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Today's World — What Will Tomorrow Be Like?

LESSON 4

an open letter from

THE DIRECTOR

NEVER has there been a time like this! We are living in the time of the DEATH THROES of man's civilization!

We need to realize we're living in an age when we are being THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION AT ANY MOMENT!

We are *actually* living in the time of which the Apostle Paul spoke when he said, "This know . . . that in the *last days* PERILOUS TIMES shall come" (II Tim. 3:1).

That time is NOW!

You are actually *witnessing* that climactic time of which so many prophecies speak — that time of atheistic, godless, defiant man, trembling on the brink of nuclear holocaust — that time marking the END OF THIS AGE, and the approach of the glorious UTOPIA of the World Tomorrow!

You need to know *HOW* you can SURVIVE this hazardous time of threatening worldwide conflict — to know *how to live on over into* that wonderful World Tomorrow!

THAT'S WHY YOU NEED THIS COURSE SO BADLY!

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We have **ONLY** BEGUN to make plain the truly AMAZING and absolutely ASTOUNDING truths God has stored in His Holy Word — the Bible! I hope you are taking advantage of this priceless opportunity to study God's Word. And I hope you will, *by all means*, CONTINUE this vital course in Bible study.

God is NOW giving you *advance* opportunity to PREPARE YOURSELF for the catastrophic events He reveals will soon engulf this world. He is

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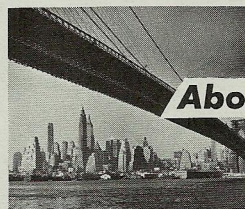
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Our cover shows a striking view of the famous New York City skyline. Today's modern cities are not to be compared with the fabulously beautiful, well-planned cities of the World Tomorrow. Tomorrow's cities will be filled with happy and productive people! Everyone will learn that true happiness and enjoyment of material blessings are the direct result of living and working together in *harmony* with the Laws of God. That is what will really make the World Tomorrow a literal UTOPIA on earth!

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THE COMING UTOPIA...

WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW

WHY should universal peace and prosperity be impossible? Why can't we have a world bubbling over with *JOY* and *happiness*?

Ever since the dawn of civilization, mankind has longed to live in just such a world. Yet in his heart, man knows such a utopia could *never* be brought about through his **OWN EFFORTS!**

"Utopia" on Earth?

To most "practical minded" people, the word "utopia" has the same connotation as "fairy story" — an *utter impossibility!* They ridicule the idea of a utopia *here* on earth!

"All you have to do is look at history to see it *couldn't* happen," they retort. "Through the ages *man* has tried to bring about a utopian paradise by every conceivable means—yet without success. He has attempted to live by every imaginable type of government — oligarchy, autocracy and democracy, to mention a few. He has even tried living *without* any government at all — absolute anarchy. All of them have **FAILED MISERABLY!** Therefore," they conclude, "a utopia on earth is *impossible.*"

How Utopia Will Come

People today can view the past and present and plainly see that men have utterly failed to bring about a utopia on earth. Diseases, fears, worries, uncertainties, lack of necessities, poverty, hate, oppression and injustice are taken for granted in this wretched world.

But why should a utopia be impossible?

Must our only hope be in the puny efforts of mere *men*? If this be true, we *are* lost! The human race is **DOOMED!**

People today are *self-centered!* They fail to recognize there is any power **OTHER THAN THEIR OWN** that can bring about a "utopia"!

What *great power* can, and **WILL**, do this?

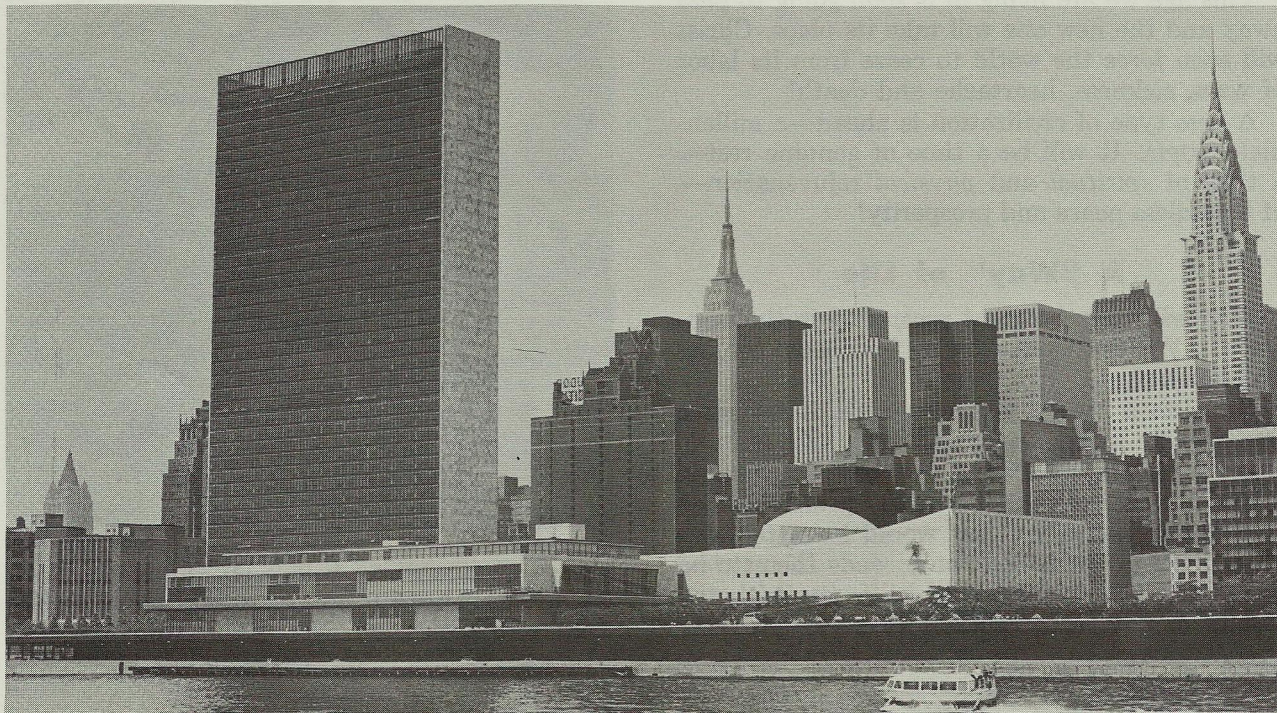
GOD ALMIGHTY! He has the power and the wisdom to make **UTOPIA** a *reality!*

This is the very message God sent His Son Jesus Christ to proclaim to the world. It is the gospel—the **GOOD NEWS** that He would return with the **POWER** to make a *utopia* of this earth!

Soon, man's desires will all come true! Christ, through the **POWER** and **WISDOM** of *God*, will bring us *universal peace* and *prosperity* at last!

THE WORLD TODAY — United Nations headquarters, New York City. Man's efforts to bring about a utopia have failed miserably. Only God has the power and wisdom to bring us universal peace and prosperity!

United Nations Photo



God's World Government

You have heard great statesmen proclaim that in order to have world peace and prosperity, we must have world government. But the nations lack the WISDOM to create a workable world government, and lack the POWER to enforce its laws.

