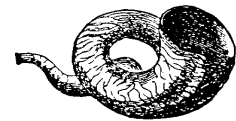


Sound the Trumpet!

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*"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion,
and sound an alarm in my holy
mountain: let all the inhabitants
of the land tremble: for the day of
the LORD cometh, for it is nigh
at hand;"*
Joel 2:1

Final Countdown to the Revived Roman Empire

Daniel tells us about a kingdom which will dominate the entire world in the last days. He tells us that this kingdom will be a revival of the old Roman Empire.

In chapter seven Daniel had a vision of four wild beasts; each of these beasts represented a future world empire, with the exception of the Babylonian empire which had just come to power in Daniel's day.

These four world empires represented, gentile dominion during the "times of the gentiles", when Israel would be set aside as a power in the world. These four empires were Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome.

In Daniel 7:7, we read the prophecy of the coming Roman Empire. The verse describes what the Roman Empire would be like. This prophecy was amazingly accurate, as a study of history confirms.

The very last phrase of the verse goes beyond the original Roman Empire and tells about another empire which will arise out of Rome. We read, "and it had 10 horns," out of the territory, and out of the peoples, of the old Roman Empire another empire will arise, a revival of the old Roman Empire.

Today the EU has stated emphatically that, "We are the revived Roman Empire." Bible prophecy has much to say about this final empire of the present age. Let us look at a few of these prophecies.

Let us look first at the makeup of this coming empire. "It had 10 horns," Dan. 7:7. "A beast rises up of the sea ... having 10 horns," Rev. 13:1. "And the 10 horns which thou sawest are 10 kings," Rev. 17:12. The revived Roman Empire will consist of 10 rulers or 10 nations. Antichrist will arise and share power with the 10 kings for 3 ½ years. "... but receive power as kings one hour with the beast," Rev. 17:12. "One hour" represents the first 3 ½ years of the tribulation period.

In Daniel 7 we see the inception of the revived Roman Empire. This final empire will not begin until two simultaneous events take place, the rise of the 10 kings and the rise of Antichrist, who will seize power over 3 kings. What we see in the EU today is not the revived Roman Empire, but the infrastructure or preparation for it. Notice, we do not see the 10 kings or nations today and they will not be seen until the tribulation period begins.

We also see the duration. Revelation 17:12 says, "But receive power one hour with the beast." One hour is a very short duration for a kingdom to exist! Both Daniel and John indicate that this time will be 3 ½ years. At the mid-tribulation point, the revived Roman Empire will give way to the world-wide kingdom of Antichrist. "These have one mind and shall give their power and strength unto the beast," Rev. 17:13.

We see also its sudden appearance. As we have stated, the 10 kings do not appear on the scene until the moment of the inception of the kingdom. "Ten kings, who have received no power as yet, but receive power as kings one hour with the beast," Rev. 17:12. The appearance of the ten kings and the ten nations and the appearance of Antichrist will be sudden and unanticipated.

This coming empire will have a problem. As the 10 horns (or ten toes of Daniel 2) begin to surface and as the infrastructure begins to fall in place, a grievous problem surfaces. Daniel 2:40 tells us that the Roman Empire will be as iron, strong and cohesive but when it comes to the revived Roman Empire, that cohesion and strength of unity will be lost. Daniel 2:31 tells us it will be like iron mixed with clay (pottery) it will not be cohesive. There will be no unity, no strength of purpose and action. Dan. 2: 42, 43, "And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."

Distinguishing Between Jacob and Esau

There are areas of Christian thought, and because of thought then also of life, where likenesses and differences are so difficult to distinguish that we are often hard put to it to escape complete deception.

Throughout the whole world error and truth travel the same highways, work in the same fields and factories, attend the same churches, fly in the same planes and shop in the same stores. So skilled is error at imitating truth that the two are constantly being mistaken for each other.

It takes a sharp eye these days to know which brother is Cain and which Abel. We must never take for granted anything that touches our soul's welfare.

Isaac felt Jacob's arms and thought they were the arms of Esau. Even the disciples failed to spot the traitor among them; the only one of them who knew who he was was Judas himself.

That soft-spoken companion with whom we walk so comfortably and in whose company we take such delight may be an angel of Satan, whereas that rough, plain-spoken man whom we shun may be God's very prophet sent to warn us against danger and eternal loss.

