on this map, (you could look in your Bible map and find it) is the plains of Shinar. Now look what we have in here; we have the valley of two rivers. Where do they come from? Way up in the north, from Turkey and Armenia. We know this, to show you how Biblically centered this spot of the earth is, up to the time of the flood of Noah's day, this was where the majority of civilization existed. Geographically this is the land of Eden, as you may discover by studying in the book of Genesis. Right in here, you can see the two rivers on the east, the Euphrates and the Tigris; and over here is the Nile, on the west. Down in here, is the dried up river bed of Havilah. Why is it that way now? Because we are living beyond the flood. A lot of things have changed since the time of the events in the early chapters of

Genesis. It is very possible that what we now call The Mediterranean Sea, was only a small lake back then. The regions of the land of Eden continued right on up into these gradual slopes. However since we now have so much water here, the whole topography of the continents look very different now, than before the flood. Nevertheless the point is this, That region still remains to be the apple of God's eye. When the waters of the flood receded and the ark rested on Mt. Ararat, (which is up here in Turkey) Noah and his family came out of the ark and followed the water routes back down south; and ended up right back down in the plains of Shinar. Right in this delta region, is where civilization (after the flood) began to rise up and spread out. It was right in here, in the regions of old Babylon, that their language was confused. When they all still spoke the same language, they huddled together and decided to build a tower to heaven. Of course they were not intending to name the tower Babel; it is called Babel because of what God did to them as a result of building that tower. After God confused their language, a name was given to the tower to illustrate the condition of mankind after such a catastrophe. What God did to their language, brought an end to the Babylon tower. They could no longer communicate with each other. Why did God see fit to do that? Because they were failing to carry out His commandment to them. To Noah and his three sons God said, (after the flood) "And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, (Gen.9:1) Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." They never would have fulfilled that command, if they had all remained together in the Plains of Shinar. That is why God did something to defeat them in their efforts.

BEASTS OF THE BIBLE EXPLAINED

The point I am endeavoring to bring out as we get acquainted with this area of the world, is that in this very vicinity, these beasts of Daniel and Revelation had their origin. Over the centuries, from the time Abraham was called, there was a city that began to develop. I suppose there had to be a reason why that city was named Babylon. In other words, they named it that, because somewhere they could still see the ancient ruins of the tower of Babel. People of that area were called Chaldeans, and Mesopotamians for a period of time. However as we come into around the eighty century B.C. it began losing its Chaldean identity, and Mesopotamian identity. Assyrians, the people of what is now called Syria, somehow had managed to gain control of a vast area up in the northern section of what we are looking at. They rose up first, to become an empire. You do not read very much about a major city as being the center of their civilization. However we do know that Damascus is one of the oldest cities in the old world. It was there when Abraham came moving out of this part of the country on down here. I am giving you this background because I know a lot of you, even though you may have studied it in school, did not find it interesting then; but now it is very interesting, because of what is taking place in that part of the world. When all of a sudden the social structure of the world begins to rock to and fro, a lot of people really get shook up. What is going on? The thing is, As long as it was going on and did not disrupt our economy, nor our future stability in any way, we did not care whether Nebuchadnezzar lived before Christ or after Christ. When we begin to see our future plans affected by what is going on in the world, at least some of us begin to be very interested. We want to know what is going on, and what to expect, if there is any way to find out. Well I am happy to inform you, We do have a source of completely accurate information; if we are willing to accept it as the infallible word of God. I am giving you this background; because we are going into a study of these beasts, which one's were where and when, and how recognize the hour of prophecy we are living in. This will help you understand the things going on in the world at large. The whole world is going to be affected in one way or another.

ISRAEL'S CAPTIVITY

It was the Assyrians that took the ten Northern tribes of Israel into captivity. That left only the two Southern tribes called by the name of Judah. Finally the Assyrian territorial empire began to break up because of the rise of Babylon. I have the history of the rise of Babylon. It first began to come into being approximately 800 B.C. However not until about 600 B.C. did Babylon attain unto the magnificent city it came to be. By the time the Babylonians came in, things in this region (the Middle East) really began to change. The two Southern tribes of Israel were carried away captive into Babylon around 600 B.C., and the prophet Daniel was among those captives. It is through his writings, that we are first made aware of the beast terminology associated with ruling empires. Therefore let us go to the book of Daniel, and take a look at what is recorded there concerning the things we are now interested in. In the seventh chapter, we learn

where Daniel was when he had this experience he recorded. He was a Jewish prophet that had been carried away from Jerusalem to the ancient of Babylon. As the Babylonian Empire rose up, its territorial domain eventually encompassed many territories and peoples of that area of the world. It was an empire named after the city from whence it was ruled. That is one difference between it and the Assyrian Empire. However it did not gain its preeminence for several years. When the time did come, the Babylonian Empire came right straight through here, taking everything in its sweep. That is when it conquered the whole land of Israel, the tribe of Judah that was still there, and carried Daniel, along with Ezekiel and many others of the children of the royal families of David, back to Babylon, to exist in captivity. The city of Ur, by this time, was beginning to become a city forsaken. The area was no longer being referred to as the Assyrians. It took on identity as Syria. The city of Damascus began to stand out in preeminence. Everything was changing; and God had a purpose in every bit of it. Let me read about 4 verses from Daniel, chapter 1, to acquaint you with the setting, before we read in chapter 7, to see these beasts of his visions. (Dan. 1:1) "In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. (1:3) And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; (1:4) Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. (1:6) Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah." That lets us see what had transpired, to put Daniel in the position he was in. While he was there, somewhere in the beginning of their captivity, the God of heaven gave Daniel this dream. Let us read it now, in chapter 7. "In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar had gone off the scene. This Belshazzar that had taken command was going to be the man that would be in power when this Babylonian Empire, a city oriented empire, would meet its doom.) Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters." If you will pay attention to this, it will help you better understand what we will be looking at over in the book of Revelation later. (7:2) "Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea." He was standing, in his dream, looking at a great panoramic scene. Let me say this. He was actually standing on the sea coast looking at what would be the Mediterranean; because in ancient times this was called the Great Sea. That Great Sea is symbolic of where time was, at that particular time, pointing to the masses of people. We can say that, because all around the Mediterranean, is where the wheels of prophecy turn. It started in the eastern realm. It will eventually wind up in the western realm of the Mediterranean; at Rome Italy. (7:3) "And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. (They were all four different.) (7:4) The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it." I do not have time to go into all the details of the history related to that verse. I will say though, Belshazzar, mentioned here, which is the king that ruled Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar's period, was the man that turned the nature of that lion beast empire, from that of being like a lion in nature to its latter state when a man's heart was given unto it, and stood upon its feet like a man. That did not happen over night. It was a gradual transformation. Belshazzar's reign eventually caused the Babylonian Empire to lose its conquering power. How does a thing like that happen? It became a pleasure seeking society, living in luxury to the point where it lost its lion-like conquering and subduing attitude. We will see more of what followed as we continue with the beast; but let me clarify something first. There are times, when we get to dealing with prophecy, that one could get the idea that I love war. That is not true. I wish there was some way to avoid ever having another war anywhere in the world; but as I read my Bible I am made aware of the fact that there are certain wars that have to be fought before we will ever get out of here to our eternal reward. The God that created us is a God of war. That may sound strange to you, if you think of Him only as a God of love and peace; but I want you to know, there are wars that take place in the world, that absolutely serve a purpose of God. You may as well make up your mind to the fact that this war going on over in the Middle East today, is something God has allowed to come about because He is going to re-shuffle some things through it. He is going to put some things in positions where they have to be for the end of the age. He is going to put some men down; and raise some others up. There will be some get real angry, climb walls, pull their hair out, and do everything they can to repel or reverse what is coming; simply because they could not care less about God nor what He is working out. As far as I am concerned, they can go jump in the same green pond they believe their ancestors came from. If you are that evolutionary minded, go take a look at that pond; and see if you can

get something out of it that is wiser than the omniscient God I present to you. Listen to me saints, Spiritual blindness is absolutely the worst thing any person could ever be bound by.

TRANSITION OF DANIEL'S BEASTS

The lion-like beast, in its territorial outreach, has been all the way into Egypt. Under the rulership of Nebuchadnezzar it truly was like a lion, conquering and bringing down other rulers. The Babylonian Empire ran its course; then another beast took its place. We will take a look at that beast now. (7:5) "And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between the teeth of it: (these three ribs are speaking specifically of the three great kings that lifted it to its greatest power in that which is related to Jews and prophecy.) and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh." This of course was the Medes and Persians. In history, this is referred to as the Persian Empire. What united these two lines of people, was a royal marriage between King Cyrus of the Persians, and the daughter of Darius of Media. That empire did not have the name of a city; like two of the others did. It is referred to in the Bible as the Persian Empire. That terminology takes on a people identity. Why was that? Why would it stand out like that? Well when you consider the Babylonian Empire, it was named after its city because of its origin. The people of Babylon enlarged the city, and eventually moved out and conquered smaller tribes, Bedouin type people. This kept on until they had accomplished their goal, to become a great empire. That whole territory was ruled from Babylon; as long as it was known as The Babylonian Empire; but when the Medes and Persians came to power, there was no city powerful enough to give the area a name. Yet we do know this, In Nehemiah's writing, the major city was Shushan. That is where the king's palace was, in the days of Nehemiah. The ruins of that city is not too far from what is known as Tehran Iran today.

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

The Persians were great warriors. When this empire ascended to a place of great power, they came sweeping down through this territory, destroying the Babylonian Empire. They went right on through this whole territory. They gave the freedom to a number of Jews, to go back from captivity to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem. Cyrus made the decree. We find that in the book of Ezra. (1:1) "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and He hath charged me to build Him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all His people? His God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, He is the God, which is in Jerusalem." (I just put this in to give you a little insight of the kind of man Cyrus was.) Cyrus went on into Egypt and conquered it; while Darius set up a seat, temporarily, in Babylon. I cannot take time to put in a lot of history concerning what these empires did. We are just going through Daniel's vision, getting to the last beast of the four; before we go into very many details. However the Persian Empire lasted many centuries until finally they were defeated by another empire that had come to be a power to be reckoned with. It was called the Grecian Empire. That is the way it is written in history.

THE GRECIAN EMPIRE

Athens is the Capitol of Greece; but nowhere in history do we ever read anything about an Athens Empire. The Grecian Empire was named after the people; because Alexander the Great, was a descendant of a line of Macedonian kings; and they were gallant warrior type people. Those Greeks that came from that line, were the ones that finally defeated the Persians; as they began to enlarge their empire. The Grecian people were mighty warriors; but they did not become such until time for the Persian Empire to subside. When Alexander the Great came upon the scene, he was a king that did not just sit down and established his throne in any one particular city. He was always where his army was. This is why you have to view the Grecian Empire as a people empire. Naturally I am not telling you Alexander The Great did not go back to Athens once in awhile. He probably did; but history attached no importance to it. The important thing is, the Grecian Empire was described as the leopard. Let us read it here in Daniel 7:6 "After this I beheld, and

lo another, (BEAST) **like a leopard**, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it." This is how God showed the Grecian Empire to Daniel. Remember, it was the 3rd world empire; and it had its period of time in history. Alexander the Great rose up, crossed into Turkey, and after many conflicts finally subdued the Medes and Persians, which were mainly called Persians by then. He came around from the back, through Babylon. When he came through Babylon the Jews heard about it; and they were afraid of what he might do to them, coming through that route. (I want to call your attention to something very interesting, at this point.) As Alexander the Great, was moving toward Jerusalem with his army, the Jewish high priest, thinking Alexander the Great was a pagan king, and having heard stories about what he had been doing in other territories, thought, We will not open our temple. The temple, and the city had been rebuilt; because it was the Medes and Persians that let the Jews go back home to work on that project, in 500 and something. We are now dealing with events of 300 and something B.C., when Alexander the Great was leading his troops toward Jerusalem. I just have to rejoice in what I am about to relate to you. (I would to God we had some political leaders today, that God could talk to. Our leaders the world over, do not want the supernatural God to talk to them. They do not believe He can talk to a human being. They call that fanaticism. To them, it is a disgrace, and very humiliating for a leader to stand up and say, God told me thus and so this morning; or God showed me in a dream last night, to do such and such. What would our news media do with something like that today. We are living in a day when most people do not want God in anything they are doing; unless they end up in some serious situation they cannot handle. Then they will cry, God help me!) It is true, Alexander the Great was a pagan. He was moving toward Jerusalem at the head of an army that no power or people has been able to stand before. The day came that the Jews closed the gates and waited for their worst expectations to be realized. They did their best to prepare themselves for what was coming. They did not intend to open the gates of their city. However, the night before Alexander and his army reached the outskirts of Jerusalem, the high priest had a dream. (It is recorded in secular history, written years ago. Our fathers, 70 and 80 years ago, read it; even though you would probably not find it in our schools today.) In the dream, he saw himself, the other priests, and the people, all decorated, and carrying flowers out to meet this approaching army. Dressed in his high priest robe, he opened the gates and was leading his people out to meet Alexander the Great on the outskirts of the temple area. As they approached Alexander the Great, sitting on that military horse, and as the high priest was about to speak, Alexander the Great dismounted and bowed before him. Naturally that took him by surprise. He thought Alexander might draw his sword and cut his head off. As he looked up, Alexander looked at him; and the high priest asked him, Why did you do that? Alexander said, So many days back, as he contemplated his advance toward this city of the Jews, he did some sacrifice, (as was according to pagan practise) to ask the gods for their guidance. He said, In a dream I saw you and your people. I saw myself bowing to acknowledge the God of the Jews. With that introduction, Alexander the Great, and the high priest turned and led the vast host into the city of Jerusalem. The people of the Jews prepared all kinds of delicacies for the Greek soldiers to eat; an it turned out to be a pleasant experience for them. Instead of the Jews having to fear the Greeks, the Jews were blessed by Alexander the Great. Alexander, in his endeavors to gain complete territorial conquests, gave the Jews much liberty. As he gave them the liberty, the Jews respected him; all because it was brought about by a divine act of God. Alexander the Great went on toward Egypt and finally conquered that whole area, bringing all of that vast scope of the Mediterranean under his power. He built a city at the mouth of the Nile River; and called it Alexandria. Young people, listen to this. Around 300 and something B.C., Alexander the Great built that city and is was the beginning of secular learning; because from then on, way on up into the second and third century A.D., young people, or anyone that wanted to learn, made their way to Alexandria to study. There, is where the various, professors, or teachers of secular learning had made their profession accessible. The city of Alexandria, at the mouth of the Nile, for centuries, was the center of human learning and growth, in the secular realm. It surpassed Athens by a long shot; even though Athens was referred to as the capital city of the Grecian Empire. As Alexander the Great left this area, he slowly made his way as far as the country of India. He had extended his empire. It is said, that when he came to the sea coast, he bowed down and wept. His soldiers asked him, Why do you weep? He answered, There is no more world to conquer. He had just turned south too quick. He died with a terrible disease. I will not even mention that part. The point is this, After his death, to make the four heads of the leopard and the four wings of a fowl stand out, that is when this area all began to break up. The Egyptians, the Syrians, and the areas of Turkey and Greece, finally ended up like this. The city of Damascus, which is the capital of the country we call Syria, began to stand out in the remaining period of that duration. From about 180 B.C., on down to the advent of Christ, the Jews existed in very troubled times; because the great territorial empire of

the Grecians began to break up, and the Jews fell in the crossroads, of what they began to call the hammer and the sickle. Egypt and Syria. Damascus was the city that Antiochus Epiphanes came out of, and did what he did in the time of the Maccabean Jews in Jerusalem. Continued next issue.

THE WOMAN OF MYSTERY-CONTINUED

WE ENDED OUR LAST ISSUE STILL LOOKING AT THE BEASTS OF THE BIBLE; SO THAT IS WHERE WE WILL BEGIN THIS ISSUE.

Daniel saw four great beasts come up from the sea, all different from each other; and the fourth beast was the most terrible of them all. That is the one we want to look at now, after having looked at the first three. That fourth beast was destined to be the last beast system ever to rule the world before the coming of Christ. Here is what Daniel wrote concerning that fourth beast. (Dan.7:7) "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold **a fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse (different) from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns." What was he seeing? He saw the arising of the Roman Empire. When you go to your secular history books you find that another city began to take shape at approximately 800 B.C. The Roman Empire started out a city empire, city oriented and city controlled. However it grew until it controlled more territory than any of the other empires before it. We must understand this, though Rome is in Italy, there is quite a distance from Rome to the uttermost areas it controlled. History allows us to know that the ancient inhabitants of Rome were not just merely the native backwoods people of the peninsula of Italy. They were immigrant people coming from Athens Greece and many of these other regions. Small areas of people, falling constantly into conflicts between what was going on in the eastern realm, as well as the western realm, just kept fleeing from one place to another; and eventually ended up in Rome, because they had heard of the life style there. They heard that Rome was a growing city; so they came to Rome. Why am I going into all of this? I am going to ask you a question to help you get the picture of what we are looking at. Why do we have so many different races of people in America today? It is because people, through years gone by, have heard of the lifestyle here in America; and of the possibility of gaining an easier way of life to provide for a family. Remember, this continent was at one time the land of the American Indians; but they have been pushed way into the background. My point is, the population of America is made up of people from all over the world. I point this out so you will listen to me portray Rome to you. As Rome grew, it pushed outward until a few years before the advent of Christ it had pushed into all these regions. It rose up in what was called the west, as a metropolitan, military city power, and it reached out through the various backwoods territories in the Bavarian area of Europe. I must also point out though, that as they spread their influence eastward to the Grecian, Macedonian areas, they did not necessarily build their empire by constantly warring with the inhabitants of those areas. They did it many times through treaties and such like. Finally there came a time, as we study the Roman Empire under the caesars, she had spread her influence all through Europe, all across the Dardanelles, all through Turkey, and all way to the borders of India, taking in all of this area right on across north Africa. What a territory. What an empire. It was all done by the caesars. In their position of authority, they were called emperors; so let us understand what the word **emperor** means. **It is a blasphemous title.** Caesar means the emperor was of that particular family of royalty. They were just like the **czars** of Russia, the **pharaohs** of Egypt and the **kaisers** of Germany; all of a line of kinward rulers. When the Russian revolution came, it brought an end to the czars. Likewise the caesars came to an end when Nero died. **The word emperor means imperial, sovereign, universal ruler; and that designation belongs only to God.** The caesars who established this great Roman Empire believed that the gods of the heavens had established their reign and their right to be the supreme power over all of the earth. That is why they would take that title emperor. It also means imperial. In other words, everything must be subject to their rule. You can recognize that old spirit today, if you keep your eyes open.

