

NEVER AGAIN

PART I

But It Will Happen Again

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Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace...

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God [*lit.*, 'a son of the gods'].

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth from the midst of the fire.

And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them (Dan. 3:19-21, 24-27).

During the summer of 1941, when British Intelligence began intercepting radio reports about mass killings by the Third Reich in Poland, the outside world — though still unaware of the full extent and dimensions of the “*Final Solution to the Jewish Question*” — became aware of that which would only later be fully known.

Winston Churchill, in a speech shortly afterwards, stated, in a somewhat cryptic manner so that the Germans would not know that their messages were being intercepted, “We are in the presence of a crime without a name.”

Down through the years since those days, remembering back on what was later called *The Holocaust* — that which happened to the Jewish people (among others) throughout Europe during the twelve-year reign of the Third Reich (1933-1945) — the Jewish people have had a saying: “Never Again!”

These words, “Never Again,” represent a promise to past and future generations that everything possible will be done to insure that nothing like the Holocaust will ever happen again.

The numerous Holocaust museums and centers in major cities, particularly throughout Europe and the United States, along with Yad Vashem in Israel (a memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust), are in existence to let the people of the world know, to educate them, pertaining to that which occurred. And a major underlying reason for all of this is *to prevent such a thing from ever happening again*.

In line with the preceding, present Jewish thought throughout Israel and the world at large is that the Jewish people will “never again” allow themselves to exist in a position of powerlessness,

as the Jewish people found themselves in Germany and throughout Europe during the days of the Third Reich.

The nation of Israel in the Middle East today maintains very active, ever-ready military forces — Army, Navy, and Air Force. They have compulsory military training and military service for all citizens, men and women alike. A high percentage of the population is military-ready; and a ready-to-respond armed force — in any or all branches of service — can be called up overnight.

And these are not just ordinary forces. Israel's Air Force, for example, is recognized as having some of the best trained pilots in the world, flying modern aircraft and using modern weaponry.

Maintaining military forces of this nature, along with having hawkish personnel in positions of authority in both the government and the military, would be another way of letting anyone who would dare even think about trying to come against Israel again to know in advance what to expect.

The Jewish people are determined to “*NEVER AGAIN*” let anything like the Holocaust befall them.

A Date Which Must Be Kept

BUT, with the existence of all the preceding, *IT WILL HAPPEN AGAIN!* The Prophets have spoken, and the Words of the Prophets — God speaking through the Prophets — cannot be circumnavigated.

Israel has a *pre-set, pre-recorded date with destiny, which MUST be kept*. This date has been *set and clearly marked on God's prophetic calendar, and it cannot be changed*. This date is called “The Time of Jacob's Trouble” (Jer. 30:7), and it will be kept during a time referred to as *Daniel's Seventieth Week* (seven unfulfilled years relating to God's dealings with Israel preceding the Messianic Era [Dan. 9:24-27]).

And this pre-set date, reserved for the Jewish people on God's prophetic calendar, *which MUST be kept, is for a reason and for a purpose*.

The reason that this date must be kept is because of Israeli disobedience over centuries, even millen-

niums, of time, which Israel has yet to acknowledge and correspondingly return to the God of their fathers.

And the purpose for this date is to bring Israel to that place, to bring about repentance, so that God's plans and purposes for calling this nation into existence 3,500 years ago can be realized.

Thus, there HAS TO BE another Holocaust, in order to, through Gentile persecution, bring about Israel's repentance. And this coming Holocaust HAS TO BE of a severe enough nature to bring this to pass.

God drove Israel out among the nations to effect repentance; and He is going to leave them there UNTIL they do repent, intensifying the persecution until Israel is left without anyplace to turn other than back to the God of their fathers.

(The Jews presently in the land [there in an unbelieving and unrepentant state], having returned to the land during decades of time, resulting from a Zionist movement, will have to be uprooted from their land and driven back out among the nations [something which will happen in the middle of the coming Tribulation, the "time of Jacob's trouble" (Matt. 24:15ff; Luke 21:20ff; Rev. 12:6ff)].

