

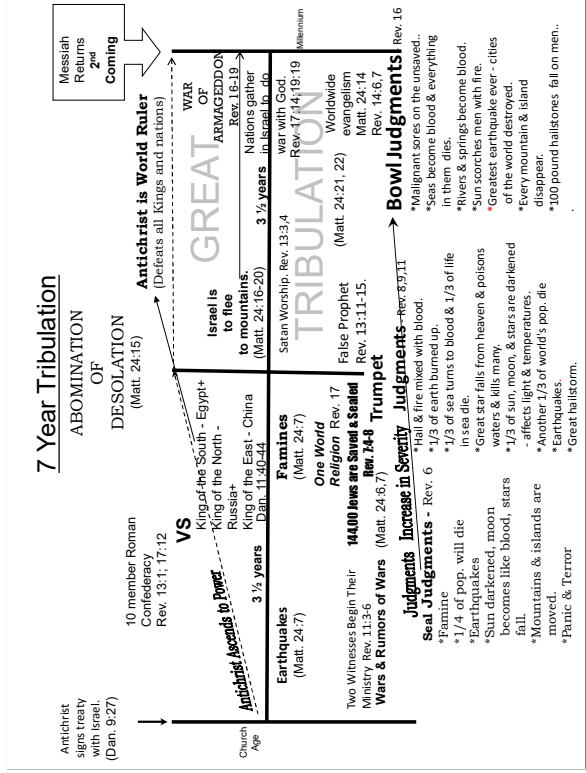
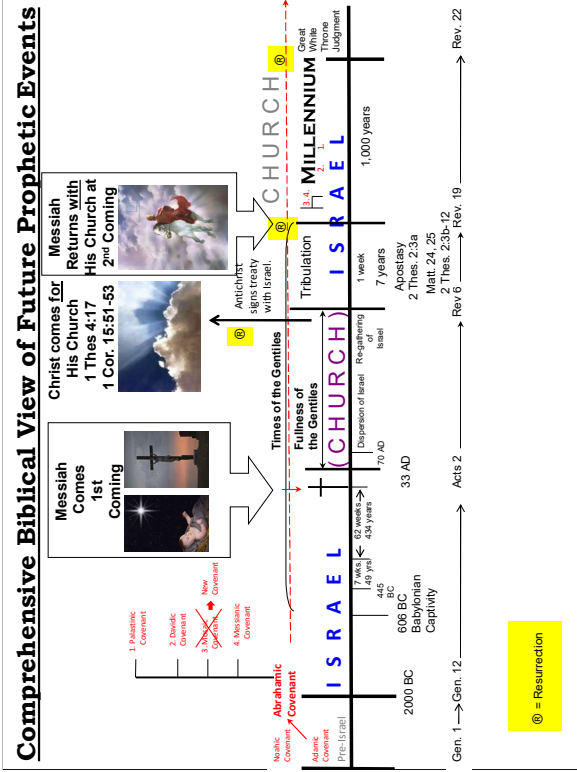


**Looking Ahead –**  
**Summer schedule:**  
 August 6 – we will have class.  
 Sept. 3 – No class – Labor Day weekend.  
 We will resume our regular weekly schedule Sept. 10.

**“Seal #3: The Rider On The Black Horse”**

**Rev. 6:5,6**

July 23, 2017

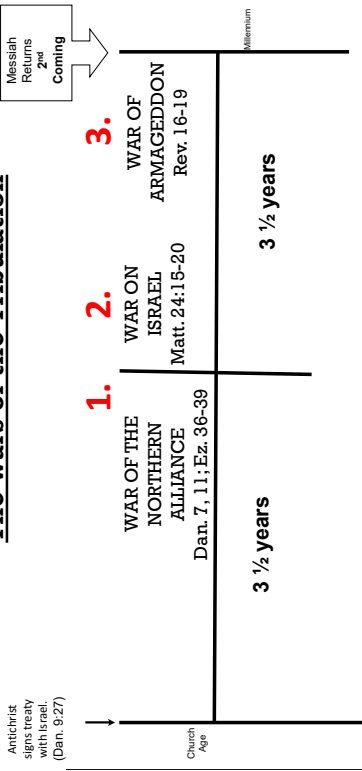


### Rev 6:3-4

- 3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come."
- 4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

