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BRITAIN'S DOOM Prophesied for Seeking Common Market Membership!

Few know that Biblical prophecies pinpoint specifically Britain's decision to join the EEC—and WARN Britain just as definitely the frightful consequences SURE to follow!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE BIG question Britain faced for months was: "Should Britain seek membership in the European Common Market?"

In her present economic plight, should Britain now beg for help from her recent enemies, Germany and Italy—with their four member nations in "The Big Six"?

Few realize the overwhelming significance of this decision—the most MO-MENTOUS ever made by Britain, when the true facts become known!

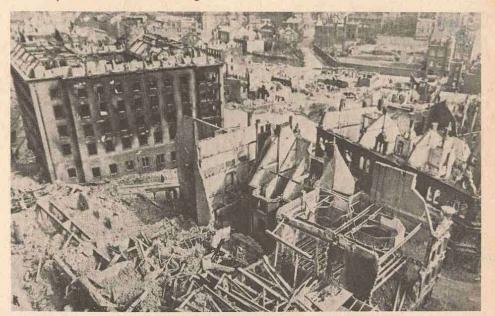
LOOK at this incredible situation!
There is serious WORLD WAR right now
—trade war—economic warfare! Britain
faces disaster.

Across the English channel is "The SIX"—in a skyrocketing prosperity, due largely to a common tariff. Seventeen years ago BRITAIN, with the United States and allies, won the war! Germany was beaten, torn and bleeding, her cities a shambles. British leaders said they must never let Germany rise again, to try conquering England and the world a third time. Yet today Germany, Italy, and fellow EEC nations, bask in the sunshine of a burgeoning prosperity—while Britain's economic crisis is so desperate that she has decided to GO TO GERMANY, her recent enemy, FOR HELP!

How SILLY Can One Get?

While Prime Minister Macmillan and his advisers were mulling over the humiliating quandary, suppose someone who actually believed the Bible had suggested:

"Mr. Prime Minister, the Cabinet, and Members of Parliament, in this crisis hour why not look to THE BIBLE, and to its prophecies, for guidance and the





Wide World Photos

Germany—before and after. Prostrate and near national death only 17 years ago, Germans rebuilt their country, are once again the heart of Europe. Today Great Britain begs for German-dominated Common Market assistance to stave off further economic decline.

right DECISION?"

Wouldn't the very suggestion have brought the retort from heads of government and members of Parliament, "HOW SILLY!"?

The Administration at Washington, D.C. has endorsed Britain's effort to get into the Common Market—used its influence to help get Britain in. Suppose that same question had been put to heads of state at Washington? Would it not have been either ridiculed—or ignored altogether—as too absurd to merit a passing thought?

The FACT remains that neither London nor Washington did put their trust implicitly in the GOD of our peoples, trusting HIM with the result *instead* of going to Germany and associate nations for help!

Do these heads of state know that a whole third of the Bible is prophecy—and that about 90% of that lays bare in advance world events that will occur within the next ten to fifteen years from now?

Do they know that these prophecies reveal precisely what they, themselves, are going to do about the Common Market—and what the RESULT is going to be?

Do they really know that this is the VOICE OF GOD speaking—and that these things are absolutely CERTAIN? And do they realize that GOD ALMIGHTY advises them, by these prophecies, what course they ought to follow—what decisions they ought to make—in order to prevent the most terrible national calamity that ever happened to any nation befalling theirs—and themselves?

Are the heads of state of these nations seeking advice and counsel from GOD and His Prophecies in this solemn crisis hour? They are not!

What's COMING!

But if these men, responsible for the consequences to some 275 million people, do not regard the counsel of the Universe-Ruling GOD of serious consequence, at least the ONE million people who will read this issue of *The Plain Truth* shall now have this warning set before them.

The GOD of our nations—of our fathers—says "Surely the Eternal our God will do nothing, but he revealeth

his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7). And, "... among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be" (Hosea 5:9). And God's called servants are commanded to cry aloud, and show God's people their sins!

So, even if heads of state consider these momentous words of God as of no consequence, perhaps some of our million readers will heed!

Looking down into our day, Jesus Christ foretold a coming time of world trouble. It was to come at the very time when His own "Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations"—now being fulfilled by The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, and The Plain Truth magazine. For 18½ centuries—from 70 A.D. until 1934 A.D.—this Gospel was not proclaimed to the nations of the world.

"For then," Jesus said, "shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved (alive): but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Mat. 24:21-22).

Only ONE Such Time

NOTICE! The most terrible time of world trouble, past, present, or future! Trouble SO GREAT that, if God Almighty does not intervene, humanity would be erased from the earth. There can be only ONE such time!

WHEN was this to occur? Surely never before *now*, for until the production of the hydrogen bomb, since World War II, mankind has never possessed the weapons that could annihilate all humanity!

But the prophet Daniel tells WHEN! He describes the same world trouble. There can be *only one* so great!

"And at that time," wrote Daniel, near the end of a long prophecy pinpointing a time almost immediately ahead of us, now, "shall Michael stand up, the great prince (arch-angel) which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a TIME OF TROUBLE, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in

the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life . . ." (Dan. 12:1-2).

The TIME is just prior to, and climaxing in, THE RESURRECTION OF THE JUST. And many Scriptures reveal that to be the time of the second coming of Christ! In Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 24, He was answering the question about the TIME of the end of the world, and the second coming of Christ to rule the world.

WHOSE Tribulation?

Next, WHOSE trouble will this be? WHO will plunge the world into it? We have the *what* and the *when*. Now notice the *who!*

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of this SAME time of greatest trouble.

"For lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Eternal: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it" (Jer. 30:3).

Notice the TIME! The coming exodus of the Jews, and the nations that comprise the House of Israel, back to Palestine. This will be an exodus so great that the exodus out of Egypt will be

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totally eclipsed (see Jer. 23:7-8). It will follow another invasion and captivity of these nations into slavery, as we shall show. This has never yet occurred! The time is just shortly ahead of us, now!

