

From the outset today we're going to first focus on the title of this sermon. It is *A Witness of 6,000 Years* with this being *Part 1*. In actuality the title would have been longer but titles by their very nature aren't supposed to be long. So in order to picture the focus of the sermon a better title would be "A Witness of 6,000 Years Reflected in 3½ Years"; and that really gets to the crux of what we're talking about here today, because that's exactly what this witness is all about, of what's been taking place for the last 3 years and the little bit that's in front of us yet remaining.

So again, this fully describes what's been taking place in this final end-time as a matter of what God is fulfilling, and in a moment I'm going to read some of a recent posting on the www.ronaldweinland.com site, then we'll go back and read it in its entirety in order to grasp the complete context of why it was written. We've been given time to digest that one, and yet there are things there that God continues to give to us to help us to better understand why some things like that are written and the greater context of what it's all about.

Next Sabbath in Part 2 of this series we will hopefully get to a second posting that I intend to put online next week – at least next week sometime, hopefully – which gives a response to an indictment that I've received that's been coming now for about 3½ years, and it all fits into the context of this sermon series as well.

So this sermon today is indeed about a witness of 6,000 years of mankind and how mankind has consistently responded to God during that period and how that entire period of time is being reflected in a witness of this final 3½ years before Christ's return. So again, that entire period – awesome to understand what's taking place, awesome to understand what it means. That's why I've made comment in times past, it's not just about two witnesses, it's about this era, it's about this time, to help us more deeply understand what God is doing and why He is doing it.

This is from a posting of November 8. I'm going to read a couple of paragraphs here:

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Yes, the year 2008 (especially the final month) will prove to be both the end and the beginning of "God's final witness" to mankind. God inspired that very title of a book to reflect His timing for ending the age of man's self-rule on earth and giving witness of "why" His merciful judgment is so righteously justified for this final time. That book is *2008 – God's Final Witness*.

By the end of 2008, God ended all His warnings to mankind. The history of 6,000 years of testimony—of God's true word—of His true witness to mankind, about mankind, had been fully established. And since the end of 2008, "God's final witness" of that 6,000-year record is being fully established—fully recorded for all time through unfolding events that culminate on May 27, 2012.

Don't know how *much clearer I can be to everyone out there listening!* I know the Church understands that but there are others who really *don't* want to understand that and that's understandable.

This final witness is that man is still the same.

In this modern, so called modern 21st century, with all the technology we have, with all the supposed freedoms in this world, the democracies and so forth that we're experiencing in the world today as compared to a hundred, two hundred, three hundred, five hundred years ago. It's *still the same!* So concerning mankind, reading the last sentence here....

He continues to refuse to listen to God's prophets, refuses to repent, and actually mocks, ridicules, slanders, and hates God's truth and His servants.

Nothing has *ever* changed; it's always been that way. And this is a reflection, what we're living through now as God's final witness of that 6,000 years. That's exactly what we're witnessing by our lives, in our lives. So to grasp what is taking place....

And I thought I might mention this too, even '2008 – God's Final Witness': I know that there are those within the Church who have had difficulty *grasping* that title, grasping *why* that particular title, especially when we got into 2009, and then 2010, and 2011...it's almost as if, in some cases, that title is obsolete or has no meaning anymore. Au contraire! Not so! It has *great* meaning as to what God is doing and why *that* was given. And it's a part of what this sermon is about today and things I've mentioned in times past; there are reasons why we're going through what we are and we need to understand the significance of what God has given to us and what we're living.

So, to grasp what is taking place it's important to fully understand what a witness is, knowing that the word for witness means the same as 'testimony', as in a court of law, as an example, someone giving testimony who is a witness. That's our life. It's been the life of God's servants for 6,000 years! Truly, powerfully so! And so this becomes all the more important when you understand that we're speaking in the context of *God's* witness, *God's* testimony that *He* is recording for mankind. God is just! There is a reason why God does everything He does in the manner He does it, of those things that are recorded. Even some words in the New Testament have to do with 'record' are the word for 'witness', the word for 'testimony' in the Greek language.

