"The word of the Lord endureth for ever"
"Jesus Christ the same pesterday, and today, and for ever"

# Circular Letter

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Dearly beloved chosen of God in Christ, scattered all over the earth, I greet you in the most holy and precious name of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. The most important task now is our preparation for His second coming to be taken to Glory, for thus it is written in Mt. 25:10 and Rev. 19:7, "...and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage." "... for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife has made herself ready."

Two scriptures are to be our guideline throughout this exposition.

I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth (1 Jn. 2:21).

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We are of God. He that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error (1 Jn. 4:6).

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As in every teaching sermon and in all of our books, we shall let God's Word richly dwell with us in this circular letter. Two things are recorded from the very beginning: the Word, which came forth from the mouth of the Almighty, and the interpretations whispered by the old serpent. The Word is Spirit and Life, the interpretation is a deadly poison. Those who believe as the Scripture says (Jn. 7:38) and remain in the Truth of the Word (Jn. 15) are the true children of God. The other ones who go for the interpretations are the mixed seed. Right and wrong, understanding of the Scripture and misunderstanding it accompanied humanity in general, also Israel and the church all the way through and it will stay that way right to the end of time.

The Word is the seed (Lk. 8:11). This can never be overemphasised. When the seed of the Word comes up, it is manifested in the children of the Kingdom (Mt. 13:38a), and the tares are the children of the wicked one (Mt. 13:38b). Two different sowers are sowing two different seeds, which grow on the same field. At harvest time the wheat will be taken into the heavenly garner and the tares, which lived by the same rain and ripened under the same sun, will be burned (Mt. 13:30).

The warning not to explain and interpret what God said should be taken seriously. In the beginning was the Word, the interpretation followed after. The Apostle John commences his epistle in saying, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us ..." (verses 1-2).

The New Testament began with the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies. Reading the four Gospels, we find the record right from the birth of the Saviour to His ascension to heaven. God promised to make a new covenant, to give us a new heart, a new spirit and a new life. In the New Testament all the promises are fulfilled. John the Baptist was a promised prophet according to Isa. 40:3 and Mal. 3:1. When the time of fulfilment came, God watched over His Word, sent the angel Gabriel to Zacharias, announcing the birth of the forerunner, "... And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord, their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Lk. 1:15-17).

In Matthew, chapter 3, verses 1-2, also in chapter 11, 7-14, our LORD confirmed the fulfilment of the prophecy with John the Baptist's ministry as the one to prepare His way. In Mark, chapter 1, 1-3, the two scriptures from the Old Testament are placed at the very introduction of this respective Gospel. It is also confirmed in Luke 1:67-80.

In John, chapter 1, the man sent from God was asked, "Who art thou?" "And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elijah? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. ... What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the LORD, as said the prophet, Isaiah." (19-23).

The writers of the Gospels by the guidance of the Holy Spirit have put the emphasis upon the fulfilment of all the prophecies from the Old Testament. Luke at the beginning speaks about his "declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us. Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, that thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed." (1:1-4).

The men of God at the beginning, as also the Apostle John writes, were eyewitnesses, they could testify of what they saw, heard and experienced. They were not just reporters, but they were ministers of the Word — having received perfect understanding from God about the things which took place according to the Scripture, before sharing them with us.

The Apostle Peter is one of the main witnesses at the <u>first</u> coming of the Saviour, but also speaks about His return.

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our LORD Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ... We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place ... knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not at any time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Pet. 1:16-21). At the time of fulfilment the revealed Word shines as a bright beacon in the religious darkness.

The Apostle John does mention the messenger — the forerunner, but makes Christ, the manifested Word, the main subject of his teaching. A true servant of God preaches the Word, but Christ *is* the Word. A true man sent from God can show the way, but Christ *is* the way. An apostle can show forth the light, but Christ *is* the light. Preachers can speak about the resurrection, but Christ *is* the resurrection and life.

God does all things according to His Word, wherein His ways and will are expressed. Every man sent from God with a ministry will first receive perfect divine understanding of the perfect Word and place it into the perfect order according to the perfect plan of salvation. From Matthew, chapter 1, we can follow the footprints left behind, showing forth all the prophecies which were fulfilled. That is the divine — the convincing part in the New Testament, wherein 109 prophecies\* are shown in their fulfilments.