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Today it is amazing how that prophecy is being fulfilled in the EU. The EU has been consistently plagued with disunity at every turn. They are stalemated almost at every turn. In Europe, this disarray and inaction has been a constant point of humour.

They have totally lacked strong leadership and singleness of purpose. They have been crying out for strong leadership for over sixty years now.

That leadership will not be forthcoming until Antichrist appears upon the scene and forcibly takes charge. Daniel 7:24, "And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings."

Today the EU is made up of some 27 countries instead the ten Daniel and John foretell. We have watched for over 60 years as to how that scenario will change to line up with the prophetic revelation. A number of situations have seemed to indicate the possible fulfilment of the ten nation scenario, but as yet they have not come to fruition.

Recent and sudden developments in the EU seem to be the movement we have been watching for, for so long.

We have been watching the meltdown of the Irish banking system. Ireland, Portugal, Greece and Spain are all hopelessly burdened with debt. These countries are in danger of economic collapse. The EU leaders and the IMF are struggling to bail out these nations.

There are at least four scenarios today that the EU leaders are suggesting could happen.

1. The possibility of the breakup of the EU.

BBC news reported; The European Union is in a "survival crisis" over euro zone debt problems. Speaking hours before euro zone ministers met to address threats to the bloc's economic stability, European Union President Herman Van Rompuy said that if the euro failed, so too would the EU. German Chancellor Angela Merkel is also warning that a failure of the euro could bring down the entire European Union.

This recent news report emphasizes this danger, "The escalating debt crisis on the euro zone periphery is starting to contaminate the creditworthiness of Germany and the core states of monetary union." The report also said, "Germany cannot keep paying for bail-

outs without going bankrupt itself," said Professor Wilhelm Hankel, of Frankfurt University.

It seems like a flashing red light, such a situation could be the setting for the Antichrist to step in and in a miraculous way refashion the EU into a ten nation confederacy. "And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings," Daniel 7:24. In this text, understand that when the time arrives for Antichrist to come on the scene in Europe, there will be confusion, trouble and distress. He will usurp control over three nations. He may use political weapons or financial economic devices, but he will seize control and force a union of ten nations. No doubt the other nations of Europe will be subservient to him.

2. The possibility of the exit of some states from the EU.

Things are so bleak in Portugal right now that Foreign Affairs Minister Luis Amado says that his nation "faces a scenario of exit from the euro zone" if a solution is not found for this financial mess.

Another report asked, "If there is an overwhelming backlash against austerity in some parts of Europe will some nations actually attempt to leave the EU?"

We have another potential scenario in which some nations could exit the EU, leaving ten of the economically stronger to make up the Revived Roman Empire.

3. There is already a call to Nations to cede their sovereignty Brussels.

This week the president of the EU said, "The age of the nation state is over and the idea that countries can stand alone is an illusion and a lie." Another statement emphasizes the move in this direction, "Europe is going to move in one of two directions. Either this financial crisis will finally be the thing that breaks up the euro and the European Union, or it will result in a Europe that is ruled even more strongly by EU bureaucrats."

That seems to be the preparation for the coming of Antichrist.

4. The possible threat to the world economy.

In the UK, veteran Conservative MP Peter Tapsell is warning that a total collapse in Ireland "could pose as great

a threat to the world economy as did Lehman Brothers, AIG and Goldman Sachs in September 2008".

The world economy is sailing through very troubled waters; the possibility of serious trouble seems to be on the horizon. Sheila Bair, chair of the Federal Deposits Insurance Corp. (FDIC) wrote in an editorial in the Washington Post, "The US needs to take urgent action to cut its debt in order to prevent the next financial crisis, which may start in Washington."

A world wide economic collapse would also present a situation in which Antichrist could intervene and establish himself as the world's saviour. The stage is being set for his appearing. The trumpet is soon to sound!

Along with these factors we learn that the leaders of the EU are busy imposing a police state on the people and nations of the EU. The following report reveals that this is well underway.

A Mail On Sunday investigation has uncovered an alarming array of new EU controls over justice and home affairs for which no one has voted, and most are unknown to the public.

These include:

- ▶▶ Europol, the £60-million-a-year European criminal intelligence agency, whose officers have diplomatic immunity.
- ▶▶ An 800-strong paramilitary police force called the European Gendarmerie Force.
- ▶▶ The European Arrest Warrant, which now allows British citizens to be seized in the UK and sent without appeal to foreign jails for months or years without bail while awaiting trial.
- ▶▶ Europol now has more than 650 officials at its headquarters in The Hague, from where it directs investigations across Europe.
- ▶▶ When its Euro police officers are operating in the UK they have diplomatic immunity and cannot be touched by the British judiciary.

