

IS IT TOO LATE FOR AMERICA?

Universal Turmoil

Is America at a Turning Point?

America in crisis! This is a catastrophic period in the world's history. Everyone knows that civilization is breaking up. Let us resolve to face stubborn facts courageously. Everything has been thrown into a state of unrest and confusion. Society is in convulsions. Every nation is in process of change. The map of the world is being revised. Governments are tottering. Economic structures are falling. Another world war looms on the horizon. Moral foundations are being dynamited. Spiritual forces have become hopelessly weakened by apostasy. A revolution is not coming; it is already here. Back of these conditions there must be an adequate cause.

Fascism and Communism, both in principle and practice, are fighting for world supremacy. These are the two great camps into which all nations are certain to be divided. Both are founded upon the doctrine of dictatorship. As if anticipating a radical change in the government of the United States not unlike that which has taken place in most European countries, Colonel Edward M. House, advisor and the gentleman who was so close to President Woodrow Wilson recently implied if he did not actually say that America was getting ripe for a dictator. "While such a revolutionary leader is not in sight at the moment, he might appear overnight," Colonel House says, and continues, "if we are to have a dictator, our people and institutions of wealth would like him to be of the Mussolini type. However, he is more likely to be of the type of Lenin."

"And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given him that sat thereon to "take peace from the earth", and there was given unto him a great Sword" Revelation 6:4.

As a Pastor and preacher of the gospel with 58 years under my belt, "I am profoundly convinced that our civilization is at a turning point. Can we maintain it as it has been? That is the problem which haunts me day and night. I find myself strangely preoccupied by what is going on in Russia. Is it the end of all civilization which is being prepared there? Or is it a new order? How much I would like to know, to really know." In 1929 President Herbert C. Hoover appointed a research committee to catalogue information with reference to the social trends of the times and among other things it reported that a revolution in the United States which would revise the present system of government was a decided possibility.

These words are being penned a few months after the inauguration of President Donald Trump. For weeks Democratic leaders in Congress have been advocating that he should be clothed with dictatorial powers in order to adjust finances of the nation and at the same time reorganize the executive departments of the

government. A Republican Congressman has countered with this thrust, "We'd better abolish Congress and go home." For weeks the daily press has been blazing with such head-lines as "Will Trump Become A Mussolini?" and "Is the Country Ready for a Dictator?" Who knows but this agitation may be the opening wedge for bringing about a revolutionary change?

That Mr. Trump expected to become a virtual dictator was evidenced by a reference to the subject in his inaugural address. The Associated Press explained that the large audience in Washington "applauded heartily when he warned that he would not hesitate to ask for dictatorial powers." He said, "It is to be hoped that the normal balance of executive and legislative authority may be wholly adequate to meet the unprecedented task before us. But it may be that an unprecedented demand and need for undelayed action may call for temporary departure from the normal balance of public procedure. I shall ask the Congress for the one remaining instrument to meet the crisis, broad executive power to wage a war against the emergency, as great as the power that would be given to me if we were in fact invaded by a foreign foe."

It is not improbable that he may introduce reforms which will help to adjust the economic condition which he inherited. With his political party overwhelmingly in control of both branches of Congress he can get anything he wants. If he proves to be a man of action, definite policy, and positive decision, he will have it in his power to stabilize conditions in a way that will at least produce temporary relief. His proclamation the day after taking office, whereby he assumed control of the banks of the Country, virtually placed the United States under a temporary dictatorship. We had a taste of one man rule for a time as far as the finances of the nation were concerned. American Fascism is a new experiment.

The American Pulse

The stage, the press, and the pulpit are three barometers which reveal exactly what is taking place in the depths of the mass mind of the American people. The stage expresses the emotional trend, the press is supposed to reflect the mental, while the pulpit discloses what is taking place in the spiritual realm. The dominant characteristics of our democracy show themselves through these three avenues.

The filthy stage of the present day is not something that is being foisted upon the public; it has simply been called into existence by the debased moral and emotional appetite of the masses of people who, having forsaken the old-time standards of morality, patronize it. The modern polluted press exists not because a group of editors have ceased to cherish the best ideals of journalism, but because the depraved mind calls for what they are putting out. The spiritual weakness of the pulpit results not primarily from the betrayal of modernistic denominational leaders, but from the general loss of moral idealism and the disintegration of spiritual forces among the great rank and file of people.

