

# **SIGNS OF THE COMING MESSIAH**

## **AND EVENTS OF TOMMOROW**

**The Angel Gabriel said “knowledge would be increased and many would run to and fro in the Time of The End”, Daniel 12:4.** Gabriel was speaking of the end of the Gentile Nations and the coming of “The Kingdom of God”. He said this book of Daniel would be closed up and sealed until the period of the time of the end. Then knowledge would be increased. We are living when knowledge has been increased in every line of science, and as a result of this many are running to and fro.

A little over 100 years ago, about the same conditions prevailed as those of 3,000 years before. It seems that this long river upon whose drowsy surface not a ripple of advancement had passed for 3,000 years suddenly burst into the white foam of violent agitations. Men’s minds began blossoming forth into wonderful inventions. The power of steam was discovered and the first steam engine built in 1819; the modern reaper and mower in 1932; the sewing machine, 1856; electric lights discovered by Thos. A. Edison in 1876; the telegraph in 1838 — Samuel Morse exhibited it before the President of U.S.A. and his cabinet in Feb.

of that year; the Telephone in 1880 — Alexander Graham Bell erected the first line 450 meters in Boston, U.S.A.; the talking machine (phonograph) in 1888 — by Thomas A. Edison of U.S.A.; discovery of storing sound on wire and tape in 1901 and 1903: “Radio Engineering Institute” set up in U.S.A. 1912; television set up in New York by Gimmel Bros. in 1928; 107 stations operating in U.S. 1951.

There have been six hundred thousand patents issued by the patent office at Washington, D.C., U.S.A., in the last 40 years. We are living to see this pre-announcement by the Angel Gabriel fulfilled. Hence we are living in the “Time of the End” when this Book of Daniel so long sealed is to be opened. Gabriel said it was to be sealed only “until” the time of the end when “knowledge would be increased” and many would run to and fro. Chapter 12:4. This time is here. Noah preached 120 years while preparing for the flood so the time of the end period will probably be similar to that.

So the book of Daniel is now to be read and studied. No man, or set of men, dare resist the words of Gabriel. He is in authority, a representative of heaven and higher than any on earth.



Thomas A. Edison with his first talking machine — 1888

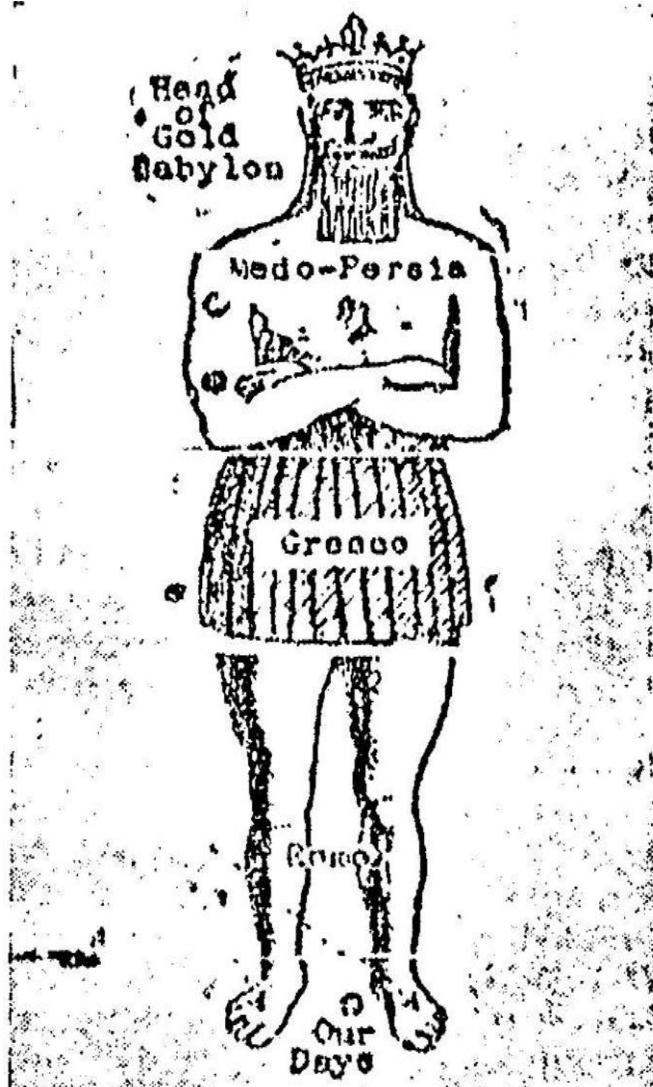
## How We Know Our Messiah's Coming Is Near