Continue Jeremiah's prophecy: "For thus saith the Eternal: we have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace." A TIME OF WAR! "Alas! for that day is GREAT, so that none is like it." Notice—the same GREATEST time of trouble—so great that NONE IS LIKE IT! Now, upon WHOM?"... it is even the time of JACOB'S TROUBLE; but he shall be delivered out of it" (Jer. 30: 5,7).

It is a world trouble UPON JACOB! He will get *into* it—the trouble shall come—and *then*, after it has struck, be delivered out of it!

Notice the next verse: "For on this day, says the Lord of Hosts, I will break the yoke from their neck, and snap their thongs; they shall serve foreigners no more, but serve their God, the Eternal, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them" (Jer. 30:8-9—Moffatt translation).

Note carefully these points: IN this time of Jacob's trouble, these people will have a YOKE on their neck. They will be serving foreigners, with thongs—in captivity and slavery! Note the TIME—the resurrection of DAVID, to be king over ISRAEL through the millennium.

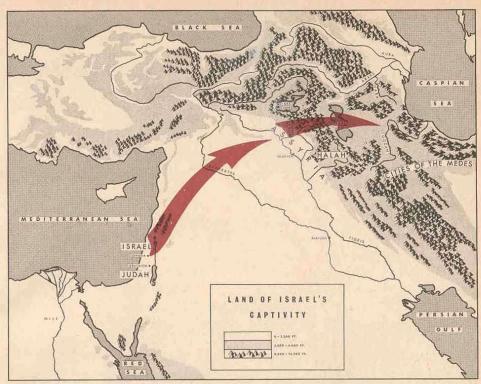
Now WHO is "Jacob"? And WHO will put the YOKE on their neck?

Britain-U.S.A. in Prophecy

To understand, we need to know the *identity* of modern nations as they are referred to in Biblical prophecy. In many instances, modern nations are merely the descendants of one ancient patriarch, and are identified by the name of their common ancestor of Bible times. That is true in the case of Jacob.

Gog, in the land of Magog (Ezekiel 38 and 39) is traced to Russia today. The dominant people of the ancient city-state of Tyre were driven out and migrated to Italy. In some prophecies regarding Tyre applying to this Endtime, the prophecies refer to the Italians of today.

The ancient Israel was divided into



The House of Israel carried into captivity by the Assyrians, was settled in the region of ancient Scythia on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea, around Lake Urmia. The Bible pinpoints the area as "Halah, Habor, Hara, by the river of Gozan and in the cities of the Medes" (I Chronicles 5:26 and Il Kings 17:6).

TWO nations after the death of King Solomon. The House of JUDAH was to the south, with Jerusalem as its capital. The House of Israel, including the TEN tribes, was to the north in Palestine, with its capital at Samaria. This nation, possessing the Birthright of national blessings promised Abraham, was invaded, conquered, and removed from its land to Assyria on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea, 721-718 B.C.

Some little time after that, the Chaldean Empire rose up, conquering the Assyrians. The Assyrians later migrated northwest across Europe. The "Lost Ten Tribes" of the House of Israel also migrated northwest across Europe. The Assyrians settled in the land that is called GERMANY today. The Ten Tribes moved farther on—some remaining in part of Germany, the tribe of Reuben settling in FRANCE, other tribes settling in Belgium, Holland, and the Scandinavian countries, where their descendants continue today.

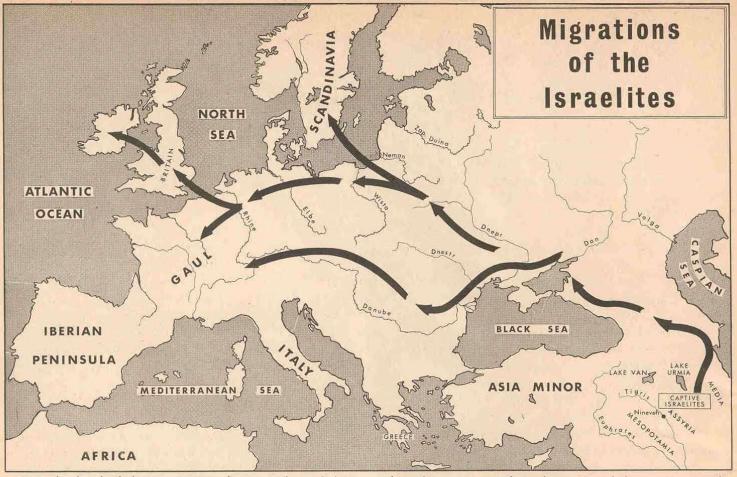
But the Birthright tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh (sons of Joseph) migrated on to the British Is s—Manasseh later settling in NEW England, and growing into the United States of America. For PROOF of these identities, write for the FREE booklet, United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy, France in Prophecy (in French language), and the article on Germany's Identity Today.

WHO Is Jacob Today?

The term "Jacob," in prophecy, refers to the peoples who have descended from Jacob, whose name was changed to ISRAEL. But on whom, specifically, does this name apply in prophecy? It does not always apply to all twelve tribes.

When the twelve tribes divided into TWO nations, it was the tribe of JUDAH which seceded. The nation Israel rejected its king, Rehoboam, son of Solomon. It was the old, old grievance of high and higher taxes. The nation elected a new king, Jeroboam of the tribe of Ephraim.

King Rehoboam belonged to the tribe of Judah. Judah remained loyal to the king of its own tribe, and after Rehoboam was deposed, Judah seceded from Israel, and became known as The Kingdom of Judah—or, The House of Judah. Benjamin then seceded also and joined the House of Judah. Jeroboam



From the land of their captivity, the ten tribes of the House of Israel migrated northwest, beyond the borders of the civilized nations. All but the tribe of Dan

lost their names. They disappeared from view until the Romans found them settling in northwestern Europe.

replaced the tribe of Levi—the educated priests—with uneducated men whom he could control in the priestly offices. Thereupon Levi—or most of that tribe—joined also with The House of JUDAH.

