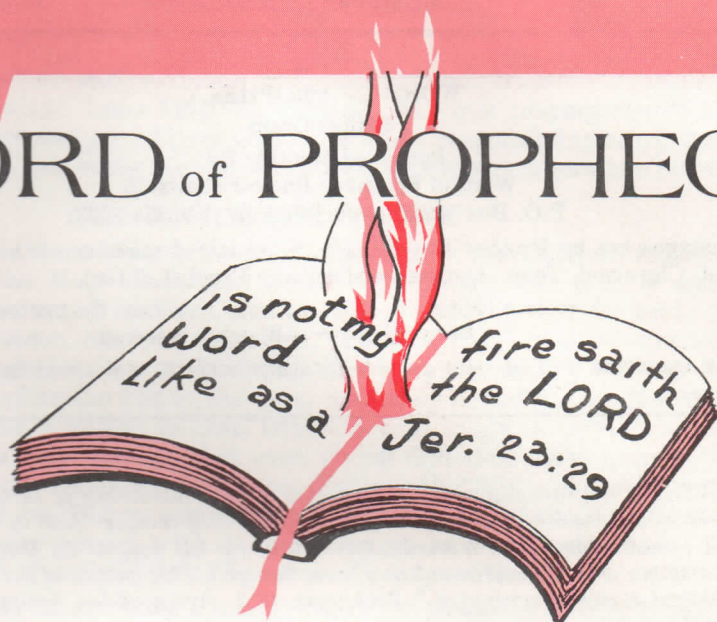


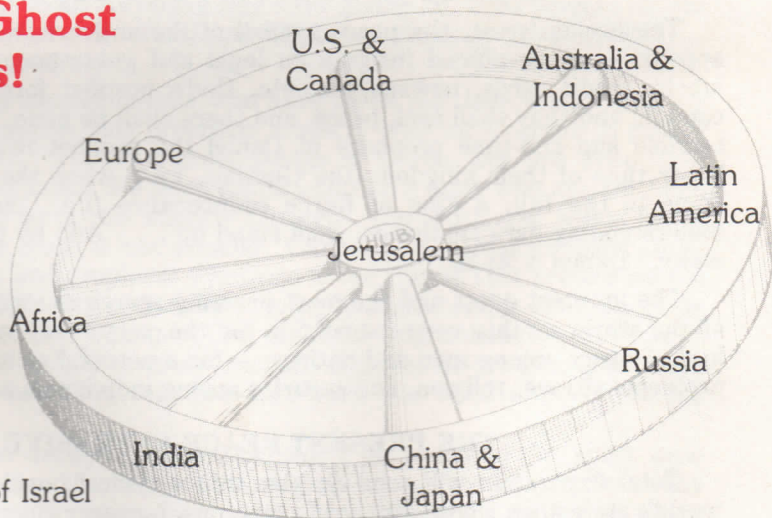
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*COVER: The prophetic wheel is a symbol of the controversy of Israel which involves all nations of the earth. God prophetically reveals "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." Zechariah 12:3. Armageddon draws ever so near!*

**PEACE AT ANY PRICE?**

The broken cross, the peace symbol of the antichrist's kingdom will soon appear — as an official insignia on legal and governmental documents, on labels, credit cards, newspapers, etc. God's prophet foretold: "Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none." Ezekiel 7:25. The terrible and end-time prophecy of Daniel the prophet reveals: "And in the latter time of their kingdom (the Gentiles, i.e.), when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance (i.e., the antichrist), and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up . . . And by peace shall destroy many." Daniel 8: 23-25.

The greatest quest and the most pressing search of statesmen and nations of the world at this very moment is for the very, very elusive formula for lasting peace among men and nations — for a peaceful solution to the age-old problems of race, religion, and security among individuals and nations.

**THE PRESENT PEACE OFFENSIVE**

Total frustration will soon develop into a cynical hopelessness among the world's statesmen whose diplomatic missions, however sincere, are destined to failure. The present peace offensive spearheaded by President Sadat of Egypt will not result in peace for Israel nor the Mideast — it will serve to harden and unite Israel's adversaries, driving them further into an alliance with the Soviet Union!

Is there any hope for lasting peace in the Mideast, the focal point of all global strategy among the world's leaders, seeking a breakthrough to the solutions of the distress among nations? NO! Jesus predicted this 19 centuries ago, that in our generation, there would be "Upon the earth distress of nations

with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring," Luke 21:25 — meaning, "nations and individuals would be pressed from every side by severe problems to which there would be no known solutions, in the midst of revolution and worldwide terrorism."

Look at the world and national situation right now — the problems of survival are universal — survival from disease, hunger, and violent death. Global economic conditions deteriorate as national budgets soar out of sight — the military and national security costs are the major expenditures, billions of dollars which could be used to fight poverty, hunger, and disease.

### WHAT IS THE PRICE OF PEACE?

True peace, lasting and universal, will not come until Jesus Christ returns and establishes His Kingdom — an all-powerful world government enforcing total disarmament. Micah 4:3. However, the antichrist will, through compromise and military power, enforce a few months of a shaky peace upon the world's militants and terrorists. The cost: the antichrist will rise to world prominence through trickery, phony miracles, and lies. He will claim to be God, and the world will accept him as Jesus Christ. II Thessalonians 2:3-4. Israel will accept him as their long overdue Messiah, even signing a pact to submit to his rule. Daniel 9:27. All world religions will merge into one "World Church" making the "False Prophet" the spiritual head — they will worship the antichrist's image. Revelation 13:14-15. Ten kings of ten kingdoms in the Mediterranean Sea area will give their power to the antichrist. Revelation 17:12-13. He will compel, through a world government, all to receive his mark, "the mark of the beast," to be eligible to buy or sell. Rev. 13:16-18. "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8. Every person on this planet will soon be forced to compromise — renouncing their faith in Jesus Christ and the Bible, giving up their religious and individual liberty to have the promised peace of the antichrist, through his world government, his church, and his false prophet. Peace and Safety will soon be orchestrated from most pulpits by church leaders and preachers, from TV and radio commentators, from government leaders, and from blind citizens of all nations. However, God foretold us, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." I Thessalonians 5:3. Then continuing in verse 4 the Holy Ghost reveals, "But ye, brethren (Christians), are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." This prophetic message is giving light to God's true saints concerning these soon-coming traumatic fulfillments of Bible prophecy. Billions of earth's masses are literally going to give their souls to the devil for a promise of peace. But, "There is no peace, saith my God to the wicked. Isaiah 57:21.