When Jesus Christ returns, He will be KING over the *whole earth*. His law—the LAW OF GOD—will be the law of the world (Zech. 14:9; Micah 4:2). And His government will possess the *power* to ENFORCE His laws—something the governments of our day cannot do.

God's government will prevent the strong from enslaving the weak. True justice will be received by all. Unlike today's world, the laws of God will be taught and practiced by those who administer the government. The high and the mighty who *rebel* against Christ will be removed!

God has allotted mankind *six thousand years* to rule himself. During this time, God has kept hands off the affairs of this world. He has allowed man to pursue the course that "seemeth right" to him. God is *now allowing* people the opportunity to establish their *OWN forms of human government*—communism, democracy, fascism, socialism—to the end that the nations learn their woeful shortcomings—their *basic human weaknesses!*

But this time is now *almost up!* The new order—THE WORLD TOMORROW—is about to begin!

Do you realize what a privileged individual you are? God has made it possible for you to be able to peer into the future through His prophecies. You can *know now* what will happen then.

This age we are living in is soon going to pass away and the new one will take its place. Christ will soon *force* the world to cease from its labor of wars, sickness, heartache and death!

A *new* type of civilization is ahead—a millennial UTOPIA. It will be a time of genuine rest—a time of *spiritual* and *physical* rejuvenation—of boundless peace and prosperity!

A "Way" of Life

Why will there be great *prosperity* in the wonderful World Tomorrow—the soon-coming Millennium?

God has a "*way*" of LIFE which, if *followed*, would make living happy and joyous for all!

If people *today* followed this way, they would *know how* to meet all the family problems that confront them daily. They would learn to solve all of life's problems as GOD intends them to be solved—and *everyone* would be *happy* with the results of the *right solution* to every problem.

God has promised to create just such a world of happiness, joy and prosperity. We can have a *foretaste* of this wonderful World Tomorrow—TODAY! *But not until we begin to let God rule in all our actions all twenty-four hours of the day—HERE and NOW!*

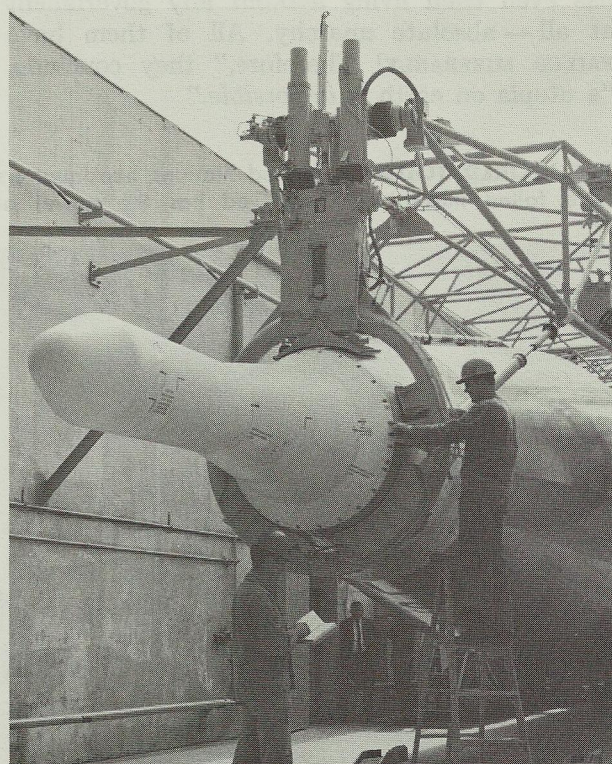
Christ brought the message about *this way*—the way of *keeping* the commandments and precepts revealed in your Bible! He said, "I am come that they [you and I] might have life, and that they might have it more *abundantly*" (John 10:10). He preached that people could have full and abundant lives if they let God's precepts *rule* in all their activities.

But how did the world accept His message? Was it interested?

Paul reports, "There arose no small stir about THAT WAY" (Acts 19:23). He also said that various people "spake *evil* of that way" (Acts 19:9).

This has been the attitude of the world to this day! It has *not voluntarily* accepted Christ's message, which, if followed, would have produced a UTOPIA on this earth! Instead, what do we find today? Look at the awesome world crisis that now confronts us. Human annihilation appears imminent!

But soon God, through Christ as Supreme



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Man's way is to devise instruments of destruction—as this hydrogen-bomb-tipped Atlas missile—which now threaten COSMOCIDE!



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God wants His people to learn how to enjoy His blessings. Here is a foretaste of the fabulous blessings God will bestow upon the obedient in the World Tomorrow! It is the faculty dining room of Ambassador College, Pasadena, California.

King, will intervene and MAKE people *keep God's way!* Just imagine—COMPULSORY JOY!!

The way of God—the way revealed in your Bible—will guide the people *continually*. They will pay God His *tithes*. God says when this is done He will “open . . . the windows of heaven, and pour . . . out a BLESSING, that there shall *not be room enough to receive it*” (Mal. 3:10).

Also, for keeping His *days*, God assures them they will “ride upon the high places of the earth” (Isa. 58:13-14). They will live in ABSOLUTE LUXURY! The Bible is *full* of such promises for *obedience*. Read Leviticus 26:1-13 and Deuteronomy 28:1-14, which reveal some of the tremendous blessings God has promised for obedience.

As people begin to obey God, the world will begin to be *full* of things that are now considered great *luxuries!* They will SEE the *dramatic difference* between God's happy, prosperous way and the wretched unhappiness of their former

ways. They will then be called to REPENT of *their* old way of life, and *allow themselves* to BE COMPLETELY RE-EDUCATED TO GOD'S WAY.

At last the world will experience a *utopian paradise* far beyond man's wildest dreams!

Prophecy tells us about the world to come—the utopia of the wonderful World Tomorrow which God will establish. *Compare* it with this world in which we now live. God wants you to do this. Then *you* make the decision WHO *can rule best*—GOD or MAN?

Before You Begin

We are about ready for the actual lesson. But first, read these instructions.

This lesson is intended to direct you to the *Bible*—to help you *study* the Bible. Here is the method of study.

Is your Bible in front of you? If not, GET your Bible—or Bibles, if you have more than one translation—*before you do another thing!*

Have a good dictionary, your notepaper and pen or pencil all placed in front of you on a desk or table.

Remember, this is a Bible *study* course—not just a study of the lessons we send you. You must OPEN your Bible to *every passage* we give you in answer to the questions asked in the lesson. Never say to yourself, “Oh, I think I know what this verse is referring to”—and then pass over it. You need to “*keep your nose in the Bible*,” so to speak. You should read and *reread* and actually *study* each passage.

Meditate on this new knowledge in your leisure time during the following twenty-four hours, and in your time of prayer—*so you won't forget it!* Do all you can to make God's Word a *PART of you!*

Here is the method of making effective notes: write down neatly on your paper the lesson

title. Next write down the lesson number. As you come to each question section, write down its *heading*. Then, at the left, print the *number of each question* as you come to it, and WRITE DOWN THE BIBLE ANSWERS together with any pertinent ideas that come to your mind.

