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Greetings brethren and co-workers in Christ,

You need to watch Jerusalem as never before. We are going to see one half of that city fall very soon. IT COULD HAPPEN THIS YEAR—2006!

Zechariah 14 contains an end-time prophecy about half of Jerusalem falling to the enemy. When half of Jerusalem falls, it starts a chain reaction of events—an avalanche of crises—that leads directly to Christ's Second Coming!

If we don't have our focus on that Second Coming, we will be shaken by the many severe catastrophes. That means we will become victims—not protected by God. However, God promises to protect those who remain faithful and are found doing His Work. Shortly after that, these loyal servants will be made rulers over the universe (Matthew 24:44-47). That's more than just a fringe benefit!

Did you know that much of the world is even now discussing how the Jews must give up East Jerusalem to the Palestinians? The United Nations, America, Europe, the Palestinians and even the Middle East Jews themselves are discussing how they must surrender East Jerusalem!

So what does that mean? It means that THE PROPHECY IN ZECHARIAH IS NOW IN THE EARLY STAGES OF BEING FULFILLED, even though the world doesn't know it!

This is only the first stage of Jerusalem's total destruction. And as Jerusalem falls, so collapses America and Britain at the same time (Hosea 5:5)—unless they repent. (That is thoroughly explained in our free booklet on Hosea.)

In these modern times, the Jews are called Israel. But they are only one of 13 biblical nations of Israel today. Three of them will fall in the Great Tribulation: America, Britain and the Middle East Jews (or biblical Judah—*Jew* is a just a shortened version of Judah). The first two are the birthright nations. The Jews received the scepter promise and sit upon the throne of David—the same throne Queen Elizabeth sits on today. (That is explained in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

Jerusalem was the ancient capital of all Israel. So much of the time when Jerusalem is mentioned in prophecy it refers to the three nations just discussed. This city is a *type* of the nations of Israel today—but primarily those three powerful nations in this end time.

Therefore, as Jerusalem goes, so goes America and Britain (including the British Commonwealth nations like Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa). Jerusalem is like the *thermometer* in those three nations today. These nations are punished by God in the Great Tribulation. Next comes the Day of the Lord and Christ's Second Coming. Events are now unfolding in Jerusalem that lead step by step to the return of Christ.

So watch Jerusalem!

What electrifying and exciting times we live in!

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city" (Zechariah 14:2). Note the big *overview* Zechariah gives us. There are three phases to this crisis. Zechariah starts at the Second Coming of Christ, the third phase, and works his way back.

The verse starts with Christ conquering the European and Asian powers. Then there is a *semicolon*, which means all these events in verse 2 are *linked and closely associated*.

The first semicolon introduces the second phase of this violent time. The city shall be taken, houses rifled and women ravished. This is when the king of the north (Europe) conquers the whole city of Jerusalem (also America and Britain), shortly *after* he conquers the king of the south.

Then there is another semicolon. This is the first phase when half of Jerusalem goes into captivity—suggesting some violence in the process. (This sequence of events is explained in our booklet *The History and*

Prophecy of the Middle East.) THIS FIRST PHASE COULD HAPPEN ANY TIME. The Palestinians backed by Iran will almost certainly do this violent deed.

So why are these three events *linked and so closely associated*? I believe there is only one logical answer. The falling of half of Jerusalem triggers a violent and massive chain reaction that leads to Christ's Second Coming.

The Palestinians will take half of Jerusalem. They say even now that they must have East Jerusalem *and the Temple Mount*. If they were to take the Temple Mount, you could see a strong link to more war. The Temple Mount is holy to three great religions: Judaism, Islam and Christianity. It is the Jews' holiest site. The Arabs consider it their second or third holiest site. Christians put more emphasis on the whole city, especially the Roman Catholics. (Remember the Crusades?)

