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**20**

**YEARS OF**

**I PREDICT**

Surely  
the Lord God  
will do nothing,  
but he revealeth  
his secret unto his  
servants the  
prophets.

Amos 3:7

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# 1

## 20 YEARS OF "I PREDICT"

"I Predict" has come of age.

Two decades have passed since its appearance. Bible prophecy has been exciting during these twenty years.

Our world has changed drastically in just two decades. The prophecy picture is clearer and more dynamic than ever.

While some consider modern society more complex and events more confusing, God has promised His people "a more sure word of prophecy." They will have an understanding of the times.

This volume records the "I Predicts" which I have written over a period of twenty years. They are still pertinent to "the last" days which I explain in the exciting chapter "100 Years Is The Last Days."

### How I Predict

Each year I open my spirit to Jesus Christ for guidance regarding the unborn year. I know that God has His hand upon all earth situations and that prophetically we are moving with great velocity toward the return of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven. In this way I relate current conditions and events to the Bible.

As God's people, we refuse the heavy pressures of modern life, whether from the business world or social life. When a grave crisis arises, we pray and fast before God. We do not permit earth conditions to afflict us with stress or fear. For a happy and resourceful life, it is necessary to be accurately informed.

According to John 8:36, **"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."** When the Lord Jesus makes you a partaker of Divine Truth, you are released from the inhibitions of stress or fear. You are therefore absolutely, beautifully free.

### The Worldly Wise Don't Know

Matthew 16:1-3 reads,

The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to-day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

I believe the true signs of the return of Christ from heaven are all around us. Our world is girding itself for the last great battle called Armageddon.

It is very possible for you to know many natural arts and trades, yet not really be aware that we are living in the time of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you find it impossible to discern the signs, ask God to open your spiritual eyes that you might see and understand the signs of the times.

We live in a world of high tension and emotions. Medical science foresees a catastrophic exploding point. I believe God's people should be alert. Your very alertness will help you to know when Jesus does something special, and you are involved. "I Predict" seeks to help you in this way.

## 2

### I PREDICT: 100 YEARS IS THE LAST DAYS

Hundreds of thousands of books containing predictions have been published. Predictions have been aired on radio and television nationwide, as well as sent to many nations via audiotapes and videotapes.

In this volume, I have chosen special "I Predicts" from twenty years of predictions and present them as a whole.

"I Predict" is so important to me because it is part of the end of the times—the end of the age — the return of Jesus Christ to planet Earth. It was not easy to gather twenty years into a small book.

"The end times" evidently does not refer to a short period of time. Christ said, **"as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the coming of the Son of Man"** (Matthew 24:37).

In Genesis 6:14, God told Noah to build the ark when he was 500 years old. In Genesis 7:6, Noah was 600 years old when the flood of waters covered the earth. This precisely reveals that the "last days" for all of the antediluvian race was 100 years.

This also reveals God's great mercy in giving mankind adequate time for repentance.

### 1000 Years Of Mercy

God gave the world a sign in the man Methuselah, whose name meant "*at his death destruction comes.*" Methuselah lived to be 969 years old (Genesis 5:27). When Methuselah was 187 years old, his son Lamech was born (Genesis 5:25). Lamech's son, Noah, was born when Lamech was 182 years old. Noah was 600 years old when the flood came (Genesis 7:6). In Bible statistics or chronology, we can count:

187 (from Methuselah's birth to Lamech's birth)  
+182 (from Lamech's birth to Noah's birth)  
+600 (from Noah's birth to the flood)  
= 969 (from Methuselah's birth to his death)

This reveals that Methuselah died the year the flood came! What

amazing accuracy in the prophetic word.

Our generation is now living in the last days of God's mercy before the awesome judgment of the Great Tribulation comes upon the earth.

## **The Twentieth Century**

Our present century seems to be a century of destiny. Just as God gave the antediluvians 100 years of Noah's preaching to prepare for the deluge, God is giving our generation 100 years of the Holy Spirit revival to prepare for the rapture.

Dwight L. Moody brought history up to the twentieth century. It was through him that a great revival swept the two continents of America and Europe. But he died just days before the birth of a new century. At 62 years of age, D. L. Moody breathed his last breath at 11:30 p.m. on December 22, 1899. He connected the former rain and the latter rain by preparing many for the coming deluge of the Spirit.

John Alexander Dowie, from Edinburgh, Scotland, moved into the first years of the twentieth century to experience the beginnings of the latter rain of God's Spirit. He brought the healing revival to Australia and then America and eventually worldwide.

In 1890 Dowie came to Chicago where he established his world headquarters in 1893 and in 1896 founded the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church.

