

WORLD
PEACE
How It Will Come

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tions” in world troubles and world wars, “with perplexity...men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth” world trouble such as never before experienced. “When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. I say unto you, This Generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.”

So all signs show we *are in* the very last generation of this present evil world.

Chapter 7

Two Fateful Alternatives

This world trouble began in 1914, with World War 1. There was a recess from 1918 until 1939. We are in a second recess now. But now at last we have nuclear energy. We have hydrogen bombs stockpiled in such power and volume that they could blast all human life off this planet several times over. There are other destructive weapons today in existence, any of which could erase humanity from the earth.

Today world-famous scientists say only a super world government can prevent world cosmocide. Yet men cannot and *will not* get together to form such a world-ruling government.

It’s time we face the hard, cold, realistic fact: humanity has two alternatives: either there is an Almighty, all-powerful God who is about to step in and set up the Kingdom of God to rule all nations with supernatural and supra-national *force* to bring us peace - or else all human life will be obliterated (Matt. 24:22).

The present “recess” will soon erupt into *nuclear* World War III - called, in biblical prophecy the “Great Tribulation” (Matt. 24:21-22). But God will cut short that final supreme world trouble, and send Christ again to earth as *King* of kings to restore God’s *government* by the world ruling kingdom of God and to bring world peace at last.

- a religious kingdom, actually ruling over the last seven of the other "horns" or revived Roman kingdoms (verse 20).

Now read about this "little horn" - the religious kingdom - verse 21: "I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, until *note, another "UNTIL"* the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."

Those then no longer human flesh and blood, but immortal - are to possess the Kingdom, at the Second Coming of Christ!

Jesus Christ makes that plain. It is Christ who is speaking in Revelation 3:21, and 2:26-27: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne."

The Father's throne is in heaven - where Jesus Christ is *now*; but Christ's throne, in which the saints shall sit with Him, is the throne of David, in Jerusalem (Luke 1:32).

Further: "And he that overcomes and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." RSV

Can't Know the TIME

The commission He had given the church was to preach His gospel to all the world. They were to receive the Holy Spirit, begetting them as saints - as Christians - putting them into God's church. This would infuse them with the power to carry out the mission of the Church. But it was NOT the setting up of the Kingdom of God. Of that they were not to know the time.

Just what did Jesus mean, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons"? He explained it another time. It is recorded in Matthew 24:36: There He was speaking of the end of this world, and His Second Coming:

"But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." He was speaking of His Second Coming and the setting up of the Kingdom, the time of which no man knows, but only the Father. RSV.

However, though we do not, even now, know the day or the hour, *we do know*, from God's prophecies, *that it is today very near!* Notice this, in Luke 21:25-32: He had been foretelling the world events, *right now beginning*, leading to "distress of na-

MOST WORLD leaders are of superior ability. Yet they are utterly unable to abolish world evils or bring about world *peace*.

Many scientists and leaders say that the only hope for world peace is the formation of a supreme world government, controlling the world's sole military power. Yet in the same breath they admit the utter impossibility of this, claiming that such supreme world power in human hands would enslave us all!

An Amazing Forecast

Few realize it today, but centuries ago a famous person issued a pronouncement forecasting this very solution. He was hundreds of years ahead of his time, and the world of his day rejected and suppressed the pronouncement. The world soon lost knowledge of His forecast.

World leaders would do well to search out that amazing forecast, in the light of present world conditions.

Few, indeed, know that Jesus Christ came, not as a religious leader on a "soul saving" crusade, but as a pioneer news forecaster. No man of historic note has been so completely misrepresented - so utterly misunderstood!

He came as a messenger with a message from God to mankind. His message was big news - a vital and sensational news announcement for the future. It announced world peace. It was good news for the future, proclaimed as an advance announcement of assured and certain world peace in our time. That was Christ's Gospel! The very word "gospel" *means* "good news."

And what was that news announcement for our times which was suppressed by first-century enemies? The one official record which the first-century conspirators were unable to suppress the Bible gives the official answer!

"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God... Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the *gospel* of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:1, 14-15).

Believe *what* gospel - *what* Good News? The good news of the coming Kingdom Of God.

