

STALINGRAD – WHY GOD HAD FORSAKEN THEM

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me...” Psalm 22:1



Panzergranadiers of 16 Wehrmacht Panzer Division, preparing to attack towards the banks of the Volga at Stalingrad November 1942

Stalingrad – An Overview^{1, 2}

The German offensive to capture Stalingrad began in late summer 1942 using the [6th Army](#) and elements of the [4th Panzer Army](#). The attack was supported by intensive [Luftwaffe](#) bombing that reduced much of the city to rubble. The fighting degenerated into [building-to-building fighting](#), and both sides poured reinforcements into the city. By mid-November 1942, the Germans had pushed the Soviet defenders back at great cost into narrow zones generally along the west bank of the [Volga River](#)³.

On 19 November 1942, the [Red Army](#) launched [Operation Uranus](#), a two-pronged attack targeting the weaker [Romanian](#) and [Hungarian](#) forces protecting the German 6th Army's flanks...The [Axis](#) forces on the flanks were overrun and the 6th Army was [cut off and surrounded](#) in the Stalingrad area. [Adolf Hitler](#) ordered that the army stay in Stalingrad and make no attempt to break out; instead, attempts were made to supply the army by air and to break the encirclement from the outside. Heavy fighting continued for another two months. By the beginning of February 1943, the Axis forces in Stalingrad had exhausted their ammunition and food. The remaining elements of the 6th Army surrendered...The battle lasted five months, one week, and three days.

At the time of the Red Army's counter offensive Operation Uranus, both sides had over a million men committed to the battle. By the time of the Axis surrender, the Red Army had suffered over a million casualties with Soviet civilian deaths up to 40,000 and the Axis forces 850,000 including 90,000-110,000 survivors taken prisoner. Of these, only 5,000-6,000 ever returned from captivity.

The fighting at Stalingrad was harrowing in the extreme for both sides, as one German officer recorded. It is not known if he survived the battle or the subsequent captivity if he did. The above figures indicate that the odds were against it. As the Psalmist lamented *“My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me”* Psalm 55:4.

‘My God, why have you forsaken us?’⁴

October 1942

‘My God, why have you forsaken us?’ wrote a lieutenant of the XXIV Panzer Division...‘Stalingrad is no longer a town. By day it is an enormous cloud of burning, blinding smoke; it is a vast furnace lit by the reflection of the flames. And when night arrives, one of those scorching, howling, bleeding nights, the dogs plunge into the Volga and swim desperately to gain the other bank. The nights of Stalingrad are a terror for them. Animals flee this hell; the hardest stones cannot bear it for long; only men endure.’

The lieutenant has described a scene that is as near to a picture of hell as secular literature is likely to provide. The scripture says this about hell. Note that no-one condemned there will ever get out.

“And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever” Isaiah 34:9-10.

The hell of the autumn battles at Stalingrad turned inexorably to the freezing hell of winter where the suffering of the invaders was intensified by the remorseless Russian counter-offensive as these accounts of individual ordeals reveal. They in effect summarise the last and worst phase of the battle before the German surrender and underscore the lieutenant’s lament above that God had indeed forsaken the German 6th Army at Stalingrad.

The men became like lost men in hell as Job typified ***“And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me. My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest...I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not. Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposeth thyself against me”*** Job 30:20-21.

Why the German Army at Stalingrad became an army forsaken by God Himself, like lost men in hell, will be addressed subsequently.

Individual Ordeals⁵

January 1943

There were thirty-three wounded, the last of the casualties from a collecting point south of Gumrak...And there stood the plane, that is to say their last chance of safety. It is easy to understand how the men who wanted to get away crowded around the door, pushing and shoving. The machine had room for sixteen men and when these were on board a further eight were pushed in after them and yet there were still nine left shivering in the cold. Inside they crowded together, lay on the floor, squatted on their heels, clung to the struts and supports, and literally lay on top of each other, and still six more waited outside. To get these six on board they threw out the stretchers and the canisters and the emergency lighting. They took away men’s greatcoats, uncovering wounds into which you could put a fist, they crawled into the pilot’s compartment, filled the rear gun turret, and still there were three to come. They threw the ammunition out of the door and the bandages and dressings and another man was added to the human cargo, which now filled the machine to the roof. It was not only the smallness of the landing field, but also the weight of the load which made the pilot doubt whether he would be able to get his machine off the ground. The pilot could not get out of his seat and no one else could climb on board. Inside the door, which would not shut, the last but one sat on top of three friends, and even if the paint had been scraped from the walls and the door taken off its hinges and the wireless apparatus sent the way of the ammunition there would still not have been room for another. The snow around the machine had been flattened by the crowd and on that flattened snow across which the icy wind whistled lay the thirty-third man, shot through both knees.

