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**LET US CONTINUE ON NOW,
RIGHT WHERE WE STOPPED
LAST ISSUE.**

We were in Ezekiel 25:14. "And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom (Notice this.) by the hand of my people Israel:

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and they shall do in Edom according to my anger." Saints, it is not what Bill Clinton says, nor what any of the world leaders of Europe or the United Nations say, it is what the word of God says that counts. When that hour of time comes, that God wants His temple built and the city of Jerusalem renovated, rebuilt, glorified, getting it ready for the Millennial reign of the Jewish Messiah, He is going to cause the nation of Israel to take such a giant sweep of the Islamic world that it will stagger the mind's of the whole world. It is going to put a fear, even terror in the hearts of all those Arabs. It is God's way of ripping out of them, that stubborn, cruel, Islamic, self righteous ego. That is how God is going to strip that religion out of them, so that when it is all over, they will recognize the fact that the hand of God is with the Jews, and not with Mohammad nor Islam. That is the purpose of this. When God does it, He will do a good job. He will not come down and sit at a diplomatic table negotiating any of it.

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He is going to come right down through Israel and will cause those soldiers and military leaders, as they are faced with certain situations and circumstances, to realize it is God who designed all of it, and that He sets the strategy. He has the time factor set; and also motivator. Since we are living in the days of modern technology and television is everywhere, there will be News mediums from all over the world walking in the front lines with those Jewish soldiers, riding in their tanks, riding in fighter planes, filming every bit of what the world will call, "THIS TERRIBLE TRAGEDY." The world will say it is barbaric, but remember, This is now God's business. I was reading an article the other day, that since they had this bomb that went off in Saudi Arabia, the writer of this article said Saudi Arabia is still pouting today over the fact that our troops in the Gulf War did not go on into Baghdad and bring an end to Saddam Hussein. It is a shame they went in there like that only to save one little nation, Kuwait, and leave the devil that started it all go untouched. He has been an uncooperative rascal throughout the whole period, simply because that is his nature. There is no doubt in my mind, that since that government has been allowed to exist as it has to this point in time, when God gets ready for Israel to make her move, He will let he go straight through to Baghdad and she will not stop until she reaches the Euphrates. The purpose behind this, is that God will cause this

Islamic religion to dry up. God will strip Mohammad from their memory and cause them to see that God, Jehovah Elohim is the One they need to give their allegiance to. When we see the end results of this picture, we will see this is God's way of turning these ancient cousins and half brothers back to the knowledge of the God that their forefathers believed in and served before this Islamic religion came along. With this in mind we can begin to see God has a day of vengeance and it is not that He wants Israel to fight some wars, but this is where Numbers 24 drops in place, and also the 137th Psalm, that one verse 7, "Lord remember Edom in the day of Jerusalem." God is going to remember it. With that in mind we can now see that when the world reaches the time God says, I want my city rebuilt, nothing is going to prevent it. Who is it rebuilt for? For Jews to come home and live in. Three fourths of the ancient city is populated by Arabs of various sorts at the present time. Only one fourth of it is Jewish. The main thing is, Jerusalem is going to be a Jewish city. This is going to be a city inhabited by the lineage of David. When King David took this ancient Jebusite city, back in the ancient times, many of his relatives took up residence there. That is why it was referred to later as the household of David. That is why Jerusalem became known as the city of David, because it was occupied not only by Judah people of the tribe of Judah, but they were of the household

of David, meaning his lineage. That is exactly why it says in Zechariah 12, "And Jerusalem shall again be inhabited according to her old estate." Who will inhabit the city of Jerusalem? Jews. They are out there somewhere in the world of dispersion, just waiting the hour when the world has to sit back and realize God is not going to put up with this thing of the Palestinians insisting, even demanding that they have old Jerusalem as their capital. As long as that type of game goes on, prophecy can hang forever, but if the time has come that God is going to allow us to see these little prophecies fulfilled, I believe He is just letting this all mount up for a short period, so that He can set it all in motion. When we, as Gentile Christians, are allowed to see how the hand of God sweeps forth in a great military effort, we will have to say it is truly God, because His word tells us how it is going to be. That is why it says in Micah 7, that the enemies of Israel will come crawling out of their holes like worms. Let us read it, Micah 7:15-17. "According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him (the Jews) marvelous things. (16) The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. (17) They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the Lord our God, and shall fear because of thee." Just think about it, how you see all these nations,