When Christ the Saviour was born, we find the statement in Mt. 1:22, "Now all this was done, <u>that it might be fulfilled</u> which was spoken of the LORD by the prophet ...(Isa. 7:14)"

As to where: "And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of JudÊa: for thus it is written by the prophet ..." (Mt. 2:5; Micah 5:1).

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As to the journey to Egypt: "And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the LORD by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son." (Mt. 2:15; Hos. 11:1).

As to the killing of the children: "*Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet ...*" (Matth. 2:17; Jer. 31:15).

Moving to Capernaum: "...leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphthali: <u>That it might be fulfilled</u> which was spoken by Isaiah, the prophet ..." (Mt. 4:13-14; Isa. 9:1-2).

In Luke, chapter 4, our LORD read from the prophet Isaiah and then made the statement, "*This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*" (4:21; Isa. 61:1-2). Even to the last moments, all the way through from His birth, Scripture was being fulfilled.

In John 19, on His way to Calvary, we read several times, "...that the scripture might be fulfilled ..." (v. 24; Ps. 22:16-18).

"After this Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst ..." (Vv. 28-30; Ps. 69:21).

"For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken" (v. 36; Ps. 34:20)

"And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced." (v. 37: Zech. 12:10). Within His last 24 hours precisely 24 scriptures were fulfilled.

#### The LORD talks with us

In Luke, chapter 24, our Lord gave unto us an everlasting example of what actually takes place when He comes to walk and to talk with us, "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself ... And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him ... And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us along the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? ... And he said unto them, These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures" (vv. 27-45).

Jesus Christ, our LORD, is still the same in every way. What He did then and what His disciples and the New Testament church experienced at the beginning, must be our experience today. Everything pertaining to the LORD and Saviour was shown forth as the fulfilment of Scriptures. The Apostle Paul summarises this fact in making the statement, "For I delivered unto you first of all which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

When the New Testament Church was founded by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2), the prophecy of Joel 2 was fulfilled.

We are still living in Bible days. Now, before the second coming of Christ, the same scriptural pattern applies. The direct commission and highest duty of a servant of God is to place all things within the Kingdom of God according to the Holy Scriptures. It fills one with unspeakable joy to know that our brethren at the beginning altogether referred to the Old Testament scriptures not less than 845 times in the New Testament. It shows the importance they were giving to the Word of God. The New Testament Church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief-cornerstone and also the headstone (Eph. 2:20; Zech. 4:6-7).

Every true teaching is based upon God's Word; every false teaching is based upon the private interpretation thereof. All things connected to the plan of salvation are foretold in prophetic scriptures and are not of any private interpretation. As the Apostle John stated, it remains for ever valid that no lie originates in the truth and also that all who are born of God will remain in the truth of His Word, for "... whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for his seed remains in him" (1 Jn. 3:9) and, "For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever." (2 Jn. 2). Amen!

As we have seen, the many predictions and prophecies concerning the first coming of our Lord and Saviour were all fulfilled, so it is now in the time period before His return. Every Word of God must merge into reality. Whenever the time comes, not just a teaching or a so-called revelation, but reality is manifested. As the birth of Christ was a reality, His life and ministry, His sufferings and death, His resurrection and ascension were a reality, so His return, the resurrection of those who died in Christ and the changing of those who live in Christ and the taking up to meet the Lord in the air will be a reality. All these things will take place precisely as they were promised and as we find written in the Scriptures.

The promise, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD..." (Mal. 4:5) had to be

fulfilled now, as Jesus our LORD then confirmed it for the future, "Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things." (Mt. 17:11b; Mk. 9:12). Also what our LORD said in Luke 17:22-30 had to be fulfilled now. The Son of man has revealed Himself in the same way and perfect prophetic ministry with the sign of the Messiah, as it happened in the days of His flesh. Acts 3:18-21 is one of the most important promises for this time and must be fulfilled. God is bound to His Word to send the times of refreshing before the return of Christ, "... Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the age began" (v. 21). It is Thus saith the Lord in His Word. The restoration must come first, as our LORD will come to take a Bride church that is without spot or wrinkle (Eph. 5:27) into Glory (1 Thess. 4:17). Also all the predictions for Israel must now be viewed in the light of the prophetic Word. The return of the Jews to the Promised Land is not only one of many signs. but it is the sign of the time, in the symbol of the fig tree which has come back to life again (Isa. 14:1; Jer. 31:10; Ez. 36:24; Mt. 24:32; Lk. 21:24). True sons and daughters of God are children of the promise as Isaac was (Gal. 4:28), believing the Word of promise, receiving the spirit of promise (Acts 2:33).

