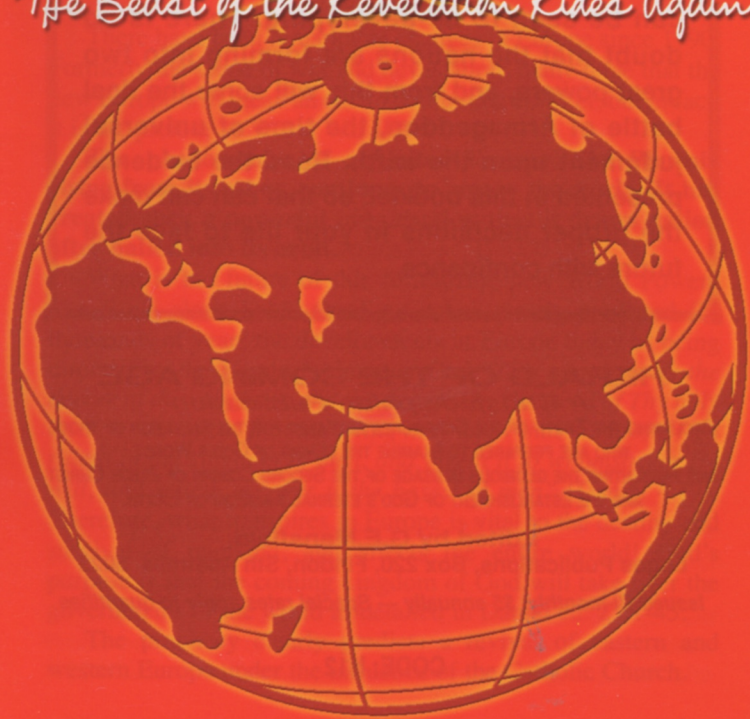


# Europe United and Russia Victorious

*The Beast of the Revelation Rides Again*



**T**HE dramatic events occurring in the world today draw attention to the outworking of the divine plan of Salvation. The Bible contains some remarkable prophecies that show the development of history before it occurred, and which lay the basis for the way in which Almighty God is manipulating the nations in accordance with His predetermined plan. As the events in Europe and Russia develop, and these two mighty powers become even more closely linked, the purpose of God can be seen to be developing. There is no doubt that the nations are forming into two great powers, and from this will come the final battle of Armageddon, the time of universal judgment upon the earth. Read the evidence presented in this booklet, so that you can make the proper decisions in your life to face the future with confidence.

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## The Beast of the Revelation Rides Again

### Introduction

There have been remarkable changes in Europe since 1990. Formerly the scene of war and devastation, many hope that the new Europe will mean an end to continuing conflict, but in fact, it is the prelude to World War III!

**The phenomenon of a United Europe, like Phoenix rising from its ashes, continues to amaze the world. It has created such a powerful organisation that it draws nation after nation into its orbit.**

What is the future of this formidable new World Power? The Bible alone holds *the Key*: it has clearly predicted for thousands of years the developments in Europe today as being directed by the Hand of Almighty God *"This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of Thy holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men"* (Daniel 4:17). Therefore, what transpires in Europe is vital to the destiny and survival of mankind, and affects the entire world! God's purpose is that the coming kingdom of God will take over the governments of the world as detailed in Daniel ch. 2:31-45.

The prophecy clearly predicts a revival of eastern and western Europe under the influence of the Catholic Church.

### God's view of human government

When God's people, Israel, were taken captive by the great empire of Babylon (BC600), He gave the prophet Daniel an understanding of dreams and visions that outlined the struggle between God's rule and human rule down the centuries. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had a dream of a mighty warrior image which worried him. The dream depicted four great empires which would successively rule over the Middle East and God's people as world empires, until eventually these powers will finally be overthrown, and replaced by the rule of the Kingdom of God.

