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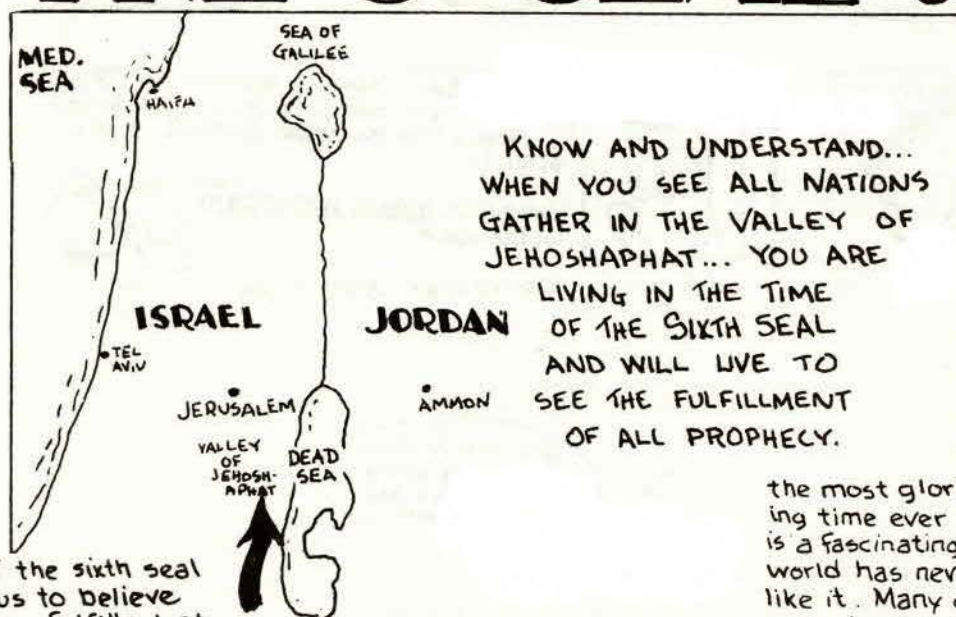
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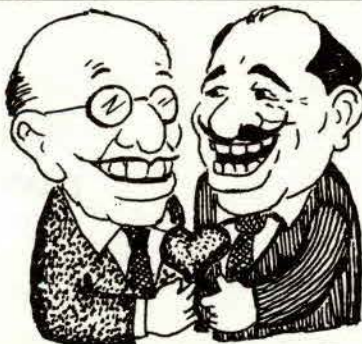
THE 9TH OF AB ~ NOTES FROM NOVEMBER RETREAT NOW OPENING: THE 6TH SEAL!



Our analysis of the sixth seal (Rev. 6:12) leads us to believe prophecy is being fulfilled at this very moment in the middle east.

At our retreat in November Dave spoke about the "Ninth of Ab" and "Order of Events". The line up of events makes it appear undoubtedly that this is the last generation. When you see all nations, whether in the form of a United Nations council or a massing of armies gathering in the valley of Jehoshaphat, then know and understand that this is the last generation (Joel 2:28-3:2). This generation will live to see all things written of in Revelation come to pass.

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PROPHECY IS BEING FULFILLED
IN THE MIDDLE EAST.....

This is a thrilling time to be
alive. This is, with no exception,

the most glorious and stimulating time ever to have lived. This is a fascinating generation. The world has never seen anything like it. Many of you reading this paper have gone through more changes in every realm in your life time than the sum total of all generations before you - all the way back to Grampa Adam. Many of you were born in the day of the horse and carriage and are now part of the atomic age.

WHO WOULD EVER
DREAM

THAT IN ONE
GENERATION
WE'D GO FROM
HORSE & BUGGIES
TO SUPERSONIC
JET TRAVEL?



We believe this generation will live to see the opening of the sixth seal and the fulfillment of all prophetic events. If you're up on church history you may be "ho-humming" now and thinking "Come on, every generation since Jesus has thought they were the last generation." Well, yes, they have. But even so you know something is drastically different about the world now than has ever been in any age in recorded history.

We'd have to write a book to give you a complete analysis of the current situation but there just isn't time. Dave has already put it down on tape so what follows are highlights of the teaching at our recent retreat.