Be sure to WRITE OUT the scripture which answers each question. This will help you greatly in *reviewing* and REMEMBERING what you have learned.

This lesson, like all others, is extremely important to you. Have you *prayed* to God for understanding?

If not, go to a private place, kneel down, and ask God for *spiritual understanding* and wisdom. Ask Him to *help* you grasp and apply in your own life the knowledge this lesson will reveal to you in the Bible.

And now for the lesson itself!

LESSON 4

Spirit of God Will Direct

1. We learned in Lesson 2 that when Christ returns He will come in the clouds of heaven and His angels will gather His elect from all parts of the earth. They will meet Him in the air and all will then descend upon the Mount of Olives. What will *happen* to the Mount of Olives when Christ's feet touch it? Zech. 14:4.

2. Will the deep ravine thus formed become the channel of a *mighty river* which will *arise in Jerusalem*? Verse 8. Will half of this mighty river flow *eastward* in the channel formed by this split, and will the other half flow *westward*? Same verse. Will the river flowing eastward empty into the Dead Sea? And that flowing westward empty into the Mediterranean Sea? Look at a map of Palestine (usually found in the back of a Bible) and refresh your memory on this coming center of world government.

3. Is the *eastern channel* in which “living waters”—fresh waters—flow into the Dead Sea the *same river* described in Ezekiel. 47:1-9? *Read* these verses and notice especially verses 8-9.

COMMENT: Notice that the river described in Ezekiel causes everything with which it comes in contact to *live* and be *healed!* This is the *same river* described in Zechariah 14!

4. Does Ezek. 47:8 show that when the fresh or “healing” water from this LIFE-GIVING *stream* begins to flow into the *Dead Sea*, the *Dead Sea* will also become a body of water having LIFE in it, thus being “healed”? Verse 8. Will it contain

living fish? Verse 9. Will it give *life* to the barren places through which it flows? Verse 12.

COMMENT: The Dead Sea, which is 1286 feet below the Mediterranean Sea level, is the lowest spot on earth! The water of this sea is now so salty that no plant or marine life can possibly exist in it.

Look at any Bible map of Palestine and notice that the Jordan River constantly empties into the northern extremity of the Dead Sea. Even though it has no outlet, the water level of the Dead Sea remains fairly constant. This is because extremely hot temperatures cause the waters to *evaporate* at about the same rate at which the Jordan supplies the Dead Sea with muddy water.

But when this *new river*—the river of “*living waters*”—begins to empty into the Dead Sea not far from the mouth of the Jordan River, the waters of the Dead Sea will rise until they *OVERFLOW southward through the desert*. The overflow will probably carry into the Gulf of Aqaba. It will then be in this overflow area (except for the swamps and marshes—verse 11) that *NEW PLANT AND FISH LIFE will spring up* when the waters will have become *fresh!*

5. Will God's Temple—His “sanctuary”—be built over the very spot these life-giving waters gush from the earth? Ezek. 47:1 and latter part of verse 12.

Notice now the *dual significance* of this mighty river which will flow from Jerusalem.

6. Christ will sit upon David's throne in God's



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The extremely salty Dead Sea, about 15 miles east of Jerusalem. At Christ's return, it will be "healed" — made fresh — by a mighty river which shall flow into it from Jerusalem.

Temple at Jerusalem—the world's CAPITAL—the same place from which the *river of life* arises. Will His RULE, which shall also "go forth from Jerusalem" (Isa. 2:3), have a "healing" effect like the actual river? Will His rule HEAL the strife-torn nations of the world? Isa. 2:3-4 and Malachi 4:2. Is the Holy Spirit compared to "living water"? John 4:10 and 7:37-39.

7. Will the *Spirit* of God in Christ *guide* the nations in the Millennium to God's own way of life—the way of LIFE which will produce the utopia they have always desired? Then will the World Tomorrow—the millennial world—"have life, and that . . . more abundantly"? John 10:10.

COMMENT: Here then we see that when Christ returns, He will give all nations a *physical* representation (water) of the effect of the SPIRIT or mind of Christ. Like the water of the actual river, His *Spiritual* decisions and laws will FLOW out from Jerusalem, and like the actual river, these will heal and give life, for they will *prevent* wars and strife which wound human bodies and maim and kill. His laws and decisions will produce happier, healthier and THOROUGHLY ABUNDANT LIVES!

Palestine a Garden of Eden

God reveals what conditions will be like in Palestine where Israel, God's model nation, will dwell. Living by *God's* WAY, as administered by Christ the King, will produce a UTOPIAN PARADISE!

1. Will Israel be *fearful* of wars and destruction any more? Ezek. 28:25-26. Will the Israelites then be fearful of the future as this world is today? Verse 26.

2. Will God see that the laws of nature function for the *benefit* of His nation? Deut. 28:12 and Isaiah 41:18.

3. Will the devastated cities be *rebuilt*? Amos 9:14. Will there be *happiness*? Jer. 33:10-11. Notice that these scriptures show there will be CITIES in the new world order soon to be established. Does this indicate that cities, as such, are wrong? If they were wrong, would Christ have them built?

COMMENT: Today we have great *smoke*-blackened and SMOG-laden cities which are crowded and gloomy. In the cities of TOMORROW, these conditions *will not exist*. Cities in



Wide World Photo

Eye-smarting and lung-damaging "smog" plagues many large cities today. It will not exist in the well-planned cities of tomorrow.

the Millennium will be decentralized. They will be small enough to promote healthy, happy family life, yet large enough for a proper *balance* between industry and those things which promote joyous living (Zech. 8:5).

4. Tremendous destruction will be wrought by the seventh vial of wrath—the great earthquake and hail (Rev. 16:17-18, 21), which Christ will inflict on this rebellious world to bring it to its senses. (A detailed explanation of these plagues is coming in the next 4 lessons.)

Much RECONSTRUCTION will have to be done.

This work will have to be *financed*. Other nations will not have the economic means to carry this out—they will have to borrow. But Israel, after being led out of captivity by Christ when He returns, will have this means. Notice how:

Will Israel have been *spoiled* by their captors prior to Christ's return? Zech. 14:2. But will Israel take *back* great treasure from their captors when Christ liberates them? Verse 14.

