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What do the Prophets of the Old Testament say?

My first approach to this topic is, that as a Christian and a believer I must be able to point at the world in which I live and yet on the other hand to put my finger on God's Word, and to say as Peter on the day of Pentecost could say to a stupefied crowd who asked: What does this mean? He quoted from the prophets and said that this was that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel. This is why many people today, do not believe the Bible. And so many who do believe, are so confused because they do not understand the things that are happening around us, and yet God's Word is so clear and so wonderful that your heart rejoices at the knowledge of it. Especially when you have found the key and you can understand all these things. That has always been my approach. Since childhood I saw it in God's Word and I thank the Lord that today my heart rejoices even when so many people's hearts are perhaps full of fear.

We are living in the most fantastic time the world has ever experienced, for we live in the climax of the ages. Many of the things I am going to say might sound so immense, but I can assure you it is not meant to be sensational. I believe it to be the truth. We must ask of God for the enlargement of our hearts and for the sharpening of sight and insight, so that we may experience these times we live in, to the full. Then we shall truly become as a light shining in the darkness. The world will ask us: "What is your secret?" Then we shall be able to tell them what is happening. On the one hand the picture is terrifying but on the other hand it is wonderful and glorious!

Summary

Let us commence with this portion of Scripture:

Joel 3: 9-21

9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

In some English Bibles we shall find the word "Gentiles" in some places and in others the word: "Heathen".

Therefore it reads: "The time of the Heathen".

The context in which we shall discuss it, and the world in which we live, the word "heathen" is more correct and more descriptive.

Those nations are truly heathen and that is what we are confronted with.

This is one of the facts that our statesmen do not even understand. We are confronted by "heathen nations"

That is what the conflict and the battle is about, the last battle when the "heathen" will rise up against God and God's people; with the intent to defy God.

That is the summary of it all.

To continue, we read from Joel 3:10

- 10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong.
- 11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.
- 12 Let the heathen, be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.
- 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.
- 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.
- 15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.
- 16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.
- 17 So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.
- 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.
- 19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

- 20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.
- 21 For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

And three more short verses from:

Ezekiel 30: 1-3;

- 1 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the LORD GOD; Howl ye, Woe worth the day!
- 3 For the day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

It is the day when people will cry and say 'Woe worth the day' and it is near, 'even the day of the LORD is near'. Here is something I want to mention, and something you should always keep in mind, for many of these things shall be your key to the Scriptures so that you shall begin to understand the Prophets.

"The day of the LORD" and "The time of the Heathen" coincide"

Here is an immense meaning of which many books were written:

"The day of the LORD" and "The Time of the Heathen" coincide and at the same time is a day of clouds. What clouds? Ominous clouds when people howl and say: "Woe, worth the day!"

In Revelation 1 verse 7 it says:

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him:

People have many ideas of how it will be when Christ comes on the clouds. Many ridicule it, and many religions I shall not mention, but of whom you might be well aware make a mockery thereof and say: "How can Christ ride on a cloud?" It is for the lack of knowledge of God's Word. When we look at Scripture as a whole, it is the simplicity of it all. We shall see what the Lord Jesus said in Matt. 24:28, 29 further on. His coming shall be as the lightning that flashes from the East to the West. In the same context He says: "For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together": In other words, a great slaughter.

"The Day of the LORD" and "A Day of Clouds"

Have you ever seen lightning without clouds? Our great thunderstorms in Spring, first come in the Highveld. Sometimes you get that ominous feeling when the clouds brew up and become dark and make that rumbling noise. You realise how big nature is, and how great the works of God and how small man is. God's Word tells us that "The Day of the LORD" and "The Time of the Heathen" and the "Second Coming of Christ" go together. It is a time of calamity, a time of lightning. Allow me to let you see in your mind's eye that you may prepare yourself, when we continue in greater detail, that I might paint you a picture of things to come. I trust that by the Lord's grace, when I am finished, you may have a clear picture and will understand what the situation is in the world today. What is the challenge? What is the promise? You have to know that. And if you know it, then you can live fully and take your place of full stature in the generation you are living in.

For a better understanding of clouds, calamity and of lightning read what Peter said in his epistle in 2 Peter 3:10;

10 But the day of the Lord

(See, here is the day of the Lord again, remember what we read in)

Ezekiel 30:3;

- 3"For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a cloudy day".
- 2 Peter 3;
- 10But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Therefore, the day of the Lord is also a day when the heavens shall pass away with a great noise. It will probably be the biggest thunderstorm you have ever experienced. It will be child's play in comparison to the melting of the elements with fervent heat. The earth also and the works that are there in shall be burned up: This is also The Day of the LORD and The Time of the Heathen, and The Day of Clouds.

