

**THE
UNITED
STATES
OF
EUROPE**



United States Of Europe

NEW COMMON MARKET HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS

Introduction

We consider one of the most significant news items of interest to lovers of Bible Prophecy to be the announced intention of ten nations in Europe to join the Common Market.

Now Britain, Denmark, Ireland and Norway join France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg to become a new economic community of about 257 million, an empire larger than either the United States or the Soviet Union.

Witnessing plans for a United States of Europe causes us to believe our Lord's Return is verily close at hand.

There is hardly any news of greater importance! This is it!

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PRIME MINISTER HEATH

A
NEW
EUROPE
IS
BORN!

Upon the signing of the new treaties, British Prime Minister Edward Heath declared a "new Europe" is born!

And Anthony Lewis, writing for the NEW YORK TIMES, says the sponsors of the Common Market hope this step just taken will prove to be in fulfilment of those who dream of a "united Europe".

Prince Hubertus von Loewenstein, German historian, has stated a United States of Europe is now inevitable. He noted the horrors of World War II taught Europeans the "oneness of their destiny."

Well, certain prophetic teachers maintain that Daniel chapter two predicts what we are seeing today--this formation of a United States of Europe, or, to use their language, a revived Roman Empire.

Daniel would remind us of four vast world kingdoms. The last of these is seen composed of ten nations confederated together to form the last Gentile federation within the framework of the Old Roman Empire. For writes Daniel, "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed." Dan. 2:44

So, we can't help but wonder, Is this it? Are we witnessing the fulfilment of this Endtime prophecy seeing ten nations in Western Europe uniting in an economic pact and ultimately leading to a political union.

The cry of past statesmen, and the dream of world visionaries, has been for a United States of Europe.

In 1871, when France was at war with Germany, it was Victor Hugo who cried out: "Let us have the United States of Europe; let us have continental federation; let us have European freedom!"

Later, Lord Salisbury declared: "Federation is the only hope of the world."

One of the dreams of Winston Churchill was to witness European Federation. Following World War II in a dramatic speech, Churchill warned that the future salvation of Europe depended upon political union.

Said Churchill: "We should be rash and blameworthy were we to attempt to solve the problem of European Unity by any violent stroke! The only unity that might come might be a unity of ashes and death."

"Nevertheless, in the long run," said Churchill, "our main theme of salvation should be the Grand Alliance of the European Powers."

Today Britain, along with nine other nations, has moved to join this Grand Alliance.

A unified Europe is largely the dream of a French visionary by the name of Jean Monnet who is referred to as the "Father of Europe." It is Monnet who helped create the European Economic Community we call the Common Market, with the ultimate aim of political union. Says Monnet: "This dream, this hope, is today within our grasp."

West Germany's Finance Minister, Franz Josef Strauss, has similarly joined in calling for a powerful, federated Europe with its own nuclear deterrent under supra-national control....!

Thus we may be closer to this realization than we think!

In fact, a poll published in a French magazine recently found 65% of the people living in Common Market nations favoring the creation of a United States of Europe. This is an overwhelming majority.

Then these people were asked if they would vote for a president of a united Europe who was a citizen of another country. Fully 59% of those interviewed said they would--a remarkable development indeed. (READER'S DIGEST, Oct., 1970)

It may be noteworthy to point out that the Russian Radio once commented on plans for European Union, saying: "The will to enslave the whole of Europe lurks under the pious talk about the ideals of Christianity!"

The Soviet Union has denounced plans for European Federation as a "Vatican conspiracy" aimed at "deepening the division between East and West Europe."

It is true that Rome has had a firm hand in plans for European union. On one occasion, Pope Pius XII remarked: "Some people are asking themselves whether it is not too late" for genuine European Unity. "Real Unity", stressed the pontiff, "must be based on Religion." And he emphasized: "There is no time to lose!"

Pope Paul is also a strong supporter of European Unity. Addressing leaders of the Council of the European Movement, he issued a strong appeal for a united Europe. And he warned adversaries of European unity that they had better reverse their stand lest a unity be forced on Europe "by external and material factors to the detriment of the inner spiritual inheritance."

He went on to say that the Church has the obligation and the power to support the European Movement for unity. Everybody must know, he said, about the "excellency of the cause of a united Europe in order that the political and social organization may be able to be realized and may be maintained with the spontaneous support of the people and in a spirit of mutual and sincere collaboration." For this reason, he noted, "the Church believes it to be her duty and in her power to bring her support to the cause of this movement." (Catholic Herald, Nov. 15, 1963)

More recently we have seen where the Vatican has asked to establish diplomatic relations with the European Common Market. This request, according to a Vatican press spokesman, "is in harmony with the interest which the Holy See has always had in this community."

Witnessing trends toward such a colossal union, we can't help but wonder about the giant confederation seen by Daniel -- the formation of ten kingdoms to become the last Gentile confederacy. The Apostle John likens this confederacy to a beast, powerful and defiant.

In Revelation 13:4, we read, "Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"

It is evident the future of Europe will become a monstrous economic and political giant. In fact, one news source has already referred to the ten-nation union of some 250 million people, surpassing both the United States and the Soviet Union in economic strength, as an "enormous, physically powerful beast!"