As the sealed door to the Book of Daniel is opened we discover a treasure chest of sacred knowledge, to give faith, and definite understanding concerning the rise and fall of Gentile nations, and the coming Messiah with the Kingdom of peace

“Thou O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the aspect thereof was terrible. As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of brass, its legs of iron, its feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon its feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.”

“This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings unto whom the God of heaven hath given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and glory; and wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven hath He given into thy hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, that shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: for-as-much as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided;

but there shall be in it the strength of the iron, for-as-much as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay."



**THE END OF GENTILE NATIONS ILLUSTRATED BY THIS  
METAL MAN**

**Daniel Speaks To The King — Daniel 2:31-45.**

**“AND IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS** shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which never will be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all of these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. For-as-much as thou sawest the stone cut out of the mountain **WITHOUT** hands, and it brake in pieces the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold; the great **GOD HATH MADE KNOWN** to the king what shall take place hereafter. The dream is **CERTAIN**, and the interpretation thereof is **SURE**.” Verse 45. This stone represents the Messiah’s Kingdom.

## **NOW FOR THE TEST**

Let us now be fair with ourselves, and give this important matter a thorough investigation. Before us stands this metal man. It is claimed that this head of gold represents the king of Babylon, and Nebuchadnezzar the king. It represents the times when Gentile kings rule the world and is therefore a Gentile man.

Following this renowned king Nebuchadnezzar, there was to follow another kingdom represented by the breasts and arms of silver, and it was to also bear rule over the entire world. The two arms represent strength from two sides. According to all histories and encyclopedias, to which one may have access in our public libraries, it will be found that the Medes and Persians overthrew the kingdom of Babylon and set up another world empire known as the Medo-Persian Empire 538 B.C. The history of the conquest and capture of Babylon is briefly told in Daniel 8<sup>th</sup> ch., to which all histories agree, and which comparatively recent excavations of old records confirm.

## **A THIRD KINGDOM OF BRASS**

There was also to follow another kingdom to bear rule over all the world, and it was represented by the third division of this Gentile man composed of brass.

Consulting our records again, we find that the prophetic announcement came true thus far, and a third universal kingdom ruled the world. It is known in history as the Macedonian Empire, or the Kingdom of Alexander The Great. In the spring of 334, Alexander set out for the conquest of the Persian empire with an army of thirty five thousand men with elephant cavalry and long spears. In the year 333 he won the memorable battle of Issus. One battle after the other was won by the swift speed of this unusual character, until the known world was conquered. It is said of him that he wept because there were no more nations to conquer.

## **THE FEAR OF COMMUNISM**

It should be of extreme interest to a world in fear of Communism, to search the records and find if the 4<sup>th</sup> kingdom has come, or if the fourth epoch announced by this prophet has been filled. As we look into the pages of history, however, our fears melt away as the snow flake. The fourth kingdom has come, true to the voice of the prophet, and ROME is number 4. All persons acquainted with history know that the Roman kingdom was established following the Grecian kingdom, and it has likewise held dominion over the entire world.