The Palestinians could—and, I believe, will—conquer the Temple Mount and refuse access to anybody else. This would certainly unite Europe and the Middle East Jews against the Palestinians. This would also intensify the “push” by the king of the south against Europe (Daniel 11:40). It could in itself provoke Europe to attack and conquer radical Islam. Europe would then control much of the Jerusalem area. Then they will quickly double cross and conquer the Middle East Jews, America and Britain at the same time.

This would then alarm the Asian powers and cause them to think they would be Europe's next victim. So the Russians and Chinese will unite and plan an attack against Europe (Daniel 11:44-45). At that point, Christ gathers the armies of both these powers in Megiddo (Armageddon) and leads them down to Jerusalem, where He will conquer them and set up the Kingdom of God.

So you can see how all of this is *linked*. The *trigger* to all of it is the fall of half of Jerusalem. Then begins a step-by-step series of crises that leads to Christ's electrifying return to this Earth.

You urgently need to see where these events are headed.

East Jerusalem is comprised mostly of Palestinians. They are absolutely committed to getting Jerusalem, with the Temple Mount, as their capital.

Israel was established as a nation in 1948. This, too, was powerful Bible prophecy being fulfilled. The Jews are prophesied to *lose* Jerusalem and the rest of their land in the latter days. How could that happen if they weren't first given that land from the great God? Any Bible scholar should be able to see that.

If the Jews would submit to this omnipotent, prophecy-fulfilling God, they would *not* lose their land. They know about these prophecies but refuse to heed God's warning.

Most of the world was sympathetic to the Jews after their Holocaust in World War II. Hitler exterminated 6 million Jews in Europe. His goal was to exterminate all European Jews. Many leaders in the world believed the Jews needed their own homeland and helped them to settle where they are today.

At that time, the Jews only controlled half of Jerusalem. But in 1967, there was a war between the Arabs and the Jews. The Jews were victorious and gained control of all Jerusalem.

Bible prophecy shows us that the Jews had to conquer East Jerusalem so they could then lose it back in the Zechariah 14 prophecy! Even the Jews' conquering of East Jerusalem was an astounding fulfillment of Bible prophecy! The Zechariah 14:2 prophecy clearly showed that the Jews had to get control of all Jerusalem between 1948 and Christ's Second Coming! That happened in 1967.

God gave all Jerusalem to the Jews, and because of their sins He is going to give their country over to the enemy. How many fulfilled prophecies and miracles do they have to see before they turn to God?

The Jews are looking to men—not God—to bring them peace. That reality is explained in vivid detail in our booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy*.

Can you and I believe God and all of these spectacular prophecies? CHRIST GAVE ALL JERUSALEM TO THE JEWS SO PROPHECY COULD BE FULFILLED. SO JUST A LITTLE FAITH TELLS US THAT THE PROPHECY ABOUT THE JEWS LOSING HALF OF JERUSALEM WILL ALSO BE FULFILLED, PERHAPS EVEN THIS YEAR.

God's prophetic Word is 100 percent reliable. His reputation is on the line. His Word never fails.

The Palestinians are working hard even now to regain East Jerusalem. They are getting stronger as the Jews get weaker, along with Britain and America (who usually, and inexplicably, pressure the Jews to give in to the Palestinians).

For over 200 years, we have been living in *the times of Israel*. Now we are rapidly moving into the *times of the Gentiles*.

“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). “*Jerusalem shall*

be trodden down” also includes America and Britain. God is now cursing biblical Israel and they are about to go into captivity.

The same is true for most of God’s own Church. “And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months” (Revelation 11:1-2). This is prophecy of what has recently happened in God’s Church. In fact, it too will be taken captive with the nations of Israel.

God gets very specific here, powerfully warning His people that most of them are about to go into the Great Tribulation—the times of the Gentiles. God wants them to know their fate!

You are now seeing spectacular prophecies being fulfilled. America, Britain and Judah are going down like a sinking ship. At the same time, the Gentile powers are rising like a rocket.

We are entering extremely dangerous times. The good times for Israel are fading fast, just as God prophesied. Here is a report from Reuters, Dec. 16, 2005: “Nearly half of Israelis would support giving up parts of Arab East Jerusalem under any eventual peace deal with the Palestinians, a poll published on Friday showed.

