

## ***Will Events in Europe Lead to Christ's Return?***

**T**ell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age? With these words, Jesus' disciples urged Him to tell them what events or conditions would presage the time of His return to this earth (Matthew 24:3).

Christ explained that some of those signs would be unmistakable. He noted that, just as a fig tree leafing out is a sure sign of the coming summer, 'so you also, when you see all these things, know that [My return] is near, at the very doors!' (verses 32-33).

God in His Word gives us a broad outline and sequence of prophetic events. Although some details may be beyond our view, many preconditions leading up to Christ's return can be confirmed and identified historically. Two of the principal ones are man's relatively newfound ability to annihilate all life from this planet (see Matthew 24:21-22), and the emergence of modern Israel in mid 20th century.

However in this article we focus specifically on a third condition – the European scene and how it will relate to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

### **A new European power to emerge**

An important precursor of Christ's return is the latter-day revival of the Roman Empire, extensively prophesied in the books of Daniel and Revelation.

The prophet Daniel, interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a colossal human image, spoke of a series of 'kingdoms' to arise on the world scene. The first of these kingdoms was the Babylonian Empire under Nebuchadnezzar himself (Daniel 2:28-38). It was to be followed by three other kingdoms (verses 39-40). These four kingdoms were, in order, the

and crush all the others' (verse 40). Rome indeed proved to be more domineering than its predecessors, swallowing up the remnants of previous kingdoms in a reign that lasted for centuries.

The concept of the Roman Empire did not die when it became 'Christianised' at the time of Constantine the Great in the fourth century. The ideal lived on, passing through many phases or 'resurrections'.

Daniel also revealed other fascinating prophetic details about this kingdom. The part of the image representing the last phase of the Roman Empire in Nebuchadnezzar's

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already-existing Babylonian empire, followed by the Medo-Persian, Greco-Macedonian and Roman empires.

Speaking of the fourth and final kingdom, Daniel said that it would be 'strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters all things; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces

dream, i.e., the feet and toes, was composed 'partly of potter's clay and partly of iron'. This indicated that 'the strength of the iron shall be in it', but also that it would be 'partly strong and partly fragile'. Also, 'just as iron does not mix with clay', the components of this kingdom would not adhere firmly together for long (verses 41-43).

Then, says Daniel, 'in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; . . . it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever' (verse 44). This is clearly a prophecy of the Kingdom of God, to be inaugurated on the earth by Jesus Christ at His return.

But is something wrong with this sequence of events? Surely the Kingdom of God wasn't established in the days of the ancient Roman Empire. Jesus Christ was not then enthroned as the supreme ruler of the world. Was Daniel wrong about the timing of these events?

### **Understanding Daniel's prophecy**

The answer becomes clearer when we examine other prophecies that speak of this fourth kingdom. We learn that the Roman Empire, far from being forever gone and forgotten, is destined to rise again!

The apostle John was given a vision of events that would take place during the remainder of human history. Like Daniel, God inspired John to write of the events leading up to Christ's second coming. Revelation 19 describes His glorious return to earth, culminating in the overthrow and destruction of 'the kings of the earth, and their armies', a great false religious leader, and something called the 'Beast' (Revelation 19:19-20).

This 'Beast' corresponds to the fourth kingdom, the Roman Empire, seen in symbol by Nebuchadnezzar and interpreted by Daniel. Both the beast seen by John and the image explained by Daniel will exist and be destroyed by Jesus Christ at His return. Prophecy clearly indicates that the Beast power and the Roman Empire are one and the same.

### **A European empire**

Revelation 17 gives us additional details to help us understand the

nature of this empire and how it could exist both anciently and at Christ's return.

This chapter describes a 'scarlet beast . . . having seven heads and ten horns' (verse 3). It is described as existing, then not existing, then existing again (verses 8, 11). This gives us the key to understanding these sometimes-puzzling prophecies. The Roman Empire existed in

the past, it does not exist now, but it will rise again.

The image interpreted by Daniel had feet and toes of iron mixed with clay. In Revelation 17 we see what the 10 toes of mixed iron and clay represent. The 10 toes correspond with the 10 horns of the beast seen by John. 'The ten horns . . . are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings . . .' (verses 12-14).