ARAFAT... PLO... 9TH OF AB... BATTLE OF JEHOSEPHAT... AND MORE ↓

1. Right now there is enough enriched uranium missing from a refining plant in Apollo Pa. to make 30 to 40 Hiroshima type bombs (the Hiroshima bomb had 16 pounds of uranium).

2. At this point in history there is a nation without a country, the PLO-Palestinian Liberation Organization, that could use the bomb and not be retaliated against.

3. Arafat (leader of PLO) could use the bomb or the threat of the bomb to force Israel's hand and get the whole U.N. to do some fast talking in Israel about the problems of the PLO.

4. Analysis of scripture: Rev. 6:12, Joel 2:28-3:2, II Chron. 20 reveals that a coalition of Arab nations, excluding Egypt, came against Israel at the original battle of Jehoshaphat.

5. Joel 2:28-3:2 tells us that at the opening of the sixth seal God will bring all nations down to the valley of Jehoshaphat there to deal with them.

6. Jesus tells us that the generation witnessing the opening of the sixth seal will not die.

7. At least two (some claim 4) formulas given in Daniel point to the years 1978-79 as the

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culmination of the age. Hebrew prophetic history teaches there will be 70 Jubilee years from the Exodus (1454 B.C.?) to the Messiah. Calculating this brings us to 1978-79.



TECHNOLOGY & MATERIALS FOR MAKING ATOMIC BOMBS ARE NOT HARD TO GET...

8. The most advantageous day, psychologically, for Arafat or a coalition of Arab leaders to bring Israel and the world to their knees in negotiation is the 9th of Ab (Ab is a Jewish month).

9. The 9th of Ab is a Jewish fast day. It commemorates events of destruction and woe. These events all happened on or within a few days of the 9th of Ab. The following list is taken from the book "The Jewish Festivals" by Hayyim Schauss.

- ① Moses received word that Israel would wander in the wilderness for 40 years.
- ② Temple destroyed by Chaldeans 586 B.C. - Nebuchadnezzar
- ③ Temple destroyed by Romans 70 A.D. Titus
- ④ Fall of Bethar. Bar Kochba's rebellion 135 A.D.
- ⑤ Drawing of plow over Holy City and temple year later - Roman Emperor Hadrian.
- ⑥ Spanish Inquisition 1492. Expulsion of Jews from Spain - Ferdinand & Isabella.
- ⑦ Russia ordered mobilization of troops W.W.I started 1914.
- ⑧ Russia evacuated all Jews from border provinces 1915.
- ⑨ German Pogrom - Genocide - Hitler orders extermination of Jews (THE GLORY OF THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS by Hillel Seidman p. 204)
- ⑩ Atomic bomb over Hiroshima (our own calculation of dates).

10. On the 9th of Ab the Jewish people are psychologically prepared for defeat.

11. The "fast" of the 9th of Ab comes on August 13th this year (because the 9th is on Saturday the 12th and no fasting is allowed on the sabbath).

12. All the disasterous events happening on the 9th of Ab were due men's actions not natural disasters.

13. By this time next year life on this planet may be so drastically different from what it is now you'll hardly be able to recall what it was like.

ALL THE DISASTER ON THE 9TH OF AB WAS CAUSED BY MEN'S ACTIONS...



WE EXPECT ANY DISASTER AT THE OPENING OF THE SIXTH SEAL WILL BE MAN-MADE...

14. We expect in the near future strong parapsychic attack to come from the northwest part of the U.S. It will spread throughout the United States. It will be miraculous power but not Godly. We'll have more information about discerning the difference between psychic, parapsychic and spiritual phenomenon in the next issue of the Monarch.

All Christians should be aware of these facts. We are not to be in darkness concerning events of the last days (I Thes. 5:4). We are assured in Scripture that God will do nothing without revealing His secrets to His servants the prophets (Amos 3:7) □



FULFILLMENT of PROPHECY

THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN IN 1974 AND DISTRIBUTED TO MANY OF OUR FRIENDS. WE HAVE REPRINTED IT HERE FOR YOUR STUDY AND COMMENT.

