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Prologue

At the turn of the new millennium, amidst the scare of the Y2K Bug, originally called The Millennium Bomb, I preached a series of seven apocalyptic messages on the Second Coming of Christ.— "From Millennium Bug to Millennium Bomb".

The Millennium Bug turned out to be a Hoax, for many doomsday messages that were uttered against those countries with non-compliant computers became dud warnings. Nothing happened to them. Hence this hoax mentioned in those prophetic messages must be exposed.

In this most recent series of three prophetic messages, I have many other good materials to add. And we cannot overspeak on such an urgent subject because we are so forgetful.

Though I have repeated some of the materials I used before, these three messages are presented to you in a new format. Like reading the Book of Revelation will bring you blessings, I pray God will do the same to you when you read much of Revelation expounded to you. Especially, on the outbreak of WWIII from the Euphrates Valley, which is modern-day Iraq. Are you prepared?

"It is nearer than you think!"

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GENERAL SIGNS

Chapter I

The Millennium Bug Hoax and Breakdown of Ecologic, Economic, Ecclesiastic and Diplomatic Spheres of Life and Consummation of Gospel Outreaches to the Ends of the Earth.

Text: 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? And Jesus answered and said unto them. Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 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. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. (Matthew 24:3-14)

As the new millennium was drawing nearer (only one-and-a-half years ago and we have now forgotten) there arose a hue and a cry in the computer world that the sky was going to fall on them if a serious fault was not corrected. This terrible fault at first they called *The Millennium Bomb*, but later they renamed *The Millennium Bug*. It was the use of two digits to record the dating of years to save expenses. The year 1965, for example, was abbreviated to 65. This was all right until it came to the year 1999. When the year 2000 struck the computer would register 00. This means going back to 1900. This threw the computer out of gear. Not knowing where to turn the mighty computer suffered a stroke. The computer died!

In order to correct the error, a million million dollars would not be enough to make the computer worldwide compliant. The matter was so serious that Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister, called for emergency measures to be taken to solve the problem. BBC scared not only Britons but the whole world how planes would drop out of the sky. A Hong Kong cartoon showed two planes colliding in midair.

SIA spent an initial S\$50,000,000 to bring their computers up to date, and how much more she had further spent is a good question.

Following suit, a painfully humorous situation punctured Thai Airways' boast of flying full-compliant against the Y2K Bug. They had had many Thai VIPs booked to fly from Bangkok to Chiang Mai before midnight December 31, 1999 to spend the early hour of January 1, 2000 in midair just to show off. At the eleventh hour all the VIPs chickened out. The flight was cancelled. (*The Straits Times*)

But if the VIPs had flown, it would be business as usual. Two sisters of Life Church flew back from London. They were rather apprehensive at first, but they landed safely. Nor did we hear of any mishap anywhere.

Many Third World countries that had no means to correct their computers (and even Russia was also named), got out of the whole show unscathed. The whole business, to me who knows no computer, is a hoax. And it was a hoax also used by holy tricksters to empty their blind followers' pockets and to fatten their own belly, when they announced Christ would return at the ushering in of the new millennium.

What man says on things unknown is always wrong. But what God says is always right. In regard to the sign of Christ's Second Coming and of "the end of the world", Jesus' reply to His disciples involved the breakdown of four areas of human life, viz. the ecologic, economic, ecclesiastic and diplomatic, which must be countered by the acceleration of the Gospel to the ends of the world—and then Jesus would return to take over.

The physical forces will so break down that the Lord who created them must come also to save them. "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else" (Isa. 45:18). The Lord is coming again not only to save His own people but indeed also His creation. And He is "not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). If Jesus has delayed His coming, it is because He is waiting for one like you to repent, and have you?

As we have just stated there are general signs in four spheres of human life that we can observe that shows Jesus' coming is imminent. First the ecologic. Ecology means "the study of the interaction of people with their environment." Under this heading are mentioned pestilences and earthquakes. A pestilence is "something evil or destructive." Synonymous to pestilences are plagues, epidemic, scourge, blight."

Of most recent occurrence we have epidemics that make British cows mad. I was in England as recent as Easter of this year. There I learnt that 100 people had died through infection from the mad cow disease. As a result half a million cows had to be destroyed which

cost billions. Simultaneously the sheep were also affected by the foot and mouth disease. Another half million sheep were consigned to the grave, to be buried. Not too long ago Hong Kong chickens were destroyed by the millions for carrying a bird flu that killed six people. After that, the destruction of Malaysian pigs, which we still remember.