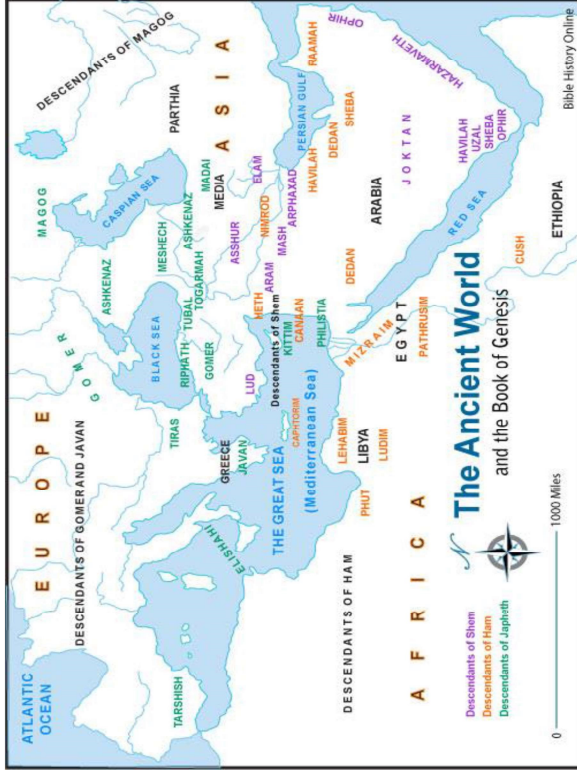
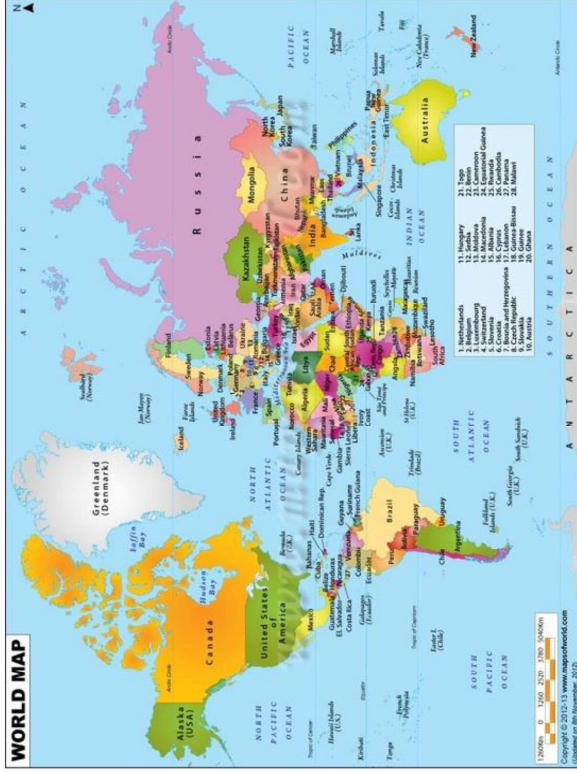
# WAR

### The Wars of the Tribulation



- Israel
- Jordan (Ammon, Moab, and Edom)
- Egypt
- Sudan (Cush)
- Russia (Rosh)
- Iran (Persia)
- Iraq (Babylon)
- Europe (revived Roman Empire)
- Central Asia including Turkey and the 5 stans (magog)
- Syria
- Greece
- Saudi Arabia (Sheba and Dedan)
- Lybia (Put)
- Lebanon (Tyre)
- China (kings of the east)

### Where is the United States?



**5 Possible Views of the United States in Prophecy**  
**1. The United States (New York City) is Babylon the Great.**

**Scripture used by this view:**

Jer. 50,51; Rev. 17,18

**Why this view is incorrect:**

Babylon in Jer. and Rev, will be a literal rebuilt city in modern day Iraq on the Euphrates River, which God will destroy at the end of the Tribulation.