1. Daniel prophesied about Alexander the Great. 555 B.C. Dan. 8:1-27
2. Alexander born 356 BC, about 200 years later. Fulfilled prophecy.
3. Alexander took kingdom from Medes & Persians (Darius) 334 B.C. Fulfilled Dan. 8:6-12
4. Daniel prophesied that 2300 years after Alexander's accomplishments - things would be restored. Specifically, sanctuary & host (Dan. 8:13), implied truth, stars. Day equals year - Ezek. 4:6.
5. Sanctuary was taken from Moslems and returned to Jews on June 7, 1967. Dome of the Rock, Mosque of Omar. Exactly 2300 years after Alexander took kingdom from Medes & Persians in 334 B.C.
The six day war was a fulfillment of Daniels prophecy Dan. 8:13-14.
 $2300 - 334 + 1 = 1967$. Add one (1) because calendar has no year zero (0) going from BC to AD.
6. Alexander took **GOLD** from Medes & Persians - set up first International Monetary Fund (IMF) established gold base for international money - started international trade - established love of money as root of all evil. 1 Tim. 6:10.
7. James prophesied **GOLD & SILVER** will fail as things of value in last days. James 5:1-11
8. John prophesied **GOLD & SILVER** will fail as things of value in last days. Rev. 18:1-24.
9. Daniel prophesied that 2300 years after the acts of Alexander history would be reversed in that there would be a restoration of all that Alexander destroyed. Dan. 8:13-14.
10. Alexander took the **GOLD** from the Medes & Persians - started 334 BC, finished 323 B.C. 2300 years later is period 1967 to 1978. Thus the failure of the gold based IMF should start in 1967 and continue until 1978.
11. In 1967-68 David Ebaugh prophesied failure of money systems of 17 nations - to the very day that each nation devaluated their money. Reading and understanding the following scriptures - Rev. 11:1, 2, 3, 9, 11. Isaiah 19:19. Daniel 8:1-27 and combining truths of each scripture passage. Dates were 1969 - March 29, 30; May 28; Aug 9; Sept. 9, 20; 1970 - Jan. 9, 10; Feb. 3, June 11, July 4, 7; Oct. 23; Dec. 3; 1971 - Sept. 1; 1972 - July 23; 1973 - April 2.
These dates were given to thousands of Christians who attended Ebaugh's lectures - as prophecy before the dates occurred. On each date major IMF changes occurred among and involving each of the following nations: U.S., Germany, U.K., France, Japan, Canada, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Australia, Denmark, Norway, Spain, Austria, S. Africa.
12. April 5, 1933 President Roosevelt issued an Executive Order that forbid U.S. citizens to own **GOLD** bullion. (Not even a law. Constitution says Congress has power - not President).
13. Dec. 31, 1974 - ban was lifted. Private U.S. citizens can again legally own **GOLD**. (Ebaugh says **GOLD** is a bad investment).
14. King Croesus of Lydia, minted the first **GOLD COINS** 2500 years ago - about the time of Daniels prophecy. 2300 years ago **GOLD** became an international standard due to Alexander the Great - a fulfillment of Daniel 8:1-21.
15. English goldsmiths started use of paper money by issuing receipts against **GOLD** held in their vaults. Notes were traded between people, because they could always be redeemed - and paper money was born in the 1600's.
16. The pound sterling was devaluated 1967. The **GOLD** Pool was dissolved 1968 - two-tiered **GOLD** market established bringing an end of the **GOLD** exchange standard. Remember 2300 years before 1967 marked the beginning of the **GOLD** IMF and 2300 years later - 1967 - marked the beginning of the end. Direct fulfillment of Dan. 8:1-21.
17. **TWO-TIER MARKET**, Central Bank transactions conducted at \$35/oz. Free market fluctuated at a rate fixed by **ROTHSCHILD** bankers. (Nat. Geographic Jan. 1974 - pg. 26.) Foreigners could no longer buy U.S. **GOLD** at \$35/oz. - Only Central Banks (Rothschilds) could get **GOLD** at that price. Others had to pay much more - price was fixed by Rothschilds ranging from \$37 to \$44 in 1968-69 to \$160-\$180 in 1974. Rothschilds bought for \$35/oz. and sold for \$170. They only bought amount they already sold. Hard to lose! Great American give away!