But a worse pestilence is the mowing down of millions of human beings by AIDs, a modern curse from God, unknown to us before 1980. This is sweeping Africa and Asia with highest incidence in Cambodia.

In the 20 years since AIDs was first diagnosed, it has claimed 22 million lives and has created 13 million orphans, according to latest UN statistics. Another 36 million people are said to be infected. Sub-Sahara Africa has been by far the hardest hit by the pandemic (25.3 million) although statistics show it is spreading quickly through Asia (South and SE Asia, 5.8 million) and Latin America—mostly through unprotected sex. (*The Straits Times*)

As to earthquakes, the last of the old millennium, seemed to bear the brunt accumulated through previous years. Two mega quakes hit Turkey with loss of over 18,000 in the first. Two powerful ones toppled Taiwan and immediately following two shook the Philippines. Two is confirmation! "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God" (Ps. 62:11).

Earthquakes are bigger and more frequent by 20 times in the 20th Century over the 19th. Now we are in the 21st Century, and it can only get worse. The new year 2001 was shaken by the most powerful quake at Gujarat, Western India with loss of life estimated by the Government to be 50,000. In *The Straits Times* dated 26th February 2001 is published an array of five earthquakes in one weekend, as follows:

Weekend Of Quakes

Several countries were jolted by earthquakes over the weekend, scaring people but causing little or no damage.

India: Tremor felt in New Delhi

An earthquake shook northern India yesterday morning, but there were no immediate reports of casualties.

An official of the Indian Meteorological Department, said preliminary data showed the earthquake measured 6.7 on the Richter scale.

People in the Indian capital of New Delhi, Kashmir state as well as other parts of northern India rushed out of their houses on feeling the tremor.

Nearly 30,000 people died in India's western Gujarat state when a devastating earthquake hit the region on Jan. 26. — AFP

Pakistan: Several cities jolted

An earthquake measuring at least 6.0 on the Richter scale jolted several Pakistani cities yesterday.

The epicentre of the quake was 300 km north of Peshawar in the Hindu Kush region, said an official.

Severe jolts were felt in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Peshawar, Chitral, Gilgit, and several other northern towns in Pakistan. —AFP

Afghanistan: Residents flee homes

A strong earthquake jolted Kabul and its surrounding areas yesterday morning, causing residents to flee their homes for safety, witnesses said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage done to buildings. —AFP

Japan: Two earthquakes reported

A strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.8 jolted north-eastern Japan yesterday morning, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

Separately, hours later, a magnitude 4.3 quake shook Tokyo and nearby cities, causing no immediate damage or injuries.

The first quake struck at 6.54 am just below the seabed off the coast of Fukushima prefecture, the Meteorological Agency said.

No damage or injuries have been reported, said an official. Fukushima is located 239 km north-east of Tokyo. —AFP

El Salvador: Panic in the capital

Another earthquake, measuring between 4.2 and 5.0 on the Richter scale, shook central El Salvador on Saturday, sending thousands of residents of the capital and other towns running from office blocks and shopping centres in panic.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or casualties in this latest quake, felt across the central region of the country.

El Salvador has this year been hit by two earthquakes which caused deaths and widespread destruction of housing.

—AFP

From the ecologic to the economic. This is where famines come in. For over two years since August 1997 the economy of the ASEAN countries extending to Hong Kong and South Korea had been badly battered. Soon after coming out of the woods we are confronted by a turndown in US economy. We are now being braced for another spate of hard times. Even in our favoured Island of Singapore earning a livelihood is a struggle for survival. Tenthousands have lost their jobs and pay cuts is the order of the day!

Let me quote from the RPG April-June 2001 issue. Commenting on famine as a general sign of Jesus' Second Coming, Dr. S.H. Tow says:

Despite advances in modern agriculture and increased food production in the major agricultural countries, masses of the Third World people are starving or actually dying from under-nutrition. Ethiopia and parts of Africa bounding the Sahara desert are in the famine zone. It is said that "every night a quarter of the world goes to bed hungry."

The black horse of famine is riding high also after the red horse of war has come. Famine is the lot of increasing thousands of war refugees from year to year. Notice that the slaughter of two million Cambodians by Pol Pot had brought an overturning of its economy and widespread starvation that has continued even to this day!

A third sign of Christ's Second Coming is in the ecclesiastic. It occurs right in the church. As famines are a result of breakdown of the economic system, so apostasy from the faith has brought in many false Christs and false prophets.