DANIEL INTERPRETING NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

I want to leave the particular line of thought concerning the buildup of the Roman Empire; and go to king Nebuchadnezzar's dream that Daniel interpreted for him. We can go from there to get back to where we want to be, as we try to get a picture of this last world beast power coming into authority. In the days when

Daniel was a young man carried off into Babylonian captivity, (you can read in the first and second chapters of Daniel what started all of this) he was faced with the task of doing something no one else could do for the king of Babylon. Daniel, along with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego somehow fell into very dreadful circumstances. They were among the captives taken to Babylon when king Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem; and by a set of peculiar circumstances they had found favor with the prince of Nebuchadnezzar's eunuchs. Well the old king had a dream, and he had called in all of his astrologers, his soothsayers (they were participants in witchcraft, nothing but) trying to get an interpretation of the dream; but to no avail. Therefore things got pretty serious for all of those fellows; because the king decreed that they should all be put to death. However God intervened and turned the whole thing around. That king, a little later, was more sensitive to God than most of our politicians are today. They will not listen to God; but they will go to fortune tellers for advice. Maybe they do not realize it; but that is the same as going to the devil for advice; because that is the spirit behind all fortune telling and palm reading and all such like. When old Nebuchadnezzar called in all his fortune tellers and soothsayers saying, I have had a dream that I do not remember; but I will give such and such to the man who can tell me the dream, and tell me the interpretation. There was not a man among them that could do that. They all said, Oh long live the king. If you will tell us the dream, then we will tell you the interpretation. That made Nebuchadnezzar angry; so he finally said something to this effect, Look here, if you are what you think you are, and you know so much, you either tell me the dream, and the interpretation, or I am going to have your head. He was really angry about their failure to fulfill his demand; so he saw no further need to have any of them around. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were counted among those fellows, so when they heard about this decree Daniel said to his fellow brothers, We had better pray; or he will get us too. They began to fast and pray; and God gave Daniel the answer. God gave him the same dream; and the interpretation of it. Daniel requested that he be given the opportunity to stand before the king, and here is how it went. (Dan 2:24) "Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will show unto the king the interpretation." Permission was granted, so let us go to verse 31, and follow the conversation. I can just see that old king sitting there, so angry he was almost beyond rational thinking; yet he agreed to give Daniel a chance. Just listen to how that little Jewish prophet talked to that old king. "Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; (In other words, he was not looking at a dried up thing. He was looking at some great monster of an embodiment standing before him.) and the form thereof was terrible. (32) This image's head was of fine gold, (Pay attention to this description.) his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, (33) His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. (34) Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. (35) Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. (36) This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king." As Daniel looked at him and told him that, can you not just see the look of shock that came upon Nebuchadnezzar? He was surely thinking, if he can go this far, there is no doubt he can interpret it also. He was right. Here is the interpretation. Without hesitation Daniel continued, "Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath He given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold." Did it ever occur to you, that of all earth's metals gold is the most valuable? Do you know what that tells me? That in that day and time when the Babylonian Empire marked the beginning of man's progress in creating a social structure, and begin to have world dominance, God likened the quality of men, their character, the social way they went about things, and their attitude and purpose, to these metals, and so forth. Gold was the best. It was the beginning of such an era; and we can see how people were affected by that. Here, was when man really lived in the best of his ability to be sensitive to the God of heaven that had created him. That is why God placed the value of gold there. You do not look at man's pagan or brutal means of torture or anything like that. That has followed all down through time. You must look at man from the standpoint of his quality to be sensitive. (Dan 2:37-45) "Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them All. Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, (the Medo-Persian) and another third kingdom of brass,

(that was the Grecian Empire) which shall bear rule over all the earth. (40) And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: (This is the one that concerns us, this fourth one that lasts until the coming of the Lord.) forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. (41) And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; (Rome and Constantinople) but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. (42) And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. (43) And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. (44) And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, (His own kingdom) which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. (45) Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." When Daniel got through talking to Nebuchadnezzar, what did Nebuchadnezzar do? He acknowledged the God of Daniel. What did he say? (Dan 2:47) "The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret." He acknowledged Daniel's God; and according to his pagan ways (which was all he knew) he set about to honor Him. That is what you have to understand as you read this scripture. That pagan king was more sensitive to the God of creation than our political leaders are today. Will our leaders today acknowledge God? Does God have to blow them off the face of this planet before they will even bend their knees or bow their heads? They have hearts today like iron. Some others are like a piece of old burnt clay. They will compromise, and do just about anything except what would be pleasing to God. That is what you have portrayed right here. The quality of these various empires was likened to these substances. This one that was likened to Gold was in the time of Daniel the prophet. Daniel lived through the Babylonian era, and right on into the Medo- Persian period which corresponded to the silver. This goes to show the quality of people, how they were affected by time and relationship to God's purpose among mankind. It was going to deteriorate; though within that structure there were certain individuals that God used, to be sympathetic to His Jewish people. Cyrus the Great made the decree that the Jews could go home to rebuild the house of God. (Ezra 5:13) But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God." That lets us see, that even on into the Persian Empire God was still able to move upon those kings and find them pliable; but as time moved on, the quality of leadership deteriorated concerning sensitivity to God. Alexander the Great was represented in the brass. Notice this, gold is softer than silver, and silver is softer than brass; so as time moves on down in the image, it is getting harder. This portrays man and his nature, his ability to be flexible and realistic toward God. Therefore as we move on through time, and come through the Grecian Empire, time is in the legs; and that puts us in the rule of the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire brings time right on into the era of Christianity. When we look at these legs of iron, we need to understand, it was with this kind of strong determination that the Roman Empire walked all over the known world in that hour. When her empire got so great, while she still existed within the realm of iron, she ruled the people with an iron fist. One leg signifies Constantinople, the other is Rome Italy. We know this, Christianity was born as time was moving into the leg period of the Roman Empire; and you did not profess to be a Christian, unless you had the genuine experience; for it was not a popular way.

TRANSITION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

We still have a lot to look at, as we study this fourth beast. That is why I wanted to bring time through the different cycles portrayed in Nebuchadnezzar's dream; and then go on into things that really show what this beast looks like today. However for the sake of our visitors, let me say this, When we move on down through this period of time, on into the toes, the Roman Empire has already gone through many changes. That is the way you have to interpret that vision of Nebuchadnezzar. It is an image that illustrates time, where God is dealing, and how God looks upon mankind. If Daniel had gone ahead and interpreted this whole thing to him, what it all meant, I wonder what some of these politicians would be saying today? In the days of these kings, when time shows Europe, the ten horned beast brought back up, will the God of heaven set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed. Hallelujah! Time is pointing to Europe today saints.

Look how this part of Europe, in one sense of the word, has been a little reluctant to go with us in this Persian Gulf episode. England and France, and a few Italians have said, We are with you; but Europe as a whole society of people, actually, in their heart's have been reluctant to really say, We will go with you all the way. They say, we will go with you up to a certain point, but beyond that we are scared. Of course it is true, one would have to first understand some of these prophecies of the Bible, to understand the attitude and outlook of a lot of people today; but when you already know what some are destined to do in the last days, these adverse attitudes do not alarm you too much. Just remember, time is no longer here in the legs, when everything was considered iron. Time is moving down here in the toe area, and these ten toes on that image are symbolic of where time is, when this stone is going to come on the scene. That is when we look at Europe, as she comes back up. When WW2 came to a close, the European nations had fought their last territorial war that they will ever fight. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the European Common Market are two systems of man's social rule that are used to bind them together. In 1988, as George Bush was speaking to NATO, what he said was almost like prophecy. He said, I envision a greater Europe. I thought, **George Bush, you do not know the depth of what you have just said.** Since that time the hand of God has hit that iron wall; and it has begun to crumble all to pieces. The perimeter of Russia that has stood there like a giant bear, scaring the people of Europe half to death for forty years, is no longer the threat that she has been in the past. As that bear began to dwindle in size, and as she began to pull back, Europe began to unite. Europe is blending together. Spain and Portugal have joined the Common Market; and the stage for end time fulfillment of the prophetic scriptures is set. I want to say this, and you can mark it down somewhere, Yes there are twelve nations that are members of the European Common Market, (meaning that they have a trade agreement) but the fact that there are twelve instead of ten, does not detract one iota from that which is prophesied concerning the ten horned beast. Greece, right along in here, (pointing to a map of Europe) is a member of the European Common Market; but keep this in mind, **and I would like to scream this from the housetops to the church world, Wake up! Greece never was a horn in the Roman Empire.** It is only a neck, linking back over here to this part of the world. When this whole thing begins to talk, and function as it is destined to do, it is going to be this European core that you will look to; because that is where time puts it. When these ten toes right here on this image correspond to the reviving and re-uniting of the ten horned beast that was, and is not, and yet it is, it lets us know where time is. It means, time is pointing to Europe. Western Europe is where the ten horns are at. I do not care how many other nations join the Common Market from central Europe, all back over in here, that only adds to the territorial body of that beast we are reading about. The horns are here, on the original ten that existed after the breakup of the old Roman Empire. God is looking at this thing from the standpoint of how Daniel and the apostle John saw it; no matter how many splinters there may eventually be. The brains do not come from here or here, or even here; the brains are over here in Rome, in the Vatican. That is why the hour will come, when Europe, those ten nations of Europe will be in such a position in the European and Middle East part of the world, that God will create the necessity for the Pope to be the moderator, or mediator, or the administrator of a world system that will promise Europe and the Middle East a time of peace, tranquility and great prosperity. The devil is working night and day, trying to thwart the plan of God; and Bible prophecy is being fulfilled every day. Everything is running right on schedule according to the word of God. The forming of the European Common Market, was an economical way to bind the ten horns together. It matters not if Greece, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Albania, or any of the others become a part of that trade agreement, that is only adding to the neck portion. The ten horns still have their role to play in this end time wind up. Time itself will bring in this body like a leopard; because that means all those territories that once the Grecian Empire ruled, will in this last day blend their economical agreement in with the beast power. When you watch the News broadcast's, and hear the commentators telling what is going on in the Middle East, you just have to be somewhat amused at their lack of perception, as far as the war and the eventual outcome. They will say, We are going to have Dr. So and So, a Middle East analyst. He is an expert on the Middle East affairs. I just have to say, You poor miserable creature; there is no way you can predict the future of those Bible lands, apart from the word of God itself. I do not mean to sound like a know-it-all; but it makes me sick to hear them sit there predicting what each situation will lead to. They call them arm chair generals. Well if you will pardon my terminology, God is going to spit in their face before this is all over; because they just simply do not have the answer for tomorrow. What we have going on in this world today, is prophecy of the scriptures in the process of being fulfilled. God has to allow situations that will get everything in position, before the actual prophecy is fulfilled. That is what throws a lot of these so-called prophecy preachers off course. They see a situation developing, that comes close to what they see in the scriptures; so they just jump the gun and say, This is it. No, God does not just come close; when it

comes to fulfilling prophecies of the scriptures, everything will always be exactly in place. God is absolutely precise. The beast with seven heads and ten horns, will not have eight heads and eleven horns; God does not do things that way.

A WORD TO THE WISE

I want to say something that I hope everyone of you will take as serious as anything you have ever heard me say. You and I as Christians, do not have time to play around with anything that is not absolutely vindicated by the word of God. The time of going to the church of your choice is passed; you had better settle down in the place of God's choice; and give Him a chance to work on your carnal nature; if you have any hope of going in the catching away of the bride Church. You will never learn how to walk with God; as long as you are running everywhere looking for a church that will pacify your flesh. There are a lot of places where you can go; if you just want to be able to say you go to church every time the doors are opened; but there are not very many places where you can hear the truth of God's word taught according to the revelation given in this age of Laodicea. Furthermore there is only one Church; and that is the Church of the living God. That is why these truths of the Bible were not written for the wise and prudent of this world, but were written for babes such as would learn. That terminology applies to all who have the true Holy Ghost, born again experience; regardless of age, citizenship, or cultural background. God's word is so written, that it does not require a degree in theology to understand the revelation of it. All it takes is a hungry heart, a hungering and thirsting after the true things of God. No such person will remain a babe in Christ for very long; for the very word of God, when put into practice in our everyday lives, will cause us to grow up into mature Christian's that know how to look at situations in the world we live in. God does not make us into odd creatures that need to go completely away from society in order to live a Christian life; yet He does expect us to keep ourselves apart from the ways of the world. We can live in this world without being a part of it. You just have to make up your mind about what is most important to you. Do you want to be like the world? You had better check up on yourself and find out for sure just what spirit is leading you. James wrote, "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." It is time that true children of God recognize that we are to conduct ourselves as Christians 24 hours a day, every day. Sunday morning religion will not get you one inch off of the ground in the rapture.

WHAT TIME AND CONDITIONS HAVE PRODUCED

By the grace of God, I want to show you how to understand what went on when time was coming down here toward the ankles as portrayed in this image, when it was still iron. We relate it to this, how Daniel saw that Roman Empire walk out in time. Remember, he only saw four beasts; and the fourth was to rule the world until the second coming of Christ. Rome was in power when He (Jesus) was born; and Rome will be in power again, when He comes again. Praise the Lord! That is exactly what the Bible says. Stalin is dead; so we know he will not be the Antichrist. Gorbachev is only doing what he is supposed to do; and he does not even know why he is doing some of the things he is doing. God is putting it in the heart's of these world leaders to fulfill their part in prophecy; but they do not know that is what they are doing. Saints: I thank God, that George Bush is doing what he is. He does not know what he is doing; but he is doing something God wants him to do. Please let me say this right here, Our military men went to Korea and died like flies, simply because a bunch of politicians held them back and would not let them fight. If Truman would have given MacArthur the same authority and the same free hand that Mr. Bush gave General Schwarzkopf, History books would be telling a different story about the Korean War. Our boys were butchered like hogs, because we had a bunch of politicians in Washington that created the massacre. Then we sent our troops to Vietnam. Why? Because we had made an agreement that certain nations in the Far East was in what they call, the Southeastern National Treaty Organization. We were obligated to protect all those that were a part of our territorial protective agreement. That is what put us in Vietnam. Then when we went to protect them, the government would not go along with it. We were there for many years; and it turned into a shameful thing. Our boys were butchered in the jungles and swamps; simply because they had their hands tied by politicians. That is why I prayed, God give our boys a little favor in the eyes of the world, in this Persian Gulf war. I believe He has given the American people a chance to regain a little of their former image. In WW2, when our troops went to France, North Africa, up the peninsula of Italy, the

Americans were honored in any city they went into. They were looked upon as the men who had helped free them. I was in the Philippines; and those Filipino cried for joy when we went in there. They would come and wash our clothes; just wanting to do something to show their gratitude. Since that WW2 era though, it has been, Go home Yankee, Go home, almost everywhere we have been. Those KUWAIT'S sure had little hope; before our troops went in there. They have good reason to say, American boys, you have saved our home; because it has already been made known that those Iraqi's went in there, raped their women, took little newborn infants out of the incubators, threw them on the floor and took the incubators back to Baghdad to use in the Iraqi hospital. Our news media did not tell the whole story. They stayed too busy showing what our bombs were doing to innocent civilians in Iraq, to tell you what Iraq was doing in Kuwait. I just have to admit, it has done my heart good to watch the News Broadcasts; and see everything working so well, that our politicians kept saying would not work. God just absolutely came upon the scene, and caused everything our forces endeavored to do to work almost to perfection. I want to get back to that 4th beast of Daniel's dream, and the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream; and try to show you how to look at those things; and what to expect yet in this generation. We have preached it, and we have printed it; but when you start talking about that beast with seven heads and ten horns, a lot of people have a hard time getting a picture of it in their mind's; so I want to make it as clear as I possibly can, especially the 17th chapter of Revelation. The angel said to John, (Rev. 17:9) "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. (talking about the woman of 17:3-4, not the woman of chapter 12) And there are seven kings: **five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come**; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space." At the time the angel said that to John, giving him the vision and insight of this prophecy, we must realize that the Roman Empire had not yet evolved into what it was going to be when it would be fulfilling those things. The language the angel used telling John those things concerning the heads is not understood by everyone who picks up a Bible and reads those words. It says, There are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth. At that time the Catholic Church was not even in existence. However in the natural, the Roman world knew that the imperial city of Rome sat on seven distinct hills, or mountains as it was called. That was just naturally known; it did not require a special revelation. To that though, the angel said, "and there are seven kings." As we look at this, we could say the seven kings are seven kingdoms. Notice though, the angel went ahead to break it down, "five are fallen, and one is, and the other (number 7) is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space." Notice verse 11, and then we will go to chapter 13. "And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition." We are going to break something down; that I believe will give people a chance to catch the revelation of these mysterious scriptures. Therefore I will ask you to go to Revelation 13. We are starting in the fifth verse. We have read this verse, but I want to read it again at the beginning of this particular phase of the message. "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him (This word power, is speaking of authority, or political recognition.) to continue forty and two months." That is speaking of the beast man. The beast man is the same man that is referred to as the Antichrist. He has many titles. I have already given you the dictionary definition of what the word **continue** means; but I am going to give it to you again; because in the religious world, especially in the ecclesiastical realm where those doctors of divinity that know Hebrew and Greek, and who are looked to by the world as being the officials who ought to know something, if there is anything to be known, just seem to look right over this word. It is a pitiful state to be in; when your education has caused you to be blind as a bat. The New Testament was not written by that type of men. In the end time it is not going to be understood by that type of men either. Sometimes a simple little word in one verse, turns out to be a key that unlocks the whole revelation. The religious world knows from the scriptures that there is to be an antichrist at the end of time; but somehow or other they have lost sight of the fact that there has been an antichrist spirit running parallel with the Spirit of God right on through the centuries of Christendom; and that it has been able to get inside the Church and cloak itself in religious garb. Since WW2 we have had all kinds of preachers that have tried to convince the world that they knew who the Antichrist was. They began to say, Stalin is the antichrist, after Hitler had already committed suicide. Some said Mussolini was the antichrist; but then he was hanged. On and on went these presumptuous ideas, It is this, or that, and then as time went on, different preachers, as they watched the rise of the great Russian empire, and as she extended her perimeter out, they began to say, Communism is the antichrist. The antichrist will come out of Russia. Well remember this, Communism as we know it, in its real ideology, is anti God. It is strictly against the belief of religion. The word antichrist does not mean that it is against believing in Christ. It is a word that means anti Word, or anti revelation truth. In other words, it is a spirit that seeks to pervert your understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and give you

some kind of substitution. In other words, the antichrist spirit is a religious spirit that uses the Bible; but perverts its true meaning. Therefore if this thing which is called the Antichrist, the son of perdition, the beast, the false prophet, and the mystery of iniquity is going to be properly understood, then we have to understand something about what history reveals concerning the activities of this spirit in centuries past. The Roman emperor Constantine was not the Antichrist man; but he was definitely led and motivated by an antichrist spirit; because the end results of his so called Christian leadership, plunged Christianity very rapidly into almost total spiritual darkness. There are a lot of religious fellows today, preaching the second coming of Christ, that are looking for the manifestation of some kind of character or person here at the end time that will be the Antichrist; but they are looking in the wrong places for him. Some are believing that somewhere in the Middle East there has been a little boy born, maybe of a whore, and that the devil programmed his birth. For some unknown reason this child grows up, (programmed by Satan) and as he reaches a certain age he is anointed of Satan to fulfill what the Antichrist is supposed to do. They see him invested with all kinds of supernatural powers that will enable him to perform supernatural feats. He gains a following, and in the end time that person will slowly be introduced into the political realm of men's affairs. Saints, the world has always had that type of person. If they were not in India, they were in Africa or somewhere else. Politicians might have stopped and looked at them and observed them in their functions, but those men never did stand out to affect world leaders, to cause them to want to worship or allow themselves to be influenced by that type of creature. This thing called the antichrist, the beast, the false prophet, and so forth, has to be understood, that it is something that has been in time all along. It is just that somehow or other it changed its disguise, or its cloak. The word **continue**, does not mean it is something new, that will hit the world all of a sudden. The word **continue**, means to pick up and go on, after an interval of time. That is why, when we talk about the seven headed, ten horned beast, we are looking at the geographical territory of western Europe. Not Greece, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, or any of those areas. By the time this beast has completely got its body structure, and the beast is fully activated, and the man of sin is the administrator of its affairs, in its earthly function, all those ancient territories that were in the first three empires will be incorporated in it.