especially Europe today, and the United States, with all these high tech weapons that have a kill power potential that could literally wipe a nation off the face of this earth, yet there is a little nations living over there in a little spot of land that is not as big as the state of Delaware, that God will use in a way that will astonish every one of the super power nations. When the hour comes that God want to show forth His might, He is going to anoint those people for their task. He will cause one of their planes to be magnified as though there were fifty. Then He will cause the planes of the enemy to have a breakdown. That is why He said He would smite the horses with astonishment. They will be a frightened bunch of people. Everything in the military sense today that is mobile, we gauge its ability by horsepower. That lets us know He will magnify what Israel has, and will minimize what the enemy has. When God does that, one can put one thousand to flight, and two can put ten thousand to flight, just like the Bible says. To see the means by how God prepares the scene for the establishment and building of the temple and the rebuilding of the ancient city, you go to Isaiah 49. We can actually say, Now that the Israeli army has been used to conquer the Arabs of Islam. Notice we have Ezekiel 38 up there. It comes into the picture, but it comes into the picture after we see certain things begin to be placed in operation. Here is a prophecy

in Isaiah 49. We find that the prophecy is how God speaks on behalf of the mountain, Mt. Zion, where Jerusalem is built.

GOD SPEAKS TO THE LAND ITSELF

God is speaking in behalf of a geographical spot in this beloved land. We pick up here in that 13th verse of Isaiah 49. “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. (The prophecy is God’s Spirit speaking in behalf of a geographical spot of ground. Then notice.) But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, (Yes, after two thousand years of being dispersed, and other people coming in, the Jews were out of the picture.) and my Lord hath forgotten me. (The answer of God comes back,) Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, (yes) they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. (God still remembers Mt. Zion.) Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. (No wonder Micah 7 said in the days when thy walls are to be built, again will I do so and so. Here, He promises,) Thy children shall make haste; (It means when the appointed time comes that Jerusalem is to be dealt with and is to

be restored back into preeminence for Jews only to live there, then the people, the Jews that are going to take up habitation there, will make haste and quickly flee to the land.) thy destroyers (the Arabs) and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee. (When they go forth, do not think it is going to take five years. No. This is something that will be accomplished in a few short days of time.) “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 Lord is promising to this Mt. Zion area, I am still going to clothe you with Jewish people.) As with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth. For the waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow (crowded) by reason of the inhabitants, (That is the Arabs.) and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. (So we are looking at this, as God brings this city around to again be inhabited by Jews. Those immigrant Jews are going to come with such a rush that as they try to take up abode in their home land it is going to become so crowded, that at the same time Israel is getting rid of the Arabs, the Jews coming in mass numbers will have a hard time finding a place to dwell. It is going to be a quick thing.) The children which thou shalt have, after (That is what is just ahead.) thou hast lost the other, (in 69 A.D.) shall say again in thine ears, The place is too

strait (too crowded) 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, (This is a picture of Jerusalem, the ancient city, as she has existed through the many centuries of desolation and Gentile nations have lorded over them. Here they come, another war, another conflict, an earthquake now and then. Backwards and forwards, up and down, Jerusalem has constantly been like a hot potato, tossed by every kind of situation.) and removing to and fro? And who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been?" How a city can talk, and cry for its inhabitants. It only recognized Jews. It never did recognize those Arabs as its inhabitants, because of what they were. The Arabs have never done anything for the benefit of the land. Jerusalem is the city of the Lord, and it is the place where God purposed to put His name. Remember that, and go to Haggai 2, when the Jews in 500 and something were brought back to build the temple. Back then, they did not have much money, so they could only build a very small temple. Then the day came they were to dedicate it. As they were in the process of formally dedicating it, some of the old Jews that had been carried away years before as little children could still remember Solomon's beautiful temple. They also saw it demolished. They were standing there looking at that little place, and no

