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FLYING SAUCERS

Flying Saucers are one of the world's strangest wonders. These mysterious unidentified flying objects have been seen in every country of the world. Thousands have witnessed them, including pilots, radar technicians, scientists, engineers and industrialists.

Since 1947, reports of unusual sightings have been investigated by the Air Force. No doubt some of these strange phenomena were weather balloons, meteors, airplanes, atmospheric disturbances or optical illusions. However, these UFO's, according to Dr. Maurice A. Biot, well-known mathematical physicist, may be from outer space. Says Dr. Biot, "My opinion for some time has been that they have an extra-terrestrial origin." Similarly, Dr. Walter Riedel, former German rocket expert, asserts, "I'm completely convinced that they have an out-of-world basis."

Now, IF FLYING SAUCERS DO EXIST, and we believe they do, WHY DO THEY EXIST and WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

I'm going to be perfectly frank to declare, "I don't know." However, with our Bibles open to passages seemingly related, we would like to note the similarity between reported sightings of UFO's and what the Bible says.

First, the prophet Joel, led of the Spirit of God, writes concerning the "latter days" that there will be "wonders in the heavens." And Jesus Himself when upon earth said relative to His return: "Fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven." Jesus also declared: "Men's hearts shall fail them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth..."

Today, lest fear and panic result, it is seemingly obvious that our government has withheld the abundance of documentary evidence, including photographs, which prove the existence of

those Unidentified Flying Objects.

These UFO's have appeared in the form of saucers, bowls, cones, eggs, and shaped like cigars. They have been tracked on radar at speeds of 10,000 miles per hour and more.

Just before his death, Albert Einstein said of these mysterious objects: "These people have seen something! What it is I do not know, and I'm not curious to know."

Well, I guess I'm different. I'm curious to know. If there are unusual and strange objects seen in our skies, WHAT ARE THEY? And of what significance are they?

Nearly every reputable book on Flying Saucers I have read refers to the description of heavenly objects seen by Ezekiel. And, it's interesting to note that Ezekiel introduces his message by saying: "The heavens were opened and I saw visions of God." (Ezek. 1:1) Thus, what Ezekiel saw was related to the Almighty.

Then Ezekiel goes on to describe the "wheels" and the angelic beings called "cherubim" which he saw. Concerning the wheels, he describes their color as of a beryl (1:16) which, incidentally, is a composite of beryllium and aluminum.

Also, concerning the wheels, they "went on their...sides; and they turned not when they went." (1:17) We think of a wheel riding upright as in a wheelbarrow, but these wheels went on their sides which is a similar description of flying saucer sightings seen in our day.

Further, Ezekiel tells us, "Their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel." (1:16) Jet pilots who have on occasion given chase, reported a similar description of flying saucers. For instance, Col. J.M. Blakeslee on December 9, 1953, was flying an F-84 Jet on a practice mission over Japan. Upon seeing an object registered on his radar, he received permission to intercept it. His description of the object as he closed in on it and saw it hovering motionless was this, that it was "round, with a center shaft of white light revolving at about five times per second." As he neared the object, an acceleration of the middle wheel in a burst of power caused the saucer to zoom quickly out of sight and was soon lost to the jet which was following with throttle wide open. In five seconds, according to Col. Blakeslee, the object completely disappeared.

Ezekiel also describes the cherubim, or angelic beings, which he also had seen. He notes that they did not ride in the wheels. Rather, he makes it clear that "the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels." (1:21) Furthermore, "When the living creatures went, the wheels went by them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up." (1:19) (See also 1:21, 10:16-19, and 11:22)

Lord Dowding who became famous as a hero in the Battle of Britain, has declared concerning flying saucers: "They are space ships manned by intelligent beings...some of these manned by remote control units." Herman Oborth, the famous rocket designer likewise says of these flying saucers that they are controlled by super-intelligent beings from outside our solar system.

Another interesting oddity--the Air Force at times reports the appearance of blips on its radar, indicating the appearance of a real object in the sky. Upon investigation of the phenomena, which is still visible on the radarscope but not visible to the

human eye, the Air Force officially records these sightings as "angels."

Other interesting observations of what Ezekiel saw includes the presence of fire burning "between the wheels" (10:6, also 10:2); the speed recorded of the living creatures which "ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning." (1:14) (Note: Mt. 24:27 and Luke 10:18.) On occasion a noise, the sound of a "great rushing" was produced (3:13). All these descriptions have been given of various UFO sightings.

Finally, Ezekiel's message primarily concerns Israel in the latter days, the return to her land, and the invasion of her land by the Northern Confederacy, recorded in chapters 38,39. And concerning these wheels, Ezekiel writes: "The glory of the God of ISRAEL was over them above." (10:20; 11:22)

Flying Saucers may very well be related to Israel; her return to her land, along with her protection and preservation in the land. At least, it is of coincidence to note that flying saucers began to be seen at approximately the same time that Israel was re-established as a nation back in May of 1948.

We are again reminded that the appearance of a fiery, heavenly conveyance which came for Elijah found Elisha exclaiming, "The chariot of Israel."

How many chariots does the Lord have? The psalmist declares: "The chariots of God are twenty-thousand." (Psa. 68:17)

Again at the Battle of Armageddon, we are reminded, "The Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire." (Isa. 66:15) And writes Isaiah: "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it." (Isa. 31:5) Now, some well-meaning folk tell us these are airplanes, but Isaiah reminds us in the previous verse that "so shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof."

Could this array of chariots in the sky attract the nations to this battle at Armageddon? For the nations will be attracted by the Lord and His armies coming from heaven. (Rev. 19:11-21)

It is almost like a prophecy to read of a statement made by General Douglas MacArthur, and recorded in the NEW YORK TIMES on October 8, 1955. General Mac Arthur, incidentally the first commander of a United Nations Army, is to have declared that he felt a third world war would never be fought; for that would be double suicide. But this former commander of a world army is said to have felt that the nations of the world would eventually have to unite to present a common front against an attack by these flying saucers, or people from other planets, as he surmised them to be.

Are there people on other planets? Some believe there are, (see John 10:16) and that only on the planet earth did people fall into sin and need to be saved.

Again, might these flying objects be related to something Satan might have? This, too, seems quite logical in that Satan himself was once a cherubim. And it is to be remembered that Satan and his host will battle Michael and his angels for supremacy of the skies during the tribulation (Rev. 12:7). Already the Air Force is reporting an unusual phenomenon they refer to as