REVIEWING THE PROGRESSION OF TIME

The Babylonian Empire rose up, right in the country our troops have been fighting in. Right there in Babylon is where the Jews were carried off to at the beginning of that first world empire. **Nebuchadnezzar had the dream about the great image**; and it has been like a great hour glass down through time since. In that image is represented so much time. Here is the Babylonian Empire. (THE HEAD) Here is the Medo Persian Empire. (HIS BREAST AND ARMS) Here is the Grecian Empire. (HIS BELLY AND THIGHS) Here is the Roman Empire. (HIS LEGS AND FEET) Time came right on down through the ankles, into the feet; but later, in the foot, it becomes part iron and part clay. When we come into time here in the ten toes, and we are living in the hour of the ten toes, time is no longer here, (Pointing to chart) nor here, nor here; it is running out. Time is in the ten toes. Knowing this, and remembering Nebuchadnezzar's dream, and that he lived here right in the same country where we are fighting, tells me something. The fact that we are fighting there tells me time is running out for this Gentile world. Look how the Europeans, in time past have fought their most drastic, terrible wars; and they have lasted from six months to a hundred years; so just think of the lives of mankind that have been lost on the fields of battle in Europe. Battles have been fought around the world; but we are right back where it all started from. Iran was the Medes and Persians. From there you cross over into the Grecian territory, and on westward to the Roman. As I have already said, The Babylonian Empire was a city named empire. The Grecians and Medo Persians were **not city named** empires. They had a capital, but you read very little about the capital in the Bible. Shushan was the city where the palace of the Medes and Persians was; but you read very little about that city. It was a people named empire. For the Grecian Empire, the capital city was Athens; but you read very little about Athens. It is a people named empire. However when you come to the fourth empire, (the Roman) it is a city named empire. The city stands out as the focal point all through its period of time. Therefore to continue, means to go on, after an interruption. In other words, to go on with, carry on, or extend something that was already set in motion at a former time. To resume, is to pick up where you left off. That ought to tell some people, if we are looking for the antichrist, the real antichrist, the world's false prophet, the world's false prince of peace, then **we are not looking for some new, mysterious new something to arise somewhere**. We are looking for the reviving, the re-appearing, or the resumption of something that has been in existence

through the ages; but reached a point in time that there was an interruption. The interruption covered more than just one generation. The generation that saw that head which was wounded unto death, is dead. Between the wounding and the healing of the wound of that particular head, are several generations. The fact that time has brought on several generations who did not live when it was a functioning, ruling beast, makes it very improbable that you will have an element of people here at the end of the age, religious wise, that is going to be wise enough to know just how to identify this beast in the scriptures. As I have said many times before, I am not an educated man, and I do not have a vocabulary that sounds like I am educated; but I will do my best to try to break my thought down so it can be understood, as we use this chart I have behind me. (We will use a little different method when we print this portion, to try and make it as clear as possible.) Through the week, this has really stood out in my mind. In my mind, I can just see how time has brought about every bit of this, from Nebuchadnezzar's image, right on through to the end of John's vision. This little chart is one way to help people understand what time has produced since the beginning when Rome rose to become the great imperial city power it once was. From that time, Rome was always to remain the focal point, so in time to come, people sooner or later could look and say, It is the Roman Empire restored. There have been things take place in time, that somehow or other have changed the appearance of it. It has caused history writers to sort of just stop and go back to the old records of Roman history and keep writing new histories. They have no more to go on, than I do. We have the Spirit of God to depend on, to fill in the spaces; and they have very little of anything except their own mind. Now if this beast has always been a beast, and if the antichrist has been something that has to be associated with Rome, then I have enough history to place things in their proper order. I brought the one I like to use the best, because of the way it is compiled. I have two other histories at home, and they all agree with this particular one; so I am confident that we can get what we need, to present this picture to you. Follow me in time, as we go across the Mediterranean to Italy, where we will take a look at the great city of Rome that had its origin approximately 800 B.C., long before it ever became the 4th beast power to rule the earth. It did not just bloom like a rose. It was very slow in becoming a city of such proportion. By the time of about 187 B.C., the city of Rome was becoming a city of attraction. There was something strange about the leaders in this Roman city. To be an emperor, a caesar, placed you in a relationship to the society, where you might live for twelve or twenty years, or you might wind up with a dagger in your back. Of all the empires, Babylonian, the Medes and Persians, and the Grecians, this was one city empire that the throne position was always contested for. The Roman Empire established a political system of peoples' representation, and they called it the Roman Senate. As the vast domains were incorporated and brought into its geographical dominion, Rome adopted a political form of peoples' representation. These men, many times, would fall into anarchy, as squabbling grew to a peak. They would align themselves with a few, in order to be able to assassinate others. I do not have time to go into all the details; but to give you a little picture of how it was, I will say this, To be an emperor in Rome you needed to be a good man with a sword; and sleep with one eye open. You better also have a good detachment of Roman soldiers that really loved you, and that were ready to defend you in case your position was contended for. We have a list of the rulers that make up the main context of the revelation we need to get from John's vision of this beast. We start with **Pompey**, as we endeavor to give you an insight of the rulers that sat upon the imperial throne in Rome, consisting of a continuous line of caesars. Here are the ones that existed down through the years to the time of Nero. He was the last of the old line of Caesar emperors. From the gradual rise of imperial Rome to the days of Nero, as you look at the lives of all these men, some of them were assassinated; and Nero committed suicide. Julius Caesar was assassinated. At one time there were three of them trying to rule together. They were all rivals at first; and then decided they would all three rule together, sort of like a triune seat of authority. Finally though, as is usually the case, anarchy fell among them. As Julius Caesar did succeed in taking the throne to become a magnificent leader, he was considered in his day the equivalent of Alexander the Great in the Grecian Empire. It was all because of his military capabilities. After Julius Caesar was assassinated, then we come on down to Antony, Octavian and Lepidus, which at one time were co rulers, in that the providence was divided between them. Antony committed suicide; and Lepidus only had the providence of Africa to rule over, so Octavian finally won out over the others and for himself assumed the title **Augustus**, thereby becoming Caesar Augustus. He is actually credited with creating the system known as the Principate; and technically he was the first **Caesar Emperor** of that particular system of rulership. According to Matthew's gospel, it was during the reign of Caesar Augustus that Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem of Judaea. That allows us to place Jerusalem in here as the Christian religious center over a short period of time as Rome begins to stand out in our biblical record. Jesus was born under Augustus; but Augustus lived only a certain number of years and was replaced by

Tiberias, (according to the Encyclopedia) in the year 14 A.D. In Luke's account, the third chapter, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at about thirty years of age. That same scripture says that in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberias Caesar, John came out of the wilderness and began to preach and baptize; and that Jesus came to him to be baptized. I just mention this to sort of pinpoint time; for during the reign of Tiberius, Christianity was born. Tiberius was the stepson and adopted son of Augustus; so you can see how this rulership became a family affair passed from one right down to his heir. Tiberius was still in office when Jesus was crucified; but not for long. His successor was his greatnephew Gaius, nicknamed Caligula, (which meant "Little Boots") but he was assassinated after less than four years of rule; and his successor was his uncle Claudius who reigned for about 13 years and was murdered. His wife Agrippina had him adopt her son Nero, as his successor; and that is how Nero got into the picture. He brought nothing but shame to that position while he was in office; and after Rome burned in 64 A.D., he finally committed suicide in 68 A.D. That brought an end to that line of Imperial rulers; and there was nothing but turmoil ahead. The Roman senate sent for Vespasian to return to Rome from his siege of Jerusalem, and take over the throne; but before he could get back there, three other army commanders had already occupied that position for a few days and met an untimely end. Galba was assassinated, Otho committed suicide, and Vitellius was assassinated, all within the year 69 A.D., before Vespasian could get back there. Well my point is, the beginning of Christendom started with Augustus and Tiberias, but then we come on down through Claudius and these others which we will endeavor to give you a little information on. Let me say this though, I know most of you who live in this country have access to most of this history; but I get letters from believers overseas who have no access to this information, and they want to know certain things; so this is the only way I know to get it to them.

FORMING OF THE SEVEN HEADS ON THAT ROMAN BEAST

Just as Jesus was baptized under Tiberias, the church was getting started in Jerusalem when Claudius came to power. He was the emperor of Rome when Agabus was in Antioch, and prophesied that there was going to be a great drought throughout all the world. (Acts 11:28) "And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar." Tiberius ruled to the year 37, and Caligula ruled from 37-41, and Claudius ruled from 41-54. Nero ruled from 54 on through to the time when the Roman army was set for the destruction of Jerusalem. Vespasian was leading that army until he got the call to come back to Rome; so his son Titus took charge of the siege and ultimately destroyed Jerusalem in the year 70 A.D. When Nero committed suicide in 69 A.D., I have to believe it all fell right within the plan of God. When Nero vacated the throne, there never was another of this kind of an emperor on the throne of Rome. The Caesar era ended. Vespasian occupied the throne for 10 years from 69-79; and was looked upon with much favor; but he never was able to establish any kind of rulership that could be looked upon as a head upon that beast. Likewise his son Titus, who took over the throne upon his death and ruled Rome for 2 years until 81 A.D. when he died, never did establish anything that could be considered a head. Vespasian had another son that ascended to the throne when his brother Titus died. His name was Domitian, and he ruled until 96 A.D. when he was assassinated. That was the same year John, on the Isle of Patmos, had this vision and saw this horrible looking beast rise up out of the water. Neither one of these 3 soldier emperors were ever able to establish a predominant influence to the Roman government, as these others had up until and through Nero's time. That is why we have three dots here on the chart. The one large dot represents the old Imperial Caesar emperors down through Nero. Then the 3 smaller dots represent the 3 Flavian emperors, that somehow or other, in Bible prophecy, were only linking chains to what was to come on later; and the next 5 dots represent the 5 good emperors, (as they are called) who actually did establish five particular forms of Roman rule, that are counted as heads upon that old beast system. Christianity was persecuted by Rome from its inception, all the way down through time to the hour when Constantine who was emperor from 306-337, was supposed to have had an experience with the Lord along about 325 A.D., and afterward decreed that Christianity would from then on be accepted as one of Rome's many religions. He is the one that took the heat of persecution off of the Christians; but it was Charlemagne, almost 500 years later, that was instrumental in merging church and state together; and opening the door that the Bishop of Rome would one day step through, to begin to exercise dominion over the emperors themselves. As for these that were referred to as the five good emperors, do not ask me why they were called that; because they reigned between 96 and 180 A.D.; and that was the second church age when Christians were slaughtered like beef

cattle by the Roman Empire; but I will say this, All three of these little history books agree upon that terminology. The second Church age was known as the age of Christian martyrdom. That is why the second horse rider of Revelation 6:4, was riding a red horse; it was an age of martyrdom, and the red represents the blood that was spilled in that great hour of persecution of Christians. In spite of all of that, secular history shows that these five good emperors were able to establish a high degree of education. In fact, one of these men, according to this record of history, was able in his hour to extend the Roman boundaries to its furthest extremities the empire ever enjoyed. He became equivalent in his hour, in the A.D. period to what Julius Caesar was in his hour, before the birth of Christ. Yet none of these men were able to be followed by that of a cousin, nephew, brother, or anything. The old line of caesars were gone; never to be duplicated. These five emperors were established during that time, to stand out above the 6 that ruled between Nero and them. The records show that when that last one, Marcus Aurelius, passed off the scene, those five had at least brought a stable kingdom wherein the imperial government was able to an extent, to hold its territorial recognition and influence. However after the death of Marcus Aurelius, the secular history says of the Roman Empire, that out in the outlying territories, rebellion began to break out. The Romans would send an army here, and send an army there; and all of this began to bring about the gradual fall of Rome. You have heard the slogan, Rome did not fall in a day, and neither was it built in a day. What we need to understand about the fall of Rome, (as the old imperial head it once was) is what that fall meant. That once imperial political kingdom that was always officiated from Rome, somehow or other, to its outlying domain, began to lose its importance. As time came on, and the outlying domain of the Roman Empire kept rising to contest Rome's imperial authority, it brought about a further weakening of the ability of Rome to control the people. Therefore between the reign of the last of the five good emperors which ended in 180 A.D., and the reign of Constantine which began in 306 A.D., there was a period of about 126 years that saw approximately 38 soldiers emperors come and go. They were soldiers called from the field of battle to take over the throne, just as Vespasian was when Nero committed suicide. Some would reign for only a few days and would be assassinated. For instance, the year 238 A.D., had no less than 6 different men sit in that emperor's seat. Four of them were assassinated, one committed suicide, and the other was slain in battle. When a position in a group of people, or nation, or state is contended for by two or three parties, if there is not some kind of recognized law, with a certain established process by how those ambitions may be pursued, you are going to have anarchy and assassinations of every description. The history books tell what those different general emperors went through with between the five good emperors and the emperor Constantine that finally succeeded in getting things settled down. Constantine was not the sole ruler until 323 or 324, after Maxentius and Licinius were out of the picture. After he defeated Licinius, he was able to reunite the empire and establish a form of rulership that put the sixth head on that old beast. Remember, none of those men, after the death of Nero, could legally claim to be the Caesar. None of them were related to the old family of Caesars. In the old family of Caesars, it is true, some of them were like adopted sons, or a cousin or a half brother or something like that; but they were still considered to be legal Heirs to that throne, Nero being the last one of that ruling line of emperors. Remember now, when you are looking at the seven heads on that beast of Revelation 13:1, you do not include that Imperial Caesar head in among the seven. These are heads that formed upon the beast in later years, after that Caesar head was out of the picture. Here is what John wrote. "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having **seven heads and ten horns**, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." The seven heads were seven separate forms of Roman rule, after the death of Nero, that stood out above the general trend of all those others; and the ten horns were ten separate kingdoms that were established as a result of the breakup of the old Roman Empire. The ten crowns, were the crowns of the kings of those ten kingdoms all within the old territorial bounds of the Roman Empire.

A LOOK AT THE CONSTANTINE ERA

Upon the recognition of Constantine as the sole ruler of Rome in 324 A.D., we have another transition period to look at. As the Roman Empire, political wise, reached this point in time from 324 to 337, when Constantine finally won out over his rivals, another great change took place. He too was rivaled by two or three other men; but he succeeded in all the rivalry, of finally gaining the appointment to be the supreme emperor of Rome. Notice now, as we bring the line in closer. Constantine stands out for one thing, because he introduced Christianity into the ranks of his army and set about to take the heat off of Christianity, which was running at a distance, parallel. However just as there were different emperors all along, so in the

realm of Christianity, were there different preachers and bishops in the city of Rome. May I say this, Those bishops within the city of Rome, observing the situation, for the time Constantine existed there as emperor, (not as caesar, but as emperor) Rome was at peace. Rome was seen as the imperial city. How come Constantine introduced Christianity to the state, you may say? I will endeavor to relate the incident to you, that caused him to do that. In the Far East, there was a certain region beginning to stir up things trying to create a revolt. Constantine took a sizeable army and headed east to take care of that situation. As he began to reach the area where he knew he would soon engage the rebel troops in combat, he called upon his pagan priests to offer sacrifice according to his established practice. However in the night, he had a dream. **In that dream Constantine saw the sign of the cross in the sky;** and the words which said, **By this thou shalt conquer, and thou shalt overcome.** When he stood before his troops the next day, he first called his officers and told them of the experience. When he told the troops the dream, the sign of the cross was painted on the shield's of his army. That was the beginning of the sign of the cross the Catholic Church has used down through the centuries of time. The Knights of Columbus and all those segments of Catholicism are known by the sign of the cross. The devil can use the cross too, you know. It was the devil's means of execution. That is how the Romans would execute a criminal; when anyone was to be executed. They would either use the cross, or feed the condemned person to the lions. History tells that Constantine was actually saying, The God of heaven has told me: that if I will accept this Christian belief, recognized by this sign, then I will overcome. He engaged in battle, and was victorious. His victory only served to convince him completely, that the God of the Christians was on his side. Remember though, he did not abolish the worshipping of other gods he believed in; he just added one more to his long list. This was just one more he believed in. He was referred to as **the God of the Christians.** He did not give up anything, he just made room for one more god. Listen saints, what he saw in that dream, was not given to him by the God of the Christians; it was given to him by the spirit of the devil. The devil gave him that dream to deceive all who were void of a true revelation of the One true God. That is how Satan became embodied in a world system of religion, that has passed itself off as Christianity for the past 1600 years. When we had the chart up here, of the Babylonian Empire, that was not God's empire; it was Satan's empire. This was the beginning of God permitting Satan to embody himself in a world system that embraced economics, military, religion, and everything else. Why would Satan want to disguise himself in Christianity? Simply because he realized, that in spite of all that martyrdom among the ranks of the Christians, Christianity still flourished. He used a pagan, Roman emperor to set the stage for what he wanted to do. He gave him an experience, that he naturally thought came from God; so according to the records of history, Constantine ordered a mass baptism, wherein all of his soldiers were baptized. When Constantine returned to Rome he wrote a decree stating that the Christian faith would no longer be persecuted, as it had been formerly. The decree stated that it will henceforth be accepted and recognized as a true legal religion, to be practiced by those that want to practice it. Christianity was such a growing religion, and the fact that his experience had brought him to such a position, Constantine did not hesitate to speak for Christianity; even though he knew nothing at all about the new birth experience. Therefore as time passed, more and more of the Roman politicians began to embrace the Christian religion. Not out of conviction and conversion, but because of the prestige and advantage it afforded them. I hope this little sketch of history will help you see why the emperor Constantine marked the sixth form of Roman rule, and is credited with forming the sixth head on this beast. Here again are the first five. **Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, and Marcus Aurelius**, the five good emperors. Each one of these tried to establish an important type of government that would continue on as the Caesar rulership had, but each one of them was independent of the others. That is why they account for five heads on the beast; because they each stood out in time. Between 180 A.D. when Marcus Aurelius left the throne, and 324 A.D. when Constantine became sole ruler of Rome, there were about 38 other men that occupied that throne; but none of them count as a head on the beast. The emperors before Constantine all hated Christianity. Christians were martyred, slaughtered in every way imaginable until Constantine had that dream and accepted the religion of the Christians. In reality he was still a pagan; but he was called a Christian. What he did, took the heat off of the true Christians; and his form of government brought things under control throughout the Roman Empire. He succeeded for a few years, then passed off the scene in 337 A.D.; but his form of government continued on. He himself was not head number six; but his form of government was. It opened up a whole new era in the Roman Empire.

THE BEAST THAT WAS AND IS NOT AND YET IS

In order to have a clear picture of all of this, you need to understand what these men represent in time; and what took place between state, (the Roman government) and the church, once the two lines came together. Follow me, I am going to give you the run down, to show you what people have to understand, as they read about the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. The first thing you need to do is, always keep it Rome; it will not change. Do you know why I can say that, with no doubt in my mind whatsoever? You can read the 7th chapter of Daniel; and find that it plainly tells you the 4th beast, with ten horns will rule until the Ancient of Days comes. You should read the whole chapter, if you are not already familiar with it; but I will read just enough to establish my point. Chapter 7, verse 20, says, "And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other (the little horn, an ecclesiastical horn, the popes) which came up, and before whom three (political horns, kings) fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. (7:21) I beheld, and the same horn (those Roman Catholic Popes, riding that beast) made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; (7:22) Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. (7:23) Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth. (We all know that was Rome) which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. (7:25) And he (the Antichrist, which will be the Roman Catholic Pope in that hour of time as this age closes out) shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (That is exactly 3 1/2 years of prophetic time.) (7:26) But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end." In Daniel's day, there was no way for anyone to establish this thing; but in this hour, we have history to look to; and when you put the two together, (the prophecy, and the history) you get a true picture. It has to be referring to the Roman Empire; but to understand it, you have to understand what happened to Rome. What went on in time, following the great days of these certain emperors? That is what we are going to look at now. We are going to break time down, and we are going to break the Roman government down, from the old imperial system it once was, right on down, watching it go through the various stages. Each stage got weaker and weaker as time passed. When we actually come to Constantine's hour, that was the last stable period of Roman government, as far as the emperors were concerned. From 337 on to 800, the Roman Empire went into a total decline. The decline meant this, the emperors that sat on the throne that the caesars once sat on, were mere figureheads. They sat in the emperor's seat; but they were men of little authority. They functioned in an office; but they were so weak and unstable, little was accomplished by them. During all of those years, there was still that constant rivalry between those that sat upon the throne and those who coveted the position. It was during the time of this decline in authoritative leadership, that the ten horns began to form upon the beast. Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Denmark, England, Ireland and all of those that made up the ten, were territories within the framework of the once great Roman Empire, that broke away from Roman rule to set up their own kingdom during that decline in Roman leadership. In other words, As those emperors got weaker and weaker, the horns began to grow. We refuse to be ruled by Rome any longer. We heretofore cut ourselves free from Rome. It was this breakup of the old Roman Empire that formed the ten horns upon the beast. Daniel saw ten horns upon that 4th beast; and he saw a little horn come up from the midst of the ten and pluck up three of the ten; but it was the apostle John that was shown the seven heads upon that same beast. It was the apostle John, that heard the angel say, "Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, (the great whore of verse 1) and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The **beast** that thou sawest **was**, and **is not**; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the **beast that was**, and **is not**, and **yet is**." Let me take you back to Daniel at this time; since he was the first to see this great Roman beast come up. If we can see what it **was**, and learn why it **was not**, then we can better understand what the angel meant when he said, **and yet is**.