“The survey in Yedioth Ahronoth said 49 percent favored giving Palestinians control over largely Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem, which Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East War and annexed in a move not recognized internationally.”

The Jews are going to lose more than just “parts” of East Jerusalem. They want to make a “peace deal,” even though *none* of those peace deals have been honored by the Palestinians!

The Dec. 13, 2005, Jerusalem Newswire by Ryan Jones had this to say (emphasis mine): “However Finance Minister Ehud Olmert, the prime minister’s top deputy and a man known for releasing ‘trial balloons’ regarding future policy, has on more than one occasion stated Israel would eventually have to relinquish the dream of an eternally united Jerusalem under Jewish sovereignty.” That gives you a good idea of where Ariel Sharon would try to take the country if he is reelected!

The article continued, “Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia reminded them Monday they would fail without serious concessions in the holy city.

“There can be no ‘Palestinian’ statehood and therefore no Middle East peace unless the eastern half of Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount, comes under Arab rule, Qureia told a gathering of European representatives.

“The European Union recently clarified its position on Jerusalem in a still-unpublished report slamming Israeli activity and the imposition of Israeli law in the eastern half of the city, where several hundred thousand Jews live in the neighborhoods of Gilo, French Hill, Ramat Eshkol and others. ...

“Many in Israel fear that as the ‘peace’ process progresses, a combination of ‘Palestinian’ intransigence, Western disregard for Israel’s ancient rights, and a headlong rush by leftist leaders such as Peretz and Sharon to conclude a final peace deal at almost any cost MEANS THE DIVISION OF JERUSALEM MAY NOT BE FAR OFF.”

These Jewish fears are well-grounded. But will the Jews *willingly give up the Temple Mount, their holiest site*? I don’t think so. Even though it is considered the Arabs’ second or third holiest site.

So the Temple Mount impasse could be the reason that Palestinians take East Jerusalem by force.

Regardless, half of Jerusalem is going to be lost! I believe that will include the Temple Mount.

You can see why that crisis would bring at least three powers into war, which includes people around the world. It would involve many nations. That is why this event will be such a strong, explosive link all the way to Christ’s Second Coming!

Do you realize how close we are to this emotional and violent explosion in Jerusalem? We are about to see the worst suffering this world has ever experienced.

It is shockingly near.

Thankfully, the best news that men have ever heard is also just around the corner (Zechariah 14:3-4). But before that, we must experience Armageddon.

“And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon” (Revelation 16:16). Here is famous Armageddon in prophecy. To many people, it conjures up pictures of the worst war ever. The only problem is, there is not even one battle there in this prophecy!

Armageddon just means *armed Megiddo*. So what and where is Megiddo? It is a huge plain in the Jewish nation, about 65 to 70 miles north of Jerusalem, ideal for amassing armies. And these armies from Europe and

Asia do gather there to fight, but then they will receive the shock of their lives! THEY WILL SEE SOMETHING THAT CHANGES THEIR ENTIRE GOAL IN THIS WAR: JESUS CHRIST RETURNING TO JERUSALEM. Then these two massive armies, which are about to fight each other, actually join forces and go to Jerusalem to fight Christ!

The whole world could save itself from the worst suffering ever if it would heed Christ's words today.

Iran is the most powerful Muslim nation in the Middle East. This leader of radical Islam is the number-one terrorist-sponsoring nation in the Middle East. Iran is also about to get the nuclear bomb. They can do all this because they are swimming in oil profits.

Here is what Tony Blankley wrote in the *Washington Times* (National Weekly Edition, Dec. 12-18, 2005): "My, how time flies. This week Mohamed El Baradei, the chairman of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), confirmed Israel's assessment to the British liberal newspaper the *Independent*, and stated that if Tehran indeed resumed its uranium enrichment in other plants, as threatened, it will take Iran only 'a few months to produce a nuclear bomb.'