...can you understand what it means to a man of twenty-two to be given another chance to live? Can you imagine, or remember, what it is like not to have washed for weeks, to have eaten nothing save

scraps of stale bread, raw roots, to have drunk only melted snow, to have lived under a constant hail of fire with the thermometer at thirty-five degrees centigrade below zero, and with no hope of ever coming out alive? If you can imagine that, then perhaps...you will be able to appreciate the heroic self-sacrifice of the lance-corporal from Iserlohn. He had been standing just inside the door of the plane. Now he jumped out and walked across to the man who was to be left behind. He said to him: "Both my arms are broken, chum, but you can't even walk." And then a couple of the others climbed out, and they lifted him up and passed him in over the heads and shoulders of the rest and went back to their cramped quarters in the machine...The machine was so full that they had to hook a belt through the doorhandle, and two men held it, for it could not be closed.

How the pilot managed to take off is a mystery. There was not a foot of runway to spare, but he made it, a remarkable feat on the part of the transport pilot who sat behind the controls.

A single, lonely soldier lay against a heap of snow on Gumrak airfield, the collars of his two overcoats turned up and two scarves knotted about his face. He had a fur cap on his head and he gazed after the departing plane. There is no other case of an aircraft circling to salute a single soldier. The pilot has said that he never saw a more lonely man than this lance-corporal sitting in the snow at map reference 426, his head raised, staring into the sky. The only patch of colour was the brown congealed blood that had seeped through the bandages about his arms. He could not have waved to the plane that dipped its wings in his honour, even if he had wished to do so.

January 1943

The tank had lost its tracks, but the hatches still closed and the gun and its machine guns could still be fired. Five men sat in this tank, which they had made as comfortable as possible for themselves. The tank had broken down in the front line, and had earlier been used by a Regimental Commander as his headquarters. That was why a telephone line linked it with division. The Commander of the regiment had gone, and his troops too, but the five men who belonged to a neighbouring regiment had moved in.

'Until Judgment Day.'

They tried out the machine gun and it worked, they swung the gun and rammed a shell into the breech, and it went off with a bang. They found the telephone, and turned the handle and they were in contact with division. They hung up, and remained there for a whole week without being spotted by the enemy. Then the Russians advanced. The five soldiers let them come within fifty yards, and aimed at the middle of them. After that they were left alone for twenty-four hours. Next day tanks arrived and things became more difficult. They fired point-blank and knocked out three T34's. That evening they 'phoned through a 'battle report' to Division. The German front line was over a mile behind them and the Russians attacked with mortars and artillery and finally once again with tanks. The complete story of their solitary battle would fill a book, but the end can be quickly told. The ammunition for the machine guns gave out first. Then they scraped the last crumbs from the bottom of their coat pockets, turned the handle of the telephone and asked what they should now do. No help could be sent them, but they got the answer:

'Remember the Russians in the silo.'

And this is the story of the Russians in the silo:

The 71st Infantry Division had encircled a grain store, defended by Soviet soldiers. After three days the defenders had radioed to their command post in the 'Tennis Racquet':

'We've nothing more to eat.'

The reply came: 'Fight, and you'll forget about being hungry.'

After three days they radioed again: 'We've nothing more to drink. What shall we do?' and the reply came back:

'The time has come, comrades, for you to live on your wits and your ammunition.'

The defenders waited for two days and then sent their last message:

‘We’ve no more ammunition.’

Within five minutes, they received the reply:

‘The Soviet Union thanks you, your lives have had a purpose.’

