CONTENTS

PREFACE / 11

1. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE / 17

The Incredible Twentieth Century/Rapid Change/The Impending Crisis/The Voice of the Prophets/The "Times" Are Running Out/The Search for Answers

2. ARMAGEDDON CALENDAR / 23

No Vague and General Predictions/Changing Alignment of Europe and End of Cold War/Seven Years Plus . . ./Revival of Roman Empire/Will Israel Survive?/Oil and the New Power Grab/The Modern Dark Ages/Armageddon Countdown/From World War III to Armageddon

3. THE ISRAELI-ARAB CONFLICT / 31

The Slender Thread of Hope/Freedom—Land—Prosperity/Arab Goal: Destroy Israel/War of 1956: Arabs in Retreat/Russia Turns Against Israel/No Help from the United Nations/The Six-Day War/Israel's Miraculous Victory/Russia Attempts to Call a Cease-Fire/Final Days of War in 1967/Nasser's Myth of American and British Intervention/Results of the War of 1967/Russia Restocks Egypt and Syria/Egypt Breaks with Russia/Russia Repairs Break in Relations/The Oil Blackmail/War Preparation in 1973/Early Arab Victories/World Reaction/Mounting Casualties of the War/The Tide Turns in Israel's Favor/Russia Presses for a Cease-Fire/Camp David Accords/Invasion of Lebanon/New Islamic Republic of Iran/Saddam Hussein Seizes Power in Iraq/Iraq's Move to Absorb Kuwait/The Miracle of Israel's Survival/A Note of Warning/The Bible Proved True Again

4. THE OIL BLACKMAIL / 53

New Arab Unity/The World Energy Crisis/The Vital Role of Middle East Oil/The 1973 Embargo/United States Oil Potential—Going It Alone/Whom Can Israel Trust?/Chart: Oil Resources of the World in Billions of Barrels/End-Time Prophecy in the Making/The United States and Russia in Decline/The Prophetic Destiny of the Middle East/The Coming Crisis—How Far Away?

5. PALESTINE: THE LAND OF PROMISE AND TRAVAIL / 65

The Horizontal View of Prophecy/Prophetic Questions About the Promised Land/Abram, the Man of Destiny/The Promise of the Land/Delayed Possession of the Land/The First Departure from the Land/Israel in Egypt/The First Return/Immediate Occupation Conditioned on Obedience/The Second Departure: The Captivities/The Promise of the Second Return/The Prayer of Daniel: The Second Return/The Temple Rebuilt/The Temple in the First Century A.D./Destruction of the Temple/The Third Departure/Prophetic Hope for a Lasts Return/Scattered Israel's Persecutions/Beginnings of the Third Return/The Balfour Declaration, 1917/The State of Israel Established in 1948/Israeli-Arab War, 1948–1949/Have the Prophecies Been Fulfilled?/No Easy Road to Glory/A New Kingdom Completes the Return/Setting the Stage

6. THE CITY OF THE PROPHETS / 85

Hallowed Memories/The City of Destiny/The Ancient History of Jerusalem/The Center of Israel's Life and Hope/The Messiah to Come to Jerusalem/The Unwelcome King/Jesus Denounces the Religious Leaders of His People/Jesus Predicts the Destruction of Jerusalem/The Disciples' Questions/Jesus' Answers to the Disciples' Questions/The Present Age as Described by Jesus/The Accuracy of Jesus' Predictions

7. WATCH JERUSALEM / 97

What Is the Future of Jerusalem?/The War of 1967/Daniel's Prophetic Outline of World History/The Gap in Daniel's Prophetic Vision/Confirmation of Daniel's Prophecy by John/The Coming Desecration of the Holy City/The Prophetic Pulse of Jerusalem/Chart of Prophetic Events in History Beginning with the Babylonian Captivity

8. THE RISING TIDE OF WORLD RELIGION / 109

The Role of Religion in the End Time/Religious Tensions in the Middle East/The Church's Claim to Jerusalem/Is a United World Religious Effort Possible?/Beginnings of the Super-Church/The Prophetic Warning Against False Prophets/The Rise of the Occult/What Happens Next?/The Emergence of the Super-Church/Atheism as the Key to the Final World Religion/Never Before

