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Let the Jonadabs now view with calmness and sobriety and with keen joy the marvelous prospect set before them. Jehovah's unchangeable mandate is that the earth shall be filled with a righteous people who, continuing in righteousness, shall receive everlasting life through Jesus Christ; furthermore, that the survivors of Armageddon, who form the great multitude, will be righteous in God's sight and will be granted the marvelous privilege of carrying out his mandate first given to Adam, and that such will be done under the supervision of the righteous ruler, Christ Jesus, who will administer life to all who receive life; that the great multitude and their children shall live for ever in peace and joy, and need never have any fear of death, but such faithful ones, together with the princes of the earth, shall fully realize the righteous government on earth wherein God's will shall be done as in heaven; all of which was made possible by the full obedience of Christ Jesus unto death and by his resurrection and his kingdom.

What should the Jonadabs do now? They should devote themselves wholly to the kingdom

interests of Christ, they should see to it that their substance is now used to the glory of God and his kingdom, and therefore should do all within their power to advance the kingdom interest. As companions of the remnant of the body of Christ now on earth the Jonadabs should join with them in actively bearing witness to the people, giving them warning and telling them of the kingdom blessings that will come to those who obey. The faithful from Abel to John looked for the coming of God's righteous government and sacrificed everything that they might have a place to live thereunder. Now the glorious kingdom is here in full sight and will soon be in full operation, and those who love God will delight now to do all within their power to make known to others the blessings of that kingdom. It is the kingdom of God under Christ now pitted against everything of Satan's organization, and the Jonadabs must align themselves uncompromisingly on the Lord's side, faithfully serving him and his kingdom at all times.

REDEMPTION

Children born to the Jonadabs before Armageddon must come under the redemptive provision made through Christ Jesus. The parents being imperfect, such children are born with imperfections and must be taught by the parents and must be obedient to the Lord if they receive life. Children born after Armageddon likewise must belong to Christ Jesus, because he has paid the redemptive price for all, including them.

the result. Based upon this authority, I stated in a public address in Paris more than three years ago that the Nazis and Fascists would overrun France. That has been accomplished. I stated in a public address in Berne, Switzerland, that the Nazis and Fascists would in time grab Switzerland. Watch for that to be accomplished in the near future. At a public address in London, which was transmitted throughout the British Empire, and was delivered in 1938, I stated that the Nazis and Fascists were bent upon destroying the British Empire, and that that would be accomplished. The Nazis have planted their agents throughout the earth. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy have planted their men in every big newspaper office in America, and their men in every department of the government of the United States. Their purpose is to seize the government of the United States, as Holland and other countries have been seized. I ask you now to refer to the booklet *Fascism or Freedom*, page 14, under the subtitle of "America", and read there what Catholic priest O'Brien has to say about grabbing America in 1940, and mark at the same time how these are coming to pass, showing that O'Brien, in a measure, announced the purpose of the Hierarchy. That booklet, together with *Face the Facts and Government and Peace*, contains considerable information on this point.

You may expect totalitarian dictators, acting with the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, to overrun the earth, seize control of almost all the nations,

be able to give you girls proper advice, you girls who are looking for a husband. When you see Daniel, David, Moses and all the prophets, listen to what they have to say, and they will properly advise you boys and girls. I am going to have handed to every one of you 15,000 children one of these books as a gracious gift. I ask that you first study it faithfully. Ask someone else to sit with you under the shade of a tree and study that which leads to life and endless blessings. . . . It is your privilege between now and before the day school opens to spend six hours a day in taking the book *Children* to others." The parents should encourage their children to do this very thing, if they would have them live.

