

# Word of Prophecy Fellowship



## THE GOOD NEWS - LETTER

### WORLD WAR III-ARMAGEDDON

#### Part 2

#### DEFINITIVE DETAIL

The book of Revelation presents a definitive detail of the Old Testament prophecy of Zechariah concerning the great battle of Armageddon (Zechariah 12:8-11, 14:4). Jesus Christ gave this revelation to the Apostle John, as declared in Revelation 1:3: "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John." John was the youngest of the disciples, the one who leaned on Jesus' breast at the last supper, and he was the only one of the apostles that did not die a martyr. At the time he wrote the book of Revelation he was living in exile on the Mediterranean island of Patmos, sentenced by the Roman government to die there of starvation. But God miraculously preserved him, and John was eventually able to return to Ephesus, where Paul's protégé Timothy was the pastor, bringing that book of Revelation with him.

#### REMEMBER

John had to suffer some terrible ordeals for the Word of God, but he patiently endured so that he could bequeath to us the prophecies of this wonderful book. We must remember these prophetic warnings from God which pertain to this time in which we live, and diligently teach them to our family members, because

God has warned us that the things that are written in this book *will come to pass!* "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; **for the time is at hand.**" (Revelation 1:3).

#### GOD'S WORD

I thank God that he warned me to start memorizing the scriptures when I was young, so that I would be able to teach and preach these things here in these end-time days. During the second World War I memorized much of the Bible while enlisted in the Army. I carried two Bibles, one in each fatigue jacket pocket, and I took them with me everywhere! As a result I was belittled, kicked, cussed at and subjected to every other kind of ridicule, but that did not stop me. I studied and memorized those scriptures by God's direction—and now I know the Bible better than a lawyer knows his law books! Most preachers do not even know what is in the Bible; there are many things they cannot see, or do not believe, or do not understand. But I pray that God will open your eyes as I teach you the rest of this story, which has been detailed and chronicled in plain English so that we can understand what is going to happen to us in the near future.

## CLIMACTIC EVENTS

We have already seen how the prophecies of the scripture foretell the coming of a third World War (see *Part 1 of this message*) which culminates in the mighty confrontation of the Battle of Armageddon. This sequence of climactic events begins with the invasion of Israel by Russia and her allies, where the powers of the former Communist Block nations will be broken (many of those countries are still just as communist as they were when the Soviet Union was in power—Tito, Stalin, and many other communist dictators have died or been killed, but that communism that was engraved into the hearts and souls of the people still survives). In response to that invasion, God Himself will defend Israel: “And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face... Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee...” (Ezekiel 38:18, 39:1-4). Only one-sixth of that invading coalition will survive destruction from God Almighty! And it is at this point in time that a charismatic leader called *the antichrist* will begin to arise out of central Europe.

## THE ANTICHRIST

In his ascent to world domination, antichrist will first take control of the common market nations, and then move forward to initiate the involvement of all other nations into his political, economic, religious and military plans. Antichrist himself will not personally rule America, Russia, or China, but he will rule directly and indirectly through surrogates who will enforce his authority “**over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**” (Revelation 13:7). Ten kings will also rise to power, who will fully yield their authority to

the antichrist (Revelation 17:12-13): “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast [*the antichrist*]. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.”

## A MIGHTY ARMY

Antichrist then proceeds to mobilize the world’s mightiest army to further advance his quest for global power. He will dominate all the nations around the Mediterranean Sea until his suzerainty is recognized worldwide, and all kings and nations have submitted to his economic program and to the World Church which he will establish through his false prophet. World leaders will all bow to the antichrist’s inexorable military might! For the first 3½ years of his rise to power, the whole world is going to accept him; but what changes things is when he begins to use his multinational military force to suppress the Jews.

## OPPRESSION

The Jews have had many great oppressors—Joseph Stalin and Adolf Hitler slaughtered them by the millions—but there is yet one more oppressor coming who will make Stalin and Hitler look like Sunday School boys, and that is the antichrist. He will initially gain Israel’s confidence by entering into a 7-year covenant with them, but in the middle of that 7-year period he will break his covenant and put his own image in the Jews’ temple, demanding the entire world to worship his image and to take a mark in their right hand or in their forehead or they will not be able to buy or sell. “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” (Revelation 13:11-15). This is when the Jews will recognize the antichrist as the surrogate of the devil himself, “who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; **so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**” (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

Antichrist will then reinstitute the terrible oppressive regimen of the god-emperors of the old Roman Empire, and like one of the Caesars he will sit on his throne as God Almighty, so that the entire world will worship him, with the exception of a few—God’s holy remnant—who resist him under threat of death or torture.