Applying this method in analyzing the present dictatorial psychology which is sweeping the United States we will now put our finger upon the public pulse long enough to review the book entitled "Gabriel over the White House" which has just come from the press. The author of this daring volume is anonymous but the publishers assure us that it was written by a person who knows the inside of governmental activities both in Washington and England. We are also informed that "the story has been vigorously re-edited by someone who well knows the White House and has convincingly handled the technical machinery of U. S. politics."

The story, briefly stated, has to do with the contemplated expansion of the spirit of Fascism in America. The reader is asked to move backward in his imagination to the year 1940. World chaos will have so increased by that time that the teeming millions of earth will be pressed almost to the breaking point. Political leaders elected by popular vote have passed off the scenes. Strong men have evolved in different parts of the world. Each nation is proud of its dictator and the United States has finally joined the procession. Increasing disrespect for the Senate, House of Representatives, and Supreme Court have nullified the power of these three branches of the national government. America has plunged headlong into dictatorship and its strong man is one Major Judson Cumming Hammond. This is only a story but popular stories issuing from the press reflect the quality of the mental forces at work behind the scenes; such books are concrete expressions of abstract ideas.

Hammond, who has been elected President, is a brilliant six-foot, 200-pound, glib-speaking politician. He appears on the scenes after the depression has been so fed by crashing business, soaring unemployment and grinding taxation, that it has become a veritable flame which is devouring the nation. Municipal corruption is countrywide; gangsters run wild; lawlessness exists everywhere; in city parks, huge camps of unemployed have squatted to stay; the American people are smitten by crime, poverty, immorality, and unrest. Hammond comes at such an hour with "booming platitudes that fool the people; he is a popular, charming politician, conservative to the core" until one day when the automobile which he is driving on a road near Baltimore suddenly skids into a cement mixer. He is thrown out and suffers a concussion of the brain. Never is he the same again. About this time the angel Gabriel is pictured as taking a vantage point above the White House to guide the affairs of government. Hammond seeks the seclusion of a private house in Washington where he gradually recovers but he emerges an entirely different type of human being than he was prior to the accident. He seems to be in a dazed condition and performs no end of wild radical feats exactly opposite to his previous conservative views. No longer does he have time for social play; he digs into economics, state papers and liberal literature. He develops a forbidding atmosphere, people cannot get close to him, and he freezes out his old cronies. No longer is he "a good fellow." Congress is at a standstill, unemployment continues and crime of every kind increases. Lawlessness comes to a head when a gang of racketeers stage a wholesale massacre of poverty-stricken squatters in Chicago; the nation fairly gasps. At this moment the new

Hammond returns to the White House and takes the helm of government with a firm hand.

Politicians in his Cabinet and elsewhere who are unwilling to become his tools are promptly weeded out. He lets the newspapers howl and the critics rave. Finally when the Vice President and a Cabinet member try to have him consigned to an insane asylum, he blasts the plan by going to the radio and broadcasting it to the nation. He has nothing but contempt for Congress and secretly sponsors a moving picture which sweeps the country and does what he intended it to do creates an uprising against Washington officialdom and precipitates a march of the jobless which results in an attack upon the Senate and House. At his instigation the unemployed hound the steps of every Senator and Representative until a national emergency is declared. Hammond is put in charge and Congress goes home for an indefinite rest. He takes his ideas directly to the people by regular, simple weekly television talks. The citizenry hails him as its great Dictator-President!

He reorganizes everything, inflates currency, puts multitudes to work and organizes a personal army of "Green Jackets." Cities no longer elect officials by popular vote, but instead submit to Federal appointees.

When Japan attacks China another world war breaks out. Hammond takes charge, unites with France and Great Britain and with a single stroke, sweeps down and crushes Japan from the air. He calls a world conference in London, flies the Atlantic, and bullies the nations into actual disarmament by broadcasting all of the secret negotiations. A World City is set up in Northern Ireland in which there is located an all-powerful Central Bank where world currency is created and directed on a gold basis. He comes back home in a blaze of glory. Henceforth Congress will be permitted to sit only at the call of the President.

