

It is reported that Israel was prepared to use nuclear weapons in the case of a severe attack by Iraq, and it is very likely that Israel would have at least entered the war with conventional weapons had a successful attack upon Israeli civilians been launched.

Since American strategy depended upon Israel not entering the war, it is likely that Israeli civil defense (in that it provided realistic protection throughout the country and thereby reduced the fear of the population) played a crucial role in permitting Israel to postpone military action. Although all sorts of scenarios can be postulated and many different sorts of threats can arise, a wise person or country provides the best protection available.

Regardless of this experience and of the other scenarios in which warning time to reach the shelters would be inadequate, the Israel government is continuing to build blast shelters for the entire population and is now requiring that all shelters have chemical and biological air filtration units similar to those found in Swiss shelters and in each of the Fighting Chance mobile shelter displays.

SIR ISAAC NEWTON'S BOOK ABOUT BIBLICAL PROPHECY

Response has been enthusiastic to the reprinting of Thomas Jefferson's copy of Isaac Newton's 1733 book, Observations Upon the Prophecies of Daniel and the Apocalypse of St. John, by the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine.

Initially, the book was announced only in this newsletter. Then, in his December newsletter, Don McAlvany, mentioned the book and enclosed a reprint of the *Fighting Chance* article about it. (Don McAlvany's excellent newsletter, *The McAlvany Intelligence Advisor*, can be obtained from P.O. Box 84904, Phoenix, AZ 85071 for a price of \$95 per year.)

These two announcements alone resulted in so many orders and donations that the costs of producing the book have already been completely repaid. Many people, having ordered and received one book, have reordered additional copies for friends and relatives. (The price is \$19.95 for one copy and \$15 each for five or more.)

There is reason for optimism that this reprint will make a good contribution to the debate about the compatibility of Biblical truth and scientific truth. In view of Isaac Newton's statements that he hoped that his scientific discoveries would strengthen belief in God, I think that he would approve of this contribution.

There have been many requests that we publish a translation of the Latin quotations in the book. Isaac Newton's text is entirely in English as are his Biblical quotations, but, in some quotations, he uses the original Latin. Later, we hope to publish a translation of the Latin along with some letters Isaac Newton wrote concerning science and the existence of God. This will be best done when we make a second printing of the prophecy book itself.