Many high churchmen today refute the very fundamentals of the faith such as the Virgin Birth of Christ and His Blood Atonement and Resurrection. These "even denying the Lord that bought them" (II Pet. 2:1). Ninety percent of the Bishops in England are modernists and liberals. (One Bishop of Durham I heard over BBC denied the Virgin Birth and Resurrection of Christ. At a conference of 50 British Bishops thereafter, 45 Bishops voted for the Bishop of Durham.) Are these not false Christs and false prophets in the Anglican clergy? These are what our Lord says, wolves in sheep's clothing.

At the invitation of the Dean, Rev John Shepherd, Buddhist Abbott Ajahn Brahm preached at the Eucharist of St George's Anglican Cathedral in Perth on June 17, the cathedral's central service of worship.

This is the first such ecumenical inter-faith worship in the history of the Anglican Cathedral. The theme of the Buddhist Abbott: "The sacredness of the world," the focus of the Creation Mass in which representatives of all Perth's main religions were invited to take part.

The Abbott said that being able to preach at the Mass was a chance to show that religions could exist in harmony and for people to appreciate how much the various faiths had in common.

Dr Shepherd said the Mass would celebrate creation in all its diversity. Christianity had to move away from the idea that it was the only way to God. (Excerpt from W Australian June 9).

False Christs and false prophets have taken over the Anglican Church, so have they now dominated the Charismatic denominations. Here are the records of their denial of our Lord published in the Bulletin of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church, 22 April 2001:

From the **Internet** (supplied by courtesy of Dr. Charles Poon, Pandan) comes startling reports of the heretical and blasphemous teachings of some of America's leading Charismatic evangelists. Readers are presented with excerpts of what these prominent "**Televangelists**" are saying today, deceiving thousands and millions.

Mark them as you read, for our Lord says, "That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:36,37).

a) Benny Hinn

Quote: "God has a body, soul, and spirit, Jesus has a body, soul, and spirit. Holy Spirit has a body, soul, and spirit. Christians are little gods.

"Jesus at death became one with Satan ... Christians are little messiahs and little gods ... say "I am a god-man ... The spirit-man within me is a god-man. ... I am a sample of Jesus ... a super being. Say it! Say it! ... You want to prosper? Money will be falling on you from left, right, and centre. God will begin to prosper you, for money always follows righteousness ... confessing you are a sinner saved by grace only insults God with such garbage ... Jesus could not have

remained sinless without the Holy Ghost ... I'm gonna read one Scripture, and then I'm gonna preach, and the devil is gonna drop dead ... I love Copeland. He's my friend. Anybody who's attacking him is attacking the very presence of God."

Benny Hinn has a worldwide following. He says, "I'm from Israel" (He is an Arab Palestinian formerly from Israel, now resident in North America). He is a great deceiver, a false prophet, a blasphemer.

b) Rodney Howard Browne ("Laughing Revival")— Evangelist, Revival Ministries International

Rodney Howard Browne said "Either You come down here and touch me, or I will come up there and touch You" (The prayer Howard Browne prayed before he got the "anointing".)

Rodney Howard Browne said "Stop praying now and let the joy bubble out your belly. Joy, Joy, Joy. Don't pray! Laugh!"

"I remember one service where I just went and sat down for an hour and a half. I just went and sat down. Well, there was nothing else I could do. Total pandemonium – people falling off their chairs, people crying, people laughing and some were wailing – some were shaking."

"You can't have revival without stirring up the flesh ... When revival comes you will see manifestations of these three things in meetings: (1) the Holy Spirit; (2) the flesh, and (3) the devil. But, I'd rather be in a church where the devil and the flesh are manifesting than in a church where nothing is happening because people are too afraid to manifest anything ... Don't worry about it. And if a devil manifests, don't worry about that, either. Rejoice, because at least something is happening!"

"One night I was preaching on hell," Rodney Howard Browne says, "and [laughter] just hit the whole place. The more I told people what hell was like, the more they laughed." "I'm just the Holy Ghost bartender," he informed us. "I just serve the new wine and tell them to come drink."

c) Oral Roberts—Faith healer and founder of Oral Roberts University

Oral Roberts, you may recall, is the man who claimed that Jesus told him God had chosen him to find an effective treatment for cancer. In a lengthy appeal, Roberts avowed that the Lord told him, "I would not have had you and your partners build the 20-storey research tower unless I was going to give you a plan that will attack cancer." Roberts then said that Jesus instructed him to tell his partners that "this is not Oral Roberts asking [for the money] but their Lord." The project was completed, but has since been "shut down and sold to a group of investors for commercial development." And no cure for cancer was found.