### The great event

In John 14 our LORD gave the promise to prepare a place for us and then to return and to take us to be with Him (1-3).

In Luke 24:39 He had revealed Himself to His disciples after His resurrection, saying, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."

After the Lord taught His disciples, He commissioned them to go into all the world and to teach all nations accordingly. Then we read, "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." (vv. 50-51).

Our Lord and Saviour rose bodily and spoke to Mary Magdalene, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father; and to my God and your God" (Jn. 20:17), He went to heaven bodily and shall return bodily when taking the sons and daughters of God home to

Glory. "This same Jesus, who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11b).

The Apostle Paul speaks about the return of Christ and the changing of our natural bodies into resurrection bodies, stating, "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. ... The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven ... And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly ... Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (1 Cor. 15:42-53).

Christ, our Saviour, took our place; our sins and transgressions were put upon Him (Isa. 53). He was made sin for us, even bearing the curse, which had come upon us. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our LORD." (Rom. 6:23).

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." (Gal. 3:13-14). All these things are a reality confirmed by God.

The Saviour died, He shed His blood, paid the price for our redemption and we were reconciled with God (2 Cor. 5:14-21). He also went down to hell, conquered death and Satan and rose victoriously on the third day. At His return, death, which was already conquered, will be swallowed up in victory and the corruptible will put on incorruption and the mortal will put on immortality (1 Cor. 15:54-57).

The Holy Scripture speaks about the different comings of the LORD. When HE comes as Bridegroom, those who belong to the Bride Church and will be ready shall go with Him to the marriage (Mt. 25). Then two will be on one bed, one will be taken, one will be left. Two will be working on the same field, one will be taken, one will be left. It will actually happen, what God's Word declares, "For the LORD himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to

meet the LORD in the air: and so shall we ever be with the LORD."(1 Thess. 4:16-17).

The Apostle John also refers to this coming of the LORD, "And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. ... Beloved, now are we the children of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 Jn. 2:28 – 3:2).

The Greek word "parousia" absolutely means "personal, bodily presence". The same LORD Jesus Christ Who rose from the dead bodily and ascended into heaven will return bodily in the same way and we shall see Him as He is and will be changed into His very likeness. This is the great mystery of God's plan of salvation. The Saviour came down, took upon Him a body of flesh to be able to pay the price, shed His blood and gave His life, so we could become sons and daughters of God and ultimately be changed into His very image.

The Apostle Paul wrote clearly about this subject, "But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the LORD, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD." (2 Cor. 3:18).

According to Rev. 19 the rejoicing of those taken to the marriage supper of the Lamb will start in heaven with a great "Hallelujah ...", for His Bride has made herself ready. "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God." (v. 9).

Every promise in God's Word is connected to reality. Anyone teaching that the LORD has already come is a deceiver and everyone believing such a teaching is deceived. "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that **Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh**. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." (2 Jn. 7).

There is no room for any play with words. The final authority of God's Word must be respected by all who claim to believe as the Scripture says. All of the teachings, which are not connected with the promised reality are wrong and misleading. With every subject we have to ask each time, "What does the Scripture say?" True children of God believe the true Word of God. As the Bridegroom was the Word made flesh — living reality, so will the Bride at the coming of the Bridegroom be changed into His image, it will be a living reality.

#### Revelation 10

Some treat Revelation 10 as their hobby and spread their doctrinal heresies. Again we have to ask, "What does the Scripture actually say in Revelation 10?" Do we find therein any reference to the Bridegroom or to the Bride? Of course not! Revelation 10 will take place in the precise consecutive order, verse for verse, as it is written! The mighty Angel of the covenant comes down clothed with a cloud, with the rainbow upon His head, His face shining like the sun. In His hand He has an open book, "and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth." That will be a reality. "And he cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth; and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices." This will take place literally, too. No one on earth has a right to spiritualise this important event.

Should God need to ask permission from anyone to speak to us by His Own Word as it is written? For better understanding I shall use the Hebrew translation of David H. Stern, where the word *shofar* is used for our word "trumpet". Without making a comment, all will see Revelation 10 in the right light. We must recognise that the trumpet angels are the actual part of the seventh seal. We must never stop after only reading verse 1 in chapter 8, but continue with the contents of what the seventh seal actually expresses.