## **COMMUNISM RULED OUT AS WORLD KINGDOM**

The reign of the Caesars as kings of the 4<sup>th</sup> empire which was the Roman kingdom, began 31 B.C., and it was this fourth and last world kingdom that was responsible for the destruction of

the second temple here at Jerusalem under the Roman General Titus, 70 A.D. It has been stated by historians that six hundred thousand Jews perished in the siege of Jerusalem.

The kingdom, like the three preceding was universal, and fulfilled the prophecy with startling precision. Yes, the fourth kingdom has come exactly as the prophet announced, and it has had within the strength of enduring iron, and by it the world has been broken into many pieces as the prophet said. All histories and records of the past fully establish the facts that we have thus far set forth in our investigation. We need not fear Communism, Imperialism, Capitalism or any other ism or any nation, in the future establishing a world kingdom. There is no place left for such, except the one illustrated by the stone by which all Gentile kingdoms are to be broken to pieces and crushed. This stone does not represent any earthly nation for we are told it was cut out of the mountain WITHOUT HANDS.

Since the world entered into the divided and broken up state of the fourth Empire, there have been a number of efforts made to establish another world kingdom. The followers of Mohammed made the first attempt and which swept in all of the world excepting Europe, but after the successful campaign thru Spain, their warring armies met defeat on the plains of Gaul in 732 A.D.

Another attempt was made by Napoleon Bonaparte, but he met defeat by the armies of the Duke of Wellington at the famous battle of Waterloo, 1815 A.D.

Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany also had similar dreams, of conquering the world. His palace can be seen here now on the Mount of Olives, as a conspicuous land mark to bring to our minds the terrible events following 1914 when he set out to conquer, but he came to his end.

Hitler was another, and the last so far to attempt the conquest of the world, and he, like Kaiser Wilhelm, Napoleon Bonaparte and the Mohammedans, also met his Waterloo. In like manner will any other nation go down in defeat who may attempt to change the “Times and Seasons” ordained of heaven, for it is true as Daniel told the king, “There is a God in heaven that ruleth among the kingdoms of men”.

Having found that the second division of this Gentile man included his two arms, which represent strength from two sides, so we find that the second kingdom was composed of dual strength, namely the Medes and the Persians. Now as we approach the lower extremities of this Gentile man, we may naturally expect something in history to correspond with the two legs.

I turn to page 338 of Myers General History, a work adopted and at one time used in all of the schools and colleges of America. Here is what we find under the heading, “Divisions of The Roman Empire.” Quote, “Just before his death, Theodosius divided the empire between his two sons, Arcadius and Honorius, assigning the former only eighteen years of age, the government of the East, and the latter a mere child of eleven the sovereignty of the West. This was the final partition of the empire. The separate histories of the East and the West now begin.”

You may consult any history regardless of the language, looking up the name “Theodosius” in the index, and you find the same facts that (395 A.D.), the fourth empire was divided into two divisions, the East and the West. How striking do we hear the same term now being repeatedly used in the newspapers all over the world, “The East and the West.”

Now let us notice briefly again what the prophet said about this fourth world wide empire represented by the iron. He spoke thus, “And as the iron that breaketh all these, shall it break

in pieces and bruise." Here reference is made to the strength of the iron excelling that of the brass, or the silver, or the gold, and it says it shall break them in pieces and bruise. All of the kingdoms represented by these metals were broken into pieces both in the East and in the West, but the two legs have remained in their fragmental form exactly as stated. The East and the West have been divided into two opposing religious groups, viz. the Roman Catholic, and the Greek Catholic churches, the Roman Catholic in the West and the Greek church in the East. During the first world war of 1914, the Greek Church was overthrown by the rise of Communism in Russia, at which time the disintegration of Gentile nations began, followed by the second world war. Now a third one is smoldering which will be the third stroke in the destruction of Gentile kingdoms, just as three successive strokes destroyed the Jewish kingdom at Jerusalem. 2 Chronicles, 36th chapter.