One other detail. One of the original twelve tribes, Joseph, was given "a double portion," and became two tribes -Ephraim and Manasseh-so named from the two sons of Joseph. And they were the Birthright tribes. The unconditional materialistic and nationalistic promises God had made to Abrahampromises of future NATIONAL greatness, wealth and power-had been passed on by the aged Israel to Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. And it was these two tribes who were to bear the NAME Israel: "Let my name be named on them," said the aged Israel (Gen. 48:16), in passing on the Birthright promises just before his death.

And so, in prophecy, the NAME Jacob, or the name Israel, often refers to the two great pations descended from Ephraim and Manasseh. These are Great Britain and the United States. The prophesied YOKE of invasion, defeat

in war, and slavery, then, is to fall on Britain and the United States!

WHOSE Yoke on "Jacob"?

Now we know *when* this most cataclysmic national trouble of all history is to strike. We know *upon whom*. But who is the Power that will lay this *YOKE* of slavery *upon* Britain and America?

We begin to find this answer in the 47th chapter of Isaiah.

Notice!

"Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon," is the salutation of this chapter, verse 1. It is addressed, not to the ancient Babylon of King Nebuchadnezzar. It is addressed to a descendant, or successor, of the ancient Chaldean Empire.

It is addressed to a WOMAN. And in prophetic symbol the term "woman" represents a CHURCH (Eph. 5:23, 27, 32; II Cor. 11:1-2; Rev. 19:6-9; Rev. 12:13-17, etc.).

This "Lady of Kingdoms" of Isaiah 47 is the same CHURCH pictured in Revelation 17 and 18. But let's understand

as we go along.

"... there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate." (Verse 1). This "lady" is no longer a virgin! She is a prostitute. She is to LOSE her throne over political kingdoms. Notice her moral and spiritual fall: "Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance..." (verse 3).

God Almighty Himself is going to take vengeance on her. This can result only from spiritual harlotry, which is

Continue: "Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for thou shalt no more be called The Lady of Kingdoms." (Verse 5). The Moffatt translation is more plain: "Sit thou silent *in the dark.*" Light represents TRUTH. Darkness represents error and SIN. She is a fallen woman. She has reigned over KINGDOMS of NATIONS.

But, from the time of the conclusion of this prophecy, she shall no longer (Please continue on page 23)

College of the FUTURE Here Today!

An astounding revolution in university-level education is going to take place . . . in 15 to 20 years—or less! These drastic changes of tomorrow's world have been introduced in two institutions already.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WRONG with this world's education today? For the sobering answer, look at what has happened!

Here is a divided world, constantly in the jitters of *threats* of the war that can erase human life from this planet! There is NO PEACE! There is fear, poverty, unhappiness, broken homes, empty lives.

This world is what its leaders have made it! And the leaders of its society, its science, religion, governments, are, nearly all, the product of the colleges and universities.

WHY?

WHY is the world in chaos, staring cosmocide in the face?

The answer is plain and simple. It strikes straight to the SOURCE. The world's leaders, through the centuries, have developed the pattern of society they were educated and trained to produce and perpetuate. This world, with all its fears, its ills, inequalities and wretchedness, IS THE PRODUCT OF ITS SYSTEM OF EDUCATION!

If you want to know WHAT'S WRONG with EDUCATION today, just look at what's wrong with the world!

Just what is education? I do not know how YOU might attempt to define it—but let me tell you how the educators themselves define it. The Encyclopaedia Britannica, 13th edition, Vol. 8, page 951, in its article EDUCATION, gives this: "Many definitions have been given of the word 'education,' but underlying them all is the conception that it denotes an attempt on the part of the adult members of a human society to shape the development of the coming generation in accordance with its own ideals of life. . . . Indeed, looked at in the mass, education may be said to be

the efforts made by the community to impose its culture upon the growing generation." (Emphasis mine.)

In other words, "education" is the system by which an existing culture or pattern of society—right or wrong—INJECTS its ideas, beliefs, and customs into the unsuspecting and plastic minds of children, from elementary-school age to the levels of so-called higher learning.

HOW It Got That Way

Now I say that our society, civilization, or culture, that is this world, is what its leaders made it—and that the leaders made it what they were taught and trained to make it. That brings up the question, WHICH CAME FIRST? It is reminiscent of the old question about which came first—the chicken, or the egg?

So, which did come first—the system of education that produced the leaders that produced and perpetuated the organized society that we call this world, or, the worldly society that uses education as its means of imposing its systems, beliefs, and customs upon growing children, in order to shape the coming generation in its own mold?

Actually, what happened is this: Man was created by the Eternal God. The Creator revealed to our earliest parents the foundation of all knowledge—the TRUE KNOWLEDGE of the right way to live— of the existence of inexorable laws that bring either peace, or strife and violence and war; happiness and joy or emptiness and wretchedness; prosperity or frustration; vibrant energetic health or sickness and disease; abundant life eternally or eternal death.

Our first parents rejected this basic knowledge. Soon violence filled the earth, resulting in the cataclysmic flood. Noah and his family of survivors possessed the true foundational knowledge. But at least one son, and then grandsons, rejected it for ways of rebellion. Noah's great grandson, Nimrod, made himself the world's first despot, organizing a society that huddled people into cities. His harlot wife, Semiramis, was the founder of all the world's religions.

Rejecting the KNOWLEDGE, the LAWS, and the WAYS of God, Nimrod and Semiramis were the originators of a pagan civilization. Somewhere along the line—no record tells us whether organized by this pair of charlatans, or some centuries later—a system of schools appeared for training the idolatrous pagan priesthoods. The PURPOSE? To impose its pagan anti-God culture on the coming generations, of course!

As explained in an article during 1961, the Greek philosopher Plato is credited with founding the first school of higher learning with regular organized curriculum, called the Academy. By the time of Christ, these pagan schools dotted the Roman Empire.