doubt they had tears streaming down their face, saying in their heart, This is a shame: It should be much larger, but we have not the means to build it any larger. Then God caused Haggai the prophet to speak to them and say these words, *The gold and silver is mine. Do not worry about it. When the time comes I will give you the means. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former and in this place will I give you peace.* Only when Jerusalem hears the tromp, tromp, tromp, the footsteps and pitter patter of little Jewish children's feet running and playing in the streets, will Jerusalem, as a place for Jews to inhabit, breathe a sigh of relief and be filled with the joy and excitement of a place literally fulfilling the plan of God. Only then will the world have peace, because that is the way the Lord has ordained it. When the prophet said, *The gold and silver is mine*, this is exactly why we have to understand God uses this means of warfare to execute vengeance against people in ancient times who have wronged his people, but He has done it in a way just ahead of us, so that when it is fulfilled, He becomes recognized. That brings an end to all of this Islamic thing. It literally purges the Middle East. It creates the opportunity for the Arab world, all the way from Egypt, through Syria where ancient Islam first established its roots, to turn to the Lord. These people will be literally turned to the Lord. Finish reading the 19th chapter of Isaiah. It tells you that

on the border there will be a memorial, but in the land of Egypt there will be an altar. All of this is to show how Egypt, in that day, once this is accomplished, wants to serve the same God Israel serves. Jerusalem is definitely going to be freed from its oppressors and those that have actually made it look like a shambles. It cannot be the capital city of the world with that kind of image, so God just fixes it. We will go now to Isaiah 60. When the hour comes that Jerusalem has been freed, and the Jews are in the process of starting the rehabilitation, we see something else going on. Here is where we see the reason for destroying this Islamic religion. It says here in Isaiah 60, verse 1, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (It is talking about the whole nation.) For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, (what a darkness there is covering the earth today, it is a spiritual darkness.) and gross darkness the people: (That is ignorance, tradition.) but the Lord shall arise upon thee, (Israel) and His glory shall be seen upon thee. (Israel) And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. (As God begins to lift her up) Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, (talking about the Jewish society) and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the

abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, (This is not talking about spiritual conversion, it literally means earthly materials and substance that nations have in their possession, suddenly there is a reason that God reaches out to a nation and touches its political leadership and says, I want some of that. Do not think He is not going to get it) the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. (Watch, I want to ask a serious question. You all know that Saudi Arabia today, is under that Islam religion: Is that not right? Let me ask you this, Suppose someone would go to their capital today and say to the king, Would you donate half a million dollars toward the rebuilding of the Jewish temple, and their city? How many are aware of what kind of answer you would get? You would probably be cursed for even suggesting such a thing. Who do you think we are? No indeed, we will not contribute to any such thing! Well how come this scripture says this then? Let us read it.) The multitude of camels shall cover thee, (This is Mt. Zion) the dromedaries (camel caravans) of Midian (This is where Mohammad came from.) and Ephah, all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; (For what reason?) and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord. (Jehovah, Elohim of Israel. But how can they do that when they are locked up under this present Islamic spirit? That is not the picture for right now. This other picture is after God

causes Israel to knock the breath out of it Islam. That is why it says He will be terrible unto the gods and famish them. Literally, He just creates a condition for that religion to starve to death. IN other words, what He does will cause the people that embrace this Islamic faith, whose mind's are controlled by it, to see the reality that there is another God far greater than Allah. This is coupled with fear, and the fact that God will demand respect. When you see that begin to take place and build and grow in the heart of people, it cannot help but render the result that this belief is starved to death. That is why He said He will famish all the other gods. We will see it is not only the Islam, it is also going to affect other beliefs throughout the entire Gentile world, because it is God's way of reaching out into various nations and getting certain strategic materials that He wants to have used in His temple when it is being rebuilt. Let us go on to verse 7. We are talking about a particular tribe that are descendants of one of Ishmael's sons.) All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, (Mt. Zion, and the Jewish cause.) the rams of Nebaioth (That is another of the sons of Ishmael.) shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. (That is His temple. The reason you see livestock mentioned there, is because right now there is no animal breeding program going on in Israel to produce the type of animals that the old

