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# Summary of EVENTS SUBSEQUENT to CHRIST'S RETURN

The fulfilment of Bible prophecy in our own time clearly shows that it can be relied upon, and that when it is properly interpreted, it provides a lucid outline of events to come. In the growth of Russia, the emergence of the nation of Israel, the political and moral condition of the nations, the uprise of violence throughout the world, we have tangible evidence that Christ is at the door, and a wonderful vindication of Christadelphian teaching, particularly the writings of Brother Thomas. We provide herewith a summary of events as they appear to be set in their sequence in the prophetic Scriptures.

## CHRIST'S SECOND ADVENT:

Summary of subject, Luke 19:11-27; 1 Thess. 4:15-17 To return personally and visibly, Acts 1:11. With a reward, Rev. 22:12. To judge and rule, Acts 17:31 To establish righteousness and peace, Isa. 9:6-7 To set up God's Kingdom, Dan. 2:44. To raise from the dead and judge and reward his saints, Dan. 12:2.

# SIGNS OF HIS IMMINENT APPEARANCE:

Exhortation on subject, Luke 21:34-36.

Decline of Turkey, Rev. 16:12. Return of the Jews, Ezek. 37:21. Emergence of a Communistic spirit in Europe, Rev. 16:13. Preparations for war, Joel 3:9-10. Development of Russia, Ezek. 38 Deliverance of Jerusalem, Joel 3:1-2; Luke 21:24. The division of the nations into two armed blocs, Dan. 11:40-45. Moral and political declension, Luke 17:26-30.

# JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST:

Exhortation on subject, Rom. 14:10

Judgment of household precedes judgment of nations, 1 Pet. 4:17. To be judged in a specific place, Rom. 14:10. Responsible dead resurrected and together with responsible living gathered to judgment, 1 Thess. 4:16-17. Both righteous and unrighteous gathered together, 2 Cor. 5:10. Judgment seat at Sinai, Hab. 3; Deut. 33:2 – A hiding place from the world, Isa. 26:20. Christ the Judge, John 5:27 Attitude to the Word being the basis, John 12:48. All to give personal account, Rom. 14:12. Characters revealed, 2 Cor. 5:10. Reward physical in body, 2 Cor. 5:10. Evil rejected cast out, Matt. 25:44-46.

# MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB:

Summary of subject, Rev. 19:7; 2 Cor. 11:1-2; Isa. 26:20. The perfected Multitudinous Christ, Eph. 4:12-13. Perfection of unity now begun, Eph. 5:22-23. Complete union with bridegroom, Eph. 5:31-33. Period of fraternising together, Deut. 24:5; Song of Sol. 2:10-13. Christ and saints prepare for war, Jude 14-15. Condition of world at this time, spiritually in Egyptian darkness, Isa. 60:1-2. Politically and individually in turmoil and distress, Luke 21:25-28. At war, Dan. 11:40. Manifestation of LORD of Hosts (Yahweh Tzvaoth – Yahweh's army), Rev, 19:11-16; Isa. 9:7; Hag. 2:4-9; Ezek. 1; Ps. 149:5-9; Song of Sol. 3:6; Zech. 9:14; Isa. 17:13; Hab. 3:3-7.

# **ELIJAH'S WORK OF RESTORATION:**

Elpis Israel pp.446-454 – Second Exodus. Elijah is sent out "before the day of Yahweh" (Mal. 4:5) i.e. of Armageddon (Zech, 14:1) but after Christ's return, The Jews are established in the land after Armageddon, Summary, Mal. 4:5-6 (Luke 1:17; Matt. 11:7-17 - Cf. Mark 9:11-13; John 1:21).

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Goes to dispersed Israel, Mal. 4:5. To preach to them the Truth, Rom. 11:23-27. Work occupies 40 years, Micah 7:15. Yet to be accomplished, Isa. 40:1-11. National Redemption, Jer. 33:6-9; Ezek. 36:21-29. Invitation to scattered Jewry, Jer. 3:12-4:2; Isa. 40:10. Caused to sorrow, Hosea 8:10. Regathered, Ezek. 20:34; Ps. 110:3; Micah 7:14-17. Nations assist them, Isa. 18; Zeph. 3:10; Isa. 66:20. Route of return, Isa. 11:11,16; 27:12-13; Hos. 1:6,9,11; 2:14-19; Ezek. 48; Matt. 19:28. Established in the Bonds of the Covenant, Ezek. 20: 33-38; Jer. 31: 31-38; Rom. 11: 23. Used to Discipline the nations, Zech. 9:13; 10:3.

# CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME:

Summary, Jer. 25:32-33.