By 1901 he announced himself to be Elijah the Prophet, which led to his ousting from leadership in 1906. John Dowie died in 1907 at the age of 60. Even though his end was confused and tragic, he had led the world into the twentieth century and the outpouring of the latter rain.

The new century was born with charismatic outpourings. On New Year's Eve 1900, a great Upper Room experience came to a Bible college under the direction of a Methodist pastor, Charles F. Parham, in Topeka Kansas. On April 9, 1906, the Azusa Street Revival broke out in Los Angeles. From these two outpourings, the

Pentecostal experience soon flooded the world.

Now, almost 100 years later, God is ready for His next great prophetic move.

Read these pages with care and devotion.

## **I Predict: Prophecies Will Become Clearer**

As prophecies become clearer and more fulfilled, those who choose God's way will have profound comprehensions of time and conditions. Protected from nervous breakdowns and spirits of depression, they will obey the words of Jesus to lift their heads and rejoice for their redemption draws near.

I foresee the words of Jesus to be true and that as it was in the days of Noah, it shall be in the days of the coming for the Son of man (Matthew 24 and Luke 17). Although Noah lived on earth during the time of the flood, he was sealed inside the ark by the hand of God. Not one drop of water touched him. Jesus avowed that it will be the same for the righteous who are on earth during the end times.

### 3

## I PREDICT: COSMIC FURY

Nature will be in complete rebellion in the last days. Jesus taught that nature around us is vitally related to spiritual life. For example, when Christ was crucified, nature went into a state of convulsion. The earth quaked and the sun was darkened at midday.

As we are approaching the return of Jesus, I predict the aberration of nature in that typhoons, hurricanes, and all kinds of wild storms will increase terribly.

Jesus spoke of the present generation.

And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Matthew 24:3

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

In the cosmic world, the sun will turn black. The normal light of the moon will fail. How awful it will be when from millions of miles away, stars begin to plummet down to planet Earth where we live. The powers of the heaven shall be shaken. Today we can fly our planes and pilot our sea-going ships by the North Star, but the time will come when the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. We will no longer be able to rely upon anything. At that time, we are going to see that God is angry with the sins of humans that rebel against His righteousness. We will see that sin is a terrible thing. It is much worse than we ever thought it to be.

Jesus also predicted natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornados, floods and volcanoes. In the same chapter of Matthew it says,

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Matthew 24:7

This is not the fury of man, or the hatred and the meanness of man,



but it is God's fury released in the elements. The greatest powers in the world still happen to be lightning that we cannot control, earthquakes that you cannot stop, and volcanoes that we have no power to subdue. Nature is yet king and God is the King of nature. It behooves you and me to walk circumspectly in our lives and that we walk not as proud and arrogant, but we walk humbly before the Lord.

There already is famine in certain parts of the world, and it will become further widespread; and there will be pestilences. There are also all kinds of pests with which scientists do not know how to deal. New ones appear all the time. Earthquakes are being registered in the most unusual places. The Bible says that it will be "in divers places," which means in places that they were not expected. The Lord tells us in Matthew 24:8 that **"...this is only the beginning of sorrows."** This means there is more to come.

One of the remarkable signs in the cosmos indicating that Jesus is coming soon is in nature. Jesus said in Luke 21:11, **"And great earthquakes shall be in divers places..."**

Our neighboring country, Mexico, was shaken and mighty buildings began to disintegrate and fall to the ground. When you pick up a newspaper and read about an earthquake in some part of the world, you may not pay too much attention to it if it is in Afghanistan, India, or Africa. But when the quakes hit close to home, we get scared.

Recently the scientists found a second fault near the San Andreas Fault down the center of California. They said that the second one is worse than the first.

Some may say, "But we have always had earthquakes."

In the 16th century there were 115.

In the 17th century there were 253.

In the 18th century there were 378.

In the 19th century there were 640.

In the 20th century there have already been more than 2119.

What a jump from 640 to 2119!

God is trying to get our attention.

## 4

### I PREDICT: NATIONS IN ANGUISH

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Matthew 24:6-7

Jesus Christ predicted.

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things, which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Luke 21:26

Modern man is inexorably moving toward a fear syndrome.

Planet Earth is more agitated in spirit than ever before. Nations suffer internal rebellion, facing political revolution on a foreboding scale.

The world's youth are in anguish, yearning for immediate change. Women, crying for liberation, no longer wish to be limited by home life or subject to their husbands. Races are embroiled in bitter hate campaigns instigated by the devil.

Although the Christian home is the hope of civilization, it stands in danger of destruction by divorce.

Don't be part of world anguish.

### I Predict: Fear

After dealing with human needs in 100 lands of the world, I found that the strongest enemy of mankind is fear. It is a hydra-headed serpent: when one misgiving is cut off, two more take its place. Anxiety causes the strongest men and noblest women to lose courage and tremble.