**2. The United States is the unnamed nation in Is. 18.**  
**Scripture used by this view:**

Is. 18:1,2

**Isa 18:1-2**

- 1 Alas, oh land of whirring wings  
Which lies beyond the rivers of Cush,  
2 Which sends envoys by the sea,  
Even in papyrus vessels on the surface of the waters.  
Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth,  
To a people feared far and wide,  
A powerful and oppressive nation  
Whose land the rivers divide.

**Why this view is incorrect:**

This is a prophecy dealing with the ancient nations of Cush (modern day Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia) and Egypt.

**3. The United States are the 10 lost tribes of Israel.**

**Scripture used by this view:**

None. General assumptions are made.

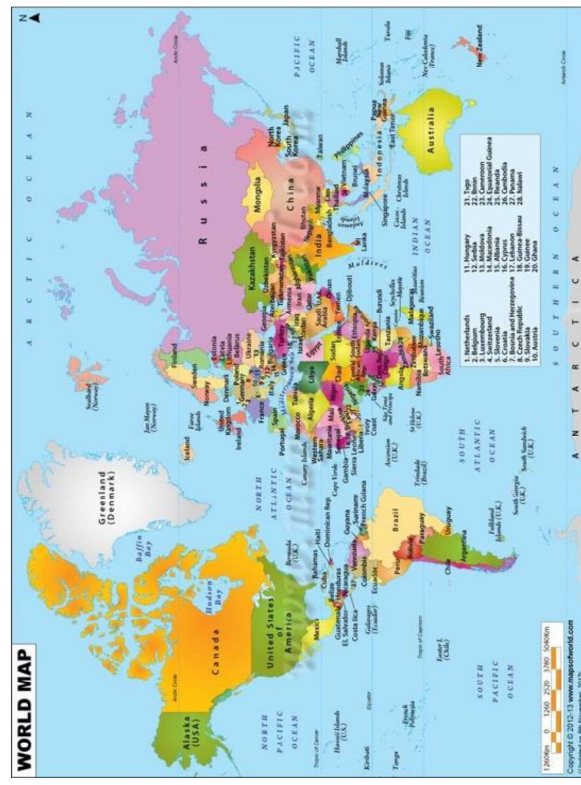
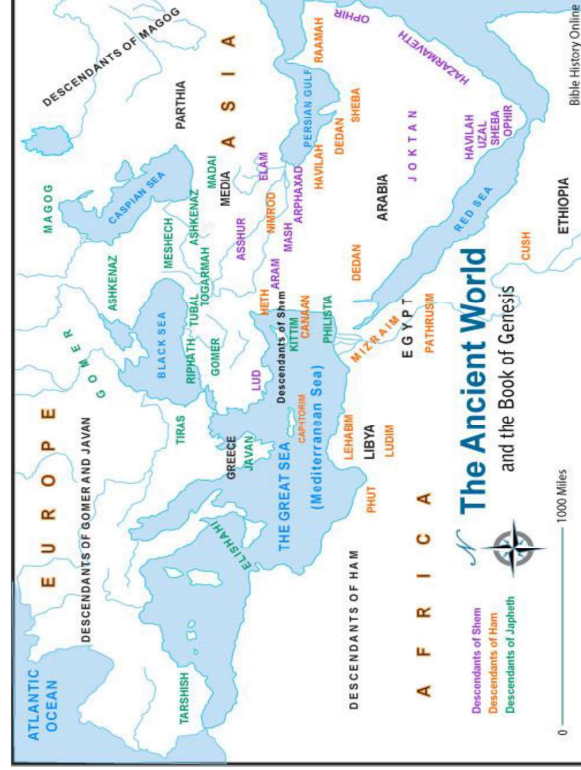
**Why this view is incorrect:**

This view is called British Israelism. It is the belief that many of the inhabitants of Britain are direct descendants of the 10 lost tribes of Israel. However there is no proof that the tribes of Judah are lost. God knows exactly who and where they are and will be united in a regathered nation and the 144,000 which come from all 12 tribes.