Cartons of *Children* that had been deposited in The Arena were now opened, and Judge Rutherford instructed the children how to come and each get a copy thereof, those in the rear half of The Arena marching in two columns out through a side exit, and those in the front half of The Arena marching up over the platform and out through a rear exit. As the march began, the orchestra (minus all its children instrumentalists) struck up and rendered songs, "Children of the Heavenly King," "The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon," and "Who Is on the Lord's Side?" while the vast audience sang. Never was there a more moving sight in these "last days". Many, including strong men, wept at the demonstration. Receiving the gift, the marching children clasped it to them, not a toy or plaything for idle pleasure, but the Lord's provided instrument for most effective work in the remaining months before Armageddon. What a gift! and to so many! The manner of releasing the new book *Children* was an outright surprise to all, but the almighty hand of the All-wise One, Jehovah, was in it, and the maneuver was most blessed indeed. Thereafter *Children*, the author's edition, was disposed of to adult conventioners, on a contribution.

The blessings of the Assembly were further enhanced by the afternoon session, which provided a delightful anticlimax to "Children's Day". The Arena was again packed out to hear about "Your New Work" and the president's parting words. For weeks the question had been upon many consecrated minds, and at 3 p.m. the first speaker, the factory and office servant at Brooklyn, disclosed the "new work", to wit, the placing of *Children*, and thereafter, over a period of three weeks, sending each obtainer, at no extra cost to him, the "*Children* Study Course", to wit, three attractive, illuminated question-and-answer folders, these to be followed the fourth week by a back-call service by the one placing *Children*. Another speaker, on "Solving the Problem", showed how the new book, together with the "*Children* Study Course", provided the solution for the problem of company publishers to reach their individual quota of twelve back-calls monthly and one model study weekly, as suggested in the recent communication of the president of the Society. Three speakers then spoke, each briefly on "When to Begin", and were in concert as to the answer, that NOW is the time.

When, next, Judge Rutherford came on the platform, he talked extemporaneously, but the unspeakable blessing the Lord bestowed in the morning appeared to have put him in the best of condition and filled his heart and mouth full of words "in season" and "fitly spoken". For forty-five minutes the audience spent a most delightful time listening. Said Judge Rutherford: "It is not exactly a new work, but it is putting on a little more steam for the final roundup." Then concerning the book just released, he added: "We had on the grounds this morning only 40,000 of the autographed edition. . . . But I am glad to tell you that, while that 40,000 are gone, there is another 150,000 copies on the grounds ready for use. [Applause] So you will have 150,000 on the grounds here to start with NOW, and I think it might be well for two or three thousand first-class workers to go into the St. Louis field and get those in the hands of the people here who want to know something about it before you go away." (It developed that more than 3,000 persons of good-will turned in

their names at the public meetings, requesting calls by Jehovah's witnesses and further information.)

Then in most interesting fashion he told of his visit to the trailer camp Saturday, and also of the opposition and the difficulties caused by the public service bodies, such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention Bureau, all due to their subservience to the religious organization, whom he symbolized under the figure of one distressed "Fayther O'Hooligan". The description of the actions and the bossy orders of this "Fayther O'Hooligan" in his own brogue to local businessmen and Catholic population caused great amusement, and the assembly laughed again and again. (Pss. 2: 4; 37: 12, 13; 52: 6) Then he told of the good people of St. Louis and showed how the parable of the "sheep" and "goats" had thus had local fulfillment.—Matthew 25.

The city editor of the *Globe Democrat* sent him a question, "Do you not think it discourteous to criticize another person's religion in his own community?" but, due to "Father O'Hooligan", they refused to publish the answer submitted, though it was of great public interest. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy in America have treated in like manner all proposals, challenges and petitions to public discussion in debate over radio. They have all been warned, and now "we are going to spend our energy and time and strength in going to the people of good-will toward God and his Theocratic kingdom, carrying to them the message". Hope-rousing and stirring was his statement: "I feel absolutely certain that from henceforth . . . those who will form the great multitude will grow by leaps and bounds." The arising of 15,000 children this morning was a decisive answer and reproof to the "evil servant" class who say, "Humph! where's the great multitude?"