THE FOURTH BEAST OF DANIEL'S DREAM

Daniel had already described the first three beasts, and we know from his description that they were territorial empires with men sitting at the head of their government's; and the various men that sat at the head of those beast government's are described either by the figurative symbolic wings, or the ribs, or the heads of fowl, and so forth. All of those descriptions are significant, representing the men within the

particular government during its main period of time. This 4th beast was such a different looking thing though, Daniel really had to find out about it. (Verse 7) "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, (which is the Roman Empire) dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and **it had great iron teeth.**" You can see right there, that the way it was represented shows that time had moved into the iron part of what that great image portrayed. While we are right there, let me again remind you of what the Gold in that image stood for. Gold is one of the most valuable metals of all earthly mineral ore. It is what the economy of the world is based upon. Even when it looks like the American dollar is a sinking thing, many times a lot of people will invest in things made of gold, because it is a stabilizing element in the world's economy. It is a metal that is flexible. You can make something with it. That characterized the quality of the man sitting at the head of the Babylonian Empire in that period of time when God gave Daniel the vision. Just think of it though saints, even though the Babylonian Empire was a pagan empire, and Nebuchadnezzar a pagan king, God could still give him a dream that would be a prophetic dream for the people of God down through the ages to be guided by. When he awakened the next morning, Nebuchadnezzar did not remember what he had dreamed; but he knew he had seen something terrible in that dream; and he meant to get the interpretation, one way or another. He first jumped on his soothsayers and astrologers and said, You tell me. They could not, unless he first related the dream to them. God permitted it to be like that; in order to bring Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the picture. When Daniel told him the dream, and the interpretation, he immediately knew he had heard from the God of Heaven. As I have already stated, My point in telling this is, God could speak to men in that realm, because they were men that would listen. Even Belshazzar, the last one in that kingdom, a man who was like some of our politicians in Washington, that would rather throw a party than to conduct the business they are there to take care of, could be brought down by the hand of God. There he was in the king's palace throwing a big party, taking the golden vessels of the temple of the Jews and using them to drink wine, and getting drunk, Yet God was able to speak to him. The point is, Belshazzar was a man that God could speak to; because when he looked upon the wall and saw that hand writing, his knees began to knock. He knew he was in for something. It might be good if God could write on the walls of our governing bodies of men in this day and hour. How many of our politicians would pay attention to a message from God? They would probably call in scientists, physicists, psychiatrists and philosophers who would attribute such a phenomena to a defect in the plaster on the walls. Even over the Medo Persia Empire, there sat a man that had a commandment from God to fulfill. Notice what Ezra 1:1-2 says concerning that. "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah." Cyrus was already a man that had been named by God in Jeremiah's writings. Coming on down to Alexander the Great, when time had moved into the brass section of that Image, (I have already brought out how brass is less in value than gold.) there was still a quality in mankind that the spirit of God could speak to. The fact that God could give Alexander the Great a dream, before he ever got to Jerusalem, and that dream influence him on his meeting with the high priest, lets us know that through the ages, God has been able to influence the decisions of mortal mankind. When they met, fulfilling Alexander's dream, Jannis the high priest, took Alexander the Great into the area where the priest lived and showed him the writings of Daniel, where he had been in the prophecies. That caused Alexander the Great to have great favor toward the Jewish people and give them much freedom all through his period of time. It was different with Rome though. I have not read anywhere in Roman history that the Spirit of God could speak to a pagan, Roman magistrate, governor, or general; but the devil could. He spoke to Constantine; and played a trick on the whole world. It even played a trick on Christianity. Keep in mind, had John and those men that lived in that period of time, been here in Constantine's time, you may rest assured they would have cried out, Get away from that man! His vision was not of God! By that time though, Christianity was in its fourth century; with a different type people, and a different type of ministry. They did not have the insight and revelation held by those first century Christians. That is why iron stands out. It shows how hard it is to change the mind of man. Let me read the rest of the verse. "**It devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it.**" That is true. When you really read how Rome conquered and ruled, and what it put forth, it was a different type empire altogether. "**And it had ten horns.**" Keep in mind, Daniel the prophet, saw all this in his vision, but he was told that it was for a former time, and he knew it was to take the place, or be in the same area the Babylonian Empire had arisen. He lived when the Babylonian's were in power; and on into the Medo Persian era, but he did not live

in time of the Grecian Empire. In the dream he saw these others coming up later on in time; and as he saw that Roman Empire come up, way off in the future, he saw that giant head form on it; and then later ten horns began to make their appearance. That puts time right back where we were a little while ago, between Constantine and Charlemagne. When Constantine introduced the church to the pagan, Roman state, for the eventual purpose of a courtship between them, that Christianity was no longer going to be persecuted, but was going to be respected, here is what began to happen: From Constantine's hour the angel marked the sixth head, as we read in the 17th chapter of the book of Revelation. His form of government marked the sixth form of Roman government, that was sufficient to be counted as a head on the beast. When he passed off the scene, again there was a repeat of the same from there to Charlemagne. From Constantine's death in A.D.337, to A.D.800, when Charlemagne came to power, the upcoming emperors were weaker and weaker all the time. We find from reading secular history, that territories began to rise up and break away; and as they did, the ten horns were formed. In these prophetic scriptures, the horns speak of kings, or kingdoms. Each of those horns had a crown upon it; so that is what the great Roman Empire had come to, a territory divided into ten kingdoms. Then as the so called Christian people of these territories, and the pagan state began to court each other, do you know what they are beginning to do? The politicians began to look to the pope, the bishop of Rome for whatever he could do for them with his Christian religious influence. By that hour, just about all of Europe had been brought under the effect of the church, as that courtship continued. More and more the bishops begin to play an important role along with the oncoming emperors. As the emperors were getting weaker in the area of power and leadership, the church leaders were getting stronger. That tells you why we have a lot of clergymen today in high places, they are not looking for the second coming of Christ; they are looking for an important place in social recognition, and in the realm of world affairs. I just have to say this, Whatever you see clergymen doing today in that realm, you can be sure each one is an instrument of the antichrist spirit. Naturally they are doing it ignorantly, not realizing the spirit they are of. Nevertheless they are instruments of the antichrist spirit, that spirit that is against true revelation of the word of God. As for the horns, they did not all form at the same time; but John was allowed to see all ten of them on the heads of the beast; and also the crowns upon the horns, and the names of blasphemy upon the **heads**. Daniel saw the thing coming; but John saw it in its completed evolution. Along about 400 A.D., the horns began to grow; so by the time Charlemagne came to the emperor's seat, the beast John saw was almost entirely formed. What remained was for the great whore of chapter 17, to be seen riding that beast; and that is the part we are going to talk about now.

THE SEVENTH HEAD, THE LITTLE HORN AND THE NAMES OF BLASPHEMY ON HEADS

We need to understand why that word Blasphemy is on the heads; and not on the horns. Charlemagne's hour, beginning in the eighth century, marks the completion of the seven heads John saw on the beast; for his particular form of government is what formed the seventh head in time. Just the mere fact that he came to the emperor's chair, did not put head number seven on the beast; but what he did after he came to that place of authority is what we look at. When you read in secular history what Charlemagne did, due to the fact that the church was becoming so influential in governmental affairs in Rome, you can well see that he was not like any of the other emperors that were responsible for forming a head on the beast. Charlemagne recognized the dissension that had been going on for so long, and the break away of territories; but in order to make Rome the central point of recognition, here is what he did; that played right into the pope's hand. First of all he was blessed by the pope. Then this Charlemagne, an emperor with a sword, did something throughout Europe that was long remembered. He said, Everyone is going to become a Christian. Then with the sword and bow he went from territory to territory forcing those people to join the Roman Catholic Church. If any had not already joined the Roman Catholic Church, and they insisted on being a plain old pagan, they could expect their head to come off, or at least to be thrust through with a dagger. Throughout his reign, he married church and state. He actually began his own Christian crusade 28 years before he was acclaimed to be emperor of Rome, while he was known as Charles the Great, king of the Franks and Lombards. It was said of him, that he regarded himself as the divinely appointed Defender of the Church, and as its ruler and lawgiver also. That is what Charlemagne did. He married church and state together. Now that we know this much, we need to come to an understanding of why the angel said to John, "And the beast that was and is not, and yet is, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition." Let me read about the horns, in Daniel 7:8; before we say anything else. "I considered the horns, (meaning he watched them until he saw a change take place) and, behold, there came up among them (Notice that it

says the little horn came up among the ten. That lets us know the ten horns were already there.) another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: (Plucked up by the roots does not mean he destroyed their national identity on the head; it was how he treated a particular king within a certain period of time, when he, the little horn reached that place of power and authority that enabled him to do what he did.) and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." That little horn began to rise among the ten. Please take note of that. Remember also, HORN speaks of power. I will just say again right now, The ten horns were political powers, (kingdoms) but that little horn was an ecclesiastical power; which was none other than the Roman Catholic Pope, which in earlier times was known as the bishop of Rome. When you take that mouth speaking great things, it is the same mouth you see in verses 5-7, of Revelation 13, which plainly tell you he (that same little horn, though he is not called that there) had a mouth speaking great things, and spoke great blasphemies against the God of heaven. Daniel and John were both shown the same beast; but they did not both see every detail of the complete picture from Babylon to the end of Rome. Charlemagne married the church and state together by forcing the people throughout the pagan, Roman state to become Christians, whether they wanted to or not. What that did, was put the church and state on the same level; and as I said earlier, played right into the hands of the pope. Since we know that it was Charlemagne's period that put the seventh head on the beast, I want to again remind you of that strange terminology the angel used as he talked to John. "**Five are fallen, one is**." I will say this, Right here is where the angel was showing John something, as he talked to him in the 17th chapter of Revelation. Remember, as John was taken up in the 4th chapter of Revelation, when the voice said, Come up hither and I will show thee things that shall be hereafter. Then John, in the spirit, was taken into the future tense of time; and when it comes to what he saw in the 17th chapter, try to understand this, John was standing somewhere over here in the future tense, and he was being instructed by the angel who was showing him how to write this thing in such a way that when people would read it, they would not know how to put the picture together; except by the revelation of the Holy Spirit. He was projected into the twentieth century, watching the thing come toward him. Daniel watched it going away from him. That is what you have to understand. John stood over here somewhere in the 20th century, where he could see this whole thing come about; and the angel was standing where he could say, "**Five are fallen, (past tense) one is, (present tense) and one is not yet come.**" When he comes, what did he say, he will continue for a little space. Which means he will have a short duration. Then what did he say? (17:11) "**And the beast that was, and is not, (talking about the seventh) even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.**" When the angel said that, he was going to go right back to that old imperial authority, the way the caesars used to rule. You just did not resist that authority. Well there was a day way over here, when **the popes of Rome had that same authority**. Read it in history. That was the trick the devil played on the Roman Empire. First he introduced Christianity for courtship. Then he brought it for marriage. Finally the church took over completely. When the church took over, what used to be emperors back here that had authority, from there on the emperors were only figureheads. You do not read a thing about any of them. What you do read about though, is the popes that reigned in their stead, so to speak. That is what you have to look at.

AN EMPEROR CALLED THE POPE MAKER

I want to take a little time to pin down some of the statements we have made in the earlier part of the message. While it is true that the emperor Charlemagne, is credited with forming head number seven on the 4th beast Daniel saw rise to power, that to him was a beast with ten horns, it was many years after Charlemagne's death before his form of Roman rule formed that seventh head. It was actually the latter form of it, under an emperor named Otto the Great, that really made it what we look at, when we speak of his form of Roman rule. After Charlemagne's death, Rome again went into a further decline. He tries his best to establish a rule like Augustus and Claudius, and those first emperors had; but those ten horns had to have an opportunity to fully mature. In a political sense, they had to get complete independence from Rome, while still having that bond with Rome; in order for the prophetic scriptures to be fulfilled. (This is just my way of expressing it. Prophecy was written like this, because this is how God (through His foreknowledge) saw it coming about. I want to read to you a little sketch of history concerning Otto the Great. It will allow you to see from history, how papal authority came to be elevated above the authority of the Roman emperors. (This is history. "Otto the Great is not only to be remembered as a German king of the same race that Charlemagne was of: his reign was also noteworthy in the history of Italy. The country at

this time was hopelessly divided between rival and contending peoples. The emperor at Constantinople controlled the southern extremity of the peninsula. The Mohammedians held Sicily and some cities on the mainland. The pope ruled at Rome, and in the estate of the church. (Even at this early date, the popes were already rising in power and influence.) Even the imperial title died out, and there was no longer a Roman emperor in the West; there was a pope. The deplorable condition in Italy invited interference from abroad. Following the footsteps of Charlemagne, Otto the Great led two expeditions across the Alps, assumed the iron crown of Lombardy, and then proceeded to Rome, where he secured the Pope John 12th against the latest enemies in the city. Otto's reward was the same as Charlemagne's. On Christmas Day, the year 962, A.D., the grateful pope crowned him Emperor. The coronation of Otto the Great seemed to his contemporaries a necessity, and a beneficial act. They still believed that the Holy Roman Empire was suspended, not extinct; and that now, 150 years after Charlemagne, the occasion was opportune to revive the name and power associated with the golden age of the Francish Emperor Charlemagne. Otto's ardent spirit, one may well believe, was fired with this vision of imperial sway, and the renewal of the title around which clustered so many memories of success and glory. But the outcome of Otto's restoration of the Roman Empire was not good either for Italy or Germany. It became the ruler henceforth that the man that the German nobles chose as their king, had a claim also to the Italian crown and the imperial title. The efforts of the German kings to make good this claim led to their constant interference in the affairs of Italy. They treated that country as a conquered province which had no right to a national life and an independent government under its own rulers. At the same time they neglected Germany; and failed to keep their powerful territorial lords in subjection. Neither Italy nor Germany, in consequence, could become a unified centralized state, such as was formed in France and England during the Middle Ages. The empire of Charlemagne, restored by Otto the Great, (Please take note of the fact that Otto R-E-S-T-O-R- E-D the empire of Charlemagne. That is why it can be said that the LITTLE HORN, the Pope took over the last form of Roman Imperialism. No other man after Charlemagne, was ever able to establish anything that even resembled it.) came to be called in later centuries, the Holy Roman Empire. The title points to the idea of a world monarchy, the Roman Empire, and a world religion. The magnificent idea was never fully realized. The popes and emperors, instead of being bound to each other by the closest ties, were more generally enemies than friends. A large part of medieval history was to turn on this conflict between the emperors and the popes." Otto used the church to achieve his own purpose; but by opening that door, he allowed the devil the opportunity to have the papacy take over that 7th form of Roman political government; thereby making this 8th head (which was an ecclesiastical head) a part of the 7th, which fulfilled what John wrote in the 17th chapter of Revelation exactly. When that happened it just simply reversed the whole thing. Instead of state over church as it always had been before, it then became church over state; with the popes cracking the whip. This change did not take place suddenly; it was a gradual change that involved many popes, each one gaining a little more supremacy over the emperors than the one before. That is why it is said, that for about three centuries there were no unbelievers in Rome. Everyone was a Catholic. The pope was a (as some would say) sovereign ruler; and all the political leaders of the ten horn nations were all Catholic's under his dominion. Knowing this, we can better understand the scripture that says, (Rev.17:8) "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, (Only a spirit can ascend from the bottomless pit; therefore we understand that the devil is the life of that old beast system.) and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold **the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.**" The devil first ruled the world through those old Roman caesar's; and right on through time in the Roman imperial system, until it came time that he could rule the world through the Roman Catholic Church system. That caused the pope to become what looked like an 11th horn upon that old beast; but in reality it was not such a horn; because this horn (power) did not establish another nation within the old Roman Empire territory. Even though this was the most powerful horn of the whole lot, it did not change the makeup of the beast; for it still had only 7 heads, and only 10 horns. Daniel saw this "eleventh horn" rise up, having eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things, and it is written that he sought to change times, and laws, and seasons; therefore I want to show you from history, how this was fulfilled. Notice how the papal power ascended to a place of supremacy over the emperors, as we read a little more from history. "One might suppose that there could be no interference between pope and emperor, since they seem to have separate spheres of action. It was said, That God had made the pope, as the successor of St. Peter, supreme in spiritual matters; and the emperor as heir of the Roman Caesars, supreme in temporal matters. The former (the popes) ruled men's soul's; and the latter men's bodie's. The two sovereigns thus divided on equal terms, the government of the world. The difficulty with this theory

was that it did not work. No one could decide in advance, where the authority of the pope ended, and where that of the emperor began. When the pope claimed certain powers which were also claimed by the emperor, a conflict between the two rulers became inevitable. Otto the Great, in 962 A.D., restored imperial rule in the west. Thus founding what in later centuries came to be known as the Holy Roman Empire. He made the pope to be completely recognized by all citizenry. There was no other religion allowed. Otto made the city of Rome the imperial capital. He deposed a pope who proved disobedient to his wishes; (This is why he was known as the pope maker.) and on his own authority appointed another. At the same time Otto exacted from the people of Rome an oath, that they would never recognize any pope to whose election the emperor had not consented." At this juncture in time, the emperors had the upper hand over the popes; but later, we will see that the whole thing reversed; and the popes took over.

THREE HORNS PLUCKED UP BY THE ROOTS

I will not read all of the history that leads up to, and shows how these three horns were plucked up; for we have printed it before. I will just read enough to point you to the occasion; and those who care to can get the rest of it out of a previous issue. Notice how the change came about. "The death of Henry the 3rd, which left the empire in weak political hands, gave the papacy a chance to escape the control of the secular powers. In 1059 A.D., a church council held at the Letern Palace decreed that henceforth, the right of choosing the supreme pontiff, (the pope) should belong exclusively to the Cardinal body, and no longer to political appointments. This arrangement tended to prevent any interference with the election of popes, either by the Roman people, or by foreign sovereigns." All of this was designed by Satan to get rid of any obstacles that would keep him from sitting in the papal chair, being worshipped and adored through his instrument the pope. He (the devil) had ruled the world through the caesars; and now he would again rule the world through one office, the office of a man the world looks upon as the Vicar of Jesus Christ. The old pope is now worshipped in basically the same way the old caesars were. Therefore I want to read to you a little sketch that will allow you to see how this little horn began to **blaspheme**. From 1059 A.D., we will skip on down to the first pope that really began to blaspheme in a way that fulfills this scripture. His name was Hildebrand; but he took the name Gregory the 7th on his elevation to the papacy. He devoted all his time and talent to the advancement of the papacy, until the papacy could take full leadership of the Roman world. A contemporary document which may have been of his own composition, and at any rate expressed his ideas, contains the following statements, "**The Roman pontiff alone is properly called universal ruler.**" In that one statement, you find that mouth speaking great things, blasphemous things. This is that little horn Daniel saw. Not just this one, but all who follow in his footsteps. He speaks blasphemous things just like the old caesars of Rome, those emperors that claimed to be **sovereign, imperial, universal rulers**, a title that only God Himself can rightly claim. It is easy to see why God will judge that old whore system of religion at the end of this grace age; because she is a blasphemous, cultish system of captivity. Under the reign of those popes, it was just the opposite of what it was during the time of Charlemagne and Otto. Those emperors could remove a pope and appoint another in his place; but with the turn around, the popes cannot be touched by anyone. They claim the sovereign universal rulership title; because they rule men's souls. Can you not see how Satan has gradually changed his disguise, from the emperor's seat, right over to the papal seat? Let me finish reading these great swelling words of this pope. "**He alone may depose a king from his throne; and he (the pope) may be judged of no one.**" That is a total reversal of the way it used to be. Who did the apostle Paul appeal to, when he was falsely accused? It certainly was not the bishop of Rome. He appealed to the Caesar. His appeal was to the highest mortal authority of that time; but today, if such an appeal was to be made to the highest mortal authority, most would tell you it would have to be made to the pope of Rome. "**He may absolve from their (the emperor's) allegiance.**" That means, regardless of what kind of public document the political king issues, he can end it quickly if he so desires. "**The Roman Church never has erred; and never can err.**" Pope Gregory did not originate these doctrines; he was just the first pope to publicly apply and enforce them. He soon issued a decree against lay investiture. It declared that no emperor, king, duke, marquis, count or any other (including the dignitaries of royal families or governments) should presume to grant investitures. This was a general decree applying to all the states of Western Europe; which was the ten horn nations. However circumstances were such that it mainly affected Germany; because the last political emperors that were ever recognized as emperors within that political sphere were Germans. That brings the whole thing down to Daniel's vision of this little horn

plucking up three of the first horns by the roots. It did not destroy them; it just broke them from trying to get free from papal authority.

FIRST HORN PLUCKED

History says this, "**Henry the 4th, the ruler of Germany at this time, did not refuse the papal challenge. He wrote a famous letter to Gregory, calling him 'no pope, but a false monk;' telling him also, that Christ had never called him to the priesthood; and bidding him, 'Come down from St. Peter's throne.'** Gregory in reply, dethroned Henry as emperor, excommunicated him from the church, and freed his political subjects from their allegiance to him. This severe sentence made a profound impression in Germany. Henry's adherence fell away, and it seemed probable that the German nobles would elect another ruler in his stead. Henry then decided on abject submission or surrender. He hastened across the Alps, and found the pope at the castle of Canosa, on the northern slopes of the Appenese. It was January, and the snow lay deep. The emperor stood for three days shivering outside the castle gate, barefoot, and clad in a coarse woolen shirt, the garb of a man doing penance. At last upon the entreaties of the Countess Matilda of Tuscany, Gregory admitted Henry, this ruler of Germany, and granted him forgiveness." There, you see how the first horn was plucked up. The government of that royal family was not destroyed; but they found out for sure that no territorial government was ever going to be powerful enough to stand up against the power of the pope.