"Keep in mind, Mr. El Baradei is not some wild bomb-thrower (so to speak). He is the same diplomat who the Bush administration recently, and unsuccessfully, tried to block from being reappointed chairman of the IAEA because he was insufficiently assertive and too inclined to understate the danger of nuclear development in Muslim countries."

The Iranian leaders are looking for a war, and they are going to get one—but not the way the world expects.

Here is what Charles Krauthammer wrote in the *Washington Post* (emphasis mine throughout): "To be sure, Holocaust denial and calls for Israel's destruction are commonplace in the Middle East. They can be seen every day on Hezbollah TV, in Syrian media, in Egyptian editorials appearing in semiofficial newspapers. But none of these aspiring mass murderers are on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons that could do in one afternoon what it took Hitler six years to do: destroy an entire Jewish civilization and extinguish 6 million souls.

"Everyone knows where Iran's nuclear weapons will be aimed. Everyone knows they will be put on Shahab rockets, which have been modified so that they can reach Israel. And everyone knows that if the button is ever pushed, it will be the end of Israel.

"But it gets worse. The president of a country about to go nuclear is a confirmed believer in the coming apocalypse. Like Judaism and Christianity, Shiite Islam has its own version of the messianic return—the reappearance of the Twelfth Imam. The more devout believers in Iran pray at the Jamkaran mosque, which houses a well from which, some believe, he will emerge.

"When Ahmadinejad unexpectedly won the presidential elections, he immediately gave \$17 million of government funds to the shrine. Last month AHMADINEJAD SAID PUBLICLY THAT THE MAIN MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION IS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE TWELFTH IMAM.

"And as in some versions of fundamentalist Christianity, the second coming will be accompanied by the usual trials and tribulations, death and destruction. Iranian journalist Hossein Bastani reported Ahmadinejad saying in official meetings that the hidden imam will reappear in two years.

"SO A HOLOCAUST-DENYING, VIRULENTLY ANTI-SEMITIC, ASPIRING GENOCIDIST, ON THE VERGE OF ACQUIRING WEAPONS OF THE APOCALYPSE, BELIEVES THAT THE END IS NOT ONLY NEAR BUT NEARER THAN THE NEXT AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION" (Dec. 16, 2005).

This staggering news ought to galvanize the world into understanding that the evil powers in this world are out of control! They are led by the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4)—not the true God. That means trouble in this world beyond what men can even imagine!

As the Dec. 18, 2005, *Sunday Times* reported, the nuclear clock is at "three minutes to midnight."

Given the seriousness of these events, people ought to get serious about studying God's inspired Bible.

This outstanding journalist sees a lot, but he doesn't understand the Bible. I have already explained how he doesn't understand the word *Armageddon*. But here he also uses another word that he and most of the world don't understand. That is the word *apocalypse*. This is an untranslated Greek word meaning *revelation*. That word also means to *enlighten* or to *give light*. And this world has never been more desperate to comprehend that light! They need to understand the most important prophetic book in the Bible: Revelation. (Request our free booklet *Unveiled at Last: The Royal Book of Revelation and Daniel Unlocks Revelation*.)

God has given this world light, but people keep rejecting it. God continually rains down *revelation* to His faithful Church. The rest of the world is starving—in a condition of spiritual drought.

With a little effort, you can prove this for yourself.

Satan has been cast down to this Earth and is full of wrath as never before (Revelation 12:9, 12). Why? Because he knows his time is short. Demons by the millions are full of their worst wrath and are stirring people into hatred, violence and war! Quite soon, Christ is going to cast those demons into outer darkness. Knowing how short time motivates the devil, and it should motivate us. This world is very close to its death throes!

Just reading Ahmadinejad's remarks ought to make us see that this man is motivated by EXTREMELY DANGEROUS IDEAS that are about to rock this world. He will act on his hate-filled ideas, just as Adolf Hitler did.