### DID JESUS COME TO GIVE PEACE ON EARTH?

It is not the rebellion in Rhodesia, South Africa, Northern Ireland, Lebanon, Argentina or in the Middle East that is precipitating World War III — Armageddon! It is rebellion in the hearts of men against God and His Truth — against the Lordship of His masterpiece, Jesus Christ. The world will accept the devil's masterpiece, the antichrist, because of this rebellion against God's Word. Luke 19:12-14. Also see II Thessalonians 2:11-12. "And for this

cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Jesus Himself said, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." Matthew 10:34. Jesus Christ is the prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6), but only those who will accept him as Lord and King over their "world government" now can obtain this true peace with God and expect to reign with Him in His kingdom on earth. Jesus promised His true disciples: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. Also Jesus warned, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. God's holy prophet exclaimed, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3. True peace in this world which is under a curse, whose god is the devil, can only be possible to the individual who has made Jesus Christ his Lord and Master. "The god of this world (the devil) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not." II Corinthians 4:3-4.

### GOD'S PROPHETIC WHEEL

All prophetic fulfillment, like the spokes of a great wheel, ever stems from the focal point or hub — Israel is that hub of God's great prophetic wheel! All nations and people are involved and there is no way to extricate themselves from this predicament — **what happens to Israel involves all nations!** "And in that day (time of the end) 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." Zechariah 12:3. Also, "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle" (Zechariah 14:2), "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." Zechariah 12:9. **ARMAGEDDON!**

Every major war in this century has been fought because of the "Jewish Problem" as Adolph Hitler titled it. (1) World War I was fought overtly to halt an expansionist-minded Germany — God used the war to restore Palestine back to Israel as their sovereign homeland through the Balfour Treaty. Only a few thousand Jews returned. (2) God used Hitler and World War II to drive Israel back to their ancient homeland, by means of Nazi atrocities and other Jew-haters, but still only 3 or 4 million Jews have emigrated to Israel. This displeases God. (3) Now World War III remains to be fought on Israeli territory. The terror of the antichrist, far exceeding Hitler's brutality, will finally succeed in driving Jews from all over the world back to the land that God gave them for an everlasting possession — Israel. There will be no world peace until this great episode of prophecy is historically fulfilled. At Armageddon, "the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many . . . And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations . . . And they shall bring all your brethren from an offering unto the Lord (their Jewish brethren, i.e.) out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord." Isaiah 66:15-16,

19-20. The Prophet Isaiah also foretold of the regathering of Israel thusly: "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and gold with them unto the name of the Lord thy God." Isaiah 60:8-9. And through the Prophet Zechariah God also revealed this soon coming, end-time gathering of all Israel: "I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them." Zechariah 10:10. This will occur immediately after the battle of Armageddon because Zechariah 11:1-4 declares that the glory of Lebanon and Jordan (Gilead) are spoiled and delivered back to Israel as an everlasting possession.

A supra-national world government is the price for even a chance for global peace among nations — a military dictatorship powerful enough to stop world terrorism, revolution, and violence — and, to enforce rationing of all commodities of life among the world's masses. The price of "peace" is the loss of individual freedom, and religious liberty for which we will pay very soon; even sacrificing our U.S. citizenship for that of a world-wide, Roman type government.

### THE CONTROVERSY OF ISRAEL

What significance has the Peace Offensive now underway in the Middle East (December 1977) have on current and near-future, Biblical, prophetic fulfillment? Bible prophecy — the great forecasts of Jesus Christ, the holy prophets, and the holy apostles are beginning to be fulfilled with alarming accuracy! Jesus foretold, "This generation (i.e., of the end time) shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled." Luke 21:32. God is moving throughout the world to use these frustrating conditions to effect a reconciling of Israel and many nations to Himself through Jesus Christ: "For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompenses for **the controversy of Zion** (Israel)." Isaiah 34:8.

Israel and the Holy City of Jerusalem have long been estranged from God — since they rejected Christ and they cried out at His trial, "His blood be on us, and on our children." Matthew 27:25. Hosea their prophet forewarned them: "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king (symbolic of Christ); and shall fear the Lord and his goodness **in the latter days.**" Hosea 3:4-5. Jesus also warned them that they would have no voice of a true prophet to disturb them until the end-time. Revelation 11:3-12.

Centuries ago, God put Israel away from His favor as a divorced woman because of adultery and idolatry — unfaithfulness: "And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce." Jeremiah 3:8. Also, "Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and adulteries from between her breasts . . . And I will not have mercy upon her children (Israel, i.e.); for they be children of whoredoms . . . And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgat me, saith the Lord." Hosea 2:2-13.

In the on-rushing judgments of God and the days of great tribulation, God will purify a Bride for Jesus Christ, and will reconcile Israel to Himself as His spiritual wife: "And I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness; and thou shalt know the Lord." Hosea 2:19-20. Praise God! This is an exciting drama unfolding before our bewildering eyes!

### SHEEP NATIONS AND GOAT NATIONS

Beloved, remember the prophecy of Jesus Christ about the judgment of nations at His return that some are blessed — some are cursed! "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, **Come, ye blessed of my Father**, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat, . . ." Matthew 25:31-40.

Also, "Then shall he (Jesus) say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, **ye cursed**, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matthew 25:41. The "sheep nations" are the blessed of God — the "goat nations" are cursed of the Lord. The Bible declares this!

Who are the sheep nations? the goats? God is doing a marvelous work in the Middle East right now. Israel is the chief among the sheep nations and the peace offensive now in action is driving the sheep nations into an alliance with Israel, at least morally. The goat nations of that region will join an alliance with the Soviet Union (a cursed nation also) in an abortive attempt to destroy Israel. The prophet foretells of an impending, gigantic invasion of Israel in the latter years by Gog and Magog (Russia), and allied nations, with their overwhelming military forces. Ezekiel 38 and 39.

"And the word of the Lord came unto me saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Mesech (Moscow) and Tubal (Tobolsk), and prophesy against him, And say, thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee . . . I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them with all sorts of armour . . . **Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya** with them . . . Gomer, and all his bands; the horse of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands (these represent Eastern European nations) . . . And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel as a cloud to cover the land; **it shall be in the latter days.**" Ezekiel 38:1-5,16.

What will God's response be to this soon-coming prophesied invasion of the Holy Land (**this is not Armageddon**)? "And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls . . . and all the men that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down . . . I will call for a sword against him . . . and I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands (armies) . . . rain, and great hailstones, fire, and

brimstone . . .,” (Ezekiel 38:18-23); “And I will turn thee back, and **leave but the sixth part of thee.**” Ezekiel 39:2.

God, through His prophet, has warned men and nations, “he that toucheth thee (Israel) toucheth the apple of his eye . . . And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee . . . And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.” Zechariah 2:8, 11-12.

God has a controversy with the Arabs over the holy land — God’s personal property: “The land (Israel) shall not be sold for ever: **for the land is mine.**” Leviticus 25:23. Here is the controversy of Zion in prophetic perspective: “For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there **for my people and for my heritage Israel**, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land . . . The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.” Joel 3:1-2, 16. The valley of Jehoshaphat is the site of this age’s final conflict — Armageddon!