"And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stood before God, and to them were given <u>seven shofars</u>." (8:1-2).

Then follows, "And the seven angels who had the <u>seven shofars</u> prepared themselves to <u>sound</u>." (verse 6).

"The first angel <u>sounded</u> ..." (verse 7).

"And the second angel <u>sounded</u> ..." (verse 8).

"And the third angel sounded ..." (verse 10).

"And the fourth angel <u>sounded</u> ..." (verse 12).

In the second part of verse 13 we read, "Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the shofars of the three angels which are yet to sound."

"And the fifth angel <u>sounded</u> ..." (9:1).

"And the sixth angel sounded ..." (9:13).

Please note the key words "voice" and "sound" in reference to the shofars.

After the six trumpet angels have sounded the shofar, only one remains. Therefore we have the special announcement, "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel when he shall begin to sound his shofar.

the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." (10: 7). The fulfilment we find in chapter 11:15: "And the seventh angel sounded his shofar; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our LORD, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever." "The entire matter is in perfect order. There are 7 angels to the churches. And there are 7 trumpet angels. By the God-ordained ministry in the days of the voice of the seventh church age messenger, the mysteries of the Word were made known, from Genesis to Revelation. The Bride feeds on the Word, the spiritual food that was stored in. She is in preparation for the coming of the Bridegroom, receiving living, rapturing faith. Then at the appointed moment she will be taken up into Glory for the marriage supper (Rev. 19:1-9).

When the seventh trumpet angel will sound his shofar, the *mystery of God* will be finished and the reign of Christ is being announced. Thus it is written and so it will be. Oh, how perfect is God's plan of Redemption made known unto us! Glory be to God on high! What man dares to contradict God and His Word and put out of force what the Holy Scripture says so plainly, substituting it with home-made interpretations? Every Word of God will remain the truth in the mouth of every servant of the LORD, (1 Ki. 17: 24)!

We always have to ask, "What does the Scripture say?" and find the answer therein. The key-word in Rev. 10 is **roar**. According to verse 3 the Lord Who is the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev. 5:5) will **roar**. In Hosea we read, "They shall walk after the Lord: he shall roar like a lion; when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west." (11:10).

The prophet Joel foretold, "The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." (3:16). Without fail we clearly see the connection to the children of Israel when the LORD shall roar like a lion.

To complete the list, as all things must be established by the testimony of at least two or three witnesses, we shall also call upon Amos, the prophet, "And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem ..." (1:2).

In Revelation 10 no angels, no Bride accompany the LORD. Just as Joseph in the Old Testament left his gentile bride/wife in the palace and made himself known the second time to his brethren, so the LORD as the Angel of the covenant will leave His gentile Bride/wife in Glory

and slip down and manifest Himself to His brethren, the Jews. "She was in the palace when he made himself known to his brethren. And the Gentile Bride, the wife — after Jesus being rejected by His Own people, He has taken a Gentile Bride and will take Her from here to the palace to His Father's House in Glory for the Wedding Supper and will slip back down to make himself known to His brethren, the 144,000. There He stands! And remember, look at the symbols perfectly." (Quote: Seal-book, pg. 154). Only then, when He as the original owner will place one foot on land and one on sea, He shall roar like a lion. And that is precisely the moment the seven thunders will utter their voices. Thus saith the Lord in His Word!

Anyone claiming that this is already in the past denies the Scripture as the final authority and is obviously deceived by a wrong spirit, believing rather in interpretation instead of the true fulfilment. Not for one moment will a true man of God with a divine commission believe explanations about Revelation 10 or any other scripture. No lie originates in the truth, and every private interpretation is a lie.

It is absolutely necessary to leave every scripture as it is. When the LORD comes to take His Bride, He is spoken of as Bridegroom. When He comes to Israel, He is the Angel of the covenant (Ex. 3:7-10; Acts 7:30-38 a. o.). As it was at the beginning of the New Testament, so is it now. Every promised event is correctly placed with its fulfilment.

#### The countdown is on

"And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." (Dan. 12:9).

What was promised for the last time period was to be sealed right until the end-time. Only when the time of fulfilment of predictions comes, our understanding is opened to see and to place the events correctly. Now that time has obviously come. And there will be no further delay. "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the LORD make upon the earth." (Rom. 9:28).

"For thus saith the LORD of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land ..." (Hag. 2:6; Heb. 12:26).