Now the picture becomes clearer. Just before Christ's return ten 'kings' [the original Greek indicates rulers, not specifically kings] will unite in a political, economic and military alliance. Some will be stronger than others, just as iron is stronger than clay. Because they represent various nationalities and cultures, they will be divided in many ways. The power and authority that come from their confederation will last only a short time before they make

the fatal mistake of resisting Christ at His return.

Are the current moves to unify Europe in any way related to this prophesied power? Let history show the roots of the movement. Michael Elliot of *Newsweek* reported: 'In January 1957, six nations signed a treaty on the site of the ancient Roman Capitol, and brought into being the European

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Economic Community . . . An aide to Paul-Henri Spaak, the then Belgian foreign minister, remembers that his boss asked, 'Do you think that we have laid the first stone of a new Roman Empire?' Recalls the aide, 'We felt very strongly we were Romans that day' (Jan. 29, 1996).

### **A new Roman empire**

The idea of beginning a new Roman empire was clearly on the minds of some of the founders. The European Union has continued to prosper as barriers to integration tumble one by one and greater cooperation in political, economic and military affairs comes about.

Where does all this leave us? Frankly, with determined efforts afoot to unify the nations of Europe, we would do very well to heed the warnings contained in Daniel and Revelation, and carefully watch their connection with world trends and conditions (Luke 21:34-36).

Further understanding may be obtained by writing for our free brochure, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled.*

# How Important Is the True Gospel?

*How do the tragic events in New York City and Washington DC relate to the gospel?*

In the wake of 11 September we now live in a world which has changed forever. Indeed, subsequent events are now showing us just how much it has changed.

I was a young teenager during World War II. My school years comprised gas mask drills, and air raid drills where each day we would file in an orderly fashion to the nearest shelter. Each night I slept inside a steel mesh and steel plate Morrison shelter set up in the dining room, listening to heavy aircraft overhead. In the earlier years of the war, the engines had the distinctive sound of the Junkers bombers.

## Wartime perils

As the war progressed there was a different note to the engines, as Lancasters and Flying Fortresses flew eastwards. Then came a new sound – that of the engines of approaching flying bombs, the V1 bombs launched by the Nazis to kill those who had done nothing except be born British. Following the flying bombs came the supersonic V2 rockets. My school was destroyed by a V2 the day before we were due back from our school holidays.

We lived with the daily danger of anti-personnel bombs, dropped at night and designed to attract the attention of curious children – bombs such as the butterfly bomb of odd structure and looking very unlike a bomb. But touch it and it would explode.

My father served as a Royal Naval Reserve engineer officer on ocean-going tugboats which towed back to England any ships of the Russian convoys to Murmansk or Archangel that had been damaged by predatory U-boats.

My wife's father, serving in the Royal Navy, was torpedoed twice in quick succession in the China seas, was rescued by the Japanese and then imprisoned in a camp in Java. He died in that camp just as the war with Japan was ending. My

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wife, Tina, born and brought up in Plymouth, was witness to a bomb in her own back garden and to the destruction of the city in virtually 48 hours.

Since the end of World War II many conflicts have brought untold suffering upon the people of this world. My wife and I have served in both Northern and Southern Ireland in the ministry of God's Church. We lived and worked there

for five years in the early 80s. We became very familiar with the roadblocks, the security, and the obscenity of the bombings, the shootings and the knee-cappings by paramilitaries on both sides of the religious divide.

## Facing an uncertain and dangerous world

However, over all the years that have passed since the declaration of war in 1939, we have never witnessed such a situation as is facing the world today. Who, in their worst nightmare, could have imagined such an appalling event as the destruction of the World Trade Centre in New York? In a few moments all those thousands of people dead, thousands of families bereaved of their loved ones.

Sudden death and suffering struck without even the formality of a declaration of war.

The newspapers say 'the world will never be the same again' – indeed it won't be and it isn't! Since 11 September, hostilities have opened in Afghanistan against the terrorists and those who give them aid and succour. Observers say that it is possible that we are about to witness the death of huge numbers of people in that area from starvation and the rigours of a severe winter, made worse by war.

