

THE WORLD TODAY, THAT COMING DAY

PART I

THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN
AND THEIR WORDS WILL COME TO PASS

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And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness [distress], wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee.

So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave.

So that he will not give to any of them the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straightness [distress], wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,

And toward her young one [after-birth] that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children whom she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straightness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful

name, THE LORD THY GOD.

Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful [remarkable], and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sickness, and of long continuance...

And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldst not obey the voice of the Lord thy God (Deut. 28:53-59, 62).

(Note that the warnings and curses in Deuteronomy chapter twenty-eight have to do with *the Jewish people alone*, though the Gentile nations have been and will be caught up in the matter.

The expression, “the Lord thy God,” appears three times in the quoted section and numerous other times in the chapter [vv. 53, 58, 62; cf. vv. 1, 2, 8, 9, et al; Deut. 30:1-10]. And Israel is *the only nation on the face of the earth with a God*, allowing for this expression — a Biblical teaching with its basis in Gen. 9:24-27.

“The gods of the nations” — *all of the Gentile nations*, with Israel not to be reckoned among the nations — are clearly revealed to be *nothing* compared to the one true and living God, *the God of Israel* [Ps. 96:5; cf. Ps. 33:12; 72:18]. Or, in the light of II Cor. 4:4, along with Dan. 10:12-20 — Satan, “the god of this world [‘age’]” — “the gods of the nations” are, as well, clearly revealed to be *demons*.)

The quoted verses from Deuteronomy chapter twenty-eight (cf. Lev. 26) are both preceded and followed by prophesied judgments which have befallen the Jewish people at times in the past but are about to befall the same people after a fashion without precedent in the 3,500-year history of the nation. God is about to pull out all stops in order to place the Jewish people in such dire straits that *repentance WILL ultimately be forthcoming*.

Only One Time in History

The severity of that which the Third Reich brought upon the Jewish people in Europe imme-

diately before and during the WWII years, though only part of world Jewry was directly affected, didn’t bring about repentance; nor did any and all of the persecution going back over two millennia, to a time preceding Messiah’s first advent, bring about repentance.

But that about to befall the nation during an unfulfilled seven years remaining in the Jewish dispensation during Man’s Day — Daniel’s unfulfilled Seventieth Week — *will be of such severity that the nation will be left without a choice other than to call upon the God of their fathers*.

As previously stated, many of the judgments described in Leviticus chapter twenty-six and Deuteronomy chapter twenty-eight have befallen the Jewish people in the past. Accordingly, expositors sometimes look at these different times in past history for fulfillments of these sections of Scripture.

But there is only *ONE TIME* in all of human history where *ALL OF THESE THINGS, IN ALL OF THEIR SEVERITY, CAN BE SEEN BEFALLING ALL OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AT THE SAME TIME*. And that time is both yet future and almost upon us.

Evidently, millions of Jews alive in the world today are going to find themselves leaving that typified by the time of plenty during Joseph’s day (for it will end, *exactly as in the type*) and entering into that typified by the time of famine which then followed during Joseph’s day (for it will then begin, *exactly as in the type*).

And also, *exactly as in the type*, that about to befall the Jewish people will be *OF SUCH A SEVERE NATURE* that previous conditions, of a completely opposite nature, will not even be remembered in that day (Gen. 41:25-32, 53-57).

The Stage Evidently Being Set

Evident from the times in which we live and that which can be seen occurring all around us (living at a time very near the end of the dispensation, with lawlessness, civil unrest, homosexuality,

etc. running rampant, and unrest in the Middle East existing on a scale heretofore unseen), *events occurring in the world today can only be, at least after some fashion, setting the stage for that which will be occurring when time during Daniel's Seventieth Week, the Tribulation, begins.*

And, as seen in that which Christ revealed to His disciples in the Olivet Discourse, *wars, famines, and pestilences (plagues, diseases)* are things which will mark the first part of the Tribulation (Matt. 24:7; Luke 21:11), with *famine* singled out as a major factor during the last half of the Tribulation (Rev. 6:3-8). But, with famine of the nature which will exist in those days, other things — plagues, diseases, and all types of unrest — could only continue from the first half of the Tribulation and accompany the famine.

And the world is rapidly moving in this direction on both fronts — famine, with the accompanying plagues, diseases, and unrest.

Famine is already a major problem in certain parts of the world, and, with the passage of time, it can only increasingly become a major problem worldwide.

An increase in food production during modern times has not kept pace with the increase in world population. Global population has doubled during about the past half century, and it is expected to double again during a comparable length of time in the future. With the passing of each day, about one-quarter million people are added to the about six and one-half billion inhabitants of the earth.

(A doubling of the population is not a doubling of a previous number but a doubling of the current number, seen on an exponential scale.

That is, three billion doubling to six billion [near the current world population], six billion doubling to twelve billion [projected population in about another fifty years or so], twelve billion doubling to twenty-four billion [projected population in some 100 years or so], etc.

Of course, the time for this to occur on the projection does not exist. We are too near the end of the Man's Day. It has been given only to illustrate what has been occurring with the world's population in this exponential manner over the past 100 or so years and why *the world is increasingly finding itself with more and more problems, which will be brought to a head during the coming Tribulation.*)

Agriculture, along with a number of different things related to agriculture, could only top the list of problems which man is faced with today. And, as previously stated, *agriculture, over the years, has not kept pace with the population increase.* And other major problems exist which are either directly or indirectly related to agriculture.

For example, *supplies of fresh water and quality soil* — vitally necessary for agriculture — are both being depleted and/or polluted. Then there are *the natural resources* which are being depleted, some vitally necessary for the support of even human life itself. And the list could go on and on and on.

For years, water has been pumped from underground reservoirs much, much faster than it has been replenished (*e.g.*, water for farmland use pumped by thousands of wells from the Ogallala Aquifer lying beneath the surface of western Texas, western Kansas, and much of Nebraska forms one such usage), and wells are continually having to be dug deeper and deeper as the water levels continue to drop lower and lower (about 80 percent of water usage worldwide today is for agriculture alone).

And it is evident that water usage after this fashion can't continue indefinitely. Matters are already far beyond the point of no return; and though major changes are being worked on, proposed, and even worked out in some instances, the inevitable can only occur with the passing of time — an increasing non-availability of fresh water for crops which the world has to have, resulting in an increasing non-availability of food, resulting in increasing unheard-of prices for the food that will

be available, resulting in an increasing famine on a level heretofore unseen in the world.

Then, along with the preceding, there will be pestilences (plagues and diseases), along with the pollution of existing land and water. And, in the light of things occurring in the world today, it would take little imagination to see how numerous things already in place could very well lead into the first part of the Tribulation and then escalate, accompanying the corresponding famine, during the latter part of the Tribulation.

Super-strains of viruses have already appeared, some which cannot be controlled, due in no small part to the abuse of drugs to control diseases throughout past decades. Then there are current diseases such as AIDS, Ebola, etc.

When this is all put together, one has a very similar picture, if not an exact picture, of escalated conditions during the Tribulation, particularly during the latter part of this seven-year period. Whether or not present conditions as previously described will play major roles in how conditions will evolve and become during the Tribulation can, of course, not be stated for certain.

The matter has been presented in this manner only to show that *the world is quite ripe for that which Scripture states is about to occur.* That is to say, as previously seen, *conditions which could very well result in prophesied future conditions are currently in place.*

Then, something else needs to be considered. *Time is fast running out.* As previously stated, we are almost at the end of Man's Day. We are almost at that time when these prophesied events can only begin occurring.

(For additional information on the nearness of the hour, refer to the author's book, WE ARE ALMOST THERE.)

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