

manufacture come from the quickening of God's Spirit upon the minds of these men. Our nation is full of new things — they are coming in as a flood upon us in this particular generation. The reason is that we have come to the end of the church age and to the beginning of the kingdom age when the curse of heavy toil is to be lifted, bringing leisure and abundance. Some of the inventors are not born-again, but the Spirit of God uses them in whatever way He sees fit as He has used people all through history.

Verse 30: *"And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke."* Joel undoubtedly foresaw (as we mentioned earlier in connection with verse 2) some of the atomic and nuclear explosions; he saw the clouds; he saw the bloodshed of World War I, World War II and of today.

In verse 31 he again gives the time indicator: *"the great and dreadful day of the Lord."*

Verse 32: *"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said . . ."*

Mount Zion is the United States of America — but you ask, what about Jerusalem? When we come to the word *"Jerusalem"* we must always ask ourselves if it is the old Jerusalem or the New Jerusalem that is referred to. The Bible speaks of the new Jerusalem and it also speaks of the daughter of Jerusalem. The daughter and the mother are not the same and neither are the new and the old. Our great nation is the New Jerusalem, the nation that the Apostle John saw coming down from heaven, the same being built upon the Old and the New Scriptures. (When you read the book of the *Revelation* remember it is written in symbols.)

Who built this United States of America? none other than the descendants of ten-tribed Israel who came from

Europe. How did they build it? They built it upon the writings of the prophets and the apostles. The United States, then, is Mount Zion; it is the daughter of Zion, the daughter of Jerusalem and the New Jerusalem. All of these terms refer to our nation.

Will our land be destroyed, taken over, annihilated and subjugated? No, we will be so harrassed and find ourselves in so much difficulty and distress that we will be forced to turn to the Word of God. We are the same Israel people today as in the days of the Old Scripture, and when things got bad enough the Israel people turned to the national message of God's Word. They turned to the Gospel of the Kingdom, and when they did, God intervened and delivered them. Peace and prosperity, tranquility and security then came to the nation.