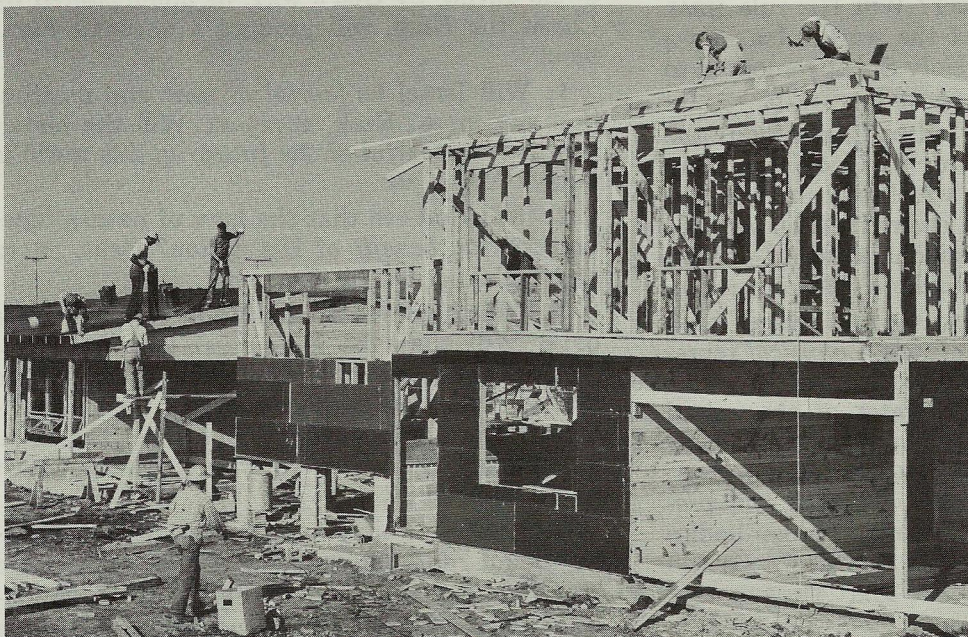
COMMENT: Compare Revelation 18:2, 9-13 with this last verse. We shall see later that the *same wealth* is referred to in Zechariah 14 and Revelation 18. Much of it will be wealth previously given or loaned by Israel—plus wealth which the great economic and political union described in Revelation 17:12 will have gained illegally through sharp dealing and outright plundering!

5. What will Israel *do* with much of this wealth—*lend* it on a vast scale? Deut 15:6; 28:12.

COMMENT: BUSINESS certainly will be carried on in the Millennium, *but people will be taught to carry it on DECENTLY and HONESTLY!*

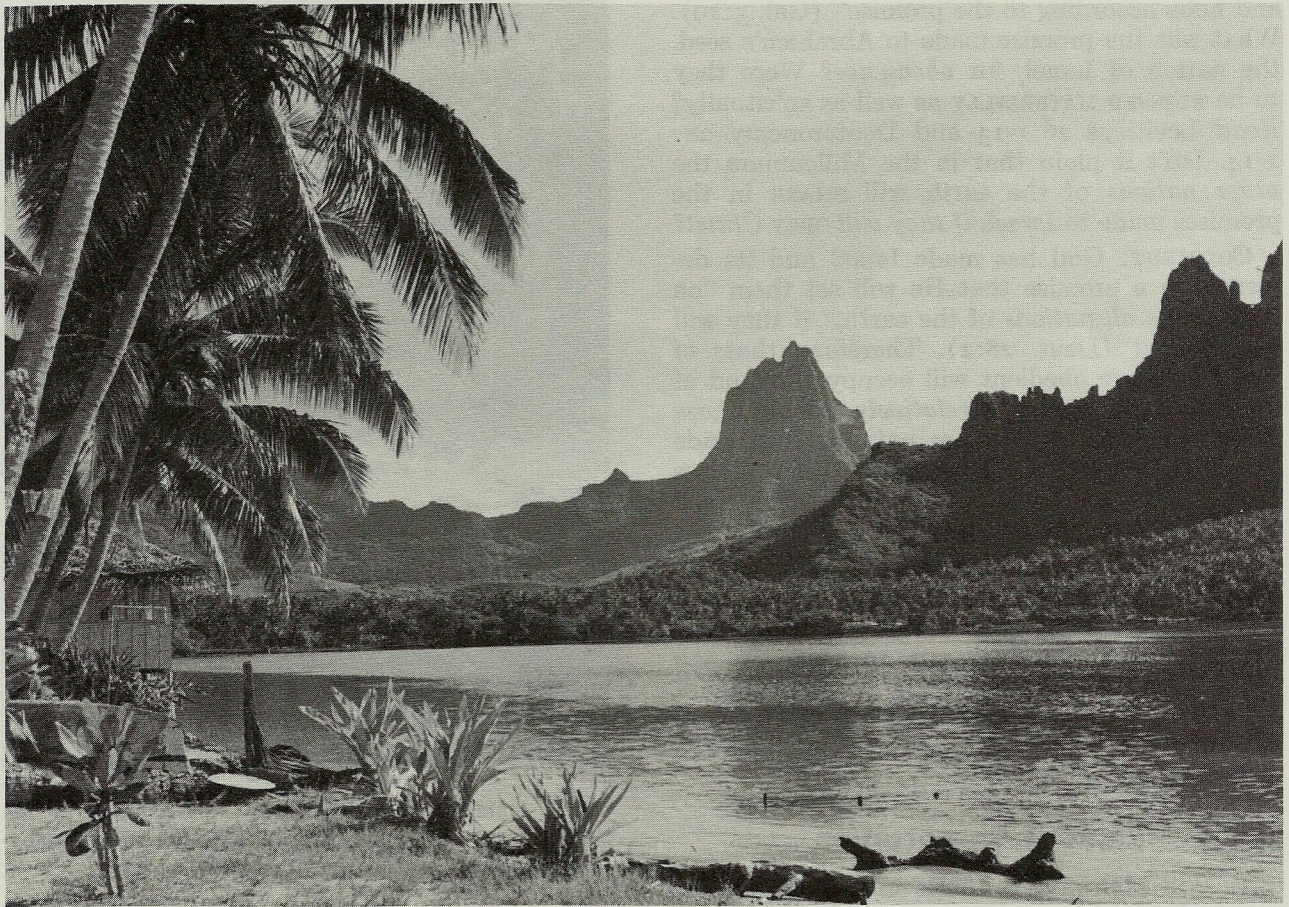
6. Will the earth be *re-populated* after the terrific destruction of human life which lies just ahead of us? Ezek. 36:10-11. What about the *housing* situation? How will shelter be provided for the expanding population? Isa. 41:19.

7. The forests of Lebanon are situated in the northern part of Palestine. The scriptures frequently refer to the beauty and splendor of the "cedars of Lebanon." Will the *number of trees* and forests increase markedly in the Millennium? Isa. 29:17; 60:13.



Reconstruction in the Millennium will be conducted on a vast scale. Greatly increased lumber supplies will enable people to build and own beautiful homes.

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Many picture "Utopia" as being some breathtakingly beautiful South Pacific island. But the utopian paradise God promises to make of Palestine, and eventually the entire earth, will pale into insignificance all of man's grandest dreams.

COMMENT: Lumber is scarce today due to *man's exploitation*. But God will not allow the forests to be destroyed for lack of proper supervision in the Millennium. The *great amount* of lumber available then will make it far easier for all to have *fabulously beautiful homes!*

8. Palestine is now a relatively *barren* region. Prophecies indicate, however, that it will see the most dramatic change of any land. It is the land center of the earth and is destined to become its capital. It will be the *seat* of Christ's world government.

Has the Garden of Eden always been considered the *most beautiful place* that has ever existed in this world? Will God transform Palestine into a place *resembling Eden*? Isa. 51:3. Will great joy be there?