The five soldiers in the tank remembered this as their last shell blew an anti-tank gun into the air at four hundred yards. They were now helpless against flame-throwers. When the sun went down there was no report from Position 506. Nor did Germany thank them, and nobody assured them that their lives had had a purpose.

January 1943

Dr. Ludwig had given his services as a priest without stint, had administered extreme unction, had heard the last messages of the dying and had detached that half of the identity discs which was supposed to be delivered to the dead man’s next of kin, though he had the gravest doubts whether they would ever reach their destination...

The padre was engaged in a hopeless attempt to deal with death as a mass phenomenon. He could no longer concern himself with individuals, but was forced to perform his duties almost as a drill. The extreme unction, the Lord’s Prayer, the next man; for 30,000 dead lay in Gumrak.

There was a special room at the main dressing station for those with stomach or head wounds and the hopeless cases would be taken straight from the operating tent ‘to the padre’. The stretcher bearers brought him a man whose face had already been covered with a shroud. The priest pulled back the covering, administered the last rites, for the hundredth time that day, and repeated the Lord’s Prayer. When he had reached the end of the Catholic version, he saw the hands under the shroud clasp one another and heard the ‘dead man’ add the Protestant ending: ‘for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory’.

Those sobering accounts illustrate that the best that men can do cannot avert God’s judgement when He has determined that it should fall and men are helpless when it does fall as Zephaniah shows. ***“And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung”*** Zephaniah 1:17.

It may be of course that in an individual case like the ‘dead man’ ***“mercy rejoiceth against judgment”*** James 2:13, even at Stalingrad. The statement ‘for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory’ being the words of a dying man is a good testimony to Matthew 6:13 as it stands in the 1611 Holy Bible. See the attached study for detailed witnesses⁶ to the words ***“For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”***

However, the Germans who made it back to Germany from Stalingrad no doubt by means of ***“the mercies of God”*** Romans 12:1 had great unease.

The Deepest Chill

Those Germans who managed to return from Stalingrad alive often go back there in their dreams and memories...When their thoughts return to that city which lies between the steppe and the Volga, the past is resurrected. They hear again the harsh clangour of war, the stirring beat of the drum. They recall once more cruel anguish, numbed brains, unknown terrors, comrades dying, the blind fury of the guns and the horizon which they themselves forged from steel and flame. And the cold that then grips at their hearts is a deeper chill than any even to be encountered at Stalingrad.

God had forsaken them at Stalingrad. In part they could understand as God had said to David ***“But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars...thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight”*** 1 Chronicles 22:8 but how had it really come about? Could it happen again? Those questions are now addressed.

Why God Forsakes Men

The reason that God forsakes men is found with Israel⁷, whose leaders declared *“We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement”* Isaiah 28:15 and *“...Away with him, away with him, crucify him... We have no king but Caesar”* John 19:15.

Thus came to pass what God said through Ezekiel with respect to Israel.

“And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword” Ezekiel 39:23.

God’s judgement fell on Israel because Israel’s leaders forsook Him. God therefore forsook Israel as Ezekiel 39:23 describes. A similar judgement can fall upon any nation that forsakes God, as the Psalmist reveals.

“The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken. The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaiion. Selah. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” Psalm 9:15-17.

This is how it happened for Germany in the first half of the 20th century. It has to do with Germany’s *“covenant with death, and with hell”* via a satanic intermediary *“a man whom I appointed to utter destruction”* 1 Kings 20:42. Thus the 6th Army found itself forsaken by God at Stalingrad.

Judgement on Germany

Edmond Paris documents in detail Hitler’s rise to power masterminded by the Jesuits in his book *The Secret History of The Jesuits* www.chick.com/catalog/books/0191.asp. Paris shows that Hitler was indeed for Germany a satanic intermediary *“a man whom I appointed to utter destruction”* 1 Kings 20:42.

See *The Secret History of The Jesuits* Section V, Chapter 2, *Preparations for the Second World War* pp 127-130. Paris cites various authors whose statements are given in quotes.