For ever to disprove all published false charges and slurs that he is the leader of Jehovah's witnesses, he said: "I want to let any strangers here know what you think about a man being your LEADER, so they won't be forgetting. Every time something rises up and starts to grow, they say there is some man a leader who has a great following. If there is any person in this audience who thinks that I, this man standing here, is the leader of Jehovah's witnesses, say Yes." But there was a unanimous "No": emphatically. "If you who are here believe that I am just one of the servants of the Lord, and we are working shoulder to shoulder in unity, serving God and serving Christ, say Yes." The unanimous "Yes!" was strong and unequivocal. "Well, you don't have to need me as an earthly leader to get a crowd like that to work." He now asked them to return to their respective parts and "put on more steam . . . put in all the time you can". Then he offered words of benediction.

Briefly referring to the coming convention in Britain in September he asked them to join with him in a cablegram, as follows: "To the Leicester Assembly: Your fellow servants, assembled 115,000 strong at St. Louis, bid our British brethren be very courageous and hold fast your integrity. Theocratic victory is certain. [Signed] Jehovah's witnesses in America." This was adopted with a unanimous "Aye".

His final words were, "Well, my dear brethren, the Lord bless you. Now I won't say Good-bye, because I expect to see you at some time again." By this the brethren were greatly encouraged, and their hearts and minds were turned to the still greater and grander event, "the general assembly" spoken of at Hebrews 12: 23. Till then they would keep covenant and maintain integrity toward Jehovah God, and endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and continue on in God's "strange work" as his faithful and true witnesses, till done.

[A more detailed report of the convention will appear in *Consolation*.]

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Simultaneously with Nazi declaration of war on Russia, *In Fact* has received information from London and from diplomatic officials in Washington telling the secret of Hess's flight, revealing the plot of British appeasers and Buchmanites to switch the war into an Anglo-German war against Russia, and the peace terms which Hitler offers to achieve this end.

Hess, third most important Nazi, it is confirmed, brought a proposal of war and peace: war against Russia which Britain was asked to join, and peace which would repay Britain for aiding Hitler.

The peace terms, *In Fact* learns from a Washington source which obtained them from the Yugoslav minister, are as follows:

- 1) Restoration of France with the exception of Alsace and Lorraine.
- 2) British Empire to be left intact.
- 3) Restoration to Germany of German East and German West Africa and certain other former colonies.
- 4) Britain to make peace with Germany and join in the offensive against Russia.
- 5) Hitler to be given a vast territory from Prussia to the Black Sea, including Kiev, and Ukraine granary, and Odessa.

(At the same time *In Fact* obtained these peace terms. June 22, the United Press Madrid correspondent obtained a similar set of terms which included "Division of Europe into German and British spheres of influence" and "German expansion eastward at Russia's expense".)

The Religionists Back Hitler

The religionists back Hitler. When put to the test, when did they ever fail to call for the release of Barabbas and for the death of Christ? Recently it was announced, after the bestowal of a big bunch of junk on a flock of Catholic priests, that 1,100 Protestant clergymen had been decorated with the Iron Cross second class and 710 other clergymen had won lesser honors as killers in various jobs. The whole outfit are entitled to the Order of the Double Cross, made of millstones; and much good will the stones do them at Armageddon.

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Ion Antonescu, Hitler's clerk in Rumania, after cheerfully calling on his countrymen to go out and fight Hitler's battles for him, said, "May God help us especially in this fight." The story comes back that as winter was coming on the Rumanians wanted to return home, and Hitler gave them the same deal that he gave to General von Fritsch before Warsaw and several hundred thousand of them were massacred by the Russians.

The *Schwarze Korps* of June 8, official organ of Hitler's Blackshirts, refers to Almighty God and His Son Christ Jesus as "the terrible ruthless Jehovah of the Old Testament and His Crucified Son". What favor can the Rumanians, working for Hitler, hope to receive at the hands of Almighty God?

Douglas Miller, who speaks German fluently and married a German wife, wrote a book entitled *You Can't Do Business with Hitler*, and in it he said, "If Hitler wins in Europe, he will control the Pope, the Vatican, the overwhelming majority of the Catholic Church and its central organization. He will be in a position to exercise pressure through his power to confiscate schools, universities, orphanages, asylums, hospitals, monasteries, and other kinds of church property." This disturbed American Catholics very much, so American Catholic papers state.