## **THE FEET OF MIRY CLAY**

Here are the words of the prophet which most graphically describe the present weak and tottering condition of earthly governments. The feet were part of iron, part of miry clay, and so it is said of the feet, "There shall be in it of the strength of the iron, for-as-much as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay... The Kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken... They shall mingle themselves with the seed of men, but they shall not cleave one to the other even as iron is not mixed with clay." Daniel 2:41-43.

It will be observed that there are two outstanding elements dominating world politics. One of these represents the strength and power of Capitalism and the other Communism, which is now rending all governments unstable, weak and tottering. This is

the final stage of Gentile nations, and it represents a very dangerous condition, a foreboding of pending destruction.

## **RENDERING AN UNBIASED JUDGEMENT**

The statements set forth in this work are based on the facts of history which anyone may examine and prove for himself. The boldness of Daniel to take such a risk in so definitely stating what was going to come to pass thereafter, and in the "Latter Days" was proof of his sincerity and belief in being guided by the God of Israel. Now after having found that all of these things took place exactly as announced, how can any unbiased intelligent person deny that Daniel was governed by a higher power than himself? It was after a night spent in prayer with his Jewish companions in the dungeons of Babylon, that the dream with its meaning was revealed. Therefore everyone and especially those who pray can come to but one intelligent conclusion, that "There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets," and maketh known what shall take place hereafter. Now after 2500 years, when we have found that these announcements concerning future events have come to pass so accurately, there is no reason for doubts that all future announcements by this same prophet will come to pass.

These four great world empires have come. There have been just the four. No more or no less. Repeated efforts have been made to establish another world kingdom during the long period represented by the iron, but they have failed, leaving the words of the prophet unstained. The God of Daniel and of Israel, by just this one line of prophecy, has established Himself, and the future announcements are assured, that have been made thru the same divine source, many of which reveal great things for the future.

This prophecy is only one of many to be found in the Word of God. Some of the most outstanding will be in other

publications of this series, in our effort to establish the reality of Israel's God and His future promises for this world.

## **THE MESSIAH'S KINGDOM OF STONE**

In-as-much as four epochs are past, and four of these great empires represented by the gold, the silver, the brass and the iron, have come, and are established facts of history, what about the fifth, the stone kingdom? Will the prophet go down in defeat now after 2500 years during which time his announcements have stood the test, thru passing events, or shall we look for the fifth kingdom? It would be folly not to do so. No intelligent person will doubt that in-as-much as four of these kingdoms have come, one following the other, the fifth one will also be a reality. This fifth kingdom is to be as enduring as stone, and the prophet said it would last forever. It is to break in pieces, consume and destroy these Gentile kingdoms. Note particularly that this fifth and last one is future and will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. Daniel 7:27.

Now this brings us down to the "Time of The End" of Gentile nations, which was to be marked by the increase of knowledge, with many running to and fro, just as we have it today. We are eye witnesses to this very period, seen by Daniel in vision. Notice it says, all of these metals representing the four periods of Gentile rule become chaff. That is they become worthless, and the WIND CARRIES THEM AWAY. Wind represents war in the scriptures, as also seen by the prophet Jeremiah. He says, "A whirlwind was raised up from the coasts of the earth," and there was such a universal destruction that no one was left to bury the dead. This is the coming Third World War, the atomic war, now in preparation, seen by both of these prophets. Jeremiah 25:32-33.

Daniel said the “WIND” carried them all away, and then the stone, the 5<sup>th</sup> universal kingdom became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. This is the Messiah’s kingdom, but notice that it was not to come until Gentile times had reached the feet and toes, of this Gentile metal man. Now in-as-much as these two legs of the 4<sup>th</sup> Gentile kingdom, viz. “Rome” did not come into being until the death of the Roman king Theodosius, 395 C.E., or A.D., when he divided the empire between his two sons Arcadius and Honorius, the beginning of the East and the West, the Messiah could not come in His kingdom until we had reached the feet. Now we are in the feet. Yes in the very toes of the feet, when His glorious coming is very near at hand.