Prosperity teachers are so committed to presenting a Jesus who wears a Rolex that they are willing to do whatever it takes to sell this myth to their parishioners. Oral Roberts, for example, wrote a book titled, *How I Learned Jesus Was Not Poor*.

On January 4, 1987, Roberts launched his most notable campaign to date. Roberts told his followers that if he did not raise a total of 8 million dollars by March, God was going to take his life ... Comparing himself to the apostle Paul, Roberts begged not to let Satan defeat him. Sometime later, Oral's son, Richard, took pen in hand to warn of his father's impending doom. Without "the additional \$4,500,000." Explains Richard, "God will not extend Dad's life." He then pleads, "IF YOU NEGLECT TO PAY ATTENTION ...then Satan will take advantage and hit you with bad things and you will wish that 1985 had never come." Roberts closed his letter with a hard sell. Sending a seed-faith gift will not only enable you to "STOP SATAN IN HIS HATE TO BRING YOU DOWN," it will also "help you get your hundredfold return." (Roberts raised the money and did not die.)

Son Richard, as usual, has to face a press and try to explain his father's atrocious claims (about raising people from the dead). He said that there were "dozens upon dozens" of documented cases of resurrection, I sent this telegram to Oral Roberts on June 30, 1987: "Please provide me with one identifiable case of a resurrection from the dead brought about by Oral Roberts, regardless of the sources of the power used to accomplish this wonder." Need I tell you that **no response was ever received**? (James Randi, The Faith Healers, 1989, p. 195).

The Conclusion Of The Matter

But our God has given us His inspired, inerrant, infallible, unchanging Word: It tells us this about end time deceivers: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." (2 Tim. 3:13.14)

The fourth general sign of Christ's return is in the breakdown of diplomatic relations between countries. Thus wars flare up. "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars." As we have stated, over a hundred wars have been fought with millions upon millions killed since WWII. But the crushing of two million Cambodians by Pol Pot is so soon forgotten! The total destruction of East Timor by Indonesia so recently seems a thing of the past.

There is much jockeying in the diplomatic spheres today to avoid a greater conflagration; USA and China on the Taiwan question, USA with North Korea, India and Pakistan over Kashmere, USA with Iraq, etc., etc. But the world is like sitting on a powder keg. When diplomatic talks fail the explosion that follows will usher in WWIII. (This, Dr. Walvoord of Dallas Seminary says, is the end of this age that must bring back our Lord. I totally agree.)

While all these things are at work, God's children will counter with a great burst of missionary energy, "And this gospel of the

kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14).

This is markedly seen after WWII when the bulk of Singapore Churches which were under the various missions from the West had become self-supporting and independent. Instead of being receiving churches they now have become sending churches. Most outstanding among Asian churches are the Koreans. Truly they are the foremost missionary orientated church in Asia if not in the world. They have now 9,000 missionaries sent into 120 countries according to a latest missions report. It is said that wherever you go in the world, you will find a Chinese restaurant, and now, wherever you go into the world, you will find a Korean church.

"For a witness unto all nations" is the main emphasis of the revitalised Great Commission which I have called "The First Commandment of the Church". Here let me keep you informed, our missionaries are sent to nine of the ten ASEAN countries. Beyond ASEAN we have extended to Saipan and the latest a medical missionary to Maasai land, Kenya. There are 20 of them and their names are found in the Focus on Missions, a periodical published by Life Church Missionary Fellowship.

On a happier note is the fact that under Calvary B-P Church they have founded a chain of global churches that extend from Vancouver to Toronto, London, Perth, Sydney, Adelaide, and Melbourne and lately to Sri Lanka, Brunei and Sarawak. Practically every other B-P Church of all the 40 registered individually with the Government has a missionary programme, big or small. Combined together, we in the Far East have overtaken our counterparts in the West by far, to the praise of His Holy Name.

Accelerated Missions is our war-cry while we labour waiting for the glad day of His Second Coming. The increasing number of graduates from Far Eastern Bible College, now totalling 376 in the last 39 years, is another fulfilment of accelerated missions unto the coming of the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Chapter II

The Dispersal and Restoration of Israel as a Nation and Victories Over Her Arab Enemies

Of all nations in the world God chose Israel to be His witness. Israel is called His first born (Ex. 4:22). God first called Abraham, "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:2,3). So in Jacob (Israel), God caused Abraham's grandson to multiply to a great nation in the time when Moses led them out of Egypt.

