

locust-like weapons, probably chemical or biological.

- 8. The ten kings of the New Roman Empire (probably the European Union) will give their power to the beast. (Revelation 17: 12-14 & the Fourth Empire of Daniel 7) This is probably the king of the North, against which the king of the South (probably Moslems) will push or attack. (Daniel 11: 40)
- **9.** A massive army of two hundred million (Gog and Magog) will cross the river Euphrates and kill a third of mankind. (Revelation 9: 13-16) They gather the kings of the world in Armageddon or Megiddo, 55 miles north of Jerusalem. Babylon the Great is

destroyed, and God destroys the great army. The beast and the false prophet are captured and burned in the lake of fire along with the devil.

- The resurrection of the Prophets Elijah and Enoch after 3 ¹/₂ days of their execution.
- **11.** Finally, the last trumpet announcing the return of the Lord Christ.

Hopefully, I satisfied some of the Mighty Arrow interest and will get the readers to search the Holy Books of the Holy Bible.

Who's Packing Your Parachute?

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surfaceto-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat, a bib in the back, and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory — he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason.

As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachute.