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The Armistice of the Great War, 1914/18, which has been so solemnly and universally kept was, as has often been pointed out, signed at the **eleventh** hour, of the **eleventh** day, of the **eleventh** month of **1918**, and many of us then felt that it was indeed an eleventh hour Voice in the World's History, reminding us that the Midnight Crash was drawing near.

That the MIDNIGHT Hour is regarded by men and women of all classes and nations as a sign, or symbol of catastrophe, needs no stressing here, for from Pharoah's day when Judgment fell upon the first-born at MIDNIGHT, to our Lord's Day when He gave the Parable of the Virgins, all of whom slumbered till the midnight hour, right on until to-day, MIDNIGHT has spoken of a time, or a period, of special crisis.

God has further revealed to us in His Book, the Bible, that **HIS** reckoning of Time is somewhat different to ours. "A thousand years is, with the Lord, as **one day**." (11 Peter 3, 8.) This rapidly brings down **our** many years of human history to a few days; for, as we all know, approximately 4,000 years B.C. (Four Days)

takes us back to the beginning of Man's History, whilst to-day we are in 1943 A.D.—nearly two days further on. Thus together, just under SIX DAYS of God's reckoning will cover our entire human history.

When we remember that He, the High and Lofty One inhabiteth "**ETERNITY**" we see what FINITE things **we** must be, compared with the Infinite God, and how minute are **our** Days to **His**.

Remarkable as it may seem, we also note that a MILLENIUM—that glorious long-looked-for period of a thousand years of perfect peace and true righteousness—has been promised to this earth by God Himself (see Rev. 20), and is referred to in Scripture as "The **DAY** of the Lord." Thus emphasising our thought of a thousand years being equivalent to one Day of Heaven's reckoning.

Is it not also rather remarkable, that just as the Sabbath of Genesis 2, (the only **DAY** of Creation that had no evening, wherein God rested from all His work in complete satisfaction and peace) followed the **SIX** days of Creation, (be they literal days of 24 hours as I believe, or any longer period, the thought remains the same), so the SIX thousand years (Six Days) of man's striving and failure shall be superceded by a "**DAY**" (of a thousand years) of righteousness and peace, wherein that same Creator God shall rest in complete satisfaction and delight in the work of His own Beloved Son, who shall then Reign in all His Glory as the "Stone cut out without Hands," and His Glory shall fill the whole Earth.

Maybe these suggestive thoughts will pull my reader up with a start, for they surely cannot be ignored, as the "Midnight Hour" truly draws on apace. But this in turn brings us back to the Armistice of 1918. Will you please take your pencil and a piece of paper and do a small mathematical calculation? If one thousand years of our time, equals one day of Heaven's time, how long do you think is **Half-an-Hour** in God's reckoning? In other words, "**IF** 11th November, 1918, **was** the ELEVENTH Hour, (and kindly note that I only say "**IF**") then when will 11.30 p.m. in our history strike? We therefore divide 48 into 1,000 years (or 12,000 months) and we have 250 months, or 20 years and 10 months, of our time, equalling **half-an-hour** of God's time, and to carry the detail a little further, whilst we are about it, we find that one "Minute" of God's Time equals eight and one-third months of **our** time.

Now, quietly and thoughtfully, add 20 years and 10 months, to November 11th, 1918, and it will bring you to early September, 1939.

There is no need for me to comment further.'

Since the Armistice of 1918, God has given to the world **HALF-AN-HOUR'S** respite, as it were. Half-an-hour in which to take stock to see how we stand! And where **do** we stand? Back to 1914! Yes, indeed. **Better** than we were then? Who would say so! Events since 1939 have surely proved that things generally have terribly worsened, as indeed Scripture said they would, (11. Tim. 3, 13), for the **heart** of man, the world over, seems more cruel and savage than ever before, whether it be in Asia, Europe, Africa or America.

Slowly, but surely, the wheels of time revolve: whether they be recorded on earth in finite "Years", or in Heaven as Infinite "Days". God's clock of time never ceases to tick and **will not** cease, till Time shall be no longer (though He may stop His prophetic Clock as He will, and as He did at Calvary).

So "The Midnight Hour" draws on.

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## THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES.

I have no doubt that whatever your Creed or Faith, your interest has, at least, been aroused by these few details from Current Events! May I ask you then to follow me a little farther. As we have seen, one Half-Hour of divine reckoning covers 250 months of earth's fleeting time; and likewise ONE MINUTE of Heaven's time covers approximately 8 months, 10—11 days of our time.

Before I go any further, however, let me make it quite clear that I do **NOT** like date-fixing in Bible Study, especially where Prophecy is concerned, and especially in the light of our Lord's own Words in this connection, Mark 13, 32.

Whereas then I am giving you these facts and figures, it is not with any dogmatism that they **MUST** be infallible, but rather that they indicate 'PERIODS' more than ACTUAL dates. I fully believe that **around** these dates something concerning the history of the World takes place (but not necessarily this Nation nor even the Allies). The Works of God are **INTER-National**.

So to proceed.

I had quietly written the early part of this Manuscript in Prayer and Meditation during the evening of November, 19th, 1942, and noted that eight months, 11 days from 3rd September, 1939

(the outbreak of this War) brought us to the 14th May, 1940, and had also noted the following four dates as representing further minutes in Heaven's time.