But what did He *mean* - the Kingdom of God? And how do we know it was suppressed? And if the original and *true* gospel

of Jesus Christ was suppressed, what was proclaimed to the world to replace it?

The Written Record

To say that the true gospel proclaimed by Christ was suppressed - was not proclaimed to the world after A.D. 70 for nearly nineteen centuries is a shocking and amazing statement.

This same written record the conspirators were not able to destroy confirms it. The Church of God was started the day of Pentecost, A.D. 31 (Acts 2). About twenty years later, the apostle Paul, under inspiration, wrote to the churches in Galatia, "I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ *unto another gospel*: which is not another; but there are some that trouble you, and would *pervert the gospel of Christ*" (Gal. 1:6-7). The verses following pronounce a double curse on any who would preach any other gospel.

To the Corinthian Church the apostle Paul wrote, "I fear, that by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that comes [speaking of false preachers] preaches *another Jesus... or another gospel*, which you have not accepted. . ." (II Cor. 11:3-4).

And further - verses 13-15: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers, also be transformed as the *ministers* of righteousness..."

To the early Christians at Rome: "...for the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who *hold - back* - the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:18). The Revised Standard Version has it: "who by their wickedness *suppress the truth*." The message God sent by Jesus Christ was being *held back - suppressed*.

Then again, even Jesus Christ Himself made it very clear that His Good News - the Kingdom Of God - would be suppressed *until* our time.

His disciples had asked what would be the sign by which we might know when we were at the end of this world (age), just before Christ's return to earth.

Jesus "added and spake a parable... because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear" (Luke 19:11). Why did Jesus speak this parable? Because some, even then, mistakenly thought the Kingdom *should immediately appear* - because some thought it would be the church!

Now continue: "He said, therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return" (verse 12). Christ is that "nobleman." He is speaking of His ascension to the throne of God His Father, in heaven. Notice, He went there to be *given* rulership of the Kingdom—to receive the Kingdom. Notice, too, He is to return, when He has received it! *He has not yet returned!*

Chapter 6

Important Word Until

In Acts 3:2, it says the heavens have received Jesus Christ until - not permanently, just *until* a certain time. Until *when?* Until the times of restitution of all things. Restitution means restoration to a former state or condition. It is speaking of restoring God's laws, God's government-of restoring happiness and universal peace.

In this seventh chapter of Daniel, the prophet had experienced a dream, and visions. He had seen four wild animals. Notice verse 16; *the interpretation* begins verse 17. This is God's inspired interpretation - "These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the Kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even for ever and ever" (Dan. 7:17-18).

Notice it! Not *only* is Christ to rule - but the *saints* - that is, converted true Christians - those begotten as sons of God - are to take and possess the Kingdom! They are to rule under, and *with* Christ! In the New Testament it is recorded that converted saints are co-heirs with Christ!

In this same seventh chapter, Daniel explained another power. The fourth beast of his dream - the fourth empire (the Roman Empire) - was pictured as an animal having ten horns, explained here and in Revelation 13 and Revelation 17 as ten revivals or resurrections of the Roman Empire, after its original fall in A.D. 476. But among them - after A.D. 476 arose another little horn

the Nations of the world.

Chapter 5

World-Ruling Government

But, someone may ask, Didn't Jesus Himself say that the Kingdom of God is '*within you*'? In the seventeenth chapter of Luke, verse 21, King James translation, is a mistranslation which has led some to suppose the Kingdom of God is some thought or feeling or sentiment within man.

This is the Moffatt translation of the same verse: "He answered them, 'The Reign of God is not coming as you hope to catch sight of it; no one will say, "Here it is" or "There it is," for the Reign of God is now in your midst."

The Revised Standard Version renders it "the Kingdom of God is in the midst of you." All these translations render it *present tense*.

He explained that it would not be a local or limited kingdom for the Jews only. It would not be merely one of many human and visible kingdoms which men could point out or see, and say, "This is it, *here*"; or "that is the Kingdom, *over there*." But He, Himself, was born to be the KING of that Kingdom, as He plainly told Pilate (John 18:36-37). The Bible uses the terms "king" and "kingdom" interchangeably (see Daniel 7:17-18, 23). The King of the future Kingdom was, then and there, standing in the midst of them. And in the language in which He spoke to them, that is precisely what. He said - as the marginal rendering and other translations state.