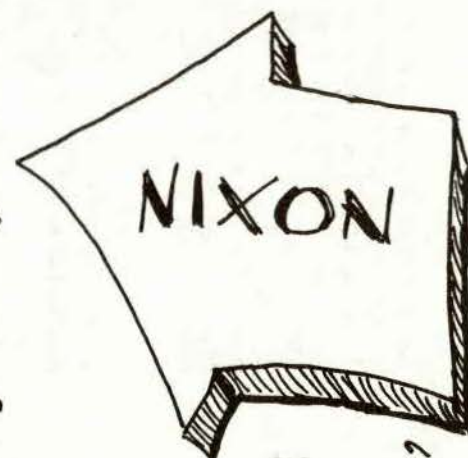


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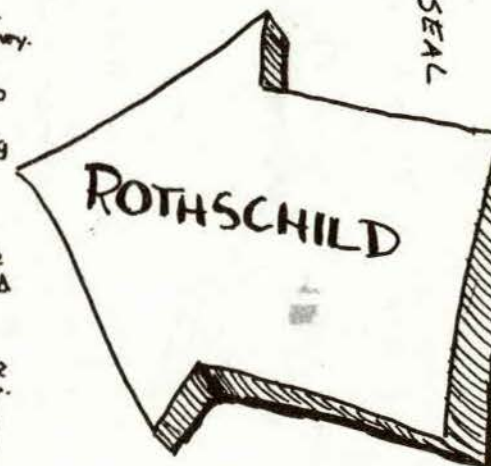


18. Aug. 15, 1971 Nixon issued executive order to stop Rothschild profiteering on U.S. GOLD. He ended U.S. GOLD exchange standard.
19. Watergate Scandle - 1972. It is reported Rothschild's own or control C.B.S., A.P., U.P.I., Washington Post, N.Y. Times - all Nixon enemies.
20. Jan. 1974 - Lord Rothschild of London issued statement, "Get rid of Nixon," (N.Y. Times)
21. Nixon resigned - Rothschilds (Central Banks) won that round in summer 1974. In 1973 Ebaugh predicted reorganization of Government to be summer 1974 (Based on Daniel 8:1-21).
22. Rothschild plan of Special Drawing Rights adopted in 1967 by the sixteen nations named, put into full effect 1970. Since then Rothschilds issue **PAPER GOLD (S.D.R.)** value based only on Rothschild signature (not **GOLD**).
23. Reason for the increased inflation is that for the past 5 years the (FREE) world has operated on a monetary system backed only by Rothschild signature - not metal **GOLD**. Distrust of system makes dollar value drop and prices of goods rise.
24. For the first time in history money could be created based on need of Central Banks (Rothschilds) - not on holding **GOLD**. "In theory, this would reduce the need to hold monetary **GOLD**." Quote from Merrill Lynch.
25. Rothschilds discovered and proved to themselves they do not need gold anymore.
26. Rothschilds will sell gold to U.S. citizens starting Dec. 31, 1974. Using stock brokers to sell bullion, the salesmen will profit personally by advising clients to sell their stock and buy gold. (Two commissions - one on the **GOLD**, the other on the stock). U.S.A. auctioned some of the remaining U.S. gold to mitigate, slow down, try to stop the Rothschilds. Must find out who engineered that.
27. Meanwhile Arab nations have been quietly gathering most of the world's **GOLD**. Daniel's prophecy is being fulfilled in that 2300 years after Alexander took **GOLD** from Medes/Persians to start IMF, then **GOLD** would go back to those nations. - Medes are modern **IRAQ** and Persians are modern **IRAN**.
28. U.S. predicted that nearly all world's **GOLD** would be traded back to Iraq/Iran by 1975 for oil. Fulfillment on Dan. 8.
29. With nearly all the **GOLD** returning to the Arabs and without the need for **GOLD** to back the money system anymore, Rothschilds have decided to sell the remaining **GOLD** to U.S. citizens.
30. When **GOLD** sales peak in 1975 then stock market should be near the bottom. Mostly ultra-rich and a few frightened citizens are buying gold.
31. The Rothschilds will buy up the stocks with the money they got from selling **GOLD**. Rothschild agent... Arthur Burns told congress - economy is failing - nothing can help it. Federal Reserve could issue more money. start upswing of economy.
32. Purchase of U.S. with **GOLD** is for purpose of increasing the value of the U.S. not to ruin it. Rothschilds do not want to ruin us. Just bring us to our knees - to buy up what they want.
33. Economy is always increased by war. Big profit to start a war after you buy up a country. Especially big profit if you hold mortgages on both warring countries.
34. Rothschilds own France, which sells munitions to the Arabs.
35. Rothschilds will own U.S. which sells munitions to Israel.
36. Ebaugh recommends: Get rid of money by investing in things. Do not buy **GOLD** or **SILVER**. Debts will be easily paid with worthless money by 1978-79. Land, cattle, water, communications & transportation are good investments.
37. Ebaugh believes - the U.S. will leave the **GOLD** Standard by 1978-79. The U.S.A. will issue new money based on the value of **GOLDEN** grain. Between 1978-79 and 2001 U.S. citizens and finally the whole world will carry paper money which says in effect - the U.S. Government will pay to the bearer on demand - one standard bushel of wheat. The U.S. will again be preeminent among the nations because she will unselfishly use the **GOLDEN** grain God gave to the U.S. to feed the world and set money standards in true value, a fulfillment of Ezek. 37:1-28. The spirit of Joseph will fall on U.S.A., Canada, New Zealand, Australia, etc. (One stick Joseph - one stick Judah - combine 37:19 make them one. 37:21 bring them to their own land (USA) out of the heathen. Covenant of peace, mountains waste 38:8, unwallled villages 38:11, people gathered out of nations 38:12 refers to U.S.A.) God is still in charge. Put faith hope and trust in **JESUS CHRIST**, not in any world system.
38. Remember - I read the last chapter of Revelation and guess what - **WE WIN!**