From an economic standpoint, Sylvia Porter, syndicated financial writer refers to the Common Market as "one of the greatest experiments since the empire of Charlemagne in the 9th century."

And TIME magazine comments: "If the Europe of tomorrow could muster the political will, it could become a co-equal of the other two superpowers, the U.S. and Russia, an event that would fundamentally alter the world's super structure."

This, ladies and gentlemen, we are seeing come to pass. Europe's colossal merger is about to be consummated, and it is destined to become a political, as well as a permanent relationship. As French President, Georges Pompidou, put it: "The countries of Western Europe are not movie stars who change fiances every six months. If we get married," he noted, "it is forever!"

So, the marriage of ten nations is now seen becoming a certainty. Whether these are the ten nations seen uniting that will exist as the final world empire, we do not know. But we very well believe this may be exactly what Daniel forecast when he described ten kingdoms existing when Christ would return to establish His millennial kingdom.

In Europe we are seeing ten nations already agreeing to economic union with plans ultimately being laid for political federation. Thus, we believe we are witnessing the birthpangs of this closing age and Christ could come at any time to rapture His Church -- an event we believe will precede the actual enthronement of Antichrist in a world system that will have its origin within the framework of the Old Roman Empire.

There are some who believe Antichrist must be revealed first before our Lord returns for His own, but all Bible scholars -almost without exception - see ten nations prelude the return of Christ in glory.

So, we say again - how thrilling are these days in which we live when momentarily we can expect our Lord to come.

Dr. William R. Newell, in his book on Revelation, says this revived Roman Empire will take place immediately before or at the appearance of Jesus Christ for His Church. How close then our Lord's Coming could be!

The question we ask, Are you ready should Christ come today? Witnessing these days should renew our determination to prepare for this all-glorious event. The Scriptures make it absolutely clear that you can't be expecting our Lord to come without making preparation. You must turn from sin to trust the Saviour and be found living a life worthy of our Lord's soon appearing.

Remember, the Scripture says: "To those who look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (Heb. 9:28) Again, concerning the Church, His bride, we read: "And his wife hath made herself ready!"

Are you in that number looking for our Lord's Return? Then you can be ready as you trust the Saviour and live daily for Him.

For He hath said, "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh!"

IS THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE COMING SOON?

One of the most significant developments of our time is the announced intention of ten nations within Europe to join in an economic union leading ultimately to a political federation.

It was on March 25, 1957, that the treaty of Rome was signed giving formation to what has become Europe's greatest hope for political federation.

Walter Hallstein, past president of the European Economic Community says: "Make no mistake about it. We are not in business, we are in politics. We are building the United States of Europe!"

Hallstein

WIDE WORLD PHOTOS



The chief architect for a United Europe has been Jean Monnet, often referred to as MR. EUROPE. Monnet once predicted: "Once a Common Market interest has been created, then political union will come naturally!"

Thus, ladies and gentlemen, we await developments in one of the most thrilling and spectacular events of modern times.

Bible scholars have long awaited developments which we are witnessing today. For one of the great prophecies in the Bible relates to plans to revive the Old Roman Empire in what will be the last final Gentile Confederacy prior to the coming of Christ to reign upon this earth.

For proof of this we turn to the book of Daniel. The Prophet Daniel is shown the image of a man. The head of the image was of gold and signified the great Babylonian empire. The breast and arms were of silver and represented the world empire of Media-Persia. The body and thigh of the image was of brass and typified the Grecian empire under Alexander. The two legs of iron illustrated the Roman Empire in its Eastern and Western divisions.

Finally, Daniel was shown the feet of the image--ten toes which were partly of iron and partly of clay. We read of a stone then falling upon the feet of the image and it collapses, being broken into pieces.

Three things we would point out concerning this revelation shown Daniel. Listen carefully.

First, Daniel sees the ten toes as representing the last Gentile confederacy.

What we are seeing today--ten nations within Europe forming an economic alliance--we believe will lead ultimately to a political union. Then the stone which fell upon the feet of the image represents the coming of Christ when all earthly kingdoms are smashed, ending this age, and bringing in Christ's earthly kingdom of a thousand years.

In the second place, we would note that the feet of the image are partly of iron and partly of clay. Iron speaks of despotism as we find it in communism. Winston Churchill so aptly coined the expression "iron curtain" to represent the wall that surrounds the Soviet Union with its despotic rule. And clay, being more pliable, speaks of democracy, expressed in the expressions of the popular will of the people, often fickle, and easily molded by public opinion. Anyone who visits Europe today knows that this is the case. There is the mixture which the Bible reminds us will never work, for the one will not mix with the other.

Finally, witnessing ten nations within Europe uniting, should alert all of us to the imminent return of our Lord. It surely cannot be too far distant. Let me explain.

