

## FULL TRANSCRIPTIONS (TRUE CHURCH SERIES TAPE # 8)

**GREAT TRIBULATION**

by *Herbert W. Armstrong* – TIME --(29:01 MIN/ SEC).

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HWA: Only God Almighty knows what is actually going to happen! And, so once again we open the Bible to prophecy. **Do you have your Bible open?** If you don't, go get it. Get it right now; always have your Bible open..., when I come on the air! Alright, now again, leading officials tell us, it is now possible to lay waste an entire continent; the entire North America continent in one night without warning.

And Jesus said also, more than 1900 years ago, more than 1900 years before these men learned this knowledge. Jesus said, "that there shall be Great Tribulation," and that just ahead of now in our time, that He was talking about, "such as was not since the beginning of the world to the same time, no nor ever shall be, and except those days should be shorten, there should no flesh be saved alive"--([Matt 24: 21-22](#)). In other words, it is possible to annihilate human life from off this planet. **Jesus** said that **1900 years ago**. Now scientist are telling us, world famous scientist, now tell us that we've arrived at that place where that is possible now.

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HWA: Well, my friends, you've heard a lot about *The Great Tribulation*. You've heard about a rapture theory of being taken suddenly and secretly off to heaven that Jesus is coming in a secret rapture. And yet, my friends, there's more misunderstanding about that very thing than perhaps almost any other thing in your Bible. The main thing is there's been such great confusion between the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord. Most people seem to think that the Great Tribulation is a time of plagues and punishment that God is going to send upon this world. **You couldn't be more mistaken.**

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HWA: Now, let's see just what is this Great Tribulation. Let's see what is the Day of the lord, let's see what is going to divide between them, let's see the difference. And you're going to learn that the Great Tribulation is brought about by men, under the sway and the influence of Satan the devil and actually **it's the wrath of the devil** and not of God at all. And so, my friends, we've gotten a lot of these things just about backward and we're getting a lot of the cart before the horse and we're getting **A LOT OF THING TURNED TOTALLY UPSIDE DOWN** and we have in many ways the exact antithesis, the exact opposite, of what you will find in your Bible. **DO YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLE OPEN?**

**02: 57 MIN/ SEC**

HWA: Now, I want you to notice again what Jesus foretold. The disciples had come to Him privately and they said, tell us, when shall these things be that He had been explaining about the end of the world. When shall these things be and what shall be the sign of thy coming and the end of the world or the end of the age? The end of this world, this age, this time--([Matt 24:3](#)).

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HWA: Now, the very present thing, this gospel of the kingdom, the same gospel he was preaching, the first thing He said there would be false preachers, preaching that He was the Christ but deceiving the world. But, at the end time, this gospel of the kingdom, the same gospel that He preached, was to go to all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end would come ([Matt 24:14](#)).

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HWA: When, you therefore see the [abomination of desolation](#) spoken of by Daniel the prophet and so on. Let [him which be in Judea flee](#) and He comes down to the time when He said they shall deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you. We find the same thing described in Luke's account of this same identical speech, by the same speaker, Jesus Christ. Where Luke said here, For these be [the days of vengeance](#), that all things which are written may be fulfilled--([Luke 21:22](#)).

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HWA: And speaking of our people, our nations, the United States, Canada, Great Britain, the northwestern European democracies, they shall fall by the edge of the sword and shall be led away captive into all nations, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled--([Luke 21:24](#)).

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HWA: Now, Jesus said if we would watch and pray always, we could be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are coming to pass--([Luke 21:36](#)). Now Matthew account of the same speech, is this, I just read it a moment ago, "Then shall be great tribulation, [And it is really referred to and correctly translated as *The Great Tribulation* because it is the greatest time of world trouble that has ever occurred, listen,] "then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." [That's the time when if God does not intervene by supernatural power, the divine power of God, to stop it and to shorten these days of annihilation, these days of destruction, these days of mass invasion by the terrific weapons that now are invented,] "there should no flesh be saved alive" Human life would be wiped off of the planet. Great Tribulation, "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" --[that is The Great Tribulation, no other has ever been as great nor ever will, the greatest time of world

trouble in all history]. We're coming into it. We're approaching it, we haven't reached it yet. Now, turn back to Daniel, the twelfth chapter and you'll notice that **Daniel** is speaking of the same identical thing, **a time of trouble greater than any that ever happened or ever will on earth**. Chapter twelve, Daniel's prophecy, Chapter twelve, verse one:

