

IS THIS THE END TIME?

We stand on the brink of worldwide disaster. Civilization could collapse any moment. Anyone with ability to think must see that we are now facing our greatest and gravest of crises. This is the opinion of men of every nation, whether they be statesmen, scholars, scientists, theologians, radio news commentators, or men on the street. All pitch their mental tents around the same thought and make the same prediction.

Yes, this is the end time. We watch almost breathlessly for the move on the world's checker board which may end the play. This is not just the view of a pessimist or scare-monger; we are forced to this thinking as we see events unfolding in our world.

President Eisenhower said: "Without a moral regeneration throughout the world there is no hope for us. We shall suddenly disappear in the dust of a terrific explosion. On his 75th birthday (Jan. 27, 1955) Douglas MacArthur said, "At present restless scientific hands are at work feverishly in dark laboratories to find means to destroy all at one blow."

But we do not have to depend on men's opinions to know where we are, for we have a "more sure word of prophecy" in which we find the words of the Master. In Matthew 24 He mentioned things that are taking place every day that point to the imminency of His second coming. In verse 32 He said, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh." He was referring to the Jews. One of the highlights in the prophetic Word is the recovery of the Jews to the status of a nation. In our modern language Jesus meant to say, "When you see the Jews become a nation in Palestine, then know that I am about to return as the Messiah."

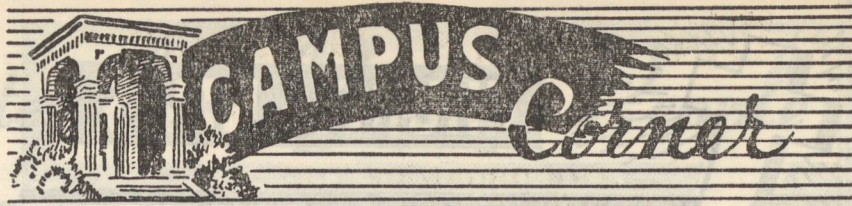
The migration to Palestine has been breath-taking. In the past five years more Jews have returned than Britain had allowed in more than 30 years. One discerning rabbi spoke of 40,000 Yemenite Jews migrating from Arabia to Palestine, and with a sparkle in his eyes added, "It will interest you to know that these people were motivated by one consuming thought when they tramped from their homes to Aden, and from there were flown by order of the Israel government from Aden to Palestine—they wanted to be in the Land of Promise when the Messiah comes." Is this the end time? It certainly is.

Let us look at Russia, which has attracted more attention and created more fears than any other nation of late. Ezekiel speaks of that people in chapters 38 and 39. The prophecy was written 1500 years before Russia was ever known (almost 2600 years ago). And in these last days we are privileged to see the fulfillment of prophecy concerning this nation before our very eyes.

Consider the destructive force of our weapons today. One atomic blast could wipe out the population in a whole metropolitan area. One of the latest explosions in the sea made an opening in the waters 1½ miles in diameter and one mile in depth. One writer said the fear of these things blankets the world like a radioactive cloud, unseen but deadly. Certainly an atomic war would mean mutual destruction. A surprise attack might be decisive, if not conclusive. All our weapons of warfare and every manner of defense does not make our nation safe from attack.

We must prepare to meet God. We stand on the brink of a disaster that has neither international nor oceanic boundaries, and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His own is our only hope. Let us seek His face and have oil in our vessels, with our lamps trimmed and burning, so that when we hear the cry, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh," we will be ready to meet Him. Our Lord has declared "Surely I come quickly." May our hearts be quick to respond to Him, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." I believe

The King's Highway



Dear Christian Friends,

Greetings from Yarmouth in general and Bethany Bible College in particular. We trust that God has been as good to you as He has been to us in recent months. We have no unusual accounts to relate, but we can praise God for His great faithfulness and His continued blessing. Thus far we have had a good year in the College Chapel and our faith is claiming new and higher goals for the kingdom of God in this place.

Today finds us near to the close of a profitable series of meetings with two of God's best men—A. D. Cann and Paul Mullen. Brother Cann has preached under the anointing of God and as a consequence, over a dozen souls have found that God is still able to forgive sins and make hearts pure. Brother Cann has worked hard and faithfully among us. Besides carrying the burden and the responsibility of the evening messages, he has been willing to assist in radio work, the morning chapel services, and the student lecture room. God has blessed his ministry; it will not be forgotten.

Brother Paul has sung the old songs under the fresh inspiration of the Spirit. His contribution to each service has been invaluable, both by his sincere spirit and by his ministry in music and song.

We feel honoured to have had these men among us. God bless their ministry to others!

With four more services until our meeting comes to an end, there is still a great opportunity for work to be done. A good number of community folk have been attending our services. Our prayer is that they will be saved.

As pastor of the College Chapel, I feel it an obligation upon me to express appreciation for some of God's best people. Faculty members, students, and local members have stuck loyally to the work of the Chapel. May God bless them accordingly! It is a personal joy to minister to them from service to service.

This is the Christmas Season. May God's Eternal Word be made manifest anew in your hearts.

Yours in Christian love,

L. K. Mullen

APPRECIATION

Our repeated appeals for funds at Bethany have been responded to with appreciation. We want to thank each Church and individual contributing to Bethany to help us in our hour of crisis. We have been able to pay our staff and meet most of our other obligations. Praise the Lord, and thanks to His people. Our current expenses will still go on and, and therefore, we urge our people to continue to stand behind Bethany.

W. E. Green, President

that before the first crack of world doom is heard you and I will be with our Lord. It is the rapture of the Church that will permit the vials of wrath to be poured out on a God-forsaken world.

The revelation of the rapture is given in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

—The Jewish Hope