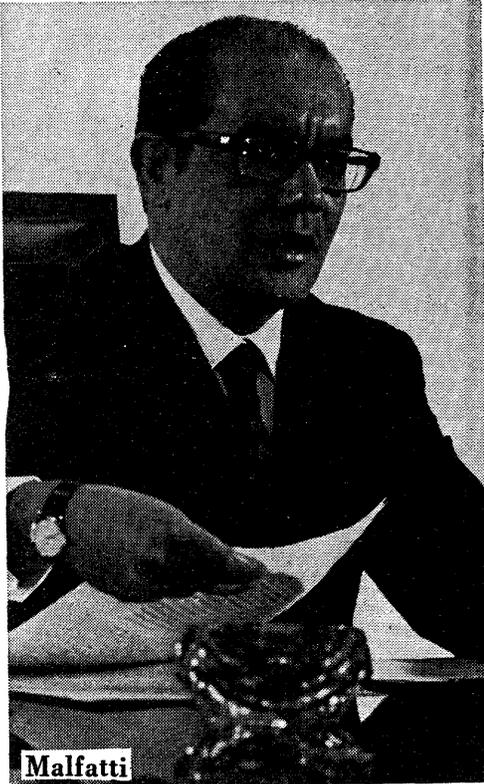
Let's suppose you were a child in a large family. Father told the children that when the mother would give birth to her tenth child that they would then move into larger quarters. There would be a new home. Now what would you do when you saw your mother coming home with her tenth child from the hospital?

Or, suppose your attorney was settling your parents' estate and you were informed that after ten years you would receive a great sum of money. Suppose this was the tenth year. Would you not await developments that would bring you into your inheritance?

Or, suppose you were running in a race. At the crack of the gun being fired, you were to begin running. Now the race is about to begin. When the gun is fired the tenth time, would you just stand there, or would you start running with all your might?

Friends, God's Word declares that ten nations within Europe would one day unite to form the last government on earth prior to the coming of our Lord. Shall we just stand here and do nothing? Indeed, these are days to make preparation....to make absolutely certain of our salvation.

Have you trusted Christ as your Saviour, and are you found living for Him, looking for His coming? Be alertedJesus is coming soon. Be ye ready!



Malfatti

Jean Guyaux

IS

POLITICAL UNITY

EUROPE'S

NEXT STEP?

Franco Maria Malfatti, President of E.E.C., predicts the ten-member nations of the Common Market will march forward to form a political union.

This we believe to be of tremendous importance as the Scriptures would seem to forecast ten nations within Europe coming together to form the last Gentile confederacy of nations. Writes Daniel: "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed." Dan. 2:44.

Indeed, what challenging days in which to live. Prophecy is being fulfilled before our very eyes. These are days of thrilling expectancy when at any moment the trumpet could sound and our Lord could return.

As the MIDNIGHT CRY magazine notes: "The rise of the beast kingdom is now in its infancy in the organization and operation of the European Common Market. It must develop into a full-fledged United States of Europe which will be a federation of all the nations within the boundaries of the Old Roman Empire into ten distinct nations."

Here's where we might have to raise some questions. For if all of the states formerly within the Old Roman Empire are included, it would have to take into consideration countries such as Spain, Portugal, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, along with some of the Mediterranean colonies bordering Northern Africa. For all of these states make up the former territory of the Old Roman Empire, but are presently not members of the Common Market.

However, we see no reason from Scripture where these nations have to be included. The Bible only infers that ten kings shall arise within this kingdom. (Dan.7:23) It is not stated that these ten nations would constitute the same territory as the Old Roman Empire, but rather we read, "ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise!"

Incidentally, Daniel then sees another horn arising which we believe represents the world political beast who is then seen subduing three of these kings so that their identity is somewhat confused.

So any ten nations within Europe could constitute the fulfilment of prophecies forecast by both Daniel and John.

As one religious journal notes: "Certain prophetic teachers have maintained that Daniel, chapter two, predicts a United States of Europe, or, to use their language, a revived Roman Empire. According to this interpretation, the toes of the multi-metallic image seen by Nebuchadnezzar in his disturbing dream represent TEN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES which will yet be brought into confederation."

Now we are seeing this take place, particularly when there have been those who have predicted a political union is impossible. As A.L.Fisher has pointed out: "...all attempts in the past "to impose a common system upon the...peoples of Europe" have failed.

Will this attempt succeed?

Indeed, for a time it will. But as iron and clay do not mix, so these ten nations will endure together for only a time.

What will end this economic, political and religious confederacy will be the return of the Lord in glory.

Listen to this picturesque language - a beautiful description by the prophet, Daniel. He writes, "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven....And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages would serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed!"

Don't you feel like singing the Hallelujah Chorus? For we're reminded, "He shall reign, forever and ever and ever. Hallelujah, Amen!"

Well, the question we leave with you today is this - Are you a part of this kingdom?

Remember, we did not ask - To what church do you belong?

Our Lord declared, "Except a man be born again - born from above - he could not see the kingdom of God?"

That's strange language to some people. But if Jesus said it we had better accept it, and understand just exactly what he meant!

Our Lord goes on to explain that our coming into this world is a physical birth - "that which is born of the flesh is flesh!" And then he adds, we are born into this new relationship by a spiritual birth through faith.