### ISRAEL IS GOD’S LAND

The borders of Israel were established by God himself, for his pleasure and purpose. God gave the land of Israel to His chosen people (Hebrews) forever — upon certain conditions. These conditions were not obeyed, so God cast them out until this end-time regathering. God rebuked them, saying: “And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, **ye defiled my land**, and made mine inheritance an abomination.” Jeremiah 2:7. God had warned Israel at their beginning, that for rebellion against His commandments to live holy, “the land would spue them out as it did the nations before them.” Leviticus 18:27-28. God declared the cause of Israel’s dispersion over twenty centuries ago: “But they refused to hearken (i.e., to God), and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear . . . the former prophets; therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts. Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they (i.e., the Jews) cried, and I would not hear . . . **but I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not.**” Zechariah 7:11-14. Through the Prophet Hosea, God also described Israel’s wickedness: “All their wickedness is in Gilgal: **for there I hated them:** for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, **I will love them no more . . . My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.**” Hosea 9:15-17.

Should not these punishments upon Israel be a warning to America and the church of today? YES! But who is taking heed to the promised punishment of God upon men and nations swiftly arising against us? “They have defiled my land,” cried the Lord (Jeremiah 16:18) — “They shall not dwell in the Lord’s land” and commit abomination against the Lord, cries the prophet (Hosea 9:3). Jesus told the remnant of Israel who rejected His message, “The day shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round . . . and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children

within thee . . . because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." Luke 19:41-44. Thirty-seven years later, Jerusalem was destroyed, the remaining Jews killed or dispersed, in A.D. 70!

### GOD'S SHORT WORK

"Esaias (Isaiah) also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, **a remnant** shall be saved: For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because **a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.**" Romans 9:27-28. Also, "Even so then at this present time also there is **a remnant** (i.e., of Israel) according to the election of Grace." Romans 11:5. God is moving now through events occurring in the Middle East to reconcile Israel and the sheep nations to Himself. God will save only a remnant of Israel! The prophetic scriptures declare, "And so all Israel shall be saved." Romans 11:26. All Jews however are not true Israel: "For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for **the seed** (holy people, i.e.)." Romans 9:6-8. Remember, Abraham had many children of his three wives, Sarah, Hagar, and Keturah, but only through Isaac came the holy seed of true believers in God by Jesus Christ. Genesis 25: the genealogy.

### NATIONS: BLESSED AND CURSED

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are identified as three nations allied with Russia — mortal enemies of Israel. These are "goat" or cursed nations that will be destroyed. Among the Arab nations, which are counted as irreconcilable enemies of Israel, are people which the prophetic scriptures declare to be both cursed and blessed of God. The progenitors of the Arab nations are basically: Ishmael and Esau (Abraham's son and grandson), and Ammon and Moab, Lot's sons. Genesis 19:36-38. The Israelis are descendants of Jacob, also Abraham's grandson. These ancient antagonists of Israel, nations of the Middle East and Northern Africa, are all near relatives, and their past, ancient records of friendship or enmity toward Israel will determine God's judgment or favor in dealing with them, as: "The vision of Obadiah. "Thus saith the Lord God **concerning Edom**; We have heard a rumour among the heathen . . . I have made thee small among the heathen . . . For thy violence against thy brother Jacob (Israel) shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever." Obadiah 1, 10. And again, "Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet **I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau**, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste . . . they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom **the Lord hath indignation for ever.**" Malachi 1:1-4. Who are Esau's descendants? "And **these are the generations of Esau** the father of the Edomites in Mount Seir." Genesis 36:9.

The descendants of Ishmael have been nomadic and wild throughout their stormy history — many of this ethnic group are the PLO and they are accursed because of their violence and hostility against Israel. The angel announced this prophecy at his birth: "Call his name Ishmael . . . **he will be a wild man**; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; **and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.**" Genesis 16:11-12. God promised Abraham, "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. 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. **But my covenant will I establish with Isaac**, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year." Genesis 17:19-21.

All the nations now embroiled in the "controversy of Israel" are Mohammedans, religiously, and referred to as "Arabs" — but, this is not the true ethnic designation. God is dividing them asunder as tempers flare and political decisions are made. "The "sheep" are being divided from the "goats" — we'll soon know who's who among them. Likewise, the whole world will soon be divided by the same political process — those for Israel, and those against Israel.

Only remnants in the "sheep" nations will be saved to live in the 1000 year kingdom of Jesus Christ. God's judgments will be severe on the "goat" nations as upon Idumea (i.e., Saudi Arabia): "For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon **Idumea**, and **upon the people of my curse, to judgment** . . . for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Borzah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea . . ." Isaiah 34:5-10. Read this complete account! God also will destroy much of Syria in His coming judgments — also Jordan and Lebanon! "The burden of Damascus. Behold, **Damascus** is taken away from being a city (i.e., the capital of Syria), and it shall be a ruinous heap." Isaiah 17:1. "Open thy doors, **O Lebanon**, that the fire may devour thy cedars . . . **the pride of Jordan** is spoiled." Zechariah 11:1-3. The two nations of Jordan and Lebanon will be given to Israel. Zechariah 10:10. Gilead is Jordan.

### HISTORY'S MOST POWERFUL ALLIANCE

The antichrist will severely punish the nations who are friends to Israel. "And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them . . . they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a great one, and he shall deliver them." Isaiah 19:4,20. Also to Israel comes this prophetic warning: "And this man (Christ at His return) shall be the peace, when **the Assyrian** (i.e., the antichrist) shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces." Micah 5:5. (Please study verses 1-8 also). Also, "Therefore, thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion (Israel), be not afraid of **the Assyrian** (i.e., antichrist): **he shall smite thee with a rod**, and shall lift up his staff against thee after the manner of Egypt. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction." The Assyrian is historically Sennacherib, a brutal destroyer of Israel; prophetically, the Assyrian is the antichrist. Thus we see of the prophecy of Israel's travail during the tribulation period, severely oppressed by the antichrist.

Other prophetic scriptures to study about the Assyrian as a symbol of the coming antichrist: Isaiah 10:5; 14:24; 30:31; 31:8.

This barbaric oppression is divinely appointed — leading to the conversion of Israel and many other nations — three former enemies will be reconciled, converted to Christ, and allied to the Lord as the center of His world government: (**Again to Isaiah 19**), "And the Lord shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it (i.e., through antichrist oppression and great tribulation): and

they shall return to the Lord, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them." Now look at this shocking prophetic revelation as the prophecy continues: "In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria (a land East of the Euphrates River), and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall **Israel** be the third with **Egypt** and with **Assyria**, **even a blessing in the midst of the land**: Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, **Blessed be Egypt my people**, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance." Verses 22-25.