Probably at the same time as Christ returns the Gogian confederacy aligned with Catholicism (Craft - Dan. 8:25), attacks Turkey, Dan. 11:40, drying up the Euphratean power (Rev. 16:12).

Causing Daniel's image to stand upon its feet, Dan. 2:44-45. Sweeps down coastal plain at Palestine, by passing Jerusalem, Dan. 11:41-45. Attacks and takes Egypt, Dan. 11:43.

Tidings out of the East and North trouble him, Dan. 11:44.

Sinai east of Egypt, Jerusalem to the north. Activity in Sinai, and consolidation of the forces of the west at Jerusalem, could comprise the "tidings" that trouble the northern power.

## ARABS SUBJECTED TO CHRIST:

Summary, Isa. 21:13-17.

Probably coetaneous to Russia's occupation of Egypt, Christ and the saints move forth from Sinai, Hab. 3:3 (Heb. "will come").

Against Arab nations, Hab. 3:7. See Isa. 21:13 R.V., "The oracle concerning Arabia. In the forest at evening shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. The inhabitants of Teman shall bring water to him that is thirsty; they shall meet with bread him that fled... from the grievousness of war." This suggests an act of friendship to Israelites fleeing from Russian attack. Cf. Deut. 23:4.

Arabs shall be blessed in Kingdom Age, Isa. 60:6-7; Cf. Gen. 25:6; 21:10,13,18; 16:12; Isa. 43:19-20; 35:1-2; 41:18-20; 42:11-13. Arabia ultimately transformed, Isa. 43:19-20.

#### **BRITAIN DISCIPLINED:**

Summary, Isa. 2:12-16.

Following Russia's conquest of Egypt, Dan. 11:43. Britain consolidates power in and around Jerusalem in an attempt to cut off Russia's communications with the North, Ezek. 38:13. This probably forms part of the "tidings," Dan. 11:44. Which brings Russia forth, Dan. 11:45. Probably about this time the British fleet will be destroyed, Isa. 2:16. By an East wind, Ps. 48:7. Russia takes Jerusalem (Dan. 11:45), completing Britain's humiliation.

#### **RUSSIA GOES FORTH TO BATTLE:**

Summary, Ezek. 38:8,12,16.

Tidings out of the East and North trouble him, Dan. 11:44. He will divert his main forces from Egypt, north to meet the new menace, Ezek. 38:9,16. Establish his power at Jerusalem, Dan. 11:45.

Thus all nations gathered to Jerusalem to battle, Zech. 14:1.

#### THE SMITING AND HEALING OF EGYPT

Summary, Isa, 19:1,2,22-25, Ezek, 30:2,3,4,6; Joel 3:19.

Eternal strife in Egypt, Isa. 19:2. The land is invaded by Gog, Isa. 19:4. Egypt reduced to dire extremity, Isa. 19:5-16. Gog's main force leaves Egypt, Jan. 11:44. Christ and saints enter Egypt, Isa. 19:1. Attacks and subdues Gog's occupying force, Isa. 19:20. Begins relief of Egypt's distress, Isa. 19:22; 11:11,15,16. Egypt Converted, Isa. 19:18-25; Ps. 68:31.

## CHRIST AT JERUSALEM: SITUATION PRIOR TO ARMAGEDDON:

Summary, Zech. 14:2.

Two thirds of Jews in land cut off by Russian attack, Zech. 13:8. Israel reduced to extremity, Jer. 30:5-7. Russia in triumphant occupation of Jerusalem, Dan. 11:45. Britain driven out of Jerusalem, Isa. 16:2.

Her pride humbled, Isa. 16:6-14.

It will appear to Israel that all hope is lost, Ezek. 37:11.

A portion of remainder of the Jews will flee into Edom and Moab, where the once proud British powers now in retreat receive a command from the multitudinous Christ in Egypt to hide the outcasts, Isa. 16:2-4.

Gog regarding reverses in Égypt (caused by Christ's intervention) as temporary in nature, will consider that he is at point of world conquest, "Yet he shall come to his end". Dan. 11:45.

## ARMAGEDDON:

Summary, Zeph. 3:8.

Christ and saints leave Egypt, approach Jerusalem on East, appear as multiple body of Christ on Mount of Olives, overshadowing Jerusalem and valley of Jehoshaphat, Zech. 14:4.

Appearance of glorious host accompanied by manifestation of Divine power, Zech. 4:6.

Jews flee into Edom and Moab, Isa. 16:2-4.

Forces of nature unleashed against Gog, Isa. 30:33 Zech. 14:4-11; Ezek. 38:19-23.

Judah returns to complete the rout, Zech. 14:14. Gog having humbled Britain, and Christ having humbled Gog – result, "no flesh shall glory in his presence."