Happily, God's Word states that God does not give us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a strong mind. (II Timothy 1:7). It takes a strong mind to overcome apprehension. You must have the courage to look straight at your problem and know that most fears are falsehoods.

## **I Predict: Emotional Illness**

I predict an acceleration of unreasonable fear and uncontrolled emotional illness.

Over half of the hospital beds in the land are occupied today by men and women with emotional and mental sicknesses, in a world of science and medical assistance, we have more mental illness today than ever before.

The defense mechanism which God placed inside every human demands a certain lifestyle. When this is abused, emotional disturbances develop. If this generation would live right, its emotional problems would resolve themselves.

## **I Predict: Sin and Violence Will Intensify**

The stage is set for the greatest increase in perversion, sin, and crime that this world has ever seen. The use of alcohol and drugs continues to climb and teachers are now reporting junior high students coming to school with hangovers!

A new generation has grown up without respect and reverence for their elders and they are getting out of control. Some teachers are actually afraid of their students.

Not long ago, gangs of Chinese youth killed people on the street in New York's Chinatown. This trend could easily spread across the nation.

Pay TV and pre-recorded cartridges will bring films featuring all kinds of perverted sex into millions of American homes. Even network television will get more filthy and degrading. The recent movie shown in prime time which featured mother-son incest is just the beginning. As one New York columnist wrote: "What's next—bestiality?"

Our news reports will no doubt tell of even more ministers being kidnapped and murdered for preaching against sin. Runaway girls and boys will continue to be picked up and forced into prostitution and pornography by pimps and homosexuals, who are controlled by organized crime. I believe we have only uncovered the tip of the

iceberg of this terrible national problem.

We may well have reached the place where, as in Noah's day, **"...the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth..."** (Genesis 8:21).

## **I Predict: Domestic Unrest**

I predict an aggravated unrest domestically. The home is being attacked by modern society. Divorce disgraces one out of every three marriages in America today, and the children from broken homes tell the saddest stories ever told. Reports estimate that over 80% of the hippies came from either broken homes or homes with deep unrest in them.

One cannot estimate the homes which harbor no true love that are still hanging together in order to maintain respectability, to hold the children together, or to simplify business arrangements. Chasms of bitter words or horrifying silences stand between them. Regardless of the cause, one fact remains: the children in such homes have no parental love and protection, and they grow up wild.

The children in America have become unruly, refusing to obey one parent or the other until there is almost anarchy in the homes. Consequently, this boils over into the schools, the police courts, and the reformatories.

This aggravated unrest in the homes of America could be averted by parents going to church and finding the rest and peace that only Jesus can give. He said in John 14:27, **"...my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth..."**

## **I Predict: Confusion**

A spirit of supernatural confusion will arise to destroy homes and friendships. Strong families will separate and disintegrate due to sin and lukewarmness. Perplexed children will turn against their parents, and close friends will tear each other apart with animosities.

This same confusion will exist in government circles. An uncovering of sleuthgates of filth will astound and embarrass those holding political office. Finally men will realize that mankind is not

good except in Christ, and nothing but a miracle of divine goodness can save his soul.

## **I Predict: Unholy Legislation Will Be Passed**

We will see scores of new laws proposed that will hurt Christians and the church and give license to all sorts of vile wickedness in our land.

Just as Sweden has already passed laws making it a crime for parents to spank their own children, new laws are being drafted in the United States that would give children the right to "divorce" their mother and father, choosing new parents.

Once again there will be debate over tax exemption for churches and tax credit for contributions. This time the anti-church forces could win.

The head of the women's movement has announced that her organization's top priority is lesbian equality.

The day may well come when the government will tell business and industry that because homosexuals make up a certain percentage of the population, they must hire an equal percentage of these perverts and deviates into their work force!

Federal agencies may also force radio and television stations to provide "equal time" for heathen and pagan religions on the air.

## **I Predict: Inhumane Torture**

It is truly amazing that the nations who control the United Nations are inhumane in their treatment.

Communist Russia has killed its millions and still does. There is no free press to tell the story.

Communist China killed its millions.

Islamic Iran slaughtered its own by the thousands.

A 236-page study by Amnesty International declares that human torture is practiced now by at least 98 countries. I predict inhumane torture by member states of the United Nations will increase.

Humans in prison cells are subjected to electric shock which can destroy the emotional system. Others are subjected to darkness,

deprived of fresh air, food or medical assistance.

Often the abuse is sexual, beatings, or long periods of being handcuffed. Sometimes convicts' heads are submerged in water or chemicals and the flesh is burned with sulfuric acid. In Russia, felons are forcibly given disorienting drugs.