Daniel 2:31-45 outlines the dream and records the interpretation of God's prophet. At this stage we are concerned only with the fourth division, the Roman aspect: *"This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay."*

### The Might of Rome

The Roman empire extended across Euro-Asia and became so unmanageable, that in AD324, Emperor Constantine decided to build a new imperial capital on the Bosphorus and called the city after himself, *Constantinople*. It was referred to quite frequently as "the NEW ROME."

In Daniel chapter 2, the Western and Eastern sections of the Empire are clearly identified by the two legs of iron. The Bishop of Rome stepped into the power vacuum in the West, caused by the transfer of government to Constantinople. He sought to increase his influence and power so that when Constantine moved east he presented the Bishop of Rome with the effects of the old Roman Empire (the Lateran Palace, and the throne of the Roman Caesars, to name but a few). Constantine also gifted pagan temples to the churches as part of the christianisation of the Roman Empire. The grand temples were quite different from the simple remembrance ceremony originally inaugurated by Christ, who, seated at a meal table in





a humble upper room in Jerusalem, commanded his disciples to eat bread and drink wine in commemoration of his redemptive work (Luke 22:15-20). The lavish temples and basilicas caused a separation between clergy and laity and contributed to the development of a hierarchy of rule and despotism patterned on the Roman Empire itself. The church became a shadow organization of Rome in both structure and operation.

Before long, the Bishop was asserting his title over surrounding lands. When he had political trouble, he looked to a champion in the West to defend his interests, finding it initially in Pepin of France, and later Pepin's son, Charlemagne. Charlemagne was so effective that the Pope crowned him *Emperor of the West* in the year AD800. It was a clever move, because it also made the Pope 'king-maker,' a role he was to defend vigorously. Charlemagne

had an impressive personality and vigorously carried on the rule of the Carolingian kings in France. His conquests throughout central Europe where people were often scattered throughout small, isolated settlements, brought them under one political rule, for, as champion of the Pope, Charlemagne subjected all his subjects to the Catholic faith.

### **God Speaks in Vision**

God gave a vision to Daniel, which revealed His view of these successive kingdoms. He depicted them as animals (Daniel 7). Why?



*Charlemagne, King of the Franks and Holy Roman Emperor (742-814).*

*Carolingian bronze equestrian statue, c870 kept at Metz cathedral.*

*Note that his toga represents him as a Roman Caesar, for he normally dressed in the French style. The stirrup had only been recently invented and this contributed to the success of Charlemagne's cavalry.*

God made man and woman in "*His image and likeness*" (Genesis 1:26). The word "image" relates to a physical appearance, whilst "likeness" describes a moral capacity. God has created man and woman with the capacity to be like Him in how they behave. But when humans follow their own self will and instinct, God regards them as lacking in moral sensibility. Hence they portray the characteristics of animals more than of humans. "*A man who is in honour, yet does not understand [God] is like the beasts that perish*" (NKJ, Psalm 49:20).

The fourth beast described in Daniel chapter 7, portrays the fourth empire (Roman), as a terrible, rapacious and destructive beast, in appearance a combination of the previous three beasts, so that it could not be clearly identified with any one animal: "*I would know the truth of the fourth beast which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron and his nails of brass, which devoured, brake in pieces and stamped the residue with his feet*" (Daniel 7:19). Verse 20 then describes a series of horns (representing the power of the animal) which arose from this beast, and a little horn which "*made war with the saints and prevailed against them... He shall speak words against the most High... and think to change times and laws*" (verses 21, 25). Daniel chapter 7 concentrates on this little horn, which becomes the main feature of the animal. This beast is described as having a little horn with "eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things" (verse 8).

This fourth beast is mentioned by the Lord Jesus Christ in the book of Revelation, chs. 13 and 17. In his outline of world history from the destruction of the Jewish State in AD70 to his return in our days (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21), he directed his disciples to the importance of the prophecies of Daniel (Matthew 24:15), as the basis of interpretation for his prophecy, and to those of the Revelation, given later to the apostle John.