SECOND HORN PLUCKED UP BY ROOTS

That dramatic scene at Canosa did not end the investiture conflict; we have other events to look at. This will let you see how horn number two was plucked up by a pope. "**Thirty years after the signing of the Concordant of Worms, the emperor Frederick, called Barbarossa because of his red beard, succeeded to the throne of Italy. Frederick II, of the Hoffenstoffen Dynasty was capable, imaginative and ambitious. He took Charlemagne and Otto the Great as his models, and aspired like them, to rule Christian Europe and the church. His reign is the story of many attempts, ending at length in failure to unite all Italy into a single state under German sway. Frederick's Italian policy brought him at once into conflict with the papacy. The popes gave their support to a league of the free citizens of northern Italy, which were also threatened by Frederick's soaring ambitions. The haughty emperor, having suffered a severe defeat, sought reconciliation with the pope Alexander III. In the presence of a vast throng assembled before St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Frederick knelt before the pope and humbly kissed his feet. Just a century had passed since the humiliation of Henry IV at Canosa.**" That gives you horn number two of the three Daniel saw plucked up by the roots; so let us go right to the third one, which we are taking right from the pages of history.

HORN NUMBER THREE PLUCKED UP BY ROOTS

A third horn was plucked up by a pope named '**Innocent III.**' History declares that the papacy reached the height of its power under him. Following some of the declarations he made, you can certainly see how he spoke against the Most High; for he, like Lucifer, exalted himself to a place no mortal man has any right to be. Therefore if God cast Lucifer down from his position for that very thing, why would He not look upon this mortal being in the same way? Just listen "**Innocent announced the claims of the papacy in the most uncompromising manner. As the moon, he declared, receives its light from the sun, and is inferior to the sun, so do kings receive all their glory and dignity from the Holy See.**" According to this, the pope had the right to interfere in all secular matters, and in the quarrels of rulers. "**God has set the prince of the apostles over kings and kingdoms, with a mission to tear up, plant, destroy, scatter and rebuild.**" Some of those popes did just exactly as that decree states; but in reality that authority belongs only to God. That was just another example of how those old popes spoke against God; comparable to what is written in

the 14th chapter of Isaiah about Lucifer, wherein he (Lucifer) said, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God." That same old spirit was in those popes; and caused them to conduct themselves the same way. **"Innocent's claims were not just idle boasts. When Philip Augustus, king of France, divorced his wife and made another marriage, Innocent declared the divorce void; and ordered him to take back his discarded queen. Philip refused, and Pope Innocent put France under an interdict (a quarantine) and closed all businesses. From that hour all religious rites ceased. (no mass for births nor burials) There were no burials. The church bells were silent. The sick died uncared for. The dead lay unburied. Philip, deserted by his citizenry was compelled to submit."** Saints; I am sure you realize, that when Philip (that king of France) submitted to the pope, that constituted another horn being plucked up. What a joke, that men like those popes would claim to be the successors of St. Peter, the apostle to whom Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Those popes wielded so much power, there was no way anyone could resist what they determined should be. That whole church system always has been motivated by Satan. He left the emperor's throne and has been sitting upon the papal throne ever since, in those Roman Catholic popes. The same territories that used to be ruled by the caesars, were ruled by the popes; and it was that papal head that was wounded, and then later healed. That beast head, church over state, was wounded by the Reformation; and then came right back up again, healed and restored, right back into the same position he held before the wounding, to continue on for a little short space of time. The religions of the world will go after the beast. That is why since 1948 there has been an **image to that old papal system made**; and it is none other than the World Council of Churches. She talks like the pope used to, and eventually the World Council of Churches will think and act and do exactly the same thing the old Catholic Church did, because the Catholic Church is a member of it. They talk of Jesus; but they do not **know Jesus** as their Savior and Lord, and soon coming King. They are looking for a world they can help to make better; but they are not going to make it better. When we begin to hear that the pope is now writing letters and saying what he is saying about Israel and so forth, you can rest assured, his hour is getting close. The sad part of it is, The world does not know what he (the pope) is destined to do. They will wonder after him, just like the Bible says. Before this Desert Storm War started, they would have liked for a man such as the pope to step out on the stage of time and say, Hey I have the answer to this problem in the Middle East, if you will just listen to me. That is what they were looking for; and one day there will come an hour that God will permit such a thing to take place. He will officiate a peace covenant, and be the guardian of it for 3 1/2 years. Then he (the pope, the antichrist) will personally break the covenant and start an all out persecution of the Jewish people; and the great tribulation will be in effect. All of this is prophesied in the scriptures; and it cannot possibly fail to come to pass. May God bless every one of you; and keep you in His care. Continued next issue.

IMPERIAL CAESAR EMPERIORS

**POMPEY,
JULIUS,
ANTONY,
AUGUSTUS 27 B.C-14 A.D., TIBERIUS 14-37 A.D., CALIGULA 37-41 A.D., CLAUDIUS 41-54
A.D., NERO 54-68 A.D.**

FLAVIAN LINE OF EMPERIORS

VESPASIAN 69-79 A.D., TITUS 79-81 A.D., DOMITIAN 81-96 A.D.

FIVE GOOD EMPERIORS FIRST FIVE HEADS

THIS IS THE FIVE THAT THE BIBLE SAYS ARE FALLEN

- (1) NERVA 96-98 A.D.
- (2) TRAJAN 98-117 A.D.
- (3) HADRIAN 117-138 A.D.
- (4) ANTONINUS PIUS 138-161 A.D.
- (5) MARCUS AURELIUS 161-180 A.D.

CONSTANTINE,
KNOWN AS FIRST
CHRISTIAN EMPEROR

SIXTH HEAD

THE BIBLE SAYS, ONE IS, THAT ONE WAS CONSTANTINE 306-337

CHARLEMAGNE
HEAD NUMBER SEVEN

THIS IS THE HEAD THAT HAD NOT YET COME, BECAUSE CONSTANTINE'S FORM OF RULERSHIP WAS STILL IN EFFECT AT THE JUNCTURE OF TIME THIS VISION OF JOHN WAS POINTING TO.

CHARLEMAGNE LIVED FROM 742-814, WAS ROMAN EMPEROR FOR ONLY 14 YEARS; BUT WAS KNOWN AS THE FOUNDER OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE, BECAUSE HE ACTUALLY MARRIED CHURCH AND STATE. HE ESTABLISHED THE 7TH FORM OF ROMAN RULERSHIP THAT PUT HEAD NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BEAST WE ARE LOOKING AT, AND YEARS LATER, WHEN THE POPES BEGAN EXERCISING AUTHORITY OVER THE EMPERORS, IT WAS STILL THIS SAME FORM OF ROMAN RULERSHIP WHICH WAS REESTABLISHED BY OTTO THE GREAT, THAT WAS IN EFFECT. IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY CHARLEMAGNE, RENEWED BY OTTO, AND TAKEN OVER BY THE POPES. THAT IS WHY THE BIBLE SAYS THE 8TH IS OF THE 7TH., BECAUSE THE POPES JUST TOOK OVER WHAT WAS THERE ALREADY.

HORNS
THREE HORNS THAT
WERE PLUCKED UP

1ST HORN

HENRY 4TH, KING OF GERMANY, PLUCKED UP BY THE POPE, 1077 A.D.

2ND HORN

FREDERICK BARBAROSSA, KING OF ITALY, PLUCKED UP BY POPE, 1190 A.D.

3RD HORN

PHILIP AUGUSTUS, KING OF FRANCE, PLUCKED UP BY THE POPE IN 1216 A.D.

THE WOMAN OF MYSTERY-CONTINUED

WE INTERRUPTED THIS MESSAGE ON THE WOMAN OF MYSTERY IN OUR FEBRUARY ISSUE; IN ORDER TO INSERT A MESSAGE PREACHED WHILE THE DESERT STORM WAR WAS GOING ON. WHAT WE INSERTED, JUST SORT OF BROUGHT THE MIDDLE EAST PICTURE UP TO DATE PROPHETIC WISE; AND ALLOWS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR READERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHY THE MIDDLE EAST IS IN SUCH A TURMOIL AT THIS PRESENT TIME. WE HAVE SEEN THAT GOD IS CLEARING THE WAY AND GETTING ISRAEL INTO POSITION TO GET THE REST OF HER LAND BACK. SHE HAS TO HAVE IT BACK IN HER CONTROL BEFORE THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL CAN BECOME A FULFILLING REALITY; BECAUSE THE FIRST HALF OF THAT WEEK OF YEARS WILL BE A TIME OF PEACE; AND THE LAST HALF, ISRAEL (THE WOMAN) WILL BE RUNNING FOR HER LIFE, GETTING AWAY FROM THE WRATH OF THE ANTICHRIST, WHEN HE KILLS THE TWO PROPHETS OF CHAPTER 11, AND DETERMINES TO RID THE EARTH OF JEWS. WE DO WANT TO KEEP OUR SERIES OF MESSAGES RUNNING THOUGH, UNTIL WE PROJECT THIS BIBLE PICTURE ALL THE WAY INTO THE NEW CITY, RECORDED IN REVELATION, CHAPTER 21; SO AT THIS POINT WE WILL PICK UP WHERE WE INTERRUPTED OUR FEBRUARY MESSAGE. WE WERE LOOKING AT A PROPHECY IN ISAIAH 49, VERSES 11-21; AND WE WERE READY TO READ VERSE 14. WE WILL REREAD VERSES 11-13, AND THEN CONTINUE WITH THE COMMENTS AS WE GET BACK TO VERSE 14.

ZION SAYS-THE LAND ITSELF SPEAKS

You can look at your February issue, page 5, and catch up with where we are. Isa. 49:11 says, "**And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. (12) Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim. (13) Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.**" God is going to show mercy unto His afflicted nation. Verse 14, takes on a different tone. Zion begins to speak. Zion is the mountain area on which Jerusalem, the city of God sits. This spot was chosen by King David; and in a sense he chose it because of its strategic importance; but he was divinely guided by God Himself, to take it from the Jebusites. God caused him to do a certain thing; and right there is where God chose to place His name. Just notice how this prophecy is speaking in behalf of this geographical spot, Zion, and the city that sits on it. (14) "**But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.**" Since 69 A.D. when the Jews were carried away from there by their captors, there has been no Jews there singing Psalms and worshipping at the temple. That particular spot became a place for Gentiles, from that time on. Only the Lord Himself knows how the Gentile powers of the world have fought over that little piece of land. They have fussed, fought and killed for it; and for what reason? We know why the Jews want it, it is part of their inheritance; and their Capitol city. With the Jews out of there for almost two thousand years, scattered to the four winds, the land cries out, "**The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.**" You certainly cannot say the land has been without habitation all this time. There have been Arabs, Greeks, French, Germans, Russians, and who knows what, dwelling there during that time. Wealthy people went there and retired; just simply to live and die in the land of sentimentality and antiquity. But Zion languished. Zion wept. Verse 15, "**Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.**" Oh brother, God has been looking at that little spot of ground for almost 2000 years, remembering those to whom He had given it. No matter how that old city has been treated, desecrated, made to stink like a hog pen many times, God knows all about it; and He certainly knows all of those who belong there in it, and how to get them back there from wherever they may be presently. Notice verse 16, God is speaking concerning that spot and city. "**Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.**" He has seen those walls when they were not even there. He saw them when they were rubbish. He saw them as the Crusaders rebuilt what they thought would suffice; but that is not what the Lord was looking at. He was looking at her old dimensions, where there will again be walls that will fulfill the prophetic picture the way He wants it. He even has a prophecy that tells how He is going to do it; but to do that, these other things have to be set in motion. Verse 17, I like this one. First He says, I have engraved thee upon the palm of my hand; (still talking to the land) but now, listen to this, "**Thy children shall make haste;** (This lets us

know that is to be a generation of Jews somewhere in time, that God is to definitely deal with, to bring back to inhabit that place on Zion. There will be a time come when they will make haste to make their presence there. That is the way you have to see it.) **thy destroyers and they that made thee waste** (This is talking about the Arabs that live there.) **shall go forth of thee.**" That is the stalemate today, in the peace process in the Middle East. Israel stopped when she took Jerusalem proper. She stopped at the western wall. She would not enter the temple grounds, for fear that the whole world would pounce upon her and say, "Oh you have turned it into a holy war." You know you cannot do that. Therefore for the sake of what world pressure might be, she stopped short. That took place 23 years ago; but at least it brought the Gentile flags down. That fulfilled what Jesus had said. No more, will Gentiles feet trod the city of Jerusalem while flying their flag there. It is just that little spot, the temple ground, that is the focal point. For the last 23 years now the bickering has been, If Israel wants peace, she must not only give up east Jerusalem, (which is the old Zion city) she must give up the territories of the west bank also. That would be basically, land belonging to the tribe of Judah. Israel, from a political standpoint, is divided. Her politicians cannot agree upon a proper stance for them as a nation to take. Never has there been an era of time that they were as divided as they are right now. They know the Arab pressure inside their society is just about to explode like a stick of dynamite. They know on one hand they have to do something, but they have world pressure whispering in their ears, You cannot do that. Unless you do thus and so, we will not do this and that. She is caught between the cross fires of what the Arabs say; and what the rest of the world is saying. That is why I say, We may as well make up our mind, it takes a condition like that for God to show His hand. I want you to know, Pharaoh was not an agreeable character. He was a dirty, stinking, lying, conniving character. One minute he would be sitting crying, and saying, Go ahead, get on out of here. An hour and half later he had called his men in and forgotten all about it. You just have to realize, that if God is going to show His hand so that Israel will know assuredly, I am on your side, then He has to bring it about in a way that will cause them to recognize His hand in what takes place. They are going to triumph over the liberal, peace now philosophy that says, Give up, give back, go back, anything just to have peace. It will not work that way. God will not let it go that way. That is why He will bring about conditions that will require the governors of Judah to be compelled to get their heads together and look at their existence, and their future, from the standpoint of, We either do thus and so and survive, or we compromise and eventually be nothing. Time just in front of us, will tell what that will all lead to. This prophecy thrills my soul though; just listen to how it is worded. (17) **"Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee."** You know, as well as I do, that this is not going to be brought about in an election. This is not a picture of the Israeli parliament saying to the east Jerusalem Arabs, We will give you an option. We are going to have a free election, so you can vote to stay, or you can vote to leave. Such an idea is pure nonsense. Those Arabs that are in that east city are definitely determined that they are going nowhere. Do not forget, when this thing started back in December 1987, it started in Old Jerusalem and the Gaza strip, the two areas pertaining to the prophecy of our hour of time. Right where it started is where the prophecy said they would eventually leave. Therefore that lets me know, George Bush, Jim Baker, Gorbachev, nor anyone else in the west, is ever going to change the picture through negotiations. It can look like it is not going to be according to this prophecy; but I imagine, that if you had stood in Pharaoh's court and heard the conversation between Moses and him, you would probably have said it looked pretty dark then also. When God got through working in the situation, that bunch of Egyptians were ready to say, Go ahead, get out of here. Leave. The quicker you go, the better. When this thing is just right, those Arabs are going to leave east Jerusalem; because there will be nothing left for them to do but get out of there. They are going to leave the Gaza strip also, just as sure as you are sitting here listening to me say so.

WHY JEWS ARE GOING HOME

I really like this next verse. Did you ever drive down a country road and see an old farm house that looked more or less deserted? As you looked it over, you could see that at one time it had been a beautiful homestead. Maybe two stories, wrap around porch, a house that could have accommodated a large family. You say in your mind, A well to do family was raised there. Maybe two, three, or four generations of people have been born in that house. You said, If that house could talk, it would no doubt have a story to tell. That is what Zion is doing. This prophecy tells us Zion has a story to tell. (Isaiah 49:18) **"Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the Lord, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, (the city shall clothe herself with them all) as with**

an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth." This pertains to Jews coming home in an appointed time. Jews that are ordained by God to eventually inhabit the new occupation. It will be Jews coming home with a vision. Jews coming with an outlook, we are coming because our Messiah is coming. We want to beautify the city. The Arabs could not care less how it stinks; because they have no prophecy that encourages their heart to do anything for the city; but the Jews do have. In that appointed time, when those Jews that are ordained to be its new inhabitants do come home, they come with a vision. They will not just come expecting a free ride, they will have something to contribute to the overall picture. The prophecy is telling how the city should clothe herself with them as though they were ornaments. She will adorn herself with them. (19) **"For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away."** Because of these prophecies, there is destined to come a great mass exodus, and flow of immigrants into the land of Israel. Russia, and our the State Department is telling Israel, Now this aid we are giving you, you cannot use it to establish these new immigrants in the west bank and occupied areas. That includes east Jerusalem, the old city. Well regardless of what anyone says, this prophecy tells us they are going to do just exactly what they are cautioned not to do. By that, we know that somewhere on up the road there is going to be some diplomatic, political shaking taking place. I cannot help but believe, that when the hand of God has shaken this other thing and got it all lined out the way He wants it, we will see some action here. When that door is propped open so that it fulfills that part, then He is going to start preparing the land to really receive the influx. It will be very interesting to see what happens here; for what I have just read, plainly tells us how that in that hour the land will be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed it up shall be far away. That lets us know that the new population of Jews that are eventually to settle that city, will be so many, that it goes on and tells us in this next verse how they will cry, Make place for me. (20) Notice, **"The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell."** Let me tell you in my words, what this is actually saying. The population that will occupy you when you are restored, shall be greater in number than that society that occupied you when you were destroyed and carried away from here. That is what it means. I am a seed of David also; so I want to live in this city. When we see that take place, it can help us understand why the rural areas of Judah had to be reestablished first. That established a foothold; an area of protection, so that when God does fulfill the city part everything will be as it should be. We will realize that this is a picture of the reestablishing of the whole house of Israel; not just the two southern tribes. It comes about, all at the same time. (21) **"Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, (This is Zion speaking) and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been?"** That is how she has been for the last 1900 and some years. Not desolate because of not having people dwelling there, but because it was not Jewish people. Brothers and sisters, when you and I live in a generation that is privileged to see all of this coming up, it is almost like projecting a picture on a screen that is a little out of focus. All it needs is to be brought into focus. At a certain time, it will all clear up. It is still a blurred object now; but after awhile, the projector brings it all into perspective with a proper focus. Then you will look at it and have to say, How beautiful it is. We are living in the hour of time, and the generation of this world, that will see all of this come about. Yes, Zion the city, will say, Where have these been? They have been in a lot of different places; but now they are home, praise God. They are right where their Creator wants them to be, at this present time.

