

# THE WORLD OF DAY AFTER TOMORROW

Our statesmen, politicians and news reporters, by pen and radio, are telling us that our country is going to be a different country after this war; that things will never be the same as they have been in the past. They are divided as to whether the change will be for the better or for worse. Some of the prophets, who prophesied twenty-five years ago that the world war of yesterday was to put an end to all wars and make the world safe for democracy are still alive; but the majority of them are not prophesying out loud as to the future of democracy or as to how safe the world is going to be for democracy or any other form of government. They prefer to say "manana" Mexican, "vamos a ver." With all our thinking, dreaming, hoping and planning for tomorrow, we can only say: "vamos a ver": "we will wait and see."

Many years ago a very wise king wrote these words: "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Proverbs 27:1. Several centuries later another wise man wrote: "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continued there a year, and buy and sell and get gain; Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." Some time ago a news reporter signed off on Friday evening, after telling the radio audience the progress of the war, saying "I will be with you again Monday." He never again spoke over the radio, for he went the way of all the earth. He should have said, "D. V. (If the Lord wills), I shall be talking again on Monday." Let us never forget that God has some very important "tomorrow" plans. And we know not what a day may bring forth.

However, this is no time for pessimism or despair. As we prosecute this war against vicious enemies, we want to be optimistic and hopeful. As well as alert and aggressive. We can sacrifice and labour and fight more heartily, more enthusiastically, more persistently and more effectively, if we can persuade ourselves, or be persuaded by others, that complete victory over our enemies will not only save the United States and preserve for us our liberties, but will bring peace to this troubled world. Of course we sincerely trust that out of this war will come such political, economic and social reforms that the world of tomorrow will be a better world in which to live. So we carry on in hope with the slogan, "victory first, then peace." Of course, some people are wondering if their hope for international peace by the agreements and plans of national rulers, and by police, may be but an empty dream and turn out like the cry of peace many centuries ago, saying, "Peace, peace; when there is no peace. We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!" Jeremiah 8:11 and 15

Some one has truly said that the humblest child of God can see farther into the future on his knees than can the wisest statesman on his tip-toes. Both the humblest child of God and the wise statesman should know that either in the near, or distant future, I Thessalonians 5:3 will be fulfilled: "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

Surely the people of America, as well as those of all other nations fighting in this world conflict, are being educated, disciplined and trained in a manner heretofore unknown. Mechanics, chemists and other scientists are experimenting, inventing, improving and contributing to the physical welfare of humanity as never before, while at the same time they are

working night and day to give the fighters new and improved weapons with which to slaughter human beings by the wholesale.

Surely it does seem that the inventions and discoveries and improvements, which have come as the result of these years of war, should mean much to humanity in the peace of tomorrow. We are promised different housing, modern homes with air conditioning and refrigeration never before known, and electrical appliances of every kind for our comfort and convenience. We are to have so many more labour-saving devices, that we shall not be dependent upon servants, for our after-the-war homes. Instead of automobiles very many people in this land will be driving their own private planes through the air. We are to have so many ships on the sea that we shall be able to visit foreign countries at greatly reduced rates, if we cannot afford to travel by the planes, which by the thousands will be flying with passengers and freight all over the world.

Surely when this war shall have ended the people in the warring nations, by sweat and toil and suffering and blood-shed and sacrifice and taxes, will have earned the very best the world has to offer. This war will cost these nations more than one thousand billion dollars. More than one generation after this present generation will be heavily burdened with taxes in payment for the men and materials being used in this wholesale slaughter. Perhaps, ten million men, women and children have already been either killed or maimed for life. Who today can estimate what the total casualty list will be before the victory is won? Thousands of minds, as well as bodies, have been wrecked. Millions in Europe and Asia have either died already or are now dying because of starvation. Famine and pestilence are the unfailing allies of war. The red horse, the black horse and the pale horse follow the white horse, and if we believe that we have in the Bible a more sure Word of Prophecy, there is yet to be a more literal fulfillment of the sixth chapter of Revelation, concerning the four horsemen, that anything that has take place on this earth up to the present time, even though Hitler declares that if he is defeated, he will see to it that there will be terrible destruction of human beings and property in all the occupied countries, as well as in his own Germany. Who has any doubt as to what the Japanese war lords will do, if and when they learn that for them defeat is inevitable?

#### GOD—MAN—SATAN

Surely we shall pray that the plans agreed upon by the four great rulers in their recent conference in Africa and Asia will fit into God's plans and will bring the victory and peace and the better international relationships that they are now promising to suffering humanity. People, who understand God's "grace" program for this present age, know that, if this age is to continue after this present war, the allies will surely be victorious. The great majority of the people of the United States feel positive that our entrance into this world war unavoidable, as well as undesirable, and now that we have been forced into it, all of the people of this country should be united in unceasing and determined efforts to defeat the blood-thirsty tyrants who would not hesitate to bring utter ruin and destruction to the United States.