But the greatness of Israel as a nation depends on whether she would walk in the way of the Lord, "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth" (Deut. 28:1)

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day, that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee" (Deut 28:15). "And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the

other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone" (Deut. 28:63,64).

"And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither Jehovah thy God hath driven thee, and shalt return unto Jehovah thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul; that then Jehovah thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the peoples, whither Jehovah thy God hath scattered thee. If any of thine outcasts be in the uttermost parts of heaven, from thence will Jehovah thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: and Jehovah thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers" (Deut. 30:1-5).

From these lengthy quotations from Moses' Word to the children of Israel we learn:-

- (1) Israel's power and prosperity depends on whether she will keep and observe God's commandments.
- (2) If Israel rebels against God in refusing to keep His commandments, God will punish them by scattering them to all nations to the ends of the earth.
- (3) If in their dispersal to the ends of the earth they will repent and return to their God, then He will have mercy and restore them back to the land of their fathers.

Now the history of Israel falls exactly into these three steps.

When Israel had grown to a great and powerful nation she began to backslide. This happened at the end of Solomon's reign. After his death the United Kingdom of Israel under David was torn from Solomon. Ten tribes were given to Solomon's right hand man, Jeroboam, which became the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Two Tribes, Judah and Benjamin, were retained for Rehoboam, Solomon's son, which became the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

Though Ten Tribes were given to Jeroboam to start anew, Jeroboam did not obey God in the least. From the start he turned aside to gold calf worship. All the kings who succeeded him strayed farther and farther from Him. In B.C. 722 the Northern Kingdom had sunk so low that she was conquered by the Assyrians and carried away and never returned. According to Moses' word this was the first dispersion.

The Southern Kingdom also apostatised from the faith of their fathers and was carried away B.C. 606 to 586 by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon. When they repented after 70 years' exile they were returned in B.C. 536. They rebuilt Solomon's Temple by the hands of Zerubbabel and Joshua.

But when Jesus was born King Herod tried to destroy Him. When Jesus grew up and began to preach and bring salvation to his people the Jewish church leaders, the scribes and Pharisees rejected him. They hated Him so much that they had him crucified. When Pilate tried to save Jesus because he could find no fault in Him, the Jews rashly took the curse upon themselves, "His blood be on us, and on our children" (Matt. 27:25).

It is disastrous for anyone to reject our Lord, Jew or Gentile. The curse falls on the generation of Jews who crucified Jesus, and their children in 70 A.D., 40 years after the wicked deed. The Roman General Titus burnt down Jerusalem and put a million Jews to sword and fire.

From then on began the dispersion of the Jews unto the uttermost parts of the earth, even to India and China.

Since their *diaspora*, that is scattering to the uttermost part of the earth, they had been crying to their God to bring them back to their homeland. This climaxed in the Zionist Movement founded by Theodore Herzl (1860-1904) to go back to Jerusalem. The Zionist Movement was a great success with the whole-hearted support of the Jews in exile.

After WWI the Jews began to return to Israel in earnest. When they suffered the loss of six million exterminated by Hitler in WWII, all the more they struggled to return to their Homeland. From a trickle in the beginning it swelled into a flood, even to this day.

Sad to say, there are the Hyper Calvinists and Amillennialists who are blinded by the misguided doctrine of the Church being the fulfillment of Israel. So all the Restoration promised by Moses to a repentant Israel is fulfilled by the Church. This runs counter to Paul's crystal clear statement that Israel, the original olive branch, far from being superseded by the Church, the wild olive branch, will in the end times be engrafted back to the Olive Tree (Rom. 11). That literal Israel will be brought back to their Homeland is stated at least 34 times as reiterated in my booklet, *The Truth Shall Make You See*.

Here is a sampling from five O.T. Prophets on Israel's Restoration (not the Church):

1. Jeremiah 30:10, 11

¹⁰ Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid. ¹¹ For I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

Commentary

In the course of fulfillment.

2. Ezekiel 34:11-13

¹¹ For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even* I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark

day. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Commentary

In the course of fulfillment.

3. Hosea 1:10, 11

¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, Ye *are* the sons of the living God. ¹¹ Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great *shall be* the day of Jezreel.