Plainly, Jesus was not saying that the Kingdom of God was *within you*. Nor was He saying that the Church would be the Kingdom.

Has Not Yet Appeared

But one may ask, did not Jesus Christ say the Kingdom of God was "at hand"? Yes, quoted from Mark 1:15. This naturally led some to mistake what He said, and what He meant, and assume the Kingdom of God was established and set up during Jesus' ministry. Thus some supposed it was the Church.

But Jesus did not say the Kingdom of God had been established. It was now being *preached* (Luke 16:16). He did not say it was already here. Jesus, Himself, corrected this false notion.

First He warned them against being deceived. Many would come, He said, in His name, claiming to be the ministers of Christ saying that He was Christ and at the same time deceiving the many. But when "...this *gospel of the kingdom* shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations...*then shall the end come*" (Matt. 24:14).

This proclaiming of the Kingdom Of God could not be the sign that we are at the end of the age, if it *had been* proclaimed all along, but the end time is now after nineteen centuries!

Just as Christ Himself directly prophesied would happen, many have preached about the person, saying that Jesus was the Christ - preaching about the messenger, but suppressing His message!

But the end time is now here after nineteen centuries. This message is going out world wide.

Some have preached a "gospel of false salvation" and some a "gospel of grace" - turning grace into license to commit sin. Still others have turned to a "social gospel."

But Jesus brought from God the Father a vital message announcing the Kingdom Of God! What did He mean - the Kingdom Of God? Isn't it amazing that almost no one in today's world knows?

Chapter 2

A Message of Government

Few seem to know, today, that Jesus' message was about government! Few realize that this is not the time God is trying to save (spiritually) the world. Few knew Jesus was concerned with government.

Jesus was born to be a King! Notice, once again, what was prophesied in Isaiah about Christ: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever" (Isa. 9:6-7).

Notice what was said to his mother Mary: "He will be great,

and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:26-33 RSV).

When Jesus was on trial for His life before Pilate, He was asked, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world" But He also said, "My kingdom is not of *this world*" (John 18:37, 36 RSV).

Why has the whole world been deceived, not knowing *why* humanity was created and human life existed upon this earth! Again, and again, I ask, *why* are we *here*? *Where* are we *going*? *What* is the *way* - the way to peace, well-being, happiness, abundance?

Why no world peace? *Why* all this world's evils? *Why* can't science give us the answers? These questions are the most important in human life. Why aren't people concerned?

The greatest religion in the world, in number of adherents, is Christianity. People suppose the Christian religion came out of - is based on - the bible.

Then *why* don't the various sects and denominations of traditional Christianity tell us the real theme of the Bible? **WHY** do they not know the true gospel that Jesus proclaimed? It's all *in the bible* - it's not suppressed *there*! It's plain and clear! It's time someone shouted to lethargic, indifferent, sleeping humanity, *wake up!*

IS there an *afterlife*? The truth is plain and clear in the Bible. Jesus' gospel was the Kingdom Of God. Does that have anything to do with afterlife—with spiritual salvation? It has everything to do with it. But the whole world is *deceived* and *asleep*! The gospel of the Kingdom Of God has to do, basically, with two themes - government and spiritual salvation.

Once again, what did Jesus *mean* The Kingdom Of God? The truth is not merely surprising - it is shocking - staggering! Yet it is truly Good News - the most good news ever to enter human consciousness!

Christ's Message

Jesus went everywhere preaching the Good News of the

claiming to be Christian, but actually named by God "Mystery Babylon the Great" - or, more plainly, Babylonian mysteries! Six of those have come and gone. the seventh is now forming - the last, final, brief resurrection of the Roman Empire by Ten European Groups or nations. These are the ten toes of iron and clay mixed.

In their days - and they shall last but a very short space - shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom. This, then, shall be The Kingdom Of God!

Compare with Revelation 17. Here is pictured a church. Not a small church—a great church. She rules over "many waters" (verse 1) which are described in verse 15 as different nations speaking different languages. She posed as the Church of God - which Scripture says (Eph. 5:23; Rev. 19:7; Matt. 25:1-10, etc.) is the affianced "bride" of Christ, to be spiritually married to Him at His Second coming.