**Assuming** 11 p.m. to be the Armistice of 1918, and 11.30 p.m. the outbreak of the present conflict, then on this basis—

11.31 would fall about 14th May, 1940.

11.32     "     "     "     25th Jan., 1941.

11.33     "     "     "     3rd Oct., 1941.

11.34     "     "     "     14th June, 1942.

11.35     "     "     "     25th Feb., 1943.

(Or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years (our time) 3rd March, 1943.)

The very next morning, November 20th, a booklet was sent to me by post by an unknown friend (as often happens to an Author and Publisher) entitled "**Our V Sign**" by Clew Garnet, (Published Jan., 1942), and before consigning it, as frequently happens in an Author's Office—to the waste paper basket, I picked it up for a casual glance through.—I have since ascertained that this was almost the last copy the Author possessed. You can perhaps imagine, better than I can describe, my surprise to find the **opening** paragraph of this 44 pp. book, read thus:—

"Britain's real troubles started with the Battle of the Bulge, which opened on the **14th May, 1940**".

And a little lower down that same opening page, it went on to say,

"Then came the Battle of the Bulge, and the complete change in our whole outlook of the war. This was no ordinary setback. It was a disaster. Our armies had been cut in two. The

gap grew wider and wider. So hopeless did the position look that we lost faith in man and his machine. There was nothing we could do to help, except pray. The thoughts of many people turned to the "Day of Prayer" which had been called for by our King."

Of the next two dates mentioned, which are now passed as I write these lines, the following events are elsewhere recorded.

On **January 24th, 1941**, Lord Halifax arrived in America and was welcomed by President Roosevelt on board H.M.S. King George V., whilst on January 26th, Wendall Wilkie arrived in London.

On the **1st October, 1941**, the Great Moscow Conference of the Allied Nations ended, whilst October 3rd saw the launching of the Great German offensive against Moscow;

Each of these events are surely mile-stones in the present conflict and as we look back on them we can perhaps see them better in their true perspective.

It was some three week's later before I was able to resume this Manuscript when quite casually I happened to pick up a copy of "Picture Post" dated December 12th, 1942, and on page 14 read

"Perhaps you will remember that **June 13th, 1942** was the day when the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of Alliance was announced."

It was also on the **13th June, 1942**, you will remember, that the disastrous Tank Battle was fought in Libya, the result of which meant our falling back to El-Alemein and nearly losing the Battle of Egypt. It is not impossible

that these two events of June 13th, 1942 were interlocked in the purposes of God. **I will not say more.**

Thus the fourth of the five dates mentioned above proved to be of outstanding interest and importance as well, and the last may yet show itself to be of more importance even than any of the former, but please bear in mind that I am not stressing **actual** dates, for that is immaterial to my purpose in this booklet, which is simply to show that **around** these periods, Heaven's Time is fast ticking its "**Minutes**" away, and remarkable as it may seem, some of the most momentous Conference Table decisions have been taken **around** these dates.

Can we afford to ignore such happenings is all I ask at the moment?

I am, however, on the other hand fully prepared to believe that if our spiritual vision was keen enough, God is really most exact and precise in His Chronology. Only our finite minds are at fault in any misunderstanding of His wonderful ways.

The last date given, **25th February, 1943**, remains future as I pen these lines. What that will hold one cannot say, but God knows, and between that date and early March comes the  $3\frac{1}{2}$  year period of the present conflict, which of itself is not without significance, for God works in "Sevens" throughout His Universe, and His Word, and the half-way mark is often equally important.

You will remember that our Lord's public Ministry was "about"  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, also that it rained not on the Earth for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years in answer to Elijah's



prayer (See James 5, 17) and the last week of Prophecy (yet to be fulfilled) is known as "Daniels 70th week", and is divided into two portions, each of 3½ years or thereabouts.

As the Saviour Himself, when here, told us to observe the "**SIGNS**" of the Times, may these happenings not be "SIGNS" or POINTERS to momentous events ahead, though the Day or Hour of His return we are **NOT** permitted to know?

One thing is at least certain, and that is, that if **ONE** "Half-hour" from the 1918 Armistice — (11 p.m.) brought us to 11.30 p.m. then we must now be travelling along the **SECOND** half of that FINAL hour, before Midnight strikes, and the first five minutes of it have already almost gone — perhaps **will** have gone, by the time **you** read this booklet.

Now at this juncture, I would ask you to approach my subject with me from another angle. As I said just now, most **thinking** men and women agree that we are heading for a CRISIS— A MIDNIGHT HOUR, as it were. Some speak of it as the breakdown of Civilization — some of the Battle between Democracy and the opposing forces — others as the Birth Pangs of a NEW WORLD or a New Order, for which Politicians and Statesmen alike are busily PLAN-NING in their various individual and collective ways. Upon **ONE THING only** are they all agreed, and in that our Bible agrees with them—and that is that something momentous, even more momentous than **the present conflict — is about to take place.** Just what it is none will dare to prophesy.

It is almost as generally agreed that before that New Era dawns, or the "New Order" is

established, unexcelled suffering and trouble must be expected.