In Revelation chapter 13, three beasts are mentioned. The latter two are really the same beast at different stages, and careful reading shows that all the characteristics of Daniel's fourth beast are seen here in the Beast of the Sea, speaking great

things (blasphemies) and persecuting God's saints (Revelation 13:5-7).

This "beast of the sea" (Rome ruling over the nations in the Mediterranean area), is given power and authority by a dragon power (vv. 1-2, which represents the military rule of the Eastern Catholic Emperors established in Constantinople), providing increasing support to both the emperors of the west, and the Roman bishop — later the Pope of Rome.

The "beast of the earth" (v. 11; the Holy Roman Empire which spread throughout Europe) is the next stage of the same beast. The tribes of central and northern Europe were brought under the dominion of Charlemagne and the Pope, and formed the Holy Roman Empire — the "two horns of the beast" represented the power of both Emperor and Pope. It had a lamb-like appearance, a religious veneer (compare Matthew 7:15), equating to the Holy Roman Empire and caused all to worship the first beast (the Papacy) upon pain of death.

The first Emperor, Charlemagne, was French, but some 100 years later, the power base moved to Germany. The strength of the empire waxed and waned over the years, but was more or less successively dominated by Pope and Emperor. The Pope remained the kingmaker, and was not backward in punishing rulers who did not recognise his power. The church held the reins of knowledge and education within their control, so that it was almost impossible for people to read and understand the Bible for themselves.



**THE BYZANTIUM  
THRONE OF WHITE  
IVORY.** Taken by  
*Sophia, the Byzantine  
princess, to her  
husband, the first Tsar  
of Russia on which all  
the Russian Emperors  
were crowned. Thus  
Russia sees itself as a  
continuation of the  
eastern Roman Empire.  
Note the double headed  
eagle on the back of the  
throne.*



### THE FIRST ST PETERS CATHEDRAL

*Interior of the basilica of the first St. Peters in Rome which was built by Constantine in the style of the pagan temples. Such buildings were quite alien to the simple services which characterised the practice of early believers. In the foreground the cephigna, an ancient bronze piece in the form of a fir-cone.*

### Eastern Rome

Meanwhile the Eastern Roman Empire (equating to the second leg of Daniel's image) continued, with Constantinople (Byzantium) as its illustrious capital. Though essentially Roman in character, Byzantium broke with the Roman Catholic Church over the issue of Papal authority, and became known as the Orthodox Church.

When Constantinople fell in 1453 to the Muslims, it brought about a huge shift in power. The legal succession of the Eastern Empire and the Orthodox Church went to Moscow, known as "the third Rome." The last emperor had no direct heirs, but his niece, Sophia, was taken into asylum by the Vatican and eventually offered the choice of two marriages. She chose to marry the rising leader in Russia, Ivan (the first Tsar), who had recently combined a number of tribal groups under his rule. With her, the bride took some of the regalia from

the Emperor's palace in Constantinople, including the beautiful ivory throne, displaying the symbol of the double headed eagle.

### Russia Keen to Reassume Eastern Rome's Authority

This emblem was adopted by Russia and is a statement of her ambition. In 1993, with the collapse of Communism, Russia reinstated the Tsarist emblem, thereby reforging the ancient links with Constantinople and the Roman Empire.

### The Developing Power of Germany

The Germany we know today did not exist until 1871. Formerly, the Germanic area was organised in small separate states. By the mid 18th century, Prussia in the north on the shores of the Baltic, had developed into a great European power and 100 years later defeated Austria and Denmark to become

the dominant German power. The German Empire was proclaimed in 1871 (commonly called *The Reich*). This empire collapsed with the end of World War I, and conditions economically and politically were such that Germany launched a further European war, by which means Hitler hoped to extend his Third Reich to dominate all of Europe.