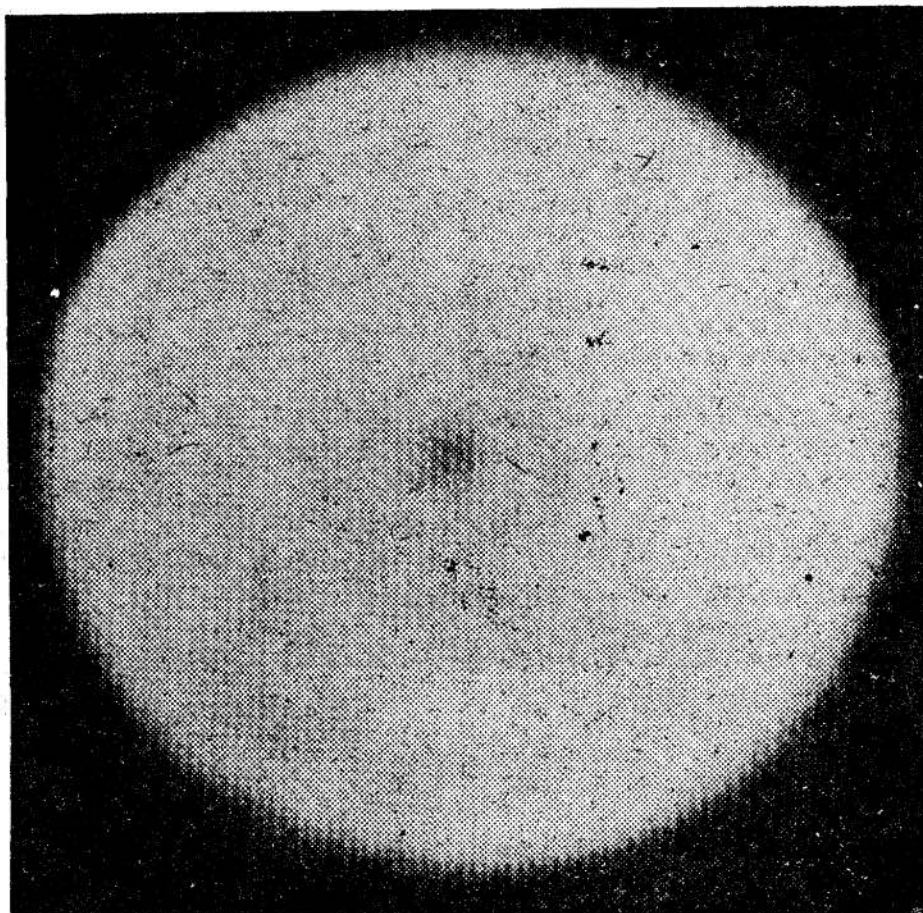
“skyquakes,” which are totally unrelated to sunspots or similar disturbances. Could the “war in heaven” spoken of by John be already begun?

In closing our discussion, we wonder if these UFO’s might be related to the event we call the Rapture when Christ will come for His own? As Noah was saved in an ark, will the Lord have some way of transporting and protecting his children who travel through Satan’s territory on their way back to heaven amidst a bodyguard of angels? Something to think about, anyway.

At least, the Bible clearly describes our return back to heaven, stating we will be “caught up” to meet the Lord in the air. Professor Kenneth Wuest, my Greek instructor at the Moody Bible Institute, points out that the phrase “caught up” is the translation of the Greek word, “harpaso,” which he says really means: “to seize and carry off speedily; to carry off by force.” Says Prof. Wuest, “The word is used of divine power transferring a person marvellously and swiftly from one place to another.”

In closing we might simply ask, could these UFO’s seen in our skies be simply waiting for the signal of the heavenly trumpet? And one day will the affairs of life be interrupted by the midnight cry and the voice of the archangel, crying, “Go ye out to meet Him.”? If so, and I see some unusual conveyance parked outside which some call “flying saucers,” I won’t be shocked or alarmed but just pleasantly surprised!

In any event, our Lord declares: “Be ye therefore ready....’ for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.” (Luke 12:40).



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UFO'S IN '78

"This worldwide phenomenon is incredible!" exclaimed Thomas Gates, former director of the Space Science Center in Los Altos Hills, California, referring to recent UFO sightings.

He went on to observe, "It is the biggest UFO blitz in recorded history."

What does it all mean?

Says Gates: "I think it could mean that alien beings are finally getting ready to talk to us!"

In Australia and New Zealand, more than 400 reports have been made in recent months. In one case, an airport's radar crew reported whole fleets of UFO's--sometimes ten at a time--for 3 1/2 hours.

In Italy there have been over a thousand reports since last September. UFO's have swooped down on town after town, even in Rome where people have crowded on rooftops to watch them.

Ten policemen in England were startled when a brilliant, pulsating UFO hovered in the clear night sky for over half an hour. Testified Constable Christopher Loveridge: "The whole thing was pulsating. There was a white light radiating from it. It was like nothing I've ever seen before."

Another testified: "It certainly wasn't anything from this planet."

World-famous space expert, Dr. Krafft Ehrlicke, who helped Wernher Von Braun to develop Germany's V-2 rocket and was later a key figure in our own space program, has commented: "There are all sorts of signs that indicate something is about to happen. Alien beings may be on the verge of contacting this Earth...and I think a contact possibly could come this year."

Exclaims John F. Schuessler, deputy director of the Mutual UFO Network, "This is the year of the UFO!"

So tremendous are the sightings of UFO's that the NATIONAL ENQUIRER is featuring articles weekly, declaring: "UFO reports are pouring in from around the globe."

Many of the sightings of UFO's are balls of fire that are capable of emitting harmful rays such as might be produced by a microwave oven.

There is the case of a police officer in Kerman, California, who found a blood-red UFO hovering over a field. He turned his spotlight on it and it zoomed away quickly in a blinding flash. When the officer got back to the police station, he saw in the mirror that he was roasted all over as if he had been out in the sun too long.

A red, fireball-like UFO likewise burned the skin of a Brazilian fisherman with a strange ray, and another was burned beneath his clothes, yet his clothing wasn't even singed.

Thousands witnessed the UFO which was linked to the death of one man who apparently succumbed from shock.

Reading this story, I couldn't help but be reminded of what we read in II Thessalonians as to how it will be when the Lord comes.

There were some at Thessalonica who believed that the persecutions and the tribulations they were enduring may have been those prophesied to take place at the end of this age. They thought they were in great tribulation.

Paul writes that the tribulation is for the wicked and the disobedient so that they were not to be troubled by what they were going through.

Here's what we read: "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you: and to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Thess. 1:6-8)

In other words, nothing that these Thessalonian Christians were going through would begin to compare with the fiery judgments that the Lord is going to send when He comes with His mighty angels.

It's interesting to read of some of the space beings aboard these UFO's.

In South Africa there was the appearance of a gleaming dome-shaped object with three humanoid creatures dressed in shining silver which glided over bushes, frightening several youngsters who watched. Under hypnosis, the boys were found to be telling the truth.

Near Genoa, Italy, there was the report of a ten-foot-tall creature which was seen by a night watchman as he was making the rounds. He claims he was taken aboard a UFO by a beam of green light and examined by a ray gun and released.

Now some are apt to think that any unusual looking creatures seen aboard these UFO's are linked to Satan just because they do not look like humans. But this is not the way we are to judge these beings.

Look at the seraphims which cried, "Holy, Holy, Holy" as they guarded the throne of God. They had six wings--two to cover their face, two to cover their feet, and two to fly.

The cherubims which are mentioned in the Bible are a most unusual breed of angelic beings. You'll recall when Adam and Eve sinned and were driven from the garden, there were cherubims sent to keep them from eating of the tree of life. Along with the cherubims must have been the first UFO mentioned in the Bible--described as a "flaming sword which turned every way," something like a revolving light on a police car.

Here's Ezekiel's description of these angelic beings. He describes four living creatures that had the likeness of a man. But he describes their faces, and their wings, and feet which were "straight feet" with the soles of their feet as the sole of a calf's foot.

What would you do if you saw an angel with wings but feet like a calf's foot?

From this picture there might be those who would say that this is the picture they have of Satan. I had a friend who called the devil "split-hoof" for that was how he viewed Satan. And that may be correct, for the devil was also once a cherubim so he no doubt looks like the angelic beings that Ezekiel saw.

We know that the beings that Ezekiel saw were godly, for we read where he was by the river of Chebar when the heavens were opened and "I saw visions of God."

So what Ezekiel saw, he related to God--both the angelic beings and the wheels. Now the beings are also described as fiery objects. Notice what we read: "As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps." We also read: "The living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning." (See Ezekiel 1:13-14)

Perhaps some of the UFO's being seen today may be related to angelic beings which can appear as fiery objects capable of lightning speeds, particularly if they are related to these cherubims.