They are disturbed at the display of toothpicks at the end of Pacelli's meal. The Jesuits have used and are using Hitler to try to swallow up the whole world, and if, as and when he does it he will be the greatest man in their eyes that ever lived, excepting always their self-made and self-honored "Vicar of Christ".

Meantime the German people are awakening to their horrible predicament. They no longer laugh as decent men and women were made to laugh, but their faces are white, pinched and filled with forebodings of what the near future will bring and is already hastening to bring to them—Armageddon, the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

derstanding of what this image represents "shall be in the latter days". (Dan. 2: 28) That is the present time. All the prophecy of Daniel, therefore, now begins to clarify in the minds of those who love and serve JEHOVAH.

* The text first above cited from Daniel 2: 44 says: "And in the days of these kings." What kings? The answer is, the combined ruling powers of the earth, all the kings of the earth, including both "the north" and "the south", described in the eleventh chapter of the prophecy. At the time when these kings are ruling they announce their purpose to rule the earth, that is, to exercise world domination contrary to Jehovah God. They are therefore in complete opposition to THE THEOCRACY. "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom." What is that kingdom which the God of heaven sets up? It is THE THEOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, which is the government of Jehovah God by Christ Jesus, His King. Christ Jesus is now enthroned; hence THE THEOCRACY has come; and all the kings of earth are arrayed against THE THEOCRACY, and this will become more pronounced in the very near future. Will THE THEOCRACY, Jehovah's kingdom, be able to withstand the opposition of Satan's organization? Concerning THE THEOCRACY, his kingdom, Jehovah says: "Which shall never be destroyed." It is the "everlasting kingdom". (Dan. 7: 27) It is invincible and shall stand forever.

* Satan, the arch demon, has always operated his organization by wicked angels and demonized men, and always contrary to the will of God. Concerning THE THEOCRACY Jehovah says: "And the kingdom shall not be left to other people." No one in Satan's crowd will have anything to do with that kingdom. THE THEOCRACY shall be forever ruled from heaven by Christ Jesus; and those on earth who are representatives of that government will execute the judgments heretofore written. (Isa. 32: 1) There will be no politics, commerce or religion in THE THEOCRACY. How will THE THEOCRACY affect the kingdoms of Satan's organization? Of THE THEOCRACY Jehovah says in this prophecy: "It shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms," that is, the ruling powers of Satan. That means the end of demon rule for ever, because Jehovah says of THE THEOCRACY: "And it shall stand for ever." Return now to the consideration of the prophecy of Daniel as related to "the king of the north" and "the king of the south", as set forth in the eleventh chapter of that prophecy.

* As heretofore stated, after verse forty of that prophecy "the king of the south" disappears from the prophetic picture. Nowhere in the prophecy does it appear that "the king of the north", that is, the "Axis powers", shall be victorious in the present war between the two "kings", nor does the prophecy indicate that "the king of the south" will suffer defeat

in battle at the hands of "the king of the north". "The king of the south" claims to be fighting for the survival of democracies. "The king of the south" suffers complete defeat so far as its announced purpose is concerned, and that defeat is not in battle with "the king of the north" by force of arms, but in this: All nations forming "the king of the south" become arbitrary and totalitarian; and the facts show that that is now practically accomplished. All these nations becoming totalitarian, the liberties of the people completely disappear, and the people are regimented and controlled in all matters. The nations composing "the king of the south" manifestly have reasoned that they must adopt the totalitarian system in order to successfully fight against the "Axis powers". All admit that regardless of the result of the present war the nations will never return to the former method of rule. Thus it will be seen that Satan accomplishes his purpose to drive all nations into the dictatorial camp. As the visible world power began with Nimrod, the dictator of Babylon, which name stands for Satan's "woman" or organization (Rev. 17: 1-5), so in these last days the visible world powers have all become dictatorial under Satan's organization, and hence all are properly called "Babylon the great"; that is, nations composing the entire earthly organization. "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." (Rev. 18: 2, 3) Thus the Lord identifies those who are of "Babylon".