Further attacks continue in the United States by the use of biological weapons. Even if this does not result in mass murder of innocent civilians, it may cause

a number of deaths and more sorrowing families, generating panic and disrupting government.

Why? The real reason is beyond anything you will read in your newspapers. This world is *not* God's world. It is held captive by a spirit being who was originally known as Lucifer, or light-bringer, but who became Satan (Apollyon or Abaddon, meaning 'destroyer').

Satan is intent on destroying the whole of mankind and even the very planet itself. Is this a far-fetched concept in today's world? Even just ten years ago it would have been! Even 12 months ago, would you have prophesied the way the world is now?

Revelation 12:12 speaks of a time when Satan and his demonic cohorts will realise they have but little time. Knowing their ultimate fate, they will wreak as much destruction on the earth as they possibly can. But God will bring their destructive activities to a halt. You can get the whole story by requesting our free booklet *Is There Really a Devil?*

## Sharing the gospel message

Right now we are looking at the dreadful prospect of even worse things coming upon this world before Jesus Christ, the real hope for humanity, steps in and sets up the government of God on earth. The scripture in 2 Timothy 3:13 says that evil men will grow worse and worse as we near the end of this age and the return of Jesus Christ.

Knowing this truth, Christians have to maintain faith, direction and commitment to Jesus Christ and God the Father, and to the work of preaching and publishing the gospel – taking the only message of hope that there is for this poor, suffering world. We need to share that message of hope with the people of these islands and the people in Scandinavia, English-speaking Europe and the Mediterranean area.

There is a spiritual battle going on and we are part of it. In World

War I a famous poster showed General Kitchener pointing a finger at the onlooker. The slogan on that poster read 'England needs you!' Today there is another war, another poster with another slogan which reads (metaphorically speaking), 'God's Work needs you!'

The battle we face is for a people and a planet. The issue truly is one of life or death. God says to us, 'Choose life'.

*John Jewell, CEO  
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## How can we help?

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*Please write to us with your questions and comments, or tell us if there is any other way we can be of assistance.*

# Fear or Faith?

*Is there hope beyond the present traumatic times?*

Examiners designed Year Ten's first GCSE English assignment to be relatively straightforward – an autobiographical piece about the pupils' lives in general, or about an event or person that had affected or influenced them. It came as a shock to me as a teaching assistant that so many of their efforts revealed that these teenage authors were still suffering from traumas suffered as much as a decade ago.

In 1993 the IRA set off a bomb in a waste bin in central Warrington. One pupil described,

in graphic detail, seeing the lifeless body of toddler Jonathan Ball, one of two children who died as a result of the attack.

Other pupils wrote of their experiences in 1996, when IRA bombs destroyed a large area of Manchester city centre. Some were there at the time; others had to wait several hours before learning that friends and loved ones were safe.

The recent atrocity in New York City re-opened old wounds and inflicted new ones – mental rather than physical. It brought back to mind long-suppressed memories.

The kids were frightened – afraid of what could happen again in their locale – afraid of the wider implications of international retaliation. Having studied the horrors of 20th-century European history in their previous academic year, the question many of them asked was, 'Miss, is this really the start of World War III?'

Suddenly it seems that fear affects everything. We may need a new car, but is it worth buying one just now, when everything is so uncertain? Many are afraid to travel by air, preferring the security of the

familiar. Gone are the assumptions that our daily routines will carry on uninterrupted. Suspicion now greets even the daily postal delivery. The fear is that one of the letters landing on the doormat could contain deadly anthrax bacteria.

It is in this climate of fear that faith takes on a greater importance. Where there is no trouble, faith cannot be tested or tempered. It is easy to rely on an invisible God when all is going well, but it is the difficult times, when the path is steep or danger threatens, that prove the genuineness of faith.

Although we should pray daily for His protection, God does not guarantee a charmed life – immune to the cares, worries, dangers and heartaches that inevitably come from our mortality.

What He does offer is hope beyond the present. Even death is no obstacle to Him. The apostle Paul, having experienced great despair, wrote, ‘We were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead . . .’ (2 Corinthians 1:8-9).