Levitical law will allow to be offered on the altar. However God caused the prophet to look down through the scope of time and see among this Arab people, in this land that right now is under Islam, that when God has stripped that spirit out of them and their faith is turned toward Him, (Jehovah) these people are going to be willing to contribute livestock for sacrificial purposes. That is why God says He will accept it.) Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? (It sounds mystical, but when Jerusalem is being rebuilt, the city is to be inhabited by Jews, and now that the city is getting a face lift, wherever all those Jews are, still scattered out there, you are going to see giant 747's, DC10's and such like sitting on runways in various nations, waiting to be used for a purpose of God. IT will be just like when they brought the tribe of Dan home about four or five years ago, out of Ethiopia, and those 747's were used. They took all the seats out of them to make more room for people. When they landed in Ethiopia, Jews were put in there by the hundreds, sitting on the floor. I read the article about it. Some young women were pregnant with children, ready to give birth. On one flight there were two babies born in mid air. That is why you read, Who are these that fly? That is a modern airplane bring Jews home.) 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. (I like this.) And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls.” I read in the Jerusalem Post back when the iron curtain was beat to pieces, and several thousands of Jews from Russia began to flow back to Israel, how there was such an immediate need for housing for them. It mentioned how the average Jew does not study construction engineering. He is either a scientist, a doctor, or something of that caliber. That is why a lot of construction that was going on over there is left up to the Arabs to do the building for them. When they began to see the need for mass construction of housing, and there being a lack of the quality of leadership to design and get this job done, right in that moment of necessity, it was asked by the Israeli government, Shall we look to the west to get the professional leadership we need for this? There was here in the States, as well as in Europe, learned construction engineers and technicians that knew exactly how to get the job done. That is what we are looking at here. Think of it, the world today in modern nations, you have construction engineers that know exactly how to draw the blueprints, and what to do, and the type of material needed. I am not going to read all of this, because we want to get to Ezekiel 38 and show how it fits the picture. As we do read this portion, keep in mind, as we have entered this era of the miraculous, the process of rebuilding and restoring

goes into effect, as Jews begin to be brought home. It will be the third exodus. This will fulfill Zechariah 10, that says, *In that day they shall come and take up abode in Lebanon*. That means southern Lebanon, because it actually belonged to ancient Israel. The part that Israel has made as a buffer barrier, to keep the Hezbollah back, that belonged to Israel in ancient times. So they will come and take up abode in Lebanon and in Gilead. That is across the river over in the land of Jordan. It says, and place shall not be found, meaning housing shall not be found. It does not mean there will not be ground. It literally means there will not be housing for them. That will be because of this third exodus coming up. As this picture comes to completion there is going to be the need for technicians that can be called upon and God will cause Israel to call upon them for help. That is why this says, “And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: (minister material and economic substance) for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night: that men may bring unto thee the forces (material forces, or substance) of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. (here is a warning to the nation that wants to hold back and not contribute.) For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be

utterly wasted. (Now here comes the materials that will be involved.) The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, (What is the glory of Lebanon? High on the Lebanese mountain range, ten thousand feet above sea level, is an ancient forest. A few years back it was turned into a national park. The purpose was to preserve these ancient cedars they claim are five thousand years old. I have never seen one myself, but I have seen pictures of them. The trunks of those trees are huge. It was known back in ancient times, even in the period of the advent of Christ, that ships being built by various nations of the Middle East, got their lumber from Lebanon. It was easy for them to carve all the finery, what we call gingerbread work, in that cedar. Not only that, but these cedars were used to form the masts on the sailboats. There are a few left, the glory of Lebanon. They are going to use it in the temple.) the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify (What?) the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. (Keep in mind, twice it says in Isaiah 60, th temple is going to be glorified.) 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; (when this era of the miraculous is literally being exposed to the world, I wonder what these skin heads in Germany are going to do? I wonder what the moles in England will think? They look like wild animals.

How can they let their spirit's get such an anti God and anti human feeling? God knows exactly how to do something to touch the heart of a few people and to make them fulfill these scriptures.) and they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. 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." You can read the rest of this chapter. It tells you how the city goes together, how the temple is brought to completion, and the objective and purpose, because it is to fix up the city for Jews alone to dwell in. It becomes the capital of the world. There is where the temple will be built. There is where the Messiah will rule and reign from. All this will definitely, as the era of the miraculous goes toward this week, bring Israel to the forefront of this picture. Watch now, right here is where Ezekiel 38 has a certain reading.

GOG AND MAGOG COME INTO THE PICTURE

Let us go to Ezekiel 38, and read some of it at this time. I will not read it all: you can read the rest of it later. I am going to take those passages of scripture that shows you why it reads a certain way, and why so many prophetic evangelists today misread it, and misapply it. First it is talking about

the land of Magog, the land of the ancient Muscovites. In other words Russia, Moscow. Gog is the ruler of that hour. Then it takes in the alignment, the confederacy of the nations that collaborate with this leadership to set forth and execute the objective that this leader has. In the 5th verse it gives us this line up of those that will align themselves with Gog to come against Israel. "Persia, (That is Iran) Ethiopia, (That is also under Communistic, Islamic rulership.) And Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, (This is Turkey.) and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. (All these people, if you will get a modern day map of that area and look at it, they will cover Islamic nations. On the video that was sent to me, this man himself, who has been in Russia, said that sixty percent of the Russian nation is Islamic. You would have to look at the great perimeter of Russia before it broke up, to see all those provinces. Even Armenia, which has only a small percentage of Christians, and all the rest are Islamic. Afghanistan is Islamic. It is the Islamic religion that dominates that society, that has caused it to look upon the Arab cause. It is Persia, Iran today, which is the real instigator of all terrorism. It has the money. It trains the terrorists, those like the Hezbolah that want to blow up everything in the world. They have a philosophy that the day will come when they will terrorize and

paralyze the whole western world. They say there is not a vital city in the western world that they cannot blow to pieces. With that kind of thought in their minds, we can see what this will do to them once the Jews bring an end to the Arab influence. Keep in mind, when they said in the papers that there was a confederation of twenty one Arab states, that was going to have that committee the other day, just lately, not all those nations are Arabs. They are all Islamic though. Arabs are half brothers or cousins to the Jews, but the Syrians are not. Neither are the Turks. The Persians are not either. The Ethiopians are not, but they are Islamic. The Libyans are not, but Islam ties them together. They are nationalities in themselves, but they are all under that Islamic spirit. They are anti Jewish. Let us just watch how it reads here. As we see the confederacy, we can say this covers other areas of Islam that are not Arabic. God warns the leader of all this,) Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled (gathered, or aligned) unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. (Meaning, be a leader, a technical adviser) After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years (Now is the time.) thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, (Naturally that is the land of Israel.) and is gathered out of many people, (from many areas of dispersion) against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste:

but it is brought forth out of the nations, (Here, is what throws people for a loop) and they shall dwell safely all of them.” Let me explain that. Ever since 1948, it has been the Arab Muslims in this area of Palestine that has reigned terror to every Jew, from villages to cities, to every walk of life, on the highway, in taxis, as well as in buses. These Arabs constantly harass the Jewish people. So you cannot say that for the past forty eight years the Jews have been dwelling safely, can you? No. They have been terrorized. But here is how we have to read this, Once God uses the Israeli people, the army, where it says they shall do valiantly, we must ask ourselves, Where is that done? On the field of battle. When God does that and strips from the Arab world that religion. That means the Arab people, the half brothers and cousins of the Jews, will no longer have a hostile feeling toward the Jewish people. In fact they will settle down and say, we are going to serve the same God you serve, because we know He is with you. So He puts that Islamic, anti Jewish attitude to rest forever. That is when the Jewish people can begin to relax. They can begin to take down their chain link fences, take away the bars and gates they have put up to keep terrorists and guerrillas out. Once they begin to do this, we can see as they start the building of the temple, and the reconstruction of the city, that it when the rest of the Islamic world is seeing all that progress coming about and they

say, Oh, now they are at peace. That is when the rest of these Muslims are going to get angry. They will say, Just let us go at them. I will finish reading this part. “Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.” Let us move on to verse 11. “And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, (They are not fighting Arabs anymore, the people that had lived in the land are no longer there to aggravate them. Israel has already taken care of them.) I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, (That will be wonderful for Israel when they can feel that safe, but the rest of this Islamic world is not going to like it so much. That is what sets the stage for Ezekiel 38 and 39. What will be the purpose for that mass invasion?) 38:12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.” We notice that this comes out of the land of Magog, and Gog, the leadership, when they began to send forth this thrust. It is from the regions of Saudi Arabia which now is anti Israel, but by then will be for Israel that this next verse originates, from Sheba and Dedan, and it is then that the Saudi Arabian people speak out. “Sheba, and

Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil? Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto God, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, (meaning Israel has put the Arabs to rest, and they are getting along good together) shalt thou not know it? And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses." I will never forget when WW2 ended, prophetic preachers began to use that verse of scripture, saying that the greatest horse breeding program was then going on in Russia: Russia is breeding masses of horses to get ready for the battle of Ezekiel 38. You know in the fifty years since WW2, with all these high tech, sophisticated weapons and infrared sights, would you want to be on a horse that is giving off body heat, riding down a trail in the night to attack Israel? Would you? There is a satellite overhead that sees that long line, what is that down there? I have seen them demonstrate it on TV. That is why some of those endeavors were so accurate in the Gulf War. When they showed this on TV, they set it up on the third story of a hotel to show how it worked. They waited until night. There was an office building that closed up and shut off the lights. It showed people coming out the door. In

these infrared sights, every one of them, the body heat is what it picks up. You could see those people going to the parking lot and getting in their cars. It worked perfect. Keep in mind saints, that this does not mean that Russia is coming against Israel with literal horses. No. She is coming with modern horse power. Naturally the prophet, when God showed him the vision of this stuff, did not know what to call it. Therefore it is all worded in ancient terminology. It says here, "And thou shalt com up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, (that is Just ahead of where we are right now, just in front of us.) and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O God, before their eyes." Saints, common sense will tell you this is not the battle of Armageddon. You read everything else in the Bible that pertains to the battle of Armageddon, you will find that the dead are not buried. They become as dung over the face of the earth. It plainly says that blood shall flow to the bridle's of the horses. In this Ezekiel conflict, it tells us in the 39th chapter, that the dead will be buried. Israel will seek men of continual employment for seven months to bury the dead. Common sense tells us also, that this is a miracle war of the highest magnitude. Israel will be caught, you might say, as though she is blindfolded. She is dwelling safely. No doubt Russia with all her modern technology, will set up

one of the highest technical jamming systems you have ever heard of, with radar and everything. She will not be coming down the road through Turkey and Syria with long military convoys. Satellites would monitor every one of them coming toward Israel. If Israel saw that though their intelligence sources, you can rest assured they would meet them with airplanes, before they ever got to the border. Look at Ethiopia: They would have to cross the Red Sea with an amphibious landing. It would never work. Khadafy, with his Libian forces, would have to pass through Egypt. Egypt, at that time, is Israel's friend. We can say, What kind of invasion is this? It has to be a modern air drop of the highest magnitude. It has got to be something that has trained and been put together by Russian technicians, with Russian planes, but these troops come from the confederation of these nations that has cried to Russia, Help us get rid of this Jewish thing. Russia will master mind the whole thing, and she will use the highest technology of jamming, so there is no doubt whatsoever, that wherever these planes take off from, as they approach land, it will happen at a time that once Israel is aware of what is taking place, it will be too late to do anything to stop it. Therefore God, because He never sleeps, His eye is always on His people, and it says there will be a shaking in that day in the land of Israel, insomuch that the fish of the sea will be aware of it, and I will rain upon him

a terrible rain and great hail, ice chunks. How would you like to be a paratrooper jumping out of an airplane flying at low altitude, and you leave the plane with only about six or seven hundred feet to go to hit the ground when all of a sudden you are hit with giant ice cubes that weigh a half pound or more? That is what those troops will face. The point is, it is a miracle war. It is a war planned by an enemy and mostly for a religious cause. They think they have an objective, but God, to be magnified and known in the eyes of the heathen, causes it to come about this way so that He can show His mighty power. Again He shows His power, and it causes nations to be shaken into the reality that the God of Ancient Israel is still God. The heathen, that is not talking about the bush men of Africa. That is talking about this western world of educated, sophisticated, know-it-all's. They have educated themselves completely beyond that of reality. Education has its place, but when education actually takes you away from God, then God will still have the last word. That is why He will do it this way. There is no particular battlefield as would be brought about by land, as it says, Israel does not even know where the battlefield is. It all happens so quick as God's wrath hits it, they are blown from here to you. Their bodies are found scattered throughout the forests and deserts. That is why Israel seeks out men of continual employment to go and gather up the dead and bury