Jesus Christ added much to the basic knowledge of God's revelation, then written and preserved in the Scriptures. Christ and the Apostles revealed the real PURPOSE of human existence—made plain God's Plan for working out that purpose, in the now soon-coming WORLD TOMORROW! But even the Jewish leaders rejected Christ's knowledge, and CRUCIFIED Him for the sole reason that He brought it.

Yet through these years, the only schools were the PAGAN schools. Even in apostolic days, pagan education was injected into youthful minds. The printing press had not been invented. Textbooks were a laborious writing by hand, few in number.

The fall of the Roman Empire result-

ed in the destruction of these pagan schools. For some 600 years the only schools were the Monastic schools for training monks, and the Cathedral schools for teaching priests of the Roman church. But the only textbooks were the PAGAN texts! The pagan culture was still imposed upon future LEADERS.

When the first universities appeared, setting today's pattern, along about the 12th century, PAGANIZED education, perpetuating pagan ideas, beliefs, and customs, THE VERY ANTITHESIS OF THE TRUE KNOWLEDGE FROM GOD, was firmly established.

A few lines later, in the article quoted above from the *Britannica*, you will find this: "Schools and universities which are the ordinary channels through which adult culture reaches the young, are naturally conservative and bound by tradition. They are slow to leave the old paths." (Emphasis mine.)

The pagan traditions have never been rooted out. They still remain in TODAY'S education!

But one addition has evolved. The leaven of German rationalism—the atheistic approach—has been woven into the paganized educational fabric, as materialistic sciences and technologies have received constantly increasing emphasis.

What's Basically WRONG!

And so that's how modern education got this way. But which WAY did it get? What, after all, is basically WRONG?

Education has become almost wholly materialistic. Whatever of the spiritual, moral, and ethical it may have possessed one or two centuries ago, even with its pagan taint, has faded from the classroom.

Today education concentrates on developing new technologies, producing new energies, forces and powers, while it NEGLECTS to develop the spiritual CHARACTER, wisdom, sense of true values, and proper self-restraints to guide these new forces and powers into peaceful and beneficial uses.

These undreamed-of new powers, such as nuclear energy, are good or bad according to the WAY they are put to use. Today a Khrushchev, irresponsible, vain, God-denying, hating the Western Powers he is pledged to conquer or destroy, has it within his power to press

a button—AND LAY WASTE ALL NORTH AMERICA, BRITAIN, and western Europe!

THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG with education! It has produced that staggering state of affairs; YOUR life, that of your loved ones and mine, are at the whim of this madman!

What's wrong with education? It neglects entirely to teach the most basic FOUNDATION of ALL KNOWLEDGE: — the real PURPOSE for human existence— the REASON why we are put on earth —our real true GOAL in living. The first law of success is to choose the RIGHT GOAL. How can any person choose that goal, when he does not know what it is, and no one teaches him? Without that knowledge, where are people going?

WHAT'S WRONG with today's education? It doesn't know, and cannot teach, HOW to achieve that goal. The second basic law of success is the education or training to KNOW HOW to work toward and reach the right goal!

Now isn't that AMAZING!

Here is THIS WORLD, with its modern educational system—and yet its people are going it BLIND—they don't know WHERE they are going; they don't know WHY they are supposed to go there; they have not been taught HOW to get there!

WHAT'S WRONG with modern education? It doesn't know, and can't teach THE WAY to PEACE, to happiness, to prosperity, to joyful, ABUNDANT living!

WHAT'S WRONG with this world's educational system? It has lost, and therefore can't teach, the knowledge of THE TRUE VALUES! Consequently it puts a premium on false values that lead to unhappiness, frustrations, and failures in life!

WHAT'S WRONG with this educational set-up? IT IS PERPETUATING A WORLD NOW STARING COSMOCIDE IN THE FACE! When the pagan schools of the Roman Empire produced adults that finally grew fat and lazy, luxury-loving and decadent, leading to the FALL of that civilization, suffering humanity had time to continue to eke out an existence for many centuries until the Renaissance brought a revival of pagan art, literature, and culture.

BUT TODAY THERE CAN BE NO THOU-SAND-YEAR DARK-AGE PERIOD FOR HU- MANITY TO GROPE TOWARD A FALSE PAGANIZED LIGHT. Today's decadence is hurling this world relentlessly and swiftly toward the destruction of all human life! When Rome fell there were no H-Bombs—no NUCLEAR science!

July, 1962

The College of TOMORROW!

Today our universities and institutes of technology—many of them—are being pressed into governmental CRASH PROGRAMS to produce weapons of increasingly greater mass destructive power.

This fiendish course is leading inevitably and with all speed toward the END OF THE WORLD! It would result in the blasting of all human life from the earth within another 17 years (it's already 17 years since World War II!)—if GOD ALMIGHTY HAD NOT PLANNED AND PROMISED TO INTERVENE!

Yes, this WORLD is going to END—within less than a short two decades! Humanity won't be totally destroyed. God's intervention will prevent! The earth won't blow up, or evaporate, or cease to exist. But the WORLD—that is, this system of society—this world's economic, social, religious, educational and political structures—are, definitely, going to be destroyed. They will be destroyed by the second coming of Christ!

But a totally NEW WORLD will shine forth! Jesus Christ, with all the divine POWER and GLORY of the Eternal GOD, will return to earth to set up the world-ruling KINGDOM OF GOD! The WORLD TOMORROW will be GOD'S world. We are now at the END of MAN'S world!

But here, even *now*, is the herald of the peaceful World Tomorrow!

Already in existence are two of the NEW-world educational institutions.

HOW Are They Different?

Ambassador College at Pasadena, and Ambassador College in England are recapturing THE TRUE VALUES! They teach young men and women *how* to LIVE—not merely how to earn a living.

These colleges have re-gained the LOST KNOWLEDGE.