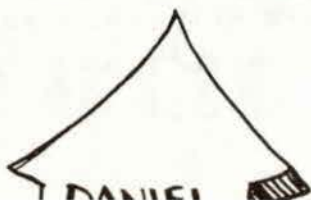
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CIRCLE the 9th of AB on your CALENDAR

The following is an article written by one of our friends after attending the November retreat. He was writing to his son who is in the armed services and telling him what was said about the 9th of Ab. We thought he said it as good or better than we could so we wanted to share it with you.

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CIRCLE THE 9th OF AB ON YOUR CALENDAR!



THE 9th OF AB? WHAT'S THAT?

Ab, sometimes spelled Av or Ov, is the eleventh month of the Jewish year and usually falls around August. The 9th of Ab is like Friday the 13th, only a lot worse. So much worse, in fact, that if anything happens even close to the 9th of Ab the Jews say it happened that day. A look at some events which occurred on or around the 9th of Ab will underscore why the Jews consider it a bad day, a time of calamity and catastrophe, a time to fast. So far we have discovered that it was on or about the 9th of Ab that:

- Moses received command to stay in the wilderness 40 years.
- The Chaldeans destroyed the temple in 586 B.C.
- The Romans destroyed the temple in 70 A.D.
- Bethar fell, end Bar Kochba's rebellion from 133 to 135 A.D.
- The following year the plow was drawn over Jerusalem and the temple by Roman Emperor Hadrian
- The Jews were expelled from Spain by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella during the inquisition 1492.
- Russia initiated the evacuation of the Jews from her border provinces in 1914-15.
- Hitler began to exterminate Jews.
- The Atomic Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

THE 9th OF AB IS WORSE THAN FRIDAY THE 13th

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Now if you were the leader of the PLO and you had an Atomic bomb - and the PLO might have, we don't know - and wanted to hit Israel when the people

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were "mentally down" the 9th of Ab would be a good time. That's the day when an enemy could grab the greatest psychological advantage. Of all the days of the year, that's the day when the minds of the people would be prepared for death, defeat or sorrow.

WE ARE NOT PREDICTING AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION BUT...



