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Prophecy and the Gospel

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Combining the many, many other prophecies of this great tribulation...we may be absolutely certain that we are in, and for about three years have been passing through, this great world-wide tribulation.

The PLAIN TRUTH, February 1934

But this you MAY KNOW! This war will be ended by CHRIST'S RETURN! And MAY start within six weeks! We are just THAT NEAR Christ's coming!

The PLAIN TRUTH, August 1939

IT'S TIME THIS NATION KNEW WHAT LIES IN STORE FOR IT DURING THE NEXT 5, 10, AND 15 years--years destined to be FAR MORE MOMENTOUS THAN ANYTHING WE HAVE LIVED THRU SO FAR! IT'S TIME FOR *YOU* to WAKE UP!

The PLAIN TRUTH, March 1950

It is now definitely proved that Adolph Hitler did not die in his Berlin bunker at the close of World War II, as reported to the world. Evidence points persistently to the fact he was flown by private plane to a waiting submarine, and taken to a fantastic Shangri-la hide-out known to have been prepared by the Nazis in the wastes of Antarctica.

The GOOD NEWS, May 1953

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The primary commission Jesus Christ gave his Church is not to proclaim an urgent message about the forming of the beast of Revelation in Europe. You will simply not find such a commission given by Christ in the Bible. It is true that we focused on that very strongly for a good number of years. But, as God's people, let's not get our zeal about prophecy confused with our God-given commission. To do the Work is to fulfill the commission. It is not to shake people up about the timing of the appearance of the beast.

PGR, August 21, 1990

Wars and atrocities have always occurred and will continue to occur until Christ comes, no matter where we are now in prophecy! That is the nature of this evil world until that glorious time known only to God when he will make all things new!

Undoubtedly, someday someone will be right when they proclaim that we are now absolutely in the very last gasps of this dying world. The fact is, at any given time we may well be. But to claim to absolutely know that beyond any doubt is to practice deceit.

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Very few of our modern ministers ever speak about Jesus' return. Most of those who do preach on this subject often bring discredit on themselves and their message by making startling statements to frighten people, or by setting exact dates for certain events for which they have no Biblical basis whatever.

The PLAIN TRUTH May 1954

These terrifying world-shaking events will take place in less than thirty years--in your life time, this very last generation that is destined to live in two worlds!

The PLAIN TRUTH September 1955

It is time we recognized that civilization has not more than 15 years to go unless a supernatural God in Heaven intervenes on earth to stop mad men from destroying all life on earth in their crazed dreams for world conquest.

The PLAIN TRUTH January 1960

God has led us to see that the purpose of prophecy is to guide us to him as the One who supervises the course of history, to remind us that he is Judge of all and that his judgment is surely coming, to assure us of his love, mercy, faithfulness and justice, as well as to encourage us and to reassure us that our faith is not in vain. It should be a motivation to faithful living, not to empty speculation.

Therefore, instead of heralding recent world events as the sure sign of the end, the Church points to the dangerous direction this world is going, to the prophecies of coming judgment on all nations, and to the promise of the return of Jesus Christ. The Church has encouraged the brethren to remain faithful to their calling in Christ for the rest of their lives, regardless of how many more wars, famines, epidemics, earthquakes, economic collapses or national disasters may occur before Jesus returns.

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Frankly, literally dozens of prophesied events indicate that this final revival of the Roman Empire in Europe —and its bestial PERSECUTION of multitudes of Bible-believing Christians —will take place within the next seven to ten years of YOUR LIFE!

The PLAIN TRUTH, February 1965

Do we believe that God's word is not true unless we see some tangible "proof" of fulfilled prophecy on the world scene? Do we need scare tactics, like some modern, would-be prophets use, to keep us excited about the wonderful truth of God's message? The answer is, of course, no! Not if we are truly the people of God.

PGR, August 13, 1991

I told you it could happen in the 1980s, or 1990s. Now I tell you it COULD (I do not yet say will) happen in a year! I would not be surprised to see it beginning to go together before the end of this year.

Fifteen years ago I thought our Work might be finished by 1972. But God seemed to DELAY the end of this present world by eight or ten years. But now the prophesied events indicate we are at the time of Romans 9:28: "For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

Semi-Annual Letter, June 1980

We should preach prophecy correctly, emphasizing the reality of the return of Christ and the coming judgment. We should point to unstable and ungodly world conditions as a prod to remain close to God and to make our calling and election sure. We should preach continually about the return of Christ with eager anticipation.

But we should not claim to know something that is, in reality, only speculation and opinion and then use Scripture to support our view.

PGR, January 28, 1992

As I write, the greater part of the British fleet that once "ruled the waves" of the whole world, in one vast armada is arriving just off the Falkland Islands, ready for WAR.

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF THE BRITISH FLEET IS DESTROYED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS! Gibraltar will come next, and already is in danger.

Member Letter, April 1982

The only prophecy truly essential to know is that Jesus Christ is coming back in glory to judge the living and the dead in righteousness and rule the nations, bringing the saints' reward with him.

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We have already been a very few years into the prelude of the GREAT TRIBULATION. That is virtually upon us now.

Member Letter, August 1983

More, and most important of all, *The Plain Truth* brings you UNDERSTANDING of the very Word of God, the SOURCE of TRUTH -- and of the PROPHECIES of events soon to occur, in the next two, five, or 10 years!

The Plain Truth, September 1984

Every sign tells us these things will happen, plunging the world into the most frantic, frenzied state of anguish ever known, almost certainly within a matter of the next several years!

The Good News, Oct./Nov. 1985

Who is the beast? Is he (or it) now stirring on the world scene? Maybe. Maybe not. That's not the issue. Believing the truth of the final outcome and living accordingly, though, is the issue. And God tells us what that outcome will be through Bible prophecy.

Let Bible prophecy always guide us to faithful living, not to empty speculation. Knowing when Jesus will return is not the issue. Knowing that he will return is. Let's be more concerned about how we wait than how long and under what circumstances we wait. Prophecy indeed has special value for each Christian and for the entire Church. Let's take care to see that we use it rightly, and for its intended purpose.

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The central core and theme of all our commission, all our Work and all our lives is Jesus Christ. It is not the specifics of end-time prophecy. It is not the identity of modern nations. It is not the identity of church eras.

PGR, May 15, 1990

Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (Jn. 13:35). Can you imagine the spiritual growth that would take place in the Body of Christ if all God's people placed their emphasis on that command instead of on fleeing to a place of safety?

PGR, February 5, 1991

The proclamation that Jesus will return in our lifetimes.

**The proclamation that Europe
will be the beast.**

The proclamation that the white English-speaking peoples are Israel.

The proclamation that the Worldwide Church of God constitutes the only converted people in the world.

The Gospel Is Not:

The proclamation that the gospel has not been preached in 1900 years.

The Gospel Includes:

- The claim that the great promised time of God had come.
- The summary of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.
- The claim that all this was the fulfillment of prophecy.
- The assertion that Jesus would come again.
- The urgent invitation to men and women to repent and receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

John 6:28-29