"PEACE"

* Will the present world conflict between the "Axis powers" and the so-called "democracies", the opposers, end in a decisive victory for either side? The prophecy indicates the contrary result; and since we have no way of determining the future save by the prophecy of God, as set forth in the Bible, we know that that way is correct. All the prophecies and the present-day facts indicate that the contending nations will before long enter into some sort of peace treaty. It is quite manifest that the religious element of these belligerent nations now plays a double role, with the expectation of being the leader or chief element sitting at the peace conference or peace table. On September 4, 1941, while this was being written, the New York Journal-American and other papers published the following pertinent statements, to wit: "Pope ready to sit at peace parley." "Pope will seek a peace to last through the ages." It is the constant

forces of THE KING OF THE THEOCRACY: "For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose; therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still." (Isa. 30: 7) "Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the Lord shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together." (Isa. 31: 3) "And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and when all her helpers shall be destroyed."—Ezek. 30: 8.

"The Devil, the chief of demons, and all of his demon forces shall be of no help in that great fight. It is the time when JEHOVAH shows his supreme power, as he promised (Ex. 9: 16); and that power nothing can resist. Thus the end for ever of Nazi-Fascist-Hierarchy rule will come, and that will mark the end for ever of demon rule.

"It is in the days of these dictatorial powers that oppress the people and persecute all who serve THE THEOCRACY, all of these kings of the earth described by Daniel's prophecy, that the God of heaven will bring into action his kingdom, which he has builded up, that blessed kingdom, THE THEOCRACY. All who serve under that kingdom must be righteous; therefore none of the worldly crowd now known shall have any part in it. THE THEOCRACY is the everlasting kingdom. Christ Jesus the King is pictured in Daniel's prophecy (chapter two) as a "stone . . . cut out" of Jehovah's universal organization, which destroys all demon rule and every vestige thereof. That glorious THEOCRACY shall "break in pieces and consume all these [demonized] kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever".—Dan. 2: 44, 45.

OTHER PICTURES

"Further confirming the conclusion that neither "the king of the north" nor "the king of the south" will win a decisive victory in the conflict now raging between them for world domination, take note of the prophetic picture set forth at Revelation 19: 19, to wit: "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army."

"This pictures all the forces of demon rule in battle array against the King of THE THEOCRACY. The "beast" there mentioned symbolizes the demonized rule of the earth, represented particularly in the "Axis powers", and which will include all the kings and nations of the earth finally. The "false prophet" there mentioned particularly pictures the nations that claim to be fighting for democracy in proclaiming the rights of the people, but which in fact contend for world domination for selfish reasons. Therefore it appears that at the battle of Armageddon both

"the king of the north" and "the king of the south" will be living, going concerns, and active and, while thus living, will be destroyed by THE KING OF THE THEOCRACY, as stated, to wit: "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." (Rev. 19: 20) This is another picture marking the end of demonized rule.

"All prophecies of God set down in the Scriptures are in exact harmony and entirely consistent. Each one makes known the development of some part of Jehovah's purpose. The meaning of these prophecies the Lord reveals to his faithful people in his own due time and for their aid and comfort. Another prophecy disclosing the end of demon rule is that set down at 2 Chronicles 20th chapter. That prophecy is considered in detail in *The Watchtower* of July 1 and 15, 1938. Briefly attention is here directed to it.