In our Prime Minister's own words, we may speak of it as a time of "Toil, Sweat, Blood and Tears", or we may call it as some do, the Birth Pangs of a New Creation, or the Death Pangs of an old.

Whichever term or expression is used the same period is in mind, that period just before the Midnight Hour and the consequent dawning of a New Day, for is not the darkest Hour, said to be always just before the Dawn.

Again on this point, our Bible is in agreement. A time of unexcelled sorrow, suffering and trouble **is** divinely foretold as preceding those "Thousand Years" of PEACE—the Millenium—and is termed in various places of the Bible

1. "The Great Tribulation." Matt. 24, 29.
2. "The Time of Jacob's Trouble." Jer. 30, 7.
3. "Daniel's 70th Week". Dan. 9. 27.

Whilst we may individually differ in our thoughts as to who shall pass through that Great Tribulation, or whether it is Church truth or Jewish truth, **ALL** are agreed that there is **to be** such a period, and that it will bring to full fruition the troubles of this poor world, at the **midnight hour**, and that as a result of it, a NEW ERA will indeed be established. THE MILL-ENIUM.

The only difference between the Politicians, Statesmen, Church Dignitaries, and the Bible is this, that whereas they are talking of an **untried way**, and basing all their hopes for the future upon an Hypothesis and even supposition, the **Bible** record is based on proven **facts** which from Creation to 1943 have never once failed, or been

proved wrong. **Let all who will deny this unsailable record.** The New Order of the Statesman's dream, the New World of the Politician's Oratory is after all but man's version of God's Millenium of Peace, and what a poor version it is even at its best, in comparison with God's Promises. Or, to put it the other way round, the 1,000 years of unsullied Peace and Righteousness, which God has Promised and therefore **MUST** come to pass in God's due time, is the pattern upon which men's hopes and thoughts are based, although they fall far short of God's ideal. But my point here is, that **prior** to this Millenium there will come a period of unparalleled sorrow and trouble, of which Scripture has much to say, and it will also be immediately **PRIOR** to the **FINAL** midnight stroke of Judgment.

It's duration will be  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years (42 months) or thereabouts, (possibly a little shorter. Matt. 24, 22.) and that in its turn is **preceded** by another period of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years (42 months, or 1,260 days) the whole period of Seven years being termed in Scripture **Daniel's 70th Week** (See Daniel 9.).

Please do not jump to the conclusion here, that what I have said earlier on, leads me to assume that February, 1943 will see the end of this first half of Daniel's 70th week! **IT WILL NOT**, for it has not yet **begun**, but one thing I would have you observe and that is, that God **does** work in specified periods of time, especially in prophecy, and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  and 7 years are two such periods.

But to resume:

This **first**  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years of Daniel's 70th Week prior to the Great Tribulation commences with a seven year Treaty, or Covenant, made between a Jewish

Prince or Leader, and a Gentile Despot. The Gentile Despot breaks his word half-way through the period and thereby ushers in, after  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, the period of untold suffering we have mentioned, viz. The Great Tribulation, or the "Time of Jacob's Trouble."

The climax of the **seven** year Epoch, the "**End**" of that Great Tribulation is detailed in Rev. 19, and is nothing less than **Armageddon**, that awful final clash between the Gentile Nations and their God. From these few very brief facts, (and space forces me to be brief), you will see that Armageddon closes the Great Tribulation, ends Daniel's 70th Week, strikes the Midnight Hour and ushers in "The Millenium"; with perhaps a few minor details intervening, but which are not immediately relevant to the subject in hand.

Our purpose here then, **IS** to observe

(1) That seven years **at least** of **our** time, precedes the establishment of the **true** New Order, the **real** New World of Man's Dreams, the Millenium of God's promises:

(2) That those 7 years have not yet begun, and also to note:

(3) That those same seven years (84 months) of our time equals approximately (almost exactly) **TEN MINUTES** of Heaven's time. Assuming then that the MIDNIGHT stroke will be heard amid Armegeddons din, Ten minutes to Midnight will bring us to within seven years of that event and the **appearance** in full Power of.

1. A great JEWISH LEADER

2. A great GENTILE DESPOT

both ready to make their Seven year Covenant.

It would be a foolish man indeed to-day who could not see that all earth's affairs are slowly,

but with increasing speed moving towards the Middle East. From the Caucasus to Syria, from Iraq to Egypt, from Tripolitania to Tunis, from Vichy France to Italy. The scene is closing in **around Palestine**, the land which the Bible has foretold for 3,000 years and more, would be the scene of the final conflict, for the Vale of Armageddon is in that Land of Promise around which the history of the Jew has centred for so long. Jerusalem will yet be the Metropolis of the World, and all interest and all Nations will tend thitherward

Our Text Book, the Bible, cannot then, in these days, be lightly esteemed, or easily cast aside, if for 3,000 years and more it has foretold what is coming to pass before our very eyes.

The Great **Jewish** Leader, of whom we have been speaking, who shall sign the seven year Treaty on behalf of the Jewish Nation is, of course, the "**Anti-Christ**" of Scripture, whilst the Great **Gentile Despot**, who signs on behalf of the "Unified Command" of the great final Gentile Empire, is referred to in Scripture as "**The Beast**", and he it is who will be, in every way, a Super-Man commanding respect and esteem — indeed **just** the man that the Nations of the World are TO-DAY waiting for. We have had the devil's rehearsal of this in Hitler and Mussolini, thus foreshadowing this greater alliance soon to be enacted.