them in a certain spot. Then here comes the tourists along and signs are stuck up everywhere. When you see a dead body, notify the authorities. In battlefields they usually know the extremities of it. But this is not a battlefield that the military technicians have been allowed to map out. They had a certain aim, but when they get their maneuver under way, God will blow it all to pieces. We are going to live to see it. I am talking about this generation. We are going to be able to shout Hallelujah! Israel will know from that day onward, that the great God of their ancestors is in their midst again forever more. That sets the stage for Israel. It also creates the necessity in the western world to adopt a new plan. It also means that Europe must go alone from that point. It is no longer a United Nations or New World Order. It is Europe itself. Politicians who always want to look at things from the natural standpoint will say, We must do something, or the hour will be that we will exterminate ourselves. Now is when the antichrist comes along. This type of situation demands the political, carnal minded world leadership to do something to cope with this. Now it is Europe. Now it is back to the pope. I want to read something. The news media, the news commentators that try to give you comments that will coincide with prophecies, we have them today, but most of them are way off course. I was given a tape called Armageddon. This tape consists of many ancient prophecies collected

from different seers down through the years. One man living in the twelfth century in Ireland, by the name of Saint Matathias, *prophesied that the northern coast of Europe is to go into the ocean by the year 1998*. That is only two years away. There is a lot of humanity on this earth today that go for this. They sit and watch this on TV and say, Hey, something is going to happen. Yes, it is Catholic prophecies. Another thing he saw was that the Armageddon fight would take place in and around the year 2000. There is no way it can happen, because here is 2000, only three and one half years away. Armageddon will not be until we come to the end of this. (Pointing to the end of the seventieth week of Daniel) It all goes to who, we have all these things still ahead of today, and the religious world does not care where anything fits in, just as long as they have a picture of some kind to go by. It is a manmade picture, and it is designed by the devil to mislead the religious world, simply because they are not the true children of God. God is obligated to send them a delusion, that they should believe any lie the devil wants to throw out there. In Spain, I believe there were either three or four children, just like at Fatima, and these children on certain occasions saw the virgin Mary. She would come and relate to these children certain prophetic events that would fall in place during the next coming years. One of those children is now a married woman. She lives in New York City.

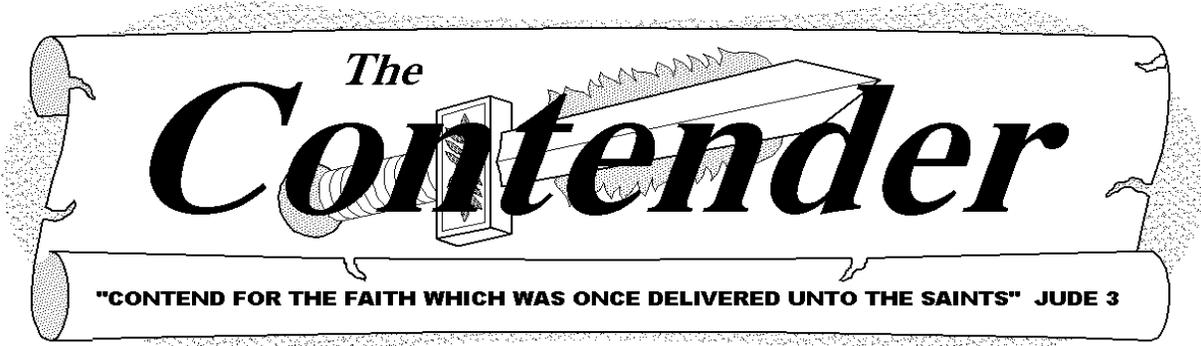
One of the last prophetic things told them by the virgin Mary was this, which has been released by the Vatican. *She said the earth will become black, the sun will not shine and the moon will not shine.* Well we know in the book of Revelation it speaks of how the sun and moon will cease to shine for one third part of the day. *But in this vision the world will be totally blacked out from the sun and moon for three days and three nights.* In that time the Catholic Church tells people what they should prepare to do, get plenty of food inside, and get holy water. Do you want me to tell you how to get holy water? I had a book sent to me by someone from Montreal Canada. They went and found out from a priest that he had a book like this, they went to see what it looked like so they could go to a bookstore and know what to get. The Catholic priest asked, would you like to see the church? They said, Yes. So he took them all through the sanctuary, the different prayer rooms and things like that. Then he took them to the basement which would be their fellowship hall. Then he took them to an area where he said, Here, is where we make holy water. They asked him, How do you make holy water. Oh that is no problem, we just take utensils and draw ordinary tap water, then we put it on the burner and boil the "blank" out of it. Now you know, you just go to a Catholic church and get that holy water to anoint your door posts and windows and such. Then when you lock yourself in, this is