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HWA: (**Dan 12:1-3**) ... "and at that time" [and it has been describing things that have been taking place in our day, believe it or not, why you even find right up above here, let me see in **verse 40, Mussolini's actually entering into Ethiopia** in that war, in Ethiopia and other things that are soon to happen.] "Now, at that time, chapter twelve, at that time shall **Michael stand up** [Now Michael is an archangel. There are two archangels mentioned in the Bible, they're both mentioned in Daniel's prophecy, the book of Daniel, Michael and Gabriel, and Michael is the archangel, my friends, for our nations. **Michael** is an archangel that has been **sent by God Almighty as a protecting angel**, as a great guardian super angel, archangel, **who is very much concern over and is watching over the United States** and you people up in Canada and then our brothers in Britain and in Northwestern Europe, the Scandinavian people and the people of Holland and Belgium and those nations over there in Northwestern Europe. Now, Michael is our archangel.] Listen, "at that time shall Michael stand up, the **great prince which stands up for the children of thy people**" [And that's speaking of our people.]

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HWA: If you don't understand the identity of the United States, my friends, if you don't understand where we are mentioned in the Bible Prophecies.., above all things, you must read our booklet, *United States in Prophecy*. There's no charge at all, we'll be very happy to send you a copy free. My friends, **you can't understand Bible prophecy unless you have that key**, that's a **veritable key** to an understanding of the Prophecies. Why the prophecies of the Bible have been grievously misunderstood and no wonder, because this vital key that is needed to unlock prophetic doors to understanding had become lost. That **key** is a definite knowledge of the true identity of the American and the British peoples in Biblical prophecy.

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HWA: Where is the United States mentioned? Where are we in the prophecies? Here you have what you would get in a large book but it's condensed for quick and easy reading. Now, you'll have to do a lot more reading in your Bible. Search your own scriptures. This shows you where to look. Find it in your Bible. Find it in the works of history if you care to go to the libraries. But right here in this little booklet, condensed in a nutshell is a most fascinating story that you have ever read. I don't care whether you're a skeptic, an atheist, a church member, a real spirit filled

Christian. You're going to find here [an amazing truth](#) that has been [hidden through the centuries](#). There is no story of fiction that you ever read that is so strange, so absorbing, so packed with suspense as this gripping story of the Bible. It makes the Bible the most interesting book you ever picked up when you come to understand it. And this will open it to your understanding. Write in for that booklet *The United States in Prophecy*, I'll announce it again at the close of the program. So that you can understand. This is talking about us and our people.

**09: 37 MIN/ SEC**

HWA: Now, let's get it again, this archangel Michael, now, at this time spoken of here which is the very time of the end, it's a time just ahead of us now, a time that we're living in, in the immediate years just ahead, that great prince or archangel, that standth for the children of thy people, and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time. **Notice!** There shall be a time of trouble such as [never was since there was a nation](#) even until that same time. Now, [that's exactly the same time](#), there [can't be two times like that](#). That is exactly what Jesus spoke of back here is Matthew twenty-four. Then shall be great tribulation, which is a time of trouble, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. **Daniel says** a time of trouble or tribulation such as [never was since there was a nation](#) even to that same time. Speaking of the same thing, isn't he?

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HWA: Alright now, look. "and at that time," [This is coming down in the same generation, the same general time], [at that time thy people shall be delivered](#), [Why do they need deliverance, it's speaking of [America](#), it is speaking of [Britain](#). Why do our people need deliverance? Because [we're going to be in bondage](#), because we're going to be in a condition of captivity, that's why and I want to tell you my friends, the prophesies of that are from one end of your Bible to the other. It's time we got our eyes opened to these things. Because this means us and it can happen here if we don't wake up and if we don't return to our God and prevent it.

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HWA: There is only [one way to prevent it](#) and that is to for [America to turn back to her God](#), which we have forsaken! Yes, I know, don't tell me that our land in filled with churches and that we pray to God, of course. We have many churches, we have a great deal of the form of religion, but we deny the power thereof. We pray a great deal, but as the prophesies say, we [don't put our heart into our prayers](#). We lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of God and it's time for us to wake up. We're going to be punished and punished mightly severely, if we don't.