**4. The United States is one of the “young lions of Tarshish” in Ez. 38:13.**

**Ezek 38:13**

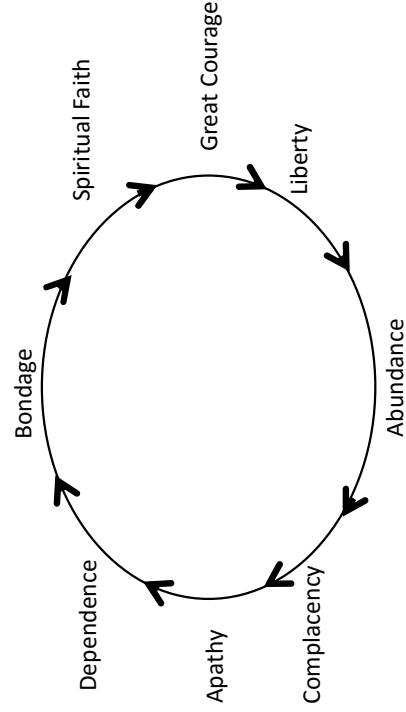
- 13 "Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages will say to you, 'Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?'"



**5. The United States is never mentioned because it is a non-factor, having collapsed gradually from moral and economic decline over time, or as a result of a nuclear war or the sudden rapture of the Church and the removal of the restraining of sin by the Holy Spirit.**

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to complacency; From complacency to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage." - Author Unknown



## Seal #3

### Rev 6:5-6

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6 And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

### Matt 24:6-7

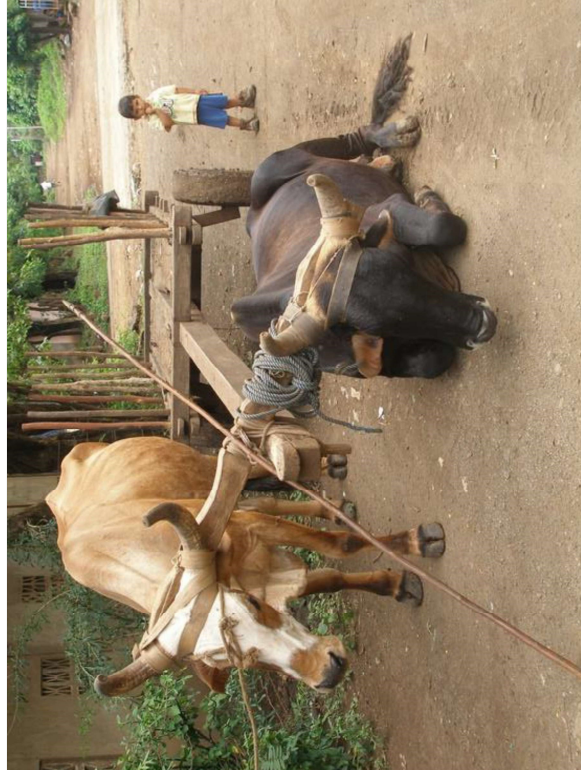
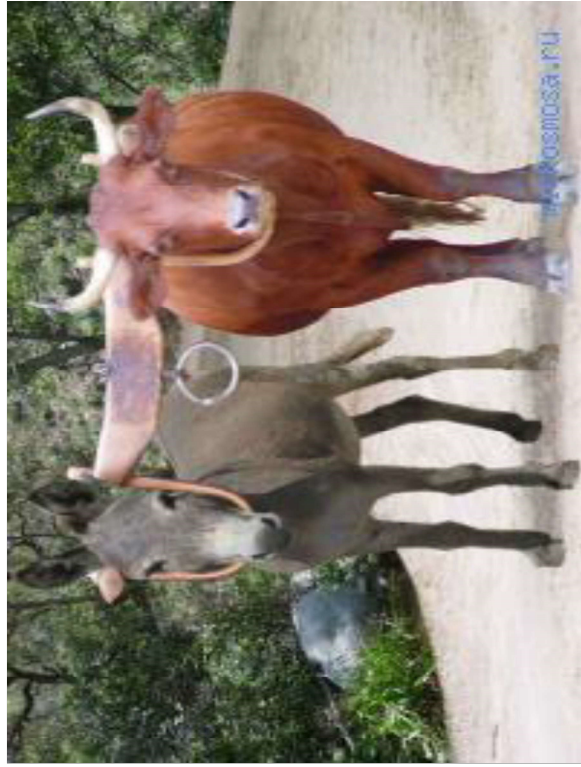
6 "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.  
7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