The prophet Daniel saw four successive world empires symbolised in two different visions in chapters 2 and 7. The first was a statue of four different metals and the other one symbolised the character of the empires in four different beasts. The descriptions are complementary to each other and give details of greatest importance. In chapter 2 we see the last empire right to the end, showing the legs and even the feet

and the ten toes as being part of iron and part of clay. Also this symbolic description needs no interpretation, as the significance is already revealed, for it is written, "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and, as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." (Dan. 2:40). We are also told about two entirely different materials, making up this world-kingdom in the end-time, speaking of the iron strength the industrial Western countries have and the ill backward economy of the Eastern nations.

This unity must now be achieved, even though East and West are totally different in structure. "And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle." (2:41-42). This Scripture is now fulfilled in the United Europe.

The two completely different systems must join, but not mix, as iron cannot mix with clay (Dan. 2: 43). They will just be patched together and, according to Revelation 17: 17, "God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled." Daniel 2 places these developments clearly at that time of the end, for then the LORD GOD of heaven will set up His Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed (v. 44).

In Dan. 7 we are informed of all the details, which we can only touch on at this time. The prophet saw the four world empires symbolised by different beasts. His interest, for a good reason, was only with the last one. That is precisely the information we need so desperately at this time. "Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet ..." (v. 19).

The Roman Empire, which is the last one, began with the rule of Caesar Augustus, 30 B.C. The Apostle Paul, being a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin (Rom. 11:7), was already born a Roman citizen (Acts 22:22-29). Over the course of time it was and was not and must come up again. "Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces." (Dan. 7:23).

That is a very clear statement. The last power will include all three levels: the political, the economic and the religious under a triune head, subduing the whole earth. Anyone acquainted with the recent history in Europe, which is so very important to end-time Bible prophecy, will know that after World War II we were left with two super powers. The world was divided it the conferences in Teheran, Jalta and Potsdam by the victorious powers of World War II. The Soviet Union was ruling over the Eastern countries, and the USA were responsible for the Western countries. Germany, the main country in Central Europe, and the continent were divided. Then the years of the cold war followed.

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1957, the common market agreement was signed in Rome by the Western countries, known as the "Roman Treaty". In 1960 the Cuba crisis began, which led to the climax of the cold war. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1960, the General Secretary of the USSR, Nikita Chrushchev, took off his shoe and beat the table with it at the United Nations conference, shouting angrily at the top of his voice, "We shall never agree! We shall never agree!" In August 1961 the showdown of the super powers was in Berlin, when Russian tanks drove up to "Checkpoint Charlie" on the East side and the American tanks were facing them, loaded with ammunition, on the West side. It must have been the hand of the LORD to prevent that military clash.

In 1978 Karol Wojtyla, of Poland — Eastern Europe, known as Pope John Paul II, was elected, the one who will be recorded history as the pope of peace. In 1985 Mr. Michail Gorbachev took power in Moscow. The peace process was already in motion with Lech Walesa, arranging strikes against the communist system at the shipvard in Gdansk, Poland, supported by the Vatican. The breakthrough came with the Monday marches of the protestant church against the communist system in the East German cities in 1989. November 9th, 1989, was the historical day when the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin was opened and the Berlin wall was brought down. In the years 1989/90 communism was conquered in Europe and all the nations which were under the Soviet rule received their independence and Germany was united. In September 2001, just a few days after the attack on the USA, Mr. Vladimir Putin, the president of Russia, spoke before the German parliament, the "Bundestag" in Berlin, being in good command of the German language, stating, "The cold war is over for ever. We have entered into a new phase of relationship between East and West. We are all part of a united Europe."

Since the beginning of the 1990ties, one of the super powers was no more and the unification process, in which the Eastern European countries are being included, took its course. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the attack was launched against the USA, not only on the World Trade Center in New York and on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The attack was a strike against the one super power left. Rev. 13 speaks of this power, which did not come out of the sea, represented by the multitudes of people (Rev. 17:15) living in Europe, but overseas out of the earth, having two horns like a lamb. In Bible prophecy horns symbolise outstanding force. Heads represent leadership. It is a protestant Christian nation with the strength of the political and economic power, but is not a religious force. Finally, its language was the same as of the first beast, and thus it will influence the whole earth to recognise the actual last world power: "the united Europe".