The most inhumane thing in the world is the inhumanity of human beings one to another. Respect for life needs to be ingrained in children in the home.

## **I Predict: Words of Jesus Burn Like Fire**

Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Luke 21:10-11

I predict that the words of Jesus will burn like fire. Nation shall oppose nation, especially in the area of economics. Germany and Japan will ultimately break the American dollar as the Common Market of Europe squeezes the U.S. economically.

In the United Nations greater belligerence shall arise, and the struggle and prejudice of races will hit crescendo proportions. In these years of political commotion, nations will change their alliances, fight their friends, and make peace pacts with their enemies. The words of Jesus will be engraved in men's minds.

To the Christian these signs cannot be depressing. It is time to lift our heads and rejoice: Jesus is coming soon! We rejoice because we are soon going to be with our loved ones forever.

## **I Predict: War Activity Will Intensify**

I predict intensified warfare in the years ahead. The cost of war will rise, forcing munition factories to work around the clock to turn out their deadly merchandise. I see no peace on the horizon.

I see what Jesus saw when He said that **"...nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom..."** (Matthew 24:7)

The cost of war will become an oppressive burden that will weigh down the taxpayer.

## **I Predict: U.S. Economic Outlook Is Dismal**

The economic outlook for the United States is, to the worldly eye, extremely dismal. Our citizens will go deeper into debt than ever before, using credit cards to maintain their lifestyle as long as possible. Finally, they will not even be able to pay the interest on their debt.

At the same time, U.S. personal savings are sliding to an all time low. Most Americans save only 5% of their disposable income!

It could well be that before long the oil-producing nations will demand to be paid in some currency other than the dollar. This would further devalue the dollar and increase the cost of energy even more drastically.

No matter how little or how much any human currency is worth, the Christian should never fear. All the world's resources belong to God and He has promised to provide all the needs of His people. (Philippians 4:19)

## **I Predict: Africa Revives**

Africa, with its one hundred million population, harbors two warring contingents.

While the devil is engineering unresolvable hatred toward the white lands of Europe and America who ruled them in the past, the Spirit of God will fall upon millions of Africans as they receive Jesus and are filled with the Holy Spirit. This means that political unrest and revival will be apparent at the same time.

## **I Predict: The Great Commission Challenges Christians**

These last days are a time of challenge to you and me as we work to fulfill the Great Commission. There are 4,700,000,000 people living today. They must all hear the good news of the gospel. Sharing the Word of God with them is our challenge.

I believe as we seek to evangelize the world, we will see one of the greatest times of revival we have ever known. God is going to bless our efforts and make the harvest of this year superabundant.

As you put God first in your work and your giving, God is going to bless the work of your hands and pour out His blessings upon you

in an unlimited, overflowing way. You will have plenty when others are in need. You will be healthy when others are sick. You will be filled with joy when others are cast down!



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### **I PREDICT: THE RISE OF ANGER**

As I sought the Lord and prayed, He gave me words which somewhat reveal the story of our times, such as rebellion, race, uprising, immorality, renegades, and revival.

#### **I Predict: Anger**

The Lord revealed that a diabolical human anger would reach a high peak during the months ahead. Observable in terrible outbursts of temper, it will not be confined to the young or the old or to any one race. Deeply imbedded human emotions will burst into angry words which will flow like the muddy Amazon River.

The school systems will suffer as students display extensive rancor toward their instructors. Labor will demonstrate bitterness toward its employers. However, most people will not recognize this as satanic and a sign of the times, and will not identify it with the return of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Those who love God and wish to be in the Bride of Christ must be quiet before God and not become part of the rancorous spirit pervading human society. Like Noah, whose name means "quiet," they must remain calm before God in the midst of great social and spiritual agitation.

#### **I Predict: Rebellion**

Further, the Lord showed me that a spirit of rebellion had come upon the inhabitants of the earth. Unlimited by continents or nations, a satanic rebellion will arise among the people. Wives will rebel against husbands; children will stand against their parents; students will confront teachers; and workers will revolt in defiance of foremen.

Causing disruption after disruption, this spirit of rebellion will rise higher and higher until the land shall tremble under its torment. Only God's people will realize where this spirit started and what it means.

Again, Christians must not be a part of this global rebellion which will smolder in the hearts of masses of people. God's children must be forgiving and considerate in order to perform all that God requires of them.

## **I Predict: Violence**

In the past, racial tensions have strained the very existence of some countries. The racial problems of some minority groups will be reaching new heights of fervor during the months ahead. As these problems remain unsolved, hatreds will grow deeper and flare up constantly.