When "The Beast" as he is called comes into public view, men will recognise him at once as the Super-Man they have talked of, and hoped for. They will not only acclaim him, saying "Who is like unto him?" and "Who is able to make war with him?" (Rev. 13, 4) but they will

worship him; and gladly give all administrative power into his hands. He will respond, by consolidating a tyranny surpassing all records of the past, even that of the Nazis' of the present time.

A very full account of this great Personage, his power and control and his Conferedate can be read by all in Rev. 13. His power will be Satanic (v. 4.). The 42 months referred to will be noted in (v. 5.), His followers in (v. 8.), and his famous "Mark of the Beast" **666**, in both hand and forehead in v. 16/18. But Rev. 14, 9/10 also needs to be read in this connection.

"The Beast" will be a **Supreme** Gentile Despot, and will head a Confederation of TEN main Gentile Powers which will form, under a "Unified Command", the strongest and most powerful Empire this world has ever produced, for it will combine all the finest qualities (Humanly speaking) of the former Chaldean, Medo-Persian, Grecian and Roman Empires thrown into one. If you wish for further information upon **this** point read Daniel 7, 19/28.

Again I say, it would be a foolish man indeed who cannot see, in the way things are going, the shaping of things to come in this direction, even to-day. The close co-operation of those Nations who form the Allied Cause to-day is surely but the forerunner of this more substantial unified Empire, call it "The United Nations of Europe" or "The United Nations of the World," the "Atlantic Charter" or what you will. The fact remains that the assemblage we have to-day is at least according to the **pattern of Divine** foretelling, and just how many stepping stones there will be till it is an accomplished fact in every detail I,

for one, will not be foolish enough to forecast, but that it is **nearing fulfilment** none can deny.

Now then let us thus far re-capitulate:

We have approached our subject from two angles. One from History, from the Armistice of 1918 and its "11 p.m." implication. The other from Prophecy, with its solemn "Midnight" warning, and although so briefly touched upon, and inadequately handled, we see, I trust, that the two are not altogether distinct, but rather do they seem to blend one towards the other. **IF** 1918 was 11 p.m. and September 1939, was 11.30 p.m., then early 1943 brings us to 11.35 p.m. Heaven's Time.

On the other hand the signing of the Seven Year Pact between the Jewish and Gentile Leaders just referred to will, we have seen, be ten minutes to midnight. Between these two, 11.35 p.m. and 11.50 p.m. there remains but 15 minutes, or a quarter of an hour, of Heaven's Time—just about ten years our time—at the most.

**What do these TEN YEARS HOLD?**

Or rather What do they **NOT** hold?

Do you remember what the Saviour once said "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man." Luke 17. 26.

This was in reference to **this very time** of which we are now speaking, and He went on to say:—

"They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, **until the day** that Noah entered into the Ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all." (v. 27).

In other words the majority in **that** day, paid as little heed to Noah and his message (although he preached faithfully for 100 years) as the

Masses do to-day, to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But there **came** a day when these very same people were pulled up short, and **began to think**, just as this generation will in God's due time. **That** day was **not** when the Rain began to fall (and remember **that** was an unheard of thing, up till then), but the day that Noah **entered the Ark**, and God SHUT THE DOOR. **THAT** was seven days prior to the Deluge. (See Gen. 7, 4 and 10).

Seeing that the words of II. Peter, 3. 8. "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day", are linked with the Story of the Flood, (Read II Peter 3, 3—8), it is, to say the least, remarkable that there was a **seven day period** prior to the outburst of Judgment then, just as there will be a **seven year period** prior to Armegeddon: Those who treat the message of the Gospel to-day, as those did in Noah's day, will then find it TOO LATE to avail themselves of its gracious provision, for just as God shut Noah and his family **IN** to safety because they OBEYED His invitation, so prior to the "Seven Year" period we have spoken of, God will see to it that all who, in this age have ACCEPTED the Gospel Message, shall be safe and secure **BEFORE the BLOW falls**, or the Storm of Judgment breaks. To-day the Door of Mercy stands **open** — all who will may enter; **THEN**, the Door will be shut.

Before I add my final chapter then, on what the Next Ten Years hold, I would bring to bear upon all the foregoing facts the third strand of my three-fold cord. To those to whom Bible Chronology has been a study, no finer work has ever been produced than Martin Anstey's



“Romance of Bible Chronology”. Reference may be made to it at any good Public Library or other suitable place of reference. It is a learned, and scholarly work and will stand the most minute scrutiny and test of any Bible Student, or learned Professor.

Martin Anstey therein shows that the 6,000th year of Human History (Midnight of Heaven’s 6th day), will fall in 1958½ A.D. or about March/April, 1959. Martin Anstey prefers scientifically, to be exact, the Author of this booklet is quite satisfied with approximate periods, but if Seven years prior to 1959 is taken, for the **commencement** of Daniel’s 70th Week, we have 1952. From early 1943, to early 1952, is 9 years, as against the ten years mentioned above. Quite near enough for you, and for me, to see, that whether we accept

- (a)—The testimony of an expert Bible Student of Chronology such as Martin Anstey;
- (b)—The plain statement of Scripture as to the “Midnight Hour” of Judgment, or
- (c)—The Voice of the Armistice, 1918; they together agree on this one point—

### **THE TIME IS SHORT.**

Let me also direct your attention to a few more striking facts, in this connection.