How will this come about? "The Lord hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof; and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof; as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit." Verse 14. Also, here is a prophetic fulfillment we are beholding, even now: "In that day shall Egypt be like unto women . . . **And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt**, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the Lord of hosts, which he hath determined against it." Verses 16-17. Egypt shall soon entreat the favor of Israel's God thusly: "In that day there shall be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them." Verses 19-20. God is working mightily to convert Egypt and other Mohammedan nations to Himself — and, this divine effort shall succeed!

### GOD'S HOLY LAND

God gave to Abraham many centuries ago this promise: "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed (i.e., through Isaac, Romans 9:7-8) have I given this land, from the river of Egypt (i.e., the Nile) unto the great river, the river Euphrates." Genesis 15:18. The boundaries of the Holy Land are established in the prophetic scriptures, and God will restore every square inch to Israel for an everlasting possession very soon. In his confirmation of the Abrahamic promise to Moses, God said: "And I will set thy bounds from the Red Sea even unto the sea of the Philistines (i.e., Mediterranean), and from the desert unto the river." Exodus 23:31. And again to Joshua God reconfirmed the promise: "From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast." Joshua 1:4.

### PEACE THROUGH COMPROMISE

Military force has failed to effect any lasting semblance of peace. Political detente is now having its final fling in a global effort of national statemen and of the U.N. to create peace through the compromising of national ambitions and goals. The next peace offensive will be unveiled within the next five years — a global crusade for unity through religious compromise. This will result as the conflict between Christians, Jews, and Mohammedans refuses to yield to political detente. The cause of the end-time "controversy of Israel" is not political — it is spiritual, or religious.

Care to renounce your faith in Christ and the Bible? You will soon be compelled to do so, to compromise for peace, or be severely persecuted by the swiftly-arising antichrist system of religion. **ALL Christians will face this conflict!**

God's prophetic wheel has almost completed its full turn. Great crises are arising in the cradle of civilization where this mighty wheel began its turn. All eyes of men and nations are upon the hub, Jerusalem — but, remember, the spokes from the hub are connected to our nation and all the nations! Whatever affects Israel, affects us — crises after crises, troubles upon troubles. Luke 21:25. Only by spiritual understanding of the prophetic scriptures can one discern order and purpose of God concerning the arising judgments and disasters. This travail of saints and nations will “finish the transgressions . . . make an end of sins . . . make reconciliation for iniquity . . . **bring in everlasting righteousness . . . and to anoint the most Holy (i.e., Christ).**” Daniel 9:24.

There can be no compromise of the truth for a promise of an end to terror, war, revolution, skyjackings, assassinations, and hunger. These spectres of suffering and fear are the works of the devil, created by the 4 horsemen of Revelation 6, to coerce the earth's masses into a gigantic, Communistic commune — into a materialistic, faceless, Godless society!

Some won't compromise their faith in God for the antichrist's false promises of peace and safety. That persecuted, harassed, and hated multitude of nonconformists to the antichrist's New Order are revealed in the prophetic scriptures: “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast (antichrist), and over his image, and over his mark, and over his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.” Revelation 15:2. Victorious saints of God!

Remember, beloved, Jesus warned and promised in the same scripture: “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.” Matthew 24:13. AMEN!

The End.

### POPULAR WITH ONE

One winter evening a fellow worker in the Gospel joined me in the railroad station to await the arrival of the train. It was very cold, and every one was grumbling; some were abusing the gate man as he made them get out their tickets and show them before they got past the gate. I said to him, “You don't seem to be a very popular man around here.” He answered, “If I am popular with the man who put me here, it is all I want.”

If we could go through this world with the same thought toward Christ, what a straight path we would make! — Selected

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God created the world out of nothing, and as long as we are nothing, God can make something out of us. — Luther

## JUDGING

The Bible does not contradict itself — period! However, in an apparent contradiction Jesus said, “Judge not, that ye be not judged (Matthew 7:1) — then the Holy Ghost through the Apostle Paul declares, “**But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.**” I Corinthians 2:15. Which is the correct scriptural order to New Testament Christians? Both of them! This matter of judging is an important and serious controversy among God’s people today, and has produced a dangerous precedent — a dilemma that must be corrected by the Word of God, not by a preacher’s erroneous and pious warning or censuring.

### WHAT IS JUDGING?

There are several words the Bible uses on the subject of determining, on suppositions, on making judgment, or of coming to conclusions about spiritual matters: to **discern**, to **judge**, to **try**! These words do not have the same meaning, but they carry the same connotation. To Judge means “to hear and determine a case; to try a matter judicially; to decide by exercise of judgment; to decree to be done.” To Discern means “to see, to detect, to understand; to see or understand the difference; to make distinction; to perceive; to descry.” To Try (Biblically) means “to test or make trial of; put to proof; to prove something by experiment; make trial.” Please refer to these definitions as you continue your study of this vital message.

**All judging is not wrong — spiritual discernment** is not only right but is a vital operation of God’s Spirit among Christians — **the trying of spirits** is ordered by the Holy Ghost to protect God’s saints from false prophets and false doctrines. “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world . . . **Hereby** know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.” I John 4:1-6.

Without judging in the sense of spiritual discernment, there could be no exercising of spiritual gifts. Two of the nine spiritual gifts, the word of knowledge and the discerning of spirits are operations of the Holy Ghost in which God judges right and wrong, sin and righteousness, truth and error among God’s people. Paul discerned that a young woman in a women’s prayer group had a demon — a spirit of divination (Acts 16:16-18). The Apostle Peter through the word of knowledge rebuked Simon publicly saying, “Thy heart is not right in the sight of God.” Wow! Preachers and church people today would almost unanimously yell out, “Look out, you’re judging!” This censoriousness is the result of ignorance and contempt — usually the accusation of “you’re judging” is used as a cover-up, used in self-defense of the sin in that person’s life who censures another for what they call “judging.” To discern between right and wrong, black and white, sin and holiness, truth and error, is not wrong — it is a vital ministry of the Holy Ghost to Christ’s church through God’s most spiritual saints, for: “He that is spiritual judgeth (discerneth) all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.” I Corinthians 2:15.

How can a true saint of God know a phony Christian if it is wrong “to judge?” How can a false prophet be identified and exposed if it is such a horrible sin “to judge?” There are grave dangers to God’s true saints in this old sick society, in this end-time, judgment-bound generation where Jesus

forewarned that false prophets and false teachers would abound and deceive many. Truth co-exists so adroitly with error that multitudes of Christians are accepting perverted doctrines of God's Word and going astray. These errors must be discerned and exposed by true Spirit-filled and Spirit-led men of God, leading God's people back to the truth and safety.

Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged . . . And why beholdest thou the mote (speck) that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam (stick) that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? **Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye;** and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." Matthew 7:1-5. Praise God! Here we have the consent, if not the command of Jesus, "to judge" a brother's faults or sins if we have our spiritual eyes cleared of imperfections. In other words Jesus admonishes, "Don't look down your brother's collar unless you have your own neck clean."

The Holy Ghost commands the man of God "to reprove, rebuke and exhort." II Timothy 4:2. This requires judging or spiritual discerning on the part of a truly spiritual and holy saint. But everywhere we hear the howls and protests of professing Christians, "Look out there brother, you're judging — and that is a sin." **No, it is not a sin! It is right, holy, and just — it is commanded of the Lord!** God orders truly spiritual saints to rebuke and reprove carnal, worldly, or sinning Christians — pointing out the sin, worldliness, or error in their lives **even though they get mad!** God forewarns us what the worldly, professing Christian's response will be to our rebuke: **"They hate him that rebuketh in the gate,** and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly." Amos 5:10. Also, "They shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." II Timothy 4:4. They will be contemptible!

### WHEN JUDGING IS WRONG

Jesus clearly reveals when the judging of a fellow Christian is sinful and wrong: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca (i.e., vain fellow), shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." These three angry responses to our brother's behaviour has Jesus' condemnation — this is the judgment that God reserves to himself, and is void of the true love of God toward our brother, reflecting hatred. This is judgment in the manner which is wrong and sinful.

The Holy Ghost warns, "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? (i.e., wrongfully) to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand . . . Let us not therefore judge (wrongfully) one another any more: **but judge this rather,** that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Romans 14:4, 13. Judging, trying, or discerning is a sobering and grave matter. Sin has to be discerned and rebuked: "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear." I Timothy 5:20. Jesus said, "Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him." Luke 17:3.

Jesus also said that if your brother would not hear your rebuke for sin, bring him before the church — if he will not hear and repent, disfellowship him. Matthew 18:15-17. This is judging, and the Lord approves of it and even commands it so to be.

### AUTHORITY IS DESPISED

The professing Christians of today's weak and sickly church, in general, despise men of God who speak with authority. The Apostle Peter predicted that false teachers would be in great numbers in this end-time church who "walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government (authority)." II Peter 2:10. These have taught the church of today to refuse judging (reproof and discernment) of sin, and ungodliness, telling professing Christians to yell out in protest, "You're judging me, and that's a sin!" Well, beloved, they are liars — they use this protest as a cover-up for error, uncleanness, and sin in their lives for which they fear exposure and rebuke from the godly. Jesus was hated, John the Baptist was hated, and the prophets were all hated because they discerned sin and rebuked small and great impartially. Hypocrites always fear discerning and rebuke! "And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes." Mark 1:22. Jesus said to the church leaders by the Spirit's discernment, "**But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.**" John 5:42. **Jesus was a prophet.** John the Baptist discerned and judged with an authority that terrified hypocrites: "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance" — in other words, "I don't believe you're saved, so show me your fruits of repentance so I can see proof that you are truly born again." Matthew 3:7-8. The Holy Ghost has commanded, "These things (Bible doctrines) speak, and exhort, and **rebuke with all authority.**" Titus 2:15. Pantywaist preachers and worldly, fun-loving Christians rebel against these commands from the Lord and all others that cause them to lose popularity, respect, and money from the worldly crowd in today's churches.

### BY THEIR FRUIT . . .

Inspecting another professing Christian's fruit is judging — and, Christ gives us this liberty which is vital to God's saints. Jesus said, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Matthew 7:20. Of false prophets Jesus warned, "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits." Matthew 7:15-16. Of professing Christians, Jesus uses the analogy of a tree to show us how to discern between a real Christian and a phony: "Either make the tree good, and **his** fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and **his** fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by **his** fruit." Matthew 12:33. Fruit-inspection is judging — it is discerning sin from godliness, the holy from the unholy, truth from error. This is a responsibility that the most spiritual among God's saints must accept — with the contempt and scorn of the carnal and worldly professors in the church.

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault (sin), **ye which are spiritual**, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Galatians 6:1. How can an erring brother be restored if some spiritual, holy saint cannot judge or discern that there is sin in his life and

possesses the concern and boldness to reprove and lead the erring brother to repentance? This is love in action — this is a matter of life or death to a sinning Christian: “Brethren, if any of you (a Christian) do err from the truth, and one convert him (turn him back); Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner (sinning brother) from the error of his way shall save a soul from death (spiritual), and shall hide a multitude of sins.” James 5:19-20. The church of today has lost its sensitivity to right and wrong, truth and error — and, the severe penalty of sin hidden in a believer’s life. “Fools make a mock at sin.” Proverbs 14:9. Most church members are white-washed — not washed white. Most preachers today are like dumb dogs — they won’t teach God’s people the difference between the clean and the unclean — nor to discern between the holy and the profane. God will severely judge these false shepherds of God’s flocks. Ezekiel 22:26; 44:23.

### SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

“He that is **spiritual** judgeth all things.” I Corinthians 2:15. Can you judge a professing Christian’s fruit? Galatians 5:22-23. The fruit of the Spirit can be simulated — pretended. How are they manifested? **“For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.”** Ephesians 5:9. Praise God for this revealing, exposing, discerning scripture! Goodness, holiness, and the truth of God’s Word (the whole truth) is the soil (an honest heart) in which the fruit of the Spirit grows and reproduces to God’s glory. No other soil will produce the genuine 9 fruit of the Spirit. Jesus said, “But that on the good ground are they, which in **an honest and good heart** (good soil), having heard the word, **keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.**” Luke 8:15. A rebellious person against any part of God’s Word cannot divinely produce the 9 fruit of the Spirit.

The church desperately needs holy, spiritual men and women who can judge righteous judgment. Jesus commanded, “Judge not according to the appearance, but **judge righteous judgment.**” John 7:24. True spiritual discernment or judging is not meddling or being nosy — it is a true operation of the Holy Ghost through a gift of the Holy Ghost. True spiritual discernment is the true love of God at work — it is “concernment” for the spiritual welfare of God’s saints. The Holy Ghost has reprimanded carnal and worldly Christians thusly: “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, **ye have need that one teach you again** which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of **milk**, and not of strong meat. **For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.** But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use (i.e., experience) have their senses (i.e., spiritual) exercised **to discern both good and evil.**” Hebrews 5:12-14. Preachers today in general are giving God’s people milk (and it has been skimmed) and not the meat of God’s word. This was described by God’s prophet concerning the church of the end-time: “Is not **the meat cut off before our eyes**, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?” (Joel 1:16). Then God also prescribed the remedy for this spiritual blindness and wretchedness: “**Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly** (not a hootenany) . . .” Joel 1:13. It is a good thing that God has a few, holy, spiritual saints and men of God who can judge (discern) the blind, wretched, lukewarm mess that the church is in today, and rebuke, reprove, and exhort with all authority of God’s Word.