IT IS TIME FOR A RENOVATION

We could go a little further in the rest of this 49th chapter; but I want to take you to the 60th chapter of Isaiah. This is the chapter that deals with the building of Jerusalem, beautifying, renovating, building the temple, and getting everything set for the coming of their Messiah. The temple cannot be built in a city that is hostile to such a thing. That is why the three fourths Arab population has to go. The Jews know it; but they also know that world political pressure will not let a thing like that be done before the proper time. When the time is right, the Jews will be pressured by the hand of God to do it; and when those Arabs are out of there God will show Himself in such a marvelous way. As we look at this 60th chapter, it covers the same period of time, so let me just go right to verse 9. You can read the preceding verses, because all of it is pointing to this period of time in which we live. Here, is what verse 9 says, **"Surely the isles shall wait**

for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He hath glorified thee." What is God talking about, He hath glorified thee? That Means, He has taken possession of old Jerusalem. He is getting the city ready to take on that renovating era wherein that city is going to be beautified and renovated for the coming of the Messiah. Then, as that city goes ahead in that great renovation, the temple will also be started. Remember this, God said He will shake all nations. He will shake everything that can be shaken. What will He shake all nations for? To line them up, and set everything in order for the fulfillment of His word. He will shake A-L-L nations; not just the Communistic part of the world. He is going to shake Uncle Sam so badly, it will cause a lot of people to do drastic things. Naturally I do not know what our shaking will incorporate; but this country will be shaken like you have not seen before. God will shake the high places, He will shake the low places, He will shake the Arabs, and the whole Middle East, until He gets everything lined up for the finish. As God promised to shake all nations remember this, that shaking is not something that happens in six months; and then everyone can take a breathing spell. This shaking is something that keeps going on, evolving, bringing about sudden changes you never thought could have been possible. Suddenly there it is. All of that shaking will eventually lead to the fact that God is establishing peace. Peace to what? The whole earth. What has man been trying for the last forty years to do? Establish his own carnal, lucrative, bureaucratic era of peace. God only knows the numbers of innocent people that have suffered and lost their lives, to carry out some of the diabolical, political schemes that have been presented under the disguise of peace. The millions that have been spent, just literally taken away from poor people, to carry on these miserable programs of self centered politicians have not gone unnoticed by the Creator. There is a payday coming. That is why God has let them go. He has let them do their little thing, and they think they are going to keep on going. One of these days He will reach out and strike something and begin to set it in motion the way He wants it to be. There is truly going to be a Jewish temple built; and it will be built upon the very spot of ground where the first temple stood, regardless of what world opinion may be right now. If there is going to be a temple built, what is it built for? It is going to be built for a Messiah to sit in, and rule from. Not a carnal one, but the one God's word speaks of. That temple will not be built in the midst of an old dilapidated run down hog smelling cesspool, like it is now. You would need to have been there yourself, to know what I mean when I say that. Those who have occupied that land for centuries, have not been concerned with maintaining the beauty, the majestic splendor that God will require for the Messiah to come to. God is going to beautify that city, and He will not be forty years in doing it. It tells us right here in the Bible how He is going to do it. Let me read this verse 9, again. **"Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee."** After reading in the Jerusalem Post, how Israel was seeking to establish direct flights from Tel Aviv to Moscow, to help bring the immigrants home, it let me know, this is not just a nonchalant happening, it is serving a prophetic purpose of God. Russia does not know what is really taking place; and neither do most of the one's that are involved in making the arrangements to facilitate the immigration; but we know what it will all eventually lead to; because we see it in God's word. Hallelujah! Even knowing what we know, I believe we all may be in for a surprise, as time gets closer to the hour for God to wrap the whole thing up. One thing we do know though, is that this shaking will lead to the reshaping of world thinking; and to the eventual rebuilding of Jerusalem, renovating it, dedicating it, and getting it ready for the appearing of their Messiah; and for a Messianic reign. Verse 10 says, **"And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee."** This is not talking about Jews; nor is it talking about 13 year old kids either. Who are the the sons of strangers that will build up the walls? It is professional contractors, professional construction men who have modern, twentieth century equipment and ability. Once that old Jerusalem is in the hands of the Jews, and the world is made to know it is now Jews who have the say so, you will see a completely different picture. You are going to see the hand of God work in such an outstanding way, Gentiles will know that God is on the side of the Jews. They will plainly see Him working on their behalf. He will be fulfilling things in Israel; and those who recognize what is happening will want to have a little part in it. When the six day war was going on, and the Jewish relief agency was having their drives to collect money, Hollywood actors, and people from all walks pledged money. (I know they do not live right; and that they cannot buy salvation; but God can cause the richest men on earth to walk up and say, I will give a million dollars to the cause of Israel.) Why will they do such a thing? Because as the Lord prophesied through Haggai saying, (Haggai 2:7) **"And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory,**

saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts," this lets us know what the end result of all of this shaking will be. If it were left up to politicians to build that city, they would take up the next hundred years trying to decide what kind of tax they need to put upon the working people to raise the money for it; but when God does it, He just creates a condition that shows His hand, and you will have Gentile construction men, and wealthy people of every sort saying, I will dedicate my resources for six months to help with that work. Suddenly some will say, I am going to Israel! Others will say, Why, to do what? To help rebuild Jerusalem. Why? There is something going on and I want to have a little part in it. Will that bring about a world conversion? Absolutely not. We do not look at it that way. This will just be God's way of getting the job done. But why will He look to worldly people to do His work? Why not? If, as the Bible says, all the silver and gold belongs to God, and He has allowed them to use it in this life, why should He not get a return from it? It is not a matter of anyone buying salvation or favor with God; that only comes through personal faith and trust in the finished work at Calvary; it is just a simple matter of God using what is His. Just as Isaiah prophesied, **"And their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, (That is what He did.) but in my favour have I had mercy on thee."** Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, all those Communist states that was so locked up with Russia, as soon as they threw out the Communist system and established their own, they immediately contacted Israel to set up diplomatic relationships. For what reason? A few little Jews in every one of those nations, and now they are standing out, because they know they have the opportunity to go home. Those new governments are going to stand by, to see that they get to go there. I like this next verse, verse 11. **"Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought."** This is not referring to armies of military forces. This is material forces, material means, material equipment. Why? Everyone has his eye on something in that hour. As the little song says, Something is going on in Mt. Zion. I love that little song. There is something going on in Mt. Zion; and it is going to cause the world, one day, to sing. The Mafia will not rejoice; but if God wants them to give up some of that filthy money, He sure knows how to get hold of it. In other words, elements of the world, for a period of time, are going to bring their material means to the Jews, for them to use. The next verse lets us know how God looks upon Israel in that hour when He has gathered them homhome for the fulfillment of His purpose. (12) **"For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. (That is the end result.) The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, (What in the world does Lebanon have left now, after all she has gone through with? Let us read further.) the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; (That is the temple.) and I will make the place of my feet glorious."** (still talking about His temple.) What is the glory of Lebanon? When we were there, we learned that high on the Lebanese mountain range, ten thousand feet above sea level, is an ancient national park. They claim there are so many ancient cedars, and they say they are close to five thousand years old. Of course you cannot prove that by me; but these cedar trees are old; and they are the remains of what was once the giant cedar forest that King Solomon got the cedars from, as well as ship builders along the Mediterranean, for hundreds of years. I have read a little about that cedar forest. In order to preserve it, not to lose the identity of what that particular forest was known for, Lebanon turned it into a national park. There is no more timber cutting in there. They still talk about the oldest cedar trees on the face of this earth, growing on top of the Lebanese mountain range. Therefore if God wants a few cedars, you have to realize, He will not have to get them from the state of Washington; nor the state of Colorado. Somehow or other, someone in Lebanon, (not the street cleaners, but Lebanese government officials) when they see what the hand of God is doing in Israel, and how it is all coming about, will want to have a part in it. God is going to force nations to say within their political decision making, We want to have a little part in this thing that is going on. This scripture goes on and tells us how the city will be rebuilt, and how the temple is going to be built. Let us go ahead and read this scripture pertaining to the temple. The 16th verse tells us how God will treat the Gentile forces; but we may as well read the other verses that go with it. (Isaiah 60:14-17) **"The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee; The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. (15) Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. (16) Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. (17) For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for**

stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness." What does it mean, "Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles?" When you put that in proper language for our day, that does not mean He is going to turn the dairy herds over to them. He will just cause them to commit their economic potential to Israel for a little while. As you consider the temple and its contents, just keep in mind, it is not a large building. You are not looking at a huge building that will take years to build; you are looking at a beautiful building; that could be built in just a few short months. That is what you need to realize. Notice also that all of the former material used will be upgraded. **"For brass I will bring gold,** (Now King Solomon used a lot of brass in the making of door knobs and things like that. Whatever King Solomon used in making beautiful brass ornaments and such like, this temple is going to be replaced with gold which of a much greater value.) **and for iron** (for iron that rusts.) **I will bring silver, and for wood** (Yes, where they formerly used wooden beams, He would bring something of greater quality) **brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.**" Brothers and sisters, we know in ancient times the buildings had stones, with their walls ever so thick. That is the way they did it. However for this latter house He will bring Iron But why did He say, for stone He would bring iron? Look at the Empire State Building. That thing is built of iron piling driven deep down into the ground, and then that steel girder work goes up, to form the structure of the dimensions of the building, and then that is veneered with Bedford limestone. I read that in an article. The best quality of limestone in the world comes from up here in Bedford. Can you not just almost see them driving the piling for a temple. Instead of building a wall ever so thick with just stone, you put down the iron, and then prefab the rest of it. That will not take many truck loads of that kind of stone, to prefab such a structure.

WHAT COMES NEXT AFTER THE SHAKING?

We will return to Revelation 12:6, now that we have examined some of the events that need or needed to transpire between verse 5, and verse 6 where the woman is seen fleeing into the wilderness on the two wings of an eagle. We have titled this message, The Woman of Mystery of Revelation 12, because for centuries of time church people have debated about who the woman is. Well we know who the woman is, who the man child of verse 5 is, and why the woman is pictured fleeing into the wilderness in verse 6; but we do not know the exact time when verse 6, will be fulfilled. We do not need to know the exact time; but there are some prophecies of the scriptures that must be fulfilled before then; and that is what we have been looking at. We have seen how, in the last 40 some years God has been fulfilling prophecies related to how He would bring Jews back from dispersion; and we know why they need to be back in the land; that is the only place where they can hear the two prophets of chapter 11, that will appear there when this Gentile age is drawing to a close. Verse 5 was fulfilled when the Jesus the Christ was received up into heaven in a cloud, after His resurrection from the dead. He fulfilled the promises of the scriptures concerning a coming Messiah to Israel; but the nation as a whole rejected Him as their Messiah; and opened up the way for us (Gentiles) to become partakers of a great blessing from God; a plan whereby lost sinners of every race may have opportunity to become loving sons of the living God. Let us read the first five verses of chapter 12 again, to get them fresh in our mind; and then we will continue on with the rest of the thought. (Revelation 12:1-5) **"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: (2) And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. (3) And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."** (We have thoroughly covered that; and I believe every one of you have had a chance to understand that all of this description has been represented in the Roman Empire as it passed through various stages of evolution; as it evolved from what it was before the birth of Christ, to what it is today, with the Roman Catholic pope sitting in the seat of the old caesars, just awaiting the hour when he will conduct himself as they did in centuries past. (4) **"And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.** (the woman being the nation of Israel, and the child the baby Jesus) **"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne."** The Romans crucified Him; but it was the Jewish Sanhedrein court that condemned Him to death. They were the ones that stood in the streets crying, Crucify Him, Away with Him, Let His blood be upon our shoulders, and upon our children. For two thousand years, generation after generation of Jews in various nations of the world have been persecuted. Many of

them no doubt have wondered, Why are we so persecuted, what did we ever do to deserve to be treated like this? Their ancient forefathers brought it upon them; when they cried, Let His blood be upon our shoulders, and upon our children. Jewish people, are a proud race of people. I am not saying these words to humiliate any Jew, if he or she should ever read this or see this video. We are living now, 1900 and some years after the descent of the Holy Ghost, which came on the day of Pentecost, in an upper room in Jerusalem. That experience was first given to Jews that would receive it. God set in motion the fulfillment of something; and even today it is not completely fulfilled. Certain Jews received and accepted that prophetic blessing; but the nation as a whole rejected it. Then God gave it to the Gentile people, to fulfill scriptures that related to you and me. The Jews do not yet understand why Gentiles received Jesus Christ as their Savior, when the Jews could not see Him as their Messiah. Well the apostle Paul explained how blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. Well we have just about run our course. Gentiles have just about had their last call. Jesus is still on the mercy seat; but the fast way so many prophecies are now being fulfilled, He is destined to soon step forth with the little scroll open in His hand, calling for those whom He has redeemed with His own blood. When that time comes, the Holy Spirit will from that time forth to the end, work exclusively with Jews. No Gentile will even have an opportunity to believe the gospel and be saved. For 1900 and some years, we have had the gospel of Jesus Christ; just about as long as the Jews had the Law dispensation and the prophets, from the call of Abraham to the birth of Christ. Our time is running out. Yet you cannot tell the Gentile church world time is running out; they are still looking for a great worldwide revival. All you have to do is look across the waters, at what is going on in Israel; and if you know your Bible, you will know that Gentile time is running out. We realize of course, that many of the Jews that are there in Israel today, are as secular minded as any Gentile anywhere. They are not there to get ready for a Messiah; they just want a place, a nation where they are economically and racially allowed to function as a people, and be left alone. Well that is one standpoint; but we realize that all scriptures have to be fulfilled. We can see from the past forty years, how prophecies of Isaiah, Zechariah, and those have come about, by the regathering and birth of the nation, up until now, and as we brought in about prophecies that are now in the making, of bringing back the rest of the remnant of Israel, basically the ten northern tribes, somewhere in front of us in a little short interval of time, and then this will all lead to the rebuilding of Old Jerusalem, cleaning it up, restoring it back to its original city of glory, as it is supposed to be for the coming of the Messiah, as well as the building of the temple. At that time, as we have already shown you from the prophecies, the people now that occupy that old part of the city, which we know also, are Arabs, for some reason or other, they are going to have to pick up and leave. The world will say, You just simply cannot do that; those people were born there. Well the world is not running everything else; and they have already said what they want to do; but God Himself is running this; and He is going to show some people what it is like, when prophecies of the scriptures are fulfilled in a way no one can deny that it is the hand of God doing it. As we stated some time back, this verse 1, of Revelation 12, is a panoramic picture of the nation of Israel, through all time; coming from the Law Age, right on into her Millennial glory. From the time they rejected their Messiah and God cut them off and scattered them, the Jews have existed only as a people, not as a nation. However for the last forty some years He has been bringing them back, getting them ready to pick up verse 6. They have got to be restored as the real nation, geographically and spiritually, to be in a position for verse 6 to be a reality. Therefore as we see her (Israel) in this heavenly scene, this is God's unique way of telling a whole story with one picture, to those who will allow the Holy Spirit to open their eyes to see and understand truth. Seeing her clothed in the sun, lets us know that this is her glory in the Millennium age which is just ahead. That is when Israel will shine as the nation in which God, ruling in and reigning in and through the person of His Son, the Messiah, draws the attention of the whole world; and knowledge shall go forth from the Lord, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. All nations shall flow unto Jerusalem to worship the Lord of hosts. For the sake of what some critics may be led to say concerning the Zionist movement, I want to say this, Yes, I too know what the Zionist movement has been. I know what their philosophy was, according to their own writings. They were going to try to fulfill prophecies based solely upon a carnal objective. Well God let certain parts of it come about, to set in motion certain things that He wanted to use; but when that objective reached a certain point, He just simply reached out and cut it off. There will be a Messianic reign in Israel; but Israel as a nation, will not reign over Gentiles. That is right. Jews will not rule over Gentiles. To the Jew who would hear me, your Zionist philosophy that the Jewish nation will rule the world, is not according to the plan of God. Your own prophets have prophesied how it is to be. It is the Jewish Messiah that will rule the world; not the Jewish people. Furthermore your Jewish Messiah will not be a mortal man that you have selected; It is going to be one who is immortal, coming back to earth from above, where He has been for the past almost

two thousand years. The one your forefather's rejected two thousand years ago, and crucified, putting scars in His side and in His hands, one day will be asked by you, Whence come these? He will say to you, In the house of my friends, I received these scars. The one you crucified is the very one who will be your Messiah; and you will not dictate to Him where He is to rule. He will tell you where you belong; and He will have a Gentile wife which at this time, you do not even see. His wife will not be bureaucrats, elected by a Gentile bureaucracy. She too will be an immortal people. They will come from heaven with Him; and they are divinely appointed by the God who chose her to be the wife of His Son. Through His wife, which is His true Church, which you Jews also fail to see, the Gentiles will be ruled. That is God's theocracy government, the way it is set up in the Bible.

ANOTHER PANORAMIC VIEW--WHAT IS IT?

As we look at this great red dragon in verse 3, we understand that this also is a panoramic view of something else. It represents the Roman Empire from its beginning all the way through to its ending. It is pictured as a great red dragon because of that conquering and devouring spirit that has always been present in it. When the Roman Empire first came upon the scene, it did not yet have seven heads nor ten horns; but it was still called a beast nonetheless. As I stated before, We have to associate those other characteristics as connected to the various evolution that took place through political changes. As we are made aware of this reflection in the heavens, we need to realize that whatever the heavens reflect, somewhere down on earth geographically, it has to come into fulfillment. Have you ever stopped to think, that for the past forty years while Israel has been in the process of being restored, and enjoying her rebirth as a nation, a nation out of which a certain element will flee from the clutches of the Antichrist, there has been another restoration taking place also. During that same time there has been a move in the air bringing about the reviving and restoration of the Roman Empire, just as prophecy said it would be. It was Rome before there was a Christ. It was Rome when there was a Christ. It was Rome after He was crucified and taken away. It was Rome when the Church was born in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. It was Rome that ruled right on into the Dark Ages; and Rome will again rule, just as she did in the Dark Ages. The point we need to be sure we understand, is HOW Rome ruled during the Dark Ages, when Roman rule was no longer seen in the form of the ancient caesars. It was through the power of the Roman clergy. They were first called bishops, then popes; but their form of rulership was just as diabolical as any Roman Caesar that ever lived. Bro. Jackson, why are you always talking about the Catholic Church? How else can I help you, if I do not tell you the truth? I am not talking about individual Catholic people; I am talking about a system of religion that is as diabolical as the Mafia; and affects the lives of more people than the Mafia could ever touch. Any person that will close their eyes to history, and try to look somewhere else for the antichrist, is scripturally blind and insensitive to truth. I say that, realizing that some doctor of divinity might get hold of a paper or a tape; and want to take issue with what we teach. I do not argue with anyone about these things; but if anyone is willing to bring a Bible, and try to convince me by the scriptures that I am wrong, I can be easily found. Ever since WW2 ended, we have been witnessing the restructuring of the continent of Europe, and today all those horns are there, economically and politically tied to the geographical area that was once part of the Roman Empire. When the Reformation struck the world around 1520 A.D., it was the sword of God coming against that power that kept all of Europe in such a state of darkness and bondage. What was it directed against? The power of the papacy of course. It was that papal head that was wounded by a sword with what looked like a deadly wound; but was healed. First came Martin Luther with the revelation that the just, or justified shall live by faith in God, not by the power of the pope of Rome. Then there came Huss, Swingley, John Knox, Calvin, and finally a man by the name of John Wesley, out of the church of England, a system of religion that was half sister to Roman Catholicism, adding an even more deadly blow to that already wounded head. These Reformation preachers attacked the power of the hierarchy of Rome enough, that when in 1887 A.D., Napoleon of France dethroned the pope and declared that there would never be another pope sit in that chair, that would have power to exercise authority over the temporal heads of Europe, it looked like the power of the papacy was a thing of the past, never to be reinstated. According to secular history, from that time until just a few short years ago, the popes were little more than just figure heads. Through the order of the Jesuit priest, Catholicism still carried on their underhanded political tactics, always trying to undermine those who did not bow to their dictates; but the power of the pope was no more a threat. They pit system against system, waiting their hour and time to come out on top. When WW2 was fought, no matter what good deeds you may have read about, that Catholic nuns or priests did in a

humanitarian way, it was all in the interest of the spirit of that system. That has been their tactics for centuries. They will build a hospital and give medical service to all kinds of people in a humanitarian way, just for the chance to undermine the politicians of that city; and twist their politics around so their purpose will be served. Can you honestly tell me that true Christianity has any calling from God to do such things? Is that the way to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ? You know it never was meant to be so. I am not against helping needy people; I am just against anyone trying to buy human souls with such carnal tactics. It is all a front, a disguise. Anyhow the pope is back in the place where he needs to be, in order to fulfill his role in prophecy for the future. When the reformation struck Europe, and Napoleon did what he did, that fulfilled Revelation 13:3 "**And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death;** (Then when Europe was restored and the pope brought back into the spotlight, we can see how the rest of that verse fits the occasion.) **and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.**" It is in history, that even Catholic writers, after Napoleon had done that, wrote one article that said, (I have copies of it.) The power of the papacy is wounded, and not one finger is lifted to heal the wound. After that, the horns of Europe, France, Germany, Belgium, were all free to do as they pleased. That old pope is not going to tell us where we can go and what we can do any more. That was the era of colonialism. Our young people read all about colonialism in school today. Do you know what allowed it to be? The wounding of the power of the pope. Then that is why we had WW1. It set the stage. It turned the tide. Then when WW2 came, mankind was moving close to a point where prophecy must again pick up; so God pressed the button that released the time mechanism; and the old clock started ticking again. When WW2 came to a close, what has the past forty some years been? The release of those ten horn nations of Europe from all their colonial territories throughout the world. England came home from India. The Dutch came home from the Dutch East Indies. France came home from Vietnam. Belgium came from the Congo. Germany came from central Africa. Portugal came away from that little place, Bangladesh, Pakistan. Why? Because they all must come home, bringing their power back home for the fulfillment of these end time prophecies. God was weakening them to such a point that the only time they will ever shine again, is in the hour of Revelation 13. Therefore for the past forty years, while Israel, as a nation, has been rising to a restored position, Europe has slowly been reconstructed also. When their power of colonialism was cut off over here in these other areas, it only forced them to come home and be realigned in the continent of Europe. Therefore a year ago, when President Bush went to the NATO conference in Brussels, and stood there making his speech, he said words that fit right into prophecy. At that time he was going to offer Gorbachev this sort of gesture, If you will be prepared to pull back certain conventional forces and you will go that far, we will take out of Europe so many thousands of troops also, as a token that we believe Europe can be rid of all this massing of armament, and the fear of another war. As the ten horn nations sat there listening to him, every one of their leaders were smiling. There seemed to be a unified spirit come on that gathering. The words were said, Greater Europe is in the making. That is a twentieth century name for the beast of Revelation 13. When you read it, (Rev. 13:1) "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." That is the same old Roman Empire that had went down, wounded and defeated, in the closing of the Dark Ages; and it stayed in that wounded state for a hundred and some years. Now they are all unified and tied together once again. Every last one of these political leaders, when it comes time to make a move of some kind, the first thing they do is run to the Vatican and talk with the pope. Saints, I want you to know, The Vatican is not God's holy seat. The Vatican is not God's church headquarters. It is Satan's strong hold. The pope sits today in Rome, right where Caesar Augustus and Tiberius and Claudius, and Nero used to sit. It is the same spirit of Satan, only his men wear a different cloak. The caesars were temporal powers; and the pope represents ecclesiastical power; but they are all of the same spirit. The pope of Rome is not looking for the coming of Jesus. He might let you think he is, but behind the scene, he does not believe this world is ever going to be ruled by the Messiah, the way you and I believe it. As we see Europe coming to the surface and entering this era she is destined for, she has not yet come to the point of requesting that the pope become the administrator of this new, greater Europe envisioned for mankind; but she will. Remember the article I read last year, written and compiled by a bunch of Charismatic church men, and a copy sent to the pope, suggesting that he receive the Prince of Peace Award. That is how this carnal minded church world thinks today. We hear much today about men receiving This award or That award; especially the Nobel Peace Prize; but that is not what they are suggesting the pope receive. It is another type of prize altogether. They envision that this should be brought about, at least by two years from the time that letter was written. Well we know already, that the economic market has 1992 as their focal year for setting things in motion. We can see how, for the past forty years the west has fortified Europe, and

spent millions of dollars rebuilding it financially, and we can see what it is all leading to. As I sat watching, when President Bush made the speech suggesting what he did, I said, Europe will never fight another war among themselves. Fighting is gone from them. They have no will to fight any more. Why? They see a new era. They actually want to be brother helping brother. They are yielding themselves to this vision. As they yield themselves to this, you cannot help but see it is a Europe in which economists are now saying, Europe is the next great industrial power the world will be forced to contend with. The United States is a dying industrial nation. Europe is coming alive now, as the new world order our President spoke of, is being ushered in. As Europe came on with this, just all of a sudden, within the same year of time, as Europe was beginning to rejoice with such a hope, what happened? The hand of God began to strike the great Communist empire. The thing that had stood there as a scare crow for forty years, making Europe do what she has been doing, all of a sudden God just reached out and blew it all to pieces. That is why I say, You Assemblies of God, and you charismatic preachers who have preached for years that Communism is the Antichrist, where is your revelation now? Even Gorbachev had to come and stick his cheek against the pope, like they were brothers. Something is wrong somewhere down the line.