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HWA: Listen, at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And [[now, this happens later](#)] many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, [Why, [this is speaking of the resurrection](#) and the [second](#) coming of Christ.] Now then, what ever this is it's going to happen just before the second coming of Christ. And the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead will happen [right after this terrible time of trouble](#). Jesus Christ said if these days aren't shorten, there should no flesh be saved alive! God is going to intervene, He is going to send Christ to rule the nations with a rod of iron and to stop this hellish slaughter that is coming on this earth. Daniel speaks of it. Alright now, it's a time when Michael the archangel stands up and he stands up in defense of our people. Alright, now let's turn back to Revelation twelve,

#### 12: 48 MIN/ SEC

HWA: Revelation 12, Daniel 12, [they tie right in together](#). [I wonder if you ever notice that?](#) Now, here first is revealed a great wonder in heaven, a women. Now, a women is the symbol of a church. You'll read that in the [fifth chapter of Ephesians](#). You'll also read it in [Second Corinthians, eleven](#). The Bible interprets the Bible, no man should interpret the Bible, I don't interpret the Bible, my friends, I am not giving you Herbert Armstrong's interpretation, I have none. I have the interpretation of Jesus Christ. I have the Bible's interpretation because it interprets itself. Christ is the [Revelator](#), He is the one who does it. Listen! In Ephesians 5 and II Corinthians 11, you find the interpretation of this. [Let the Bible interpret the Bible](#), then you will know that [it is infallible done](#), then you know that you are right, [because it is the work of God; not the work of man](#).

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HWA: Alright, then this is a church, and this is a pure church you'll notice; this is the Church that Jesus built. "A women clothe with the sun and with the moon under her feet, clothe in light and darkness is under her feet. And upon her head, a crown of twelve stars, and she being with [child traveling in pain](#) to be delivered." That, of course, is [Christ](#).

#### 14: 06 MIN/ SEC

HWA: Actually, it starts out, you read in the seventh chapter, let me see, thirtieth-eight verse I believe it is of Acts, Acts seven, verse 38, ([Acts 7: 38](#)) I'm sure it is, the [Church in the wilderness](#), in the days of Moses, that was God's church, but it was the Old testament church, it was a flesh born, carnal church, they didn't have the Holy Spirit, they didn't have salvation, and they did have rituals and animal sacrifices, that's true. It's been replaced, they were only substitutes replaced by [the sacrifice of Christ](#) and by the presence of the [Holy Spirit in our minds and our hearts](#) now. But, it was God's church for that time.

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HWA: It was the congregation; the congregation of Israel. And, so finally Christ was born. And in verse five, ([Rev 12:5](#)) She brought forth a man child that was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: her child was caught up to His throne. Now, also, in verse three you find another wonder in heaven:

**15: 07 MIN/ SEC**

HWA: ([Rev: 12:3](#)) Behold [a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns on his heads](#). That dragon, verse nine says, the great dragon, was cast out, that old serpent called the devil and Satan. So that [great red dragon](#) is [the devil](#) which [deceives the whole world](#)--([Rev: 12:9](#)). Is that true? Has he deceived the whole world? Or, has he only deceived a few? Where you read there was to be [many false prophets deceiving the many](#). We, can't believe that we can be deceived, why no, we think it is the people down there on skid row somewhere, we think that the false prophets are some of these vagrants that get arrested every now and then for, well they're either because they are alcoholics and get arrested for drunkenness or for vagrancy and they are tattered and torn and ignorant and dissipated, and poor souls, their lives should have been made something and perhaps circumstances have buffeted them around. Perhaps they just haven't tried, I don't know in the individual case what is wrong with these derelicts, but sometimes, they get a certain kind of religion. And they get a soap box and they're wild eyed and long haired and they stand up and they shout from a soap box.

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HWA: Now, some people think [that's your false prophets](#). Oh, my friends, Jesus didn't say the few, He said the [many would be deceived](#)! And here it says the whole world is deceived; Satan which deceivth the whole world. Is your Bible right, is it true? We've been believing a lot of things that are contrary to the Bible. Well, now here is Satan pictured. Alright, verse seven,

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HWA: It comes down to our time, in verse six the women, the church, fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared of God that they should feed her a thousand, two hundred and three score days or [1260 days](#). Now, at that time..., in prophecy, [a day is a year](#) being fulfilled and the Bible itself interprets that, not man, I think that nearly all so called theologians or schools of Biblical thought, I believe accept that if they go into prophecy at all, its quite universally understood but nevertheless, if just I found men here and there and whether it be denominations or self-appointed men or teachers of the Bible or what. If I just found men saying that, my friends, I wouldn't accept it.

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HWA: But I do find it in the fourth chapter of Ezekiel, and in Numbers fourteen, I believe it is, and the Bible explains that [a day is a year](#) being fulfilled in these

prophecies. You have to know where to fit that key but that was 1260 years, actually. That is the symbolic key. When you get the key as the Bible itself gives it to you and explains it and interprets it.