To Understand the Bible

We need to understand the Bible, but the reason so many people do not understand it is because they fail to see that when the Bible speaks of something in a certain term, it never changes. The Bible does not switch its terms around. Therefore if you take a concordance for instance, and you take all the verses in connection with "The Day of the LORD", you have one term only. Whether it is in the Old Testament or in Ezekiel where it refers to "The Day of the LORD", or whether it is in Matthew or in Peter where he speaks of the Day of the Lord or whether it is in Revelation, it speaks of the same day. You will get the complete meaning of it.

For example, you will see that the day of the Lord comes as a thief. That does not mean that if I blink my eyes for a moment, then a room full of people will suddenly be half empty, while nothing has happened outside, yet a couple of people simply disappeared. A completely wrong concept. Because people do not allow God's Word to interpret itself.

Let us read from Jeremiah 30: 4-7;

- 4 And these *are* the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.
- (Take note: Israel and Judah).
- 5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

(Remember that).

- 6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned to paleness?
- 7 Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

A time of distress for Jacob. Do you remember for whom? For Jacob. A time of trouble, and here it speaks again of the Day. For that Day is great, it is a time of terror. There is fear and no peace.

Again: The Time of the Heathen Again: a Time of Clouds. Again: The Time of the Day of the LORD.

What do these Things Mean?

Another very important matter we need to understand, if we ever want to understand the Prophecies, is that the Bible divides man, all mankind, into two main groups: The one group is called "the nations, or the heathen or the gentiles".

The other group is: "Israel".

There are only two main sub-divisions in the Bible. Thus, we must look carefully with whom God deals.

Either He deals with "the nations", or He deals with "Israel".

You find that it is always "the Nations" versus "Israel". Israel, who are God's "Chosen People".

The other point which I've already made, but want to repeat because it is so important and you may underline it or make a note of it, and meditate upon it:

"The Day of the LORD" and "The Time of the Heathen" always coincide. This will open up a world of meaning to you.

I would just like to repeat this Scripture:

Ezekiel 30: 3;

3 For the day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

"The Day of the LORD " / "The Time of the Heathen" it will be.

We now look at Joel 3:14 (from the portion we have already read):

- 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.
- (In the valley of decision!)
- 10 Beat you plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong.
- 9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

(A time of gathering, a time of calling together the nations for war, and the day of the LORD and all that goes together with that).

We look at Ezekiel 34:12 a portion we have not read yet.

12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day,

On the Cloudy and Dark Day

We have seen that the Cloudy day is The Day of the LORD. And the Cloudy day is also the time of the Heathen. A time of turmoil. A time of reckoning. A time when the earth shall be shaken. When the heavens shall pass away with a great noise. The elements shall melt with fervent heat. Spectacular! Mighty! I'm not saying this to be sensational, for this is the language of the Bible. This is the time we are approaching and when we look around us, we see the heathen getting ready to overrun the world, to overtake it and this is the time we are living in.

Dear reader, this is the time to prepare yourself and to see where you stand with God.

The Glorious Promise

I "will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day". I thank God for this promise to the believer. I would like to point out to you that God is speaking here of his people. He is speaking of His people Israel, the literal Israel nation. Please refer to my other books on this subject.

I am giving you this introduction so that you may understand the world in which you live, and what you may expect in the immediate future and what your "standing" ought to be. Whether you are a teacher, or a factory worker, an advocate, or prime-minister or a judge or housewife, or whatever you may be. If you know where you are going, if you have direction, then you can trust and then you can shine for the LORD.

Time of Violence

Now let's first look at the day of the LORD. In short, it is the process of overthrowing this present system by violence to make room for the Kingdom of God on earth. Dear reader, we are living in a time of violence. So far the violence has been from the ranks of the heathen and the God-despisers. But let the world wait for God to perform His violence, then he will see how we are living. No matter what system it is; whether it is democracy as we call it or whether it is Communism, this world system and even our own system, is not God's system.

God's System is a Theocracy. God's System is God's Government on Earth.

Therefore our Lord Jesus taught us to pray:

"Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven".