THE POPE, WESTERN EUROPE, THE ANTICHRIST, WHO IS WHO?

Of course the pope is playing it very cool these days; just like the others before him always have. That is the spirit of Rome. When we see all these other things that will be done in that terrible time, it is not that the pope is that smart, it is just that the world economists, world politicians, are the instruments that Satan anoints and inspires; and they hand it over to him. When he gets their heads all together, they come out with this beastly, carnal, world system. It is their utopia, their era of peace and tranquility upon the earth. Oh praise the Lord, they say. Well I know what it says in Revelation 13; it plainly tells you there, that John saw that one head wounded with a deadly wound; but the wound was healed. Oh you religious character that think you have the answer to everything, tell me this, When and where was it wounded? It was sure not wounded in Russia, nor New York City, nor Tokyo. Wherever it was when it was wounded, when it comes back up out of that water, that is where it will be. That gets them. When you take Roman Catholicism from 500 A.D. and bring it through the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th centuries, you see the power of the Roman clergy, and then the power of the pope growing, conquering, subduing, becoming fierce, abominable and diabolical. Even their own writers speak against what they were. That is why in the past forty some years, the Roman Catholic Church has tried to take a lot of the writings of their old writers out of the libraries. They would like to rid the libraries of the records of some of their old writers that wrote those dark pages of their past history. Whatever conditions were back there, that is what still lies ahead for the world. In Daniel, chapter 7, where you see that Roman beast come up, and then you see how it eventually had ten horns come upon it, those ten horns are the territories of old Rome in its geographical makeup. The interesting thing though, is the little horn that came up in the midst of those ten. It exalted itself above its fellows. It had eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. That horn was not a national horn, it was the power of the Roman Church over secular state. That is the picture you get of the Roman Empire in the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, centuries. I am not shooting you history in the exact dates. We have repeated it enough, until sometimes my mind has so much history in it, I can hardly think of anything else. That is why we printed the message, From Rome to the Vatican, you can take that tour, but you still have not gone anywhere. You just went from one building to another, still in the same city. It is still the same devil running the show, no matter which chair he sits in. In 1990, the world is fast moving toward the hour when the horns of Greater Europe, because of conditions that will be brought about by the hand of God, will surrender their power to the power of the pope for a little short time while prophecy is being fulfilled. Just prior to that though, old Jerusalem is going to face an era, a short interval wherein she will be completely renovated, renewed from one end to the other with all new structures. The Jewish Messiah, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords will not come to earth and set up His earthly kingdom in the midst of a city that looks like old Jerusalem does in its present desolate state. That is why I read the 60th chapter of Isaiah; so you could see that it is going to take on a face lift. In that short interval while it takes on that face lift, it also leads right into Israel building the new temple for their Messiah. That is why Haggai prophesied about the shaking of all things, which is going on right now; it is to eventually lead to that era when the temple is to be rebuilt. Israel today, finds it hard financially, to be able to bring this great influx of immigrants home from dispersion; so what would they do if they were suddenly faced with the era that requires them to build the temple? It is to be the most glorious building on the face of God's green earth.

That is where we have to realize why we see scriptures like the one we read in Isaiah, how the forces of the Gentiles shall be converted unto thee, and how the sons of strangers will come and build up thy walls. And the ships of Tarshish shall bring thy sons and daughters from afar, and their gold and silver with them, and their kings shall minister unto thee. Do you think that is going to bring a world wide Holy Ghost revival? No. You are not going to revive the pope. You are not going to convert Roman Catholicism. The six day war did not do it; and neither will anything else, no matter how miraculous it may be. I will tell you what the six day war did do, In six days Egypt that was set to push Israel into the sea, had been driven back across the desert. the war was over. In just six days, Israel did that; but it was obvious that God had intervened. As we talked with that certain Israeli General, a Jew out of France, he told us that he was a commander of one of the tank divisions that went through the Sinai. He himself stated that the six day war was a miracle war in which the hand of God was shown favoring Israel. He said, As we chased the Egyptians through the Sinai with our artillery and our tanks, many times as we were firing upon the Egyptians, it looked utterly impossible in the natural term of artillery potential for us to hit them, knowing what our range was supposed to be; but it seemed like every time we fired toward them, it went farther than we believed it could, and would hit its mark. Brother, that was not hard for me to believe. God just had angelic beings up there grabbing those projectiles and passing them on to their targets. Hallelujah! When God wants to turn something into a miracle war, Do not ever limit Him. He went ahead to say, Many times Israeli soldiers were known to have seen angelic beings in the desert. Saints that is just like it was back in early Bible times. We have not heard much about anything like that for a long time, out of Israel. That little war made our military men in Washington, as well as England and Europe, at least for a short while afterward, to know there was a higher power fighting for Israel. Military men of the west who knew the fields of warfare, and the technological advantages various things, knew Israel was out numbered, out gunned, and at a disadvantage in everything as far as potential ability. However God just took the little they had, (and as the song goes) Little is much if God be in it. He multiplied it ten thousand times over again, and those military men all over the world readily confessed that the hand of God was with Israel. It was the hand of God for sure! How many of those who witnessed that miracle, became Christian's as a result of it? It never made any of them get down on their knees to repent and say, I want to be a Christian. God has His ways to make rich, mighty, kings and all, bow their heads and acknowledge that there is a God; but it does not cause very many of them to become Christian's. In front of us, there is another condition coming up, when God will do the very same thing. Israel will have all of Jerusalem, the temple grounds and all. God will design the outcome of an unfavorable condition that will bring it about. Under pressure, various one's of the Israeli governing body may be coerced into a compromise concerning their stand on various issues; but God will not let them go too far. The hour is to late. Those Northern tribes are not going home just for the sake of increasing Israel's population; God is getting them ready to meet their Messiah.

A LOOK AT SOME WELL ESTABLISHED FACTS

Some may think we put too much emphasis on the Roman Empire; but I assure you, we had better not fail to watch what is taking place in that part of the world, lest we get caught sleeping while something takes place that we have been looking for. As you bring John's vision down to an earthly, geographical application, you see it in greater Europe today. Once again the pope is slowly working his way to the head of the class, so to speak. Keep in mind, the pope is not out making speeches, threatening, Now boys you had better be good, or I am going to cook your goose. No, he is not threatening anyone; but he has done more traveling than all the other popes of any other era of time. Wherever he goes, he takes every opportunity to make speeches about world peace; and about the world sharing its wealth with poverty stricken people. He does not tell how the former popes, of the Middle Ages looked upon that kind of thing. That is why South America is in the pitiful state she is in even today; simply because the Catholic Church has held the people in darkness, poverty, and superstition, throughout past years; never allowing them the opportunity to better themselves. She has persuaded the people that riches only makes fools out of people; and that the church should control all such. As long as the church has it, then she can control the masses. She did not even care how many peasants starved to death, just as long as they were obedient to walk in her light (which is darkness) and serve her system of religion. Now, times have changed; so the pope has to approach the world from a different standpoint. He is nonchalantly awaiting his hour. No he does not know everything about the role he will play in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy; he is just doing what he believes he should do. He can look back through history and see how powerful other popes have been; and he no

doubt feels that he should have more to say about the affairs of the world; but he is smart enough to know he will have to work his way into that position; and what better way is there, than to talk of peace and sharing, when multitudes are starving to death, and the whole world is crying for peace? He is getting into position for his role in the great peace covenant that is just ahead for many nations, including Israel. In the meanwhile, as Jews continue coming home from dispersion, and a rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple gets under way, a spirit will hit the Gentiles; and a certain element of them will want to contribute to what Israel is doing. That is what fulfills the prophecies we have already read, especially Isaiah 60. This will also usher in that era of time when the two prophets of Revelation 11, will appear on the scene in Israel. All of this has to go together. You will not find God fulfilling some of these end time prophecies now, and then waiting another hundred years to bring it all to a climax. It is all pointing to the same era of time; but each chapter gives certain details of things that will fit into the overall picture. Therefore when these two prophets do come on the scene, it will be during the time when Western Europe is in power. The pope will be enjoying his acceptance as the moderator of that great peace and prosperity covenant that will be signed to invoke the seventieth week of Daniel's seventy weeks prophesied to Israel. He will have made the covenant with the nations in and around the Middle East, Israel included. That is when the great revival breaks out in Israel; as those two prophets prophesy to them of their Messiah, and of what is ahead for them. You talk about the Holy Ghost being poured out, brother it will be. Also, there will be miracles; for it says in Revelation 11:5-6, that in the days of their prophecy if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. It says these have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. That is exactly what Moses and Elijah of old did. These miracles will not be taking place world wide; they will just be basically in the Middle East; because that is where god wants the attention of the world drawn to. They will see water turned to blood, something that has not been witnessed since Moses and Aaron went to Egypt 3500 years ago, to set the children of Israel free from bondage under Pharaoh. Bro. Jackson, do you really believe that? Yes I do. You may think it is fanaticism; but it is not fanaticism to God; it is exactly what He has ordered for that hour of time. When God had all those frogs hopping in everyones's windows, getting in bed with them, and causing an all out nuisance, it made a lot of people angry; but it served its purpose in His plan. They would go to bed at night, stick their feet down in the sheets, and there was a little old slick frog already there. Can you not just imagine the screams that were heard throughout all of Egypt during that time? That was only a part of their problem. Next came lice throughout the land. God really knows how to aggravate people when He has a reason to do so. He just literally gets under their skin. Things they cannot produce, He can. When frogs and lice did not do the job, He sent swarms of flies; and then death to their cattle, and so forth until He broke Pharaoh's will to resist. Well those two prophets of Rev. 11, are going to be doing some of those same things in Israel, getting the attention of some who might not otherwise respond to just their prophesying and witnessing. For a period of 3 1/2 years, their ministry will bring a great revival in Israel; and they will be exposing Catholicism, the Antichrist, and that beast system; so do you think the old peace loving pope is just going to ignore all of that? Not on your life. By the time that has gone on for 3 1/2 years, he will be fed up with it. He will have those two pests (That is what he will call them.) killed right in the streets of Jerusalem; and let their dead bodies lie right there in the presence of the whole world, (T.V. News coverage will make sure of that.) until God resurrects them and calls them to "Come up hither." The pope cannot afford to ignore them any longer. He will already have Europe in his hands. He will already have the world church in his power; so why allow that to go on? What do I mean by that? Simply this, All Protestantism is going to be trotting right along in his footsteps. When it says in Revelation 13, that his deadly wound was healed, and that the whole world will wonder after the beast, that is exactly what is implied. The head was wounded by the Reformation, as those Reformation preachers hacked away at the power and authority of those old popes of the Dark Ages; so it took a returning to the old mother church by the Protestants, to bring about the healing. Not that they go back into Catholicism, but the fact that they no longer protest that Roman Catholic dogma; and they are all just one big happy, ecumenical conglomeration that can coexist with each other. That scripture says, (Rev. 13:4) "**And they** (The world church, so to speak) **worshipped the dragon** (the devil, that anoints that beast man, which is the pope, which is also called the antichrist, and the false prophet) **which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?**" That does not mean people will literally fall down and worship the devil; it just simply means they will be so thrilled about the signing of that peace covenant, they will be saying, This is wonderful. We should have had this a long time ago. No one will dare start a war, with the holy father, as they call him,

being the moderator over world situations. Why has it taken so long for us to have such a beautiful era of world peace? With Europe (which is what makes up the body of that beast) solidly behind every decision the pope makes, why would the carnal minded people of the world not say, **"Who is able to make war with the beast?"** The pope is going to be sitting right in the saddle. What those two prophets will be doing inside the nation of Israel will just literally upset all of the plans of those that are lined up behind the pope. At that time there will be four different elements of Jewish people. You will have the liberal, political minded element that will be responsible for selling out the nation, to cooperate with the beast system. At the same time, you will have the woman element that is seen fleeing into the wilderness to hide from the terror of the Beast, after the two prophets are killed, and the peace covenant is no longer in effect. You will also have the 144,000 servants of God that will flee into the nations of the world preaching the everlasting gospel to their brethren which are still in dispersion among the nations. If you will think about it, you will see that there are four elements of Jews during that time. The woman, and the 144,000 servants, will be sealed with the Holy Ghost. The political element that has found no time nor place for God in their lives will be marked for damnation; and many of those in dispersion (which is your fourth element) will seal their own testimony of faith and trust in God, by giving their lives in martyrdom rather than accept the mark of the beast, after those servants of God preach the everlasting gospel to them, warning them to **Stay away from the beast and have no dealings with the 666 mark of the beast!** Their message will not be a Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins message, it will warn them of what is coming down the road; and instruct them on how to escape damnation, admonishing them to fear God and worship Him. Let us just read it. (Rev. 14:6-10) This is the Apostle John speaking, telling what was being shown him, that would take place at a later time. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." I believe you already understand that the angels flying through the air are not the ones doing the preaching to earthly inhabitants; they are just simply anointing the 144,000 servants of God to preach the last gospel message dwellers on this earth will ever hear.

TWO BIBLE WOMEN, ONE A HOLY NATION, THE OTHER A WHORE

When we speak of the woman of Revelation 12, we are speaking first of a nation that brought forth a man child; and then a spiritually awakened element of Jewish men and women, boys and girls that have to flee into a hiding place for the duration of the 3 1/2 years of great tribulation that is just ahead. On the other hand, when we speak of the woman of Revelation 17, we are speaking of the Roman Catholic Church, an antichrist system of religion that the word of God calls, a whore; and I might remind you that her Protestant daughters are called harlots. That system has produced harlots and abominations of the earth. As for the woman of Rev. 12:14, being given two wings of a great eagle, I am sure all of you realize that this is symbolic; there will not literally be a woman with eagle's wings fleeing from the Antichrist forces. The woman of verse 1, verse 6, and verse 14 are all three Israel, just portrayed for different era's of time. Verse 1, portrays her from her birth as a nation of people, all the way into the Millennium where she is clothed with her Millennial glory. Verse 5, speaks of the hour she gave birth to the man child they called Jesus, verse 6, speaks of an hour just ahead, which marks time exactly in the middle of the 70th week of Daniel. Naturally the Gentile grace age of two thousand years, is squeezed in between verses 5 and 6; and the two wings of a great eagle of verse 14, is symbolically pointing to the message delivered to her by those two prophets during the first half of that week of years. You can go to Exodus 19:4, and see how the bible refers to God's prophets as eagles. Notice, **"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself."** It was God's prophets Moses and Aaron, that brought the Israeli's out of Egyptian bondage; yet the Bible refers to it as them being brought out on eagles' wings. For you who do not know what we mean when we refer to the seventieth week of Daniel, it is that one week of years still left to be fulfilled to Israel of the seventy weeks prophesied to her, that God would deal

with her because of her idolatrous ways of long ago. Of that 490 years, of the total dealings with her for her disobedience, 483 years have been fulfilled already, leaving only the one week referred to in Daniel 9:27, **"And he (the antichrist) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst (or exact middle) of the week he (the antichrist) shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,** (This is where he breaks the peace covenant and kills the two prophets; and starts an all out persecution of the Jews.) **and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."** At the end of that week of time, Jesus will return to earth literally, with His bride Church, to pour out the wrath of God upon the wicked, judge those who are left alive at the conclusion of that, and set up His Millennial reign upon earth.

WHERE THE SEAT OF AUTHORITY IS-OF THE ANTICHRIST

I assure you, the antichrist man will come from Rome Italy; not out of Moscow, nor Antioch Syria, nor Damascus. The fact that he must come out of Rome does not mean he is a Roman born citizen; it just means that is where his authority comes from. He could be a German. Right now he is a Polish man; and it could very well remain so; I am not saying it will or will not. Most of the popes we have observed up until now have been Italian; and things did not progress very fast; but when this man went into that office, things pointing to the end time have really been on the move. That just lets us realize, God puts up whomsoever He chooses to; and by the same token He casts down whomsoever He will. He knows what He is doing. He always sees to it that the right man is on the job, when the time comes. Regardless of whether it will be this pope or another one in his place, I can just see the pope of that hour when the two prophets begin their ministry in the nation of Israel, sitting across the Mediterranean, in Rome, Something is going on in Mt. Zion. Tom Brokaw will be there, Connie Chung will be there, Dan Rather and no telling how many more. All of the major News Networks will be there. They will no longer have their eyes on Russia. Gorbachev is an old story by that time. On the other hand though, things will really be going on in Israel. They will come on at night, Our featured story is from Israel again this evening. Today there were protests throughout all Israel as their water was turned to blood. It seems that those same two men some are calling prophets of God, are behind this latest disturbance also. We have had continuous coverage there for days now; and this thing just goes from bad to worse. It seems that nothing can stop them. This is just a little example of what will be heard on the News Networks during that time; and it will go like that for 3 1/2 years; so it is no wonder the Bible says people will rejoice over their sudden death; and that they will have nothing but praise for those who put them to death. Not the true people of God, that worldly multitude that will be doomed for damnation. In other words, when God is on the scene doing just exactly what His word says He will be doing, critics are rising to protest, smart alecs are blaspheming, and the old pope is getting more angry every day. It says fire comes out of those men's mouths and devours those who try to harm them before they finish the work God sends them there to do. The Holy Ghost will be falling upon Jews who believe what those men will be prophesying to them. The political element of Jews will be those that try to harm them; for their anger will intensify from day to day. He will be unable to see anything worthwhile in what is going on. Naturally their mind will be on what this is costing the nation in a material sense. That is all politicians of this sort are concerned about; they could not care less about whether the God of heaven is doing it or not. They do not believe in Him; or their outlook would be different. Any time you have a revival going on, you always have a bunch of carnal people ready to rip it to pieces, finding fault with everything anyone does. While these prophets for three and one half years walk the streets of Jerusalem prophesying, they are going to expose the developments in world affairs. To one element of that Jewish society which makes up this woman, pictured right there, (on the chart) will be given understanding of the world in its political, economic, and military makeup. They are going to know that in just a short interval of time, this is all going to be over, and their Messiah is going to be here. Just as those two prophets will cause that 144,000 Jewish men to be sealed for their part in the prophetic picture, so also will the woman element be sealed for her part. She will reign with Christ in the Millennium.