## **I Predict: Uprisings**

American cities have already suffered from rioting in the streets. In spite of all our police protection, it will not be possible to curb the spirit of mutiny. Subversive groups with plenty of money are keeping this pot boiling with anger.

Riotous uprisings are the revolutionary expressions of race hatred, rebellion, and rancor. They become the bloody payoff.

Because the greatest power against this spirit of insurrection is fervent prayer, the children of God must pray and not riot in the streets.

## **I Predict: Unprovoked Murder**

Murderers stalk the land like wild beasts on the prowl, leaving the unwary dead in marshes, creeks, and isolated desolation.

A murder occurs approximately every 24 minutes in America. Criminals lash human bodies with knives and destroy the human flesh like animals. Often the murder is caused by unbridled sexual cravings.

Mass murders of unknown people, often done indiscriminately simply because they were in the line of fire, are now growing in intensity.

I predict an accelerated increase of unprovoked murder across our land. Judges, who pamper criminals by saying that a man who just killed a woman and her three children should not be electrocuted

because the judgment is too severe, are encouraging the increase of crime.

James Oliver Huberty of San Diego walked into a fast food restaurant and shot everybody in sight; children, women and men. Twenty-one lay dead, and as many were wounded. Veteran policemen could not stand the carnage.

Huberty was a person who permitted evil spirits to direct him. The Bible explicitly says that the devil is a murderer. If you obey him, he can make you a murderer.

The Bible says that in the last days there will be perilous times; we are now witnessing those times.

While holding a service in a penitentiary in Florida, I was looking at the prisoners in the congregation. A handsome young boy playing the piano seemed so innocent, but I found out that he had killed three people! When you let the devil in, you will do things that you would never have thought of doing otherwise.

## 6

### **I PREDICT:**

## **A SPECTACULAR RISE IN SPIRITISM, BLACK SCIENCES, DEMON WORSHIP, WITCHES**

Interest in the black sciences is prevalent worldwide. As well as demanding civil rights legislation to protect witchcraft as a form of religion in this country, witches and sorcerers are urging the descendants of witches executed in Salem almost 300 years ago to sue the Massachusetts town for one hundred million dollars in belated damages.

The government of England tolerates witchcraft, and the people appear to be more interested in sorcery than any other modern nation. *The London Times* carried an ad, "A witch of full powers is urgently sought to lift a 73-year-old curse and restore the fortunes of an afflicted nobleman."

In America witchcraft seems most prevalent in schools, colleges and universities.

Witches in America and England insist that their craft is spiritual and will take over the world. They prophecy this will happen before the end of this century.

A nation which turns to witchcraft is as doomed as ancient Egypt with its magicians or Babylon with its sorcerers.

### **I Predict: The Occult Flourishes**

More than ever before we will see people exhibit a "crystal ball" mentality. Apprehensive about the future, they will consult astrologers and fortunetellers, hoping to chart a course toward personal happiness and success.

A profusion of newspapers and magazines will print horoscopes and astrological predictions for humans and animals, and book stores

and supermarkets will prolifically sell materials on the occult and spiritism. These influences cause throngs of people to come under the direct power of the devil.

The Associated Press reported that some 300 students at Florida's Miami Aerospace Academy "went berserk" — kicking holes in walls, ripping down doors and screaming about demons — after a hypnotism session in a science class.

It was also reported that some students were using Ouija boards. Police found people yelling and screaming. They were possessed. The fire department said, "Some of the kids were collapsing, falling over. There were students lying on the floor...in a hysterical state."

We will see more of this happening as people flirt with the devil and his works. God's people must stand firm and be prepared to bring deliverance to those who fall prey to Satan's snares.

## **I Predict: A Turn to Spiritism**

I predict that in the days ahead, before Jesus Christ returns, millions will turn to every kind of spiritism, including hypnotism.

Men will be offered religion that soothes the conscience, smooths the rugged path of sin, and leads them into sweet forgetfulness with eternal, reincarnating happiness. However, the bliss comes minus the blood of Jesus Christ and the ecstasy without eternal life!

Keep yourself clean and pure before God, never have your fortune told, nor consult astrologers about your future. If anyone wishes to hypnotize you, do not offer your mind to him. Finally, avoid meetings of demon-inspired oriental cults, but walk uprightly before God and serve Him.

I challenge you to have the mind of Christ: a strong, dedicated intellect created to have dominion on the earth, according to Genesis 1:26,27.

## **I Predict: Men Will Seek the Supernatural**

At no time in the history of America have such great numbers of people joined forms of the occult and spiritism. Never have so many people sought to communicate with the dead as right now.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the

faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

1 Timothy 4:1

We are living in the times spoken of by the Holy Spirit. Multitudes of former church members are now aligning themselves with groups studying reincarnation, (the study of former lives on earth). Others are supposedly talking with dead family members or friends.