The entire Scripture points to the day when the Lord Jesus will return to this earth, when He shall come and take over the driving reins of this old world, which at the moment, is on a fast track like a lot of horses. Who is holding the reins? We are looking for someone to lead. The world is looking for a leader. Isn't it amazing that in the world's greatest anxiety, there is such a lack in true leadership?

The World needs a Leader

When we look at the United States of America, the bitter taste of a "Watergate" is still fresh in one's mouth. The leadership of today with President Ford, Henry Kissinger and all that that entails. "Détente" (the easing of strained international relationships) between East and West -- you can form your own opinion around that.

If we go over to Europe:

1. The British Government in it's unstable state; Is it the Tories, or is it the Labour party?

Is it Heath, or Harold Wilson, or now Mrs. Margaret Thatcher?

- 2 If you go to France; it was touch and go or it would have been Francois Mitterand instead of Giscard d' Estaing.
- 3 Portugal is in chaos.
- 4 Germany, Norway, Sweden; on the brink of Socialism.
- 5 If Russia makes her onslaught, the experts agree, although they would not like to admit it, the Russian armies will be at the Atlantic coast in 24 hours.

Europe is weak, and lame, and has no resistance and no leadership.

True Leadership belongs to the Man

Have you ever wondered why? We do not doubt the efficiency of the woman. But I think you will agree that true leadership belongs to the man. Do you know why there are so many women in control; it is because men have become weak. We live in a time of immense defeatism, of absolute

sluggishness and weakness. The world needs a leader, and the world shall get it's Leader. It is the Lord Jesus!

Destroyed with Violence

This world system is first going to be destroyed by violence, and it is the time we are living in.

This is a time when the heathen cannot understand the forces at work in him. There are spirit beings who drive the nations of the world. Because Satan knows and these spirits know, they drive them on to rebel against this Coming King. That is the reason why the heathen is in rebellion. Many books have been written to analyse the current world situation. Is it now because the colonial powers exploited the under-developed people?

Perhaps there is a hint of truth in that. Or is it perhaps the "have's" who have wronged the "have not's"? But the core of the issue is the heathen himself. He is in rebellion, he does not want this King. The Bible shows us that when He comes, He will reign with competence, and with a rod of iron. Praise His Wonderful Name.

At the End of the Age

Let us first look at these few verses in

Jer. 25: 31-33;

- A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.
- 32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.
- 33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day

(again, that day of the LORD).

.....from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Isn't that horrifying? From one end of the earth to the other end thereof. The LORD has a controversy with the nations, because the nations have a controversy with Him. Let's look at Jeremiah 23: 19-20;

- 19 Behold a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.
- 20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

(Only at the end of days).

A Whirlwind

We can understand this well, because we are living at the end of days. A whirlwind; and the slain that lay from one end of the earth to the other end there of.

In 1954 when the first American (experimental) hydrogen bomb exploded in the Bikini islands, it made a fireball of 4 miles (6.4 km) in diameter. Within a radius of 20 miles (32 km), everything that lived was destroyed. The smoke plumed into the air for 80 feet (24.3 m). Is that not a cloud? Is it not lightning? At 40 miles (65 km) that hydrogen bomb explosion had a brightness equal to that of 500 suns. In other words, if you stood at a distance of 40 miles (65 km) and looked at that explosion, it would have been the same as looking at 500 suns. And that was only one hydrogen bomb.

That fireball of 4 miles (6.4 km) in diameter, develops such "heat" that the air plumes into the sky with the explosion power of up to 80 000 feet (24.4 km) high.

As we know, nature does not tolerate a vacuum. That air ball which is thrust into the sky, causes airstreams of hurricane strength to fill the empty space form all sides.

This immense influx of air together with the turning of the earth, develops into a twirling action, which results in whirlwinds and hurricanes. Have you wondered why a hurricane twirls? Or a whirlwind? The rotation of the earth causes the wind to also rotate, to whirl resulting in a whirlwind.

The Intents of His Heart

Whirlwinds: people that lie from one end of the earth to the other end thereof. "In the latter days ye shall consider it" -- 'understand it perfectly'.

Let us look at one more Scripture in Jeremiah 30: 23-24. This chapter that speaks of Jacobs trouble, and we read:

- 23 Behold the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.
- 24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done *it* and until He have performed the intents of His heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.

In the Latter Days ye shall Consider it

There is no commentary on this by any Bible expositor, not even the "Pulpit Commentary by Matthew Henry", or any other commentary you might read. He cannot comment on this, because he hasn't lived in that time. But we are living in that time, and we can understand it, therefore we can comment on it.