Whether we approach our subject along the line that one **HOUR** of Heaven’s time is approximately 41½rd years, of our time, or whether we accept, meantime, Martin Anstey’s scientific calculation that the 6000 years of Human existence ends about 1958/9; in either case we arrive at the same conclusion that from 1918—1958 our time, or from 11 p.m. — 12 p.m. God’s time, the period is approximately 40 years,

and again I wish to emphasize that I am not stressing **EXACT DATES**, merely **Periods**.

However superficial a knowledge of the Bible you may have you will know that both "40 Days" and "40 Years", figure very largely therein. Even in the case of the Flood of Noah's day, the rain fell for **40 days** and **40 nights**; Noah himself was 600 years **and 40 days** old when he entered the Ark and from the time the tops of the Mountains were seen until he opened the Window of the Ark was also **40 days**.

You will also remember that the life of Moses was divinely divided into three periods of **Forty years each**.

The Spies who were sent out by Moses to spy the Promised land searched for **40 days**, and later the Children of Israel had to wander **40 years** in the Wilderness because of their faithlessness.  
(Num. 14/34.).

When Moses received the Law at Sinai he was in the Mount **Forty Days**. (Ex. 24, 18).

When Goliath challenged David he presented himself **40 days**. When Jonah was sent to Ninevah, his message was "Yet **Forty Days** and Ninevah shall be destroyed."

When our blessed Lord was led by the Spirit into the Wilderness to be tempted by the Devil! He first fasted **forty days and forty nights**. And after His resurrection you will remember He showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs for the space of **forty days**.

Saul, David and Solomon each reigned over Israel for **forty years**.

Such a mass of evidence can only mean that a period of this duration is both a sign and a symbol which God has used for our instruction

and learning, and in the light of recent happening we should surely be dull of vision if we failed to see at least **some** connection, and **some** message for these last days. Passing from the realm of Scripture into that of History once again, it is said that Benjamin Disraeli, who became Britain's Prime Minister in 1868, attended a very important Conference in Berlin, in 1876, regarded by some as the crowning event of his career.

And, it is said, that as a result of that conference, religious freedom was largely secured for the Jews, and for Palestine. Queen Victoria, herself, was specially pleased with his achievement, and all London gave him a tremendous ovation when he returned.

He died three years later, his life's work being undoubtedly accomplished, but you will observe, that that important Conference took place in **1878** exactly forty years prior to the 1918 Armistice. It is also not without significance that in **December, 1917** General Allenby **entered Jerusalem** having finally delivered it from the Turkish yoke.

It was also in that same year, **1917**, that Lord Balfour (who had been at the Berlin Conference with Disraeli) wrote to Lord Rothschild saying:

"I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Zionist aspirations. **His Majesty's Government view with favour, the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people**, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object."

If 1918 was 11 p.m., then I ask was **1878** —10.0 p.m. or thereabouts? These "Forty year" Epochs

cannot be without significance, and knowing God's supreme interest in Israel and Jerusalem one can only feel that God **IS** speaking, and has been doing so to the present and past generation. This in its turn brings me back to the MIDNIGHT HOUR, but this time a Midnight Hour which **IS PAST**, which you will find recorded in the 12th Chapter of Exodus.

As the Bible itself tells us that all these things written aforetime were for **our** learning, may it not be that the lessons of **that** stroke of Judgment, may be intended for us **TO-DAY**, in view of the near approach of that other Midnight Hour.

Let me make it quite clear here, however, that I am not suggesting that **as a Nation** we are Israel. God's message of love to-day is to **ALL** Nations and is absolutely **INTERNATIONAL** embracing both Jew and Gentile.

Israel of old is, however, a **type** of God's people to-day. And God's people **TO-DAY** (whilst the Clock of **Prophecy** is stopped) are believers on the Lord Jesus Christ **out of ALL NATIONS**. This subject we are dealing with is **NOT** then a **National** one, it is an **individual one**, concerning **all** men and women, **of all Nationalities**, be they Jew or Gentile.

Yes friend, **you** may have **despised** these people and this kind of talk in the past, **you may** have pooh-poohed it, but thank God **it's blessedly true**. **HE has** made a difference between **HIS** People and the mere Worldling, and that difference is, as it was in Exodus 12, a difference **by BLOOD**.

I will seek to explain

God said in Exodus 12.

"When I see the **BLOOD** I will 'Passover' you."

But it was **only** those who **personally** sheltered **behind** the Blood-sprinkled Door in Egypt (see Ex. 12) that were **delivered in the Hour of Judgment**. You will note that the mere slaying of the Lamb didn't save them, it was their personal **ACCEPTANCE** of God's provision that saved them. So it is to-day.

