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NUCLEAR SUBMARINES AND THE BIBLE

You may ask, "What can this preacher and the Bible have to say about submarines?"

The answer is, "PLENTY." There are startling descriptions of missiles of war and of submarines in the Bible.

Last month my wife Betty and I attended the christening of the nuclear submarine USS PENNSYLVANIA, as guests of the Officers and Directors of the General Dynamics Corporation.

THE CHRISTENING

The christening was a very moving patriotic experience. The ceremony was much like a wedding with ushers, flowers, a maid of honor, political and military speeches, a sponsor and several interspersed prayers. The word CHRISTENING is an interesting idea for a submarine. The word "CHRIST" means "anoint." A CHRISTENING is an ANOINTING. In the Bible, an anointing was a symbol of giving the power, authority and responsibility to a King or a priest.

THE USS PENNSYLVANIA

The full description of the submarine is: USS PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN735) Ohio-class (Trident). I was shocked at the giant size of the submarine. I served on the biggest submarine in the Korean War, but the comparison is like a cat and mouse, or David and Goliath.

I was disturbed by the fact that there were no torpedo tubes or deck guns and that there was NO water tight integrity between compartments, like we had. We could defend ourselves and if a compartment got flooded we could seal it off and limp home. Later I was told the reason. The new submarines are under orders to NEVER engage the enemy. They are not to get in a fight like we were designed to do. The new ones are designed to hit FIRST so that there will be NO enemy. The new concept is staggering. One FIRST punch = NO enemy nation, anywhere.

NO MORE WORLD?

But if the enemy happens to have one of their own submarines around (and the Russians do) and they retaliate, then there will be NO MORE WORLD.

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USA MAKE THE FIRST STRIKE?

In case you are wondering about the USA making a FIRST strike, our State Department has told all foreign countries that we reserve to ourselves the option of a FIRST strike. We may and we may not. Here in the USA, the news media doesn't talk much about our FIRST strike option. It would generate bad feelings in US citizens who think that a FIRST strike by the US is unthinkable. It's not. We are capable right now and we have warned the other nations of the world that we might.

If you are wondering if we ever will, I believe that the answer could be - YES!

It could be on purpose and it could be from an accident. Have you noticed that the atomic industry has stopped insisting that accidents are impossible?

If a live missile launch is caused, either on purpose or by accident, the book of Revelation indicates that only 1/3 of the world will be destroyed. In fact, the book of Revelation says that 1/3 of the world SHALL be destroyed.

THE MISSILES

The TRIDENT MISSILE is launched from a submarine hidden deep below the surface of the SEA; and there are 10 Hiroshima power atomic bombs on the head of each missile, presently.

The ICBM (Inter Continental Ballistics Missile) is launched by the Air Force from silos under the EARTH; and there are 3 Hiroshima power atomic bombs on the head of each missile, presently.

Repeat:

One SEA missile with 10 atomic bombs,
One EARTH missile with 3 atomic bombs.

BIBLE PROPHECY ABOUT MISSILES

One beast (missile) came up out of the SEA with 10 horns (10 atomic bombs). (Revelation 13:1)

Another beast (missile) came up out of the dried EARTH with 3 heads (3 atomic bombs) snorting fire, smoke and brimstone. (Rev. 9:13-21 & 16:12-16, Armageddon)

Repeat:

One beast (missile) from the SEA with 10 horns.
One beast (missile) from the EARTH with 3 heads.

Combine the thoughts:

One SEA beast with 10 horns (Revelation)
One SEA missile with 10 atomic bombs (Navy)
One EARTH beast with 3 heads (Revelation)
One EARTH missile with 3 atomic bombs (Air Force)

In some other Bible prophecies horns are symbols for armies (navies) and heads represent the kings of the nations.

In the future the new TRIDENT missiles will carry from 8 to 14 atomic bombs (MIRVs), but they started with 10 and so did my story.

THE ATOMIC BOMBS (MIRVs)

A MIRV is a Multiple Independently targeted Re-entry Vehicle (atomic bomb). That means that each of the 10 Hiroshima sized atomic bombs can be sent to a different target city, ie., 10 different atomic bombs - 10 different cities. Now, the new MIRVs (atomic bombs) can be programmed with the address of any HOUSE in the city. And now, since the range has increased from 4000 to 6000 miles, that city and house can be anywhere in the WORLD.

When I looked at the 24 silos in the after deck of the PENNSYLVANIA, I realized that it could launch 240 atomic bombs (24 silos X 10 on each head = 240) at 240 different targets that were within 6000 miles of it's location. One submarine in the Atlantic ocean can completely destroy all, every bit, of Europe, including Russia. We are told that a missile can be launched every 15 SECONDS. When the red button gets pushed, 24 missiles with 240 Hiroshima size atomic bombs will all be on their way to 240 different target cities (or bases) in 6 minutes.

The USS PENNSYLVANIA is the TENTH such submarine to be launched. There are orders for five more. That means that there are 2400 atomic bombs right now (or relatively soon) that can be launched by Ohio-class (Trident) submarines hidden deep below the surface of

every ocean. We are told that Russia has nearly the same.

BIBLE PROPHECY OF ATOMIC BOMBS

Here is why I think that there could be an atomic war in our own generation.

"And I will shew signs in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire and VAPOUR (KJV spelling) of smoke." (Acts 2:19) I'm interested in that word "VAPOUR" in the expression "VAPOUR of smoke." That is quoted from Joel 2:30, "blood and fire and PILLARS of smoke."

VAPOUR of smoke in the NT.
PILLARS of smoke in the OT.