They know—and teach students—the TRUE PURPOSE of life, the real REASON for living, the RIGHT over-all GOAL.

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be called "The Lady of Kingdoms"—that is, the CHURCH that had a kingdom over the political civil kingdoms.

Continue verse 6: "I was wroth with my people," says God to this fallen Church, "I have polluted mine inheritance" . . . (or, as in the Fenton translation, "I punished my country") . . . "and given them into thine hand: thou didst show them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid THY YOKE."

There it is! God will give the House of Israel of today—Britain and America—into the hand of this "Lady of Kingdoms." She, through the armies and secret police of the nations she shall sit upon and rule, will very heavily lay HER YOKE of slavery, torture, and martyrdom on our peoples!

NOT Old Testament Babylon

This is not speaking of the Babylon of King Nebuchadnezzar, 600 years before Christ. This is a PROPHECY—for our own immediate future!

The original Chaldean Empire (Babylon) was succeeded by the Persian Empire, and it by the four divisions of the Greco-Macedonian Empire, which were swallowed up by the Roman Empire.

But through these centuries the Babylonian Mysteries—the religion of ancient Babylon—continued.

The original SOURCE of all the religions of the world—except the TRUTH of God's Word, the Bible—was the original Babylon of Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-12) and his wife Semiramis. It has undergone alterations to adjust to changes in society. It took on different forms and different names in different countries and thus appeared as different religions. But the polluted fountain from which the intoxicating waters of all worldly religions have poured forth is the BABYLON of Nimrod and Semiramis.

The Chaldean Empire, usually called

Babylon, of Nabopolassar and Nebuchadnezzar, says Encyclopedia Britannica, 13th edition, Volume 3, article Babylonian and Assyrian Religion, "ends with Cyrus's conquest of Babylon in 539 B.C., though the religion proceeds on its undisturbed course for several centuries after the end of the political independence."

The Babylonian religion—the Babylonian, or Chaldean, MYSTERIES—continued on through the succeeding empires. The paganism of the Roman Empire from 31 B.C. to Constantine was a different form of paganism, to be sure. Nevertheless, as stated later in this same Britannica article, "Even when we reach the New Testament period, we have not passed entirely beyond the sphere of Babylonian-Assyrian influences. In such a movement as early Christian Gnosticism, Babylonian elements—modified, to be sure, and transformed—are largely present."

Biblical accounts show that the sect of the Nicolaitanes was another branch of this Babylonian-Assyrian religion. It is significant, as we shall see, that the Britannica article associates the religion of Babylon and of Assyria together as one and the same.

The OLD Testament Babylon, as a political Empire, ended and was succeeded by the Persian Empire. BUT ITS BABYLONIAN RELIGION DID NOT END WITH THE EMPIRE. And note this fact: the religion of the Roman Empire, until Constantine, beginning of the 4th century, was a different form of paganism than the Babylonian Mysteries. But now see how the Mysteries entered in, and, by the era of Constantine, replaced that of former Roman emperors!

Conspirators Enter

The greatest, most diabolical conspiracy of the entire history of mankind enters at this point. It was a conspiracy to unseat the religion of pagan Rome, and replace it with the religion of ancient Assyria and Babylon. Yet it was also a plot to DESTROY the true religion of JESUS CHRIST!

In the ancient world up to that time, church and state always had been united. In every country the political rulers maintained their state religions for the purpose of RETAINING POWER OVER THE PEOPLE. The religions were, of course, forms of superstition. They held the people in ignorance and the grip of fear.

By the time of the original Church of GOD, during original apostolic days, two or three sects of these Babylonian Mysteries found themselves on the outside, looking in. No longer was theirs one of the powerful state religions. But, in the generation of Christ's apostles, ambitious and powerful men headed these sects—especially the Nicolaitanes and the pre-"Christian" Gnostics.

These pagan religious leaders knew well that control of the religion of a state meant control of political rule of that state. Their ambition went far beyond national boundary lines. Why not make theirs the UNIVERSAL religion—universal in all nations? If, as religious leaders, they could spread their religious control throughout the Roman Empire or beyond, this would give them POLITICAL control.

Instead of taking control of religion by means of first grabbing political power by conquest and force of arms—as always had been done—these conspirators plotted to first gain universal religious control, which, automatically, without military power, would enable them to seize the reigns of GOVERNMENT!

Never had this been done. It was a colossal conspiracy. But HOW?

How could these religious conspirators spread their religion to universal adherence? No one had ever done such a thing.

But there was at that time a religion, starting from one man, Jesus Christ, which was growing and multiplying in size and power as no other ever had. The Nicolaitane plotters were amazed at its virility and upsurging growth.

What made it tick? It was a phenomenon in the world. They analyzed it, even as religious leaders are beginning to analyze to try to discern what is the source of the dynamic growth of that SAME FAITH today.

The pagan schemers thought they had hit on the answer. This new Christianity had a HERO-a persecuted Leader whom Apostles claimed had come back, even from death, by a miraculous resurrection, to become a great CHAMPION! These men knew mass psychology. People are prone to take the side of the "under-dog." They also tend to follow a heroic CHAMPION! But here was something new in the world-something psychologically tremendous!—a persecuted, hated, despised Leader who had been unjustly martyred for his religious teachings, now come back to life by a supernatural resurrection, triumphing over His enemies!

Such a HERO could not be duplicated. There was no way these ambitious pagans could produce a similar Champion of their own. THEY MUST GAIN CONTROL OF THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. They must claim Him as their Leader!

The Fifth Column

Of course these plotters did not believe Christ had actually risen from the dead. To them it seemed a clever gimmick. But *people*—masses of people believed it. This, they thought, was the magic secret of the phenomenal growth of the Christian religion.

On closer examination, however, they saw it could never become a popular, universal religion—the stepping stone to POLITICAL rule of the whole world—with its doctrines, teachings, and practices. These, they soon discerned, would prove UNpopular with the masses.