When God made a covenant with Abraham that the land from the river of Egypt unto the great river Euphrates would be that of his seed forever, we read how God sealed the covenant in a most unusual way. We read: "It came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace and a burning lamp that passed between" the pieces of this sacrifice that he had made. (Gen. 15:17-18)

Is that not a similar description of what Ezekiel saw when he, too, described the living creatures which took on the appearance of "burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps"?

This does not necessarily mean that the beings were on fire but it could refer to the way they travelled, as Ezekiel goes on to describe the wheels which accompanied these creatures.

Writes Ezekiel: "Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth....The appearance of the wheels and their

work was like unto the color of a beryl," which incidentally is a composite of beryllium and aluminum. Beryllium is used on the nose cone of our rockets because it is able to withstand the tremendous heat and protect the astronauts inside. The beryl is commonly green or bluish green which may account for many of the sightings of UFO's that seem to be bathed in green light and may account for the expression of "green men" seen aboard these crafts.

Concerning the wheels, we read: "When they went, they went upon their four sides; and they turned not when they went."

A wheel is designed to turn but these wheels remained stationary as they travelled which is a perfect picture of what we call "flying saucers."

Referring to the appearance of these objects as "burning coals of fire," by Ezekiel, reminds us of an incident that occurred in a town in Italy. A huge ball of fire was seen in the sky at which time the turbines of the local power station went "berserk."

An expert from the state-owned electric company testified that no natural phenomena, not even lightning, could have caused such damage to the turbines.

One of the workers who observed the incident described the UFO as a "flaming ball of fire" performing acrobatic maneuvers in the night sky, changing its shape repeatedly from a ball to a disk, to a triangle."

We would like for you to take a final look at the book of Joel, chapter two, where we have a description of the Day of the Lord.

Here's what we read: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand."

Then Joel describes what he calls "a great people and a strong." He notes, "There hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations."

So what Joel is describing is an army that has never been seen before. In reality it is the Lord's army. For in verse 11, we read: "And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army; for his camp is very great; for he is strong that executeth his word; for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?"

Now I want you to notice what Joel sees. Concerning this invading host, he writes: "The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. Before their face the people shall be much pained; all faces shall gather blackness."

Listen to this. We read: "They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march everyone on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks; neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk everyone in his path; and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded."

Did you hear it?

Here are beings that are not wounded even if they were to fall upon a sword. They are not beings from this world. They have to be beings from another world. Furthermore, they must be

angelic-type beings which are capable of surviving weapons of war.

A United States Air Force document in October, 1969, confirms that both the Soviet Union and the United States have fired on UFO's to bring them down but both countries have failed in the attempt.

In a further description given by Joel, we read of this invasion "They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief."

Again we're reminded that our Lord's coming is "like a thief" and how we need to make preparation so that we will not be left behind to be in the army of Antichrist in the day of this coming invasion.

It is in view of this coming day of the Lord that Joel writes: "Therefore, also now....saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness."

My friends, the appearance of UFO's in our skies is a fulfilment of our Lord's promise that there would be signs in the heavens. It is also an indication that Armageddon is at hand when God's army will sweep down upon this world to destroy all of the resistance of men who oppose the Almighty. Multitudes around the world are raising their fists toward God in protest and in acceptance of a godless system. They will all meet their doom unless there is genuine repentance and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Sovereign Lord and Saviour.

In Revelation 19, we have this description of the heavens opening and of Christ coming forth upon a white horse. And we read: "The armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."

And we read concerning our Lord that He shall "smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron.....And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, and LORD OF LORDS."

Do you know this King?

Are you in His army?

Then John writes: "I saw the beast (antichrist), and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army..." And we're told: "All the fowls were filled with their flesh."

In fact, when our Lord comes, so great will be the carnage that the blood will flow like a river in the fields outside Jerusalem. John describes the event, saying: "And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress even unto the horses' bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."

Think of it!

Think of blood flowing five feet high and for a distance of 176 miles. Sounds almost impossible.

However, we recall the words of General Douglas MacArthur who, when he was living, was asked about UFO's. He replied that he did not believe there could be a third world war for that

would be double suicide. But he said that he saw the day coming when the armies of earth would gather together to war upon these UFO's, or people from other worlds as he surmised them to be.

Could this be true?

Could it be that UFO's might snatch up godless armies of people of earth and deposit them at Armageddon in what the Bible calls the winepress of God's wrath? For how else could the blood flow to the horses' bridles for a distance of 176 miles--from Montgomery, Alabama to Atlanta, Georgia; or from Dubuque, Iowa to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; or almost from New York City to Washington, D.C.?

We repeat again, It pays to be ready for Christ's coming so that we will not be left behind to be in the army of the Antichrist.

Which army will you be in when Jesus comes?

You can be in the Lord's army if you will join now. Today is still a day of salvation and He is looking for recruits who will gladly bear His name.

The Bible says: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

You say, that's too simple. All you must do is believe?

But if you will truly believe, then you will transfer your allegiance from serving Satan to serving Jesus Christ. And when the Lord comes, He will know whether or not you are in His army. For His Spirit will bear witness as to whether or not you are one of His children.

We repeat: Today is a day of salvation when you can receive Christ as your Saviour and Lord. Then live for Him daily in anticipation of His soon return.

For He hath said: "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."



UFO'S & MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES

Gordon Cooper, one of America's seven original astronauts, said he believes that extra-terrestrial beings are being sent to earth on special missions.

Cooper was invited to address the United Nations on the subject of UFO's. The invitation was extended by Prime Minister Eric Matthew Gairy of Granada, who is pushing the U.N. to establish a committee that would serve as a clearing house for information on UFO's from around the world.

Cooper, although in favor of a study of the phenomenon, is not sure what organization should handle such an effort. He was critical of those whom he described as not being truthful about extra-terrestrial craft, and said it was his opinion that beings from outer space were "friendly." (From N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 11/28/78; CLOSE ENCOUNTERS, by Bob Herbert)

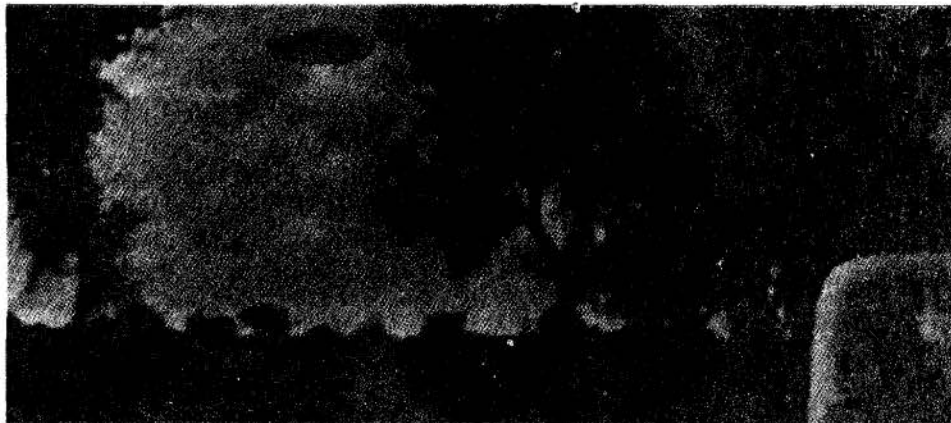
In Argentina, six fishermen saw a saucer light up the predawn sky. They reported seeing a towering figure climb down a ladder, wave, and return to the saucer and speed away. Police later found huge footprints five feet apart at the scene.