"In the latter days ye shall consider it". Isn't it fantastic? Isn't it wonderful?

God is a God of Righteousness!

We are getting closer to that which I have mentioned earlier on, that the day of the LORD is going to be a violent overthrowing of this present world system. A world system of unrighteousness and might. Beloved, there is no righteousness. Do you suppose the establishment as it is today, will abdicate from their position of power? They will have to be thrown down by force. That is what will happen. That is The Day of The LORD. The heathen knows instinctively, without knowing what is driving him, that The King is Coming!

How many years of evangelism have been done? Two thousand years? What nations have come to repentance? The White Western Nations. Not one heathen nation has, as a nation, come to repentance. Do you not consider that 2,000 years have been long enough? They are in revolt against God and against His People, and specifically just prior to the establishment of His Kingdom on earth.

His Kingdom: a King, a People, a Constitution

Here is yet another very important fact. Have you ever seen a king without a people? Have you ever seen a king and a people without a constitution? These three are essential; a king, a people, and his law. They must all be

there. Without law, there is chaos! Without people, you cannot have a king. Without a king you do not have a kingdom.

The King is coming! He is coming to restore His People, as the promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have been made true throughout generations. A glorious awakening is coming for Israel who is to be found in the White Western Nations.

Although our position at the moment, in this time of Jacob's trouble, seems hopeless, in due course the King will come. And the heathen, even though they do not understand it, are in opposition against the King and against the restoration of God's People. That is the explanation of this situation.

Psalm 2:1-5;

1 WHY do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? (Why do the nations rage? Isn't that precisely what they are doing today?)

- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,
- (That is also exactly true of our day, isn't it?)
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

(Isn't that what they say? Isn't that what they said now with Portugal,

Mozambique and Angola? Is that not what they said all through Africa and South-East Asia? Everywhere, exactly the same.)

- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure

We read in Hebrews 10:31;

31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

As far as the sinner is concerned it is a fearful thing. May the Lord give us grace to come to a true repentance. But it goes further than that; I would say to the heathen:"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." I want to comfort you and encourage you with this: to give you a vision and may God give grace that we may bring this vision to our nation. I believe it is going to happen. That they will not be afraid of the heathen; and know that He who is with us, is more than they who are against us.

The LORD Warns the Heathen Nations

Psalm 2: 5-8;

- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
- 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
- 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

(Note verse 8)

8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

These nations know that they are going to be subdued by the King They know that they shall have to submit themselves under Him and yet in their hearts they are still heathen.

Dear reader, at the Lords return, many of these nations shall remain, for the earth is not going to be totally wiped out.

In Matthew 24: 22 and 2 Peter 3:10 the Lord speaks of the terrible judgements and of the heavens that shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat.

The Terrible Judgements

The Lord Jesus said:

When the atom bombs and the hydrogen bombs are thrown upon the earth the slain will lie from one end of the earth to the other end thereof. If it continues, no flesh will be saved. Scientists warn against the danger of spontaneous ignition. The one atom will ignite the next etc. Therefore, unless there is a power to stop this, no flesh will be saved.

But in Matthew 24: 22 we read:

22 but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

It is a mistake to say that those elect are the "church" or the believers. They do not understand the Bible neither do they study it. It is not Scriptural.

Take a good concordance and look up all the Scriptures in connection with the "chosen" and you will see the Bible refers to Israel as the chosen or elect in many places. "Thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that *are* upon the face or the earth": That is the elect. God has chosen Israel and the devil hates it, even though the heathen does not know Scripture. The Bible says the devil believes and they shudder. These nations who are in revolt, are going to be brought under the King's Sceptre. Their instinct fights against it. That is what spurs them on.

The Language of the Bible

Psalm 2 : 8 -12;

- 8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.
- 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

(This is strong language, not mine but that of the Bible. If people want to fight it then they must fight Scripture.)

- 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- (The LORD makes that invitation to them).
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

If you go into the customs of the time of the Psalms, you shall find that this "kiss" was a gesture of submission. It was a gesture of surrender. Surrender yourselves unto the Son, before He might crush you.

The LORD speaks and pleads with the heathen. He won't do it of course. We have too many ideas which we have brought over form a false past and which has led us to many false things: e.g. of "A Gentle Jesus, meek and mild". He is KING! He is a Prince! (Monarch).