At the end of World War II, much of Europe lay in ruins and the realisation grew that there was a need to create conditions to bring the warring nations into some system of peaceful co-operation. After three wars, all spearheaded by Germany, there was a resolve to not merely avoid war, but somehow "bind" Germany into the structure of Europe. Only by doing this, could Europe again assert her strength and influence in the world. The formation of the European Coal and Steel Community (1952) was the first move in this direction.

What would be the pattern of the new Europe? The ancient foundations provided the answer — the structure of the old Roman Empire, and the later Holy Roman Empire provided the shadow for the phoenix to rise from the ashes of ruin. This is well recognised by historians.

Collins World History (1973) says: *"The Holy Roman Empire was founded on the achievements of Charlemagne and continued, at least as a title, for a thousand years until the days of Napoleon. The idea of a united Europe, governed as one community and completely devoted to the Christian [Catholic] faith, still lives on as an ideal. The European Common Market owes*



**CHARLEMAGNE  
STATUE**

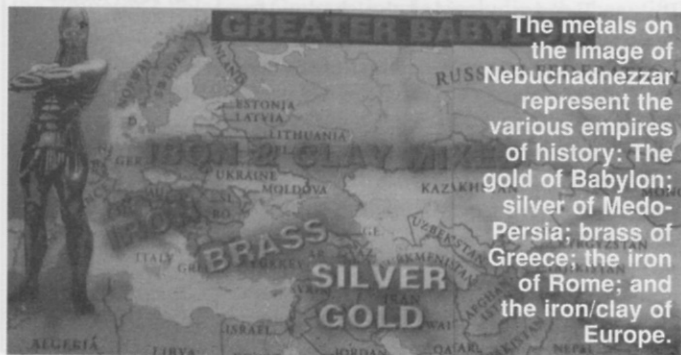
*Statue at Church of St Jean Mustair. Constantine was the founder of this church. The artist represented Charlemagne as successor of the Roman emperors. "The ceremonial dress and serene expression conforms to the idea of a revival and continuation of the Roman Empire, in which Charlemagne firmly believed."*

*something to this traditional dream."*

The European Economic Community [EEC] was formed when the Treaty of Rome was signed early in 1957 by the six member countries, and the ministers met with the Pope before the signing. Since then, the EEC has developed so that now there are a number of councils, and over them all, the European Parliament. There are plans for full unity within a few years, and speculation about a President, a "modern Charlemagne."

The memory of Charlemagne is kept alive with "the Charlemagne Prize," and to mark its 50th anniversary, the award was presented to USA President Bill Clinton to honour his contribution to European unity. The award was made despite trans-Atlantic relations deteriorating in the face of the new European rapid reaction force (EU army), which threatened the existence of NATO. Further the award gives legitimacy to the new Europe, and reminds people of the ancient attachment between government and religion, Emperor and Pope.

Daniel's fourth beast appears again in Revelation chapter 17, ridden by a woman. This time, the beast is not a persecuting power — because its political power was taken from it. The Pope lost his political power in 1866 with the fall of the Papal states in Italy, and finally in 1870, when the forces of Garibaldi



entered Rome to unify all Italy.

The beast of Revelation 17 is a powerful influence, or in the terms of verse 2, "*has made the inhabitants of the earth drunk with the wine of her illicit alliances.*" So this apostate religious woman, who once formed the bride of Christ (2Corinthians 11:3), became active in the political arena and advanced the cause of the church. Though the Papacy no longer exercises political power in its own right, its influence and intrigue continues. The agreement of 1933 (Concordat) between Hitler and the Vatican effectively disempowered the Catholic political party of Germany and enabled Hitler to come to office. A Catholic organisation called *Opus Dei* founded in the twentieth century, works behind the scenes to further the church's objectives.

#### **Germany Reunited**

A truly historic and most significant event occurred in October 1989.