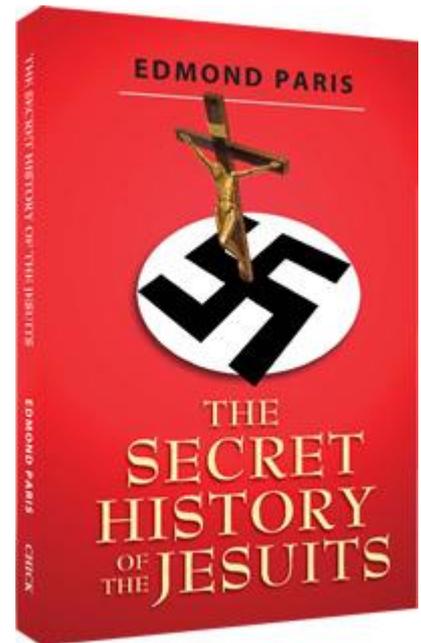
At that time [1923], Monseigneur Pacelli, future Pius XII and the Curia’s best diplomat, is Nuncio [papal ambassador] in Munich, capital of Catholic Bavaria...cradle of nazism. There, the star of the future German dictator starts to rise; he is a Catholic, like his most important associates...

“It is easy to guess what kind of special care the Vatican gives Bavaria where Hitler’s National-Socialism recruits its strongest contingents”...

To take from “heretic” [Protestant] Prussia the control of the German “secular arm” and transfer it to Catholic Bavaria; what a dream! Monseigneur Pacelli puts all his power to realise it, acting in concert with the chief of the Company of Jesus [the Jesuits].

“After the other war (1914-1918), the Jesuits’ general, Halke von Ledochowski, had conceived a vast plan...a federation of the Catholic nations in central and eastern Europe: Austria, Slovakia, Bohemia, Poland, Hungary, Croatia and, of course, Bavaria.

“This new central Empire had to fight on two fronts: on the eastern side against the Soviet Union, on the western side against Prussia, Protestant Great-Britain and republican, rebellious France. At that time, Monseigneur Pacelli, future Pius XII, was nuncio in Munich, then in Berlin, and an intimate friend of Cardinal Faulhaber, von Ledochowski’s main collaborator. The Ledochowski plan was the dream of Pius XII’s youth”...



But was it only a dream of youth? The “Mittel-Europa” Hitler tried to organise was very similar to that plan, apart from the presence, in that block, of Lutheran Prussia, a not very dangerous minority... In fact, it was the Ledochowski plan, adapted to the needs of the time, which the Fuhrer was trying to realise, under the patronage of the Holy See, with the help of Franz von Papen, secret chamberlain of the pope, and the nuncio to Munich, then Berlin, Monseigneur Pacelli.

...the choice of Germany’s “regenerators” will [therefore] fall upon Hitler, who is destined to triumph over the “democratic mistakes” under the Holy Father’s standard. Of course, he is a Catholic, like his principal collaborators...

The “Mercure de France” gave an excellent study in 1934:

“In the beginning of 1932, German Catholics...had been told that “the Pope was personally in favour of Hitler”.

“That Pius XI was sympathetic to Hitler should not surprise us... For him, Europe could settle down again only through Germany’s hegemony... The Vatican had thought of changing the centre of gravity of the Reich, through the Anschluss [union with Catholic Austria], for a long time, and the Company of Jesus was openly working towards that aim (Ledochowski’s plan), especially in Austria. We know how Pius XI depended on Austria to make what he called his politics triumph. What had to be prevented was the hegemony of Protestant Prussia and, as the Reich was the one to dominate Europe...a Reich had to be rebuilt where the Catholics would be masters...

“In March 1933, the German bishops, meeting at Fulda, took advantage of the speech Hitler gave at Potsdam to declare: “We must admit that the highest representative of the government of the Reich, who is at the same time the head of the national-socialist movement, has made public and solemn declarations, by which the inviolability of the Catholic doctrine, the work and unchangeable rights of the Church are recognised...” Von Papen leaves for Rome. This man, whose past is so wicked⁸, becomes a pious pilgrim with the mission to conclude a Concordat (for the whole of Germany) with the Pope. He too will have to emulate Mussolini’s overtures towards the Vatican”...