COMMENT: *Zion* is a hill in the environs of the city of Jerusalem. It is the mount on which the old city of David was built. Geographically speaking, Mount Zion is often used in the Bible to stand for *Jerusalem* or for the land of Palestine.

God plainly shows us, through His prophecies, that Palestine *will become a veritable "GARDEN OF EDEN"*!

World to Share Prosperity

Notice how the rest of the earth will *share* in the great PROSPERITY with which God will bless Palestine.

1. Will all nations come under the rule of Christ? Isa. 2:2.

COMMENT: Christ will establish His capital in Jerusalem, Palestine, in Israel. From His capital city, He will *RULE all nations* of the world. Christ will actually rule over a COMMON-WEALTH of *nations*.

2. Will the *WHOLE WORLD then walk in God's ways*? Micah 4:2. Does this show that the nations will *ALL* be ruled by the *same laws*—*GOD'S LAWS*? Since the Gentiles will obey Christ in the Millennium, will they be *His* subjects? Will they *BELONG* to Him? Rom. 6:16.

3. The Bible says, "If ye be *CHRIST'S*, then are ye Abraham's seed [you are *Israelites!*]"

and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:29). What was the promise made to Abraham's seed, the nation of Israel, for *obedience*? Were they to be BLESSED MATERIALLY as well as spiritually? Read Leviticus 26:1-13 and Deuteronomy 28:1-14. Isn't it plain that in the Millennium the *other nations* of the earth will SHARE in the promises made to Israel, *if they will OBEY Christ*?

COMMENT: God has made Israel and its descendants a promise that He will set them "on high above all nations of the earth," if they will obey Christ (Deut. 28:1). Therefore, those of Israel who are obedient will occupy the land of Palestine and receive a *relatively greater share* of the blessings than other nations. But, aside from this, ALL nations can share in the promises if they will OBEY Christ! This world will become a literal UTOPIA for the obedient!

Ancient Israel was never able to claim all the promises of Deut. 28:1-14 and Lev. 26:1-13 over long periods of time because the people were not constant in their obedience to God. In the Millennium, with Christ ruling rigidly—"with a rod of iron"—their descendants will be obedient, and therefore they will receive ALL of these promised blessings!

Rapid Transportation

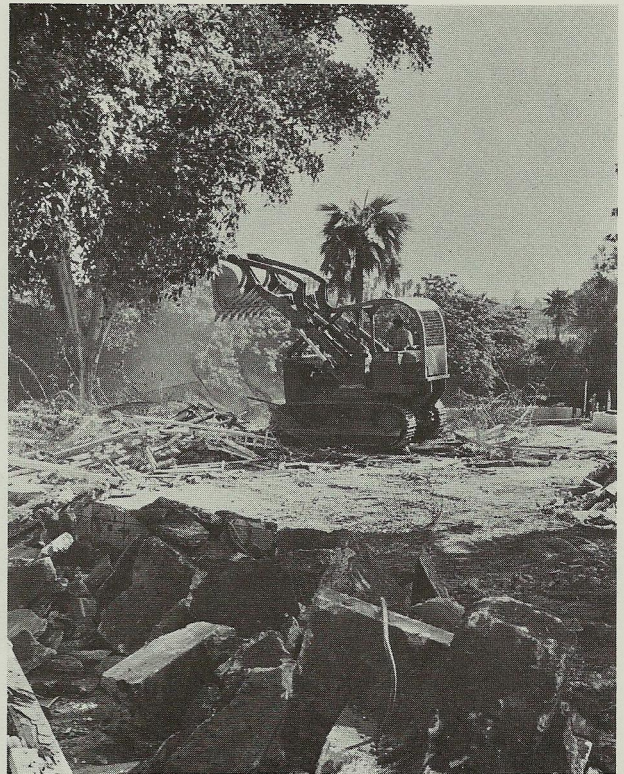
1. Will highways be built in the World Tomorrow? Isa. 40:3-4.

COMMENT: These two verses are *dual* in ful-



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Superhighways will link the nations of tomorrow. Proper design and construction will eliminate freeway traffic jams!



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Large scale reconstruction and landscaping in the World Tomorrow will solve today's great unemployment problem.

fillment. Matthew, Mark, and Luke say the first fulfillment was a *spiritual one*—that of John the Baptist's preparing the way, or path, before Christ so that those who listened to John would find the Christ. However, Isaiah 40 is basically speaking about the time of Christ's *second coming*!

The original Hebrew word translated "highway" in Isaiah 40:3 means a literal thoroughfare. Verse 4, and many other scriptures, show that great geologic changes will occur at Christ's second coming due to tremendous earthquakes and natural disasters. These geologic changes of the landscape will make it possible for man to build international highway systems connecting various areas that are now inaccessible.

2. There is going to be a very unusual *highway* in Palestine. Its fame will spread worldwide! Will it lead to the capital city, Jerusalem? Isa. 35:8, 10.

COMMENT: *Zion* is a general name for the city of Jerusalem. This will be an *actual road* leading to the capital city of the world!

3. Will this actual highway be *known among the nations* as REPRESENTATIVE of another way—GOD'S WAY of life? What will this *highway* be called? Verse 8. Will the *unclean*—those who

still cling to sin (II Cor. 6:16-18) — pass over it? Same verse. Will any ferocious animals pass over it? Verse 9. Who will use it? Same verse.

Liberty!

1. Will God give all the world *one* pure language so all can serve and worship Him with one accord? Zeph. 3:9.

COMMENT: At the tower of Babel God separated the various nations by giving them different languages (Gen. 11:9). Why? Because they were rebellious against His *way* of life. People wanted to live by their depraved lusts. The different languages of nations became a natural BARRIER against the spread of human depravity. If God had not done this, they would soon have destroyed themselves (verse 6).

In the Millennium there will be no danger of self-destruction. God will then give *all people ONE language*. This will be valuable in the exchange of proper ideas, and will help in establishing peace and harmony. Zephaniah 3:9 plainly shows the world will be *liberated* from the language barrier in the Millennium!

2. We have seen there will be much *work* to be done in the Millennium. But *how hard* will this work be, COMPARED to the labor — the suffering, sorrow and hard bondage — of living by this world's sinful ways today? Isa. 11:10 and 14:3. Notice the word "rest" in these verses. Will OBEDIENCE to God's way bring the blessing of

rest to the minds and bodies of mankind? Mat. 11:28-30.

COMMENT: Much is said in the Bible about how nature, influenced by God, will cooperate to make life *easy* for people in the Millennium when they are *under God's rule*. Compare the EASY LIFE of *God's way* with the HARD LIFE of *man's way* when he rules himself. God calls *man's way* the BABYLONIAN system. Read of the rigor and *toil* and BONDAGE of living by this system in Revelation the 18th chapter. Notice especially verses 13 and 24.

GOD'S WAY OF LIFE is the WAY OF LIBERTY — the *easy way* — but *man is NOT REALLY CONVINCED THAT IT IS!* God is now, through man's own Babylonish system, letting man *convince himself!*

3. Will all people be at *peace*? Micah 4:4. How does I Kings 4:25 explain the expression "under his fig tree"? Did every man mentioned there actually sit "under his fig tree *all the days* of Solomon," or is this *symbolic* of *peace*?

