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If you were in a time machine, and you were projected forward into time, and saw great things, and you had to describe them in the language of your day, how would you describe them? Would you call some things “giant locusts,” “horses,” “chariots,” “stars,” “thrones,” and “lightening”?

This is what the apostle John did, and all the other prophets of the Bible, when they saw a glimpse of the modern world. They would describe the things they saw, but described them in the knowledge and the language of their day! But we will see in the Bible, that the prophets describe exactly the modern weapons that we posses today!

The 19th Century

Up to the beginning of the 19th century, there had been no practical change in man’s condition. For millennia he had been laboring by the sweat of his brow to provide for his material needs. During the same years, the fastest mode of travel up on land was by horse and upon the sea in sailing vessels. Then sudden changes began to take place. When Israel began to have the curse lifted and they began to receive the birthright of Abraham, in August 1807 A.D. Robert Fulton’s steamship Clermont made its first voyage on the Hudson River. The first steamboat to cross the Atlantic was the Rising Sun, built in England, making the Transatlantic voyage in 1818 A.D. It’s interesting that in Isaiah there is a prophecy that speaks about the people of the United States of America, and talks about sending its Ambassadors “in vessels of bulrushes” (18:2). The correct translation is “water Drinking Vessels.”

“...When the translators of the King James Version (1611) came to a Hebrew compound word ‘water drinking vessels,’ they had no idea what it meant so they looked around for something that grew out of the water and guessed ‘bulrushes, cattails, flags,’ etc...hence the word ‘vessels of bulrushes’...[the] ‘vessels drink’ is a perfect description of our modern day steam ships, which was not even dreamed of in Isaiah’s time or perceived by the King James translators. But the words ‘water drinking vessels upon the waters’ is a picture of Ocean liners, pumping up water, distilling it, and turning it into steam to propel its crew, passengers and cargo unto lands” (Our Great Seal p.74, Raymond Capt, emphasis added). This is a perfect fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy.

Water Drinking Vessels (Steam ships) prophesied in the Bible

During this time as well, the modern house to house system of communication became a reality as a result of Alexander Graham Bell’s invention of the Telephone. By 1911 mass production
was perfected, which would have been impossible to have attained the present high state of
Industrial development. Mass communication is found in the Bible in the book of Revelation.
During the time of the ministry of the Two Witnesses, the Bible prophesied that, “And they of
the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an
half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.
“And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts
one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.” (Rev 11:9-
10). How can the whole world see the Two Witnesses’ dead bodies at the same time unless mass
communication exists during this time? This can only be done by Television, internet radio etc…

Also in the year of 1941, the secret of unlocking the power contained in the atom became known.
Four years later the first use made of the new power was to destroy the two Japanese cities
Hiroshima and Nagasaki in World War Two, with death taking a tragic toll among their
inhabitants. Instead of using this source for peaceful productive purposes, nations since the close
of World War Two have continued to experiment with it as a means of mass destruction

Without exception, all prophets, Jesus Christ, and the apostles included, prophesied that, as this
present age came to a close, the accompanying events would bring despair to all men for fear of
the possible annihilation of all mankind. After speaking words of warning concerning this time
of tribulation, Jesus Christ climaxed his remarks with a pronouncement of marked significance:
“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s
sake those days shall be shortened” (Matt 24:22). We could have never understood these words
until the dawn of the nuclear age.

Scientists, many of whom are agnostics, have confirmed this possibility of the total destruction
of the earth and all of its inhabitants 50 times over! Men are therefore living in dread of what
might happen and consequently the words of Jesus Christ are being fulfilled in our generation,
“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.” The reference here is to the unlocking of the
secrets of the atom. The destructive uses for which the knowledge is utilized has put the world in
fear.

The book of revelation shows the spectacular display of atomic power centuries beyond its time:
“And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island
were moved out of their places” (Rev 6:14). Describing in his own first century language, John
shows a nuclear blast, that destroys islands, and land masses out of their place.

The opening of the heavens “as a scroll” describes perfectly the mushroom cloud of a nuclear
blast. For many centuries many could not have understood the words of John because many of
these modern weapons were not invented until this modern age in which we live today. Now
these mysteries can be understood. Daniel prophesied that, “...O Daniel, shut up the words, and
seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be
increased.” (Daniel 12:4). The explosion of Knowledge occurred only in our time of the 19th, 20th
and 21st centuries. Global travel is also prophesied during this explosion of knowledge in this
prophecy, “many shall run to and fro.” This has only occurred in our modern age.
The prophet Zachariah reveals the effects of Nuclear war when he wrote: “And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth” (14:12). There is nothing like this but nuclear war!

Here is another description of the effects of nuclear warfare, “And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. “And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. “And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, “And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.” (Rev 16:8-11).

The effects of the Neutron bomb are also described in the book of Revelation. John prophesied, that “locusts” were to torment the earth with a weapon that, “that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads” (Rev 9:4). Here is a weapon that kills men, but does not hurt the trees or the grass.

**Secular Confirmation**

Amazingly, predictions by secular writers parallel the horrific visions of John in nearly every major detail. Contrast the words (in regular print) of secular writer Jonathan Schell author of the book The Fate of the Earth (1970), with what the Bible says (in parenthesis) as he describes the consequences of a nuclear war:

“Bearing in mind that the possible consequences of the detonations of thousands of megatons of nuclear explosives include… the extinction of many ocean species, among them some at the base of the food chain…” (“And every living creature in the sea died” — Revelation 16:3).

“… the pollution of the whole ecosphere with oxides of nitrogen.” (“And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night” — Revelation 8:12).