At the zenith of his career an assassin shoots him down. Suddenly his mind comes back and he finds that he has been crazy through it all, ever since the car accident near Baltimore. Imagine his predicament! He is amazed to learn that he has destroyed the Constitution, abolished the power of Congress and the Supreme Court, and wrapped his country in the coils of a dictatorship. And just as he decides to go to the radio with a public recantation, he suffers a heart attack and drops dead. As soon as Gabriel over the White House was published, one specially bound copy was sent by the publishers to the FBI's Mr. Wray and another to Mr. Trump.

Yes, it is only the work of a fiction-writer, but who will say that the author has not translated many of the revolutionary ideas of the hour into story form? The theory of a dictatorship has become firmly fixed in the mind of the world since Communism gave us Lenin and Fascism produced Mussolini. One is Red, the other is Black. The world is headed for Godless Communism on the one hand and Capitalistic Fascism on the other! These are the two principles which are shaping

the affairs with unmistakable rapidity and the two will eventually "fight it out."

The Obsession of Liberalism

The idea of Liberalism has been insinuated into the political processes of all nations. It works upon the principle that whatever is wrong. And nothing in government, religion or morals is too sacred to be played with and picked to pieces. When I was a boy I used Liberalism on the family clock one day when my parents were away from home. I wanted to know what made it run. I started out to fix it. When I got through I had enough pieces of clock to fill a half bushel basket. It has become quite the fad among politicians to boast of throwing off the yoke of conservative restraint. This idea has gone so far that great documents upon which governments have been erected are becoming mere scraps of paper. Who can guess what may eventually become of the Constitution of the United States under the blasting influence of this destructive obsession?

A wave of political Liberalism swept the American people in the national elections of 1932. President Roosevelt was ushered into power on the crest of this wave. One of his first public utterances after the election was a statement to the effect that the United States had entered upon "a new period of Liberalism and of sane reform." In speeches all over the country he expounded this doctrine to the masses. Once, in Baltimore, he became so bold as to even cast a reflection upon the United States Supreme Court, the highest, purest and most powerful tribunal of the land. This utterance provoked a great deal of criticism.

The principle of Liberalism applied to Christianity begins by questioning the infallibility of the Scriptures, and from that point it is progressive steps downward through Modernism, Agnosticism, and finally leads into Atheism.

The principle of Liberalism applied to Morality begins by questioning the importance of personal purity and the sanctity of Marriage, and from that point it is progressive steps downward involving the destruction of the Home, and finally leads to Nudism.

The principle of Liberalism applied to Politics begins by questioning the value of Constitutions, and from that point it is progressive steps downward until representative government is abolished, leading to Anarchy, Revolution, Dictatorship, Fascism, and Communism. Lenin, Mussolini, and Hitler were Liberalists until they succeeded in prying their respective governments loose at their foundations. They simply used Liberalism to destroy the social order that existed, after which Liberalism was discarded, and freedom of speech, press, and the right to worship was taken away. The people then became virtual slaves of the State. In other words, Liberalism is the first step toward State Socialism in which all personal rights are destroyed.

Thinking themselves to be wise, the leaders of many nations have used this idea to pry their respective governments loose at their foundations, not knowing that

they were being victimized by an obsession would sooner or later put the house down upon them. In a recent book I have discussed what would seem to be the logical origin of the Liberal delusion. It appears to result from a deliberate assault upon the Gentile governments by a group of all-powerful financial wizards who are believed to be pulling wires from behind the scenes for the purpose of tearing down the nations so that out of the wreckage their plans of "despotism of Capital" can emerge. Their ultimate objective is to produce a dictator whose power will rest upon the control of gold. This man whom they expect to unveil at the proper time will be a world Superman, standing at the head of a world system of government, and ruling over a world bank, in a world city which will be the hub of the commerce of the world. The nations are to be huddled together under his control. But before the Jewish conspirators could hope to proceed with their plans, they find it necessary to tear down all governments by the subtle use of Liberalism, an idea which they claim to have invented, according to "The Protocols." The Superman for whose coming the way is being paved meets exactly the prophetic requirements of the thirteenth chapter of the book of Revelation. He will be known to the world as a Super-Dictator, but students of prophecy will know him to be the Antichrist.