COMMENT: Here is an example of letting the BIBLE *interpret itself!* All will live under the shade of *their own trees* and grape arbors and none will ROB them of it by *wars* or *other means*.

4. Much is said today against *private ownership*. Communists and Socialists are especially against it. Does *God* think it is improper? Micah 4:4. Notice the word "his."

COMMENT: People will *own* their property in

Many of this world's governments today discourage and prohibit private ownership. In the Utopia of tomorrow, God will make private ownership possible for everyone!

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the Millennium. They will be *liberated* from systems which deprive them of the righteous rewards of their own toil!

5. Today, the *doctors* of this world have great difficulty in trying to prevent or cure lameness. Blindness, deafness, and dumbness are among their most baffling cases. But what will Christ *do* with such cases? Will it be *simple* for Him to CURE them? Isa. 35:5-6. All this is *part* of "The Good News of the wonderful WORLD TOMORROW!"

Bounteous Crops!

1. Rain is one of God's choicest blessings. Will God see that *rain* will fall at the right time? Ezek. 34:26 and Isa. 30:23. Will there be springs and streams of water on every high hill? Verse 25. Mountain streams will help to make beautiful resort areas in the utopia of tomorrow.

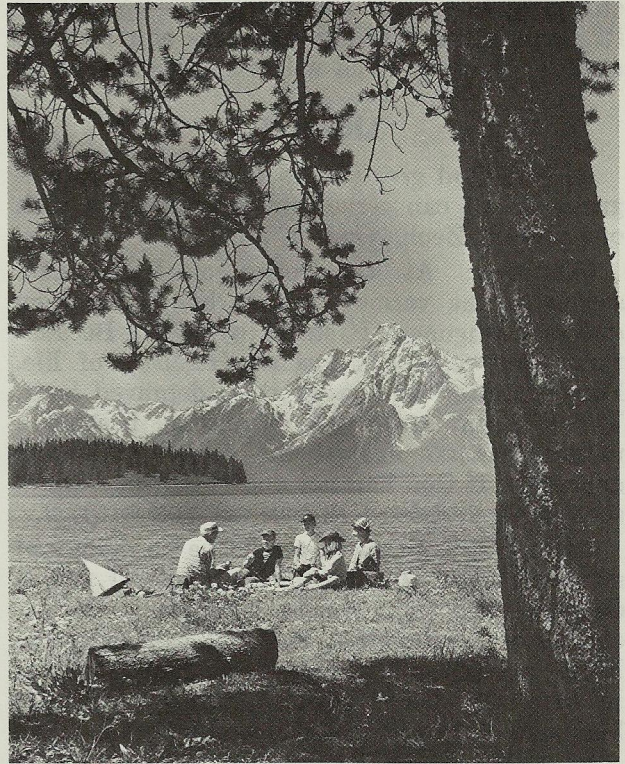
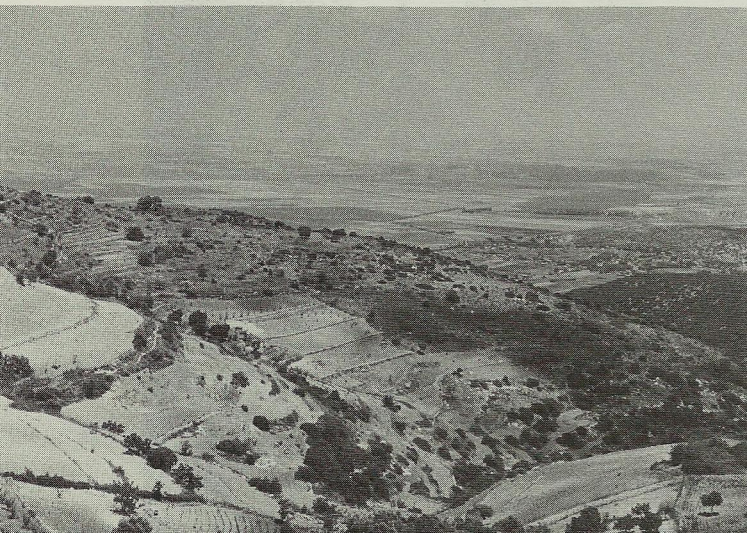
2. What will happen as a result of the *abundance* of rain? Isa. 35:7. (The Moffatt Translation properly translates the word "dragons" as "hyenas and jackals." The Hebrew word unfortunately translated "dragon" may mean a land or sea serpent, or a hideous creature such as a hyena or jackal.) What else will happen? Verse 1.

3. Today, the greater portion of the earth is unproductive—only a *small area* of the land surface is actually tillable. There are many deserts and wildernesses. After studying Isaiah 35:1, 7, can you say that this will be true during the coming *utopia*?

COMMENT: The *agricultural wealth* of a nation is generally the greatest asset it can possess. But the farmers and others employed in agriculture

View of rocky terrain in Palestine which has been reclaimed for agriculture by the Jews and is now yielding fruit. A minute foretaste of the vast reclamation of today's untillable land in the soon-coming Utopia.

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Abundant rainfall in the Millennium will transform bleak mountain terrain into breathtakingly beautiful resort-like areas.

have had to gamble with the weather and rainfall throughout the centuries. The most JOYFUL NEWS they could hear is that all their work would always be *successful*. Since *food* and *water* are the most vital necessities of life, all people will certainly be interested in this *good news!*

4. What will happen to the family fruit orchards and gardens? Amos 9:14. *Today*, are farmers in Eastern Europe and Asia robbed of their crops by communist masters? In the United States and other parts of the world, is *drought* and searing heat robbing families of the produce of their gardens? In the Millennium will people have great success with their vineyards? Jer. 31:5.

5. Will people rejoice and *give thanks* to Almighty God for the abundance of the crops He will bestow upon them in the wonderful World Tomorrow? Jer. 31:12.

6. Today, much is heard of the scarcity of meat in the world and of the price at which it sells. Meat is necessary for a well-balanced diet. Will there be an abundance of this vital product in the millennial utopia? Isa. 30:23. Does this also indicate there will be *plenty of milk* for building strong, healthy bodies?

7. Will there be a great abundance of *fish* to



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As a direct result of following God's ways, the entire earth will be blessed with a superabundance of foods and all the good things in life. Obedience to God really pays!

eat for those who live in Palestine—and for the rest of the world? Ezek. 47:9-10.

8. When Adam **DISOBEYED** his Creator, God said: "*Cursed is the GROUND for thy sake . . . thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee*" (Gen. 3:17-18). To this day the curse has existed in varying degrees.

What is the **BASIC REASON** behind the fact that there will be *so much agricultural prosperity* in the Millennium? What will happen when men *obey* the way of God—will God *remove* this curse? Isa. 55:13.

9. Often, after men have succeeded in gaining their just reward for sweat and toil, others **ROB** them of it. This will *not* be true in the soon-coming Millennium, will it? Isa. 62:8-9.