“… a significant decrease in photosynthesis in plants around the world; the scalding and killing of many crops…” (“And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up” — Revelation 8:7).

“… the increase in rates of cancer and mutation around the world…” (“… and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast” — Revelation 16:2).

“… the attendant risk of global epidemics…” (“And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences” — Luke 21:11)
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“… the possible poisoning of all vertebrates by sharply increased levels of vitamin D in their skin as a result of increased ultraviolet light.” (“the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat” — Revelation 16:8).

“… and the outright slaughter on all targeted continents of most human beings and other living things by the initial nuclear radiation, the fireballs, the thermal pulses, the blast waves, the mass fires, and the fall-out from the explosions.” (“By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed — by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone” — Revelation 9:18).

“Considering that these consequences will all interact with one another in un-guessable ways and, furthermore, are in all likelihood an incomplete list… one must conclude that a full-scale nuclear holocaust could lead to the extinction of mankind.” (“And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” — Matthew 24:22).

Arsenals of nations

The Prophets saw also, all types of modern weapons in the arsenals of nations preparing for war. John saw, and describing in his own language, the firing of these missiles that were launched from rocket pads and sped through the sky. Joel as well describes the same thing.

“And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; “And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.” (Rev 8:10-11).

“A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.” (Joel 2:3).

In his book, There’s A New World Coming (1973), Lindsey refers to the fractional orbital bomb, and then goes on to cite nuclear passages in the book of Revelation: “It [the bomb] consists of a dozen or so nuclear tipped missiles which can be fired simultaneously from an orbiting space platform. Because the missiles come straight down from the sky, they can strike several cities simultaneously and with virtually no warning. When these missiles streak through the air they’ll look like meteors showering the atmosphere!”

The Bible describes “hail” “And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent [113 pounds]; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.” (Rev 16:21). Heaven is raining down large hail stones on the earth.

Here is another description of hailstones burning the earth “The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.” (Rev 8:7).
The description of “hail” falling from heaven is a clear description of bombs falling and exploding on earth causing destruction.

John describes a missile, as “a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;” (Rev 8:10).
Notice John’s description of horses that he sees in vision, “And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.” (Rev 9:17). Out of the mouths of these horses comes out smoke and brimstone. This is a perfect description of missiles rolling out of silos from mobile trucks and tanks.

John says this is their strength, “By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. “For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.” (Rev 9:18-19).
If one notices, tanks and other mobile military equipment look a lot like insects. The Bible describes locusts, cankerworms, caterpillars and palmerworms and God calls it, “my great army” (Joel 2:25). These insects devour everything in its path.

Jeremiah also describes the Horses in the end time as caterpillars which tanks do look like with the tracks that they have on the Bottom, “cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars” (Jer 51:27).

Tank Tracks like a caterpillar

John’s Description of the Locusts

The Apostle John sees in vision huge “locusts.” How does a first century man describe what he sees in the language of his day, modern warfare? Here in Revelation 9th chapter John does exactly this, trying to describe what he sees in the language of his day:

“And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.
“And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.
“And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
“And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.
“And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
“And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.
“And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.
“And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.
“And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
“And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.
“And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon.” (Rev 9:1-11). What a perfect description of military helicopters!

The sound of their wings sound like many horses and chariots rushing into battle. What else could they be? Anyone who has participated in a large air mobile operation can appreciate how the sound of the rotor blades fits this description.

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The human-like faces John saw were the pilots, through the windshields; tails and stings like scorpions could be the mini-guns or other cannons; lion’s teeth could be the missiles they carry or the Flying Tiger-style fang graphics many crews paint on their gunships; “something like crowns of gold” must be the main rotors…then, (nuclear/biological/chemical) warfare, the “hair like women’s hair” is the chemical agent contrails flowing behind the choppers—a chemical agent which doesn’t harm the environment, but afflicts humans horrendously for 5 months.

**Airplanes “As Birds Flying”**

Jerusalem, the most famous city in the world, was delivered from its centuries-long domination under the Turks, on 9 December 1917 by a British army under General Allenby. That Deliverance undoubtedly constituted the most amazing event of our times, since it fulfilled in minute exactness Bible prophecies given more than two thousand years beforehand.

Jerusalem was delivered, and airplanes had a lot to do with it. Isaiah 31:5, Isaiah pointed out God's promise, “As birds flying so will the Lord of Hosts defend Jerusalem, defending it also He will deliver it, and passing over he will preserve it.” The newspapers of that day wrote: “The General commanding the Egyptian Expeditionary Force reported that his planes were ‘doing good work, 800 feet below sea-level.’ (This was, of course, the Dead Sea valley). Here was a reminder that the men ‘as birds flying’ were certainly at work. Eventually, within five months of the conversation referred to, Jerusalem was indeed delivered” (As Birds Flying, by J.M.Stears).

Joel, writing about the day of the Lord wrote that he saw things “leaping over mountains;” “Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap,” (2:5). Airplanes are the only things that can leap over mountains, and that sound like chariots as they go over.
Automobiles

Automobiles are also mentioned in the bible. Nahum describes modern day chariots, with the language of his day as “the chariots shall be with flaming torches...The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall *justle one against another* in the broad ways: *they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings*” (2:4). What other “chariots” go at unbelievable speeds? Automobiles. The Bible is a book that describes conditions and modern inventions of our day!

The Bible accurately describes the modern technology of our day. In Daniel said in the end time knowledge would increase very rapidly, and that world travel would occur at a tremendous rate.