Do you think we will have peace in the Middle East? We can be absolutely certain it will not be until Christ gets here. Before the Second Coming, nuclear warfare is going to consume this world! So says your Bible, which is the Word of God. We have all kinds of books and booklets to prove that to you. Study them to fully understand world news and Bible prophecy.

Even the German media and government are incensed by Ahmadinejad's inflammatory statements. Stratfor reported last month: "The German government has called in Iran's top diplomat in Berlin to express Germany's disapproval of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's statements against Israel, German Foreign Minister Frank Walter Steinmeier said December 14. Ahmadinejad has said in recent weeks that ISRAEL SHOULD BE WIPED OFF THE MAP, that Israel should be relocated to Europe or North America and that THE HOLOCAUST WAS A MYTH" (Dec. 14, 2005; emphasis mine).

How out of touch with reality can a man be?

What really stung the German government was just how specific Ahmadinejad was in offering a future location for the Jewish state, "suggesting that if the Europeans really felt that bad for the Jews, that Israel should be picked up and moved to Europe—specifically to Germany and Austria" (Stratfor, Dec. 13, 2005).

It was a deliberate "push," to use Bible language. As Stratfor mused, "That went over in Germany about as well as a lead zeppelin" (ibid.).

With an unsteady coalition government to control, new German Chancellor Angela Merkel doesn't want to rock the boat with any foreign nation and be caught without majority support in this vital policy area. However, the Iranian president has forced the issue with his statements—which appear to be deliberately targeted at provoking a reaction from Germany!

He did not have to wait long for that reaction. Stratfor described Vice Chancellor Müntefering's apparent livid response as "thundering ... that Germany is pulling out the stops in seeking 'political consequences' for Iran in the European Union and at the United Nations" (ibid.).

These remarks have gotten Germany's attention. Ahmadinejad knows that Germany is the leading power in Europe. He also knows that the Roman Catholic Church strongly wants control in Jerusalem—one of Islam's holiest sites. After all, prophecy shows that the pope will move his headquarters there after the king of the north, or the Holy Roman Empire, conquers the king of the south!

This religious zealot, Ahmadinejad, knows about the Crusades of the Catholic Church. He also knows that the Holy Roman Empire has usually been comprised of Germany and the Vatican.

So he is also telling Germany and the Vatican to stay out of the Middle East. This is his hidden message and threat. He believes this area belongs to Islam and nobody else. He is not only threatening to wipe the Jews off the map, but also anybody else who thinks they have some claim on Jerusalem!

I HAVE WRITTEN SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE HOW I BELIEVE THE MAJOR CAUSE OF THESE TWO POWERS CLASHING IS GOING TO BE JERUSALEM! AND I BELIEVE THAT IS WHAT AHMADINEJAD'S EMOTIONAL OUTBURST IS ALL ABOUT. This is really quite simple—it is all leading to the last crusade.

Remember, these two powers have a long history of religious clashes. They are just "doing what comes naturally." At the same time, they are not telling us what they really think.

Here are some comments from *Deutsche Welle*, Dec. 15, 2005: "ALARMED THAT AHMADINEJAD COULD BE LIGHTING A MATCH IN THE MIDDLE EAST POWDER KEG, another Berlin paper, the *Taz*, said there are two reasons to take Ahmadinejad seriously. 'First, HIS WORDS ARE FALLING ON FERTILE GROUND IN THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES AND ADDING FUEL TO THE HATRED OF THE WEST AND ISRAEL,' the paper editorialized. ...

"A different tack was taken by *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. The Munich daily remarked that Ahmadinejad's 'CONTINUED PROVOCATIONS SCREAM FOR A RESPONSE,' and pondered how the West should react. EUROPEAN LEADERS HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR CONFRONTATION, the paper wrote, and 'make it clear to Ahmadinejad that there are consequences to his populist campaign.'"

Already, newspapers are saying Ahmadinejad's "continued provocations scream for a response." They are

alarmed that this fiery leader is lighting a match to the Middle East powder keg!

That is precisely what is happening. It is all leading to a confrontation prophesied over 2,500 years ago!