In fact, the same happens in both countries: in Italy, the Catholic party of don Sturzo ensures Mussolini’s accession to power; in Germany, the “Zentrum” of Monseigneur Kaas does the same for Hitler – and on both occasions, a Concordat seals the pact.

M. Joseph Rovani admits this as follows: “Thanks to von Papen, deputy at the Zentrum since 1920 and owner of the party’s official publication ‘Germania’, Hitler came to power on the 30th of January 1933... German political Catholicism, instead of becoming Christian Democrat, was eventually made to confer full powers on Hitler, on 26th of March 1933... To vote in favour of full powers, a two-thirds majority was necessary and the votes of the “Zentrum” were indispensable to obtain it”... The same author adds: “In the correspondence and declarations of ecclesiastical dignitaries, we always find, under the nazi regime, the fervent approval of the bishops”...

Ex-Jesuit priest the Late Dr Alberto Rivera said in his *Introduction* to *The Secret History of the Jesuits* of **The man, Edmond Paris**: In the prophetic works of the Book of Revelation, Edmond Paris became a martyr for Jesus. In exposing such a conspiracy, he put his life at stake for truth of the prophetic signs to be known. Edmond Paris never knew me, but I knew him without meeting him personally when I, with other Jesuits under the extreme oath and induction, was being briefed on the names of institutions and individuals in Europe who were dangerous to the goals of the Roman Catholic Institution. His name was given to us.

Germany’s leaders, like Israel’s before her, had given in to Caesar, John 19:15 and in turn to **“the great whore...MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”** Revelation 17:1, 5, the Catholic Church of whom the scripture says **“Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her”** Revelation 18:8.

Part of that judgement is a Catholic *west to east* departure from God like Cain *and like Stalingrad*:

God's East-West Direction for Blessing

It should be noted that the design of European abbeys, cathedrals, minsters, including York Minster, Salisbury Cathedral and Westminster Abbey is such that entry is *west to east*, the *opposite* of God's direction for blessing, as will be shown. It is no coincidence, therefore, that nominal European Christianity i.e. Catholicism has been "***against God***" for the last 1500 years or more.

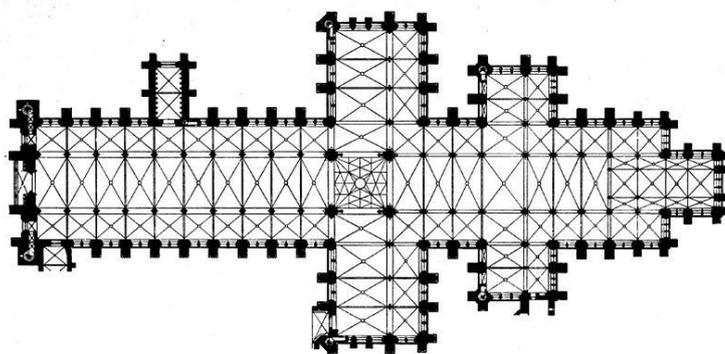
See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architecture_of_cathedrals_and_great_churches.

Rome is in particular *and will be until the Second Advent* a "***sin against God***" Genesis 39:9, a "***spirit against God***" Job 15:13, a "***hand against God***" Job 15:25, "***words against God***" Job 34:37, a "***fight against God***" Acts 23:9, "***enmity against God***" Romans 8:7 and "***blasphemy against God***" Revelation 13:6. Revelation 13:6 describes the popes, especially the *last* pope, the final antichrist. See *The History of the New Testament Church*, Volumes 1, 2 and *The Book of Revelation* Chapter 13 by Dr Peter S. Ruckman:

"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."

Salisbury Cathedral, in Wiltshire, southwest England, pictured, is typical. It is a magnificent building but, as seen from the layout, it's all wrong. The photo is the *eastern* aspect, showing the east window that is meant to be towards the sun. As seen from the plan drawing, the building is entered from the *west*, called "*the west front.*" Thanks to the 16th century English Protestant Reformation, the cathedrals etc. are now all Church of England, not Catholic but the departure from the 1611 Holy Bible is gradually pulling the C of E back into line with Rome.

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salisbury_Cathedral.