And so again, this becomes all the more important when you understand that we are speaking in the context of God's witness/testimony, if you will, that He is recording for mankind, testimony that is true. Love the scripture in Hebrews that talks about God and that testimony/respect, that God cannot lie. Mankind does, God doesn't. His testimony, His witness is *always true*, powerfully so!

It's so very important to grasp that all such things when speaking of God's witness or testimony are *fully in the context of God's relationship with man and man's relationship with God* – because it's about man's *response* to God and how God has been working with mankind for *all this time!*

Let's begin by looking in the book of Acts where these words are used and see how the expression of a witness is used. We're going to go through several different verses here but let's begin in Acts 1. Powerful, powerful, powerful the word of God, the *testimony* of God, the truth of God, the witness of God.

Acts 1:6 - When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, will You at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel? They didn't know! This was what they were looking forward to. So much of the relationship with Christ before He was murdered, before He was killed, had to do with their desire, which people have wanted to know through time! Daniel wanted to know and God just told him, "Shut up the book Daniel, it's not for you to know." So it's a natural inclination that God's people have a desire to know! And so it's been for the last 2,000 years as well, and so it was for the early disciples/apostles, they wanted to know, "Is this the time?" They saw these miraculous events, a resurrection taken place, now Jesus Christ can appear and disappear as He did before the disciples – in the God Family, the second now in the God Family...and they're wanting to know, thinking, "Surely...surely this is the time?!"

And He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power. *It's God's, to be given when God decides, when God deems necessary, when God chooses to do what God chooses to do according to His will!* **But you shall receive power, after that the holy spirit, and the word is, is coming,** it's a present progressive type of tense again, not a one-time situation, but something that would happen in their lives on a continuing basis. **...when the holy spirit is coming upon you: and you shall be witness unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in all Samaria, and into the uttermost part of the earth.** Basically telling them what would happen throughout *all time*, because it wasn't just for their time, it was for all who would follow as a part of God's Church through the ages and would continue to exist leading up to the time when Jesus Christ would return when all of the things that were taking place would build up to that time.

But there are so many people out there - sometimes I'm just dumbfounded by the hatred, the bitterness, the evil that exists in people's lives, I truly am. I'm just amazed by it, that human beings can be filled with so much evil, so much hatred that eats them away inside, *exactly* what I made comment about a long time ago in the beginning of 2008, at a time when God hadn't revealed yet to us the 50th Truth, in talking about people who would die, whose insides would eat them up. That's what we're talking about here; it does, it does something to the mind and people eat up their lives and live miserable unhappy lives! It's an incredible thing that takes place in the human spirit and they don't understand what's taking place in their heart and in their mind. And we're not to be like that ever, ever, ever. That's the witness that God gives to us in our lives, which we'll talk about later on.

And so He says, **you'll be witness unto Me;** How? About the life of Christ. It goes on and talks about some of those things, the death of Jesus Christ, the things that He spoke. But as time goes on Paul didn't experience this and Paul talks about a witness, he discusses various things about a witness of things that took place. It's a continuing process through time of something God is recording for mankind for all ages, for all time. Because there's coming a time when everyone's going to be resurrected through all periods of time, and during their time there is a witness written of their spirit, of their mind, of their attitude that's the same as all human beings through time, indeed. God is *just* and perfect in establishing a true witness to mankind.

Acts 5:27 - And when they had brought them they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, the disciples going through various things. It talks about the apostles in prison here back in verse 17 and some of the things taking place down through here. And we're breaking into the context here, the flow of some of this. And so they're brought before the council now and **Saying, Did we not directly command you that you should not teach in this name?** "Aren't you listening to what we have told you *that you are not allowed to do? You cannot speak in His name, you can't use His name!*"

Amazing! **And, behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intended to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than man.** If there's ever a conflict God is the one who's obeyed. You think people like that? You think man likes that? Do you think the council liked hearing this from them? Because they had the authority! They had the authority...they thought anyways. No, God has the authority. God is all mighty, and God is first in our lives. But human beings have a hard time understanding that.

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you slew...whom you slew and hanged on a tree. You're guilty of His death! **Him has God exalted with His right hand to be Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.** Oh, they hated that! They were burning up inside! The hatred, the bitterness, the anger, eaten up inside because they *hate these words, they hate the truth*, so much so.... so much so. And that's been the history of mankind. It was the history of mankind 4,000 years before that and it's been the history of mankind for the past 2,000 years. When it comes down to it, people truly *hate* God. The human carnal mind really hates God! And they'll say, "Oh, no, we don't. We go to church every whatever. We do ...this. We do ...that." And they do not grasp and comprehend, yes, they hate God, that's the true testimony. That's what God has recorded through time. That's what He's recording now at the end of this age, very powerfully so.

Verse 32 - And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the holy spirit, which God has given to them who obey Him. Powerful witness! Because it's not just ours, it's that which lives in us, the power of God's spirit that's in our lives that is witness of these things. Incredible and powerful indeed.

Acts 6:1 – Incredible story here: **And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians, speaking of Jews born in other countries, against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.** And so here's the beginning time of the Church. It was a unique time for the Church, one never experienced before nor since, of the things they were going through, of the things happening in the beginning there from Jerusalem, and people who had even stayed over after Pentecost, things that were taking place there, the excitement that was taking place, all that had been baptized who are now a part of the Church and things that had continued on, and the Church grew and was being added to.

And it goes on to say, **And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them,** students. Students; those who were just beginning, those who were just starting to learn. And so much of this was new for the apostles as well, **and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.** There was a lot of work to be done here. A lot was happening in the Church, the growth, the burst of growth all of a sudden on the scene that they had not planned for, it was just there; but God had planned for it.

And so there were administrative things they had to do to make some changes and so forth, and he goes on to say: **Wherefore, brethren, look you out among you seven men of honest report, full of the holy spirit,** in other words it's obvious in their life that God's spirit is stirred up in them, that by their comments, by what they say, that they are there, very much so, with the truths that God has given, that they're in tune to, they're in unity with what's taking place here *above and beyond* the norm; **and wisdom,** because all this has to come from God. The point is it's a matter of what God does and what God is doing.

...whom we may appoint over the business/this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and there's more in this than sometimes in a Protestant world where people think, "Oh, they're just back there praying all the time," and they get these sanctimonious types of things out there and they don't understand what all this involves. It's far more than prayer, has to do with various kinds of petitioning and so forth, the things taking place and the work that follows it, the work, the effort involved in it. ...and the ministry/the service of the word. So they were very focused on the job *they* had to do; and most of it had to do with work and teaching and moulding and fashioning those who were new. They didn't have the benefit of the internet. They didn't have the benefit of a recording where people could be able to listen to something, or things being able to be written, massively so, published so that people could read it and learn quickly. No, they had to have teachers individually working with them and maybe a group at a time, or whatever, but that has its limitations, and so they were busy indeed.

And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith, it was obvious by him that he believed these things and he was living by them, exceedingly so, **and of the holy spirit, and Philip...**and it goes on to name some others here as well.

And then it goes on in **verse 6** to say - **Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands upon them.** They were ordained. There are those who speak of those who were the first deacons in the Church, serving in a capacity as deacons at that particular time; there may well have been more to that but that's for another time.

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples, it continued to grow, what God was doing there at the beginning, for the Church. It says, **and it multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.** God was preparing him for something. At that point, God was already preparing him for exactly what was going to take place, knowing full well what was going to come to pass. And God had a purpose in what He was doing in his life, and He worked with him. *God gave these things to him* to accomplish, for a purpose, powerfully so!

Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit which he spoke. Just like how Mr. Armstrong named the magazine, 'The Plain Truth'. When scriptures are plain it's hard for people to combat that, it's hard for people... *simple things* like the cross. There's no such thing as the word for 'cross' about the death of Jesus Christ. It doesn't mean that! You go back, you have some words there, you begin to understand what Greek is, and *how can people argue with that?* They try to at some times but they look like fools when they do because it's so clear, even physically so, *without God's spirit!* And so people struggle to find things, to struggle, to twist, to distort, and God says He has given that; He has even allowed that in the scriptures so that people can do just that. Incredible!