This will HAVE TO OCCUR, for God drove his people out among the nations to effect repentance through Gentile persecution, and this is the place where He has decreed that He will deal with them in this respect.)

Thus, there is a disobedient Jewish people on the one hand (both in and out of the land) — with all of their Holocaust centers and museums, Yad Vashem, and a mighty military power in the land — saying, "Never Again!"

Then, on the other hand, there are the Prophets who spoke millenniums ago, who, in essence, have said "Yes, Again!"

And the Prophets have said this because of one thing — God's omniscience, as He has looked down through centuries of time, seeing and knowing the continued unbelieving and unrepentant state of the Jewish people in the world today, both in and out of the land.

Present Israeli Endeavors and Thoughts? or That Which the Prophets Have Written?

The present Zionist movement, combined with either a superficial reading of or non-adherence to the Prophets as they relate to Zionism, has resulted in two main things in the world today — one among Israel and the nations in the Middle East, and the other mainly among Christians worldwide.

1) Israel and the Nations in the Middle East

The Middle East is a powder keg, with a burning short fuse. And it is all because of one thing: the presence of an unrepentant and unbelieving Jewish nation in the land covenanted to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

God drove the Jewish people from their land in time past to effect repentance, through Gentile persecution. He drove the northern kingdom out beginning about 722 BC, the southern kingdom beginning about 605 BC, the descendants of returning remnants beginning in 70 AD, and He will drive out the remnant presently in the land yet future, in the middle of the coming Tribulation.

God has decreed that both Israel's repentance and Israel's belief MUST occur while the Jewish people are scattered among the nations. Both MUST occur prior to the Jewish people being regathered back to the land.

These things are clearly delineated in Prophet after Prophet, beginning with Moses. But few today seem to have any understanding of the matter at all — Jews and Christians alike.

2) Christians Worldwide

It is rather amazing to see Christians, with an open Bible, caught up in Zionism as it exists today. Zionism can be a good and proper matter if dealt with from a correct Biblical perspective, but that seen in the world today among those advocating and attempting to promote Zionism is anything but dealing with the matter from a correct Biblical perspective.

"Zionism" would be seen as a national movement for the return of the Jewish people to their homeland and the resumption of Jewish sovereignty in the land of Israel.

And though that may sound good and well on the surface, a major problem presently exists. The problem lies in WHEN and HOW matters are presently being effected. They are being effected both BEFORE the time and APART FROM Divine power.

"Zionism," as seen today, has to do with the Jewish people, in their unrepentant and unbelieving state, rising up, seeking to emancipate themselves from exile apart from their Messiah and establish a nation with its own government in the land covenanted to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

And doing this, the Jewish people have guaranteed that God will ultimately intensify their persecution sevenfold in order to effect repentance (cf. Lev. 26:18-32; Matt. 12:43-45).

And numerous Christians throughout the land, not knowing or understanding what Scripture really has to say in this realm, find themselves caught up in the matter. They find themselves trying to help an unrepentant and unbelieving nation remove itself from a desolated state, seeking to help the nation emancipate itself, completely apart from their Messiah.

And the end result, according to the Prophets, can only be seen as these Christians helping the Jewish people ultimately enter into a period of suffering and death without parallel throughout the 3,500 years of Jewish history (cf. Dan. 9:27; Matt. 12:43-45; 23:37-39).

Why have so many Christians been misled in this manner? Much of it stems from error in this realm having been taught by numerous Bible teachers to whom the people looked, failing to study matters out for themselves.

All of them, teacher and pupil alike, failed to check the Prophets, which is where we are in Christendom today!

(For additional information on the preceding, refer particularly to the author's pamphlets, "Zionism," "Last State Worse Than the First," "The Pupil of God's Eye," "The Turbulent Middle East" [Parts I, II], and "Time of Israel's Restoration" [Parts I, II].)

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