## CHRIST AT JERUSALEM:

Summary, Zech, 13:9.

Christ shall reveal himself to Judah first, Zech. 12:7. The purified Jews, the third remaining in the land, Zech. 13:9. Will recognise Christ as their king, Zech. 13:6. And will realise their past blindness and mourn, Zech. 12:10. Will be baptised into him, Zech. 13:1. The land will be cleansed, Dan. 8:14. In preparation for erection of House of Prayer for all nations, Zech. 6:12-13. Land contours will be considerably altered, Joel 3:18. By earth tremors of Armageddon, Zech. 14:4-10. This, together with ample rainfall, (Hos. 6:3), will cause present arid deserts to blossom as the rose, Isa. 35:1-2. Zion will be elevated, Zech. 14:10. Living waters will go forth from Jerusalem, Zech. 14:8; Ezek. 37. Will heal the dead sea, Ezek. 47:8-9. Seven months will be required to bury remnant of Gog's host and to remove every trace of the invasion from the North, Ezek. 39:12-14.

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# **PROCLAMATION TO NATIONS:**

Summary, Rev. 14:7.

Christ enthroned in Zion, Zech. 8:3, and Judah subject to his control, Zech. 13:9. Kingdom thus established in "Little Stone" phase, Dan. 2:34. Will then begin to grow into "Great Mountain" to "fill the whole earth",

Dan. 2:34-35.

Proclamation goes forth to nations to submit to Christ, Rev. 14:7; Ps. 2; Isa. 14:32.

Britain is first nation to accept Christ and her mercantile marine will be placed at disposal of Christ, Isa. 60:9.

She will bring present to Christ, Ps. 72:10.

Of a people scattered and peeled, Isa. 18:2,7,

Also her wealth, Isa. 60:9.

Which is the property of Deity, Hag. 2:8.

Her craftsmen will be used to build up Jerusalem and Gentiles will minister to the needs of Israel, Isa. 60:10.

## THE LULL BEFORE THE FINAL STORM:

## Summary, Isa, 18:3-7.

Nations bewildered at the "lifting up of the ensign upon the mountains" establishment of Christ as King of Jews, Isa. 11:10. They hear "sounding of trumpet" – the decree calling Israel home, Isa. 27:13.

There is an uneasy lull as nations study implications of proclamation, Isa. 18:3. Although English speaking nations have accepted proclamation, Isa. 66:20, most countries, particularly those dominated by Roman Catholicism, treat summons with scorn, Ps. 2:1.

Object of lull is to give nations opportunity to declare themselves, to allow for full ripening of the vine clusters in the Roman West, Rev. 14:8.

Nations will coalesce against Yahweh's Christ, Ps. 2:1-5.

They will deserve judgments that will fall upon them, Ps. 2:11-12.

## THE TIME OF TROUBLE SUCH AS NEVER WAS:

Summarv, Dan. 12:1.

Nations will refuse to recognise Christ and combine to destroy his power, Ps. 2:1-3.

Suddenly lull will cease and storm break; Yahweh's controversy with the nations will begin, Jer. 25:31.

Commencing at Rome which will be utterly destroyed by earthquake, Rev. 18:21. Spiritual influence of Papaldom will still remain, Rev. 16:11.

Last plea to nations to act wisely issued from Jerusalem, Rev.14:9-10; Fs.2:11-12. When rejected, final decree comes from Zion, Jer. 25:29.

So terrible will be time of trouble that follows, that lamentation for dead will seem out of place, Jer. 25:33.

## SECOND EXODUS:

Summary, Ezek. 20:33-38. The Jews will be restored and settled in the land after Armageddon.

Christ reveals himself first to Israel in the land, Zech. 12:7.

Israel abroad educated and organised by Elijah, Mal. 4:5-6.

They rise in revolt against their oppressors, Zech. 9:15.

Yahweh manifest in saints seen over them, Zech. 9:14.

Ephraim-scattered Jewry, Zech. 10:7-11 - "strike as lightning", Mic. 7:16.

At same time nations also attacked by little stone power, Mic. 4:3.

The saints shall "execute vengeance upon the nations", Ps. 149:7-8.

They shall be assisted by Judah "the battle-axe of Yahweh", Zech. 9:18.

The "goodly war horse" upon which they shall ride Zech. 10:3.

Assailed from without, attacked from within, spiritual Egypt shall fall to the King of the Jews.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BONDS OF THE COVENANT:**

Summary, Ezek. 20:33-38.

Israel gathered out of respective countries into wilderness of the peoples, Ezek. 20:35.

Where they will be severely tried, Ezek. 20:36.

A New Covenant shall be delivered to them, Ezek. 20:37.

Their deliverance from nations, Micah 7:14-17.