The iron curtain of the Berlin wall came down, torn apart by the hands of the people. The easing back of the heavy hand of communist Russia paved the way for German unification. A number of men had a hand in this process. Two months before, in August, Count (Dr) Otto von Habsburgh (the "pretender" to the title of Holy Roman Emperor), and a lifelong promoter of European unity, hosted a Pan Europa Union picnic at the Austrian-Hungarian border. This event precipitated the first crossings in defiance of the Soviet-backed border forces. The biographical comment is "He is widely regarded as a major influence in the fall of the Iron Curtain."

The following year, Germany was reunited, and the West Germans embraced the onerous task of bringing East Germany up to parity, politically, economically and ecologically. The closure of polluting factories brought massive unemployment, and the tax rate increased to 56% to pay for the many reforms.

Travelling through Germany today, one marvels at the clean cities, the modern roads, the refurbished and new buildings, the farms which are growing and harvesting crops. Berlin is being rebuilt as the new capital of reunited Germany, and the newly



expanded and redesigned Reichstag is wryly referred to as “the fourth Reich.”

However some discerning news commentators viewed these developments critically as based upon the experiences of history — recognising that a united Germany had never been good for anyone. The French Interior Minister commented (May 2000) “Germany is still dreaming of the German Holy Roman Empire. It has not yet healed from the historical accident of Nazism.” His words were vindicated in June 2000, when the German government was granted the formal status of being first among equals in EU deliberations. Six months later, in December, Germany, at the European Summit at Nice, achieved her aims of dominance in Europe, arguing on the basis of her larger population. Chirac of France, and

Schroeder of Germany, had a row about it over dinner, but it was an accomplished fact.

### **Increasing Co-operation of Russia and Germany**

1989 was an amazing year. The Berlin wall came down, and then Russian President Gorbachev visited the Vatican. As usual, the Pope had been dabbling in politics. A popular news mazine reported that previously the US president and the Pope had “conspired to assist Poland’s solidarity movement and hasten the demise of communism.” It is a well-known fact that history’s first Polish Pope promoted the unification of all of Europe, east and west, so healing the division between the two churches: Roman Catholic, and Orthodox, and therefore the Eastern Orthodox Church has to accept the Pope as the head of the united church.

The prophecy in Daniel chapter 2, which clearly portrays the western and eastern divisions of the Roman empire, depicts a time when the great image empire will be formed with all its constituent parts, and have the power to stand — to exist



together as a political group. The key is provided in Daniel 2:35 which predicts that all the parts of the image will be "*broken in pieces together*" preparatory to the arrival of the stone-power, which will "smite the image and become a great mountain and fill the whole earth."

For the first time in history, Germany and Russia appear to be working more closely together, economically by supplying fuel to Germany, and militarily by mutual agreement to shut down some nuclear plants withing the next decade.

#### **New EU Military Force**

But where does NATO stand in the current situation, with Europe nicely working together? In fact, with the advent of the new Euro currency, it was announced that a military force was needed to protect it. So one is being developed, referred to as the European rapid reaction force, which may well do what any normal army will do, and enforce its power. Earlier in 2001, it was announced that this military force would be operational by the year 2003, with the new general appointed — a German! Both America and Britain are aggrieved about the plans, and see it as a side-swiping of NATO.

#### **Russia Regroups, Ready to Join Europe**

Russia is clearly identified in Ezekiel chapter 38, where the word "chief" is used as a proper noun, sometimes appearing as the Hebrew word, "Rosh." Verse 2 reads: "*Set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog...*" Magog is the Germanic area of central Europe. "*the prince of Rosh (Russia), Meshech (Moscow) and Tubal (Tobolski, Siberia)...*"