Of unusual interest have been the reports of mysterious disappearances of those who have been taken aboard these crafts. In some cases, automobiles and planes have vanished.

From Italy it is reported that two fishermen in a boat disappeared without a trace on a clear night when the sea was as smooth as a mirror and lit by a full moon.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina, a couple of stock car racers told of a strange force shutting off their engine and headlights

and lifting their car and setting it down a minute later 75 miles away from where it was picked up.



In southern Chile a huge saucer hovered over a car and then swallowed it up along with the occupants but deposited them back down unharmed.

In Miami, in January of this year, while three of his friends watched in horror, a huge, purple UFO sucked up a man who had been standing by his stalled car. "Don't take me! Don't take me!" screamed Filiberto Cardenas as he disappeared into the spaceship. An hour and a half later he was found dazed and crawling on his hands and knees on a highway nine miles from where he had been abducted.

Perhaps the most incredible report which received worldwide publicity was the young Australian pilot who disappeared while flying his single-engine 182 Cessna airplane on the night of October 21, 1978.

Shortly after 7 p.m. the young pilot radioed the Melbourne Flight Service Control that he was being paced by a UFO that was following him. He described the object as having four brilliant lights and "flying at a speed I cannot estimate." He also said it was a long shape.

The pilot's last words were that the engine was faltering, and then was heard a long metallic sound, a scratching noise that was not identifiable by the Australian officials.

The metallic scratching sound is reported to be the "same sound heard when some of our military planes were taken during UFO intercept missions."

An unconfirmed report tells of the possibility of three U.S. military jet interceptors vanishing in the western United States in March of 1978. Altogether, as many as 12 military jet interceptors, we are told, may have vanished during UFO intercept missions.

Mysterious disappearances of people and planes during recent years have baffled everyone including government officials.

Take the night of November 23, 1953, when a UFO, described as circular and bright bluish-white in color, was seen over the Soo Locks. An F-90 jet interceptor was dispatched from Kinross AFB in Michigan to intercept it. Ground control observers watched on radar as blips of the Air Force jet and the UFO suddenly merged and then moments later vanished from the radar

screen. No trace of the airmen, jet or UFO was ever found.

While reports of Unidentified Flying Objects have increased during recent months, there is still no explanation for the increase in UFO activity. In South America alone there have been well over 4,000 sightings reported since last fall.

We're told there is a tremendous amount of interest, with newspapers, magazines and books being sold to report on the phenomena.

Most Latins, we're told, think these UFO's are friendly visitors on peacemaking assignments. A Rio de Janeiro school-teacher, for instance, says he had contact with a UFO commander who said his mission was to "prevent nuclear holocaust." Likewise, the head of Argentina's UFO Observatory Commission states of these UFO's, "They have vested interest in averting a nuclear war on Earth, as this would blow the planet apart and alter the cosmos."

Reports of people missing reminds us of a passage in Matthew 24 where we read: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Listen as we read: "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." (Matt. 24:37-42)

Have you ever wondered about that passage of Scripture? Who will be taken and who will be left when Jesus comes? Also, how will a person be taken from this earth and transported to heaven? Will he simply defy gravity and float through space, or is it possible he will be transported miraculously and marvelously as was Elijah when he was taken to heaven?

Dr. T.J. McCrossan, the Greek Scholar who was an instructor at the Manitoba University, says of this passage of Scripture that it is a reference to the saints. When mention is made, "One shall be taken, and the other left," the reference is to believers who will be caught up when Christ comes. The Greek word used here is "para-lambanetai" and means to be taken away by force.

He notes that this is the same word used by Christ in John 14:3, when He says, "I will come again, and take you unto myself."

Then he comments on the passage in I Thes. 4 where we have a further description of how it will be when Jesus comes. We read: "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."

Dr. McCrossan points out that the words "caught up" in the Greek means to "snatch away quickly and suddenly." He explains that this is the exact meaning of our word "rapture," (which comes from the Latin "rapio") to "seize quickly or suddenly."

Witnessing persons and planes missing, makes us think of the time when our Lord will come and those who are ready will be caught away to meet the Lord in the air.

Will you be in that number? Or will you be left behind to suffer the horrible judgments described as coming upon the earth when wars and plagues and great tribulation befall the world?

What a day that will be. It surely pays to be ready for our Lord's coming so that we might escape that day that will be a literal "hell on earth."

The story is told of a man who had a dream where he suddenly awakened to find that his wife was not beside him as usual. He arose and dressed and checking on his daughter's room, found her missing, too. Then he went to his son's room and found that he was gone. He then awoke to find that it was all a dream.

But one day it will be a reality. Loved ones will be gone who know and love the Lord, while we will be left behind if we are not ready to meet Him.

Billy Graham once wrote: "Many times when I go to bed at night, I think to myself that before I awaken, Christ may come." Continued Graham: "What a glorious time of reunion it's going to be in the sky when we shall be caught up with Him." But he warns, "Only those whose robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb are going to be prepared in that day."

The question we would again ask, Are you ready for the coming of Jesus? Will you be among those who will be taken?

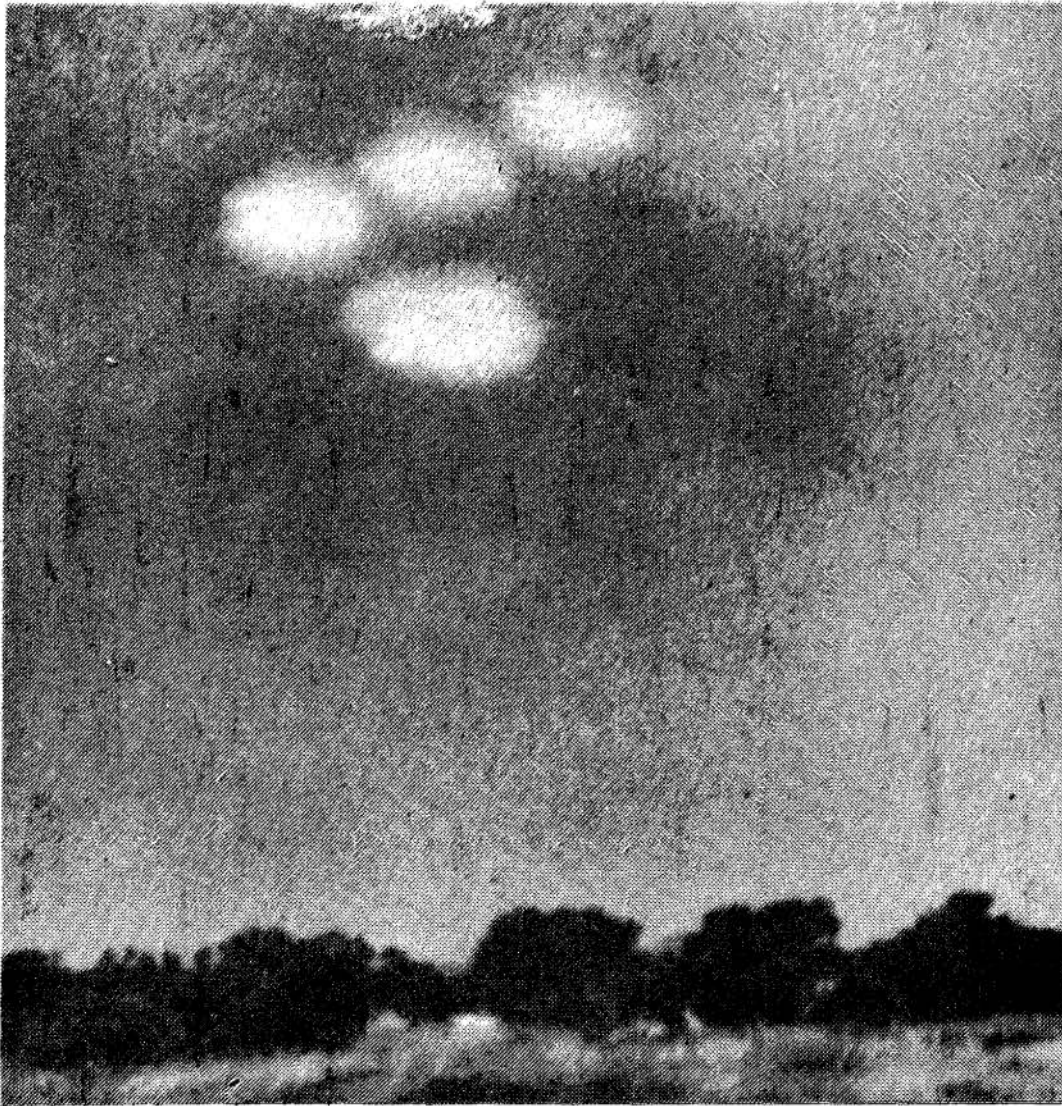
If you have been cleansed of your sins and living for Jesus, you can have the hope of being taken--caught up at His coming, to meet Him in the air.