This year the 9th of Ab falls on August 12. But that is a Sabbath day. Since the Jews, by their law, are not allowed to fast on the Sabbath, this year it will be observed August 13. As in the past, it will be a day of mourning, weeping and reading from the book of Lamentations. It is a time when the Jews are mentally prepared for - when Israel actually may expect the worst to happen.



AUGUST 12th I'M STAYIN' IN BED...

Today Israel is faced with a situation the likes of which no country in the world probably ever had to contend. The nation is being stalked by an armed enemy - an enemy with an army and king - against whom it is virtuously powerless to effectively retaliate against. This enemy is the Palestinian Liberation Organization. The PLO is the only government in the world today which has no land to call its own and yet has achieved recognition in the United Nations. If the PLO decided to explode an atomic bomb in Israel - or any other country, for that matter - the world's ability to strike back would be severely limited. The PLO has no land an army could invade or drop a bomb on.

It might not even be necessary for the PLO to actually explode an atomic bomb. Just the threat to do so in a city such as Jerusalem could be enough to have world leaders scurrying to the negotiating table to try to avoid such a catastrophe. This would provide the PLO with the opportunity to trade the bomb for some land.

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This is not a prediction that something, such as an explosion of an atomic bomb, is going to happen around August 13, although it appears there is going to be bad news this year. The cycles seem to indicate the world is in for a bad time and the nations will be forced to deal with a terrible problem. This is simply calling attention to the fact it would fit the pattern if all this came to pass this year. But if not this August, then the next one, or the one after that or the one after that... at the same time, four different Bible prophecies indicate 1978 is a key or critical year.

1978 A CRITICAL YEAR.

If this man-made calamity were to occur in August, tremendous changes could be expected during the next several months. Nations would mobilize their armies at the same time prepare for an expected upheaval of governments and the accompanying failure of the money system. If the PLO got and threatened to use the atomic bomb and all nations are brought down to Israel in August, by October everything that we knew - everything of monetary value - will be changed so that only that which can stand will stand.

Such an event would appear to tie in with the Battle of Jehoshaphat, which appears to be coming up pretty quickly and is to occur during the time of the Sixth Seal and before the Battle of Armageddon. We believe on June 7, 1967, the Sixth Seal began to open slowly. This is not an instantaneous event, but more like a curtain rising on a new drama in a theater as the house lights slowly grow dimmer. The world is in that overlap period, where the time of the Fifth Seal is slowly fading and all eyes are starting to focus on the events of the Sixth Seal.



Just before the opening of the Sixth Seal there is to be an atomic explosion, according to the Bible. In the minds of some people, there has to be a literal atomic explosion in Israel. We're not so sure. We know that we now are living in the atomic age. Maybe Bible prophecy was fulfilled when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on the 9th of Ab.

During the Sixth Seal we will receive the power to go through this mess, to achieve perfection of the soul or mind. Our spirits already have been saved, but we will receive the power to go through the troubled times because we will have the right attitudes. God now is changing us in the soul realm, and He will finish the job at the time of the Sixth Seal. If we are to be ready in time for the battle of Jehoshaphat, we better get our "heads screwed on right" pretty quickly.

WE RECEIVE POWER AT THE OPENING OF THE SIXTH SEAL.



Whenever God said something bad was going to happen He always promised deliverance to those who would call on His name. Joel 2:32 promises, "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be delivered..." When we do what He tells us to do we will be delivered. But we must ask for that deliverance before He can give it to us. When you see something bad occur, don't live in fear that the same thing is going to happen to you or be like Job and say, "I knew all along it was going to happen." Instead, when you see something bad happen let it be a reminder to pray that a similar tragedy doesn't happen to you so that you can be delivered, so you can be an overcomer.



YOU GOTTA PLAY THE GAME TO BE A WINNER.

Remember, you can't be a winner until you've played the game or fought the battle.

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT A DISASTER BUT WERE SCARED SILLY TO ASK.

Well, first off, you probably want to know why we're writing about disaster. You know we are not alarmists. We've been teaching for a long time now that we will go through the tribulation and not be "raptured" out of it. But we've also been saying and want to reemphasize that the Bible teaches **DELIVERANCE** in the midst of trouble. **EVERY TIME** there is destruction or disaster prophesied in the Bible, within a very few verses or immediately following we find words to this effect: "WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

Something is up but we just don't know for sure what it is yet. We're keeping our spiritual eyes and ears open and in the meantime we want to build up your confidence and hope with a few general observations about disasters in the Bible.