This same line of the four periods of Gentile rule was shown to Daniel in another vision recorded in the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of this book. Here they are symbolized by blood thirsty ravenous beasts, and after the last one had appeared, with a long carrier of the little horn rule, (the papacy from Rome), then the Kingdom of God comes, exactly as set forth in this 2nd chapter of Daniel which we have been discussing. In this connection, however, the prophet says, “I saw in the night vision and one like the son of man came in the clouds of heaven... And there was given him a kingdom that all people, nations and tongues should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion... And his kingdom that which shall not pass away.” Dan. 7:12-13. This kingdom and dominion is to be under the whole heaven. Verse 27.

Here we have a definite announcement of the coming Messiah. He comes down from heaven a mighty conqueror and King. This is His second coming, and notice Daniel said he saw one “LIKE THE SON OF MAN.” This is the same one spoken of by Isaiah, chapter 9:6-7, “Unto us a child is born. Unto us (the Jews) a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders. He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, of the Mighty

God, of the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace, (the stone grows and becomes a mountain, Dan. 2:35), there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and justice **from hence forth even forever.”**

Isaiah 11:1-2 speaks of this child growing up. Also chapter 53:1-2. In this chapter, however, the prophet said He would be rejected of men, and taken as a lamb to the slaughter, giving His soul as an offering for sin, but after that He was to have a position with the great, verse 12. This is the same Messiah who is now soon to come as King of kings, and rule on David's throne over the house of Israel forever. He was the one born in Bethlehem according to Micah, chapter 5:2-3. The one the Gentiles have stolen and unjustly misrepresented. He belongs to the Jews, and it is high time that we were claiming Him as our Saviour, the human sacrifice represented by Isaac placed on the altar by Abraham, but the time being yet in the future for the Father's only Son to give His life, this only son of Abraham was saved and the ram offered instead. So the animal sacrifices continued. When the time arrived, however, for the human sacrifice, of whom Isaac was a type, the Father in His own way stopped the animal sacrifices, just as Gabriel announced to Daniel in chapter 9:26-27.

## FURTHER SIGNS OF OUR TIMES

The prophet Nahum beheld in vision Our Day in which he saw “Chariots (automobiles and buses) raging in the streets and on the highways. He said, “They seem like torches and run like the lightening and jostle one against the other on the highways.” Nahum 2:3,4. In verse 3 he says, “The shield of the mighty men are made RED (Communism), and the valiant men are in scarlet

(Catholicism).” Note that the woman rider of the beast Revelation 17:4 is dressed in scarlet, as the valiant men are to be in the age of PREPARATION according to Nahum 2:4.

The prophet Joel says of this time of preparation, “Behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.” Joel 3:1,2.

This land was parted by the United Nations and half given to the Arabs in 1948. Verse 7 says, “Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them.” All of this is a sign that we are near the end of the Gentile period. It is the age of preparation. — Verse 9.

**“PREPARE WAR.”** “Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles: prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near... **Let the weak say, I am strong.**” Joel 3:9,10. The strong nations like Russia and the U.S. are supplying the small nations with all kinds of war armament, so they are saying I am strong. Note that this takes place when He gathers the Jews back to Jerusalem. Joel 3:1.

**THE PROPHET ISAIAH**, in vision proclaimed, “Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?” Isaiah 60:8. As the dove lands at her window, she spreads her wings like the two wings of the planes. The prophet saw in vision what we now see up among the clouds. In this connection, in verse 9 he said, “The ships of Tarshish (former name of the Mediterranean sea) would bring thy sons from afar, and their gold and silver with them.” This is also exactly as we see it now.

Hundreds of millions of dollars are coming here and building this country, as thousands of Jews come, in the ships of Tarshish.