Hebrews chapter 11 shows that, because of the depth of their faith, some of our predecessors were able to face even the most horrific trials. All these people had one thing in common. They were all seeking a city ‘whose builder and maker is God’ and a ‘kingdom that cannot be shaken’ (Hebrews 11:10; 12:28). It was a vision so real that they were able to hold onto it even in the darkest times. Nothing could

take that future from them – not even death.

Jesus Christ, when on this earth, had the same attitude. ‘Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, . . . has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God’ (Hebrews 12:2).

We are to pray daily in faith for our needs and for special help in times of trial, in the sure knowledge that He has promised us peace and security up ahead beyond the human experience. If our faith in His promise is stronger than our fear of the world around us, we will be able to face trials with a firm resolve and a quiet confidence.

*Barbara Fenney*

## Guest Column

# What Is Jesus Christ Doing Today?

*Christ sets us an example as a true Servant Leader.*

**E**very year during the Passover season, true Christians celebrate the magnificent work that Christ performed for us many centuries ago in offering His perfect life as a sacrifice for our sins. That willing sacrifice brought to an end the work He came to accomplish during His earthly, human experience.

In John 17:4 we read Jesus Christ’s own acknowledgment to the Father that His work was completed: ‘I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.’ This work involved revealing God the Father and giving the message from His Father to mankind (verses 6, 8).

This phase of His work ended

in His death. He simply said, ‘It is finished!’ (John 19:30).

The Day of Pentecost reminds us how Christ fulfilled His promise to ask God the Father to provide us with the spiritual power to accomplish what is humanly impossible. This completed the work He came in the human flesh to fulfil, to bring mankind the message of redemption, sacrifice, atonement and empowerment.

## What work does Christ perform today?

Did all Christ’s work finish at that time? Does He now simply perform a work of sustaining the creation, sitting back waiting until it is time to return? In John 5:17 we are told that His Father and He Himself have been working. Are

they still working on behalf of their chosen children today? Was everything simply put in place at Christ’s death, allowing Him to then sit back and observe the continuation of that process?

No, of course not! Christ is performing many works on our behalf, as He and the Father guide us through the perils of human existence.

Let’s look at some specific areas where Jesus Christ is working today on our behalf. These works will not be completed until our resurrection into the Father’s family in a future age, when our corruptible natures will be changed to incorruptible, and a time when the process Christ started at His death will be truly accomplished.

## Preserving the saints of God

Christ is working to preserve the saints of God (John 6:37-40). Notice especially verse 39: 'That I should lose nothing but should raise it up at the last day.' Christ's efforts to preserve the firstfruits of God – truly obedient Christians – is a work that will continue to the time of His return to this earth.

This effort is ongoing (John 10:25-29). The works Christ was considering in verse 25 continue until the giving of eternal life in God's Kingdom. Today Christ is working to preserve us until that time. No one can snatch us out of His Father's hand (verse 28). Once the Father has begun a work in us Christ will ensure that it is brought to completion (Philippians 1:6).

## The Guarantor of our faith

A second work Christ performs today is His work as Guarantor of our faith, of our future. Paul clearly explains how Christ is the Guarantor of our inheritance, ensuring our future 'until the redemption of the purchased possession' – as the one who offered His perfect life (Ephesians 1:10-14).

*Webster's Dictionary* defines a guarantor as 'one who pledges or promises to be responsible for a contract or duty. Ensuring that a pledge or promise is carried out. Ensuring a promise will meet stated specifications, or that a specified act will be performed.'

How thankful we should be that Christ is working today as Guarantor, accepting responsibility for our promised future.

## The Head of the Church

Another vital way in which Christ works today is found in

Matthew 16:18. Today, just as He has done for hundreds of years, Christ works as the Head of His Church, to ensure it will never die out.

As Head of that one true spiritual body of believers, Christ walks in our midst, always working, observing, and ensuring its continued existence (Revelation 1:13; 2:1). He is a real, active, working Leader and Motivator.

Another aspect of His work today can be seen within the message in the first few chapters of Revelation. As Christ works with His people, He is the judge of those people (Revelation 2:2-3, 9, 13).

Christ Himself explained, 'For judgment I have come into this world' (John 9:39). He is an active working Judge, but His work does not end there.

## The Shepherd of God's people

In Hebrews 13:20 we read of another role Christ performs today – that of the Shepherd of God's people. Jesus leads, guides, protects and provides for His spiritual sheep, just as a loving human shepherd cares for those animals entrusted to his hands.