They knew well that the natural mind of man is hostile to the true ways of God—to the RULE and government of God.

Here was the astonishing paradox: this virile Christianity had the popular HERO which had caught fire in the public imagination, and attracted followers. But, conversely, it also strictly adhered to teachings and customs which were the most difficult possible for carnal humans—en masse—to accept.

The plotters decided the teachings and customs must be altered—the traditional pagan beliefs and observances must be continued, but with the NAME

of this great Champion, Jesus Christ! Now HOW could such a thing be master-minded and accomplished?

By one way only. These conspirators were entirely familiar with the "Trojan Horse" tactic, which today has come to be called the "fifth column." They, themselves, would become "fifth columnists." They would pretend conversion -get on the inside-become leaders. There they would subtly work to discredit the true leaders. They would themselves organize great evangelistic movements, claiming a new revelation from God, doing away with OBEDIENCE, and turning GRACE into license, bringing in masses of professing "Christians" still following pagan beliefs and customs. As they gained greater and greater numbers under their leadership, accusing and discrediting God's true ministers they would, in time, come into leadership of the overwhelming majority. Then they could brand God's true leaders as heretics, casting them out, and claiming themselves to be leaders of the universal-or CATHOLIC-Church.

WOLVES-Not Shepherds

In the Bible, the true Christians are called *sheep*. The true ministers of God are called *shepherds*. The comparison is apt. Unless a shepherd watches over and protects his flock continually, they wander astray, or dogs or wolves devour them. So it is with God's true people.

Jesus Christ Himself warned His true followers: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You shall know them by their fruits" (Mat. 7:15-16). But people usually fail to look for the fruits. They usually believe their pretty-sounding words!

To the leaders of the Church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul said: "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock" (Acts 20:29). They did not belong in the Church—they entered in for mercenary purposes under false pretenses. They were neither sheep nor shepherds—they were hungry WOLVES. They, and the false and unconverted members they brought in WERE NOT the original true Church gone wrong—they were CONSPIRATORS—

plotters who schemed to ENTER IN and gain control! They never were the original true Church of God, nor any part of it! They were PAGAN leaders of the religion of BABYLON from the beginning.

You read of their conspiracy all through the New Testament. You read of it in the prophecies of the Old Testament!

Jude says of them: "For there are certain men crept in unawares, ungodly men, turning the GRACE of our God into lasciviousness" (LICENSE to disobey God's laws)! (Jude 4.)

You read of them all through I John, II John, and III John. The Apostle John says: "They went out from us"-after they had brought in more unconverted "Christians," using the NAME of Christ. than the real Christians, attaining the majority, and then FALSELY CLAIMED that they were the original true Church! -"but they were not of us" (I John 2: 19). They preached a false doctrine of GRACE in disobedience. They refused to keep God's Commandments, saying they were "done away." But the Apostle John said of them—and their ilk TODAY: "He that saith 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His commandments is A LIAR, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

Today the modern successors of these wolves shout to the world that people cannot keep God's commandments—and must not—because Christ, they falsely claim, kept them for us, in our stead—so we do not need to live as He lived! But the Apostle John again labels them LIARS, and says: "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked" (I John 2:6). The Apostle Peter said: "Christ ... leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps" (I Pet. 2:21.)

Listen further to Peter's prophecy of this "fifth column" conspiracy: "... there shall be false teachers among you, who shall bring in damnable heresies, ... "—notice these false teachings are brought in from without. They were brought into Christianity, so that they would be called by the name Christianity—stealing the NAME of their Hero-Champion, JESUS CHRIST! "And many," continued Peter, "shall follow their pernicious WAYS; by reason of whom THE

WAY of TRUTH shall be evil spoken of" (II Pet. 2:1-2).

Notice—it is THE WAY of Truth that was perverted, replaced with the ways and customs of the Babylonian Mysteries. The NAME of CHRIST, and of CHRISTIANITY was not changed.

"WOMAN" Mounts "BEAST"

In 69 A.D., sometime after General Cestius' Roman armies had surrounded Jerusalem, the true CHURCH fled far north to a town called Pella, following Christ's instruction (Luke 21:20-21). The organized proclaiming of Christ's original TRUE Gospel—the Gospel of the Kingdom of God—was stopped at that point—after TWO 19-year time cycles.

For a hundred years a dark curtain drops on the stage of church history. When that curtain lifts, around 175 A.D., we behold a Church calling itself by the SAME NAME—"Christian"—but a Church as different as black is from white from the original TRUE Church from the time of Christ until 69 A.D.

What had happened?

The Master Conspiracy had been executed. These leaders of the BABYLON-IAN religion, entering in as "wolves in sheep's clothing," had brought in so many unconverted members, brought in so many damnable BABYLONIAN heresies, discredited the true ministers of Christ, attained a following of PRE-TENDING "Christians" much larger than the number of TRUE Christians, accused the members of the TRUE Church of heresy, and then GONE OUT FROM THEM, as you read in I John 2:19, taking with them the NAME of Christianity.

They were NOT in any sense the original Church of God, set up by and headed by Jesus Christ. They CAME IN as plotting "fifth columnists"—acquired the NAME—and then WENT OUT, carrying with them the NAME, and presenting to the world their "Hero-Champion," but with the doctrines of the Nicolaitanes (Rev. 2:6, 15), and the "MYSTERIES" of BABYLON. Now, they even began to call themselves the CATHOLIC (meaning universal) Church. They claimed to be the one and only original Church CHRIST built. BUT THEY WERE NOT!

Remember, their Babylonian religion,

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now masquerading as "Christianity," was different from the state religion of the Roman Emperors. Naturally, then, until Constantine, they were persecuted by Roman Emperors.

But when Constantine, early 4th century, accepted this "Christianity" as an official state religion, it was in the saddle. The Empire fell in 476. Meanwhile the chief Bishops of the Church, at Rome, became more influential than civil rulers. In 554 A.D., at the behest of the chief Bishop of Rome, now called the Pope, Justinian *restored* the Empire in the west. He was crowned by the Pope. He knelt before the Pope, acknowledging his supremacy.

