The unfolding of history holds no surprises for Yahweh, He wrote history before it happened in the prophecies of the Bible. The events occurring this year, which astonish the many people who are so willfully blind to the causes of these things, were all told centuries ago. Isaiah 40:21 reminds us, “Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood it from the foundations of the earth?” Then in Isaiah 42:9 Yahweh tells us, “Behold, the former things are come to pass and the new things do I declare before they spring forth, I tell you of them.” All who have paid attention to the Bible prophecies will admit that Yahweh has warned us that the end of the present evil age will come in the course of a great war. There have been wars, even great wars, in every century since the dawn of history, how are we to know when the time is here?

There are certain clues, many of which were completely meaningless as late as 50 years ago, but which are now very clear and tell us the time is at hand. One set of these clues consists of the identification of the new weapons, only developed in the last few decades. These will mark the next great war as the final one. These are the atom bomb, the hydrogen bomb and the great long range rockets which carry them. No previous war could have been the final one, because none was marked by the use of all these weapons. The next one, when Russia strikes by treachery, will be marked by the use of all of these and is thereby marked as the last war.

Artillery shells cause relatively little destruction. Many a house has received several direct hits, yet much of it remained standing. The puff of smoke drifted away and dissolved. The heavy bombs used in World War II caused more damage. Yet, even the great blockbuster bombs raised a puff of smoke that rose a few hundred feet, drifted a few hundred yards, then vanished. Not until the coming of the atom bomb did certain prophecies suddenly make sense.

The prophet Joel opens the picture in Joel 2:30. Through him Yahweh says, “And I will show wonders in the heavens and the earth; blood and fire and pillars of smoke”. The word there translated pillars is the Hebrew word timeroth, which literally means palm trees of smoke. A tall slender column, rising to a great spreading mushroom head, from which the heavier debris begins to fall out, like the drooping branches of the palm tree. Never before in all history had any weapon produced this phenomenon, the years of our lives are thus identified.
There is another startlingly accurate identification. Two atom bombs were dropped in World War II, but the hydrogen bomb was not invented until a few years later. The atom bomb works on the principle of splitting one complex atom apart and repeating this rapidly in a chain reaction until the explosion is made. It is an entirely artificial phenomenon. No such chain reaction occurs in nature, though a few uranium 235 atoms are always breaking down, but too widely separated to form a chain reaction. Atoms capable of being split are very rare in nature. We have to concentrate thousands of tons of uranium ore to get the few pounds of uranium 235 for one bomb. We have artificially created plutonium, an element so unstable it does not exist in nature, as another source of explosive for our atom bombs.

The hydrogen bomb works on exactly the opposite principle. Four atoms of hydrogen combine together to produce one atom of helium, in the process giving off the most fantastic amount of heat. Hydrogen is perhaps the most common element in the universe, it constitutes the great gas clouds of interstellar space. It is the building block from which the other elements are made. All scientists agree that the heat of the stars is not derived from burning anything or they would have burned out totally billions of years ago.

They do not get their heat from splitting atoms, as the atom bomb does. The relatively small amount of such material would have been all consumed long ages ago. Practically all scientists now agree that the heat of the stars is produced by exactly the same reaction as that we use to produce a hydrogen bomb explosion, combining hydrogen atoms to make helium. In other words, the hydrogen bomb is just a miniature star. With this in mind, let’s read from II Esdras 15:40-42. “The great and mighty cloud shall be lifted up full of wrath and the star, that they may make all the earth afraid and them that dwell therein; and they shall pour out over every great and eminent place a horrible star. Fire and hail and flying swords. And they shall break down the cities and walls, mountains and hills, trees of the wood and grass of the meadows and their corn.”

Over all the great places, “They shall pour out a horrible star.” Any star that someone can pour out is certainly an artificial one. Where does this happen? Esdras states, “And though Asia, that art partaker of the hope of Babylon and are the glory of her person: woe be unto thee, thou wretch, because thou hast made thyself like unto her. Thou hast followed her that is hated in all her works and inventions: therefore saith Yahweh, I will send plagues upon thee: widowhood, famine, poverty, sword and pestilence, to waste thy houses with destruction and death.”