WATCHING THE POPE

Let us just watch the pope in our mind's eye, while this prophetic picture is being fulfilled to Israel. He has sat and watched this scene in Israel for 3 1/2 years; and has seen that no one could contest what those two prophets were doing without being struck down. He has watched as they shut up the heavens and would not

allow it to rain; and he knew what that would do in Israel. That is going to hurt her agricultural productive capability. This means economically, she is going to have less and less to export to Europe. After so much of that, she is going to begin to have an economic deficit. She is going to begin to have economic problems beyond anything they have known to that point. That is why that political Jewish element is not going to be very happy. He has nobody to blame but those two men out there in the streets. Is that not what it was in the days of Elijah of old. He sent word to Ahab, It will not rain until I say for it to. It will not rain; and what water there is will be turned to blood. Men will go looking for water. They will dig wells for water; but to no avail. It is going to bring a hardship. It has to be that way to accomplish the full purpose of God. As the pope begins to envision this, he begins to take all of it into consideration, as to the effect it will have upon their economic agreement; and by the time three and one half years have passed, (which is the first half of that week of Daniel) God will allow him to think an evil thought. God will allow him to conclude, I have to bring this thing to an end. That is why it says in Daniel 9:27, that in the middle of that week the same man that made a covenant for a seven year period, (which is one week) will break it. Something has to cause him to do this; and it will certainly not be what is going on in Rome, that will cause it. It is what will be going on in Mt. Zion. All of that will cause a lot of problems over there. The political Jews will be crying, Our economic system is in ruins; something has to be done to stop this thing before our economic condition goes beyond the point of no return. When the pope hears that, he is going to begin to theorize, I think it is time for me to step in and bring this thing to an end. Well he is the only one that could; and he will not do anything until they have prophesied for the full appointed time. Just imagine anyone else up until this particular time, trying to reach out and hurt them: it says fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies. That very simply points to the fact that they will have power to pronounce death upon them. Did not Elijah do exactly that? You know he did. In the book of 2 Kings it will tell you what he did. As we think of this antichrist sitting there in Rome, do you think he will have any power to do anything before the middle of the week? Absolutely not. Only when God allows him, will he have power to lay a finger on them. When he does begin to think like that though, I can see him load up his international police force and head for Israel. Here comes the amphibious landing craft, well trained European troops, paratroopers, and everything else needed for modern day action in a situation like this. Only at this time, is he anointed to do what he will do; when the prophets have finished their testimony to Israel. We can read it in Rev. 11:7, "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit (That will be the spirit of the devil in the pope; it is only a spirit, that can come out of the bottomless pit; and that spirit will enter the pope; just like it entered Judas to cause him to betray Jesus.) shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them." The pope and his international police force will enter Jerusalem, placing Jerusalem under international control. He will confiscate and take control of the temple. He will deny the Jews the right to offer any further sacrifice upon the altar. When he successfully accomplishes all of that, can you not just imagine the affect that will have upon the people of the world? They will be saying, I guess that shows who is the greatest. Now who will we worship? Those prophets that it seemed like no one could get to are dead; and look who took care of them. If they were really prophets of God, how come they allowed themselves to be killed like that? That no doubt, is what some of the people will be saying; but what will the pope do next? You can read it in 2 Thessalonians, chapter 2; and in Daniel 11. I will just read a couple of verses from 2 Thessalonians at this time. (2:3-4) **"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, (the rapture of the Bride Church) except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."** That is the kind of devil your peace loving pope turns out to be. After he successfully kills the two prophets, he will take over the Jews' temple and literally demand worship. That scripture is all you need, to know that the temple will be rebuilt before the Millennium starts. We know by this, that it is already built when the middle of the seventieth week of Daniel arrives. Just think of it, the temple that the Jews will build for their Messiah, will first be occupied by a false Messiah; and it will be that carnal, political element of Jews that will open up the way for it. That is exactly why Jesus said in St. John 5:43 **"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, (meaning the antichrist) him ye will receive."** It certainly will not be the spiritually awakened element of Jews that receive the antichrist; they will know from listening to the two prophets who this fellow is; and what he will do. That is why they flee from there until after their true Messiah has come and set everything in order for a true reign of peace. God will allow that false prince of peace to sit in the temple for the space of three and one half years; but when that comes to a close there will never be another manifestation of the antichrist. He will be bound and reserved for the lake of fire. Naturally though, the

very fact that he successfully killed those two prophets that no other man could touch, convinces a willing element of the world population that he is the most powerful force there is; and they reverence him. None of those miracles manifested through the ministry of the two prophets will mean anything to the element of mankind still walking the streets; they will be too taken up by the fact that there is one present that had power over them. For the next 3 1/2 days after their execution, there will be great speculation due to the fact that they are left lying there in the street without burial. Verse 10, says, **"And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth."** I do not picture the street cleaners and other not so important people doing that; it will be King So and So, and this dictator, and important dignitaries of the world that will take so much delight in seeing them put to death. These are the kind of people who rejoice over developments such as that. After three and one half days, Tom Brokaw, and all the rest will no doubt still be there, when all of a sudden those two Jews stand up. Try to picture this, They will have already begun to swell, flies will be swarming all over them, and no one will want to touch them; and suddenly they just stand up; and it says great fear fell upon those who witnessed it. That in itself could cause a lot of heart attacks; but then a great voice from heaven is heard saying, **"Come up hither;"** and they ascend to heaven in a cloud, just like Jesus did. God will make sure the Television News gets a good picture of what is taking place; because the whole world has been seeing everything else and speculating about the significance of it all. I do not know what Connie Chung, Tom Brokaw, Dan Rather and all the others will tell the world; but I do know this thing is so close at hand, that these I have called by name could very well be on the scene with live coverage of those events. We must realize, that when it says in Revelation 11:9, **"And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations (a worldwide scope) shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves,"** it has to be through the medium of television that this is accomplished. One hundred years ago, there was no way the whole world could have witnessed this event and been rejoicing about it while it was still going on. No saints, it is the satellite technology that has made the fulfillment of this prophecy an understandable thing. Everything is right on schedule. Time is moving right on schedule; and prophecy is being fulfilled right on schedule. Somewhere just ahead, when that antichrist seeks to bring that picture to its end and kill those prophets, that will be the signal for the 144,000 servants of God to go to the nations with the everlasting gospel. Read the 14th chapter of Revelation. We have already preached it, printed it; and talked about it in this message. They will have that everlasting gospel to preach to their brethren in dispersion. The last good news of any kind that mankind of the world is ever going to hear, will be preached by them just before God closes this era of time and pours out His wrath upon unbelieving mankind.

TO WHERE WILL THE WOMAN OF REV.12:6 FLEE FOR SAFETY?

A lot of people have asked, Bro. Jackson, where will the woman element of the nation of Israel flee to, that she can be kept safe during that time of awful persecution of spiritual Jews? I have never endeavored to project any certain place in the world where Jews would be safe from the wrath of the antichrist; but I do know that God will have a place prepared for them when the time comes that they need it; because the Bible plainly tells us so. It is not written where that place is; and I am persuaded that the wisdom of God would not let it be known ahead of time, lest it turn out not to be a safe haven after all. Here is the picture though, of that spiritual realm of Jews that will be spiritually awakened by the ministry of the two prophets. Not only will those prophets prophesy and testify, they will also instruct those who will believe what they speak. No doubt they will say to the believers, When you see so and so take place, it is time for you to get out of here and go to the place God has already prepared for you. Naturally they will tell them where that place is; and how to go about getting there. Let us read the verse we are referring to. (Rev. 12:6) **"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."** That is the exact amount of days as is allotted to the antichrist; and also to the great tribulation, which is the same 1260 days. It is God, that has chosen the place; and the T-H-E-Y is not the people fleeing; it is the people in a geographical area of the world somewhere, that God has prepared to take care of those Jews until the storm passes over, as the song goes. Naturally it is hard for us to realize that there could be such a place upon the face of the earth today; since world travel is such a common thing any more; but God will reveal it to them in due time. Their prophets will tell them. That is why it states in verse 14, that she (the woman) was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness. As we have already stated, The two wings of an eagle represent the

message of those two prophets; as we vindicated by reading Exodus 19:4, that speaks of the time when God delivered the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage by the ministry of two other prophets. It is the purpose of God, to protect an element of mortal Jewish flesh; because when the tribulation is over and the wrath of God has destroyed the sinful element of mankind in the world, this woman element of Jews is going to come back into the land of Israel. This is the woman that is going to be there, to be clothed in the glory of God pictured in verse 1, and she will rule and reign there with Jesus the Messiah throughout the Millennium. He is their King, their Christ, their Messiah; and He will rule the world from the temple there in Jerusalem. He will have a queen, the Gentile bride Church; but they will not rule from Jerusalem over the Gentile nations. They will have thrones they sit upon, as is seen in Revelation 20, verse 4. Let us read that verse. **"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them,** (That is the bride Church.) **and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus,** (That would have to be the Gentile foolish virgins of Matthew 25, those who let their lamps run out of oil.) **and for the word of God,** (That would be the Jewish element that accept martyrdom rather than the mark of the beast, during that tribulation hour.) **and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."** Yes they will live and reign with Christ a thousand years in immortal bodies; but not in the same capacity as the bride Church.

THOSE WHO WILL BE MARTYRED IN THE GREAT TRIBULATION

We will take a look at verses 7, 8, 9, and 10, here in chapter 12; because they present a picture of the spiritual conflict that goes on in the heavens between good angels and bad angels. The bad angels are the fallen angels that sided with Lucifer when he tried to exalt himself to be equal with God. Most of you know this already; but we can read 4 verses in Isaiah 14, just for the sake of having it in the message. (12-15) **"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."** That gives a little picture of who the devil is. Before he sinned He was a beautiful archangel of God. Ezekiel 28, gives more information on what took place that caused God to kick him out of heaven; and thereby causing him to be the enemy of God, with a burning desire to thwart the plan of God for mankind. With that little background to set the thought trend in the proper direction, let us now look at the three verses in chapter 12, the verses that follow the one that speaks of the woman fleeing. It is what goes on between spirit forces, Satan's angels which are the fallen ones, and God's angels, the righteous ones, that ultimately affect us in our every day walk of life. Let us begin to read. **"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; (That represents the embodiment of Satan's power in the Roman system.) and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; (In other words, they lost the heavenly battle.) neither was their place found any more in heaven. (In other words, when God drives them out of the heavenly spirit world, down to earth to be embodied and carried out in the earthly setting, it means time is just about over.) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, (I will not be able to say everything that could be said, because in the denominational church world today, they are doctrinally confused; and cannot get it straightened out about when the rapture will take place for the Church. They read the scriptures and some see the Church going through the dark tribulation, to be martyred by the antichrist forces; and again, certain ways you read other scriptures, the Church is taken. Well we just have to realize that what Paul wrote to the Thessalonians about the translation, the coming of Christ for His Church, and our gathering together unto Him, is exactly the way it is going to be. According to Paul's revelation written to the Thessalonians, the coming of the Lord for His Church is a secret event; but what we read here is how and what is going to progress during that tribulation hour, affecting those who are going to be left here to face their part of it, spiritual and unspiritual, in that hour. I will now read the rest of verse 10.) Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them**

before our God day and night." That literally means that in that three and one half years of time which is left when the two prophets are killed, Satan's power is what is projected in the earth. The only people that he can possibly work against then, is the Jewish saints and the Gentile foolish virgins that you read about in Matthew 25. In other words, those who did not have the oil, (the Holy Ghost and a true revelation) will be left on the outside, to go through that terrible time of weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. That is not hell; but it is fair to say that it is like hell on earth, if you understand what I mean. Let us go on to verse 11, and identify those who are mentioned there. "**And they** (They who? Those Jewish saints, and the Gentile foolish virgins) **overcame him** (Who? The beast man and his beast system that will be motivated by that old dragon, devil spirit.) **by the blood of the Lamb**, (The Gentile foolish virgins will claim the blood of the Lamb, for they do believe in Jesus.) **and by the word of their testimony**; (Jewish saints will hold to their testimony, that they do truly believe in the God of their forefather's) **and they loved not their lives unto the death.**" That simply means that these two elements of mortal mankind will refuse to take the mark of the beast; because they will have heard the everlasting gospel preached by the 144,000 servants of God, that distinctly tell them to worship God, give glory and honor to Him, and refuse the mark of the beast, lest they be damned; and they are killed (martyred) because of their stand. In other words, whatever their spiritual condition is when this hour comes upon the world, and they are found living in that time, they will be faced with conditions that will require them to prove it, if they truly do believe in God. If they do not have anything real, as pertaining to an experience with God, they will take the mark of the beast rather than face death for confessing faith in God. It is a simple thing to say you believe in God when there is no price to pay; but when sure death is staring you in the face if you make such a confession, it takes a genuine experience to face martyrdom for it. We every one know someone professing faith in God, that at the least bit of difficulty in life, they are ready to give up and quit going to church. Do you think an unstable person like that will look death in the face and refuse the mark of the beast, when it requires that identifying mark before they can buy bread to feed their starving children? Let us be realistic about this, When you see people literally overtaken, and overcome by mere problems in life that are nothing to compare with this, where will they suddenly get the strength and determination to face the antichrist and say; You can kill me if you like; but I will not renounce my faith and trust in God? Some people can just get in a financial bind, and they are ready to quit going to church and give up. What do you want to quit for? Salvation is too important. Well if anyone will do that now, what in the world do you think they are going to do when their life is threatened, and they cannot even work or buy and sell unless they abide by the dictates of that antichrist and his beastly system in that hour? This goes to show, that hour of time will bring out the true quality of every person left here. Nevertheless there will be a great multitude of people in that hour that will love God so much, that a million dollars in a bank account could not persuade them to renounce their faith in Him. You would not think so by what you see out here in the world today; but when you go to Revelation 7:9-17, and pay attention to what the angel told John about that great multitude standing there before the throne of God arrayed in white robes, you find that they have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Let me read verses 13-14, and you will get the answer. "**And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest.** (In other words, I do not know, but you do.) **And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**" The best security bond in the world will not be worth two cents to those left here on earth to face that dark hour of great tribulation. Those who have believed in God, but just never get around to a full surrender to Him, will suddenly be faced with total commitment to God or damnation, when that beast rule goes into effect. Some will see for a fact, that to live for God and serve Him, or die for Him if need be, is more important than anything else in this world. "**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (12:12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**" This is not a different picture, it is just looking at the picture from a different angle in the geographic world that will be in existence in that hour. (13)"**And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.**" That dragon spirit is the spirit of the devil, originally a beautiful angel of God, but now the enemy of God and of all that is righteous. God cast him out of heaven down to earth; and he will be embodied in those European nations that geographically make up the territory of the old Roman Empire when they enter the picture for their diabolical, end time reign with the antichrist. Rev.17:12 and 13, tell us they will give their power to the beast at the end time. "**And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which**

have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Saints, in that last three and one half years, human life will have little value; because that man of sin will have it all under his control. Notice, it says he (the dragon) persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. (This is not another picture. It is just another way of describing the picture, to bring out certain other details. The fact that he persecutes the woman, proves he has no heart for that Jewish, spiritual person. (That has to be referring to spiritual Israel. They are the Jews the devil wants to get rid of.) **"And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness,** (Where will she get them? From the two prophets, in the first half of the week. Therefore she knows where to go in the last half of the week.) **into her place where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."** (Read Daniel, chapter 8:19-27; and you will find the angel explaining much of this to Daniel.) **"And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood** (a flood of persecution, You will find that water, here, points to people, the same as in Rev. 17:15, which says, And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.) **after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood."** (this flood of racial persecution.) **"And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God,** (that is spiritual Jewish people) **and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."** That is Gentile foolish virgin people that have played around too long before they woke up to the fact of what is going on in the world. They will not be damned along with the ungodly; but they will have to go through the great tribulation and seal their testimony with their own blood, so to speak; for they will be slain for believing in God and refusing to accept the mark of the beast. In the natural, as all of this was given to John, he could see what symbolized a huge crack in the earth, we might say, just opened up; and all of that water which he saw come rushing out of the mouth of that dragon, just flowed right into that opening in the earth; but that is absolutely symbolic. The earth, as it is used here, speaks of the place and the people somewhere in the world, that will be prepared by God Himself to help the fleeing Israeli's, referred to as the woman. When we can realize the terrible holocaust that six million Jews went through in WW2, and realize that it took that, to get the process of Jews returning to their home land under way, we can see that God allowed it to happen; just like He will allow this next group to suffer the same thing. We know, by the Revelation and understanding we have of the 5th seal, that when this hour has come again and the spiritual element of Jews in Israel have to flee from the beast with the dragon spirit, and hide out for 3 1/2 years until Jesus comes back to earth, there will be another bunch killed just as merciless as those of the holocaust. Let us go to Rev. 6:9-11, and read what is written about the fifth seal. **"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:** (This is the souls of the spiritual element of the six million Jews killed in the holocaust, crying out to God for Him to avenge their blood that was shed by an ungodly tyrant and his henchmen; and you can see how God answered them. There is yet another go around of this very same hatred toward the Jews; and then God will avenge all of them. In the meanwhile, they are to rest yet for a little season.) **And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."** That little season is the time between the holocaust of WW2, and the hour of great tribulation when the next unmerciful slaughter takes place. As we have already stated, Even though the woman element is protected from those evil forces, there will still be Jews scattered among all nations in dispersion, in areas of the world where that terrible beastly system can get to them; and you can be sure that he (the beast man with his beast system) is going to do his best to liquidate every Jew he can get his hands on. That is why it is said like that to the souls under (at the foot of) the altar. No doubt there are yet many details to be revealed of this end time picture; but meanwhile we are to live for God and wait patiently until the time comes for Him to reveal the rest to us. Surely we are so close to the end now, that it cannot be long until the rest comes. In the few short months ahead, as world events and time itself bring about things that are in the making, we will understand it all more clearly. No matter what you may hear some of these Radio and Television Preachers preach, the woman of Revelation 12, is the nation of Israel in a panoramic view coming from the Law Dispensation right on through to her Millennial glory. We know this also, when the tribulation period is all over, and Jesus has come back with His Church to rule and reign, Israel will be that great nation shining. Israel will be the nation that stands out, in that day.

A VINDICATED GROUP OF SAINTLY PEOPLE

Before we bring this message to a close, I just want to say a few more words concerning that great multitude John saw arrayed in white robes recorded in Revelation 7:9-17, that a lot of your modern day preachers are saying is the bride Church. Believing that this multitude is the bride, it is no wonder they teach that the bride has to go through the tribulation; for the angel told John in verse 14, **"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."** Well Bro. Jackson, how do we know they are not the bride? Because we take all of that which has been written about the bride, and build our revelation on the whole picture, instead of just one verse. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, speaks of a catching away of believers; and 5:9, says, **"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ;"** therefore if the bride Church was appointed to go through the tribulation before the catching away, the apostle Paul would not have made that point about her not being appointed to wrath. Neither would he have said in 4:18, after describing the catching away, **"Wherefore comfort one another with these words."** Where would be the comfort, if we had the great tribulation staring us in the face before we get out of here? The simple truth is, people who do not know the difference between the bride of Christ and the foolish virgins, according to what Jesus illustrated in the 25th, chapter of Matthew, will always see the Church going through the tribulation. If you will carefully read Matthew 25:1-12, you will see a definite difference between the two groups in the parable; and then if you will read verses 13-30, you will see how God looks upon those who have had something given to them that they could have invested for gain, (spiritually speaking) and failed to do so. They were cast into outer darkness (the great tribulation) where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Yes saints, there is a beautiful picture laid out between the pages of this blessed old book of the bride of Christ; and because of that picture, and the hope that it gives believers, the apostle Paul could rightfully say, **"Wherefore comfort one another with these words."** Nowhere does the Bible promise us that we will slide through this life without being tested; and that testing can be pretty hard on our flesh; but the true child of God has an assurance in his or her heart, that when the testing is completed it will have worked for good to our spiritual man inside. Furthermore we have the assurance from God's word, that we will not be tempted, or tested beyond that which we are able to bear. That is in 1 Corinthians 10:13 **"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer (or allow) you to be tempted (or tested) above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."** That is truth from the word of God; and we can depend upon it. We can also depend upon the truth of Romans 8:28, which says, **"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose;"** no matter how dark the way up ahead may look. Hallelujah! Amen.