Multitudes are experimenting with E.S.P., trying to fathom the depths of the human mind. The devil takes advantage of any person who puts his mind into neutral and fails to resist him.

I predict a phenomenal turning to astrology. Innumerable lives will turn from God to serve the devil through the supposed influence of the stars.

Evidence indicates that our world is moving toward complete worship of the devil. This will finalize in worship of the Antichrist.

## **I Predict: Non-Christian Religions Will Rise**

Buddhism is having one of the greatest revivals of its history, and many of its sects are militant and anti-western—which means anti-American.

Mohammedanism, the religion of Islam, with its fanatical adherents, is planning to take over the western world as its founders and conquerors tried thirteen centuries ago. The Iranian crisis is just one example of the chaos these militant opponents of Christianity can cause.

More unsuspected heathen groups, cults, and strange religions will come to light in America than have ever existed in a single nation in all of history. The day has long since passed when America could call itself a Christian nation.

## **I Predict: Antichrist Spirit Soars**

The fast rise of antichrist's spirit will be obvious in every aspect of this generation. It will be observed in the non-Christian youth who have only a hearsay knowledge of Christ. They will speak against Christ with satanic anger.

It will be manifested in some labor unions who will decide that

religion is on the side of the establishment, and that religion is not for the working man.

May I caution all of us not to be a part of any belligerent group spilling out anger and hate against any person or group of persons.

This is a sign of the approaching rule of Antichrist on the earth. The shadow precedes the object.

The only person who really is for the working man is Jesus. He said, **"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"** (Matthew 11:28).

## 7

### **I PREDICT: THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST**

Soon there will be a strong emergence of the antichrist spirit in the affairs of men.

#### **I Predict: Sodomy**

The antichrist spirit seeks to glorify immorality and perversion. This evil spirit is overwhelming today's generation with Sodomite practices. Countless men and women have turned from the natural use of sex to a subculture of moral degeneracy. At first they called it "sickness," but now they call it the "gay society" and an "alternate lifestyle."

Christ predicts sodomitic judgment for such indulgence, yet the satanic spirit relentlessly covets more.

#### **I Predict: The Antichrist Dollar**

National and international currencies are being manipulated by the ingenious minds of international bankers. In their lust for wealth, men are destroying each other. The spiraling cost of living creates a situation that begs for a world leader who can change the entire economic system.

The antichrist spirit lustfully desires to control all monetary systems on the face of the earth, giving himself complete global authority. The currency of all nations now stands in jeopardy, and the world awaits the antichrist dollar.

**And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**

**Revelation 13:17**

Millions will bow to this controlled economy, worshiping the Antichrist.

With pacts, covenants, treaties, and promises of Utopias among the masses of Earth's nations, the Antichrist will control total economies for buying and selling. Continents will give him the authority to rule



their material lives. Daniel says he will make "**craft to prosper...**" (Daniel 8:25)

## **I Predict: World Bondage**

Astonishingly, after centuries of striving to be free, only 6% of the present world population is free! Though mankind fought two great world wars and incurred millions of deaths to free humanity, world communism, leftist governments and dictatorships still control over 90% of the world's people.

For free Americans it is difficult to realize that few individuals have the right to decide their destiny. World communism predicts that soon America will lose this privilege also.

When Christ returns, He will free this world from satanic bondage, and all mankind shall live in freedom with Christ for 1000 years. Those living in prison camps, socialistic farms, and factories shall be liberated during this Millennium. We look forward to the moment when Christ shall come and all men go free.

John 8:36 comments, "**If the Son...shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.**"

## **I Predict: The World Church Will Rule**

By creating a world church born of hypocrisy and occultism, the Antichrist will rule the world with an evil trinity during the Great Tribulation.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

**Revelation 16:13-14**

This trinity consists of the dragon, or Satan personified; the beast, the world political figure head; and the false prophet, the one who will lead the vast religious system in occult worship and anti-Christian persecutions.

In order to divert men's minds from the great issues of eternity and the immortality of the human soul, the antichrist spirit will create a great time of festivity of sport, of eating and drinking, of fabulous

parties and celebrations. It will be identical to Noah's day. (Matthew 24:37-38)

## **I Predict: Political Panacea**

Presenting a political panacea to the nations, the antichrist spirit will cause the Arabs and Israelis to agree to follow him. Russians and Americans will believe in and accept him. Uniting East and West, black and white, he will be all things to all men. He will present himself as the only human being who has an answer to the current problems.

## **I Predict: Miracles Simulated**

To keep the adoration of the world turned upon himself, the Antichrist will depend upon the occult for vitality and direction in important decisions. According to Revelation 13:13, he will perform spiritual wonders, simulating the miracle of Elijah with fire coming down to earth.