(Ezek 4:6) And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.

(Num 14:34) After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

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HWA: So, there was a period now through the middle ages or after the church was founded of 1260 years that is past by and now we come down way past that as a matter of fact its getting nearer 1900 than 1200 years after Christ. There's a great span of time elapsing here, now verse seven:

(Rev 12:7) And there was war in heaven: [Now, now remember your Great Tribulation, now remember that it's when Michael stands up that there is this Great Tribulation (Dan 12:1), this time of trouble such as never was in the world and here it is. And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels, see Michael is an archangel over, how many I don't know but many, many angels, fought against the dragon; [That's the devil] and the dragon fought and his angels, [His angels are called demons. Now there's a war in heaven, the devil is pictured as the prince of the power of the air and the atmosphere, the air is called heaven in your Bible.]

#### 19:08 MIN/ SEC

HWA: There are three heavens mentioned in the Bible but that is the one most often mentioned. Now, the Devil and his angels (or his demons) fought against Michael and prevailed not, neither was there place found anymore in heaven. Now, apparently, Satan has been the prince of the power of the air, he been at least able to go into that heaven and you even find back in the book of Job, where it is pictured the sons and in that case the sons of God, representing angels, they are sons of God by creation, not by birth but by creation. There are two kinds of sons of God, those that are created by God are called sons of God. Adam was called a son of God and he was never a begotten or born son of God, but he was created by God and you'll find in the genealogy of Christ, speaks of Adam as being the son of God. And, the angels were then sons of God by creation in the same way and when they came to present themselves before the Eternal, here came Satan also among them. He's pictured in the book of Job as being able to come up to the presence of God in heaven. But now he's cast down from heaven. The great Dragon was cast out that old serpent, which

is call the Devil and Satan which deceives the whole world. He was cast out into the earth. And his angels were cast out with him.

(Rev 12:8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

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HWA: So, when he stood up.., Michael stood up against somebody. Now after Michael stands up, there's a time of trouble such as never happened in the history of this world. Here's your Great Tribulation. Why is it? Well, there was a war in heaven. And the Devil is going to lose that war, we're coming right to the very time of it now, my friends. And this thing is something we won't see on earth. We may feel, we may sense the effects of it. But remember these spirit beings are invisible and our eyes do not see them.

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HWA: (Rev 12:10) And I heard, John revealing, what he hears and what he sees in vision, a symbolic vision, "I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God." Most people think salvation comes when you say ...I accept Christ, I profess Christ. My friends, your salvation comes when Jesus comes. He brings His reward with Him when He comes. Oh, help us, God Almighty help us, to open our eyes and to have understanding and comprehension of His truth as He reveals it in His word. There's the time when salvation comes and strength, the strength that comes when this mortal puts on immortality, this corruptible that is so weak; put on incorruption that is so strong; when this human becomes divine. When we.., are then born as sons of God as Jesus was a born son of God and when we shall be glorified together with Him, and inherit His great inheritance with Him. We are co-heirs with Christ now and we shall come into our inheritance.

22:13 MIN/ SEC

HWA: Now, this is the time the second coming of Christ when He will bring His reward, His salvation with Him and His strength and the Kingdom of our God. So many people think the Kingdom of God has been here all this time. My friends, the Kingdom of God is here only in the sense of the Holy Spirit, and can be within us in the sense of the Holy Spirit but as an actually kingdom, the very family of God; it isn't here yet. It is going to rule the world when it comes and the power of our Christ: for the accuser of our brethren [And that's Satan, Satan is the one who accuses the brethren, the people of God], which accused them before our God day and night--(Rev 12:10). And they overcame him by what? By the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death--(Rev 12:11).

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HWA: In other words, they are the ones that are martyred, they are persecuted,



they are put to death by the Devil for their belief, and they overcome him by **the word of their testimony** which is the **Word of God**. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. **Woe** to the inhibitors of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath--([Rev 12:12](#)). [Here, my friends, is the wrath of the Devil, W.R.A.T.H, **wrath**. I want you to get it that the Devil is so angry, he's so filled with hate, he is so full of wrath and angry, he's going out **to destroy the True Church of God** every way he can. Now, here he comes down having great wrath, and he's cast down to the earth. And why? "because he knows that he hath but a short time."