## PROFESSORS

"They **profess** that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and **disobedient**, and unto every good work reprobate." Titus 1:16. In the midst of this great cover-up, **this spiritual Watergate**, a conspiracy of preachers to silence God's true, holy men and women of God, we are a voice of one crying out in the wilderness — preparing the way of the Lord — discerning the rebellion in preachers and in the laity of the church — crying repent and turn back to God through obeying the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth. Beloved, it is not a sin to judge and discern what's wrong with preachers and church members in this Laodicean church age, and to expose, rebuke, and exhort to holiness. Beloved, don't let the censure of those loud mouths put fear in you as you discern sin from holiness, the clean from the unclean, and between the good and evil.

The black and white have run together — most Christians live in the resulting gray area. Most professing Christians today don't know the difference between right and wrong — ungodliness from holiness, truth from error. **Most preachers don't either!** Preachers and laity cover up sin and ungodliness in their lives with the old back-fire accusation against those who protest their error, crying, "Look out now — you're judging." Praise God, we are, for "**he that is spiritual judgeth all things**, yet he himself is judged of no man." I Corinthians 2:15. Also, "Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?" I Corinthians 6:3. The church is the place for judging by those who are holy and spiritual: "For the time is come that **judgment must begin at the house of God.**" I Peter 4:17.

Judging is essential for discipline among God's saints which God requires. "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolators; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, **if any man that is called a brother** be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? **do not ye judge them that are within** (i.e., the body of Christ)? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." I Corinthians 5:9-13. Run that scripture back by again carefully — NOW! The conclusion: "If any man think himself to be **a prophet, or spiritual**, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are **the commandments of the Lord.**" I Corinthians 14:37. Praise God! If you are spiritual, my friend, you will have to agree that this message is a message by the Holy Ghost — the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth! Judging or discerning among God's people is not an option — it is the Lord's commandment to us! A responsibility that God will judge us for rejecting!

## NEW CREATURES

Millions today professing to be born-again are phony — mimickers! Jude 17-19. The claim to "being born again" is a fad among our sick and affluent society — it's popular! There's no reproach to a counterfeit experience of salvation. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, **bearing his reproach.**" Hebrews 13:12-13.



God's Word declares, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, **all things** are become new." II Corinthians 5:17. Like John the Baptist we should demand, "Don't tell me that you've repented — show me your fruit that proves you've repented." Fruit of true repentance to God is almost extinct in the lives of "Christians" produced by this so-called Charismatic revival today. I can tell a person who becomes a new creature. Can you? Phony Christians blend in with the mass of preachers and believers who themselves have puny, borderline experiences with the Lord until confusion is in evidence everywhere. The phony testimonies of being born again by prominent politicians, entertainers, singers (popular and gospel), big shot businessmen, and doctors have blinded the church to God's Word. Christians respect the testimonies of these more than the evidence of God's true Word — Bible evidences of real salvation and true fruit of the Spirit. You can't judge true conversion by the life of a "worldly Christian."

### BIBLE EVIDENCE

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **But whoso keepeth his word** (i.e., all of it), in him verily is the love of God perfected: **hereby know we that we are in him.**" I John 2:3-5. Also, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." I John 3:6. Can we discern the phonies from the true saints? We surely can inspect their fruit if we are spiritual.

The Holy Ghost further warns: "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners (i.e., morals). Awake to righteousness, **and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God:** I speak this to your shame." I Corinthians 15:33-34. What does that knowledge of God teach a born again babe in Christ? "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts,** we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." Titus 2:11-12. It is impossible to be born again and live in the world — that is, like the world. Matthew 6:24. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15. This necessitates discerning — that is fruit inspecting — this is judging those that claim to be a brother in Christ. I Corinthians 5:11-12.

### KNOWING TRUTH FROM ERROR

I am not constrained to teach God's people to live holy because of any convictions or childhood hang-ups. My only conviction is what the Holy Bible declares to be the truth and commands. **I know truth from error. I know a false prophet or false teacher from a true man of God.** Through revelation of the Holy Ghost, by the gift of the discerning of Spirits, I must expose false prophets and phony Christians to God's true saints. Every revelation must be corroborated by God's Word unequivocally. What are the fruits of false teachers or prophets? From II Peter 2 we list these: (1) They shall bring in damnable heresies, verse 1; (2) the way of truth (holiness) shall be evil spoken of, verse 2; (3) they are self-willed and hate authority, verse 10; (4) they speak evil of things that they understand not, verse 12; (5) they have eyes full of adultery, and they cannot cease from sinning, verse 14; (6) **they have forsaken the right way and have gone astray**, verse 15; (7) they love the wages of unrighteousness (they get more money by compromising), verse 15; (8) they

allure people by the multitudes to their ministries through great swelling words of vanity, through much wantonness (no discipline), verse 18; (9) they bring many professing Christians into bondage (of sin) by promising them liberty in Christ (i.e., do as you please if you follow me), verse 19; (10) they beguile (fool) unstable souls, verse 14.

Jesus warns of this tragic deceit here in these dangerous end-time days: "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." Matthew 24:11. Here's another way to discern them by the Holy Ghost's revelation: "They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and **the world heareth them.** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. **Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.**" I John 4:5-6.

### DON'T BE SILENT

Beloved, if you are a true, holy saint of God, spiritual and alert to this gigantic Watergate cover-up among the churches and preachers today, don't be intimidated by their pious censure to your discernment and judging of their sins and ungodliness. Spare not, cry aloud, lift up your voice like a trumpet and show God's people their sins and rebellion to God's Word and holiness. Let God send His judgment on them — not on you. Let your light shine. Be thou an example of the believers. I Timothy 4:12. Hold forth the Word of Life. Philippians 2:15-16. God has shown us that this message "will save many with fear (i.e., fear of God), **pulling them of the fire;** hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you **faultless** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

The End.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Britain's Prince Philip recently compared conditions in his country to those in an old house about to collapse. He said, "In an old house, you never know just when the dry rot starts until eventually the place becomes uninhabitable. Britain became too concerned with the underprivileged and neglected to encourage the producers. Britain concentrated on rewards for the unsuccessful until now everyone is unsuccessful and unfortunate and Britain is no longer a major power." Coming close on the heels of Prince Philip's statement was an article in the London Daily Times which said, "President Carter's tax reform proposal would substitute tax credits for tax exemptions which means taxes will go up for the more productive workers and down for the less productive ones. Mr. Carter's notion of tax reform is to make the United States tax system more nearly like that one which has helped make Great Britain what it is today." — The Voice in the Wilderness

## THE CURSE OF BEING NEUTRAL

“Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.” Judges 5:23. In this text (Judges, chapters 4 and 5) is found the historical account of Israel being drawn into a fierce battle with their mighty enemies and oppressors, the Canaanites, whose army was commanded by Sisera. Israel had turned away from the Lord their God into evil ways and God had raised up these mighty oppressors to chasten His people; and, **“the children of Israel cried unto the Lord: for he (Sisera) had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel. And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.”** Judges 4:1-4. Then Deborah instructed Barak, a leader in Israel, to raise an army to challenge the occupation forces of the enemy who mightily oppressed God’s people, to break the enemies’ power: **“And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee? So Barak went down from Mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.”** Judges 4:14. Praise God! This is the spirit of all those who will be more than conquerors through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:37) — pursue the enemy until you overtake him, and defeat him in battle. Don’t be afraid! Don’t be neutral! **“And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.”** Judges 4:24.