Christ is working tirelessly with the Father on our behalf today (John 5:17). He is not an idle, stand-on-the-sidelines boss; not an absentee owner, but a dynamic working Leader of His people who knows our thoughts and needs.

Having been tempted while in the flesh (though without sin), He is sympathetically aware of our weaknesses. He is the captain of our eternal salvation, helping us to overcome sin.

## Our Intercessor

Another vital area where Christ works with us today is as our

merciful High Priest. He intercedes for us, going on our behalf to the Father's throne. In doing so He empathises with us, explaining our human frailties to God the Father, as One who truly knows those weaknesses, having once been human Himself.

He acts as our Advocate, defined as one who speaks or writes in favour of, or one who pleads the cause of another (Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-2).

## Preparing a people

Finally Christ works with us, empowering us to achieve the ultimate destiny offered through His death and resurrection. John 14:1-3 shows that Christ is preparing us for rulership with Him during His coming millennial reign (Revelation 5:10; 20:4-6).

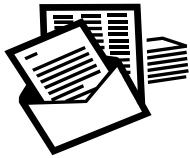
Christ's work of being the perfect sacrifice for our sins ended at His death. However, He continues to work today, both with us directly and in many other ways on our behalf.

He is preparing God's people to take their place in His Father's kingdom for all eternity.

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# Letters from Our Readers

This edition includes a sampling of reader reaction to the terrorist attack on America from Britain, Europe and around the world.

## Readers in shock and sorrow

The attacks of September 11 against mainly defenceless civilians – innocent people earning their daily bread in and around buildings in New York City and Washington, D.C. – were notable for the utterly cold, ruthless, callous and merciless attitude of those individuals who planned and carried them out. God's prediction of circumstances prevailing in the final years of humanly devised civilisation leap to mind with startling reality. Events in relatively recent history attest to the alarming similarity to occurrences and mind-sets in the time of Noah. Isn't the earth today becoming filled with violence?

*N J, Llandudno, North Wales*

My heart goes out to the British members of the Church where friends and loved ones may have been involved, directly or indirectly in the poignant events of recent days in America. Quoting a friend who has experience of terrorism in Africa, 'A terrorist's action is not necessarily sadistic. It is to terrorise the people into submission.' One cannot comprehend the mind of such people who wilfully torture and kill. We live in perilous times. Let us strengthen our trust and hope in God and turn to Him in our need for help. *Mrs F S, Malaga, Spain*

Dismay and horror for the barbaric attack that a terrorist organisation has launched on the United States! This brief message is to let you know that we are praying for the innocent victims and their families. Through the

words of our President Azeglio Ciampi, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, and all national commentators, the entire people of Italy are together in bereavement and sorrow, very close to the American people and nation – bulwark of freedom, human values and dignity.

When these values are attacked through horrible events, we realise more and more how dangerous are the times in which we live. This makes us hope and pray for God's Kingdom to come soon to this troubled earth. How comforting is our faith towards the fact that the Creator of all things will establish His Kingdom on earth. *C A, Italy*

We are shocked by the series of awful acts which have occurred in New York City and Washington DC. We together with you experience the consequences of this terrible tragedy. Many of us had friends there. So much suffering and so unnecessary. We very well know who in the spirit world is the author of these acts. We also know that God is with us. He is our Strong Tower. He is our help at the moment of disaster. Psalm 147 speaks: 'He heals the broken in heart and binds up their wounds . . . His understanding is infinite.'

*C Y, Ukraine*

I am writing this letter with great sadness and concern from the heart. It was the worst of events that has happened to America. We were literally shocked, and in despair that this may happen in our country too. This is the height of human carnal nature. I pray for the relatives whose dear ones have

been killed. We know the answer to these events will be highlighted during the Festivals. *M R H, India*

I am stunned by the atrocities done by the terrorists to the American people. It is a vicious attack on freedom and democracy, on civilisation and humanity. We Chinese Christians stand close by the American people. We strongly condemn this barbaric crime and evil. We mourn for the thousands of victims in the World Trade Centre and Pentagon. I wonder why God allowed these evil acts to happen. Maybe your booklets can answer this question. I would be very thankful if you could send me the following literature: *Why Does God Allow Suffering?*, *The United States and Britain in Bible Prophecy*, and *The Book of Revelation Unveiled*. I enjoy reading *The Good News* magazine and the