Beware this time when He comes, He does not come as the humiliated Messiah. This time He comes as the KING OF KINGS and the LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:16 K.J.V.)....

and His eyes were as a flame of fire and His voice as the sound of many waters.....

When He comes to judge.

We read in Psalm 83: 1-8: Enemies all around!

1 Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

- 2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
- 3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.
- 4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
- 5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:
- 6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
- 7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;
- 8 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

The Budding of all the Trees

Luke 21: 29-33;

- 29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;
- 30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.
- 31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.
- 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.
- 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

September and October is the beginning of summer and also the time when the trees in nature start to bud. We can understand it, and we say summer is near. This is the example our Lord Jesus used. He told them the parable in verse 29 and said: "Behold the fig tree and all the trees". How many people point this to the Jew only, but the Lord said: the fig tree and all the trees. When all the trees begin to shoot forth, you know that summer is drawing near. We see the budding of the Jewish aspirations. We see the establishment of the Israeli State in Palestine.

There are many other things we ought to know concerning it and of which I shall mention further on. That there is a budding of Jewish nationalism is certainly a fact. However, there are other sinister powers who exploit it for their own ominous purposes and with which they succeed very easily as a

result, I believe, of the Christian church who is blind and play along with them in ignorance. Instead they should have truly opened God's Word and preached the truth.

On the 16th of May 1948 the present Israeli State came about. In 1945 the second world war ended. Since 1945 there has been a harvest of trees budding throughout Africa. "Uhuru!" from North to South. The one small African state after the other got their independence. A budding of Nationalism took place:

- 1. Look at the chaos in Africa today, which has spread as far as Angola and Mozambique; and what about our own black nations in our own country.
- 2. In the far East, old colonial powers such as Holland and France had to withdraw.
- 3. The last bastion, Vietnam, which America tried to save and were forced to give up after the greatest humiliation in her history.

The Lord says: "When they shoot forth, then you will know that summer is near".

Luke 21: 31;

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

When you see the trees bud, when you see the heathen pushing out their breast, as they begin to claim up their rights, whilst they prepare themselves for rulership, but cannot even feed themselves. He claims his rights, his national possessions, which he thinks he deserves.

The Lord Jesus said when you see this (in other words, the heathen rising up). know then that the Kingdom of God is near.

In 1945 was the first budding of the trees, 1948, that period. The Lord Jesus said: This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled, "when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Luke 21: 32

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

If our leaders in the West could have understood these Scriptures it would have helped them to determine their policy, to plan ahead and not be misled by the heathen. There is no such thing as détente. There is no such a thing as peace. It is war, it is the time of the heathen and he is preparing himself. He will pretend to make peace with you, or to make a covenant, just so that he can give you the death blow when you least expect it. I don't want to leave out some fantastic information which I believe you should know.

Gold and Russia's Weapon Onslaught

Just a few bits of information, of which you can further read in my booklet on "Russia in Prophecy". We know that lately there have been immense new oilfields discovered in Siberia. We know of their immense gold reserves. We saw their recent purchases of grain from America. Our own South African gold price has been affected and has dropped considerably as a result of great supplies of gold that Russia pushed into the market, to pay for American grain. That in one instant, when they plan their final blow, they can push their gold into the world market which will cause our gold to drop to the point of absolute economic collapse. Naturally, total chaos will follow, and then they will make there final onslaught.

Armageddon

Revelation 16: 12-16;

- 12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.
- 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.
- 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

(There is that great day again).

- Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
- 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon

That is what everything is leading up to. The kings of the East.

Eastern Nations

As we look at these eastern nations, we see that they have not changed. If you want to see which nations today are the ones of the Bible, just look at their characteristics. Look at what they are doing today. And you will know who they are. I am now going to show you who they were in the days of the Bible and how they came from the East.

Great Multitudes of the Heathen Nations (As grasshoppers in multitude.)

We look at China with a population of 800 million people and her growth of approximately 50 million per year. Look at the millions in South-East Asia, and the almost 600 million in India and the 250 million in Russia Also the millions of Eastern Europe and approximately 220 - 250 million in Africa. With all of this in mind, take a look at the following Scriptures:

Judges 6: 3-5, 33;

- 3 And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the **east**, even they came up against them;
- 4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.
- 5 For they came up with their cattle and there tents, and they came up as grasshoppers for multitude; *for* both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it.

Verse 33:

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the **east** were gathered together,

(that "gathered together" – Japan, China and all the nations under Communistic rule.)