In the minutes of the secret meeting of 1905, a spokesman for the group is quoted as saying, "When we introduced into the State organism the poison of Liberalism its whole political complexion underwent a change. States have been seized with mortal illness, blood-poisoning. All that remains is to await the end of their death agony. In our day the power which has replaced that of the rulers who were liberal is the power of Gold. Time was when Faith ruled. The idea of freedom is impossible of realization because no one knows how to use it with moderation. It is enough to hand over a people to self-government for a certain length of time for that people to be turned into a disorganized mob. From that moment on we get internecine strife which soon develops into battles between classes, in the midst of which States burn down and their importance is reduced to that of a heap of ashes. Whether a State exhausts itself in its own convulsions, whether its internal discord brings it under the power of external foes, in any case it can be accounted irretrievably lost: it is in our power. The despotism of Capital, which is entirely in our hands, reaches out to it a straw that the State willy-nilly must take hold of: if not it goes to the bottom. Should any one of a liberal mind say that such reflections as the above are immoral I would put the following questions: If every State has two foes and if in regard to the external foe it is allowed and not considered immoral to use every manner and art of conflict, as for example to keep the enemy in ignorance of plans of attack and defense, to attack him by night or in superior numbers, then in what way can the same means in regard to a worse foe, the destroyer of the structure of society and the commonwealth, be called immoral and not permissible? The political has nothing in common with the moral. The ruler who is governed by the moral is not a skilled politician, and is therefore unstable on his throne. He who wishes to rule must have recourse both to cunning and to make-believe. Great national qualities, like frankness and honesty, are vices in politics, for they bring down rulers from their thrones more effectively and more certainly than the most powerful enemy. Our right lies in

force. The word 'right' is an abstract thought and proved by nothing. The word means no more than: Give what I want in order that thereby I may have a proof that I am stronger than you. Our power in the present tottering condition of all forms of power will be more invincible than any other, because it will remain invisible until the moment when it has gained such strength that no cunning can any longer undermine it. Out of the temporary evil we are now compelled to commit, will emerge the good of an unshakable rule, which will restore the regular course of the machinery of the national life, brought to nought by liberalism. The result justifies the means. Let us, however, in our plans, direct our attention not so much to what is good and moral as to what is necessary and useful."

Dictators Prophesied

When nations have broken down from one cause or another in recent years, almost without exception a strong man has appeared on the scenes to pick up the pieces and put them back together. This has been true in Italy, Turkey, Poland, Spain, Germany, Russia, Persia, Hungary, and Yugoslavia and other countries. The prophecies abound with predictions of the rise of powerful dictators in the end-time of this age. The whole assembly of dictators will someday divide into two groups, Fascist and Communist.

Daniel prophesied the coming of five great world kingdoms dating from the time of ancient Babylon down to the period immediately preceding the second coming of Christ. In the last kingdom he indicated that ten men would emerge in central Europe with nations typified as iron and clay. But one of these men is predicted to stand head and shoulders above the other nine.

God's forecast of world politics is now being fulfilled and these events are daily demonstrations that the Bible is an inspired, infallible revelation.

Nebuchadnezzar was King of Babylon at the time of Daniel's prophecy. His kingdom was at the zenith of its glory. The vision was in the form of a huge image possessing:

A Head of Gold, Breast of Silver, Thighs of Brass, Legs of Iron, and Ten Toes of Iron and Clay the prophet also described a stone "cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and break them in pieces. And the stone became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." The five parts of the image represent the five great consecutive systems of government, and the stone which smashes them typifies the second coming of Christ, Whose government will replace all human systems.

The first kingdom was Babylon. It was symbolized by the head of gold. Daniel was compelled to break the sad news to the king that his nation would be destroyed. Babylon towered to a height never reached by any of its successors. The city laid in a perfect square measuring sixty miles around the top of the walls. The wall was three hundred and fifty feet high and eighty-seven feet thick. The Euphrates

River flowed under the walls and through the center of the city between banks of marble. This city with its impregnable walls and moat; its one hundred and fifty huge gates of solid brass; its hanging gardens, rising terrace above terrace which we still look back upon as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world; its two royal palaces, one three and a half and the other eight miles in circumference; its subterranean tunnel under the Euphrates connecting the two palaces; its supply of food sufficient to last for twenty-five years in the event of an attack from the outside, this was the golden head built by Nebuchadnezzar which Daniel prophesied would be overthrown. The people were wholly given over to pleasure, unbridled dissipation, and drunkenness. Virtue had given place to vice. After Belshazzar came to the throne, Daniel's prophecy was fulfilled on the tragic night of the great feast when the Medes and Persians suddenly turned the Euphrates out of its banks into a lake, dried up the river bed and marched under the city walls.