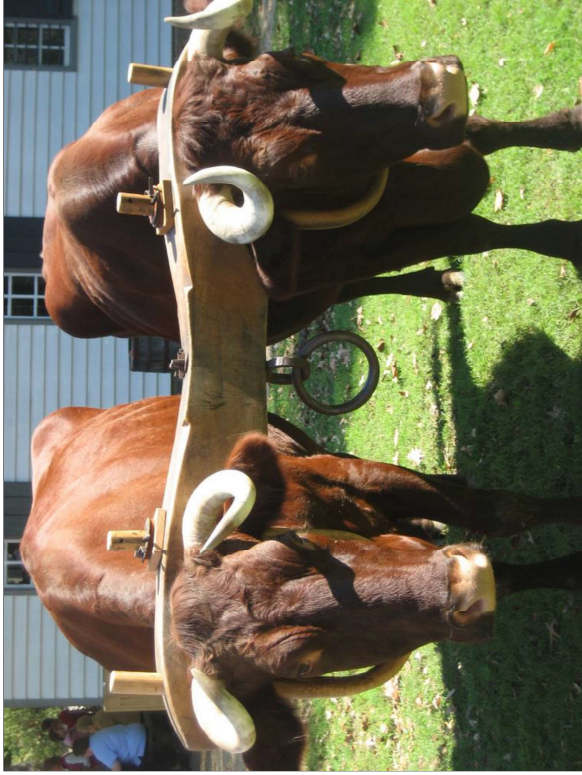
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6:6b "A quart of wheat for a day's wages,"

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and do not damage the oil and the wine!"



### **How severe will the famine be?**

- Normally a days wage(Denarius)would buy 10 quarts of **wheat**, 30 quarts of **barley**.
- During the tribulation, food will be weighed like gold.
- A man will work all day just to be able to buy enough food to survive. Or, he can work all day just to buy enough food fit for an animal to feed three people.
- Think about what this means: People will have to make some hard choices. People who cannot get out and work for themselves will be left to starve to death.
- There will be no welfare, no government subsidies or programs, nothing extra for one human being to share with another, everyone will just be trying to survive.

- Starvation and malnutrition make the body weak and vulnerable to diseases and infections as the body does not have the fuel to build muscle and fight off infections.
- Pregnant and malnourished mothers also deliver underweight babies, who struggle for survival. Children often have stunted growth as a result of malnutrition.
- Without proper foods (with the right balance of vitamins and minerals) the brain is not able to develop properly. Hunger also makes it difficult to concentrate on anything, especially for children. Children suffer this most and are unable to stay in school.
- Countries with starvation tend to do poorly with the economy. This is because adults and young adults do not have the right frame of mind to work. They are constantly ill and work input and interest are very low.

### **We know something of starvation in our world.**

Consider the following statistics:

- Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of starvation.
- Every year 15 million children die of starvation and of hunger related illness.
- 4 million people starve to death every year.
- Throughout the 1990's more than 100 million children died from illness and starvation.
- 1.3 billion people live on less than \$1.00 of income per day. Another 3 billion have to try and survive on less than \$3.00 per day.
- More than 1/2 of the world goes to bed hungry./ 460 Million people on the brink of starvation .
- In the time it takes us to eat dinner, 400 people will starve to death.
- The average American puts enough food in the trash can each day to feed a family of six in India.
- In fact the average American dog has a higher protein diet than many people in other parts of the World .
- So we already live in a world of perpetual hunger. 1/3rd of the world is starving/1/3rd is underfed/1/3 have enough to eat.
- As horrible as those figures are, they will be dwarfed by the starvation problem this world will face in the Tribulation.