There surely are many Germans who don't want their nation to start another world war. But that is exactly what Germany will do. Many Germans don't want to return to the hate-filled days of Adolf Hitler.

But a deceitful and deadly leader is going to hijack the world's next superpower, the European Union (Daniel 8:23-25). Now Iran is *pushing* Germany toward the point where this leader with a "fierce countenance" will hijack the EU. Iran's pushing could be the very catalyst to get this man into office. (Write for our booklet on Daniel if you need more information.)

Ahmadinejad's violent words are a part of this "push" from the king of the south against the king of the north (Europe, led by Germany). And already some leading Germans think they must respond to this outrage—this "push."

"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" (Daniel 11:40). Here is the clash between the king of the north (or Europe, explained in our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*) and the king of the south (radical Islam led by Iran, explained in our *King of the South* booklet).

Iran's *pushing* is going to lead to its own defeat.

"He shall enter also into the glorious land, and *many countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon" (verse 41). Why does the king of the north enter into "the glorious land" or Jerusalem? Because he has plans to conquer Jerusalem—a *type* of the powerful nations of Israel, America, Britain and the land of the Jews in the Middle East. He is going to conquer *many* countries, some of them outside the Middle East.

The Holy Roman Empire will conquer America, Britain and the Middle East Jews in one all-out attack (Hosea 5:5), after it has destroyed the king of the south.

This empire's ambition is far greater than just to conquer the Middle East. Germany will once again launch this planet into another full-scale world war.

"He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape" (Daniel 11:42). Egypt is going to be subject to the king of the north, because it was somehow allied with the king of the south, or Iran. We have said for years that Egypt has been a friend to the West. But, because of this prophecy, we also said that could change.

Now we can clearly see Egypt moving in that direction. The Muslim Brotherhood (MB), though officially banned, is now Egypt's largest and most influential opposition party. It is clear that this outlawed radical Islamic group has made significant inroads in Egyptian politics. The Brotherhood has captured 88 seats in parliament, a more than five-fold increase over its previous position.

The political success of this long-established Islamic group can be perceived as a sign of A FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT IN EGYPTIAN POLITICS. The Brotherhood's rising popularity indicates many things—among them, a love for Islamic leadership and law in Egypt, and a hatred for the government of President Mubarak.

The time is coming when the MB could gain heavy influence or even control over Egypt. This is apparently what a growing number of Egyptians want. President Mubarak is growing older (he's in his 70s), and his health is ailing.

AS THE MB GROWS MORE POPULAR, IT WILL STRENGTHEN ITS TIES WITH ISLAMIC POWERS THROUGHOUT THE REGION—ESPECIALLY IRAN. Brotherhood leaders have already made that very clear. Egypt is one of the largest and most influential nations in the Middle East. As Mubarak's health weakens and the MB grows stronger, watch for Cairo to distance itself from America. Should the MB ever take control, there is no doubt that a strong alliance between Iran and Egypt will be built.

Certainly, as discontent with the political system in Egypt increases, we can expect to see the Islamists grow in popularity. A change of leadership *will* occur—and probably sooner rather than later.

I have been predicting for almost a decade that Egypt will fall under the influence of Islamists. In my booklet *The King of the South*, I wrote, "Daniel 11:42 implies that Egypt will be allied with the king of the south, or Iran. THIS PROPHECY INDICATES THAT THERE WOULD BE A FAR-REACHING CHANGE IN EGYPTIAN POLITICS!"

The recent election brought a fundamental change in that direction.

"But 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" (verses 43-44). The Holy Roman Empire will betray and conquer America, Britain and the Middle East Jews—shortly *after* it conquers radical Islam.

Naturally, the Asiatic powers—Russia, China and probably Japan—know that they are apt to be next on the hit list. So they will begin to prepare their armies for war. Even today, we can see these nations coming together in a dramatic way and forming the foundation of another mighty superpower.