Makes them willing to enter in Covenant relationship, Ps. 110:3.

The rebels will be purged out, Ezekiel 20:38

The Jewish nation will then be as brass and silver well refined, Matt. 3:12. Having been gathered from all points of the globe, Isa. 11:11.

Israel enters land from two directions – Egypt in south and Assyria in north, Zech. 10:11.

Tongue of Egyptian Sea and flood of River Euphrates dried up to provide passage for waves of immigrants, Isa. 11:15; Isa. 68:22.

Double stream of traffic will converge on East of Dead Sea – entering land through valley of Achor, Hosea 2:14-15. A disciplined and regenerated people receive admission to presence of Judah's king. Judah and Ephraim reconciled, Isa. 11:13.

Will inhabit land from Euphrates to Nile, Gen. 15:21.

Tribes inherit respective cantons, Ezek. 48.

Holy oblation between seven northern and five southern cantons, Ezek. 48:8-22.

Covers approximately area of ancient kingdom of Judah: fulfilling Zech. 2:12.

House of Prayer set up in midst of this area, Ezek. 37:26-28.

Great national deliverance thus accomplished, Ezek. 36:24-30; 36:35-37.

## CHRIST'S REIGN ON EARTH:

Summary, Isa, 65:17-25.

Nations finally subjected to Christ, Ps. 72:11.

Saints become King-Priests and reign with Christ, Rev. 2:26.

Modification of Law of Moses replaces human legislation, Isa. 32:1.

Nations forced to pay tribute to king, Hag. 2:8.

Their craftsmen build up cities of Israel . . . including 12 mile square Yahweh Shammah, Ezek. 48:35.

Around Zion now lifted up, Zech. 14:10 . . . is build House of Prayer for all

nations, Ezek. 43:12. Offerings of nations will be offered from top of Mount Zion, Isa. 60:7.

Their wealth also brought to him, Isa. 60:66.

Yearly pilgrimage of all people to Jerusalem, though not at same time, Isa. 66:23. Will be Israel's guests at Yahweh Shammah . . "Yahweh from thence" . . Ezek.48:35. At appointed day proceed to Temple where they receive first-hand instruction and guidance, Isa. 2:3.

Discipline in coming age strict, Isa. 66:24.

Universal abhorence for certain types of sin, Zech. 13:3.

National rebellion effectively suppressed, Zech. 14:17-19.

Knowledge will be stability of times, Isa. 36:6.

#### TIME NEEDED TO ESTABLISH THIS STATE:

40 years occupied in subjecting nations, further 10 years for other incidentals – Judgment of saints, Marriage of Lamb, etc. – brings us to Jubilee year of Christ's return. Vision of Temple given to Ezekiel in a Jubilee year, Ezek. 40:1 (See "Temple of Ezekiel's Prophecy"). No doubt will be grand celebration for opening of Temple and for anointing of "Greater than Solomon", Ps. 2:6.

MAY HIS COMING BE NEAR!



#### The Suez and Israel

With the anticipated opening of the Suez Canal shortly, Israel has negotiated with Egypt for the right of Israeli ships to pass through. The Egyptians, however, will only allow passage to ships not owned by Israel. Ships flying the Israeli flag will still be denied entry until a more permanent settlement between the two countries has been made.

Such a belligerent attitude on the part of Egypt will receive its payment. "God is not mocked" says Paul, and Nahum proclaimed: "God is jealous ..... and Yahweh will take vengeance on His adversaries" (1:2). In settling themselves against the seed of Abraham, the Egyptians invoke the curse which God has decreed against all Israel's enemies: "I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee!" (Gen. 12:3). Egypt, as a nation, should have learnt the lesson for they still suffer the consequences of that very curse. Once a mighty and powerful nation, it has been humbled by God, to the status of a "base nation" (Ezek. 29:14-16). The day of Egypt's final humiliation is rapidly approaching. The time will come when, instead of denying Israel access through their land, there will be a highway out of Egypt into Israel, which nation will then prove to be a blessing to Egypt (Isa. 19:23-25; Zech. 8:13).

#### Mid-East: A Perilous Dilemma

Faced with the threat of a total oil embargo by the Arabs should another M.E. war erupt, U.S. Pentagon policy makers are making contingency war plans. Senior officials of the Pentagon have been quoted as saying, "Israel has no hope of extracting reasonable terms from the P.L.O. and they see no way for Egyptian President **Sadat** to make the sort of concessions necessary to secure another Israeli withdrawal to Sinai."

And with the Arabs rapidly buying arms on such a huge unprecedented scale that make World War II efforts pale by comparison, war in the near future is not unrealistic. In fact, Pentagon officials point out that "from a strictly