It was after Jesus Christ said, "nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines, and pestilences", that He said, "lawlessness shall abound", "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor never shall be." Matthew 24:7 and 12 and 21. Nothing like this present war of destruction ever took place on this planet, so far as there is any trustworthy record, although God did rather a thorough job of destruction when all flesh was destroyed by the flood. But, according to II

Thessalonians 2:1 to 11, the mystery of lawlessness will not culminate in the great tribulation, under the man of sin, until after God is through with His “grace” and “Church” program. Let us never forget that God speaks of this age as “this present evil age.” Satan is called “the god of this age.” Satan is called, in the Bible, “the prince of this world.” Let us see him at work with that Christ, to Whom this world belongs by right of creation and redemption; “And the devil taking Him (Christ) up into a high mountain, showed unto Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, All this Power will I give Thee, and the glory of them; for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it. If thou, therefore, wilt worship me, all shall be thine.” Luke 4:5 to 7. It should be admitted by all that Satan is quite a powerful prince. He is very clever and very “tricky” and has plenty of human help. And all should admit the truth of I John 5:19; “We know that we (Christians) are of God, and the whole world lieth in the evil one (in the lap of the devil).” We are told in Revelations 11:15, that great voices in heaven are going to utter this good news at some time in the future: “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

If we know the Bible and believe it, we know that although one group of world rulers and their armies can utterly defeat another group with their armies and bring temporary peace, with their victory, this earth will not enjoy permanent peace until the Prince of Peace, prophesied in Isaiah 9:6 and 7, shall come back from heaven and conquer and imprison Satan the prince of this world, who is a usurper on the throne. Therefore, if after this war, Satan’s reign shall continue in the world of tomorrow, though rulers may do their utmost to give to humanity a warless world, a better world in which the black man, the brown man, the yellow man and the white man are to dwell in unity, peace, plenty, and comfort, we shall be compelled to wait for the world of day-after-tomorrow, when Satan shall be the Lord’s prisoner in the bottomless pit, for the golden age. Revelation 20;1 to 6

Wars and revolutions and all of the lessons learned from experiences of suffering and sacrifice do not change the human heart. It was the Son of God Who said “that which is born of the flesh is flesh.” John 3:6. Then the Holy Spirit added, “they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” Romans 8:8. Did the apostle Paul truthfully confess for the whole human race when he said, “I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing.” Romans 7:18.

### JESUS CHRIST THE ONLY HOPE

We read, in John 2:25 and 25, this interesting statement concerning the Lord Jesus Christ; “But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men. And needed not that any should testify of man; for He knew what was in man.” Yes, the Lord Jesus was not only the one true mind-reader, but He was the only Person this world has seen Who could truly read the human heart. He did not exaggerate when He said, “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” Mark 7:21 to 23. But in spite of such inward depravity, hear this good news; “For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:17. By one man, Adam, sin entered into the world and death, by sin; and so death passed upon men, for that all have sinned. Then the ten commandments entered that the universal sin, that entered 2500 years before, by Adam, might abound . . . “But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.” Romans 5:12 and 20

Thus we see that after the victory, which the allies will celebrate with tears and rejoicing, with great demonstrations and enthusiasm, it will still be true; “All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.” I John 2:16 and 17. All of the victories and social betterment schemes and political and economic reforms will not save the unbeliever from that terrible judgment, mentioned in Acts 17:31 and Revelation 20:13 to 15. “Because God hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that MAN Whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised HIM from the dead.” Comparatively few people accept as truth those solemn words of Christ, in John 5:22, that The Father hath committed all judgment unto the Son, Who is yet to say to some, “depart from me ye cursed.

After our brave, fighting men come back from their hard-won victories, in which they doubtless shall conquer one city after another, it will still be true; “Better is he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.” Proverbs 16:32. Think of the valiant, brave, noble soldiers, who courageously go through fire and mud and blood to conquer their enemies, and yet they cannot control their own tempers or enjoy victory over some of their vicious, immoral habits. “From whence come wars and fighting among you? come they not hence, even of you lust that war in your members?” James 4:1. It is only the regenerated sinner, who has passed out of Adam into Christ, who can truthfully say, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Phillipians 4:13. So after the victory, if and when the promised peace comes, men will be either for Christ or against Him; will be either saved or lost.

The world, with its lust, will pass away. “He that doeth the will of God shall abide for ever.” Hears the words of the Lord Jesus: “And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” John 6:40. In the shadow of the cross, the Lord Jesus, sweating great drops of blood, prayed to the Father; “if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me; nevertheless not My will but Thine be done.” Luke 22:42. “By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” Hebrews 10:10. “That God might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.” “Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.” Romans 3:26 and I Peter 3:18.

### LISTEN, WORLD!

A very interesting article was printed in this afternoon’s Herald American, under the hearing “LISTEN WORLD” (Elise Robinson),

We pass it on to you:

The mounting hate and horror in this war-sick world . . . the fear that touches even the bravest heart . . . the shambling depravity and stupidity that defy all civilizing forces—

Why . . . why . . . why must these things be?

The lovely world, so filled with beauty and abundance—why must it become a madhouse? Your own heart, so fitted with love and joy—why must it be desolate with savage shock and pain? You’ve dreamed—you’ve fought and prayed. Was none of it worth while?