2. SALISBURY: KATHEDRALE.

[Salisbury Cathedral](#) from the east 1220-1380
An essay in [Early English Gothic](#) with the tallest spire in [England](#)

The plan shows double [transepts](#) with aisles and extended east end. (The layout is west to east, left to right.)

The papists excused their layout of the cathedrals as follows, from the Wiki article, this writer's emphases but their excuse doesn't affect the scripture. It just shows the Devil's subtlety, Genesis 3:1 "***Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.***"

As described above, the majority of cathedrals and great churches are cruciform in shape with the church having a defined axis. The [axis](#) is generally east/west with external emphasis upon ***the west front, normally the main entrance, and internal emphasis upon the eastern end so that the congregation faces the direction of the coming of Christ****. Because it is also the direction of ***the rising sun, the architectural features of the east end often focus on enhancing interior illumination by the sun*****. Not every church or cathedral maintains a strict east/west axis, but even in those that do not, the terms ***East End*** and ***West Front*** are used. Many churches of Rome, notably St Peter's Basilica, face the opposite direction***.

*Which 'Christ' though? See Ezekiel 28:14 ***"Thou art the anointed cherub."***

*****"Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness"*** Luke 11:35.

***Rome will never get right, even when facing the right way, Revelation 19:1, 2, 3.

The Lord's east-west movements include:

- That of the sun typifying the Lord Jesus Christ, Psalm 19:4-6, Micah 5:2, Malachi 4:2.
- God's calling to Abraham to go west, Genesis 12:6.
- Jacob's return westwards, Genesis 32-35.
- The entry into the Tabernacle, Numbers 3:38.
- The entry of the nation of Israel into the then land of Canaan, Numbers 19-25.
- The return of the Jews from captivity, Ezra-Nehemiah.
- The coming of ***"wise men from the east"*** Matthew 2:1.
- The entry of the Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem at His Return, Ezekiel 44:1, 2.

See *The Book of Matthew* by Dr Peter S. Ruckman pp 24 ff and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1237. The spread of the Gospel, according to Acts 1:8, goes east to west in church history, from the land of Israel to the British isles ***"and unto the uttermost part of the earth,"*** the Devil being forced to follow with papal persecutions of true believers. See *The Monarch of the Books* by Dr Peter S. Ruckman pp 6-7, this writer's work *"O Biblios"* – *The Book* pp 14-15 and *The Great Bible Robbery* **Figure 3** www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/.

Note that:

- When God drove Adam and Eve out of Eden, they went *west to east*, Genesis 3:24.
- When Cain left God's presence, he went *west to east*, Genesis 4:16.
- When Jacob fled from Esau, he went *west to east*, Genesis 27:43, 28:5.
- When David fled from Absalom, he went *west to east*, 2 Samuel 15:14, 23.
- When the Jews went into captivity, they went *west to east*, Jeremiah 52: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

Note also Ezekiel 8:16, with respect to eastwards worship that is idolatrous worship undertaken by men who had turned their backs on God.

"And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east."

Ezekiel 8:16 is the only time in scripture when worship is said to be ***"toward the east."*** Worshipers in European abbeys, cathedrals, minsters, including York Minster, Salisbury Cathedral and Westminster Abbey have always ***"worshipped...toward the east."***

"They that be wise" Daniel 12:3, therefore, will obey Revelation 18:4, *including separation from the Romish counterfeit modern 'bibles' that repeatedly depart from the 1611 Holy Bible in order to line up with Rome's official Catholic Bibles; Douay Rheims, Jerusalem and New Jerusalem Bibles and the Romish New World Translation of the Watchtower cult; NIV, TNIV, ESV, NASV, NRSV, NKJV etc. with which are among Rome's "ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" Revelation 17:5 by which in large part "the great whore...did corrupt the earth with her fornication" Revelation 19:2. See New Age Versions by Dr Mrs Gail Riplinger for detailed insights into the Romish counterfeit modern 'bibles.'* In conclusion ***"They that be wise"*** will carefully note Revelation 18:8. ***"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."***

Stalingrad was a *Catholic west to east invasion* that brought down God's judgement on the invaders.

Could It happen Again?