The Medo-Persian kingdom became second in the politico-prophetic series. It was symbolized by the breast of silver. Under Cyrus its borders were pushed far beyond those of Babylon but it was inferior in wealth, beauty, luxury and magnificence. Under Babylon the children of Israel were brought into captivity, but under the Medes and Persians they were restored to their own land. The silver kingdom was supreme over the earth for a few hundred years until the time that Darius Codomannus came into power. He was the last of the line of Old Persian kings. Ill-fortune smote him. He was hardly on the throne before Alexander the Great, head of the Greek armies, was trying to destroy him. Although the Persian soldiers outnumbered the Greeks twenty to one, Darius went down. And, Daniel's prophecy was fulfilled, that a "third kingdom of brass shall rule over all the earth."

In the ever changing political kaleidoscope, Grecia became the third in the series of kingdoms. It was symbolized by the thighs of brass. After the fall of Darius, Alexander knew that his last formidable foe was gone. So he gave himself up to wild enjoyment and a life of restless pleasure. With great arrogance he proclaimed himself a deity. He often murdered his closest friends in drunken orgies. He finally drank himself to death. The fall of Greece under the iron hand of Rome is a matter of history.

And Rome became the fourth kingdom. It was symbolized by the two legs of iron. Gibbon the great historian says, "The arms of the Republic, sometimes vanquished in battle, always victorious in war, advanced with rapid steps to the Euphrates, the Danube, the Rhine, and the ocean; and the images of gold, or silver, or brass that might serve to represent the nations or their kings, were successively broken by the iron monarchy of Rome." Gibbon uses the word iron in describing Rome and so does Daniel, "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron." School children read of the "iron legions of Rome." When Christ was born under the shining stars and angel song, it was at a time when the Roman Empire was supreme and included what is now the southern part of Europe, all of France and England, the greater part of the Netherlands, Switzerland, also

Hungary, Turkey, Greece, and a small part of Asia and northern Africa. No wonder Gibbon said, "The Empire of the Romans filled the world. And when that empire fell into the hands of a single person, the world became a safe and dreary prison for his enemies. To resist was fatal; and it was impossible to fly." The two legs of the image represent the two divisions of the Empire. A thousand years after Daniel's prophecy Rome was separated into two great halves, the western capital in Rome and the eastern capital in Constantinople. The western division continued some four hundred years after Christ and the eastern lasted until 1453 when it was taken by the Turks. If Daniel were a historian today, looking back, he could not write more accurately than he wrote as a prophet looking down the sweep of the centuries.

The fifth and final empire is prophesied to be a division of old Rome into ten sections symbolized by the ten toes on the feet of the image. The Roman Empire has existed through the centuries though sometimes sleeping like a mighty Vesuvius as if waiting to belch forth at an unexpected moment.

On Christmas day, in the year 800, Saint Peter's in the city of Rome was filled with a worshipping throng. Pope Leo Third came down from his pontifical chair to the high altar where Charlemagne was kneeling and placing on his head a golden crown, saluted and proclaimed him Emperor of Rome. Thus, life was again breathed into the western division and it became known thereafter as the "Holy Roman Empire." The imperial form of Roman government has ceased to exist but the fragments of the Empire have continued and its future revival is certain. John, in the Patmos vision, describes the imperial head of the Empire as a beast whose "deadly wound was healed," meaning that it will be restored. In other words another Emperor is coming who will sit in Caesar's seat to realize Napoleon's ambition of becoming the sole ruler and dictator of the territory which formerly comprised the Roman Empire. It is worthy of note that Mussolini's ambitions lead in exactly the same direction, Caesar being his consuming ideal. That such a dictator is coming who will do what Mussolini yearns to do, namely revive old Rome, every informed student of Bible prophecy very well knows. The territory will eventually be divided into ten nations over which a Superman will preside. Current history is moving in that direction.