Prophecy is clear: Russia and Germany will work together, by whatever means — peacefully or by a Russian takeover of Germany, that only the near future will reveal. Other countries will be confederate with them, and form an alliance for a great military invasion into the Middle East. These countries are named in Ezekiel 38:5-6. They generally occupy the areas depicted by the four great empires shown in the Image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Daniel 2). The time period of the invasion is given. It must take place when the people of Israel have been regathered to their own land (Ezekiel 38:8). Verse 11

records the policy of this northern Gog-power: *"I will go up to the land of unwallled villages."* Unwallled villages are unique, characteristic to Israel, describing a nation based on rural settlements. The returning Jews were settled on the basis of *kibbutzim*, rural villages. Verse 12 describes them as having wealth and dwelling in the midst of the Land. Only this past decade has Israel reached a remarkable stage of economic wealth, and is one of the trading successes of the world, particularly in technology.

#### **Israel Regathered after 2000 Years**

The regathering of Israel is a remarkable event. In AD70, forty years after Jesus' death and resurrection, Jerusalem fell to Rome, as he forecast it would. The Lord Jesus prophesied *"for there shall be great distress in the land, and anger upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword and shall be led away captive into all nations and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled"* (Luke 21:24).

Since that time, Jews have been without a homeland, and often persecuted and ill treated wherever they went. Then remarkably, they began to return (refer to our booklet, *Israel's Revival*, obtainable from the address on the back cover, for full details).

Ezekiel 37:21-22 clearly gives us the process of Israel's return.

- **Regathering** – World War I and the collapse of the Turkish Ottoman Empire enabled Jews to return to their homeland.

- **Nationhood** – Israel was declared a nation in 1948 after the United Nations vote of November 1947 to partition the Land.

- **Monarchy** – Israel's King will reign. Jesus Christ will return and restore the Kingdom of God.

#### **The States of Europe Give their Power to the Beast**

The nations of Europe have been in a constant state of flux and war throughout history. Each group of people is fiercely independent and proud of their culture and heritage. Different groups have been dominated by at least four major religions.

How then could Europe ever think of being truly united, on a voluntary basis? It has seemed an impossible task.

In the time of the pagan Roman Empire, Europe was depicted as a woman riding upon a bull. It was a symbol adopted from Greek mythology of Zeus transformed into a white bull, who swam the Mediterranean, and abducted a Phoenician princess and took her back to Europe. Her name was "Europa." There are many mosaics, carvings and statues of this depiction, and today, a sculpture of Europa and Zeus (also known as Jupiter) is in the private salon of the President of the European Parliament in Brussels.

As this symbol is used by the apostle John in the book of Revelation to represent Europe, it was well recognised in the first century. Later it was again neglected because Europe had been largely divided. Now, with Europe uniting in a political way, the ancient symbol has been resurrected to reinforce the link with the past.

Revelation 17 clearly depicts the manner in which Europe would be united. As in the past it was united by a conqueror, today it is being united by agreement. The Bible clearly shows that this would occur. In verse 17, it depicts the nations being willing to *"agree and give their kingdom unto the beast..."* Verse 13 shows that *"these have one mind and shall give their power and strength unto the beast..."*

The Beast-states of Europe are voluntarily giving up their sovereignties for the formation of this great international Euro-system, symbolised by the Beast of verse 3.

#### **Bible Prophecy Shows What will Soon Occur**

The Bible describes the impending battle of Armageddon to occur when the powers of East and Western Europe invade the Middle East. This will be the fourth European invasion of the Middle East, which was formerly invaded by the Greeks, Romans and the Crusaders. *"Yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him,"* declared Daniel the prophet of this power which will ultimately be destroyed by Christ (Daniel 12:45).

#### **A Power to Challenge the World**

The new European Superstate will be a power with which to

reckon. The European Court of Justice ruled in March 2001 that the European Union can lawfully suppress political criticism of its institutions and of leading figures, sweeping aside English Common Law and fifty years of European precedents on civil liberties. EU law takes precedence over UK national law, which is one reason why Britain is balking about taking on full membership, or of removing her currency in favour of the Euro currency.