going to protect you, simply because you believe this Catholic interpretation of doomsday. It said ever demon in hell would be turned loose to prowl the earth, and everyone that does not abide like this will be killed. According to the prophecy, when the three days are over, then the lights will come on and seventy percent of the earth's population will have been killed. Again let me say to you saints, That is not in harmony with your Bible. That is what we must gauge every prophecy by. Is it compatible with the written word of God? If you are ever going to believe any pagan prophecy, here is one that harmonizes with what we know from the word of God. It comes from the ancient Maya Indian culture. In the country of Mexico, from 800 to 1500 A.D., there was an ancient people known as Maya Indians. They studied the stars. They were astrologists, people that studied the stars and the Zodiac. They had a system of writing records which the North American Indian did not have at that time. They wrote, and kept records of the astrological cycles. In their writings, they had found records that they have just recently learned how to translate from that ancient writing to modern language, and guess what? Those Maya Indians, centuries ago, said this cycle of time will end in the year 2012. Well saints, take 2004 ½, and add the seven years of the seventieth week of Daniel to it and where does that put time? How many of you can see what you would actually have? You would

have 2011 ½. I believe you ought to be able to see why I said, If you are going to believe anything that comes from a pagan source, then believe what the ancient Maya Indians said, rather than what the Catholic church says. They are going to hit it close to right on the nose. I have said all that to say this, No doubt many of these visionaries that have prophesied in decades gone by, have said things and time came along and just dropped them right in place, but when the time came that God has a people on earth, and He wants something of the Bible to really shine in their hearts, the world of religion will try to use these things, coupled with certain things of the Bible, to build a picture, and the church world in general will go for it, but the little Bride of Jesus Christ will never go for anything that does not line up with the total range of prophecies in their Bible's. That is why I say, Right in front of us is an era of the miraculous, and it is going to bring drastic changes in all ranks of religion. I believe as we near that time, we are going to see the spirit and power of God move among us in a way that will lift us up above all traditional teaching and put us on a footing, spiritually speaking, that we are going to be able to see things in the world as they transpire, and make scriptural judgments about them. Somewhere in the nearness of time, as the church is to reach its climax, there is going to be a miraculous display of God's Spirit in speaking to the Church. **THOSE THUNDERS WILL COME,**

AND THEY WILL BRING SOME PROPHETIC INSIGHT TO TIME, WORLD CONDITIONS, AND THE SOON APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST FOR HIS CHURCH. I have to believe the seven thunders will be to the Bride what the two olive trees (or prophets) will be to Israel. Keep in mind, Hosea 6:2, two thousand years, two dispensational days, right here is where it transpires and right here is where the revival takes place. In the third day we shall go on to know the Lord. That takes you into the Millennium. That does not give you the day or hour, but by using God's yardstick, it gives you a decade. I just have to say, When the hour comes that we begin to see the miraculous taking place in the Middle East, you will be able to look at the end point and measure backwards, and it should begin to tell you where you are in time for sure. We do not have to get on a radio or TV program and yell, Hey Listen! The Lord is coming at such and such a time. No. Just go through the house singing, Amazing Grace, Praise the Lord! Jesus is Coming Soon! If you knew what hour He was coming, you would not even go to bed, nor would you go to work any more. You would be so hyper you could not contain yourselves. However you will definitely know approximately what that time frame is. That is why every day when you get up you say, He might come today. People say that already, but scripturally, we know that is not even a possibility before these other

prophecies we have been looking at are fulfilled. God will never jump ahead of His own time frame. Amen.



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