A superman who will surpass all other supermen is coming. Mussolini will bear watching. He has come up from the very territory where Daniel predicted that "the king of the south" (southern Europe) would arise. This strange man whose latest whim is the law of his country and the terror of Europe has already demonstrated the kind of strength which will characterize the "Man of Sin" and certainly he is at the present moment the world's best candidate for the office. It is asinine for anyone to attempt to picture Mussolini as a heroic character, actuated by altruistic, Christian motives as the editor of one religious journal has tried to do in recent months.

The United States,

What position does the United States occupy with reference to this plan?

It is at once evident that America can never become a permanent part of the European League of Nations which takes in only the territory covered by the old Roman Empire. The same is true of Russia who has also remained aloof. All of the nations which are members of the League and located outside the boundary line of the old Roman Empire will eventually sever relations as Japan did recently. However, through interlocking financial systems, the World Bank and political connections it is probable that America will be inevitably connected with many of the same arteries as Europe.

The United States is not without her national sins for which she must be judged. But because of her position in the providence of God it is proper to suppose that she will be spared some of the wrath under which other peoples are certain to come. From the time of the birth of the nation there have been evidences of divine guidance.

Take for instance the discovery of North America. The sails of the frail vessel of Columbus were set straight for the Maryland or New Jersey coast. A storm came up on the ocean and a strong wind turned the ship southward. The result was that Columbus landed in the West Indies. He did not discover America. A wind saved the continent and caused the Roman Catholic flag of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella to be planted in the West Indies instead of this country. Had it not been for that wind how different subsequent history might have been written!

The Bible says that God sometimes works through the winds for the accomplishment of special providences. In the narrative of Jonah we learn that "God sent out a great wind into the sea." There are frequent statements like the following, "Even the wind and the sea obey him," "He caused his wind to blow," "He brings the wind out of his treasures," "He walketh upon the wings of the wind," "He caused an east wind to blow" and "Thou didst blow with thy wind."

There was another example of this kind of supernatural intervention on April 22, 1915 when it looked as though the Germans had the world war won. The German meteorological department in cooperation with army officials fixed that date as the logical time to turn loose the first deadly wave of poison gas upon the Allies from the town of Ypres. The attack was entirely unexpected and of course the allied soldiers were not prepared for it, gas being a new thing in warfare. Germany was ready to celebrate; they thought the war was over. It only remained now for them to march on the English Channel, and France, Great Britain, and for that matter all of Europe, would be under her feet. Dr. Schmaus, the head of the meteorological department had reported that the winds were fixed and settled for thirty-six hours to come. Within a few hours the allied lines would be buried in fog banks of gas. But a strange thing happened. Suddenly the wind turned and the billows of deadly poison were flung back upon the German army. And the Scripture was fulfilled, "Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein." Dr. Schmaus said in his official report, "In forty years of meteorological records of the

German government the wind never acted so peculiarly before." What was even more striking was the fact that the wind whirled in only a small area. Jeremiah said, "His chariots shall be as a whirlwind."

There was a similar occurrence on the first day of the battle at Gettysburg. The Union forces had been hammered into a semi-circle by the Confederates whose next move under General Longstreet was to attack one side while General Ewell with his forces was to push in from the other side. Their strategy was to crush the Union army between the two powerful lines until it would be utterly wiped out. Both Generals were to begin their bombardments at the same time. Longstreet pounded for four hours and was defeated before Ewell even began. In his official report Ewell said, "The wind was so peculiar I could not hear Longstreet's bombardment, and didn't know he was attacking until it was over."

Had it not been for the wind which Columbus encounter America would have been cursed by the same paganism, abominations and papal sorceries as the West Indies instead of becoming a place of religious liberty and virile Protestant Christianity.

Isaiah and the Nation's Birth

In the thirteenth chapter of Isaiah, the prophet utters a prophecy concerning Babylon and the Jews. In the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters he speaks of the land of Moab. The next chapter refers to Damascus. The nineteenth and twentieth chapters have to do with Egypt and Assyria while twenty-one and twenty-two deal with Media, Arabia and Tyre. Coming to the eighteenth chapter we find a reference made to an unnamed country which has to do with the period in which Israel is to be regathered to its national homeland. And since Israel is returning to Palestine at the present time we may assume that the prophecy concerns some great nation active in world affairs today. There is evidence that that nation is the United States.