Commentary

In the course of fulfillment.

4. Amos 9:14, 15

¹⁴ And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. ¹⁵ And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

Commentary

In the course of fulfillment.

5. Micah 4:1-7

¹ But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the

mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ² And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 4 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. 5 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. 6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; ⁷ And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

Commentary

To be fulfilled. Notice that the first 4 verses tally with Isa. 2:2-4 almost word for word. Two are a confirmation in prophetic language. This leaves no doubt that it is on earth (not in heaven according to amillennialists) that all wars shall cease during Christ's millennial rule. V. 14 which describes an idealistic idyllic setting further emphasises the earthly realm of Christ's reign.

Not only will Israel be restored in Palestine, i.e. the Holy Land, Isa. 11:11-13 predicts that when they return to Israel, they will be one united nation and not like the Divided Kingdom of Ten Northern and Two Southern Tribes. They will wage wars against the Arab neighbours and win them all. This prophecy has been fulfilled before our very eyes from the time she gained Independence on May 14,

1948 through all the battles fought from 1948 to 1985. This prophecy is stated as follows:

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod (Isa. 11:11-12,14-15).

Verses 11 and 12 say God will regather His people the second time from the four corners of the earth. Now the first time He regathered them took place after the 70 years exile to Babylon. The second time which is from the ends of earth is officially dated May 14, 1948 when Israel became a nation under the auspices of UN. At that time, Israel's population numbered only 650,000. The regathering process ever since to this day, a period of 53 years, has increased ten-fold to over 6 million with Jerusalem's inhabitants risen to 600,000. (The total Jewish population worldwide is 15 million, Paul Lee Tan).

v. 14 Immediately after predicting the Restoration of Israel as one nation the prophet Isaiah sees a war that erupts between Israel and her Arab neighbours. They occupy the ancient territories of the Philistines which is the Gaza strip (and Sinai), the east which is Syria (II Ki. 13:17); Edom, Moab, Ammon which is the Kingdom of Jordan, and the tongue of the Egyptian Sea includes the Suez Canal today.

Israel, on the very day of her declaration of nationhood was invaded by her Arab neighbours, Syria, Jordan and Egypt and even from Iraq. This was the War of Independence, fought as it were between a teenage boy who knows *kung fu* and four big hefty boxers. But God who had brought Israel from the ends of the earth was with Israel. Israel won against great odds and took over parts of Palestine that was partitioned for Jordan.

In all five wars were fought. But we shall mention two only, viz., the famous Six-Day War of 1967. At a loss of only 600 of her sons Israel took the Golan Heights from Syria, a big chunk of the West Bank from Jordan and the Gaza Strip and Sinai from Egypt.

An interesting episode of the Six-Day War was a bet between a teacher of our Chinese Service and his friends. I told him Israel must win because of Isaiah's prophecy. Believing what was pointed out to him, he bet with fellow teachers of a Chinese School who stood for the Arabs. When the War was over these teachers for the Arabs had to give him a treat. He chuckled, "He who laughs last laughs best."

The other War is the Yom Kippur War (War of the Day of Atonement, 1973). In this war Israel was badly mauled with the loss of 2,500. Nevertheless, God being on her side, she fought back so that the Egyptians were totally routed. Moreover Israel crossed back from the Suez Canal into Egypt. Cairo, only 25 miles away, was within the range of Israel's heavy guns. In the Yom Kippur War, Jordan, having lost heavily in the Six-Day War of 1967, kept still like a mouse. This was also of the Lord's doing, for if Jordan entered the War this time, Israel would have to fight on three fronts.

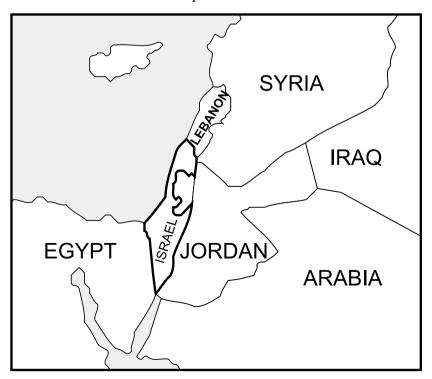
That Israel has maintained supremacy over her Arab enemies is seen also in her destruction of Iraq's Osirak nuclear power plant in 1981. The rescue of 103 Israeli hostages from Palestine terrorists at Entebbe Airport in Uganda in 1976 at the loss of only one life, while all seven hijackers plus some forty Ugandan troops were eliminated. During the Gulf War of August 1990, Iraq's scud missiles did rain down on Israel but the loss sustained was negligible. "No weapon

that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord" (Isa. 54:17) Amen.