But she has committed fornication. How? By having direct *political* union with human governments of this world! She "sat on" (Rev. 17:3) all seven of these resurrections of the Roman Empire - sometimes called the "Holy Roman Empire." She ruled over the human kingdoms - as a common-law and unmarried "wife" ruling her paramour "husband - a totally unnatural and ungodly relationship.

She is, therefore, to "sit on" this last "head of the beast" - this final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. It will be a *union* of church and state. It is to endure but a *very* short time. It is to fight against Christ at his second coming! that will be its end.

We see it in process of rising, now. Therefore we are close to the coming of Christ! We are now *very near* the end of this age! When Christ comes, He is coming as KING of kings, ruling the whole earth (Rev. 19:11-16), and His Kingdom - the Kingdom Of God - said Daniel, is to CONSUME all these worldly kingdoms.

Revelation 11:15 states it in these words: "The kingdoms of this world *are become* The Kingdoms Of Our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever!"

This is the Kingdom Of God. It is the end of present governments - the governments that rule Russia, China, Japan, Italy, Germany, yes, and even the United States and the British nations. They then shall become the kingdoms - the governments of Jesus Christ, then king of kings over the entire earth.

This makes completely PLAIN the fact that the Kingdom Of God is a literal government. Even as the Chaldean Empire was a Kingdom - even as the Roman Empire was a Kingdom so the Kingdom Of God is a government. It is to take over the Government of

First was the head of gold. That represented Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom - the Chaldean Empire. *After* him - later, in time sequence - was to come a second, then a third Kingdom "which shall bear rule over all the earth" - *world empire!*

Then, verse 40, the legs of iron represent a *fourth* world empire. It was to be *strong*, even as iron is strong - stronger militarily than its predecessors. Yet, as silver is less valuable than gold, brass than silver, iron than brass, though each metal was progressively harder and stronger, the succession would deteriorate morally and spiritually. The two legs meant the fourth empire would be divided.

After the Chaldean Empire came the still larger Persian Empire, then the Greco-Macedonian, and fourth, the Roman Empire. It was divided, with capitals at Rome and Constantinople.

Now - verse 44! Read it! Get your Bible. See it with your own eyes in your own Bible. Here, in plain language, is God's explanation of what the Kingdom Of God is:

"And in the days of these kings..." it is here speaking of the ten toes, part of iron and part of brittle clay. This, by connecting the prophecy with Daniel 7, and Revelation 13 and 17, is referring to the new United States Of Europe which is *now forming*, out of the European Common Market, before your very eyes! Revelation 17:12 makes plain the detail that it shall be a union of Ten Kings Or Kingdoms which (Rev. 17:8) shall resurrect the medieval "holy" Roman Empire.

So, mark carefully the *time element!* "In the days of these kings" - In the days of these ten nations or groups of nations that shall, *in our time*, resurrect briefly the Roman Empire-notice what shall happen:

"...shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed... but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever!"

Chapter 4

Yes, in OUR TIME!

Now here we have described four [Gentile] universal empires! Revelation 13 and 17 show that, after the fall of the original Roman Empire, there would be ten revivals - seven of which would be ruled over by a Gentile church - the "daughter" of ancient Babylon - a church

Kingdom Of God. He taught in parables about the Kingdom of God. He sent out seventy men preaching, and commanded them to preach The Kingdom Of God (Luke 10:9). He sent the apostles, on whom the Church of God was founded, to preach only The Kingdom Of God (Luke 9:1-2).

Isn't it amazing that the world has lost the knowledge of what it is?

The apostle Paul preached The Kingdom Of God (Acts 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31).

Haven't you heard men speak of the Kingdom of God something like this: "By Christians everywhere working together to bring about world peace, tolerance and brotherly love, the Kingdom of God may at last be established in the hearts of men."

Because they *rejected* Christ's gospel 1900 years ago, the world had to supplant something else in its place. They had to invent a *counterfeit!* So we have heard the Kingdom of God spoken of as merely a platitude - a nice sentiment in human hearts - reducing it to an ethereal, unreal nothing! Others have misrepresented that the "church" is the Kingdom. Others confuse it with a "millennium." Still others have, earlier in our century, claimed the British Empire is the Kingdom of God.