Yes, for the same reason it happened to Israel and to Germany, for any nation, church or individual capitulating to *“have no king but Caesar”* John 19:15 and in turn capitulating to *“the great whore...MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”* Revelation 17:1, 5, the Catholic Church.

Then follows the judgement of God as *“Hanani the seer”* 2 Chronicles 16:7 warned King Asa, who was by then *“an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished”* Ecclesiastes 4:13.

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing...” 2 Chronicles 16:9-10.

Bob Jones Sr rightly said⁹ *“War is God’s judgment on sin here, and Hell is God’s judgment on sin hereafter.”* That is the Biblical position.

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” Psalm 9:17 by apostatising to Caesar i.e. Rome, John 19:15.

“And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath” Jeremiah 21:5 as at Stalingrad for the German 6th Army.

The position of today’s believer is nevertheless clear, as Paul exhorts Timothy, being assured of *“the goodness of God”* Romans 2:4 *“to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen”* 2 Timothy 4:18.

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine...watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry” 2 Timothy 4:2, 5.

Matthew 6:13

“For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen” is omitted by the DR, RV, Ne, NIV, NKJV f.n., JB, NJB, NWT.

Fuller [*True or False? 2nd Edition David Otis Fuller, D.D.*] p 108, citing Burgon, states that of more than 500 relevant (Greek) manuscripts, all but nine contain the AV1611 reading. Hills^{*2012} [*The KJV Defended*] p 146 and [*Believing Bible Study*] p 118, states that uncials B, Aleph, D, Z and 6 cursives omit the words, together with 9 manuscripts of the Old Latin and all of Jerome’s Vulgate. ^{*2012}The site wilderness-cry.net/bible_study/books/kjv-defended/ *The King James Bible Defended* is an online version of Dr Hills’s book.

The TBS *The Power and the Glory* have an extremely detailed compilation on this text as follows:

Evidence for the authenticity of the AV1611 reading:

1st Century: 2 Timothy 4:18b (cross reference)

2nd Century: Didache (document of Apostolic Teaching, discovered 1875, [*Believing Bible Study*] p 117), Tatian’s Diatessaron, Old Syriac version (Peshitta)

3rd Century: Coptic and Sahidic (i.e. Egyptian) versions

4th Century: Apostolic Constitutions, Old Latin manuscript k, Gothic (Ulfilas [*The Christian’s Handbook of Manuscript Evidence*] p 208) and Armenian versions

5th Century: Uncial W, Chrysostom, Isidore of Pelusium ([*The KJV Defended*] p 147, wilderness-cry.net/bible_study/books/kjv-defended/chapter6.html), Georgian version

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8th Century: Uncials E, L

9th Century: Uncials G, K, M, U, V, Delta, Phi, Pi; Old Latin f, g; Cursives 33, 565, 892

10th Century: Cursive 1079

11th Century: Cursives 28, 124, 174, 230, 700, 788, 1216

12th Century: Cursives 346, 543, 1010, 1071, 1195, 1230, 1241, 1365, 1646

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14th Century: Cursives 2148, 2174

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The TBS (*ibid.*) states that the majority of the “*very numerous*” Byzantine copies, including lectionaries, contain the AV1611 reading.

The evidence against the AV1611 reading is as follows:

2nd Century: Cyprian, Origen, Tertullian, who all fail to mention the words - as do later writers listed below.

3rd Century: Some Coptic manuscripts

4th Century: Aleph, B, Old Latin a, Caesarius Nazarene, Cyril of Jerusalem, Gregory Nyssa, Hilary

5th Century: Uncial D, Old Latin b, h; Chromatius, Augustine

6th Century: Uncial Z, Cursive 0170

7th Century: Old Latin l

9th Century: Old Latin g2

10th-11th Centuries: Old Latin ff.

12th-13th Centuries: Cursive 1, 118, Lectionary 547, Old Latin c

14th-15th Centuries: Cursives 131, 209, 17, 130.

Clearly, the available evidence vastly favours the AV1611 reading. See also Will Kinney’s detailed [article brandplucked.webs.com/articles.htm](http://brandplucked.webs.com/articles.htm) *Matthew 6:13 & Luke 11:2-4 The Lord’s Prayer - Is your bible a “Catholic” bible?*

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