Thus, today "as many as receive Him (Christ) to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God!" (John 1:11-12)

Did you hear it?

If you don't remember anything else, be sure to remember this - you are brought into Christ's Kingdom by receiving Him as your Lord and Saviour, and not by joining a church, or through any kind of ritual.

Of course, after you trust Christ as your Saviour you will certainly want to fellowship with God's people in a Bible-believing church if at all possible. And you will want to be baptized as a testimony of your faith in Christ. You'll want to make restitution for wrongs committed and then live daily for Him. By reading your Bible and through prayer, by witnessing to others, and through your own testimony you can have the blessing of God upon your life, and you can be ready for this glorious event of our Lord's coming.

Witnessing ten nations within Europe uniting into an economic confederacy with plans for ultimate political union should cause us all to realize our Lord's coming could occur at any moment. Are we not reminded - when certain things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh?

What a blessed hope is ours in the midst of a world becoming more wicked, more violent, and more controlled by the forces of Antichrist! For the believer the blessed hope is the upward look for the coming of Jesus Christ.

For remember He hath said, "Be ye ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh!"

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Ten nations have now signed a Treaty of Accession to the European Common Market, the next-to-last formal step before all nations are full-fledged members--an event scheduled to take place in January, 1973.

At the signing ceremony recently, an unhappy incident marred the occasion. Prime Minister Edward Heath was about to step up to the chamber where this historic document would be signed when a woman, posing as a news photographer, threw a canister of black printing ink in his face. The whole episode was shown on Erovision and delayed the signing for almost an hour as Mr. Heath had to wash up and find a change of clothes.



KAREN COOPER THROWING INK AT HEATH

At long last, in Europe today we are seeing the formation of an economic monster called the Common Market. If all ten nations succeed in joining, they will form a new community of nations with a population larger than the United States or the Soviet Union.

TIME magazine comments: "The odds are that each country will eventually vote to join the Common Market... on schedule!"

So we await developments.

A news item of interest was extracted from a foreign religious journal (EVANGELISTEN) which told of a Christian brother entering a shoe shop in one of the countries of the Common Market. He was very much surprised to find a special trademark on some of the footwear.

The trademark was described as consisting of a black line in the midst of what looked like a penny. It bore the inscription of The Common Market along with the number 666. But what surprised this man most of all, was the picture of the head of a lamb with two horns.

In Revelation, chapter 13, we have the picture of a lamb with two horns that many believe describes the coming Antichrist. As our Lord was referred to as the Lamb of God, so we see this peaceful personage arising from the masses of mankind. By peace shall he persuade many to become his followers.

Now concerning the two horns--these are believed to be representative of both his religious and political power that he possesses. (It's interesting that Ranke, in the 'History of the Popes', points out that the Roman Catholic movement in the world has been two-fold, one was religious and the other political. Thus we believe we can understand the significance of the two horns seen on the lamb creature which we said refers to the coming Antichrist.)

It is stated further concerning the activities of Antichrist that "he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Did you hear it?

We're hearing a great deal these days about a mark of identification or number that everyone might eventually receive.

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As Professor B.A.Hodson, director of the computer center at the University of Manitoba, observes: "We find ourselves in a dilemma. We advocate an era in which everybody will have a number on his forehead and won't be able to do anything without it!"

We certainly can see this coming, and, according to Hodson, "The centralization of government, business and credit records will help to bring it about!"

William Beirnes, writing in the MIDNIGHT CRY, similarly has noted: "The world is becoming number conscious."

Perhaps one of the most striking aspects of this is that it could apply to us here in the United States as well as abroad. This idea of taking a number will not be applicable to Europe alone but will become worldwide. Concerning this world ruler, we read: "He causeth all...to receive a mark...." ALL will be required to participate in this program when it is put into operation.

How many know that our president, should he ever consider it necessary, can seize control of our government and issue emergency orders that would permit the takeover of the railroads, the airports, and all communication media, including all electric power, gas, fuels and petroleum; all food sources including farms and farm machinery, along with the communications media!

Richard Cotton in his CONSERVATIVE VIEWPOINT periodical, writes: "This may be 'prophetic'. This may even be the 'mark of the beast' that you may not be able to buy or sell without."

Then he calls attention to one of the Executive Orders which would make it necessary for you to go to the post office and register to "get your number" before you would be able to buy or sell.

Well, these are facts that should concern us. For if that day ever came when men would be required to have this identification, it could spell disaster and death to those who refuse to accept this mark or number.

The Scriptures make it clear that those who accept this identification will forever forfeit their right to eternal life. By identifying with the Antichrist system they are turning their backs forever on Christ.

On the other hand, those who refuse this mark or identification will no doubt be martyred. So, this is the coming plight facing our world.

It should be pointed out that the problem that brings on this identification is largely economic rather than political. We have heard of plans to brand one's Social Security number upon some part of the body, even on babies. But the economic problems--our problem we are having with our indebtedness, the huge balance of payments deficit, and the gold crisis--are going to bring on this required identification to buy or sell, more quickly than we realize.