The Bible reminds us that there would be "signs in the heavens" just before Jesus comes. Even our government's investigation into this phenomena was inaugurated under the label of PROJECT SIGN. What clearer identification could there be that the appearance of these unidentified flying objects might be related to our Lord's return?

Matthew Henry's commentary says of the Scripture, "...and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven," that these signs shall take place "in the sky and in the clouds." That's exactly what we are seeing today so that we believe the UFO phenomena is a sign that our Lord's coming is verily close at hand.

Beloved, it pays to repent of any sin that may be haunting you just now. Turn from it. It won't be worth it to be left behind when Jesus comes. Ask Him to forgive you and save you and then believe that He will. For He has promised, "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." And then live for Him every day.

For He hath said, "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."



UFO'S

Reported balls of fire racing across the skies from Missouri and Texas to Florida, along with loud explosions in various parts of the world, made news, reviving stories of the appearance of UFO's.

One report tells of high-altitude explosions equal to a force of 100,000 tons of TNT, shattering windows, scaring residents, and baffling scientists. In some instances these explosions, reported as far away as Australia and even heard in the Middle East, are accompanied by what we call UFO's.

UFO's came into prominence at the same time Israel became a nation so that we can't help but wonder if there is some significance to their appearance during the past thirty years.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration had been asked to probe into the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects but they have turned down the request which came from the White House saying that there was no tangible evidence on which to base such a study.

One nuclear physicist, Stanton T. Friedman, called NASA's action "incredible." Said Friedman: "I'm at a loss to under-

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Photograph of UFOs over Taormina, Sicily, in summer of 1954. Objects were about 100 feet in diameter, silent and were filmed by United Press staff photographer. Thousands watched the UFOs until Italian jet arrived and chased them away.

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stand the ignorance of NASA not to pursue the study of UFO's." there have been over 60,000 reported UFO sightings, according to Frieman.

When NASA states that there is no tangible evidence of UFO's, it is a reminder of a study made by the U.S. Air Force which stated that there was no proof that such a thing as an interplanetary spaceship exists.

E.J. Ruppelt, former head of the Air Force project investigating UFO's, writes: "The hassle over the word 'proof' boils down to one question: What constitutes proof? Does a UFO have to land at the River Entrance to the Pentagon, near the Joint Chief of Staff offices? Or is it proof when a ground radar station detects a UFO, sends a jet to intercept it, the jet pilot sees it, and locks on with his radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a phenomenal speed? Is it proof when a jet pilot fires at a UFO and sticks to his story even under the threat of court-martial? Does this constitute proof?"

We think the Watergate coverup is really small and insignificant in comparison to the coverup of information surrounding the appearance of UFO's. However, the explanation might be found in incidents such as the Orson Welles story of an invasion from outer space which found some people literally "scared to death" over what they were hearing. Even though the radio play was dramatized as fiction, it had frightening results.

So facts on UFO's are being withheld for perhaps the same reason. But there is coming a time, according to the Bible, when we believe that the facts will be made known. UFO's may have been prevented from landing because they represent a civilization far superior to ours so that they evade capture.

However, there's a day coming, said Jesus, "when men's hearts will fail them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." (Luke 21:26)

For instance, the book of the Revelation reminds us that there is coming a time when earth's inhabitants will get a glimpse of the coming of our Lord in triumph to this earth. What happens? We read: "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains."

That doesn't sound as if men are anxiously awaiting the day when the Lord will come to this earth to reign, does it?

Now we believe there are two aspects to our Lord's return. First, He is seen coming FOR His saints, and then possibly seven years later, He comes WITH His saints.

It is at our Lord's coming that great fear is seen coming upon earth's inhabitants. We read where men will say to the rocks and mountains, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:16-17)

That won't be a happy day, will it?

Only for the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ who is found living for Him will the coming of our Lord be a glorious day. For the believer does not look for wrath but for rapture.

We read in I Thess. 1:10 that we "wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which

delivered us from the wrath to come.”

Are we looking for Jesus to come? Then we should not be looking for this day of wrath when men call for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of the Lord. If we are born again, we should be looking for Jesus who “delivered us from the wrath to come.”

We read, “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.” (I Thess. 1:10; 5:9-10)

We are hearing a great deal about the phenomena we call UFO's. Motion picture films are being produced relating to possible encounters with space people. Will it ever happen?

What is the explanation for UFO's?

Time doesn't permit us to go into detail but we see the possibility of these objects in our skies, shaped like eggs or saucers, as representing God's chariots. As Ezekiel saw these wheels which went on their sides, and went like the lightning, so many describe our UFO's today.

The Psalmist declared: “The chariots of God are twenty thousand, and thousands of angels are among them.” Could some of them be heavenly chariots, with angels as the pilots?

Satan, as a fallen angelic being, might also have these chariots, which may account for the war in heaven predicted for the endtime. On occasion, where UFO's have been seen, there have been reports of what is known as skyquakes, which could very well explain some of the noises in the heavens that are being heard in various parts of the world.

Could it be that when the Lord comes for His own that He will come with His chariots? Recall the old spiritual, “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, coming for to carry me home!”

The Apostle Paul relates how it will be when the Lord comes. He tells us: “The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet 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.” I Thess. 4:16-17.

This is our glorious message--that Jesus is coming again. And when He comes, we will be “caught up” to meet Him in the air. The word used here is “harpazo” which means “seized by force and taken away speedily.” (Wuest.)

Could some of these UFO's represent angels coming for the saints at the time of rapture? We do not know.

The Bible reminds us that our Lord's coming will be sudden when we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. How fast we shall travel through space and in an instant be on our way to Heaven!

At about the same time, we can expect this war in heaven described in Rev. 12:7, between Michael and the holy angels and Satan. As a result of this war in heaven, we have the devil “cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

While Christ's appearance for His own will find believers caught up to meet Him in the air, we find Satan actually cast down to the earth in that day. Think of it!

The Bible says: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth," when this happens. Satan will possess a world ruler, and through this Antichrist he will act and speak, demanding allegiance of the whole world. This Antichrist will make war upon the saints and overcome them. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him except those who know from the Bible that he is an imposter and refuse to bow to him and no doubt die for their faith.

In conclusion, we might ask, Can we be victorious over Satan?

When mention is made of Satan being cast down upon the earth, it is stated: "And they overcame him 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)

We don't have to be defeated by the devil. However, there are secrets we all should learn in order to be victorious over Satan.