9. CHANGING EUROPE / 121

The New World Order/Soviet Domination of Eastern Europe/The Demise of Soviet Power/New Realities in Eastern Europe/Who Needs Oil the Most?/If the Machines Stop/The Stage for the Ten-Nation Confederacy/The Bottom Line

10. THE COMING MIDDLE EAST PEACE / 129

The World Clamor for Peace/Peace and the Final Countdown/The Revived Roman Empire/Role of Changing Europe/Israel Ready to Negotiate/A New World Leader to Emerge/Made to Be Broken/Waiting for the Prince of Peace

11. THE CONTINUED THREAT OF RUSSIAN INTERVENTION / 137

The Fear of Russian Invasion/The Declining Power of Russia/The Russian Diplomatic Gamble/Russia's Future Exclusion from Middle East Affairs/Russia's Coming Invasion of Israel/Russia's Downfall/Is the Russian Invasion Near?/Russia's Loss—the Antichrist's Gain/Chart: Russia's Invasion of Israel

12. A COMING WORLD DICTATOR / 149

The Dream of Conquerors/A Shrinking World/The Advent of the Bomb/World Government—Man's Last Hope/Daniel's Prophecy of World Empires/The Rise and Decline of the Roman Empire/The Future Revival of the Fourth Kingdom/The Coming Dictator's First Move/Understanding Daniel's Seventy Weeks/Forty-Two Months of Horror/Tools of World Domination Exist Today/World Dictatorship Possible Today

13. THE DAY OF WORLD CATASTROPHE / 163

Impending Nuclear Disaster/Increasing Pollution/Overpopulation and Starvation/The Threat of Lawlessness/The Coming Time of Trouble for Jacob/Daniel's View of the Time of Trouble/The World's Time of Great Tribulation/Christ's Prophecy of the Great Tribulation/The Human Race Almost Destroyed/The Miraculous Survival of God's People/Details in the Book of Revelation/Seven Seals of Horror/Seven Trumpets of Disaster/Seven Last Bowls of Wrath.

14. ARMAGEDDON: THE WORLD'S DEATH STRUGGLE / 177

Proclamation of a New World Government/The Rush to Judgment/The Outbreak of World War III/Revolt from the South and North/Red China Makes Her Move/Satan's Battle Plan/The Satanic Trinity/The Battle of the Great Day of God/Armageddon/To Curse God and Die/Chart: Time Line of Bible Prophecy

15. CHRIST'S SECOND COMING TO EARTH / 187

From Manger to Power and Glory/As Lightning from East to West/The Whole World Awestruck/The Rider on the White Horse/World War III Ended/A Personal Return/A Visible and Glorious Return/A Return with the Heavenly Host/A Return That Shakes the Earth/A Return to Judge the Nations/A Return to Rule from Zion/Living Jews Regathered and Judged/Other Survivors Face Judgment/From Disaster to Utopia/The Question for This Generation/Summary Chart of Unfulfilled Prophecy

16. A PROMISE TO REMEMBER / 203

A Heartwarming Promise for Troubled Days/The New Promise Different from the Second Coming/The Rapture: An Important Teaching of the Apostles/The Rapture to Include Christians Who Have Died/Understanding the Order of Events/Christ's Authority to Order Resurrection/A Reunion in the Air/The Comfort of the Rapture/For the Living—Rapture and a New Body/The Rapture Must Occur Before Other End-Time Events/Living in Expectation

17. WHAT NEXT? / 213

Watching for the Next Move/God's Perfect Timing/Why Has Christ Delayed His Coming?/The Clear Message of Hope/Are There Signs of the Lord's Return?/The Three Major Divisons of Prophecy/A Prophetic Checklist for the Church/A Prophetic Checklist for the Nations/A Prophetic Checklist for Israel/An Intricately Woven Pattern of Events/The Final Stage Is Set

APPENDIX: HOW TO BE SURE OF OUR ETERNAL DESTINY / 229