Europe will attack them first, and then they will respond with an overwhelming counterattack. During this war, both sides will move gigantic armies to Megiddo to fight. It will indeed be ARMED MEGIDDO—Armageddon.

"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem" (Joel 3:1). By this point in time, the Jews in the Middle East will have been conquered.

Why does the Prophet Joel discuss "Judah and Jerusalem"? *Judah* is only one tribe of Israel. Joel was also referring primarily to two other nations of Israel. That is why he included Jerusalem—a type of the powerful nations of Israel in this end time.

Only two world powers remain in this period of prophecy—Europe and Asia.

"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" (verse 2). Now the Gentiles must be punished for their cruelty inflicted upon the nations of Israel.

Notice first God says "I will also gather" those Asian and European powers to Megiddo. Secondly, God brings them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat which runs into Jerusalem.

How does God lead them to Jerusalem from Megiddo? THEY SEE CHRIST RETURNING TO JERUSALEM. Then these two powers decide to unite and fight Christ, instead of each other.

Jehoshaphat means *judgment of the Eternal*. This world is about to be *judged* by Christ for its rebellion.

At this time, Christ *pleads* with words. Soon He will plead with His mighty power. That will lead to the most bloody violence ever on this Earth.

"And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs" (Revelation 14:19-20). The Valley of Jehoshaphat is also called Kidron Valley today. It is about 200 miles long. *Blood will flow up to the horses' bridles in that long valley! The worst war ever.*

Does that sound outrageous? The Asian army alone will be comprised of 200 million soldiers (Revelation 9:16). Much of their blood will flow in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

This is how God *pleads* with them. This is what it takes to reach this rebellious world!

If you and I don't hear His words today, we have a bloody future also. But God promised to protect us if we back and support His Work.

Can you trust men who don't understand the words *armageddon* and *apocalypse*? People who know so little about God and His Word, the Bible?

Men work to have peace and always get war. Only God knows the way of peace. You can always trust Him. That is the lesson all this bloody violence is going to teach mankind!

Armies have fought to gain control of Jerusalem for thousands of years. But they will never rule that city for long. God has chosen Jerusalem (1 Kings 11:13). He did *not* choose London, New York City, Paris or Moscow. He chose Jerusalem.

That is the city from which Christ is going to rule the Earth. AND THAT IS THE CITY FROM WHICH THE FATHER IS GOING TO RULE THE UNIVERSE—with His Family. JERUSALEM IS GOING TO BECOME THE CAPITAL OF THE UNIVERSE. No city in the universe will ever be close to it in beauty and importance!

Satan knows the future of Jerusalem. That is why he has made it the bloodiest city on Earth. He hates to even think about the fabulous future of Jerusalem. That is because he has no part of it!

It is time that mankind learns about Jerusalem, the majestic city God has chosen.

Our television message now ranks third in American religious programming. It might even be higher, if our worldwide coverage was taken into consideration. That is astounding growth, but we still have so much more to do.

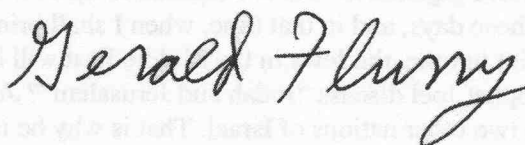
Daniel prophesied, "they that *turn many* to righteousness" are going to shine "as the stars for ever and ever"

(Daniel 12:3). *Only* God's message will *turn many* to God. *Only* this Work is delivering that message. *Only* your prayers, tithes and offerings make that possible.

Our reward is directly tied to supporting God's Work. Thank you so much for that support.

We obviously have only a tiny span of time to finish the job. THIS WORLD NEEDS GOD'S MESSAGE MORE DESPERATELY NOW THAN ANY TIME IN MAN'S HISTORY. I hope each one of us can sacrifice even more for God's Work while there is time.

With love, in Jesus's name,



Gerald Flurry

P.S. We are mailing all of you our new Habakkuk booklet with this letter. It is about a double-wonder miracle in our court case! I know you will find it most inspiring.