The prophet looked toward the west and saluted "a land shadowing with wings." He was evidently speaking of a country whose emblem would be the eagle and under whose wings all races and types of people could take refuge and enjoy freedom of conscience and religious liberty. The country to which Isaiah referred was to be situated beyond, or, west of Ethiopia. Take a map and move west from Palestine to Africa and the eye will travel directly to the United States. "The nation meted out and trodden down" we are assured that a more perfect translation of this passage would be "a land measured out under the treading." In other words, a nation that is surveyed with an exactness before unknown until the United States government surveyed by the North Star and divided all public lands into square mile sections, half mile, and quarter mile divisions, all countries had divided the soil according to local boundaries and land marks. "Whose land the rivers have spoiled" or "divided." Study a map of this nation and see how frequently its rivers are used as dividing lines. From Canada to the Gulf the Mississippi carves the boundaries of many states. The Rio Grande separates

the United States and Mexico on the south. In the west are such rivers as the Colorado, Columbia and Snake serving the same purpose, and in the south and east we see the Ohio, Chattahoochee, Connecticut, the St. Lawrence and other rivers cutting the lines between different states and Canada. That America holds the position of dominant power in world affairs no one will deny. Hence the prophet's words, "All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifted up an ensign on the mountains and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye." "A people scattered and peeled." A correct translation of this puzzling phrase would be "a nation tall and clean shaven," or "tall and polished." More than three million American soldiers were called into action during the late war and it was the tallest army ever known, the average height being five feet and eleven inches. And aside from a small moustache here and there among them, beards were unknown in that vast army.

In 1893 the United States Supreme Court declared, "This is a Christian nation." When Daniel Webster pleaded another famous case before the Supreme Court it made this record, "Christianity is the common law of the land." When a president takes the oath of office he does it on the Bible. When a witness takes the stand he swears by the Bible. Our whole system of jurisprudence is based upon the Ten Commandments. We observe one day in seven as the Sabbath, a day of rest. A day of Thanksgiving to God each year is a national festival. Our coins are stamped "In God We Trust." We got our idea of constitutional government from Moses. Both the constitution of ancient Israel and our own resulted from oppression. The government under Moses had thirteen tribes; ours had thirteen colonies. The Law of Moses provided for a Supreme Court of seventy men; an appeal on the part of any citizen could be taken to that body and our system is exactly the same. It has been pointed out that the constitution of ancient Israel and our own were the only two ever submitted to the people for ratification. Both constitutions provided for the naturalization of foreigners. Neither permitted one who was foreign born to become a ruler.

The founders of the American Republic were men who possessed a great faith in God and the Bible. When the representatives of the thirteen colonies met in Philadelphia to frame the constitution they engaged in three weeks of wrangling. When it looked like the meeting might break up in confusion, it was Benjamin Franklin who arose and said, "Mr. President, I perceive that we are not in a position to pursue this business any further. Our blood is too hot. I therefore move you, sir that we separate for three days, during which time, with a conciliatory spirit, we talk with both parties. If we ever make a Constitution it must be the work of a compromise. And while I am on my feet I move, you, sir, and I am astonished that it has not been done before, for when we signed the Declaration of Independence we had a chaplain to read the Bible and to pray daily; and I now move that when we meet again we have a chaplain to meet with us and invoke the blessing of heaven. For, sir, it has been wisely written, 'Except the Lord build the city, they labor in vain who build it,' and if it be true that a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, surely a nation cannot rise without His aid."

We are told that George Washington's face beamed with joy as he arose to second the motion. With their minds energized by prayer, those men, after three days, prepared what Gladstone called, "The greatest document ever struck from the brain of man." And now, at a time like this, when the foundations of so many governments are crumbling, let us remember that "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." If the American people come to a full understanding of what is taking place before it is too late and learn concerning the conspiracy of what we call "The Hidden Hand" or the "Powers That Be", it is probable that the Country can yet be spared a great deal of suffering which is certain to smite other nations.

If not America too may have to go thru a period of persecution in which tens of millions of professing Christians will be slaughtered as it too will be turned into a slave state ruled over by Red Communists Jews. Is it too late?