#### 23: 50 MIN/ SEC

HWA: He knows that when Christ comes, he is going to be put into the **symbolic bottomless pit** where he can not tempt or sway this world any longer. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, [What does he do in his angry, what does he do in his wrath?] he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child--([Rev 12:13](#)).

#### 24: 12 MIN/ SEC

HWA: That now is the Church of God filled with the Holy Spirit **this side of the cross**. That is the **New Testament church**. So he's going to persecute the church. And he is also going to **persecute God's people Israel!** You're going to be dumbfounded when you find that means **the devil hates** the **USA of America**, and the Devil hates the **British Commonwealth of Nations**, the Devil hates the **Canadian people**, and the **people of Northwestern Europe**. And he's coming down with **wrath** against our people as nations, and also with wrath against every Christian. Where is the **real home and heart of Christianity if it isn't in our lands**, my friends. Listen! When the **Devil** saw that **he was cast into the earth**, he persecuted the women [that's the church, the true church of God. The church of which Jesus Christ is the living head.]

#### 24:58 MIN/ SEC

HWA: What church is it? Verse seventeen, "And the dragon was wroth" [That is, angry, full of wrath] "toward the woman," [This church] "and went to make war with the **remnant** of her seed." And remnant is always the word that means **the last generation**. This generation shall not pass until these things happen, this is the generation, my friends, that is going to live into the world tomorrow and live through these things. And the devil is going to make war with **this generation of the church** which **keep the commandments of God** and have the **testimony of Jesus Christ: That's the Bible.**

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HWA: They have the testimony of Jesus Christ, **the words of the Bible**; He is the

Word! Jesus is the Logos, the Word, He was made flesh; but now it is in writing; you have it in book form, the Word of God. I don't mean that you just have Christ in writing, but it's His Word. I think you know what I mean.

([Rev 12:14](#)) Now, to the woman were given the [two wings of a great eagle](#), that she might fly ...into the wilderness, unto her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time,[My friends, after the ending of this period and [when you get down to this end time](#), [a day is a day](#) and [a year is a year](#) and [a day is not a year being fulfill any longer](#). And this is a 3 1/2 year period now of which the [1260 years](#) period that happen long ago [was a type!](#)].

#### 26:23 MIN/ SEC

HWA: And [there's going to be a place of safety](#) for those that are accounted worthy to escape. Those that are praying out to God and who have the [testimony of Jesus](#) and so on. But my friends, I read to you in a recent broadcast how many, [at that time](#), are going [to be lukewarm](#) and they are the ones who are [going to be martyred](#). They will love not their lives unto death and there's a great martyrdom now.

#### 26:50 MIN/ SEC

HWA: In the sixth chapter of Revelation, you'll find that this fifth seal is the Great Tribulation and its pictured as a martyrdom of saints and [those that were martyred in that former time](#) when part of the [church fled and was protected](#) and part of them [were martyred](#), those people are told to rest in their graves yet a little season until [their fellow servants and their brethren](#) that [should be killed as they were](#) should be fulfilled.

#### 27:15 MIN/ SEC

HWA: And then the next seal, the sixth, ([Rev 6:12](#)), is the sun being black as sackcloth of hair; the moon becoming as blood and the stars falling. And in Matthew twenty-four, verse twenty-nine ([Matt 24:29](#)), [immediately after the tribulation](#) of those days shall the sun be darken and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven and in ([Joel 2:31](#)), that will [happen before](#) the terrible Day of the Lord comes and the Day of the Lord, the Day of the Eternal, is the time God's wrath, the time of the plagues that God will send. And so my friends, [the Great Tribulation](#) is the [wrath of the Devil](#). [Then](#) will come the [signs in heavens](#) and then after that, will come the Day of the Lord, the time when God is going to punish the nations of the world and the only language they will listen to [because you wouldn't listen, most of you, to preaching! This world has not listened.](#)

#### 28:08 MIN/ SEC

HWA: That's all I have time for now and once again, in closing, let me remind you to write in for that book *The United States in Prophecy. The United States in Prophecy!* Study it in your own Bible and see with your own eyes and your own Bible in prophecy as well as in promises of God. Who we are and where we're mentioned in

the Bible prophecies. One-third of your Bible is prophecy, you can't understand it unless you have this key. If you haven't already gotten that booklet, write in for it, there's charge. Send your name and your address to Herbert W. Armstrong in Pasadena, California. Tell me the call letters of your station to which you're listening and send it to Herbert W. Armstrong, Pasadena, California. Until tomorrow then, Goodbye friends--(29:01 M/S).

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