The **ONLY way** of escape from the coming Hour of Judgment is by the Blood of the "Lamb of God" shed at Calvary, but I would have you specially note that the mere **FACT** of Calvary's Cross, and all that it implies, will not **SAVE YOUR SOUL**. IT IS **SUFFICIENT**, thank God to save **ALL**, but if you wish it to save **you**, then **YOU** must personally appropriate it to yourself and I for myself. **YOU** must apply the Blood to **your own house-door** as it were, and **THAT** door is your own heart and life. Coming as a contrite **repentant** Sinner to the Saviour, and claiming the benefit of what He has **PROVIDED**, completes the transaction.

God has made it **POSSIBLE** for you to be saved from coming wrath in His love and mercy, it is up to you to say whether it shall be made an accomplished fact or not! If **you** do **your** part, God has already done His and will seal the contract by making you His own, sealing you with His Holy Spirit and making you **HIS** for ever. If you **fail** to do yours, there will only be one person to blame when the stroke of Judgment falls — **WILL IT BE YOU?**

Just as "The Beast" will put His Mark "666" upon all **his followers** in that awful time that's soon coming, so God **TO-DAY**, and ever since Pentecost, **marks** all His people. Just as He put "**a difference**" between them in days of old (Ex.

11, 7), so to-day, they have an "EAR" mark, and they have also a "FOOT" mark. My Sheep **"HEAR"** My Voice and I know them and they **"FOLLOW"** Me. (Jno. 10, 27). They **may be** a despised and rejected people like their Master, nevertheless He knows them all, and you and I can know them too if we will, by these two marks, whether they are TRUE Christians or not. They are also **Sealed** with the Holy Spirit of God, for "They that have My Spirit,

These saith He are mine." (Rom. 8, 9.)

To-day, God looks for **my** trust and confidence in the **BLOOD** shed at Calvary, which is the **ONLY** way of escape from the awful Judgment that lies ahead, and remember that after all, the Great Tribulation we have been speaking of is only a foretaste of that awful **final** Judgment,—**the Lake of Fire**—which will last not merely for 42 months, but for **all ETERNITY**. **YES**—friend the **FACT** must be faced—that same Bible teaches this also, **BUT** thank God it shows the way of escape, **from both**.

"The Soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose.  
He will not, **HE WILL NOT** desert to its foes."

To-day, the Lord Jesus Christ is waiting to save you, from Self, Sin, Satan and Judgment, and says

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will** give you rest." Matt. 11, 28.

And then adds,

"Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6, 37.

Time, my friend, as we have already noted, is **short!** Yes, you say, but just now you were saying that there was, from Nine to Ten years

to go, so surely I have plenty of time yet?

Pardon me. What I said earlier on was that in the light of the facts and prophecies considered it appears that there is about 9/10 years before that Gentile Despot and his Confederates **sign their Treaty**, but do you think these “mighty ones” will both arise overnight like the growth of a mushroom. I tell you nay. They maybe even now in one of this world’s Training Centres! They may be now fighting to-day’s Battles. Who can tell?

After all what is 9/10 years to any man or woman? If (and I believe we are), we are as near as that, to the **FULL MANIFESTATION** of two such MIGHTY MEN, can you not see that **to-day** they must be already alive—perhaps forty or even fifty year’s old, IF they are to assume Supreme Power within such a short Period as from 9/10 years from now?

Those of you who have read my booklet “**That Restraining Hand**”, will recall that I therein pointed out that there is only one thing holding back the full manifestation of these Wicked Personages, and that is the Presence of God’s people and God’s Holy Spirit in this earth.

Nineteen hundred years ago the Inspired writer wrote, in II. Thess. 2, 7.

“The Mystery of Iniquity doth already work. Only He who now RESTRAINETH, will restrain until He will be taken out of the Way.”

“HE” has **NOT YET** been “taken away”, but is **TO-DAY Restraining** and controlling the affairs of Nations and of men, and **over**-ruling in all things, that the purposes of God concerning the close of this Age might be as completely fulfilled as those were at Calvary, 1900 years ago,

**BUT**, when “HE” **IS** “taken away,” then the Inspired writer goes on to say

“Then shall that “WICKED” be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the Brightness of His coming.” (11. Thess. 2, 8, ),

The destruction referred to, is fully recorded in Rev. 19, 20/21.

I have little doubt that the uppermost question in my reader’s mind is, “**when** will God’s Holy Spirit be taken out of the Way?”

**That** is an unknown quantity. That is the one **UNREVEALED** secret of God.

All that we have been told concerning **THAT** moment of Time is, that the One who **CAME** down to dwell upon Earth when Christ **ascended**, will remain here, **UNTIL** Christ **descends** to **TAKE HIS PEOPLE OUT** of this Scene of Sin, Suffering and Sorrow to dwell in Heaven above, as told in John 14. When Christ returns **FOR HIS OWN, THEN** “HE”, (the Restraining Power, who to-day works **THROUGH CHRIST’S OWN [CHRISTIANS]**) will be taken away too.