Revelation 17:13 declares that the powers of Europe (represented as the horns on the Beast) will *"make war with the Lamb and the Lamb shall overcome them."* The Lamb is the Lord Jesus Christ who is to return from heaven (Acts 1:11) in order to set up his government in Mt Zion, which is Jerusalem, (Revelation 14:1), and to reign over all the earth (Zechariah 14:9). The Catholic powers of Europe will object to Christ's rule and challenge him. They will claim that he is "antiChrist." In fact, the Catholic Church and many pentecostal churches today believe that "antiChrist" is a future leader to be manifested in Jerusalem, and who will attempt to take control of all nations of the world. Because their own future will be in danger, they will attempt to deal with anyone who threatens their position of power, like the political rulers during the first advent of Christ, over 2,000 years ago.

#### **Jerusalem to be the Focus of Contention**

The Bible has foretold that Jerusalem will be the location of this confrontation with all nations. *"I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about,"* declares Almighty God, *"when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people... Though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it"* (Zechariah 12:2-3). The Catholic Church has always looked upon Jerusalem with covetous eyes, and took possession of it during the Crusades. Its so-called "holy sites" are controlled with a jealousy that brooks no threat.

#### **Christ Intervenes**

When Jerusalem's survival is threatened, then the "Lord

*shall go forth and fight against those nations"* (Zechariah 14:3-4). Christ will assume dominion and power, for the Bible states that *"the Lord shall be king over all the earth"* (verse 9) and set up his government based on divine laws. These laws will engender trust in an all-wise Sovereign Lord who will be both righteous and just, and provide people with motivation and purpose.

Psalm 72:2, 4 declares that *"he shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor."* Thus Jerusalem will become the international centre of government and worship.

Isaiah 2:2-4 adds this testimony: *"It shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."*

Zechariah 14:16 speaks of annual pilgrimages and times of worship: *"It shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of host, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."* The Lord will not tolerate any opposition, religiously or politically (verses 17-19).

#### **Christ as King of the World**

Christ will take over the governments of this world (Revelation 11:15), and exercise his rule "unto the ends of the earth" (Psalm 72:8) so that "all nations shall call him blessed" (Psalm 72:17) as they come to appreciate his divine wisdom and merciful goodness. It will be a new world order, quite

different from anything experienced under the control and demands of men. For 6,000 years, man has dominated God's creation, and He has permitted this for His program of redeeming those who are prepared to submit to His will. So, God is at present *"calling out of the nations a people for His name"* (Acts 15:14). Those who live in hope of the coming kingdom of God on earth, find a happiness and contentment in so doing, that is not otherwise possible.

When Christ returns from heaven, he will gather together his faithful believers and grant them immortality, changing the nature we presently endure, into the glorious power of divine nature (see 1 Peter 2:4), and a position of glory in the grand kingdom of God on earth.

Today God seeks for people who will read His Word, and think about His overshadowing goodness. It is of no value knowing what is about to occur, if they are not prepared to do something about it. The Bible brings a message of salvation to men and women who desire to seek the salvation that is offered. Will you answer His gracious invitation to come to know Him, and prepare yourself for this great time ahead. Then no longer will bombs shatter the lives of individuals; terrorism will no longer bring fear and dread; unwise policies will not distress society with the inequities of government.

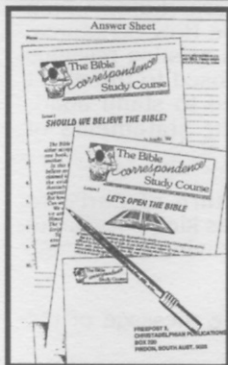
This is the grand purpose of Almighty God. Your opportunity to share in its glory is limited by time and your response. Jesus Christ is about to return from heaven (Acts 1:11). When that time arrives, opportunities will have closed. Act now, and seek the way of personal salvation, for therein only is to be found a time of personal peace and contentment, in a world of fear and terror.

— B. Edwards.

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