However, some would not go to the battle whom the Lord had called to fight the enemy. So the angel of the Lord blessed the valiant ones of Israel who had fought and jeopardized their lives, but further proclaimed, **“Curse ye Meroz . . . curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.”** Judges 5:23.

We face mighty adversaries to God’s Word, holiness, righteousness, and to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in this perverted generation and Laodicean church age. God asks: **“Who will rise up for me against the evil doers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity (i.e., rebellion)?”** Psalms 94:16. I WILL! Will you? This ministry is striving to turn the church away from lukewarmness — for, **“we wrestle against spiritual wickedness in high places.”** Ephesians 6:12. Neutrality toward deteriorating spiritual conditions and the oppression of God’s people by the enemy are intolerable with God — they bring a curse upon a believer, not a blessing.

Real faith in a Christian is never passive — real faith in the heart of a true saint always operates offensively! Real faith describes neutrality — it is ever active, bold, daring, possessive, and persevering. A true soldier of the cross can never be neutral.

### WHAT IS “BEING NEUTRAL?”

Neutrality is a manifestation of no care, no concern, no true love for others — it is a revelation of inner selfishness and cowardice! **LUKEWARMNESS!** “I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue

thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Revelation 3:15-17. Weakness and blindness always lead a church, preacher, or saint into neutrality or passiveness. Jesus is saying to this Laodicean church which characterizes the general church of today's sick society, "I wish you would get on the front lines of the battle or just quit." However, a victorious saint of God can never have peace playing it safe and secure while the enemy is prevailing over God's people. The only way to peace is, "**fight** the good fight of faith" (I Timothy 6:12), and, "the God of peace shall bruise satan **under your feet** shortly!" Romans 16:20. There is no peace to the fearful nor weak. The only way to peace is to put Satan under **YOUR** feet and that means conflict — war against the world, the flesh, sin, and the devil. Lukewarmness is "being neutral."

**FEAR** produces neutrality, not bold aggressive action that brings victory. God said to Israel: "When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them. . . And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, **What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.**" Deut. 20:1, 8. Fear produces cowardice, excuses, and weaknesses of many varieties — this evokes a disgusting neutrality when valor is required for heroic action and victory against the enemy. A fearful Christian will weaken many fellow Christians.

**EXCUSES** are employed by most Christians in a vain attempt to cover up their weaknesses, lack of faith, fear, and the lack of real love and concern for the church and end-time harvest. "Faith without works is dead." James 2:26. "The love of Christ constraineth us." II Corinthians 5:14. To the problems of today's sick church and society, the Christian's response must be revolutionary — a dynamic faith and love in action! Galatians 5:6.

"And (Jesus) sent his servant at supper time (that's now) to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are **now** ready. **And they all with one consent began to make excuse.** The first said, I have bought a piece of ground . . . another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen . . . And another said, I have married a wife." All three Christians who were invited to the great supper asked to be excused (i.e., to be neutral), but, "the master of the house **being angry** said to his servant, Go out **quickly** into the streets and lanes of the city, and **bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind** (these have no excuses) . . . Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. (Now note the curse) For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." Luke 14:16-24. Excuses offered for our lack of interest, lack of prayer, lack of faithfulness are indicators of cowardice and wavering faith which provokes God to anger. "But let him ask in faith nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed (i.e., undependable). **For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.** A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." James 1:6-8. I personally know hundreds of Christians who are double minded — you cannot rely on their word nor promises. What a travesty among saints whose word should be their bond. These saints are weak, wavering, and fearful

— lacking real love, real faith, and a real concern for our nation, the church, and the sick, dying society! This is being neutral! And it invites a curse!

### HOW NOT TO BE NEUTRAL

Jesus left us this sober warning, “so likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, **he cannot be my disciple.**” Luke 14:33. Also, “And He said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily**, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.” Luke 9:23-24. What you save or keep for yourself playing safe and secure, you will lose — but, what you give or lose for Christ, will be saved! Losing all is part of the curse of being neutral. Crossbearing daily is total involvement into the fight of faith. “Resist the devil” (Ephesians 4:27) the Holy Ghost exhorts — this is combat with Satan for victory over the flesh and sin. We face a daily struggle with the enemy of our soul: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6:12. A Christian cannot be weak, fearful, wavering, nor filled with excuses for being defeated by the flesh, and overcome by sin — you either fight the devil and win, or you will suffer defeat and ruin. I Peter 5:8-9.

**A laborer is not neutral:** “But when he (Jesus) saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, **but the laborers are few;** Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth **laborers** into his harvest.” Matthew 9:36-38. God seeks **laborers**, not lily-handed, sweet-talking preachers, and sweet-singing Christian-ettes.

**Real prayer is labor:** “Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant (i.e.; laborer) of Christ, saluteth you, always **labouring fervently for you in prayers**, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.” Colossians 4:12. “God hath set some in the church . . . helps.” I Corinthians 12:28. Oh, how the body of Christ needs **helps** (laborers) who will work for the kingdom — there are too many big mouths and too few laborers! The Apostle Paul wrote, “Greet Mary, **who bestowed much labor on us.**” Romans 16:6. Also, “Greet Priscilla and Aquila **my helpers** in Christ Jesus: **Who have for my life laid down their own necks.**” Romans 16:3-4. Praise God for a few faithful laborers and helpers in this ministry! A little further the apostle commends “Tryphena and Tryphosa, who **labour** in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which **laboured much in the Lord.**” Romans 16:12. The apostolic ministry of Paul suffered greatly because of so much neutrality among Christ’s professed disciples — many claiming to be sensitive and obedient to Christ. As the apostle laments (I have lamented for this cause many times): “For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world . . . Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works.” II Timothy 4:10, 14. This going back, or neutrality toward God’s enemies and rejection of God’s anointed servant is bringing a curse upon hundreds of professing Christians whom the Lord had chosen to bless — this is a curse of being neutral!