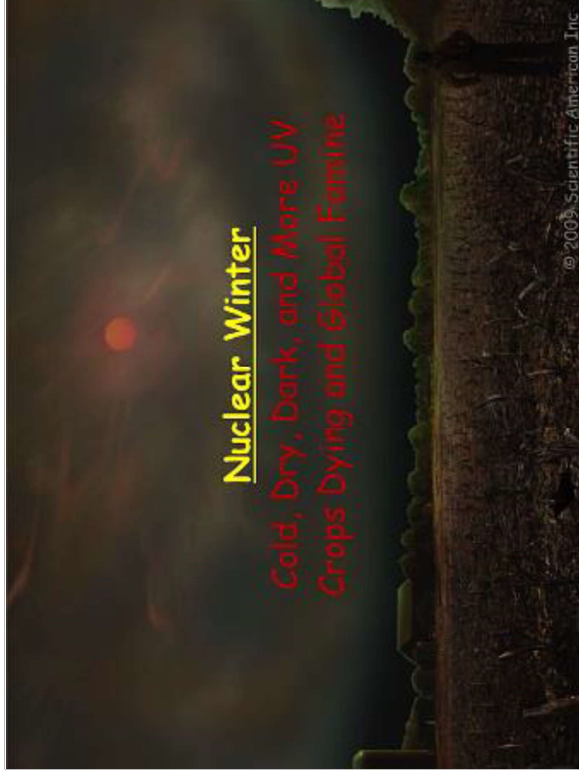
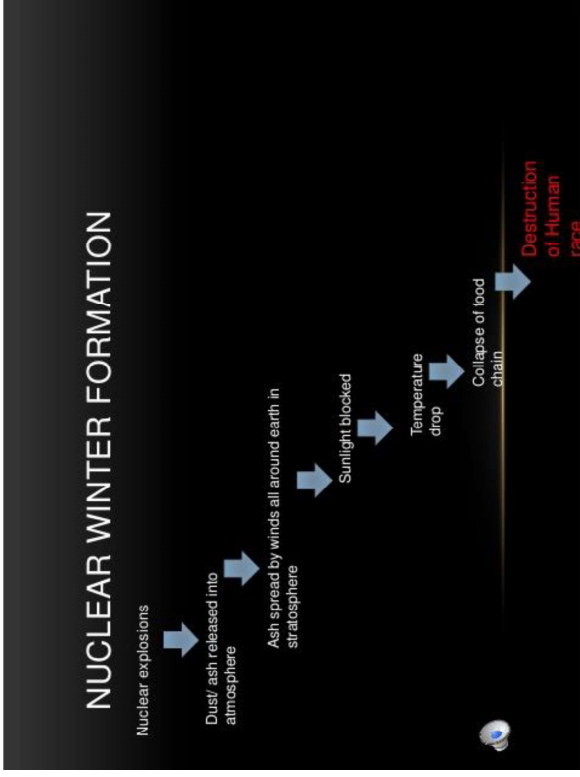
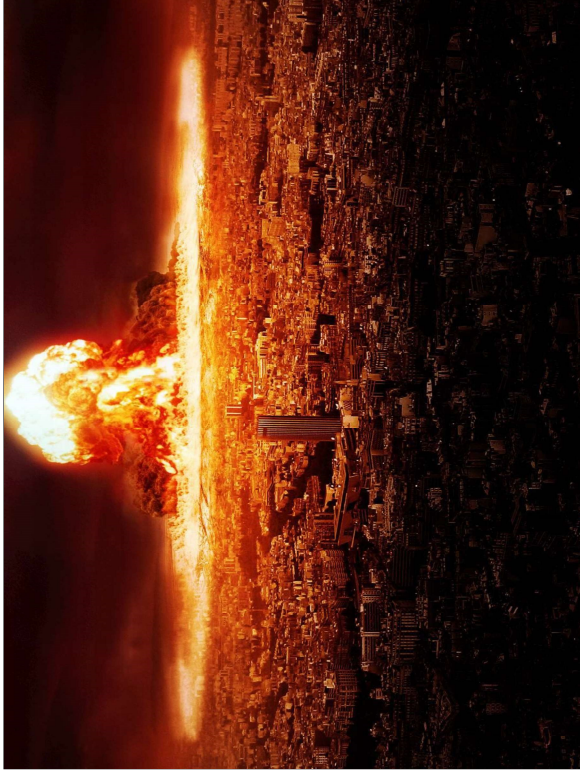
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2. People will stop producing food when war breaks out.
3. Nuclear war effects.