In view of all that we have been considering it is manifestly clear that it has got to be very soon now, to allow time for the shape of things to come to assume their full proportion, and for that **Super-man** the Beast to rise to his mighty pinnacle, and the Jewish Anti-Christ to likewise be installed in his place of power and authority, which will doubtless take several years to fully develop and if there are only 9—10 years in all, and these wicked ones cannot **BEGIN** to assume power, **TILL** “HE” (God’s Holy Spirit) and God’s Marked people—(every true Believer redeemed by precious Blood)—have been taken



away, then HOW NEAR **MUST** the Return of Christ **for** His own, be? So you see **YOUR TIME**, is shorter than that wicked one's.

We have **no reason** for saying that CHRIST'S return **for** His people will be **this** year or next, this **month** or next, this **week** or next, **TO-DAY or to-morrow**, but we equally have no reason for saying that it **MAY NOT** be **this** year, this month, this week — **EVEN TO-DAY**.

One thing is certain. IT has **GOT to BE** some-day soon now. Of that there is no doubt. The forces of evil are going to be let loose, and they cannot be, whilst God's Holy Spirit remains here restraining them. Surely we are sensible enough to see that the time for it to happen is fast running out. Things are going downhill so fast that there is every reasonable and feasible cause for thinking that the time for the removal of "That Restraining Hand" **MUST BE very very** near. How it will affect you my reader **I do not know**, but I will tell you frankly how it will affect **me** and millions more.

When "HE" is taken away, **every** TRUE Christian man and woman, world-wide, irrespective of Nationality, Sect or Creed will be taken away **TOO**. Note the careful expression — **TRUE** Christian. All Hypocrisy, Sham, and false profession will then be clearly revealed, for it will be left as Chaff. All **True** Christians will be taken to HEAVEN.

Can you imagine the upheaval this will cause? Think of all the **true** Christians that **you** know, many of whom you have perhaps ridiculed and even jeered at but, nevertheless, honestly, deep down in your heart, have admired. **Haven't you?** Think of all the Christian Generals, Admirals,

Air-Chief Marshalls, Kings, Queens, Presidents, Prime Ministers, Cabinet Ministers right down to the ordinary Man in the Street such as Engine Drivers, Coal Miners, Road Sweepers, etc., etc., and through all the various departments of everyday life. The taking of them **ALL**, in a single moment of time, away from this earth, will be like taking the PETROL out of an Aeroplane in flight, or the Steam from the Express Train, or Electricity from the Tram Car. The "Prime" of the Earth will be gone: only the carcase will be left for the vultures of the under-world to devour. Chaos, disaster, and the like, **MUST inevitably** be the **immediate** result, but as in every other major catastrophe, since creation, men will overcome even this disaster and perhaps easier than many, because they will be energised and helped by Satan himself "Because **he knoweth** that he hath but a short time." (Rev. 12. 12.).

Thus the time when God shall take His people away, as He did Noah of old to enter the Ark, is fast approaching; and whilst we are distinctly told that we are not permitted to know the Day nor hour yet the Signs, which we are instructed to behold, very clearly indicate that that time is "AT HAND". "But what of the Nations themselves during the next Ten years?" you ask, irrespective of whether the Church remains to the **end** of that period, or is removed at the **beginning**. How will **they** fare, and what course will **they** pursue:

Well, I believe that very soon now the Nations of the World, under sheer exhaustion of War, will settle down to what will seem to them **their** "New Era" of Peace, and **their** "New World" for

Mankind. I believe that they will honestly and sincerely **endeavour** to make this world a better place for man to live in. We shall soon hear the cry, PEACE, PEACE, PEACE, from many quarters of the Globe with a great Peace Conference after an Allied Victory, but beneath it all the forces of evil, those same **SATANIC** powers that **under**-ruled the present conflict, will under-rule again, and under the very name of "Peace" will cause the Nations to unitedly prepare for War in such a way as they have never done before, most likely under the very pretence of **SECURING** the Peace, and policing the World, but **really** preparing the way, for the full manifestation of the Beast, his Confederate, and the Great Ten Power Empire, thus fulfilling the Word of God in all its detail.

Such a course is divinely foretold.

Just before the end we are told that they shall speak peace falsely, and this will **specially** deceive Israel and Jerusalem (See Ezek. Chap. 11 and 13). So much so, that they will neglect **their** defences, as Britain did hers prior to 1939, with the accompanying result that the Nations will gather together at Armageddon for the great Prize of Palestine, which by then will have proved to be the most fertile and productive spot in the whole world.

If then, what I have sought to show is true, and surely any reasonably minded person must admit the logic of these facts, then what should be the attitude of **the true Church**, and of the true **Christian** to-day, in view of the fact that **their** sojourn here is strictly limited?

I think to **ask** the question almost answers it, for surely the futility of engaging in Politics, new

Social Schemes and the like must be apparent on the surface if, within the next few years of this World's history, all is to be swept away.

Can it not be seen that **the personal Salvation** of the **individual** is of paramount importance. Can it not be seen that Christ's commission to "Go into all the World and preach the Gospel" is of far more effective service, and of far greater importance than any change of environment or social improvement. For, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is the "**Power of God**" unto Salvation to every one that **believeth**" It is a **Dynamic force**" that changes men's **lives**, and makes **them** afresh, and in its train brings deliverance from the coming day of wrath and judgment; and what is Social Security, World Economies or any thing else compared with **THIS**.