### EXCUSES, EXCUSES AND ALIBIS!

God does not accept even one excuse or alibi for taking the easy way out of a demanding position or situation — God becomes angry when excuses are consistently offered as a cover-up for a lack of real faith, love, and strength. The lukewarm church of today is miserable, and wretched, and poor, and **blind**, and naked. We must put the eyesalve of the Spirit, the Word of God, on their eyes quickly so they can see. We cannot be fearful at their contempt — we must love them, endeavoring to turn them back to God's holiness before the Gathering Storm descends upon them with its deafening fury. We cannot be disturbed by the prosperity of the mimickers or the malice of the envious. We cannot be impatient, chafing at delay, fretting over failure, wearying over results, nor weakening under opposition. Let us turn our faces heaven-ward with confidence and trust in the Holy Ghost to give us strength to turn God's own people back to righteousness and godliness — preparing a lighthouse to guide the people of the Lord in the coming storm and darkness, those for whom nothing is being prepared. While we listen to excuses (inconsistencies into unbelief) as reasons for failure, let us ever use the hundred and one reasons the Lord has given us for remedial, daring action on the front battle lines — banishing fear and cowardice; "for God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7.

Real fasting, real prayer, and real sacrificial giving are characteristics of a real conqueror through the power of Jesus Christ. There are many voices who are mimickers of true soldiers of the Cross — **but the laborers are few**, so said our blessed Lord. Matthew 9:37-38.

Do you have a real burden for souls? to turn the church back to godliness? "And the Lord said unto him (i.e., the angel), Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men (of God) that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. [then] Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary (i.e., the church). Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house . . . And they went forth and slew in the city." Ezekiel 9:1-17. My God, saints, judgment still begins in the church, the house of God. I Peter 4:17-18. God is going to severely judge the church, the preachers and members of this end-time, lukewarm church in His coming judgments of violence, persecution, and natural disasters. We must warn the people of God even though they in general don't want to hear it, nor believe it. This will happen in spite of their unbelief, and this ministry is vital — we must lift our voice like a trumpet and show the church their rebellion and sins or they will perish in the terrible arising darkness into which the church is now entering.

It makes me sick to hear someone use the excuse for not doing all they can to help us, "Brother Ray, I wish I had a million dollars, I'd give half of it to help you get the end-time message and Holy Ghost warnings out to the church and nation." Quit saying such vanity! You ought to give it all! God is not going to give you a million dollars, and if He did, you'd not give half to this ministry — probably none of it. Do what Jesus said to do — do your best — do all you can! "Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **Sell that you have, and give alms**; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief

approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**" Luke 12:32-34. Beloved, let's quit playing church as so many millions are and get militant about this grave responsibility to Christ and His Kingdom — quit being neutral! Let's put our support where our heart is!

### THE DESIRE FOR "THINGS"

God's people want too much — and, they spend too much on foolishness. This grieves the Holy Ghost and causes a lukewarmness that is spiritual neutrality. "The lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world." I John 2:16. Christians squander so much money on pleasure, gallivanting (traveling) around — (this is just a wanderlust), and on the lust of the eyes, until they have little to offer into the real work of the Kingdom of God. Others are so frugal (a tightwad), saving their money so meticulously, that even giving God their tithe grieves them. Ten percent is not enough to invest into God's work: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, **Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.**" Malachai 3:8-9. The curse of being neutral!

Beloved, you cannot have a lustful desire for pleasure, sports, travel, rich foods, guns, boats and motors, diving equipment, travel trailers, luxury furniture, hot rods, motorcycles, golf clubs, a Disney World life, and even hope to be a soldier of the cross of Christ. These things steal the hearts of God's people, their money, time, and energy — leaving them like the Laodicean Church of Revelation 3:16 — **miserable, wretched, poor, blind, and naked!** The curse of being neutral! Anything less than giving 20 — 30 percent of our income is not acceptable to the Lord and will bring disaster, not a blessing — this means our time also!

We have many professed friends who have given me their word, "Brother Ray, I'm going to support this prophetic ministry with all I can do in prayer and financial support." This is a great pledge in words, but few keep their word to me or to the Lord. We need saints and God's elect who are not blind and faithless to help us in this mighty struggle. The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth is not popular. Christians resent and resist these messages of holiness and prophetic warnings to the church that predict we are all going into the judgments of God for purging and chastening. Well it's going to happen even if men and women of God are filled with unbelief — but, here's the problem, God will judge, severely, you and me, who do see and believe this message, if we do not band together and warn our blind and unbelieving brethren.

The Apostle Paul declared, "Now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy . . . Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." Acts 20:22-27. Praise God for a man with God's Word and Holy Ghost revelation that did not play it safe and secure — He declared to the church the whole counsel of God even though it meant severe, daily conflict with the devil, and contempt even from the people of God.

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As the prophet of old, ordained of God to be a watchman for Israel in their backsliding, so the Lord hath set this ministry in the church: "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me . . . if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked (i.e., an erring Christian) from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezekiel 33:7-8. I am not going to have the blood of one rebellious, erring saint or preacher on my hands — I'm going to be bold, courageous, persevering and revolutionary toward a church that is drifting into the severe judgements of God.

Care to join me? Care to withdraw your pact of neutrality against the world, the flesh, sin and the devil and get on the front lines of the battle where it's dangerous? God has too many cowards in His army — let them stay home! A real soldier of the cross invests everything — even his life. The Holy Ghost says to the faithful, dependable, courageous disciple, "Thou therefore **endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ**. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." II Timothy 2:3-4. Praise God! Don't be a pantywaist preacher or church member — be a soldier of valor, a conqueror of the flesh and the devil — untiring and faithful in His service!

### EVERYTHING IS CHANGING

While men and nations change, while systems of economics, social systems, and political systems are being revised and reduced into a godless, faceless, and classless society — only God's Word remains constant, unchanging, and reliable. Religious confusion will soon evolve into a world system of religion — a hybrid church with a doctrine of devils — an unholy mixture of paganism and Christianity. U.S. currency is failing, and soon we'll be a number in the antichrist's computer, "the Beast" — a number of a world government! Beloved, quit saving God's money and let's invest it quickly into the work of the kingdom before the door closes — within five years!

Jesus said to His servant, "**Go out quickly** into the streets and lanes of the city . . . into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in." Luke 14:21-23. We are doing just that, right now, but the Lord needs laborers in the harvest. Don't be careless and neutral — if you accept this prophetic message and the authority of the prophet who received it, you will have a prophet's reward (Matthew 10:41), but we must act with diligence and haste NOW, or suffer the curse of God upon us and our families by being neutral. Beloved, be faithful in your support at least monthly! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The End.