This revived Roman Empire, with its successive resurrections to follow down to our time, is pictured as the symbolic "BEAST" of Revelation 17.

So now, in 554 A.D., the grand Conspiracy had attained fruition! The "WOM-AN" had mounted, and now rode the "BEAST." Church and state were united—but, at last, for the first time in world history, the CHURCH had mounted and was *ruling the state*, instead of the state controlling the Church! Truly, it was a new thing in the world.

This Empire had another resurrection in 800 A.D. under Charlemagne; a third came later under Otto the Great, known as the HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE. It was called HOLY, because the Popes had put themselves IN PLACE OF CHRIST, and they ruled over the governments. The Church was represented as "The Kingdom of God," ruling "all nations," and the Popes, in place of Christ, were world rulers. The Millennium, they said, was here!

The fourth resurrection came with the Hapsburg dynasty, rising to its peak under Charles the Great. Then came the fifth, with Napoleon. At the very time when CHRIST'S TRUE GOSPEL was once again—after 100 time cycles—starting to go out to the whole world, came the insignificant—almost unrealized—sixth revival, when Mussolini, having conquered Ethiopia, added it to Italian Somaliland, Eritrea, Libya, and

Italy—signed the Lateran accord acknowledging papal supremacy, and proclaimed it officially a resurrection of THE ROMAN EMPIRE. It was short-lived.

"BABYLON" to Lay YOKE

Now notice the prophecy—Revelation 17!

Verse 1—we see a GREAT fallen woman, sitting on many "waters." Verse 15 says the waters are many NATIONS, speaking different languages.

Verse 2—this fallen CHURCH has committed fornication with the kings of this world. She poses as the true Church. The true Church is the affianced "Bride of Christ"-to be married when He returns as King of kings, to set up the Kingdom of God and RULE ALL NA-TIONS. Christ said plainly that HIS Kingdom "is not of this world." He called His disciples OUT OF this world —to be NO PART OF IT, though they must live IN it. But here was a Gentile Church, not being true to Christ-not waiting for HIS RULE, but having political relations with THIS WORLD'S RUL-ERS!

Verse 3—this false Church RIDES the Beast. When a woman sits on a horse or animal, it is physically stronger than she—it supports and carries her—yet she guides, directs, controls it. This Church HELD RULE OVER the state.

Verse 5—although she claims, falsely, to be the "Christian" Church, GOD HERE BRANDS ON HER her true name: "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT"—that is, "BABYLONIAN MYSTERIES."

Yes, here we have identified clearly, "THE DAUGHTER OF BABYLON."

There is to be a final SEVENTH resurrection of this Roman Empire—ruled over by this DAUGHTER of the ancient Babylon—itself the political successor to that Babylon! (Verses 8-13.)

This, verse 12, will be a short-lived uniting of TEN nations in Europe—or the territory of the ancient Roman Empire. That is being formed by the common market right now!

They are to last but a very short time. (Verses 10, 12.) But, they are to FIGHT AGAINST CHRIST AT HIS COMING—verse 14—and that shall be their END. Therefore, when we see this union in Europe forming, WE ARE NEAR the

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coming of Christ and the time of the RESURRECTION of the just. And this is the time when JACOB'S TROUBLE is to befall Britain and America.

NOTICE IT! Here is Britain trying to GET IN on this uniting of Europe! And this very thing is specifically prophesied—as we shall soon see!

It is this same daughter of ancient Babylon who is to lay the YOKE of captivity and slavery on America and Britain. HOW? This "woman"—or CHURCH—will sit on the "Beast"—will be the one Supreme Authority that can bring about the UNITING OF EUROPE into the resurrected ROMAN EMPIRE.

Consider! These nations of Europe have wanted to be united for years. In the past year this strong desire is being freely and publicly expressed by their political leaders.

But How? Who could head it? General de Gaulle wants a united Europe—provided he, himself, is supreme Dictator at its head. But will the Germans accept a Frenchman as their ruler? NEVER! After having been twice invaded by the Germans, will the French accept a German? Hardly!

All that now is lacking is a SUPREME AUTHORITY whom all can accept. Before he died, Pope Pius XII publicly offered his "good offices" toward a unified Europe. How does the Vatican feel about it today?

Vatican Attitude

We quote below, in full, an amazing dispatch from Rome, as it appeared in Britain's news magazine, *Topic*, issue of March 24, 1962:

"The Vatican, usually cautious over political changes not of it own inspiration, now considers the Common Market the work of Divine Providence. Not since the times of Spain's Charles V has a Roman Catholic political force been so strongly welded. Not since the end of the Holy Roman Empire has the Holy See been offered a Catholic rallying point like the Common Market. If the 'Pact of Rome,' which created the Common Market, had been signed within the Vatican walls, it could not have

favoured the Church more. Excluding Greece (which has been admitted but is not actively participating) there are today 134,000,000 Catholics out of the total population of 175,000,000 in the original Six nations. The only notable Protestant bloc is in Western Germany, which remains a shaky 51 percent Protestant. But the 26,000,000 West German Catholics are not a silent minority, and can be compared to the Irish in America for aggressiveness, superb organization in politics, and calm optimism for the day when they become the majority. Meanwhile, they draw comfort knowing that 77 per cent of the Six are Catholics.

"Would the Vatican be disturbed to see Britain and other Protestant countries join the Market? Not at all. Even though several of the countries which have asked to join are considered Protestant countries, their entrance could not upset the Catholic majority. Of the 90,000,000 total population of the would-be members, only 16,000,000 are Catholics. This would reduce the Catholic majority to 56 per cent of the Common Market, but should Spain and Portugal decide to take the plunge the Catholic percentage would jump back up into the 70's again. Small wonder, then, that the Roman Church is smiling benignly over the formation of what one Vatican official defined as 'the greatest Catholic super-state the world has ever known.'