And so, again, what could they say? What could they do? Three days and three nights! It's kind of a toughie to respond to, and you put it out on a chart there, so how do they deal with that one there? Tough! Kind of made to look like fools because they don't really have any real good answers and they don't feel real good about it but they'll stick to their ideas and their beliefs no matter what. And that's what these others were doing, they stick no matter what, because you can't reason with people, you can't *give this* to anyone, God has to give it! And so that's what was taking place here – arguing with

Stephen – but they weren't made to look good because of the wisdom and the truth that was there filling Stephen's life as he talked to them.

Then they...interesting word here in the Greek, it has to do with 'secretly induced'. It's like perjury, in a sense, people who are willing to perjure themselves. But there's more to it here because it has to do with something that they got them to do. They secretly induced them, for whatever! People are induced, seduced, very easily sometimes in the world; sometimes for recognition, sometimes so that their words can be heard. That's what's amazing today on the internet. Everybody has a stage, *everyone* can have a stage...they can blog, blog, blog till they're blue in the face. So be it! It's a *great witness* that they're fulfilling, indeed, and they have no idea.

And so it talks about here, **then they**, speaking of these people who wanted to find fault with Stephen, who wanted to find fault with the movement that was underfoot, because this was a big movement in Jerusalem; and they, the Jews, the Jewish leaders *hated it!* It was *eating* them up inside and so they were doing some of the same things they did when they killed Christ, found individuals who were willing to twist, to distort, to *lie*. Incredible what the human mind will do to have an audience. And that's exactly what took place here. And so it says, **they secretly induced men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses;** Lie, lie, lie – LIAR! LIAR! LIAR! They were lying! They were twisting and distorting things. "Ah, we have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses..." well, to them in some cases too sometimes it's not too hard for them to stretch the truth because they don't believe the truth anyway, and so because of what they do believe...but to them things can be blasphemous the way it sounds to them, because of *their* religious beliefs. **...they spoke blasphemous words against Moses and against God.** So here's a part of what they said, we don't know the whole story.

And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council; they were out to get him because he was out in the forefront. He was out in the forefront and they wanted to stop it! **And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceases not to speak blasphemous words against the holy place, and the law:** Lie, lie, *lie*...amazing, the human spirit.

For we heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, lie, lie, lie...they never heard any such things; **and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us. And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.** Amazing what God gave to him – something that was not normal, something that they had never experienced before – and here they are, even in a moment like this and they still were going to do what they were going to do. Amazing! Even though God gave power here, for who else can do this but God to a man, through a man? Incredible!

Let's drop on down into the rest of the story. You can read this on your own later on, but let's notice **Acts 7:54** – A lot took place here; things that Stephen said, things that Stephen was inspired by God's spirit to teach, to preach, very powerfully so. It says, **When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart,** it's a powerful expression here, 'cut to the heart' - 'cut to the core'. They hated it! They despised it! **...and they gnashed on him with their teeth.** Their response, their thinking, their mind...it's what they had to speak, what they had to say; it's not like they're going up there and [chewing on him], there's more to the story here. It has to do with things they say and the attacks that were taking place

there, in that respect. It's an expression that means those things having to do with the kind of the thing that took place there.

But he, notice, being full of the holy spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, God blessed him to see something here in a very power way to give him strength, to give him help to go through this....**and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.** Now their response was, "Oh, how great! Wonderful!" No, they wanted to *kill him!* They hated him so much; they hated what he said so *much* – incredible!

Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears... Can you imagine such temper tantrums? ...such insanity of spirit and mind? "I don't want to hear anymore!" and clasp your hands over your ears and scream? Grow up, man! Incredible, the human spirit. And so it says that's what they did, that was the response, just like little children except *worse – adults* acting like this. And they said, **and they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,** now they did run upon him; **And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet whose name was Saul...**who's name was later changed to Paul. Amazing! Here was Saul at that time who was given charge, who was responsible for, in essence, the death of Stephen, of gathering the raiment of those individuals who were a witness, who stoned him. We don't know the custom but there was a custom there of things they did, as a witness, as a testimony of what had taken place – justifiably so in all their minds and in the mind of Saul as well.

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, don't lay this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep/he died. Incredible! What a spirit! What an attitude that people are supposed to have toward those who hate you, who despise you, who seek to find fault with you and your relationship toward God. And so God gave him the power and the strength to do what he had to do, and he was a witness in a very powerful way of something that had to take place at this particular time.