Chapter 3

Daniel Knew!

The prophet Daniel, who lived 600 years before Christ, knew that the Kingdom of God was a real kingdom - a *government* ruling over literal people on the earth. Daniel was one of four extraordinary, intelligent and brilliant Jewish lads in the Judean captivity. These four men were stationed in the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar of the Chaldean Empire, in training for special responsibilities in the Babylonian government. Daniel was a prophet who had been given special understanding in visions and dreams (Dan. 1:17).

Nebuchadnezzar was the first real world ruler. He had conquered a vast empire, including the nation Judah. This king had a dream so impressive it troubled him - moved him to tremendous concern. He demanded that his magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers tell him both *what* he had dreamed,

and what it meant. They could not. They were baffled. Then Daniel was brought before the king.

Daniel disclaimed any more human ability to interpret dreams than the Chaldean magicians, "But," he said, "there is a God in heaven that reveals secrets, and make it known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days" (Dan. 2:28).

First, God's purpose was to reveal to this world-ruling human king that there is a God in heaven - that God is supreme ruler over all nations, governments, and kings that God rules the universe! This Chaldean king knew only about the many pagan demon gods. He knew nothing of the true living Almighty God. Like people and rulers, even today, he did not know that God is the living, real, active, ruling and governing personage who actually and literally governs the entire universe!

The whole purpose of this dream was to *reveal* God's government - the *fact* that God rules - the truth of The Kingdom Of God - the very thing that is the one and *only* true Gospel Of Jesus Christ! And, secondly, to reveal - preserved in writing for us today - what is to happen.

For US, Today!

This is no dry, dull, dead writing for a people of 2,500 years ago. This is living, tremendous, *big news for our day!* It is *advance news* for us, now. *News before it happens* - of the most colossal event of all earth's history certain to occur *in your lifetime!* This is the true gospel! It is the very gospel Christ preached! It is intended for you and me today! It is vital that you understand!

Read, in your own Bible, verses 28 through 35 of the second chapter of Daniel. In his dream, this king had seen a vast statue - larger than any image or statue ever built by man - so tremendous it was terrifying, even in a dream. Its head was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, legs of solid iron, feet a mixture of iron and clay.

There was a time element. Nebuchadnezzar had viewed it *until* a supernatural stone came from heaven, smashing the statue on its feet. Then the whole of the statue broke into fragments, and was actually blown away by the wind - it disappeared! Then this stone expanded miraculously and

quickly became a great mountain - so great it filled the whole earth!

What did it mean? *Did* it have meaning? Yes, because this was God's doing. Unlike ordinary dreams, this one was caused by God to convey the message of God's sovereignty to Nebuchadnezzar - and, because it is part of the written Word of God, to us today - to reveal important facts of the true gospel!

"This is the dream," said Daniel (verse 36), "now we will tell the king its interpretation."

This then is God's interpretation. Men ought never to interpret the Bible. The Bible gives us God's own interpretation! Here it is. "You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory." God was revealing Himself to this human world-dictator as the most high *Ruler over all*.

People today, like this Chaldean king, seem never to think of God as a ruler - as the Supreme One who governs - as the head of government. The Eternal was revealing Himself through Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar - and through the Bible to *you and to me* today - as a sovereign, all powerful, *governing* God who *is to be obeyed*.

Continued Daniel to this human emperor, "After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth." (verses 37-39).

What IS a Kingdom?

Notice! This is speaking of Kingdoms. It is referring to kingdoms *that bear rule over the people on earth*. It is speaking of governments! It is not speaking of ethereal sentiments "set up in the hearts of men." It is not speaking of churches. It is speaking of the kind of governments that bear rule and authority over nations of people here on earth. It is literal. It is specific. There is no misunderstanding, here, as to what is meant by the word "Kingdom."

There is no misunderstanding the interpretation. God gives His own interpretation through the prophet Daniel. The great metallic image represented national and international governments - real, literal kingdoms.

It represented a *succession* of world-ruling governments.