10. Will there actually be a **SUPERABUNDANCE** of foods? Amos 9:13.

11. Will a *famine* occur even though there have been years and years of prosperity in the Millennium? Does God say "**NO FAMINE**"? Ezek. 36:29-30. To whom is He speaking? But what will happen to any nation that *disobeys*? Zech. 14:16-19.

12. Will farm animals range over *lush pastures*? Isa. 30:23-24. Will this make the meat more flavorful?

COMMENT: Some assume that Isa. 11:9 means that man will not kill and eat meat animals

No rain will fall on any nation that refuses to worship God. Egypt will, for a time, be reluctant to obey Christ's government.

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during the Millennium. By comparing it with verse 8, it is plainly shown that serpents or wild animals *will not DESTROY each other or HURT* little children in the Millennium. Isaiah 11:9 is *not* referring to man's diet at all!

New Natures!

1. Will God *miraculously change* the natures of creatures in the Millennium? What does He say He will do with the *natures of ferocious animals*? Isa. 11:6-7. Will farm animals be afraid of them? Same verses. What about the *natures of the fowls and creeping things*? Hosea 2:18. And the natures of the **POISONOUS CREATURES**? Isa. 11:8. Will *all creatures be peaceful* in the Millennium? Ezek. 34:25.

2. The heart of man symbolizes his *nature*. What does God say of the heart of man *as it is today*? Jer. 17:9. Are men's *desires NOW MUCH LIKE LIONS*? Are they *both* quick to shed blood? Romans 3:9-18. *Note especially verse 15.*

3. What does God say He will do with the *nature of MAN* in the Millennium? Ezek. 36:26-27.

COMMENT: As God is going to *change* the very inborn instinctive desire of the lion from the wish to destroy life for food to the desire to *eat straw*, and is going to *pacify* the natures of *all other creatures*, truly marvelous and **MIRACULOUS THINGS** are in store *when GOD CHANGES MAN'S NATURE IN THE MILLENNIUM!* This change occurs in the *mind*. It is brought about by **REPENTANCE** and the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit.

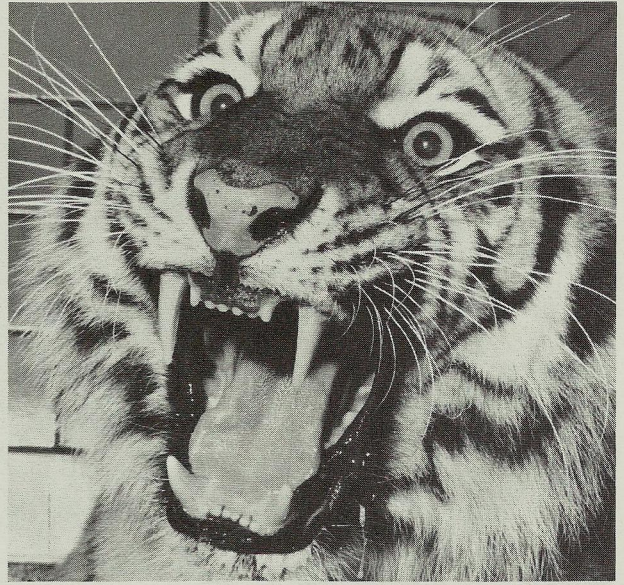
God is going to miraculously place His *very own LOVING NATURE within man* when the people of the millennial world *repent* of following their old ways.

People will **LOVE** their fellowman and *do everything* within their power to make the other person *happy*. They will love instead of hate because it will come *naturally through God's HOLY SPIRIT placed in them!*

That is what will make the millennial world an ACTUAL UTOPIA!! Remember this. It is one of the *most important points in your Bible!* There will be more on the subject of God's Spirit when you receive the lessons on the Old and New Covenants, and the Holy Spirit! These will vitally apply to *you — personally!* They will explain how *you* can have an *inward "utopia"* begin **TODAY!**

God's Way BEST After All

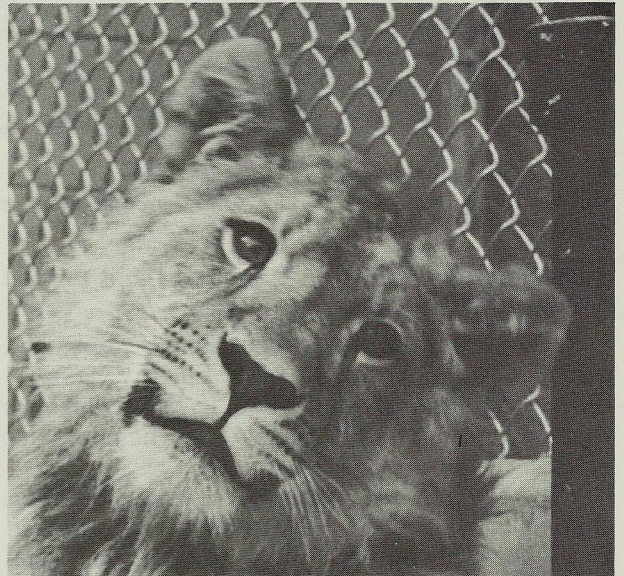
God will soon *force* the people of this world to cease from following *their* wretched, unhappy way of living. They will be compelled to step



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Above, God compares man's basic nature with that of devouring, wild beasts! Below, ferocious animals will be gentle in the World Tomorrow — a reminder of the change God is bringing about in man's nature.

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aside and watch His way—the way *this* age calls "heresy"—in **ACTION on this earth!**

The two mighty streams of water, which will flow east and west from Jerusalem and cause abundant life to spring forth, will call the attention of all nations to the influence of Christ's rule as He administers *not man's*, but God's precepts for a full and abundant life.

The *utopian paradise* which mankind has always longed for will finally begin to materialize. And man will at long last begin to **WAKE UP!** He will begin to see through the *veil* of his

prejudices which have prevented him from following the methods—the LAWS OF GOD, if you please—which will bring him ALL of his *true desires!*

God has known from the beginning that man would finally become CONVINCED his ways were wrong when he has the *results of the two ways*—man's way and God's way—laid side by side for comparison. Hear what God says—*He PLANNED it this way!* "The Lord of hosts [shall] make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined [in the *Millennium*]. And He will destroy in this mountain the *face of the covering* cast over all people, and the VEIL that is *spread over all nations*" (Isa. 25:6-7).

Do you grasp the significance of all this? God said long ago that a time would come when He would cause the people of this earth to live *unbelievably well*; and that in doing this they would wake up to a great truth—the truth that GOD'S WAYS ARE BEST AFTER ALL! This time is about here. This is the "*Good News*" of the WORLD TOMORROW!

What will people begin to do when this *truth* begins to dawn on them? Great numbers will fervently REPENT of following their old unhappy ways. They will fervently seek to be *re-educated* to GOD'S WAY as revealed by the commandments and precepts in *the Bible!* Then God will begin to *miraculously CHANGE* their basically *evil* natures by placing His HOLY SPIRIT *within* them.

The old ways of *this world* will be outmoded! The people will have found a *better way* and they will be firmly convinced that the more they can *learn* of God's better way, the HAPPIER their existence will be! And they will marvel at the rich rewards they receive for their labors.