First, we need to surrender wholly to Jesus Christ. Even to the religious of our Lord's day, He declared, "Ye are of your father the devil," for they sought to murder Him. But we can become members of God's family through transferring our allegiance to Jesus Christ--inviting Him to come into our hearts and lives. As we read: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

Second, when tempted of the devil to do wrong, we need to resist his advances. We need to "draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you; resist the devil and he will flee from you." The way our Lord resisted Satan's temptations was to quote the Word of God, saying: "It is written." Have firm faith in God's Word.

Paul writes: "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Eph. 6:10-11)

So victory comes when we know the Word of God and use it as a weapon to ward off the enemy.

Finally, we are reminded of weapons which we have which are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. We can't attack Satan with guns or ammunition but by using the name of Jesus, and by claiming the power of the shed blood as his defeat. We can defeat him, and where he has bound someone, we can cast out these demons in the name of Jesus if we are in a right relationship with the Lord ourselves.

Before getting on the highways, it is good to pray, "Lord protect me. Keep me under the protection of your shed blood." You will find a new dimension in your Christian life. Satan has no right to oppress you unless you yield to sin, or unless it is in God's permissive will, but you must know how to ward off the wiles of the devil.

So may God give you the victory now, and may it be said of you that you overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of your testimony of your faith in Jesus Christ.

And may you be ready for His soon coming. For our Lord hath said, "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."



UFO'S APPEAR AS CLOUDS

The NATIONAL ENQUIRER (Jan 30, 1979) reports: "Huge squadrons of UFO's are blitzing Earth like never before in history."

Among the many sightings has been that of a UFO the size of a giant ocean liner seen by thousands in Italy. The object gave off beams of light over a mile long, and after hovering for a few moments was able to create a screen of smoke or fog and disappear behind it.

Testified a chief security guard at a Sicilian oil refinery, "The cloud gradually got bigger, enveloping more and more of the bright circle of light in the center...and suddenly the UFO was gone."

Today we would like to ask, Is there any significance to some of the UFO's seen as clouds, and the mention of objects appearing as clouds in the Bible?

Speculation as to what people are seeing in this latest wave of UFO sightings ranges from stars to the appearance of clouds, by those who doubt that there are actual objects traversing space.

We would like to look at some of the Scriptures in the Bible to show how "clouds" were seen by various writers and linked to our Lord's appearance in both the Old and New Testaments.

UFO's appearing in "cloudlike formations" are quite common. One set of films taken of these fast-moving cloud-like objects eventually shows saucer-shaped objects actually moving out of the clouds. Thus it might be pondered as to whether clouds are a camouflage for the objects.

Webster defines a cloud as a "visible mass of fog or haze suspended at a height in the air." There should be no problem in understanding what a cloud looks like. However, should you look up and see that cloud, or a formation of clouds, moving across the heavens at an incredible speed, would you not wonder about such a strange phenomenon?

Let's look at the Scriptures to see how the various writers referred to the use of clouds as a kind of conveyance. Some clouds are even referred to as "chariots," as we read in Psalm 104:3, where mention is made of the majesty and greatness of our God, and where we read that He "maketh the clouds his chariots." In Isa. 19:1, we read, "The Lord rideth upon a swift cloud..."

All you have to do is read the story of the wanderings of the children of Israel in the wilderness and you have mention made of a cloud dozens of times as it related to our Lord's appearance in overshadowing His people.

Let's look at some of those references.

Exodus 13:31, "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way..."

Then during the time when the Lord gave to Moses the ten commandments, we read: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud..." Ex. 19:9

Again in Ex. 24:15-18... "And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the Lord abode upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud..."

These verses indicate our Lord's appearance to Moses in a cloud; whether it was a cloud of vapors or a cloud-like object that hovered over Mount Sinai, is left up to our imagination.

Exodus 34:5 says: "And the Lord descended in the cloud," which means the cloud became a kind of conveyance with movement.

In Numbers 11:25 we read, "And the Lord came down in a cloud..." And in Numbers 12:5, "And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle..."

In Jeremiah 4:13, we read of the coming Day of the Lord: "Behold he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles."

As a result of this invasion, Jeremiah sees vast destruction, saying: "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains and lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger."

Did you hear it?

This is a description of the coming day of the Lord when the earth will suffer great wrath on account of man's wickedness.

Daniel the Prophet likewise describes the day of our Lord's coming, saying, "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven..." Dan. 7:13

Ezekiel, more than any other writer, describes what many believe to be the "saucer-like" objects which are being seen when he speaks of "wheels" which "went upon their...sides." (Ezekiel 1:4)

We might ask, Is this something of the description of Elijah being caught up into heaven which took place at Gilgal? The name for Gilgal may be significant for it means "wheel, a circle," (according to Davis Bible Dictionary).

We read where Elijah and Elisha were walking, and as they talked, there "appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." (See 2 Kings 2:11)

Quite a description!

We can't help but wonder whether this kind of conveyance relates to some of the UFO's being seen today.

Now for a look in the New Testament where reference is made to clouds which could be objects instead of haze and dew that real clouds are made of. We don't think we are stretching the truth when we say that some of the references to clouds are identical, or at least similar, to what was described in the Old Testament.

We have a picture of the transfiguration of Jesus when His face shone bright as the sun, just like Moses' countenance when he was in the presence of God at Mt. Sinai.

Then two men are seen talking with Jesus...Moses and Elijah, when there appeared also a cloud, and overshadowed them. Peter, James and John were with our Lord and witnessed the event. We read, "And they feared as they entered into the cloud."

Was this cloud an object that conveyed Moses and Elijah away? For when the disciples saw the cloud, they were sore afraid and fell on their faces. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only."

This is the description given in the Bible of the disciples being afraid of what they had seen even as people today are filled

with fear when an unidentified flying object approaches.

Later, our Lord tells the disciples how it will be when He will return, saying: "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Luke 21:26-27)

And, we're reminded: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." v. 28.

Do you see how our Lord describes His coming as related to fearful sights, when He tells us He will return in a CLOUD with power and great glory?

Would you notice at Christ's ascension, we read: "While they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." (Acts 1:8)

And we see where two men appeared in white apparel who said, "Why stand ye gazing into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

So as the Lord ascended in a cloud, He will return in a cloud. And as two men, possibly angelic beings, appeared at His ascension, so we can expect angels to appear with Him when He returns.

Listen to what we read in Revelation 1:7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him."

This is a description of how it will be when our Lord returns to judge the world. Surely there will be weeping and wailing on the part of those who rejected the offers of salvation extended from pulpits throughout the land.

But listen to what happens to those who are ready for His coming at the event we call the rapture, when those who are looking for His coming will be caught up to meet Him before this coming awful day of wrath.

We read: "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." (I Thes 4:16-18)

Whether the saints will be caught up in a chariot as was Elijah, or in a cloud like our Lord at His ascension, we do not know. However, we point out that the Greek word for "caught up" used here is HARPAZO which means "seized by force and taken away speedily," according to Dr. Wuest, the Greek Scholar.

There is still the account of two witnesses we would give as found in Revelation 11:12. For 3 1/2 years, during the tribulation that is ahead, they will prophesy concerning God's judgments seen coming upon the nations. This angers the world ruler we call the antichrist so that he has these witnesses killed. For three days and a half their dead bodies are seen lying in the streets of Jerusalem. They are not buried. And all the people of the earth shall see (through worldwide television) their dead

bodies. Then, after 3 1/2 days, the Spirit of life from God enters their bodies, and they stand upon their feet, and ascend up to heaven in a cloud while their enemies behold them.