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*C H F, Shanghai, China*

Why don't people of all races, religions and creeds realise that we are all brothers and that every human life is precious? The terrorist attacks that occurred in Washington DC, New York City and Pennsylvania have left me in horrified shock and disbelief. What can I do? How can I relieve this feeling of helplessness that has overcome me? I pray that God will show me how I can help. Peace is so very elusive for humankind, yet so simple to achieve and it is this problem that frustrates me beyond belief. I wonder if the Lord is equally frustrated with men. *B, Internet*

• *Could God have prevented this terrible tragedy? By all means! But by embracing immorality often without showing any remorse, reflecting Satan's destructive influence in society, we have left ourselves vulnerable to the plans and designs of wicked terrorists. Since the West as a whole is going its own way, living as it pleases, without seeking God and His ways – the Creator may decide to leave our nations to their own devices, at the mercy of evil men who perpetrate destruction.*

*However, God has a master plan which will end all of this horrendous suffering and bring peace and prosperity to the whole earth. For further understanding, please be sure to write for our free booklets Why Does God Allow Suffering?, What Is Your Destiny? and The Gospel of the Kingdom.*

## **Wants to understand prophecy**

Could I please ask for a copy of your free booklet entitled *The United States and Britain in Bible Prophecy* and the one entitled *The*

*Book of Revelation Unveiled*? I am very interested in Bible prophecy and I would really appreciate any publication or access to good Bible-based material in this area of scriptural truth. Any such publication you could make available to me would be received with thanks. *F L C, Manchester*

• *In addition to the brochures you mentioned above we also publish You Can Understand Bible Prophecy, free upon request.*

Recently, I've downloaded from your web site extracts from the brochure *The Book of Revelation Unveiled*. I must admit it perplexed me a lot. Which religion is 100% Judeo-Christian, since all denominations that I know of celebrate Sunday, Christmas, Easter, and recognise the Trinity?

I gather from the article that Babylon the Great will be an economic superpower. But how do we know it is connected with a religious system? Its location is 'on many waters' as well, and it deals with all who travel by ship. In what way does Rome resemble any of the above? Also, what exactly is the mark of the beast, and how does it fit into the religious context since nothing can be bought or sold without it? *B K, Poland*

• *Your question about which religion is 100% Judaeo/Christian, is answered by our booklet The Church Jesus Built (recently posted to you). In context, references in the book of Revelation to a 'scarlet woman' (symbolic of a church) and her relationship with the Beast power show a clever combination of economic, religious and political chicanery and deception cunningly woven together.*

*Don't forget that chapters and verses (though very helpful) were added by men long after Revelation was written. These artificial*

*separations sometimes obscure the continuous story flow.*

*The expression 'many waters' refers to the population of humans (Revelation 17:15). Our understanding about the mark of the Beast is given on page 21 of The Book of Revelation Unveiled brochure.*

*Religious powers often work through secular nations, so it is the secular power whose mark is prophesied to be put on men. The Bible does not always indicate how every detail will be worked out in practice. We have to be patient and pray for more understanding.*

*We are told to watch events in the world (Luke 21:34-36; Mark 13:32-37). God will reveal all we need to know to achieve our purpose. Our free booklets Who Is God?, Holidays or Holy Days? and The Book of Revelation Unveiled cover the other points you mentioned.*

## **Bible Study Course**

Do I put it in an appraisal report? Well, I'm itching to tell you this: I'm enjoying the course tremendously. Like all others, Lesson 10 was superb – educative, nourishing and inspiring to read and absorb. The history of the Church, going back to the days of Abraham, puts the entire biblical narrative in a seamless flow – a far cry from the kind of disjointed, forced categorisations that mark certain interpretations. *O E, Ghana*

Enclosed are the last two test cards for the *Bible Study Course*. Do I receive a certificate for completing them?

*M M, Borehamwood, Herts*

• *Well done! You certainly do. Every student who finishes the 12-lesson course will receive a certificate of completion after returning all the test cards.*