## CONFRONTATION

The book of Daniel reveals how World War III continues to build up into a mighty confrontation among all nations. In Daniel 11:40-44, the antichrist hears tidings of an uprising in his kingdom to the south, and rushes with fury to subdue it. Then, he hears tidings out of the east and out of the north that trouble him: “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown...he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: *therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.*”

## NATIONS BROKEN

As the day of that confrontation finally arrives, God musters all the nations and brings them to this last great, bloody conflict where the power of the nations will be broken at the return of Christ upon the Mount of Olives (*see Part 1 of this message*). And when it is all over, Jesus Christ will set up his kingdom and cause them to disarm. *This event will be the mightiest disarmament conference in the history of the world*, as kings come and throw their swords down at Christ’s feet! “And he [*Christ*] shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” (Micah 4:3). Jesus will order them

to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

## NO NUCLEAR BLAST

Do not worry, beloved, and do not let your dreams be turned into nightmares because of those who preach that a nuclear holocaust is imminent. Self-appointed ‘Doomsday’ prophets everywhere are crying, “Look out, Russia is going to nuke Philadelphia, New York, and other parts of America.” *No, they are not!* God is restraining them, because we could not live with a nuclear holocaust. And when the battle of Armageddon does finally take place, that devastating crucible of destruction will not be America, but Israel—in that valley of Megiddo, the “valley of Jehoshaphat” as prophesied in Joel 3:2-12: “I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. **Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat...**” It is that great valley—176 miles wide—where the next World War’s ultimate battle will be fought!

## IMMORTALITY

Saints, if we are ready to meet the Lord when he comes, we will have immortal bodies just like he does. Hydrogen bombs will not affect Jesus Christ when he returns in the midst of World War III—and neither will they affect us. We will be able to walk around in the midst of that destruction like the children of Israel did in King Nebuchadnezzar’s fiery furnace: no hurt, no smell of fire, not a hair of your head singed! (Daniel 3:25-27): “Lo, I see four men loose, *walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt*; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God...and the princes, governors, and captains, and the king’s counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.” *Praise God!*

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## ISRAEL SAVED

Jesus Christ is returning to Israel in the midst of World War III *to save the Jewish nation from extinction!* John described Israel's deliverance here in Revelation 19:11-21: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war...and out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations... And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet...And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.." Now if you turn your Bible to Zechariah 13:8-9, you can see the wonderful conclusion of these cataclysmic events: "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land [*i.e., the land of Israel*], saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: **they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people.**" And then the remnant of the Jews will answer the Lord and say, *Yes, and you are our God!* And Israel will be turned back to Jesus Christ in full repentance.

## WARS WILL CEASE

We have something wonderful to look forward to after that terrible holocaust is over, and that is *the*

*end of all wars.* All the nations of the world will never raise a sword against another nation again, as Christ rules this world in peace for a thousand years. But before that day arrives you can expect to see conflict continue to rage around the Middle East and throughout the world—until that final culmination arises at the battle of Armageddon. That is the conclusive battle, and there war ceases. Praise God! Let us pray.

*Father, thank you for the revelation of the Holy Scriptures. The Bible calls them a light to our path and a lamp to our feet, and I believe they are! I believe we can see out into the stygian darkness, beyond what our eyes can see, through the spiritual content of this great book by the holy prophets, by the apostles of Jesus Christ, and by Jesus Christ himself. We have the records and I thank you for it. They have been preserved by great men like Martin Luther, who was willing to give his life, and jeopardize his life to preserve this old Book in its present form; and I thank you, Father, for others that have hazarded their lives to give us the true light that shines and pierces out into the darkness of our uncertain future. May it stir our hearts so that we will be more zealous to listen to you, and to prepare for these things that are coming, so that we might live, and not die. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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