33and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

Judges 7: 12;

12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the **east** lay along in the valley like grasshoppers of multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

Just look at their "camels" today, their tanks, their aircraft, their ships and submarines.

In the booklet I wrote in 1962 on "Russia in Prophecy", I wrote on what the experts say: that if Germany had half the submarines that Russia had in the last World War they would have been able to coerce the Western Nations into a compromise. If they had the same amount, they would have conquered them. Today the oceans of the world are strewn with Russian submarines, many of them are nuclear-driven, with nuclear missiles on them, which can be fired from under the water at a distance of 1000 -2000 miles causing total devastation.

Satanically Inspired

The Western Nations' cities, Britain, Western Europe and America are exposed. The Communists have planned this right from the start – these plans are Satanically inspired. Many of their predictions, for example in the days of Lenin were almost prophetic – they said that they would have world domination by 1973-1975. The year 1975 is not yet over and look what they have already achieved. As in the days of the Bible, in the days of the Judges, in the days of Gideon. It was the God of Gideon who gave him the victory, and will give us the victory and none other.

Spirit Filled Men and Woman of God's Word

We must become men and woman of vision, we must understand God's Word. We must understand the times we are living in. We must learn once more to know our God. We must know Him in His Power. We must know Him for what the Bible says He is.

The Almighty God! The God who can put His Spirit upon a man and inspire him to say as David said:

"With My God I have leaped over a wall and run through a troop!" As a David who could say to Goliath in

1 Samuel 17:45;

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. So many people say: "Poor David when he stood up before Goliath, he was only 17 years old. The Bible says he was but a youth. It warms my heart, I don't say poor David, I say: poor Goliath, for he did not stand a chance. David had the Lion of Judah, the KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS on his side! (See K.J.V. ..Rev. 19:16) That is what Goliath was confronted with. It is our God, and it is His promise.

Jacob's Trouble – he shall be delivered out of it

All Scripture culminates in this. The end speaks of grain and new wine, it speaks of abundance, it speaks of blessings in the midst of distress and calamity. It is The Time of Jacob's Trouble. But let me show you some wondrous things.

Let us read from Jeremiah 30: 7 once again:

7 Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

Do you see, he shall be saved out of it. Our people must know this. Our people only hear of being outnumbered. We only hear of immense weapon capacity, of how Russia surpasses us even on technology levels. They have better submarines, and are inundating the Atlantic oceans so much so that it is becoming a Russian sea. All I have said about the Russian submarines etc. is true, but our people are not told of that which God provides.

Saved out of The Trouble

I want to point out a few facts about this: "saved out of it"

Just to point out to you, how we read our Bibles – the reason why we do not know the Bible. If for instance you read: "it is The Time of Jacob's Trouble". What does it mean? If you want to know, please read again where Jacob was in trouble. Then you shall see and understand. Therefore, let's read Gen. 32 and see what happened there, when Jacob wrestled with the Angel.

Remember where Jacob reached the Jabbok river and heard of his brother Esau approaching with his four hundred fighter men. And Jacob had only his women and children and was completely vulnerable.

That night Jacob by the Jabbok River, wrestled with God until daybreak. That was the "trouble" and he said: "Deliver me, I pray" and I will not let

Thee go, except Thou bless me! And He touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh so that it was out of joint, and He changed his name to Israel. And then he went out to meet Esau, and Esau's heart had been changed. In the time of Jacob's trouble God met with him

In our time of trouble God and His angels are going to meet us.

The Angels of God are going to come to our Aid Visibly

Dear reader, the Bible is full of it, namely that in the end times, in The Day of the LORD, when the heathen will make their final onslaught, it is then that Heaven will intervene. God's angels will visibly come to the aid of God's People. In Isaiah 37 we read of one angel of God that killed one hundred and fifty thousand of Israel's enemies in one night.

Now let me show you how beautifully the angels are presented to us : Genesis 32: 1;

1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

(People might generally say: well, the angels of God met him and that's that.)

The Bible was not written like that. The Bible was written as a preview. When God opens your eyes, you see the key. We saw in Jeremiah 30:7 that it was The Time of Jacob's Trouble: and when we look at Jacob when he wrestled with the Angel, he was in trouble. So we also, will yet wrestle with God in our Time of Trouble. The Scriptures are full of it. And he met the angles of God. Now verse 2:

Genesis 32: 2;

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This *is* God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

I believe the reason why Esau did not fight that day, was because Jacob was surrounded with the angels of God. The Psalmist says: "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him, and: He delivers them.