Evil men will declare him to be supernatural, seeing his awful greatness in the lines of his hands and in his signature. Others will announce that the stars in the heavens prove him to be a superman. Masses will turn to witchcraft, and the devil's deception will be strong throughout the earth because the Antichrist will be a spiritist. Truly, those who do not know our God will be deceived.

## 8

### ISRAEL'S GREAT CONFLICT

...Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

Isaiah 60:4,17,22

### **I Predict: Amazing Prosperity in Israel**

One day Israel will shock this entire world with its remarkable and amazing prosperity while other countries starve and beg.

Presently Israel cannot build hotel accommodations fast enough to meet the tourists' demands. From the nations of the earth, people come to see the Holy Land, bringing money to spend and producing prosperity for Israel.

Fruits, nuts and vegetables grow big and fast in the Holy Land. They are exported throughout the world. Jaffa oranges are known all over the world. The desert places are now producing like a garden of the gods.

Everywhere one travels in Israel, shops and factories are busy at work. In Bethlehem, they turn out olive wood carvings in abundance. In Tel Aviv, big machinery is produced. Almost every kibbutz is producing something now.

Israel has become one of the most important diamond polishing centers of the world. The Dead Sea, possessing wealth unmeasurable, is a source of minerals and fertilizers ...assisting in the fabulous prosperity of the Holy Land.

### **I Predict: Four Mighty Armies to Enter Palestine**

The Orient will participate in the battle of Armageddon, but they do not instigate it. It will be precipitated in Europe where the

Antichrist will rise over the old revived Roman Empire.

It is most interesting to note that the European Common Market is in the area governed by the ancient Roman Empire. The present boundaries dividing East and West Germany are the northern limits of the powerful Roman Empire. It seems the battle lines are now being drawn for Armageddon.

Four mighty crusading armies will have a date with death in Israel on the bloody battlefields of Meggido.

1. The United Nations' armies of the West will become the Antichrist's militia.

2. From the new African nations, black armies will race across the burning sands with such anger as human history has seldom known.

3. Like an evil cloud in the North, the atheistic armies of Russia and her satellites will race to Israel to fight.

4. The Bible predicts there will appear legions of fighting men from the Orient. God will dry up the mighty Euphrates River to permit them to march on dry ground!

## **I Predict: Time Is to Be Fulfilled**

When will this happen?

Jesus said that Jerusalem would be trodden down by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled. It could be tomorrow, or it could be in several years.

Personally, I feel the Gentile nations of this world have reached their zenith. I believe we will see the dissolution of Western civilization. We see it in America today with the riots, crime, divorce, rebellion, and spiritual inertia.

From this point in time, I predict nations will give way to confederations, and the revived Roman Empire will emerge.

## **I Predict: Communism Will Rise**

As a boxer strikes his opponent a severe blow and watches his knees buckle, he knows a harder blow would knock him out. In the same manner, communism sees democracy weakening through riots, demonstrations, and political speeches against government policy.

World communism watches for a knock-out blow!

Socialism's most daring activities will be in the Near East. Although Russia has lost billions of dollars, she will still support the Arabs in their hatred of Israel.

The time must soon come when Russia will lead her own armies across the Judean hills to fight in the Holy Land, and the Bible says that at that time God will avenge Himself of the atheism of Gog and Magog of the North. (Ezekiel 38:29)

## 9

### **I PREDICT: REVIVAL**

#### **I Predict: Religions Unite**

I predict liberal and conservative religions will unite against Divine Truth.

The Pharisees we study in Matthew 16 were the super religious people of that time. Fundamentalists in their approach to the Scriptures, they strictly observed the law, letter by letter.

The Sadducees were the liberals. Not believing in angels or miracles, they had a broad- minded theology.

It is amazing how the two got together. The only time they ever agreed was against Jesus.

At the time the Pure Truth arrived on the scene, these two factions were the right and the left. However, they united against Him. I predict in the days to come we shall see the most unlikely religious sects joining together to fight the true Church.

#### **I Predict: Great Separation in Christianity**

I predict a division of the true Church from the world church, according to II Corinthians 6:17, "**...come ye out and be separate...**"

The World Council of Churches and other world religious organizations steadily rise in numerical strength and political power. This will continue with Roman Catholicism and most Protestant denominations getting closer together, seeking to create an ecumenical church. This final organization will be in alliance with world political power.

At the same time there is a multitude of Christians who are seeking deep consecration to Christ and are separating themselves from political religion and worldliness. This could be called the invisible church because man cannot count them. Much like the early Christians, who gave their lives for the pure gospel, this true Church

is composed of believers from all denominations who meet in homes, campgrounds, hotels and some churches to discuss the true ecumenical growth of the Church Triumphant.