"Jehoshaphat, whose name means "Jehovah Vindicated", was the king of Israel, the typical covenant people of Jehovah. As king he prefigured Christ Jesus, the King of THE THEOCRACY, who is the vindicator of Jehovah's name. The nations Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, in the order named, pictured the political, commercial and religious elements that form the visible governing powers of the dictatorial or totalitarian state. Those three nations conspired together to bring about the destruction of Jehovah's typical people, and with that malicious purpose they marched into the land of Palestine to make their destructive attack. The Israelites were entirely unable to repel that attack alone, even as the representatives of THE THEOCRACY now on earth could not possibly repel the attack of the totalitarian powers. God, through his prophet, sent a message to the Israelites, to wit: 'Be not afraid by reason of this great multitude; the battle is not yours, but God's.' A like situation obtains at Armageddon. The Israelites marched in force to meet the enemy, singing as they went the praises of JEHOVAH. Then the Lord set an ambushment against the enemy, and they were smitten. Ammon and Moab destroyed first those of Mount Seir, and then destroyed each other. The Israelites struck not a blow, but they saw the work of the Lord, and returned with songs of praise to his name.

"The antitypical monstrosity pictured by Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir is the totalitarian combine now insisting upon world domination. As to the time of the complete fulfillment of this part of the prophecy, it appears that all the nations, which will have gone totalitarian, will at the time be at peace, apparently. They will all be engaged in the same thing. The cry by them, "Peace and safety!" will be made. As Daniel

councilman, claiming to reside in Kensington Heights, who based his entire testimony on admitted prejudice against Jehovah's witnesses and who became so angered at the truth that the judge had to rebuke him for his uncouth language, used in open court.

The San Diego city planning engineer, Mr. Rick, summed up their real position as follows: If it were an ordinary man there could be no objection to this burial.

The undisputed facts showed that plaintiffs Heath, Knorr and Watchtower were entitled to have the permit for the burial of Judge Rutherford issued as requested.

The Board of Supervisors and County Planning Commission questioned the validity of the trust in the deed covering the property where the proposed burial was to take place. The plaintiffs hold the property in trust for the ancient witnesses of Jehovah God described in Hebrews 11, who died in faith of THE THEOCRACY and whom Jehovah has promised to resurrect and bring back to earth as the visible governors of all people under THE THEOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors contended that the property could be conveyed and subdivided. Under the law and the deed it cannot. It therefore became necessary to show that the deed contained a reasonable and legal trust.

The plaintiff Wm. P. Heath, Jr., one of the creators of the trust in question, testified as a witness and explained to the court that the trust was for real men and was altogether reasonable and certain of performance. In this connection he told the court, among other things, as follows:

Awaiting New Earth's Princes

Jesus bought all the obedient of mankind, including those who will be the princes. (Romans 5:12; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 15:22) At present these men, who died long ago, are in "hell", which means the grave. Jesus testified to the fact that no one had ascended to

heaven before His resurrection and therefore the conclusion is inescapable that these men are resting in death. Explaining their certainty of resurrection Jesus showed that when God told Moses that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob He was not the God of the dead but the God of these men who would receive the promise of life in due time.—Psalm 89:48; John 3:13; Acts 2:34; Matthew 11:11; 22:31,32; Exodus 3:4-6.

A "prince" is a sovereign ruler appointed by and acting under the direct command of the supreme or higher powers. Jehovah and Christ Jesus are the Higher Powers. (Romans 13:1) The chief ruler amongst men appointed by Jehovah is a "prince".—Book *Children*, pages 180-181; Genesis 32:28; 1 Kings 14:7.

The faithful acts of the men who were known as "fathers in Israel" are recounted in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.—Genesis 12:1-3; 28:13,14; Acts 7:2-5.

As previously pointed out these men will receive their life as all other human creatures through the King Christ Jesus; therefore it is written, "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth." (Psalm 45:16) "Behold, a king [Christ Jesus] shall reign in righteousness, and princes [Abraham and the others] shall rule in judgment." (Isaiah 32:1) The Lord further declares, "I have purposed it, I will also do it" (Isaiah 46:11); and, "My word shall not return unto me void." (Isaiah 55:11) Therefore we have it upon the highest authority, the Word of God, that these men shall be resurrected as princes. We know that they will be.