In grateful response to the God of Jacob who has pardoned Israel and helped her win her wars against the Arab enemies Isaiah 12, which follows immediately Isaiah 11, testifies:

And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call

Map of Israel



upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee (Isa. 12:1-6).

One last question to the Hyper Calvinists and Amillennialists, Where is the Church mentioned in this Hymn of Praise for the Restoration of Israel?

Chapter III

Jerusalem the Final Battleground and Armageddon Before Restoration to Capital City of Christ's Millennial Kingdom

Text: The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God. In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the

house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zechariah 12:1-9)

In the last chapter we were amazed to see how the prophet's prediction that when God began to regather Israel as a nation it was fulfilled in May 14, 1948 before our eyes. We are further amazed that Israel in order to survive had to fight five wars against the immediate Arab enemies, and these wars were won between 1948 and 1985.

But although Israel stood victorious, the Palestinians were a thorn in her flesh. In order to settle this immediate problem with them living in their territories, Israel has to yield much land for peace. The final bone of contention, however, is Jerusalem. Israel will never give up Jerusalem to the Palestinians and neither will the Palestinians give up to the Jews.

So, despite all the talk for peace, war, according to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, has broken out since September last year. This bloodiest strife between Israel and the Palestinians has taken a death toll of 533 Palestinians against 133 Jews (dated July 30, '01). In the most daring suicidal counter attack, a young Palestinian suicide bomber exploded a bomb in Tel Aviv's busiest centre killing 20 Jews and injuring a hundred. Sharon swiftly vowed revenge. What this has led to is Israel's all out tit-for-tat retaliation.

All these bombings are seen by the prophet Zechariah. He sees God taking a part to preserve Jerusalem for His chosen people "²Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. ³And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." (Zech. 12:2,3)

The young Palestinian suicide bomber is only the beginning of fulfilment of this prophecy. There is plenty more to come. The climax of attack will come in the Battle of Armageddon. Do you see how close we are to the Day of Christ's Second Coming?

But that Day will come closer when peace is enforced by the coming World Dictator between the Jews and the Arabs. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." (Dan. 9:27).

The peace covenant between the Jews and Arabs occurs at the beginning of the week of years, or seven years of Antichrist rule. Since it is broken in the middle of the seven-year period, there will be 3½ years of peace but war will come. The World Dictator will desecrate the Jewish temple worship in the welter of events that leads to war.

Within living memory, this poor earth has undergone the First World War, 1914-1918. With a short interval of 21 years of phony peace came WWII, 1939-1945. From end of WWII to the present there is a grace period of 56 years. How many more years to the outbreak of WWIII? Walvoord believes when WWIII comes it will be the end.

The last global war which is identified as WWIII is decreed to break out from Iraq! (The one that broke out in August 1990 was only a precursor). This one cannot come early or late but precisely as given in Rev. 9:13-16.

And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

Events move with lightning speed. From the sounding of the 6th Trumpet in Rev. 9 we come to the pouring of the 6th vial in Rev. 16:12-16.

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 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. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Here we see the Euphrates River that flows through modern Syria and Iraq dried up that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. Who are the kings of the east insofar as Israel is concerned? They are Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arab, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and China. It will be a contest between East and West, involving "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" (Rev. 16:14). There will be virtually no neutral nations, only two opposing armies totalling 200 million men. The description of the armour of these fighting horsemen is also given.

And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses *were* as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails *were* like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. (Rev. 9:17-19)

The contending armies come to a final clash at Armageddon. Where is Armageddon? Armageddon is the Greek for the Hebrew

Har Megiddo (Hill of Slaughter). It commands a plain between Haifa and the North Jordan Valley, a battlefield from time immemorial. This Battlefield in the final World War stretches from Megiddo in the north to Eilat on the Red Sea in the south (a distance of 200 miles). Rev. 14:14-20 tells of a river of blood extending this whole length of battlefield, the height of the flow of blood rising to the horses' bridles. Jerusalem is in the centre of this carnage. Jerusalem is Armageddon.

Although God will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burdens themselves with it shall be cut to pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. (Zech 12:3), "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. ⁹And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God." (Zech. 13:8,9).

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. (Zech. 14:1-5)

This passage of Zech. 14:1-5 is reflected in Rev. 16:17-19 "And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."