I tell you friend, in all sincerity, that **THIS** is the only thing worth while to-day. Little wonder is it that the great Apostle Paul declared "I determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified". He knew something of essential values and treated all else as "dung" compared with this.

Anything short of this is like giving a broken-down car a coat of paint when it really requires a new Engine.

The paint might make it **look** better, but what use would that be if the Engine was gone. Give it a New Engine **first** and the coat of paint after by all means. Change **MEN** first, and then wars shall **cease**. Change **Men** first, and then they of themselves will change their own environment and social orders, for does not history itself prove that where the Gospel of Jesus Christ has gone with its LIFE-GIVING message, **there** men and

women have themselves been TRANSFORMED. Who can deny such facts as these?

Christian men and women! The need of the hour is **URGENT**, we have **little time left** to fulfil our Master's commission.

Let us not waste precious moments, but by all means possible seek to save **some**.

Once the "Restraining Hand" and the Church of God are Removed, the flood gates of evil will be open wide, and iniquity will abound, but **STILL** even then, wicked men will continue to fulfil God's will and purpose in the final heading up of this World's crisis at

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as we have shown.

Surely, it can thus be seen that even ten years cannot be so very long for such forces to co-ordinate their entire Human strength in their endeavour to wrest Supreme power from God Himself, and unitedly they will **all prepare** — as Germany did for this War — "to make War against **Him**, and against His Army" (See Rev. 19, 19, and Rev. 17, 14.). Such preparations **must** take time, for the Rider of the White Horse to whom they are opposed is thus described in the earlier verses of Rev. 19, and only colossal strength will be deemed sufficient to even oppose such an One.

Here is a graphic description of that final conflict at Armageddon just prior to God's Millenium of 1000 years of Peace and Social Security.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make War.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns, and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself.

And He was clothed with a vesture **dipped in blood**; and His name is called "**The Word of God.**" (Read John 1, verses 14, 17, 29 and 34).

And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword that with it He should smite **the nations**: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He Hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**" (Rev. 19. 11/16.).

Of the outcome there can be no doubt in anyone's mind, and it must fill the most casual of us with awesome fear to even contemplate the fearful clash of Armageddon. Would you know of the issue? There is no doubt. Listen.

And "the Beast" was taken, (That's the **GEN-TILE** Despot), and with him the "False Prophet" (that's the Anti-Christ), that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the "Mark of the Beast", and them that worshipped his image. These both **were cast alive into a lake of fire** burning with brimstone." (Rev. 19, 20). And the remnants were slain. (v. 21). See also Rev. 16, 16.

Mark you, this will **NOT** be the end of the World, but merely the end of **Gentile Domination**—the end of the "Times of the Gentiles" referred to in Luke 21, 24. and the ushering in of that true "New Era" of which Statesmen have been

dreaming ever since time was, but which can only come to pass when the "Prince of Peace" Himself shall reign in Righteousness and Equity.

**THIS** will be the time when "The Lion and the Lamb **SHALL** lie down together, when the wolf also shall dwell with the Lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the Kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them." (Is. 11, 6.).

**THIS** will also be the time when Satan Himself shall be bound for a whole 1,000 years (Rev. 20. 2.), and **then**, after that, the End of the World will come. But prior to the setting up of the NEW Heavens and the New Earth for ETERNITY, a Great White Throne is set up in space; Heaven and Earth having fled away. The Dead, small and great, shall then stand before God to be judged every man according to their works. Of that time it is recorded that the Sea shall give up the dead which are in it; and death and hell shall deliver up the dead which are in them: and all will be judged, every one according to their works. And death and hell shall then be cast into the Lake of Fire. **And whosoever** was not found written in the Book of Life shall also then be cast into the Lake of Fire, for Eternity. This is the **Second death**. (Rev. 20, 13—15.).

Yes friend, IT **IS possible** still, to pooh-pooh such solemn words, to even ridicule them **BUT** the WORD OF THE LORD standeth SURE. NOT a jot or tittle shall pass away till **ALL** be fulfilled. Yea, even Heaven and Earth shall pass away themselves, **BUT THE WORD of GOD—NEVER.**

**Dare** I cavil or quibble in the light of such solemn facts? Should I not bow before them in

solemn awe and reverence? Yea — **I** gladly DO.  
**I** Believe every word.—**BUT DO YOU?**—

## **I BELIEVE GOD HAS SPOKEN.**

In Disraeli's Conference 1878 — 10 p.m.

In the Armistice. 11/11/1918. — 11 p.m.

In this War 3/9/1939. — 11.30 p.m.

In the Battle  
of the Bulge. 14/5/1940 — 11.31 p.m.

In the Anglo-  
Russian Treaty 13/6/1942 — 11.34 p.m.

and in many another way throughout this conflict.\*

What think **YOU** He will have to say around February/March, 1943?

Will it prove to be the "Beginning of the End" as mentioned by our Prime Minister, or will it see another Armistice? Will it, do you think, prove to be God's time for the removal of His Church? We cannot, of course, say. This only I will say that something of international importance in the affairs of this World of ours **will** occur around that period, and one thing stands out as clear as a crystal, in a dark and difficult epoch, and it's this; the

**Coming of the Lord draweth VERY NEAR.**

**For the "Midnight Hour" approaches.**

**Prepare to MEET THY GOD.**

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