We ask again, Could this cloud be representative of cloudlike objects such as some of the UFO's being seen today? Are some of the UFO's God's chariots preparing for the day when His command will be executed and His Word fulfilled?

Of this we can be sure--we are living in dramatic days. This is the endtime spoken of in Scripture. And we can expect the return of our Lord for His own at any time.

The important thing is to "be ready" whenever this does occur. For we know not the day nor the hour when our Lord will come.

You can be ready by heeding this message and by turning to the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. He promises to forgive us of our sins if we will sincerely repent of them, trusting His death on the cross as complete payment for our sins.

Won't you trust Him as your Saviour and Lord today? And be ye therefore ready also for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh.



UFO'S OVER JERUSALEM

Following the recent wave of UFO sightings, the House of Lords in England solemnly scheduled a debate on Flying Saucers. Declared one of the Lords, the eighth earl of Clancarty: "The likelihood of a landing by an alien spaceship has increased. Our people need to be prepared for it."

What would you do if a spacecraft landed outside your home? Would you welcome it? Be frightened by it? Shoot at it?

In Johannesburg, a South African woman and her son reported seeing six "beings" in front of a brightly colored craft which landed on a lonely country road. When the woman became excited and shouted, the creatures jumped into their craft and flew away.

In Israel there have been reported UFO sightings in Haifa--appearing as a red ball in the sky, and in Jerusalem--where the appearance took on sparkling colors of red, blue and purple.

Karol Braunstein of Haifa described the red globe as "shooting across the sky faster than a jet fighter."

Policemen on duty in Jerusalem described three mysterious objects which hovered over the city.

One policeman drove to the Mount of Olives to get a closer look and described what he saw as "three objects with irregular hues of red, blue and purple--like a sparkling diamond in the sun."

Isaiah tells of a time when the Lord will come to the defense of Israel--literally and physically.

We read, "Now the Egyptians are men, and not God, and their horses flesh, and not spirit...Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey...so shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for Mt. Zion and the hill thereof. As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it."

Now, we're not saying that recent appearances of UFO's over Jerusalem are in fulfilment of these Scriptures, but they are certainly a reminder of what's ahead....of the day when this will happen.

Some have said these appearances of birds flying are airplanes. But the Scripture specifically says, "The Lord will defend Jerusalem, and defending it he will also deliver it, and passing

over he will preserve it."

We don't fully know the outcome of the peace initiatives continuing between Egypt and Israel. Sadat says there will be no more concessions from Egypt, and Israel continues to be hesitant about giving up captured lands, so the peace talks remain in a stalemate.

Zechariah describes what will eventually happen. The nations of earth will gather at Jerusalem, maybe to settle the matter. It is that encounter that will anger the Almighty and He will descend upon the Mount of Olives with vengeance.

Listen to what we read: "Behold the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle..." Did you hear it?

And we read: "Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east,...and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee." (See Zech. 14:1-5)

Isaiah describes this endtime conflict, saying: "For, behold the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many." (Isa. 66:15-16)

Would you suppose that seeing UFO's over Jerusalem, and specifically over the Mount of Olives, is a reminder of what's ahead? For there is a day coming when a great battle will take place with the armies of earth gathering at Armageddon. It is then that the Lord comes down with His army to bring destruction and death to the armies of earth. In Revelation we read how the blood will flow to the horses' bridles for a distance of 176 miles.

Believing that our Lord may be extending a warning by the appearance of these objects in our skies, we would explain again what is about to happen.

As we see it, a day is soon coming when Christ will come like the lightning. He will sweep across the heavens and gather up the saints--those who are ready to meet Him. They will hurry back to heaven where there will be a time of feasting in what Scripture calls "the marriage supper of the Lamb." Our Lord is pictured as the sacrificial Lamb who gave His life for us, and at this supper we are united with Him forever, as two are united in marriage.

Thus there is coming a day when, we read: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write: Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

It is then that John the Revelator describes what happens next. He writes: "I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war...And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Who is seen leading the procession? He is called the King of

kings and Lord of lords! He is none other than our Saviour. And following in His train are the raptured saints.

It is this sky armada that attracts the attention of the nations of earth. Supposing the invasion from other worlds has come, there is this gathering of the armies of earth to make war with the armies seen coming from heaven.

WHAT HAPPENS?

First, an announcement is made for the birds of prey to fly to this land of conflict.

Listen as John describes the event: "I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God. That ye may eat the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great."

Notice what happens.

John writes, "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image, These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

Have you ever wondered how this world will end? What is the end of all the crime and violence we are seeing today? What will happen to those nations that raise the fist toward heaven and defy the very knowledge and existence of God? What of those who say that we are here by evolution rather than that a loving God created man for the purpose of glorifying His name? What of all those who turn their back upon Jesus Christ and refuse to believe that He is the world's Saviour?

What we have just read is the fate of all who will not be ready for our Lord when He comes--who will be left behind to face the judgment of earth described so vividly in the Word of God.

Either you will be at the marriage supper in heaven when we sit down with our Lord at a time of feasting, or you may be at the supper of the Great God when earth's inhabitants become the food of vultures.

The choice is ours to make. According to the Scriptures, we can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved, or simply do nothing and be lost. We can be spared this awful fate if we will heed God's Word which reminds us, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Why not call on His name? Ask Him now to save you--to forgive you of your sins--to come into your heart and life? If you mean it, He will do it.

This is the greatest decision you will ever make. Then live for Jesus every day. Read His Word and pray for daily help and guidance, for this is the way to prepare for His soon coming.

For remember our Lord hath said, "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."



UFO'S OVER RUSSIA

Believe it or not--Flying Saucers continue to make news. The most amazing of all aerial phenomena has been reported in every part of the world, including Russia.

As a matter of fact, reports of unidentified flying objects in the Soviet Union have been the means of causing a religious revival and return to God. Russian peasants, unable to explain the strange phenomena, have reasoned this to be something supernatural--possibly a warning from God.

Paul Vorohaef, Russian-born but now living in America, reports on information he has received from behind the Iron Curtain. According to his report, "In Southeastern Siberia, unidentified flying objects have been spotted causing great alarm bordering on near panic. This was interpreted by the Russian peasants as some awesome warnings of a Supernatural Being of some impending disaster, possibly the end of the world!"

The Soviet Press has said practically nothing about this invasion from outer space. The reason, according to Voronaef, is "religious." Because of fear that more Russians may turn to God, the Communists have tried to squelch these reports. Fear of the unknown finds Soviet scientists hesitant about saying anything "official" about "flying saucers" invading Russia.

A Soviet newspaper did publish a story of flying saucers over Chile, South America. Dated Sept. 10, 1965, the newspaper reported the appearance of twelve UFO's seen by hunters. One of the hunters directed an electric spotlight on the UFO's. Then he blinked the spotlight, turning it off and on, and to his amaze-

ment the saucers turned on their lights, blinking in response. Soviet Scientist, Dr. Mitrofan Averev, agrees that unknown objects are moving around the earth. Another Observatory professor has declared--"We are not alone in the universe."

Incidentally, the Soviets speaking of these UFO's call them "BLUD ZA" which is "saucers" in Russian. Other reports of Soviet sightings of saucers come from Italy. A magazine published in Rome, and devoted to such technical matters as missiles and space research, relates the following information.

According to this article, "The Soviet Union, with all its war plants, atomic installations, air-fields, and missile bases, is under the UFO survey, and Russian military authorities are very unhappy about these 'sky spies.' Thousands of people, including officials, are seeing these huge saucer-like aircraft, some immense cigar-shaped along with mysterious 'fire-balls' such as they are also seen in the United States."