A Louis Harris survey has revealed that more Americans are concerned about the economy than any other issue. (1971 Survey)

Sociologist David Riesman of Harvard says the questions now troubling Americans are - "What can we believe? What is our ultimate end? Who will lead us? Where are we going?"

This instability, my friends, is what is going to bring on the Antichrist who will claim to have a solution to the world's peace problem as well as our money dilemma.

A French magazine, some time ago, disclosed that plans are underway to eventually seize all possessions and all savings and bank deposits. Then every man, woman and child will receive a certain amount of money and a number. The number received gives the right to buy or sell. Finally, if anyone refuses to cooperate, his number is taken away, thus destroying his livelihood.

The question we may very well ponder - Are we on the threshold of these strange, awesome and terrible events? Is Antichrist soon to appear?

The Rev. R.W. Neighbor has written: "The world stage is being set for the Antichrist. The time is not far away when there will be one world politically, religiously, socially and economically; then the world dictator will assume control."

Dr. Vance Havner has said: "The real issue today... is Christ or Antichrist; God who became man, or the man who will claim to be God!"

My friends, as we see it, our only hope is the coming again of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Who will survive the day when you can't buy nor sell unless you have some kind of mark of identification clearly imprinted on your forehead or right hand!

Let's suppose that you knew that you would be forced to starve to death or to take this number tattooed on your forehead, knowing the Scripture has given warning concerning this happening during the days of the coming Antichrist.

What would you do?

Some of you can't resist following the fads and fashions. You surely won't be able to resist this coming command should you be here when this order is issued.

It is surprising how many noted evangelical leaders believe that all Christians are going through the tribulation period just ahead. May I ask, what would happen were we faced with this choice?

Again, referring to Dr. William Beirnes who warns: "The mark of the beast is Satan's masterpiece, for all who receive the mark are branded for hell, for they can never be saved. (Rev. 14:9-11). Because of this," notes Beirnes, "no one should receive any number tattooed on their body for identification, so that they may buy or sell or get a job."

Beloved, believing the coming of our Lord is near, as I see it, there is only one choice. The Scripture tells us to "pray that we may escape all of these things seen coming to pass and to stand before the Son of man."

It's not that Christians are afraid to face death. Surely, some will no doubt have their basements lined with canned goods, or will have various commodities stored away that will keep them alive in this coming day.

Or, I think of the Scripture given by Jesus when He said, "Make friends of the mammon of unrighteousness.." Could it be that by having unsaved neighbors with which we have been friendly, they may buy and share with their Christian friends who won't be able to buy nor sell in that day?

Well, these are thoughts that go through your mind as you realize what's ahead. It's not that Christians fear persecution. Rather, it is realizing that God's purpose is to punish the wicked that such great tribulation is coming. And rather than face the wrath of Almighty God, would it not be better to turn from sin to trust the Saviour and flee the wrath to come!

How sad for anyone to miss Christ's coming when He snatches from off the earth those who have placed their trust in Him, and are found living for Him at His coming!

For this reason we feel compelled to urge everyone listening today to turn to Christ. Find forgiveness and pardon for your sin by simply coming to Jesus and confessing your wrongdoing to Him. He tells us in His Word "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

People are flocking to psychiatrists to be set free from their guilt complexes. And after paying a fortune they are still not released from the load of their sin.

But for this very reason Jesus came. He not only told us we could be forgiven, but dying on the cross, He purchased your redemption and mine. Thus it is written, "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, cleanseth us from all sin!"

Did you hear it? That's the greatest news ever!

You can be forgiven, set free, made new, and made ready for our Lord's coming simply by coming to the cross and taking Christ as your Saviour and Lord.

Too easy, you say? Maybe He won't accept me--I'm a thief, a murderer, a drunk, a gambler, a sex fiend, a dop addict...hopeless and helpless...

My friends, our Lord promises, "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out!" It was for you that Jesus came. He did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. He reminds us, "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick!"

If you are sick of your sin there is hope for you. If you don't think you need help, then you are the one who is hopeless.

If it is possible to kneel down and pray, right now, come to the Lord with this prayer. "Lord Jesus, come into my heart and life. Forgive me of all my sins. Make me yours to do your will and be found ready for you when you come. Amen!"

Pray that prayer sincerely and God will meet you in your need. Then live for the Lord daily, for He is coming soon.

Remember He hath said, Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh!

WARNING

RESIST ANY REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION
BY A POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY
AS IT COULD BE THE 'MARK OF THE BEAST!



If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

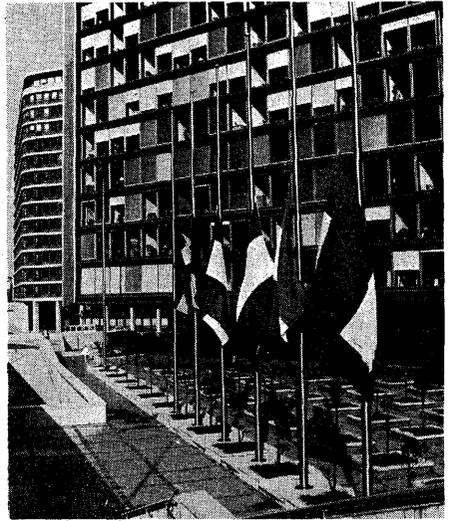
And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number *is* Six hundred three-score *and* six.