Let me show you in Joel 3 also where it speaks of the angels. You might never have seen it before, because you did not know how to interpret it. But if I show them to you here, you will say: why have I not seen it before. Again it is because we do not compare Scripture with Scripture.

Joel 3: 11;

11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD

(Who are these mighty ones of the LORD?)

Psalm 103: 20;

That wonderful Psalm of "Bless the LORD o my soul, and forget not all His benefits; etc. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases".

20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Let us also read:

Matthew 26: 52-53

(A well-known verse. when Peter cut of the ear of Malchus).

- 52 Then said Jesus unto him, put up again thy sword into his place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.
- 53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Jesus could pray to his Father to send twelve legions of angels. You see,

the angel stood in readiness, but it wasn't the time. But when He returns now, then it shall be their time: let your mighty ones come Lord!

If you read Revelation 19, you will see how the angels of the Lord fight together there. Do you remember with the birth of the Lord Jesus in Bethlehem; the angels were very much involved.

(It is a beautiful "Christmas" tale and it is true).

Can you see how the angels moved with Jesus, though they were not visible. Then they brought the message of peace, but this time they will carry out the judgements of the Lord.

Read with me from Matthew 16: 26-27

(There where He speaks of taking up your cross, and about losing your life for His sake.)

Matthew 16:26-27

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Punishment of the Wicked

We have already seen that the King is coming and that the heathen is in revolt. That He shall come in a time of distress, and that He is coming to overthrow this world system by force, and to establish His Kingdom.

He is coming to judge the heathen. And who shall accompany Him? His angels in glory!

The mighty ones. 'Cause thy mighty one's to come down, O LORD! The angels of God.

But the angels of Satan will also join in the battle. It is going to be a fantastic event. Yet a time of agony and weeping upon the earth, a time of judgement and destruction but also a Glorious time.

Read Psalm 91.

In the Secret Place of the Most High

The Bible says: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked!"

Do you see how we ought to know God's Word and where this fits in? When was there ever a time in history (in world history) where this was possible? That a man could be standing up and a thousand would fall on his left and ten thousand at his right hand? Only in a time of Nuclear war – but it shall not come near you.

I believe that in a time such as this, it will be as it was with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – for those who have truly made their lives right with God. It will yet be a testimony to the fainthearted and the depressed. As with Daniel in the lion's den, that situation shall repeat itself once more.

A New Heathendom

There is a new heathendom flooding the earth. We see the Chinese in Africa who are there under the pretext of building the Tan Zan Railway line. We see the heathen in Europe, how they have already flooded it. It is told that during the last war, when Berlin was on the brink of defeat thousands of Berliners streamed out of Berlin to the American troops and surrendered themselves, begging the Americans to take them over, because the Russians were on their way. It was refused, for sinister reasons, which I believe is the answer to why the Western Nations could not take over Berlin. I have fantastic facts about this happening which sounds quite unbelievable. The Russians took over and many books have been written about this, however they will not be available in regular bookstores. Volumes were written on the events that took place when those Russian soldiers invaded Berlin and what happened to the woman and children. Heathens!

God will Intervene

These heathen are on the verge once more, when the walls break down completely, to flood the West. The history of a Genghis Khan of the

13th Century AD, will repeat itself, unless there comes an intervention from God, and that is what I believe. Their aim is to take over the West, to deny God, to plunder and to destroy us. But I believe that God is going to intervene, that we shall not be wiped out. I believe we are yet going to see a Mighty intervention of God in this Southern point of Africa.

I believe that a Mighty Light and Message shall yet go out from here, back to Europe.

Amen

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Very early in his life he came to realise that man himself is the cause of all wars, depressions, famine, droughts, disease, and misery here on earth.

He saw that God had given his absolute Law to Israel, his chosen people and had promised that should they live thereby they would be free of all adversity and would then act as God's exemplary nation on earth.

A matter of importance, which became clear to Neser, was that Israel was neither the Jew nor the Church. It was with gratitude that he eventually discovered the great truth, namely that Israel was in fact the Germanic, Anglo-Saxon and Celtic peoples.

With the imminent Second Coming of Christ, Israel will come to a true regeneration, will be filled with the Holy Spirit and with Jesus the Messiah as their King, they will lead the world back to a state of perfect harmony with God.

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