"The Holy See has now set aside one day in the year in honour of the 'Madonna of the Common Market,' when prayers are said and candles are lit in all churches, for the intervention and protection of the Virgin Mary in what is, after all, the greatest Catholic business deal in history."

Britain and EEC in Prophecy

Now notice the prophecy about Britain going to Germany for help in her present economic plight, instead of relying on God. Remember, *Ephraim* is Britain today. *Assyria* is Germany today.

If Britain's leaders today would regard

as SILLY the suggestion that they be guided by Biblical PROPHECY, and rely on God Almighty, see now what the Eternal says of Britain going to "Assyria" for help!

"Ephraim allows himself to be mixed up with foreigners," says God (Hosea 7:8-Moffatt translation). Yes, Britain is allowing itself to get mixed in with European foreigners, even negotiating to desert her own Commonwealth nations by 1970. Continue: "Ephraim has become a cake unturned as it was baked. Foreigners eat away his strength, unknown to him; grey hairs are on him here and there, unknown to him"-he -Britain-has grown old and decadent -"Israel's pride shall confront and convict them"-is anyone so proud as an Englishman?—"yet they will not come back to the Eternal their God, nor seek Him, in spite of it all" (Hosea 7:8-10).

No, in her economic distress right now, Britain is not seeking GOD's help, nor relying on HIM to restore prosperity—she is going to the Common Market, undoubtedly to be dominated by GERMANY.

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Germany's Professor Walter Hallstein, President of the European Economic Community.

popular only a few years, it cannot last much longer, and must soon be replaced by another method of dating ancient man's remains. Now science must find a new method which can for a while furnish an *apparent* support for their dating guesses. Notice this admission from a foremost authority in archaeology:

"The point which the editors of the present volume wish to make is that the archaeologist will often find that the only available method for ESTIMATING age is the rate-of-accumulation technique. He may elect to ignore the method in the belief that it is too unreliable, or he may apply the method and reserve judgment of its absolute accuracy. But in view of the MANY DIFFICULTIES in the employment of the radiocarbon dating technique (sample collecting, cost of laboratory runs, WIDE margin of error, and probable future ABANDONMENT of the method due to atmospheric enrichment by radioactive elements), the rateof-accumulation method should not be completely forgotten, since it may in future be the only possible one available in particular cases." (Emphasis ours, parenthesis his-from pp. 346-347 of The Archaeologist at Work by Robert F. Heizer, Professor of Anthropology, University of California at Berkeley. Published by Harper and Brothers, New York.)

Notice that this eminent archaeologist recommends rate-of-accumulation dating, admittedly unreliable, as being superior to radiocarbon dating. Sooner or later this new method, or some other system, will come to the fore and take the place of radiocarbon dating. The new method of dating human remains will, in turn, be used for a while as a tool in science's rebellion against God.

Science's rejection of the Bible and acceptance of assumptions is an open confession that since science cannot accept the Bible as *proof*, it can do no better than guess, assume, and remain in darkness.

Wilful Self-deception

Scientists have given no PROOF for any of the assumptions upon which they based radiocarbon dating. They even admit many obvious weaknesses in the theory—lest they appear noticeably

ignorant. The theory originates from science's desire to date man older than God's date for the creation of the first man on earth. In the name of science—in order to call God a liar—men have deliberately ignored the obvious scientific evidence before them. They have calculated carefully in order to wilfully come to this WRONG conclusion! With reckless abandon, science has perverted the record prehistoric man left behind.

Radiocarbon dating stands proved as a gross error.

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"Ephraim also is like a SILLY dove without heart (marginal translation: understanding); they call to Egypt, they GO TO ASSYRIA" (Hos. 7:11).

Britain is now GOING TO Germany and the "Six" for help, instead of (verse 10) going to the Eternal GOD and seeking Him!

Now WHEN was this to take place? And WHAT is to happen as a result? Continue, next verse:

"When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them: I will bring them down . . . I will chastise them! WOE UNTO THEM; for they have fled from me," says God to Britain TODAY! (Hos. 7:12-13.)

WHEN is this? When God brings Britain DOWN—the time of JACOB'S TROUBLE—the *only* time when the DAUGHTER of Babylon will be sitting astride a united MILITARY EUROPE.

Notice, now, in chapter 5 of Hosea's prophecy: "When Ephraim saw his sickness"—as Britain sees it today—"... then went Ephraim to the Assyrians (Germany)"—yet, says God, they will get NO HELP—only DESTRUCTION!—till, says verse 15, "till they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face: IN THEIR AFFLICTION they will seek me early" (Hos. 5:13, 15). Yes, in the soon-coming Great Tribulation, the British will SEEK GOD EARLY!

Notice, that although most prophecies speak of the House of Israel, including Manasseh—the United States—these specific prophecies about going to Germany for help apply ONLY TO BRITAIN. The United States is not seeking entry

into the Common Market!

Speaking of Samaria, a designation of Britain, and of Israel (not of Judah), Hosea continues, "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. . . . Israel is swallowed up"—taken as captive SLAVES in the Great Tribulation—"now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure. For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself" (Hos. 8:7-9).

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These prophecies do not say, necessarily, that Britain will be admitted to actually JOIN the Common Market. They show, merely, that instead of trusting their GoD, the British are begging help from the Germans.

Although ancient Israel did seek alliances with ancient Assyria, PROPHECY IS DUAL—and these prophecies do apply TO THE PRESENT! History does, truly, REPEAT ITSELF!

In the end, our British and American people will, in their terrible and indescribable captivity and affliction, SEEK THE TRUE GOD. Jeremiah 31:2 says they are to find God's GRACE in the wilderness, or, as Moffatt translates it, DUNGEONS.

But a severe lesson must first be learned!

The individual who will learn it, NOW, shall not have to go through this terrible Great Tribulation—but shall be taken to a place of safety by supernatural power. May God help us to HEED!

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