Europol's director is Rob Wainwright, 43, a Welsh-speaking former British civil servant who joined Europol last year. He and his officials will move into a new £8.5 million building next year.

This paramilitary police force, has been trained in Italy and is armed to be deployed as 'an expeditionary police mission' under military command if necessary. This is a significant move in the preparation for the Antichrist to

take control of and set up the Revived Roman Empire.

We have watched and wondered for over 60 years how and when we would see the stage being set in Europe for the appearing of Antichrist. It seems to me that we may be in the final countdown for his appearing. We know that the Revived Roman Empire will not come together until Antichrist appears. We also know that the church will have been raptured prior to Antichrist's being revealed. We will not see this scenario unfold but we do believe that it is near at hand.

I clearly remember in 1948 seeing the headlines in the Toronto Star, "Israel gains its Independence." I recall thinking Jesus is coming soon. That was 62 years ago and Christ has not come as yet. God has a time for everything He does. Example; Galatians

4:4, "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law." God also has a time to send His Son to call the church home to heaven. Romans 11:25, "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in," (That is, until the church is complete). When the Bride of Christ is complete, God will begin to work with Israel again. God has a time for everything He does.

The disciples asked the Lord about His time table. "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons,

which the Father hath put in his own power," Acts 1:6-7. God always has a time for everything He does.

Along with this teaching we also have an exhortation from the Lord about watching for His coming. "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh," Luke 21:28. We cannot know the day or the hour but there will be a generation who will know that the time is near at hand. I truly believe we are that generation.

*I know not in what watch He comes
Nor at what hour He may appear.
Whether at midnight or at morn,
Or in what season of the year:
I only know; that He is near.*

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America's Vulnerability

I believe America has been repeatedly warned by God, as the American administration has defied God's warning in regard to the betrayal of Israel. I believe God is showing America that they are vulnerable to their enemies without His blessing and approval on them as a nation.

I believe the first recent warning took place in the Pacific Ocean. The following headline tells the story. "Surprise! Chinese Sub Pops Up in Middle of US Navy Exercise Undetected - US Alarmed at Vulnerability" The article went on to say, When the U.S. Navy deploys a battle fleet on exercises, it takes the security of its aircraft carriers very seriously indeed. At least a dozen warships provide a physical guard while the technical wizardry of the world's only military superpower offers an invisible shield to detect and deter any intruders. That is the theory. Or, rather, was the theory.

American military chiefs have been left dumbstruck by an undetected Chinese submarine popping up at the heart of a recent Pacific exercise and close to the vast USS Kitty Hawk - a 1,000ft super-carrier with 4,500 personnel on board.

By the time it surfaced the 160ft Song Class diesel-electric attack submarine is understood to have sailed within viable range for launching torpedoes or missiles at the carrier.

According to senior NATO officials, the incident caused consternation in the U.S. Navy.

The Americans had no idea China's fast-growing submarine fleet had reached such a level of sophistication, or that it posed such a threat. One NATO figure said the effect was "as big a shock as the Russians launching Sputnik" - a reference to the Soviet Union's first orbiting satellite in 1957 which marked the start of the space age.

America has been trusting in their superior military power. The Lord seems to be warning that, that trust is vain if they continue to defy Him.

In a second warning in a news article two weeks ago we read, "Experts: Mystery Contrail Was from Chinese Missile." Two governmental military experts with extensive experience working with missiles and computer security systems have examined the television video and conclude the mysterious contrail originating some 30 miles off the coast near Los Angeles did not come from a jet - but rather, they say the exhaust and the billowing plume emanated from a single source nozzle of a missile, probably made in China. They further suggest the missile was fired from a submerged Chinese nuclear submarine off America's coast, and point out that the timing of the

alleged Chinese missile shot coincided with an increasing confrontation between the U.S. and China, and was likely meant to send a message to Washington.

The Federal Aviation Administration documents the fact that there were no aircraft flying in the area at that time, the night of Nov. 8. Again America is warned that she is now vulnerable.

God never sends judgment without a warning. I believe that God is warning America and that America is not listening. God is saying loud and clear, America you are vulnerable!