The time for the USA to play the role of the world policeman and to act as the super power is over. End-time prophecy is now fulfilled in the "United states of Europe", with Rome as the religious world capitol, being recognised by all the political and religious leaders and systems on earth, and with Frankfurt, Germany, as the financial capital, housing the German Bundesbank and the European Central Bank. Now the negotiations of the peace process will move from the US politicians straight into the hands of the European Community. The Arab nations have lost their confidence in the USA long ago, but especially since the senseless bombing of Afghanistan, where innocent civilians are suffering by the thousands. The press statement of October 26th is also very enlightening, as the foreign ministers of France and Italy are requesting for the new government of Afghanistan to be formed in Rome.

In actuality we see many end-time prophecies coming to pass here within the united Europe, as the old Roman Empire is coming up again. Israel was under Roman occupation at the time of the first coming of Christ and now already has, since the 1990ties, a special status with the European Community.

Also the peace process with Israel, especially for Jerusalem, will take its course, until the covenant according to Daniel 9:27 will be agreed upon. In reference to Jerusalem the Vatican and the European Community will join the position of the Arab world, demanding that the "holy city" should be placed under international status. The UN-Secretary Kofi Annan during his visit in Israel on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2000, made the statement, "The decision about Jerusalem is not with Mr. Barak and it is not with Mr. Arafat. The international community decides about Jerusalem." Such a statement speaks volumes. The matter leads to the opportunity for Israel to build the temple. At the same time, Jerusalem

must remain the "burden stone" for all the nations (Zech. 12:3). After the peace agreement the military strike will take place. The US-government over the past years was for Israel, yet at the same time, with the Oslo and Camp David agreements, it gave the consent, that within Israel many parts receive their autonomy. The Bush-Administration has adopted the idea that the attack on the USA took place because of Israel. Therefore the emphasis now will be placed upon the Palestinian state, and the Jerusalem question will be placed on the negotiating table. Why do the politicians not consider this for a moment, that the Arab world is 640 times larger in size than Israel? Should this not be enough space for the Arab Palestinians to find their dwelling place? Even these developments are taking place, so that the Scripture will be fulfilled.

There is only one institution to which all nations, all politicians, all religious leaders look up to, and that is the Vatican. The fact that the Jewish leaders, although sceptical, and the PLO-Delegation are welcoming it, will have the Vatican mediating the peace. That is already in process with the foreign ministries. Soon will be fulfilled, "When they will say, Peace and safety ..."

Twelve countries in Europe now have a common currency, the »Euro«. Now we can pay in Athens, in Madrid, in Paris, in Vienna, in Berlin, in Amsterdam, and in Brussels — in short, all over Europe, not having to exchange money any more. The European flag has twelve stars. This symbol was taken officially from Rev. 12, where a woman is shown with the crown of twelve stars. According to the belief of the catholic dominated Europe it refers to Mary and therefore the "United Europe" was dedicated by the Pope to the "sacred heart of Mary". It is noteworthy that all seven of the currency bills of the Euro have a bridge printed on the back side. On the front side are imprinted pictures of windows and gates, on the back side bridges and also the European continent. The Roman Caesars used the title "Pontifex maximus", which means "highest bridge-builder". When the ancient Rome became the papal Rome, the popes adopted the title "Pontifex Maximus", and it is still in force today. The bridges on the Euro bills show the various connections from the European continent to the rest of the world. Even this currency and the flag, everything is in line with Bible prophecy being fulfilled.

From now on the actual world trade capital will no longer be in New York, but here in Central Europe. Therefore the World Trade Center in New York had to be destroyed, so the whole world will come to know about the shifting of the last world power back to the actual location

where it started. Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, nothing in the USA and on earth will be the same anymore. We have moved into the last phase of end-time prophecies becoming a reality.

In order to understand why Iraq, one of the main Islam countries, is repeatedly involved in the events of that region, we again have to go back to the Scriptures. In Rev. 9:13-21 we are told about the four judgement angels being bound at the River Euphrates, which is flowing through the Iraq of today. Right there, in the Basra region, which in our language means "paradise", was the cradle of humanity. From there will come the destruction during the great tribulation, wherein a third part of the earth population will find their death.

The attack will be mainly against Israel, but involve all the nations, and then chemical and biological weapons will be used (Zech. 12:3; 14:12). The United States of America will not be spared at all in that destruction. The prophet of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, William Branham, saw the endtime in seven visions already in 1933. In his last vision he saw the United States destroyed by a military attack. "Now, then after that, I turned and looked, and I saw this United States burning like a smolder — rocks had been blowed up. And it was burning like a heap of logs in the fire, something that just set it afire; and looked as far as I could see and she had been blown up." (Sermon 61-0806).