So He tells us in II Esdras 15:44, “They shall come to her and besiege her. The star and all wrath shall they pour out upon her: then shall the dust and smoke go up into the heaven and all they that be about her shall bewail her.” Only from the star, the hydrogen bomb, could you ever have a condition where the dust as well as the smoke, goes up into heaven. Dust and smoke clouds from test explosions have been traced more than 30 miles high. Esdras concludes, “And the glory of thy power shall be dried up as a flower, when the heat shall rise that is sent over thee.” Again, note the accuracy of this. Ordinary explosives work entirely through the blast effect. Atom bombs work partly through blast, partly through heat with some radiation blast. The hydrogen
bomb produces **heat hundreds of times hotter than the sun**, and its vast fireball consumes an area much larger than that damaged by the blast, heat or radiation of the largest **atom bomb**.

Give thanks to Yahweh that this is reserved for our enemies. Isaiah 25:2-5 tells us, “Yahweh will be a **shadow from the heat**, when the **blast** of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.” This is when the atom bomb attacks are made against us. The Hebrew word **tsel** translated shadow also means defense. To our enemies Isaiah says, “Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers as the **heat** in a dry place, the **heat with the shadow of a cloud**.” This could only refer to atom or hydrogen bombs, as in all other cases the shadow of a cloud gives some shelter from heat. Our enemies are destroyed by the **heat with the shadow of a cloud**, which can only be the mushroom cloud of an atom or hydrogen explosion.

Mark 13:25 and Luke 21:26 hold another hidden key. They say, “**The powers that are in heaven shall be shaken**.” The word translated heaven is the Greek word **ouranos**, from which we derive the word uranium, the explosive in the atom bomb. The word translated shaken also means agitated, stirred up. There is a strong hint here that **the power that is in uranium is to be agitated**, which has occurred only in the last several decades.

What of the rockets, the great intercontinental ballistic missiles, carrying these bombs in their warheads. They drop out of the sky so much faster than sound, as to give no warning to their coming but strike like thunderbolts? These were not forgotten. The wisdom of Solomon 5:21 says, “Then shall the right aiming thunderbolts go abroad and from the clouds, as from a well drawn bow, shall they fly to the mark.” Note that they shall go abroad to other nations.

For another point of interest, remember that Esdras spoke of **flying swords**. One of our Air Force’s best jet fighter planes is the Sabre. One of our Navy’s best jet fighters is the Cutlass, both of which are still in use.

The great war which ends this age, will see the use of all these weapons. No earlier war could have fulfilled these prophecies, so no earlier war did end this age. From the next great war, either Christianity or communism, civilization or savagery must perish, peaceful coexistence is totally impossible. The things which will happen during that war are another story. The weapons which Yahweh has told us will be used are the clue from which we can tell that this great war, in the very near future, is the one marking the end of this age.

**Critical note** by Clifton A. Emahiser: My purpose here is not to unduly censure Comparet’s prophetic observations, for with his insight he was far-and-away ahead of most men for his time in these matters. My objective is rather to build on the foundation which he has already laid. Therefore, my criticism on this subject is constructive rather than detrimental.

First of all I would point out, according to Ezekiel 38:8, that when this attack of Gog and Magog comes, Israel is prophesied to be dwelling safely. Verse 14 repeats it again that Israel, at the time of the attack, will dwell safely, but the enemy will not understand what awaits them. When we read of the enormous company of heathen
entities that are to take part in that attack, and the spoil they are coming for, surely they wouldn’t drop hydrogen weapons on themselves in the process.

Rather, it will be Asia that will be destroyed as Comparet points out himself where he states: “Where does this happen? Esdras states, ‘And though Asia, that art partaker of the hope of Babylon and are the glory of her person: woe be unto thee, thou wretch, because thou hast made thyself like unto her. Thou hast followed her that is hated in all her works and inventions: therefore saith Yahweh, I will send plagues upon thee: widowhood, famine, poverty, sword and pestilence, to waste thy houses with destruction and death.’”

It should also be pointed out that at Ezekiel 34:28 it says: “And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.” The “beast of the land” spoken of here are the non-White and mixed races among us.