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- from Rev 14:9-10; 13:16-17. Also see 15:2; 16:2; 19:20 and 20:4.

BRITAIN JOINS THE COMMON MARKET



Six flags at Brussels, but there are four vacant places. The E.E.C. President has also a place reserved for his flag.

Britain's action in joining the Common Market changes the map of Europe - and the map of the world.

As news reporter, James McCartney, put it: "Britain said a polite 'goodbye' to the United States, its long-time closest friend; and it said 'hello' to Europe."

British entry into the Common Market was described by C. L. Sulzberger of the NEW YORK TIMES as "one of the most important political events since World War II."

Thus, Britain is seen joining West Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands in an economic superpower. Eventually, Norway, Denmark and Ireland are expected to follow, and ultimately, political union is the goal of this ten nation confederacy.

The prophet Daniel, looking down to the time of the End, sees the last Gentile World Confederacy of Nations to be in existence when Christ is seen coming gloriously to reign upon the earth.

What does he see?

He is shown an image of a beast. In its head are ten horns, with another little horn appearing. Then he was told the interpretation of what he had just seen.

The beast represents a kingdom upon earth which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, which shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

The ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise, and one shall arise after them.

The beast represented the Roman Empire at its

zenith, but may very well represent the combined strength today of the United Nations. With Red China brought into the U.N., it has strengthened the forces of world government that will surely be represented as "red" - its ideology largely that of radical leaning to the left.

It was indeed a sad day when the United Nations voted 76 to 35 to admit Red China on its own terms, and to expel the Taiwan government of Free China.

The resultant effect will be that of future votes favoring forces antagonistic to the United States, even forcing us to accept the jurisdiction of this world body in ways that could spell disaster for our freedom.

Too often prophetic scholars have concentrated on the ten horns of this beast without giving too much thought to the beast itself. The ten horns are said to appear in the head of this world beast which we believe represents the worldwide advance of world communism in its attempt to control this earth with its godless philosophy.

The ten horns represent ten kings, or ten nations seen confederating within the framework of the United Nations to form a vast super power.

Another horn is seen arising which represents the world ruler known as the Antichrist. Of him it is said that he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws, and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (or 3 1/2 years)

That this ten nation confederacy will largely be infiltrated by the Marxist ideology is plain for all to see. The Soviets have been working overtime to infiltrate these ten nations of Western Europe. Even Great Britain has witnessed this gigantic attempt on the part of those who would seek to plot a course of action which could lead to serious consequences.

For this reason, London recently surprised the world when it cracked down on Soviet espionage agents in Britain ordering over a hundred spies to return back to Moscow.

British Prime Minister, Edward Heath, was willing to risk a break with Russia rather than allow these spies to continue unchecked in Britain. As one British authority put it: "It is the first time in a long time that anyone has stood up to the Russians and told them that enough is enough!"

However, U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT discloses that the British action in cracking down on 105 Russian spies was not only the biggest single strike against Soviet espionage agents - but it "exposed only the tip of a massive iceberg."

Western Intelligence authorities report that thousands of other Soviets, possibly one out of every two Russians sent abroad, are still at work on spy missions.

In Paris, French security officers believe that half of the 1,000 communist-bloc representatives there are espionage agents.

And, officials in West Germany estimate there are 10,000 Communist informants there, saying this is a "rock-bottom" figure.

And, so you see this infiltration into Western Europe will largely influence the governments of these nations, and eventually we can expect a capitulation to an ideology formerly antagonistic to Christianity and freedom.

Thus, in the book of Revelation we see a picture of a world government so controlled by the forces of godlessness that it becomes impossible to throw off the shackles of iron-clad rule that will be in evidence when Antichrist is in power.

For we read: "Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Rev. 13:3-7

Did you hear it?

Eventually we are going to witness fulfilment of these verses. We are already seeing the forces of godlessness growing in power, and we again assert that admittance of Red China into the U.N., with the expulsion of Free China, has only strengthened these forces that are godless and which are antagonistic to our way of life. Ultimately we will be bound to accept their jurisdiction in decisions which will not only affect our political beliefs but our spiritual considerations as well.

What will happen is that ultimately concepts counter to Christianity shall prevail. Even though the Soviet Union is seen meeting doom when it invades Israel (a prophecy forecast by Ezekiel) it does not spell doom for the forces of godlessness. Ultimately war will be made upon "the saints", that is, all who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, with the result that they will be overcome.

That day may not be too far distant. However, one thing is certain. Though Antichrist shall ultimately triumph, and will succeed in gaining the acceptance of the nations, and the admiration of the world, his tenure in office is limited to only 3 1/2 years. Afterward, our Lord is seen coming from heaven and in an instant Antichrist is destroyed, and he is cast alive into the abyss.

Here is what we read: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse: and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True...and the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."

It is then we read: "the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army."