WE WANT TO PUMP UP YOUR HOPE AND CONFIDENCE.



There may be some people who thrive on disasters and love to speculate about bombs dropping or California falling into the ocean or Florida being inundated with water but we are not cut of that fibre.

WE LIKE THINGS PEACEFUL



Maybe we're just softies but we like things peaceful and happy and clean - hmmm, that sounds Biblical come to think of it. You know the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace

and joy in the Holy Ghost (Rom 14:17).

First let's see what Jesus had to say about disasters. In Luke 12 we find Jesus talking about how things are going to be. Among other things He said He didn't come to bring peace but division (Luke 12:51-53) and some other generally unpleasant things

**IT'S BEEN PROMISED
OVER AND OVER IN
THE BIBLE THAT
WHOEVER CALLS ON
THE NAME OF THE
LORD.....
SHALL BE SAVED!**



Our mind set is such that when we read in the scripture of events to come all we see is the bad, the evil, the destruction. Jesus' disciples were no different. Here Jesus is talking about the future and they're pulling out all the bad stuff... thinking of gore, spilled guts, crushed bodies... so someone in the crowd says, "Hey, what about those Galileans that Pilate cut up along with their sacrifices? (Lk 13:1

Jesus knew what this guy was thinking of so He answers, "Look, do you think those Galileans were any worse sinners than the rest of the people in Galilee? Negative! Or those 18 people in Siloam who the tower fell on, do you think they were worse than all the other people in Jerusalem? No! They were not. But I'll tell you what, unless you **REPENT** you'll perish just like they did."

I don't want to perish like that and I'm sure you don't so let's take a good look at this word **REPENT** and do it whatever it is.

Now repentance normally, due to our tradition, conjures up thoughts of being sorry for our sin and promising "I'll never do THAT again." But Jesus removes the sin question from the picture. He said in effect, "Look those guys weren't worse sinners than anyone else. It wasn't their sin that caused either Pilate's rage or the natural disaster of the falling tower."

When Jesus said "**REPENT**" He was thinking of something other than feeling sorry for sin. The word **REPENT** in this verse is "**ΜΕΤΑΝΟΙΑ**" in the Greek. Literally it means to **CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS**. **ΜΕΤΑ=CHANGE**, **ΝΟΙΑ (ΝΟΥΣ)=MIND** or **THOUGHTS**.

Jesus was not only talking about division and judgment and bad things in chapter 12. He was talking about the kingdom of God and how **GOD PROMISES TO PROTECT AND PROVIDE FOR ANYONE WHO IS SEEKING HIS KINGDOM** (Luke 12:31-32). You don't even have to have found it... just be seeking for it. But their minds, like ours, just couldn't stay focused there. Their minds went immediately to destruction. So Jesus said, "**ΜΕΤΑΝΟΙΑ**" - stop thinking that way - start thinking new thoughts. Think on the Kingdom,

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the Kingdom of Expansion, of righteousness, peace and joy. The Kingdom of Heaven is radically new and different. Get rid of your old ways and thoughts (LAW, JUDGMENT, FIRE FROM HEAVEN... LUKE 9:54-56) all that will bring you is death and destruction. God has promised over and over to deliver you. Believe it! **IT'S TRUE!** Trust Him and He'll take care of you. **ΜΕΤΑΝΟΙΑ!** If you go around doing your own thing there's no telling what might happen to you.

**PROTECTION IS PROMISED
TO THOSE WHO ARE
SEEKING THE KINGDOM...
WHETHER YOU'VE FOUND IT
OR NOT IS NOT IMPORTANT,**



There is and will be tribulation in the world (John 16:33). And God's wrath will be poured out on the earth but His wrath is not for believers (1 Thes. 5:9). He has not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation. That's our first point. Yes, there will be destruction and disaster but it is not for those who call upon the name of the Lord. It is not for us, of course it will affect us, but we have been called to full salvation... **ΜΕΤΑΝΟΙΑ!**

Read the 91st psalm and rejoice. God promises us protection and deliverance. You'll notice that at the opening of the Sixth Seal... the 144,000 (a symbolic number) are sealed in their foreheads so they can withstand all of the calamities brought forth by the 7 trumpets.