The word "PILLAR" in the OT Hebrew is also translated "PALM TREE." (See STRONG'S, PILLARS, Joel 2:30, 8490, TIMARAH, from 8558, a palm tree, also see TAMAR, 8559, from 8558, a palm tree.)

A PALM TREE CLOUD OF SMOKE.
A MUSHROOM CLOUD OF SMOKE.

Everyone knows that a mushroom cloud and a palm tree cloud are the same shape. They both are shaped like an atomic explosion.

If the Bible would have used the word "mushroom" instead of "pillar" then perhaps our Bible students would have seen an ATOMIC EXPLOSION in Joel and in Acts.

PAST OR FUTURE?

I should mention that this "palm tree of smoke" occurs near the end of the sixth seal of Revelation, and that places the event in the near FUTURE. (Rev. 6:12, Joel 2:31, Acts 2:20, Matt. 24:29 etc.)

However, if the word "WORMWOOD" really means "UKRAINIAN CHERNOBLE" as in Rev. 8:11, the third angel/vial, then "pillar" could mean the atomic explosions in the PAST, at Japan, in August 1945.

I don't think that it is wise to pound the pulpit for either side of the coin. Act like the atomic war could be in the FUTURE and hope that it was in the PAST.

But, the Bible describes the missiles and says that they SHALL be used. That shows strong evidence that those submarines will be used for their designed purpose. I hope that's wrong, but I think that's right.

KILLED 15 TIMES!

One speaker at the christening said that each Captain is taught that his ship alone can destroy the world. The US will be able to destroy the world 15 times and the USSR will be able to do about the same. Presently, we can only destroy the world 10 times with our Ohio-class (Trident) submarines, not to mention our other classes of submarines, our airplanes, our Intercontinental Ballistics Missiles and such like.

Now, it is pretty easy to see why US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev recently found it easy to agree to eliminate the Intermediate Range Missiles. Who needs Intermediate range missiles, anymore? Anyhow?

ARE SUBMARINES IN THE BIBLE?

Are submarines in the Bible? Yes. I think so. Here's why.

A PSALM OF THE SUBMARINE SAILORS "Rig for depth charge!"

PSALM 107 (adapted from KJV)

They that go DOWN to the sea in SHIPS, (v23)
see the works of the Lord
and his wonders in the DEEP. (v24)

Such as sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
being bound in affliction and IRON. (v10)

They reel to and fro,
and stagger like a drunken man,
and are at their wit's end. (v27)

They cried unto the Lord
in their trouble, so he bringeth them
into their desired haven. (v30)

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he hath redeemed
from the hand of the enemy. (v2)

Oh, that men would praise the Lord,
for his goodness,
and for his wonderful works
to the children of men. (v31)



What do you think? Is that a description of a submarine patrol or what?

SUBMARINE INTEREST

I should tell you why I have a special interest in submarines.

During the late 1940s and during the Korean War (police action) of the early 1950s, I was an electronic technician on the Guppy Snorkel Submarine USS COBBLER SS 344. In the early 1960s I was the Senior Industrial Engineer at an aerospace company where I helped build the SUBROC MISSILE (an atomic bomb that shoots out of a submarine torpedo tube). I also helped build the filament wound casings for the POLARIS missile (the forerunner of the TRIDENT missile). Now I am a Chaplain for Submarine War Veterans.

And there is one more reason for my interest in submarines that might also interest you. In 1863 the first successful submarine attack took place in Charleston harbor. The CSS LITTLE DAVID crippled the USS NEW IRONSIDES and that prevented the expected destruction of Charleston, SC. The CSS LITTLE DAVID was designed and built by a man named - David Ebaugh. (His name is my name, too.)

PERSONAL SCRIPT

Those are good reasons for me to have a personal interest in submarines and in this Bible verse of prophecy, "Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong." (Joel 3:9-10)

That is just what I did. From the time I graduated from High School until I became a minister and teacher of the gospel of JESUS CHRIST, I spent time, on and off, learning about and working with missiles and the ships that launch them.

I do not feel any guilt for building atomic bombs and missiles because I was fulfilling prophecy and because it was in my script. A friend said that he could not see how a military man could be in the will of God. Another friend answered, "The first gentile convert to Christianity was a soldier! Do you think that was the will of God?" (Acts 10:1)

MAKE PEACE

Concerning the fulfillment of prophecy and our scripts, I am glad that I have changed and now I'm on the side of the contradistinctive prophecy, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Isaiah 2:4) Now, I prefer to identify more with Isaiah than with Joel.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS: for they shall be called HUIOS (manifest sons) of God." (Matt. 5:9)

After the christening, the Sub Vets from Pennsylvania held a private meeting. When it was the Chaplain's time to offer prayer, I prayed: "Please protect this submarine and her crew from any situation wherein they will have to launch the missiles."

THE KING MISSILE

The book of Revelation also describes the KING missile.

"And they had a KING over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but the Greek tongue hath his name APOLLYON (English = APOLLO)." (Rev. 9:11) Abaddon, Apollyon and APOLLO all literally mean "DESTROYER."

The Bible says that the KING missile will be named APOLLO.

And what name do you suppose that NASA chose to call our KING missile?

You guessed it! "APOLLO!!"

SUMMARY

John saw the missile rise from the SEA with 10 atomic bombs. Perfect description of the Trident missile!

John saw the missile rise from the EARTH with 3 atomic bombs. Perfect description of the ICBM missile!

John heard the name of the KING missile, - "APOLLO." Perfect description of the NASA missile!

That's enough startling descriptions to make an atheist pray!



The DOLPHINS
A distinguishing insignia earned by submarine sailors
of the US Navy.

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