Did you hear it? That is the Battle of Armageddon

when the kings of earth led by the Antichrist, referred to here as "the beast" is seen leading the armies of the world against the Lord seen coming from heaven.

Specifically, the ten kings or nations that will ultimately comprise the political federation we might call the United States of Europe are singled out as leading this invasion against the Lord. Led by Antichrist, who will really be Satan incarnated in a man, they will march to their doom.

For we read: "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb (Christ) shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful" Rev. 17:14

Now, we can't help but point out that included in this army seen coming from heaven is this band referred to as the "called, chosen and faithful."

This is one reason why we believe our Lord is seen coming for his own before he is pictured returning to this earth to destroy the forces of Antichrist.

This is what affords the "blessed hope" which we should have as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. We know not exactly the day nor the hour but conditions prevailing upon the earth would lead us to believe the time is ripe for rapture -- when Christ is seen coming for His own.

Notice, however, those seen with our Lord are referred to as "called, chosen, and faithful."

Are you among this company of saints?

The Church of Jesus Christ is a "called-out" company with their citizenship in heaven, and their hopes and aspirations tied to Christ's return. We are "called, according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28

They are not only "called" but "chosen"....Could this not be a reference to the grace of God in choosing us as His representatives on earth. To His disciples He said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you...." John 15:16. He also reminded them, "Many are called, but few chosen." (Mt. 20:16; 22:14)

And, concerning that army seen coming from heaven, it is said they are FAITHFUL.

To the steward who invested his lord's money, putting his talents to work, our Lord is seen saying: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

O, that we might thus be rewarded when our Lord appears. It will be worth it all to be among the "called, chosen and faithful" when He appears.

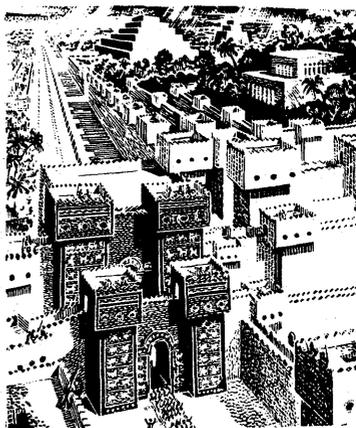
Whereas, our Lord's death procured for us a perfect salvation it seems it is for us to strive for acceptance - to "make our calling and election sure!"

May this be the divine incentive today through the Holy Spirit speaking to our hearts -- to do God's will, and be found ever ready, looking for and hastening our Lord's soon coming.

For remember, He hath said, "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

BULLETIN:

Iraq Weighs Rebuilding Of Babylon



An Associated Press dispatch recently related the announced intention to reconstruct a part of ancient Babylon as a tourist attraction.

Some years ago there was similar talk of such a project that never materialized. (Broadcast # 367). The ruins of ancient Babylon are today infested with snakes and poisonous vermin. Even the digging of a shallow trench exposes the explorer to hidden death.

At present, Babylon is a pile of rubble and brick. Like many other archaeological sites in the eastern Arab world, the ancient city of Babylon is off the tourist beat. It lies virtually deserted with few visitors, no souvenir shops, no guides hawking slides, post cards or bargain restaurants.

Peasants walk their donkeys through the fields nearby and a few crows disturb the stillness but, otherwise, Babylon remains uninhabited.

It was in Babylon that Hammurabi drafted his famous code of law almost 2,000 years before Christ. Here more than 1,000 years later, Nebuchadnezzar built the hanging gardens, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Alexander the Great, just beginning to rule the vast empire he conquered, died at the age of 33 of malaria in Babylon.

Available records tell us of the splendor of this ancient kingdom. The city was 14 miles square embracing almost 200 square miles. Walls 80 feet thick and 200 feet high surrounded the city.

The site generally considered for reconstruction would hold the remains of the hanging gardens. Guidebooks say Nebuchadnezzar built the gardens for his queen who missed the greenery of her native northern highlands in the arid plains of Mesopotamia, the land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

The reported building site is said to be about the size of a modest American back yard, and certainly would not ever begin to compare to the gardens that once ranked among the seven wonders of the world.

That Babylon will never be rebuilt is forecast from the Scriptures. In Isaiah 13:19 we read: "Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,....shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation."

Again, the Bible vindicates itself as honest, reliable and trustworthy.

As Princeton's great geologist once said: "The more the leaves of earth are turned, the more they show the Old book, the Bible, to be true!"

Man's attempt at restoring ancient Babylon will end in failure. For God has determined it shall never rise again to the prominence it once knew. In fact, this once glorious kingdom shall never be inhabited from generation to generation.

However, the Scriptures do speak of Mystery Babylon as appearing in the Endtime. The term "Babylon" is used in Scripture to refer to both a political confederacy of nations within the sphere of the Old Roman Empire, as well as to identify a world religious system seen appearing.

As the Scofield Bible notes: "Ecclesiastical Babylon... is apostate Christendom, headed up under the Papacy; and political Babylon,....is the Beast's confederated empire, the last form of Gentile world-dominion." Footnote, p. 1346.

That the name 'Babylon' applies to Rome is made clear from many sources.