The prophet Isaiah also in chapter 24 gave us a picture of “**Our Day**” of Preparation when the “Men of War” would be awokened to make desolate the Gentile cities of the world and the land would be “utterly emptied”, because the earth is defiled by the inhabitants, transgressing the laws etc. Those left he says will be like the shaking of the olive tree (verse 13), and he speaks of the pits they are now digging all over the Gentile world to escape the Atomic war. The prophet said they come up out of the pits to be taken by the snare, (the fall out), but in conclusion of this terrible destruction he says, — “The moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of Hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.” Verse 23. The ancient prophets will be here. The final condition is in the Kingdom after the resurrection of these ancient prophets.

### **Jewish Prophets Of The New Testament Also Speak**

Chief of these prophets is Yahshua, (in English Jesus). He says, (Luke 21:24 to 36), speaking of the Jews, “They shall be led away captive into all nations and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles **UNTIL the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**” Then He said there would be distress of nations and perplexity... “men’s hearts failing them for fear... the powers of heaven shall be shaken” etc.

We are in this time, following the scattering of the Jews among all nations, and of Jerusalem being trodden down by the Gentiles. They are here again. Jerusalem has been rebuilt. Gentile times therefore are practically over, and the Gentiles are preparing to destroy themselves with the Atomic Bomb etc.

This causes “Men’s Hearts to fail them for fear, and for looking after those things coming upon the world” exactly as He said. But He made a further prophecy, that, “Then we would see Him coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” Verse 27. As all of His other words have been fulfilled, we have undoubting faith that this last part will be also. It will be His second coming, however, which agrees with many other prophets.

He spake to them a parable, — “Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, you see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see THESE THINGS (Jews returning, distress of nations, perplexity — men’s hearts failing them for fear — powers of the heavens being shaken) coming to pass, KNOW YE that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand.” Verses 29 to 31.

**The Jewish Prophet James**, in speaking of the “Last Days” he says the rich men have “Heaped treasures together for the last days”. “Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped together treasures for the last days.” This prophet also speaks of the oppression of the poor by the rich, which has also taken place. The conclusion of his prophecy is — “Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” Verse 8. Note carefully James chapter 5:1 to 10.

**Paul another Jew speaks.** He says, “In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those

that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.” 2 Timothy 3:1 to 4.

This is the very condition we find today all over the Gentile world, agreeing perfectly with the prophet Isaiah that “The earth is defiled under the inhabitants thereof because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, and broken the everlasting covenant.” Isaiah 24:3-6.

**THE LAST BOOK — REVELATION.** In this last book of the Bible called REVELATION, also written by a Jew, we find the pre-announcement of a number of lines of successive events beginning with this period allotted for the Gentiles, leading step by step down to the end, and the returning of the Messiah.

All of these pre-announced events are now in the past and recorded by historians down to the very last events and conditions which now surround us. About all there is left for the future is the seven last plagues; the war of Armageddon, (chapters 15, and 16), and the return of the Messiah to be King of kings and Lord of lords. See chapter 11:15 to 18 etc.

### **Messiah's Coming Compared to the Days of Noah, and the Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah**

**“As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man... Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot... The same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”**

**Luke 17:26 to 30.**

The second coming is also associated with conditions as at the time of Noah, by Matthew in the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter. These pre-announcements show that it will be a time of wickedness with but very few, worthy of escaping this terrible destruction, compared to the olives left on a tree after it is shaken, and to grapes left on

the vine after the gathering, as the prophet Isaiah pre-announced. Isa. 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

The Messiah also admonished the faithful few with the following assurance, — “Fear not little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.” Luke 12:32.

My father A.F. Dugger Sr. gave me a Bible in 1901. He died in 1910, and I discovered at the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Daniel where he had written, “The world war will take place 1912 to 1914”. Father had figured out two lines of prophecy, one by Daniel in this chapter and the other by Moses, and they both pre-announced the beginning of the end of Gentile nations 1914. This was the year of the first world war. These prophecies furnish us with overwhelming proof that we are now in the very closing days of this age, when the “End of The World”(the Gentile period of power), is about finished, and the “Kingdom of Elohim” is at the door.

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