These men will be the visible representatives of The THEOCRACY, which is the government created and built up by the Almighty God as His capital organization and which shall rule the world. Further proof that these princes will shortly take office upon earth as perfect men is found in the prophecy of Daniel. "But go thou thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." (Daniel 12:13) Daniel's "lot" is that of these princes. Proof is now submitted that we are now living at "the end of the days", and we may expect to see Daniel and the other mentioned princes any day now!

ouster, until ten years afterward. However, all people alive then could easily recognize World War I as bringing great tribulation on mankind.

Of course, in our discussions the question came up, 'If the great tribulation is so closely connected with World War I, would World War II be considered a resumption of the tribulation?' No, that war was different. During World War I God's people expected it to lead directly into Armageddon, but Jehovah prevented such a climax at that time. We didn't succumb to such an expectation during World War II. Rather, in 1942 we learned that the war would end and that the beastly peace organization would be re-established. And that's just what occurred. But when the tribulation is resumed, it will definitely lead into Armageddon.

Some noted, though, that the same sentence in the book identified it as a "final" tribulation. Does that not mean that "tribulation" is restricted to Armageddon? No, Daniel 12:1 shows that this "time of distress" is associated with Jesus' standing up as king in 1914. The tribulation that began in that year was interrupted or "cut short." Soon it will start again when the political element turns on Babylon the Great and destroys her. The events thus initiated will reach a climax of tribulation on the nations at their Armageddon destruction. So, as a whole it will be the "final" tribulation on this wicked system of things. In its last part it will be a "tribulation such as has not occurred since the world's beginning . . . nor will occur again."—Matt. 24:21.

Another matter that we discussed with great interest was water baptism and its significance. What first got us thinking about this was the comment on page 90 to the effect that even as a babe Jesus was dedicated to God, being part of a dedicated nation. How did you react to that comment?

Thinking back, we could see how Jehovah dealt in a special way with the natural seed of Abraham. Isaac and Jacob were treated in a distinct way because they were in the line of the natural seed to which God had given the Promised Land. (Gen. 17:7, 8; 22:15-18) With this promise in mind, He even-

tually redeemed the Israelites out of Egypt, taking them to himself as a special nation: (Ex. 6:6, 7; Deut. 7:6-11; 1 Chron. 17:21, 22) At Mt. Sinai they entered a formal, legal contract to be a nation dedicated to God. (Ex. 19:4-8; Josh. 24:16, 17) Did you think of some of those points when reflecting on the reason why the Jews could be considered a dedicated nation? With this as a basis, it was easy to see why Jesus' baptism was not a symbol of a recent dedication to God, but of a presentation of himself to do Jehovah's will at the due time.—Heb. 10:7.

Our discussions, though, also helped us to realize how this affected the other Jews. As long as the Law was valid, they were dedicated to God. What about after it came to an end in 33 C.E.? As foretold at Daniel 9:27, Jehovah continued to deal with them as a favored and unique people until 36 C.E. even though the legal contract was not in effect. For three and a half years he gave them exclusive opportunity to be the spiritual seed of Abraham. The baptism of any dedicated Jew during that period would be in symbol of a presentation to do God's will. But after 36 C.E. the natural Jews were put on an equal footing with the uncircumcised Gentiles and would have to make a personal dedication, and be baptized in symbol of it, if they wanted to be acceptable to God.—Rom. 11:25, 32.

Did you then begin thinking about John's baptism? So did we. Up until Pentecost 33 C.E., sinful Jews desiring to do God's will could be baptized by John the Baptist or by Jesus' disciples in symbol of repentance. (Luke 3:3; John 3:22-26; 4:2) After Jesus' resurrection he told his disciples to do baptizing in his name. So once the Christian congregation was established on Pentecost 33 C.E., baptism in the manner of John's baptism was no longer valid. Anyone baptized in "the baptism of John" after that would have to be rebaptized, as were some in Ephesus. (Acts 19:3-5) (See also "Questions from Readers" in *The Watchtower* of May 1, 1959.)

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