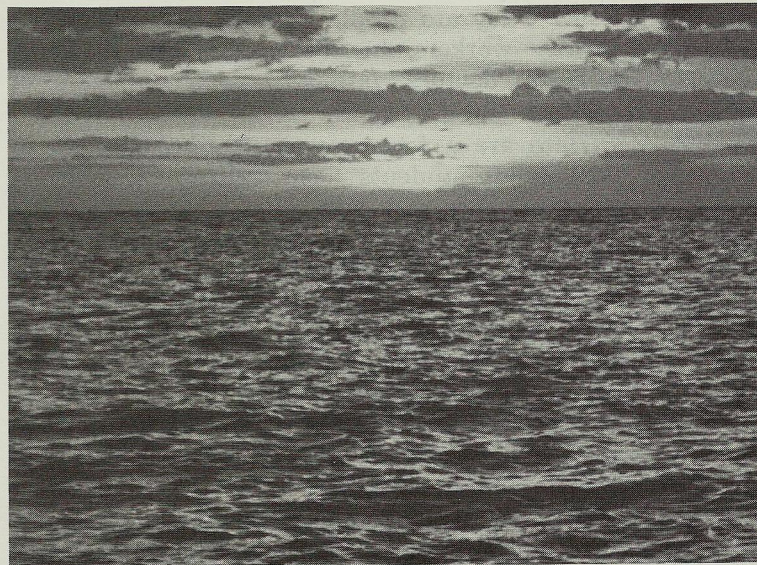
This is the time God says Christ will come with "ten thousands of saints" for the very purpose of *teaching* the world His ways (Jude 14, 15). Of this time God says, "Thy teachers [shall not] be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, THIS IS THE WAY, WALK YE IN IT, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isa. 30:20-21).

Re-education *away from this world's errors* will be conducted on a vast scale! The results? "The earth shall be FULL of the *knowledge of the Lord* [GOD'S KNOWLEDGE] as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9). GOD PROMISES THIS!

And what about corrections when people err? They will be swift and certain, but will become less necessary as people learn and obey more of the ways which *really* make them happy.

The *many*—not the few—will go up to Jerusalem by the *actual road* named "The Way of Holiness," which Christ will have built as a *physical reminder* of God's spiritual WAY. They will say, "He will teach us of His ways" (Micah 4:2). They will also, *in prayer*, seek God by His spiritual "Way of Holiness."

As with all the creatures about him, man's own nature will begin to change. The change in



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In the Utopia of the World Tomorrow, the knowledge of God's ways will blanket the entire earth as the waters cover the depths of the seas.

the *natures* of animals will be a constant REMINDER to him of the change that is taking place *within himself!* He, like the lion, will become peaceful. There will be no question in his mind about *which way* to follow. He will KNOW! Man's innermost desire will be to come ever closer and closer to God—*closer to the One who can make ALL HIS DESIRES for a utopian paradise COME TRUE!*

Men will at last learn that God is the best FRIEND they ever had!

Then God will really set His hand to *SAVE the world*. The harvest of human souls will become *ripe* for gathering into the Spiritual Kingdom of God. Human experience in living both the evil and the good way of life to the full will convince the mortal human beings still alive at Jesus' return that God's way is *best* for mankind. The vast majority will choose the good way of life—God's WAY—and will begin to OBEY God, preparing themselves to be born as immortal Spirit Sons in the very Family of God!

No wonder this present age is *only* "A day of salvation"! (Isa. 49:8.)

an open letter from

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giving you precious time to ACT on this Bible knowledge so you can *escape!*

As I write this letter, multiple scores of thousands of students are enrolled in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course WORLD-WIDE! They are people from *all walks of life* — factory workers, housewives, college students, lawyers, doctors, farmers — even ministers of religion.

Here are a few excerpts from thousands of letters our students have written in, which I want to share with you.

A student in Iowa writes: "I'm still studying in the second Bible lesson and what a wonderful help they are. I find I'm just learning how to read and study the Bible. It's funny how one can read the Bible and yet miss so many of its meanings. That's why I say 'I'm just learning to read it.'" People have no conception of what the Bible will reveal to them until they are *taught* HOW to study it.

A very well-educated person commented: "Since I had the advantage of a good deal of this world's education, I feel qualified to make this next statement. Although the Correspondence Course is written so that anyone who can read the Bible can easily do the work; in quality and thoroughness of instruction, it is easily the equivalent of courses given for college credit by the better colleges and universities. It is really superior to these courses. This is God's Course, written by God's ministers."

One of the hundreds of *ministers* enrolled in our Bible Course writes Mr. Armstrong as follows: "I have been in the ministry for fifty years, but I have learned more in your Correspondence Course than in all my life's study. I have a better understanding of my Bible, for all of which I thank you and your staff."

Another person with this world's religious education writes: "I have completed 17 lessons and have gotten more from them than I ever got out of courses in the theological school. There I was working for grades and had to either conform or flunk out. I read *The PLAIN TRUTH, U. S. News and World Report* and your pamphlets. The farther I get along the easier everything falls in place. I can't begin to tell you of the changes that have taken place in my understanding."

A zealous student in Kansas comments: "I wish to thank you for sending me *The PLAIN*

TRUTH magazine and for enrolling me in your Bible Study Course. I have completed the first four lessons and the test. I can hardly wait for the next lesson. I didn't realize that Bible study could be so interesting. I pray that God will help me to put aside my old beliefs and to accept His Truth."

Finally comes this interesting quote from a student in Missouri: "I want to write and tell you that I enjoy my Bible Course very much. After doing the first lesson and reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and *listening* to WORLD EVENTS, I see that you are absolutely right."

Are you studying like this student? Do you recognize the vital necessity of *watching* world events? Do you see how world news is literally fulfilling Bible prophecy? Are you heeding the admonition of Jesus Christ: "WATCH ye therefore, and *pray always*, that ye may be accounted *worthy to ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS* that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man"? (Luke 21:36.)

You cannot watch world events unless you make *diligent effort* to keep up with world news! I strongly urge that in *addition* to reading your daily newspaper, you should subscribe to a leading WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE! The students at Ambassador Colleges find that *U. S. News and World Report* gives them an excellent bird's-eye view and *analysis* of important world events. Among other useful weekly news magazines are *TIME* and *Newsweek*.

But remember, these news media can only give you the latest information on what has *already* happened! They can't PROPHECY. Only God can reveal the future in advance. And the coming lessons you'll be receiving will make those prophecies plain and understandable.

Now about the *simple* test you received with this lesson. The PURPOSE for this test is to help you *remember* the truths you have learned with this first group of lessons, and to help you evaluate your own progress. It will also help us to know of your *continued* interest in the study of your Bible. The vast majority who have taken the time to study their Bibles with the first four lessons make *very high grades!* So plan to take this test as soon as you finish this lesson.

Meanwhile, remember Jesus' admonition to "WATCH"! Pray that God will GUIDE you *and your fellow students* in understanding the scriptures referred to in each lesson. Ask Him to HELP you live by His Word daily. God will bless you abundantly if you truly submit yourself to Him in willing obedience!