In 1961, at a Soviet factory making heavy tanks, there was a great explosion which almost precipitated an international crisis. Soviet authorities had wanted to place the blame on American sabotage agents. However, several witnesses testified that at daybreak, they had seen a ball of fire descending towards the factory. There followed an explosion, and for several minutes a cloud of dust and debris hid the site. When the cloud had settled all that remained was a rubble-filled crater. Incidentally, in this particular section of the factory, we are told, a special automatic device for use with atomic cannons was being manufactured. After the explosion, a UFO was seen poised stationary overhead for some minutes, as though making certain the job had been done. In another report, just north of Moscow rocket batteries were being set up as part of the Soviet defense system. Suddenly, a huge disc-shaped object appeared, and with it a number of smaller "flying saucers." The UFO's took up positions and appeared as though they were studying the missile site.

Witnessing this unbelievable spectacle, a nervous battery-commander panicked and gave unauthorized command to "open fire." Several missiles were fired at the giant disc but they exploded before they reached their target, creating a fantastic fireworks display in the sky. At this point the smaller "saucer" went into action and apparently was able to create a blackout over the area, thus stalling the electrical apparatus. Later, when the smaller saucer returned back to the giant larger craft, the electrical apparatus was found to be in working order again.

Amazing, almost unbelievable, isn't it?

Scientists in Europe and America are of the opinion that these flying saucers are of extra-terrestrial origin--that is, they are not of this planet. They believe further that these space craft are capable of surrounding themselves with an intense electromagnetic force-field which can be used by pilots of these spaceships to create "blackouts" such as was witnessed in New York and elsewhere. This also accounts for the tremendous speed of these saucers, indicating a technology far advanced and superior to any of our present-day scientific knowledge. In fact, it is believed these UFO's are capable of

creating a kind of vacuum, enabling them to fly through the atmosphere with the least of friction.

Even the so-called "fireballs" which we are hearing about are almost amazing. Another report that spread alarm and near panic inside Russia occurred in the Spring of 1959. In the skies above Sverdlovsk, headquarters for a Tactical Missile Command, there appeared one of these unusual fireballs. Red Air Force pilots fired upon it, and one Soviet air-force pilot told under searching examination how he actually flew through it. The fireball had simply expanded to let him through and then took its normal shape again as if nothing had happened. While under fire from his machine guns, it had zig-zagged and maneuvered to avoid being hit, clearly showing that it was under intelligent control.

Perhaps you are wondering about the possible significance of these flying saucers. What are they? Where are they from? Why are they here?

We believe they are a sign to the world that we are living in the Endtime. The prophet Joel, writing concerning the "latter days," refers to "wonders" appearing in the heavens. Flying Saucers are truly today's great wonder! Every nation on earth would like to know the secret of their mission and for what purpose they exist.

The appearance of flying saucers in Russia has caused fear and consternation to grip the Soviet people. And there are reports of revival as a result of these strange heavenly objects.

Similarly, we would hope that in all seriousness, you accept our message today as a challenge. Believe with us that the coming of Jesus hastens, when with an armada of saints, He is seen descending to this earth, and like a magnet all who are ready to meet Him are seen ascending back to Heaven with Him. As Elijah similarly went to Heaven by way of a fiery chariot, like a whirlwind, we have reason to suspect that flying saucers may be God's means of transportation in that day of rapture! At least, their presence in the sky may be an indication that our Lord's return is very close at hand.

Remember, the Bible says: "To those who look for Him shall He appear the second time." Are you ready to meet Him? Are your sins forgiven?

If not, don't let another moment go by without praying this prayer. "Lord Jesus, I believe you died on the cross for my sins. I now gladly turn from my sins to trust you as my Saviour to forgive me, and make me your child. Help me now to live for you every day, till you come. Amen."

If you prayed this prayer and meant it, you can be ready to meet the Lord should He come yet today. For He hath said, "Be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."



SERMON FROM SCIENCE: THE BERYL & UFO'S

Another amazing evidence of the scientific accuracy of Holy Scripture might be found in Ezekiel's reference to BERYL, as related to the recent discovery of BERYLLIUM in our Space program.

Ezekiel's description of the wheels which he saw, which went upon their sides, is a perfect description of flying saucers which are being seen today in every part of the world. It was concerning these wheels that Ezekiel writes: "The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl." Now beryl is a composite of beryllium and aluminum. It is a hard, lustrous mineral that is a source of beryllium. (Webster)

Imagine our amazement when a listener sent us a copy of the recently published supplement of the AMERICAN METAL MARKET with several articles devoted to the use of beryllium in our present Agena and Gemini space programs. Beryllium has been tested and found structurally durable, and able to withstand tremendous heat such as is encountered when a space capsule travels through our atmosphere.

Not only does this imply that what Ezekiel saw may be identical to what we are seeing today, but it also gives evidence of the scientific reliability of Holy Scripture.

The Bible was not written as a book of science, but it is scientific.

An example of this might be given to show how oil was discovered in the Middle East which today is one of the greatest sources of the supply of oil.

We're told that one of the directors of the Standard Oil Company was reading his Bible. He read in Exodus, the second chapter, about the mother of Moses making for him an ark of bulrushes. In verse three, it is stated that she "daubed it with slime and with pitch."

This company official reasoned that where there was pitch, there must be oil. And if there was oil in Moses' time, it is probably still there. So the company sent out a geologist and

oil expert by the name of Charles Whitshott, with the result that oil was discovered.

The remarkable disclosure that beryllium is now being used successfully in our space program is further indication of the scientific reliability of the Bible, even in matters unrelated to man's salvation.

As Ulric Jelinek, scientist serving in our Rocket and Guided Missile Program as Chief of Materials Research, declares concerning the Bible, "Recent discoveries of science have given this Book a richer and a fuller meaning than ever before."

Says Jelinek, "As a scientist, I am particularly interested in the fact that the Bible is scientifically correct. Many new findings of science demonstrate this fact and I would like to call your attention to the secret of why this is so. It is because, in the authorship of the Bible, men, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, wrote contrary to and beyond the thinking of their times."

This scientist notes: "The Bible was written in the language of the common man and in the culture of the day. The divine guidance lay in the fact that the writers avoided the explanation of scientific things. Had they tried to interpret scriptural statements in the light of the best science of the day, this book would be full of grotesque error as are all the scientific books of past ages."

For instance, Jeremiah declared that the stars cannot be numbered. (Jere. 33:19-22) Hipparchus, who lived 150 BC, declared that there were exactly 1026 stars in the universe. Ptolemy, a Roman scientist who lived at the time of Christ, said there were not 1026 stars, but 1056. Not until 1610 A.D. did a scientist by the name of Galileo invent the telescope. And looking into the heavens, he cried, "Hold everything." For today it is estimated that there are about 100 billion stars in our galaxy alone; and there are billions of galaxies. So Jeremiah was right when the science of his day was wrong.

More and more, the Bible is recognized for what it claims to be--the Word of God, both historically accurate and scientifically correct.

As the late Winston Churchill declared: "I believe that the most scientific view finds its fullest satisfaction in taking the Bible story literally. I remain unmoved by the tomes of 'Professor Gradgrind' or 'Dr. Dryasdust.' We may be sure that all these things happened to people not very different from ourselves, and that the impressions they received were faithfully recorded."

Our conclusion then--Ezekiel wasn't too far off in referring to beryl in relation to the wheels which he saw, which may be identical to the flying saucers being seen today. Furthermore, our government's discovery and use of beryllium adds confirmation to our belief in the scientific accuracy and total reliability of Holy Scripture.