In the Douay version of the Bible, the footnote of Revelation, chapter 17 and verse 5 reads - if Babylon is to be understood of any particular city, it would be pagan Rome.

That Rome is destined to play an important role in Endtime events is plain for all to see.

First, Rome will no doubt become the seat of authority in the federated kingdom of one we call the Antichrist.

Today we are seeing ten nations in Europe uniting economically with plans ultimately aimed at political federation. The present headquarters of the Common Market is Brussels. Eventually, the seat of authority of a combined political-religious system is seen to be Rome.

Notes in the Scofield Bible again identify Babylon as the city of luxury and traffic (trade), along with the identification of being an ecclesiastical center, as representing Rome. (Footnote p. 1347)

It is said that Joseph Stalin, the Russian dictator, read the Bible through at least five times and that he supposedly understood the reference in Revelation 17 to Babylon referred to Rome.

Babylon's destruction is forecast in Rev. 17:17 and in Rev. 18:8 which declares, "She shall be utterly burned with fire!"

And, in the light of this prophecy, we have been told that Russia has boasted she will one day burn Rome. (N.Y. Times, Jan. 17, 1957)

Ten kingdoms, seen ruling for a time, are said to turn against the religious system of the Endtime. Again reading the notes of the Scofield Bible which explains these difficult passages so well... "Ecclesiastical Babylon ... is destroyed by political Babylon!" In other words, the religious system will be destroyed by the political system.

Then, finally, the power of political Babylon is destroyed by the return of our Lord Jesus Christ to reign upon this earth!

So, there you have it. Prophecy is world news written in advance. We watch with interest news developments which would reveal we draw ever closer to the coming of our Lord for His own in an event we call the rapture.

The word 'rapture' is not found in the Bible but is a term used to illustrate the exit from this earth by believers in the Lord seen looking for His coming.

This we believe could occur at any time.

The late Dr. M. R. DeHaan observed: "After the Church has been raptured, there will arise a world-power, a dictator who will succeed in uniting the nations of the world in a great federation. At the same time the false Christ, THE ANTICHRIST, the end-time religious leader, will organize all religions into one great world-church."

Someone has said, "The world is looking for someone who can bring peace to the Middle East...and this is the setting for the antichrist to come in as a man of Peace." We also read, "He will come in peacefully and he will cause CRAFTS to prosper, and through prosperity Satan will destroy many." (Dan. 8:25)

The world waits and wonders what will happen next! Developments in Europe are moving so swiftly that it cannot be long before a political alliance is consummated.

As Guido Carli, head of the Bank of Italy, stated only recently that "Economic development has gone about as far as it can go without further political development."

So this may be the next move on the horizon!

Finally, a development to look for is an agreement between the head of this newly-formed political federation and the nation of Israel that would permit the restoration of her temple sacrifices.

Already an agreement has been signed between the Common Market countries and Israel. Few know about this development which is regarded by some prophetic scholars as highly significant. For on June 29, 1970, the European Economic Community and Israel signed an agreement aimed at eliminating all tariff barriers.

Incidentally, the EEC, or Common Market is the most important single market and source of supply for Israel.

What does this tell us but that a trade agreement already exists between Israel and the Common Market which could ultimately lead to greater political and religious ties.

As a matter of fact, Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban considers this trade agreement as having (quote) "a significance beyond its economic content in providing the basis

for deeper political relationships.”

Daniel, writing of the coming prince who appears out of Rome, says: “He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease...”

In other words, a treaty of seven years is visualized that will permit restoration of temple worship including the offerings of blood sacrifices. But in the midst of this week of years, that is, after 3-1/2 years, we find Antichrist breaking his agreement and demanding the offering of sacrifices cease. He himself becomes the object of worship as he moves his headquarters to Jerusalem where he desecrates the temple by setting himself up as a god to be worshipped.

But he shall come to his end with the coming of the Lord in great power and glory.

What tremendous days in which to live as we await fulfillments of these prophecies. In fact, we would hope we will have been caught away at the rapture of the Church before these events actually occur.

Yet there is much we do not understand nor can we fully explain. For example, witnessing ten kings arise which we believe constitute the last Gentile confederacy of nations. We see an eleventh arise who is seen subduing three of these kings. Frankly we do not know all of the details relating to this prophecy. But we do believe that what we are seeing today is a forecast of coming events. Ten nations are seen uniting so that we can't help but wonder if the economic federation we are witnessing today might not terminate in the ten-nation political union forecast at the time of the return of our Lord in glory.

Whatever may be our interpretation of these events, we are convinced the hour is growing late and Jesus is soon to come.

These should be days of preparation when we get everything squared away with God and our neighbor. As we've said before - we should be paid up, prayed up, and ready to go up!

“Make your calling and election sure” is the command of Scripture. By coming to Christ, placing our trust in Him, we can know assuredly that we are ready to meet the Lord. By walking in obedience to His Word, doing His Will, we can be ready for this all-glorious event we call the rapture.

We know not the day nor the hour, but we are reminded to be found watching and waiting so that when our Lord appears, we will be ready. For He hath said, “Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh!”