

As Augustine lay on his death bed and saw these and knew that these events were occurring he must have thought that the coming of the Lord was very near. It would surely have seemed strange to him to know that Europe would now sink into a period of dark ages Dark Ages so that for several centuries very little would be known of the life of the people of Europe. He would have been amazed to know ~~that~~ that literacy, which was very great in his day would sink to almost in the whole region, and that ~~xxxxxx~~ nearly a thousand years would pass before Europe could rank in civilization anywhere near on a par with the cities of Asia. The general statements of what would precede the Lord's return were surely very evident in Augustine's time. Yet the Lord did not return during the following 1500 years. 1500 ~~xxx~~ years more passed and the Lord had not yet returned.

There are certain specific statements which had not been fulfilled in Augustine's day which seemed to be on the verge of being fulfilled today. One of these is the return of the Jews to Palestine, and the setting up of a kingdom of Israel. The Jews have not Palestine was in the hands of ~~the~~ non-Jews was under complete control of non-Jews State(?) from 70 A.D. until 1948. Today there is a flourishing state of Israel. Many Biblical prophecies of the return of Jews and their ~~xxxx~~ reestablishment in their own land may be finding a fulfillment in what is happening in Israel today.

If the Jew manage to maintain themselves against the many enemies around them it would seem that

There are also pictures(?) that suggest that before the Lord comes to earth it will be very evident that some tremendous event is about to occur. We read, "Then will they see the signs of the coming of the Lord in the heavens. All the nations of earth will mourn because of