When Christ personally descends from heaven to earth to save Israel and fight against all the nations gathered against Jerusalem, when his feet touches the Mount of Olives the whole sinful earth will tremble before His holy presence. First the earthquake that splits Jerusalem into three parts moving hills and mountains and creating valleys, such an earthquake as had never happened till this day.

This earthquake triggers a chain reaction to the cities of the nations, which are of Babylon in the great finale of God's judgment of a totally corrupt world. New York and London, Paris and Rome, Berlin and Cairo, Bombay and Calcutta, Bangkok and Singapore, Jakarta and Manila, Melbourne and Sydney, and all the wicked cities of the Southern Hemisphere shall not escape. Being "downunder" will not escape this grand finale of God's judgment.

For the Jews in Jerusalem that are alive, our Lord in Matt. 24 tells them to flee to the mountains. The mountains of Ammon, Moab and Edom across the Jordan, according to Daniel 11:41 will be safe. Will the escaping Jews take this route?

"And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea (Mediterranean), and half of them toward the hinder sea (Dead): in summer and in winter shall it be." This change of topography by that Great Earthquake brings water from out of Jerusalem (Ezek. 47:1-12). The dry land shall be brought to life. (Zech. 14:8)

And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eves shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that *have* no *rain*; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. (Zech. 14:9-19)

The Lord, according to Rev. 20:4 will set up his kingdom on earth and reign for a thousand years. "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." (Isa. 9:7)

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. (Isa. 2:2-4)

The headquarters of the United Nations will no more be in New York but shifted to Jerusalem, united under Christ. From Jerusalem will go forth the Gospel and Jews will be the missionaries. Not what Israel claims today to be their scientists with their know how to teach other nations.

In the Millennium Christ will rule from the Millennium Temple so clearly pictured in the Book of Ezekiel. What occupies the nations is no more war preparation but peaceful pursuits, the highest being worship of the Messiah in Jerusalem. The Golden Millennium will be a period of Heaven on earth until the coming of the New Heaven and New Earth. Reader, will you have a part in His Kingdom or be rejected at the Judgment Seat of the Great White Throne and be cast into the lake of fire?

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen. (Rev. 2:20,21)

Epilogue

The prophecies we have dealt with in this booklet are not ancient prophecies, but modern, right up to the fateful days in which we live.

What great event to be fulfilled now is the appearance of the World Dictator, and when he appears, he will rule only for one week (seven) of years.

His great achievement is the bringing together Jews and Arabs to a peace treaty, but it lasts for only three-and-a-half years. Then the last global War, which Walvoord identifies to be WWIII, breaks out. It explodes out of the Euphrates Valley which is Iraq. The Gulf War which broke out August 1990 was only a precursor. If WWIII comes in 2011, Saddam, born in 1937, would still be a young man, aged 74. It will lead to the Battle of Armageddon, with its bloody grand finale in Jerusalem.

The outbreak of WWIII is becoming faster and faster each day, like the dropping of a stone as we have observed. There were 21 years of peace between WWI and WWII. From 1945 end of WWII till now, the peace period is 56 years. How many more years to Doomsday?

To ambitious young men like Baruch, Jeremiah's secretary, I would say to you "And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest." (Jer. 45:5)

When Christ returns will you meet Him in the air, snatched away from this burning earth? At what hour He'll come will you be ready?

If this booklet has blessed your life, why won't you distribute to your loved ones and friends? By all means save some. Amen.

Timothy Tow Autumn, 2001.



T THE TURN of the new Millennium, amidst the scare of the Y2K Bug, originally called The Millennium Bomb, I preached a series of seven apocalyptic messages on the Second Coming of Christ. – "From Millennium Bug to Millennium Bomb"

The Millennium Bug turned out to be a Hoax, for many doomsday messages that were uttered against those countries with non-compliant computers became dud warnings. Nothing happened to them. Hence this hoax mentioned in those prophetic messages must be exposed.

In this most recent series of three prophetic messages, I have many other good materials to add. And we cannot overspeak on such an urgent subject because we are so forgetful.

Though I have repeated some of the materials I used before, these three messages are presented to you in a new format. Like reading the Book of Revelation will bring you blessings, I pray God will do the same to you when you read much of Revelation expounded to you. Especially, on the outbreak of WWIII from the Euphrates Valley, which is modern-day Iraq. Are you prepared?

"It is nearer than you think!"

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