Now a few other observations about disasters in the Bible. In every case in which God sent destruction upon the earth or the nation of Israel it was not to punish those seeking God but rather to **REMOVE EVIL**.

This is true of the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, the plagues on Egypt, the destruction of the Canaanite cities by Israel and the wrath yet to come - prophesied in the book of Revelation. This is not to say that everyone destroyed in a disaster is evil, remember... Abraham had to plead for Lot's life.

One purpose of disaster seems also to be to move a large population. For instance the dispersing of the Ten Tribes of Israel was brought on by calamity (Sennacherib) as in modern times the return of the Jews to Israel was brought on by the Holocaust (Hitler). Seems a horrible way to get people to move but the pattern is there and we can't deny it.

We all know that a certain amount of tribulation builds character. The New Testament tells us that tribulation brings about patience (Rom 5:3) and that Jesus learned obedience through the things He suffered (Heb 5:8).

Our conclusion from all this is that we should all start to change our pattern of thinking - **ΜΕΤΑΝΟΙΑ**. God is able to and will deliver us from any evil. Jesus' prayer was not that God would remove us from the world but that He would keep us from the evil.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS



"New Times", November 25, 1977, an article on the "New Dollar Diplomacy" made us stand up and take notice. It reported the following...

BIG BANKS IN TROUBLE?



Since the mid 1960's and especially since 1973, major U.S. banks, Bank of America, Citibank, Chase Manhattan, J.P. Morgan and Manufacturers Hanover have been making large loans, to the tune of 50 billion dollars to LDC's (less developed oil importing countries). Two thirds of these loans are due in 1978.

Due to conditions mandated by the International Monetary Fund these countries are suffering undue hardships. Loans are only made if, according to the IMF, these countries adopt greater austerity, balance their budgets, cut back on public services and allow more U.S. investment.

If these countries should decide to default on their loans they could topple the five largest banks in the U.S.. It has been charged that the IMF is not in the business of lending to countries but in administering an international code of behavior. It will be interesting this summer to see if these LDC's renege on their loans in order to save their countries. IF so -good bye present monetary system, goodby IMF.

The remains of King Philip II of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great, have been found in a solid Gold Chest in a tomb unearthed in Northern Greece.

The Tomb had not been broken into or looted. Many artifacts dated between 350 & 320 BC were found. Further excavation has been halted until the end of the winter season.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT'S FATHER'S TOMB FOUND....



This will bring world wide attention to Alexander and the period in which he lived. Maybe Daniel's prophecy will be brought to light (Daniel 8:14 - adding 2300 to the life of Alexander to discover the end of the age).

It was stated in the news release that the tomb has remained sealed for 2300 years. It is to be fully opened and explored this summer. In a parallel way Daniel was told his vision was sealed and to be revealed in the time of the end. This summer proves to be exciting.

In the fall of 1975 we were fortunate enough to be in the Middle East. At that time we visited Jordan & Egypt. We were there long enough to observe the moods of the two Arab countries.



TOOTHLESS DOG?



BRISTLING PORCUPINE

WHO ARE THEY?

Betty, Dave's wife, put it this way, "Egypt is like an old toothless dog - Jordan is like a bristling porcupine. It is common knowledge now that Egypt is actively seeking peace. This follows the pattern of the battle of Jehoshaphat in II Chron. 20. The rest of the Arab nations are also following the pattern by turning on each other.

Our Bible School also made a trip to one of the Arab nations' embassies in Washington D.C. during 1975. There we heard an Arab lecturer decry the inability of the Arab countries to get together. This is history all over again.

"Rolling Stone" magazine has carried a feature article in its December 1977 issue entitled... "How Israel Got the Bomb." It is reported that in our country alone over 8,000 lbs. of enriched uranium is missing. The Hiroshima bomb had sixteen pounds of Uranium. Nuclear technology is no longer a secret. We believe that not only Israel has the bomb but also any country that has the money to pay for it. We're expecting some terribly tense moments in the Middle East this summer.