So looking upon all these things, taking the prophetic scriptures from the Old and New Testament, we see how everything is in the progress of the fulfilment. In World War II the destruction was great, wherein 55 to 60 millions lost their lives, but after the "holy war" strikes, two billion people — the third part — will have perished. With profound gratitude we can say with the Apostle Peter,

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." The Apostle Paul, having the "day of the Lord" that will burn like an oven in view and the things connected to it, writes, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." (1 Thess. 5:1-5). Since the prophetic word was so marvellously revealed, it is a bright-shining light to us. We are the best-informed people on earth, recognising the day and the message, as we have found grace in the sight of God.

If the things which will happen after the Bridegroom has taken His Bride to Glory are already in preparation, how close at hand is the coming of our LORD Jesus Christ! "Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that

keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book." (Rev. 22:7). We can proclaim with all certainty, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh ... "Most surely the last call is going forth to the ends of the earth and the true Gospel of the Kingdom is being preached as a witness to all nations. May our lamps shine brightly and may we be filled with the oil of the Spirit, experiencing the restoration and the final manifestation of God's power. With true conviction we can cry out with the Apostle Paul, "Maranatha — Come soon, Lord Jesus!"

For the year 2002 I wish all of you the richest blessings, which will be manifested in reality. For the worldwide co-operation with the ministering brethren I am very thankful to God. People everywhere remember Bro. Frank as the one who was used by God right from the beginning to take the message of the hour not only to Western and Eastern Europe, but also to the Asian and African countries and to all the world. The brethren in Africa who have a problem with the "marriage and divorce"-teaching should for ever forget their own thoughts and respect every Word concerning this subject, as they do with the rest of the Scripture. The Apostle Paul was the one who by divine commission answered the questions about this matter. William Branham did the same. Please note the singular in the text, upon which the whole matter is based, "Nevertheless, to avoid the fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband." (1 Cor. 7:2; 1 Thess. 4:1-5). All arguments are beside the point. Scriptural questions are only answered by the Scripture itself, also the ancient problem of marriage and divorce and re-marriage. I like to thank to our beloved Brother Barilier for his untiring ministry in the African countries.

## TV-ministry

It was laid upon my heart to reach the whole world with the Word for our time through the mass media. Now God has opened many doors throughout the world to broadcast 30-minute teaching sermons. Should some of you ministering brethren have the possibility to arrange for these messages to be broadcasted in your city, please, put us in contact with the respective TV-stations. To save time, the internet would be a good way to communicate. Please, continue to hold me and the ministry, the staff and the entire Mission Center up before the throne of grace in your prayers. Thank you kindly in Jesus' holy name.

We do appreciate all those who write, and the material they request is being sent, but not all the letters which sometimes contain many questions can be answered, due of lack of time. If you wish to receive any literature from us, please give us your full address, also when you contact us via e-mail.

The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. (Rev. 22:21)

By His commission

Special notice!

Some who write have not taken note that since the unification of Germany, the area code has changed and also that there is no longer a West or East Germany, but only simply **Germany**.

The current postal address therefore is now as follows:

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You find our homepage at our internet address: <a href="http://www.freie-volksmission.de">http://www.freie-volksmission.de</a>

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These are two of the seven Euro bills which show the bridges from Europe into all the world.

Blessed are our eyes, for they see, and our ears, for they hear (Mt. 13:16), as Bible prophecies are fulfilled before us.

"... and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand" (Dan. 12:10)



On October 13th, 2001, the largest local newspaper "WZ" published an article about Ewald Frank with the headline "Death was booked". All readers were reminded of what happened 25 years ago. The dates and flight schedule are still in my diary. Departure from Bombay at 9.15 am, arrival in Madras at 11.25 am. I had already picked up the ticket from the travel agency. The plane that took off from the Bombay airport caught fire and all the 95 passengers died in the crash. My name was still on the passenger list. Who can imagine how I feel, thinking about the faithfulness of my LORD, Who on that Wednesday morning at about 10.00 am and again at about 11.20 am spoke with a commanding voice, "My servant, cancel your trip to India!" I obeyed and sent telegrams cancelling the trip.

On precisely the same date, 25 years later, the brethren in India welcomed me with a garland, according to their custom .