***“Worldwide famine, deadly frosts, global ozone losses of up to 50 per cent and more would greet any inhabitants of the planet still remaining after a nuclear conflict.”***

- Jonathan O'Callaghan

***“Life After a Nuclear War”***

### **What would nuclear winter be like?**

by Robert Lamb

“The theory of nuclear winter is essentially one of environmental collateral damage. While a nuclear attack might target a nation's military infrastructure or population centers, the assault could inflict massive harm to earth's atmosphere. Sunlight shines through the atmosphere and warms the planet's surface, which then emits terrestrial radiation that heats the air. If sufficient ash from burning cities and forests ascended into the sky, it could effectively work as an umbrella, shielding large portions of the Earth from the sun. If you diminish the amount of sunlight that makes its way to the surface, then you diminish the resulting atmospheric temperature -- as well as potentially interfere with photosynthesis.”

“Examples of this scenario have occurred on a smaller scale in recent history. For instance, the 1883 eruption of the Indonesian volcano Krakatoa blasted enough volcanic ash into the atmosphere to lower global temperatures by 2.2 degrees F (1.2 degrees C) for an entire year [source: [Maynard](#)]. Decades earlier in 1815, the eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia blocked enough sunlight around the globe to cause what came to be known as “the year without summer”. That following year, residents in the United States experienced summer snows and temperatures between 5 and 10 degrees F (3 and 6 degrees C) less than average. This drop in temperatures devastated crops and caused hundreds of thousands of deaths -- not counting those who perished in Indonesia.”



***Famine in the Tribulation could result from 4 sources:***

1. Food supplies destroyed from war.
2. People stop producing food when war breaks out.
3. Nuclear war effects.
4. Inflation.

In Germany after World War I, people were taking ten thousand German marks, loading them into wheelbarrows, and taking them to market to buy a single loaf of bread. That is what runaway inflation does. It makes money worthless.



**Daniel Iverson  
1890-1977**

Daniel Iverson (b. Brunswick, GA, 1890; d. Asheville, NC, 1977) wrote the first stanza and tune of this hymn after hearing a sermon on the Holy Spirit during an evangelism crusade by the George Stephens Evangelistic Team in Orlando, Florida, 1926. The hymn was sung at the crusade and then printed in leaflets for use at other services. Published anonymously in Robert H. Coleman's *Revival Songs* (1929) with alterations in the tune, this short hymn gained much popularity by the middle of the century. Since the 1960s it has again been properly credited to Iverson. Iverson studied at the University of Georgia, Moody Bible Institute, Columbia Theological Seminary, and the University of South Carolina. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church in 1914, he served congregations in Georgia and in North and South Carolina. In 1927 he founded the Shenandoah Presbyterian Church in Miami, Florida, and served there until his retirement in 1951. An evangelist as well as a preacher, Iverson planted seven new congregations during his ministry in Miami. The Spirit of God breathed new life into "dry bones" much like the petition in this hymn of Daniel Iverson. The hymn that he wrote . . .

**Spirit of the Living God**

1. Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me,  
Mold me, fill me,  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.
2. Spirit of the living God,  
Move among us all  
Make us one in heart and mind,  
Make us one in love.  
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing,  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fill our lives with love.