In yet another warning we read; "The World Turns Against U.S. Economic Policy." America is now isolated and the rest of the world is furious. The widespread use of capital controls and even a lurch into 1930s-style protectionism are both far more likely than just a few days ago. The article continued; that's why Quantitative Easing will be blamed for so much more than "unfair" currency devaluations and for imposing "soft default" on America's creditors.

This crazy money-printing is going to be seen as the primary cause of Western inflation, food riots and a commodity price spike. The writer added; this policy, in my view, is nothing less than America's 'economic Suez'.

The term, 'Quantitative Easing' simply means printing money. When the US does that, it depreciates the value of the debt others hold in US dollars. The US dollar could suddenly be abandoned and as a result become worthless. You can only add so much water to the milk before it becomes water instead of milk. Warning bells are ringing all over the place but no one seems to be listening!

America is now seen as a paper tiger and nations all over the world are now delighting in defying her. North Korea is defying Obama, perhaps with China's blessing. China is also signalling contempt for America. Iran, Syria and Turkey are ignoring the US. The Palestinians are also failing to regard the wishes of America. Even Israel has been placed in a position where they have little choice but to refuse America's requests. Iran now has the

upper hand in the Mid-East, the Mid-East nations are jumping on to Iran's bandwagon before it's too late. America now looks like a loser to the Mid-East nations.

Even Obama seems to be abandoning the US bandwagon. Barack Obama made some comments about globalism during his speech in Mumbai, India, statements that were very eye-opening. He said, "We must embrace globalism and the emerging one world economy," If that is not abandoning America, what is?

Add to the above the warnings of possible cyber attacks, the warning that the stuxnet virus could be turned on America, the warning of an EMP attack. There is also the constant threat of weapons of mass destruction being used by terrorists.

I am reminded of Belshazzar's feast; the handwriting seems to be on the

wall for America. You may say, don't be so negative, but when the judgment of God is evidently imminent, it's time to sound the trumpet and give a warning.

The Lord said to Ezekiel, "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand," Ezekiel 3:18. I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but I can read my Bible and I can read the headlines. When I see the warnings come repeatedly and continually I can figure it out; God is speaking.

Are you ready for the trump of God to sound or would it leave you facing the great Day of the Lord judgment?

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"...Blow the trumpet and warn the people" Ezekiel 33:3

Let the Headlines Speak

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Report Warns Obama About 'new' Dark Ages WND - Bob Unruh

Two national-security experts have issued a report through the Heritage Foundation that warns Obama administration officials to start working now to prevent – and mitigate the damage from – an electromagnetic pulse attack on the United States because of the potential for "unimaginable devastation." "Not even a global humanitarian effort would be enough to keep hundreds of millions of Americans from death by starvation, exposure, or lack of medicine.

You are But Tenants in the Land

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The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. (Leviticus 25:23)
When God brought Israel into the Promised Land He explained that they were His tenants, forbidden from selling or giving the land away (Lev 25:23).

Fatah Declares: No to Israel As Jewish State, No to Land Swaps

Arutz Sheva - Chana Ya'ar

The faction that is led by Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas and which leads the PA has officially declared its formal refusal to recognize Israel as a Jewish State.

When Sharia Comes to School - BBC Expose of Muslim Schools Teaching How to Hack Off Thieves' Hands

Wednesday dailymail.co.uk

Children in Britain are being taught brutal Sharia law punishments, including how to hack off a criminal's hand or foot.

Disbelief Over Couple's Poll on Whether to Abort Baby

christianpost.com

A Minnesota couple's decision to let the public vote on whether or not they should keep their baby has dismayed pro-lifers.

The Horrible Truth Starts to Dawn on Europe's Leaders

TheTelegraph - Ambrose Evans-Pritchard

The entire European Project is now at risk of disintegration, with strategic and economic consequences that are very hard to predict.

'US - Trained Armed Forces Turning PA Into Police State'

Arutz Sheva - Tzvi Ben Gadalyahu

The United States may have created a Frankenstein in the Palestinian Authority, which human rights groups fear is using U.S.-trained forces to build a police state.

'US No Longer Sees Israel As An Asset' Israel Today

While it is perhaps premature to call the Obama Administration hostile toward Israel, Knesset Speaker Reuven Rivlin said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* that it has become clear that Washington no longer sees its relationship with the Jewish state as a strategic asset.