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Why . . . why . . . why must these things be? That cry is as old as man. Do you remember the story of Job, that good man whom God loved and yet delivered to Satan to be tested? For Satan, seeing God's joy in Job's faith, had said: "Yes, he believes in You, this pious man, and well he may, for have You not blessed him above others with wealth and love and joy? . . . But put forth Thine hand now and touch all that he hath, and he will curse Thee to Thy face!?"

So God put Job in Satan's power for the trial . . . and the story of that trial has come down to us in the noblest language ever penned.

It is startling to read that great, grim poem, written before history began, in a world so remote that we can hardly imagine its places or people—and to hear, from out of the darkness, the very words we cry today . . . to see a man battling as we are battling now, against the mystery without and the darkness and doubt within.

For the story of Job is not the story of one man but of all men.

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Why . . . why . . . why? Job asked that, too, as—bit by bit—his life was stripped of all that made it dear or desirable. His children dead . . . his lands captured . . . his treasure scattered! Blow by blow the strokes fell—until at last he lay naked and deserted, covered with boils, on ashes that were no more bitter than his own desolation . . . and there was no device in hell that Satan had not tried, to break his faith. Now surely, Job would give way.

But Job did not give way. Desolate he might be, but from his broken lips there rose an immortal tribute to the Father he could no longer see or hear, but in Whom he still believed—

"Oh that I knew where I might find Him . . . that I might come to Him . . .

Behold I go forward, but He is not there; and backwards, but I cannot perceive Him:

"On the left hand, where He doth work, but I cannot behold Him: He hideth Himself on the right hand, but I cannot see Him:"

But He knoweth the way I take: When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as Gold"

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"I cannot see Him . . . but he knoweth the way I take!" There was Job's answer to the darkness he could not pierce . . . the silence he could not understand. And with that answer Job went free. As every man goes free who dares to make it!

For the man who has faith within him has more than an answer. He has a force . . . the only force that stands against all fear and pain. He does not know—or need to know—the reason why. He could not understand if were told. But there is One who knows—who holds all the mysteries in the hollow of His hand. He knows the way we go . . . our faith in His own voice within our hearts . . . His answer in the darkness of night. Believe! Go on!

This is a very timely sermon. But like many of the messages from our politicians and newspaper writers the writer has failed to tell her readers that man's only hope of salvation is in and by and through the Lord Jesus Christ, Who died on Calvary's cross to save sinners from the wrath to come and from this present evil age. I Thessalonians 1:10 and Galatians 1:4

For them, all of the things of tomorrow and all of the tomorrows will never separate them from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Read how this is expressed in I Timothy 4:8 to 10. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having a promise of this life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach.

"The life which is to come." This saying is worthy of all acceptance. What do you think about it? What will you do about it? Remember God's love, and God's gift as expressed in John 3:16. Then these words follow: "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17.

God has provided eternal redemption for you. It is up to you to accept it by faith, by accepting Christ. Note these words of John, that disciple whom Christ loved with a very special love: "We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" I John 4:14 and I John 5:5

Where will you be in a million years from today? Eternity can never be measured by years. But you will be a conscious being for ever and ever. Read concerning God's eternity of grace in II Timothy 1:9 and 10 and in Ephesians 2:7. This marvelous, wonderful, all-sufficient grace was given in Christ Jesus before the world began and will be fully explained in the ages to come.

It is yours for the taking—Eternal life is God's free gift for any and every person who will be the recipient of God's grace and who will go by faith to Calvary and receive the eternal Christ.

## DEATH AND THINGS TO COME

Hear these wonderful words of victory and assurance for those who are trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ:

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:37 to 39.

Before we comment on this glorious truth, let us read with these verses, several verses in the Epistle to the Ephesians:

God raised Christ from the dead "and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenlies, Far above all principality and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." Ephesians 1:19 to 23. "But God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, hath made us alive together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved); and hath raised us up together and made us sit together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come He might

show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”  
Ephesians 2:4 to 7

There are to be ages after this present age of grace, which is also this present evil age because the god of this age is still the prince of this world, and the prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2), and the ruler of world darkness in the heaveanlies, with principalities and powers under his Satanic control. Christians will be enjoying the glory of the Lord in those coming ages. The Lord Jesus Christ will be the center of attraction. His name will be far above every other name. The redeemed will join in the song, “worthy is the Lamb that was slain.” For those who, in this age of grace and other past ages, have failed to receive the Redeemer and His redemption, “it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment.

For them, death will be eternal separation from God. For them “things to come” will mean great sorrow and suffering. But for those, who love the Lord Jesus Christ and have been saved by faith in His precious shed blood, death will be a home-going to await the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. “Absent from the body is at home with the Lord.” II Corinthians 5:8.

What saith the Scriptures about the future of this world, the world after man’s world of tomorrow.

#### 2 Peter 1:19

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

#### Isaiah 9:6 and 7

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

#### Isaiah 2:2 to 4

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

#### Isaiah 11:1 to 9

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

#### Micah 4:4 and 5

But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

#### Isaiah 35:5 to 10

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

#### Zechariah 14:9

And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.