## **I Predict: The Power of God Super-Abounds**

As dawn began to break, God spoke to me to encourage His people not to stop opposing the devil.

The Lord disclosed that His power on earth was going to be greater, and the manifestation of His love would become more intense. This generation should look forward to witnessing the strongest outpouring of His Spirit any living person has seen. More amazing miracles that cannot be refuted by atheists or infidels will occur.

Notwithstanding, while God is effecting the most supernatural wonders of this age, the world shall witness a further decay in spiritual values. We shall see the continuing growth of the World Church which constitutes vast numbers of people who are seeking political power and riches.

## **I Predict: Third World Leaders Will Bless Others**

I predict that young ministers from the Third World will become stronger and raise up great revival movements without assistance from the affluent nations. God will supernaturally supply their needs, and they shall be world leaders in spiritual blessing and power.

## **I Predict: The Rebirth of Joyful Religion**

Possibly the most influential movement in the history of the Church is occurring today. Its scope has penetrated every religious organization and raced to the ends of the earth, sweeping up the youth like a tidal wave.

Literally thousands of prayer groups, meeting in the most inconceivable places, are receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit and manifesting them as they drink of the new wine. In the last days we will witness a great acceleration of charismatic growth as the true Church is drawn closer together by divine love.

## **I Predict: Revival**

The Lord Jesus said, "**When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh**" (Luke 21:28). The true Body of Christ will rejoice as their redemption draws closer.

Christians have another reason for celebrating. God has promised revival.

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

Joel 2:23,28

With fruitful laborers, each year from now until the return of Christ will bring a plentiful harvest of immortal souls!

## **I Predict: Ministry Doors Open**

The Lord spoke to me from Revelation chapter three of an open door. He said there will be unprecedented open doors for witnessing, testimony and ministering the power of God. It seems to be without denominational endorsement and possibly without political support; however, the doors into the hearts of men will be exposed, and the people will hear and believe God's Word.

## **Predictions in Rhyme**

In the last few years of time,  
God spoke to me through rhythm and rhyme. He brought me  
much great revelation,  
And vision which was not just speculation.  
They clearly reveal that Messiah is near,  
These prophecies unveil truth loud and clear.  
If you will pardon the rhyme vocabulary,  
I will enter the prophetic sanctuary.

## **I Predict: Sign Gifts**

Mark the years  
And mark them well,



Mighty surges of My Spirit shall swell.

For the sign gifts of the Spirit shall rise again with authority and dominion over sin.

The East shall be visited by Me,

And the West mighty works shall see.

The despised of the Lord shall rise up before men,

Commanding signs and wonders and victories WIN.

The East, or Orient, is represented in India, China, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

The West is represented in Europe and America.

The despised of the Lord are the faithful witness of the Bible reaching out to the lost in these days.

What a Day of Power and Victory!

The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit shall parade forth like the beauty of the rainbow!

## **I Predict: Gifts Break Bondage**

The sick and afflicted His stripes shall see,

My apostles shall speak and set them free. Multitudes in dread bondage of fear,

Shall this message of deliverance hear.

No longer shall the chains of ignorance hold,

For Truth shall come forth bold.

Those who have been last shall now be first, Gifts of the Spirit poured upon all who thirst.

The clouds of deadly war shall thunder,

But my gifts of the Spirit shall make men wonder.

The days of liberation are upon us! The gifts of the Spirit shall manifest healing and deliverance.

Your children shall rise to take their place,

For through My gifts they see My face.

The unknown ones of low degree shall break the curse and bring liberty.

They that lisp and are slow of speech,

By spiritual gifts shall multitudes reach.

But, you shall see the heathen rage,  
Not knowing this is the end of the age.  
The pagan shall with anger scream But millions living shall I  
redeem.

The deaf shall hear and the lame walk,  
As by My Spirit the dumb shall talk.

## **I Predict: Earthly Treasures Decay**

Let My saints hide themselves in Me,  
For the enemy shall arise from within.  
He shall teach that sin is not sin.

To My Church the time is here,  
That with boldness and not with fear,  
They shall march as the Word has said,  
And upon their enemies they shall tread.

To the left My saints shall not behold,  
Those whose birthrights have been sold.

My saints shall read My Word,  
And trust My Spirit to undergird.  
In their minds they shall not question,  
For My Spirit shall give direction.

This part is significant because the Church is the key to worldwide revival. The Spirit is saying that church people shall deny that sin is wrong or bad. This is a work of the enemy. It is time for the True Church to look neither to the left or right, but to march boldly forward in the Word!

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