Sometimes such things are easier said than done too, the way we're supposed to respond, the way we're to act toward others around us. Great lesson in all this. It doesn't justify the evil, the wicked minds, the evil spirit that's there, but it's a witness of those things indeed, as it was in Stephen's life.

Acts 22:20 – here is where it's mentioned, where Paul talks about this particular time. Notice what he says as a part of his teaching now as an apostle, the apostle Paul to the Gentiles - **And when the blood of Your martyr,** it's not the word 'martyr', it's the word 'witness'. **And when the blood of Your witness,** what *he* witnessed, what Stephen witnessed in his life by his life, of those around him, of a response of God, of a witness of God toward man and man toward God – man's response. Incredible!

And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was shed, I also was standing by and consenting unto his death, and kept the garments of them who killed him. Incredible! And Paul was moved by this throughout the rest of his life, to do the job he had to do, because this gnawed at him, it truly did, it gnawed at him what he had been a part of, what he had done in life, though he knew he was forgiven of God, though he knew that God had called him to a special purpose and a special calling it was still a very moving thing of what had happened in his life and it gave him great motivation to go through a lot of the suffering he went through in his life because that was always there. And so he counted the suffering he went through as a small thing, truly.

Let's go back to Acts 10 now; read one more place here in Acts. The Bible is so filled with these things about a witness, what a witness is, what man's is, what God's is, what those whom God calls is, those whom He works through. Because your whole life is a witness. But you see, the last 3½ years is a very *powerful witness* indeed of 6,000 years. That *is* what it's all about! *Truly!* That *is* what it's all about, of what God is recording and establishing at the end of it all *before* His Son returns. Amazing!

Acts 10:34 – And Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he who fears Him and works righteousness is accepted with Him. This is an example that later on the Protestant world tries to use to when it talks about the cloth that descended three times, the vision and so forth here, and that somehow now spiders and snakes and shrimp and lobster, and all these things they're okay to eat, because of this vision. And yet God gives the definition of what it's all about, what took place, what the purpose of it was, what it meant, and it didn't mean what the Protestant world so often tries to make it say. And they don't *like* hearing those things either. They don't like hearing anything that is true. They *despise* the Passover, as a whole. They *despise* the Feast of Tabernacles. They *despise* the Days of Unleavened Bread and Pentecost, those things that were 'nailed to the cross' they say. Sick, sick world, it truly is, and they don't understand what they despise, who they despise, is God Almighty and His Son Jesus Christ, because they will *not accept* the most *basic fundamental truths* that come from God. And so the recipients of their disgust and disdain happen to be God's people. It's been that way for 6,000 years, because you dare to live by it, because you dare to speak of it, you receive. That's a witness in your life, of what you receive then because of man's response to a merciful, mightily merciful loving God. And they don't grasp that, they don't understand that. And that's what we're witness of.

Thankfully it's all about over. Thankfully we're almost to the end. *YES! MAY the 27th, 2012!* I marvel.... How much *clearer* can I be? "But what if?" And I say, "And you won't even begin to consider, "*What if...* because your mind is so made up. *You won't even begin* to throw that out there, yet I have, the 'what if's' you want to play! And you don't *like* my answers..." And you know what? I don't lose any sleep over that; not one wink. So get all curled up in a knot if you want, get upset, scream and holler, whatever you want to do, you're not changing a thing of what God is doing.

Verse 36 - The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by/through Jesus Christ: (He is the Lord of all): And so Peter is explaining these things as he goes on here, the follow up of those things that he had seen, and now coming to understand this is about the *Gentiles!* Peter had a bit of a difficulty with some of that himself as the chief apostle to the Jewish people. And so he had a battle there himself that he had to deal with because of prejudices that sometimes we don't think we have – but *everybody has them!* And then especially in the last couple of years God is helping us to see, is opening up a *giant door* in our minds for those who are God's people to understand *one of the greatest prejudices of ALL that we have is men with women and women with men.* It's there! And sometimes we don't see it and grasp it to the depth it is until God helps us to understand it, because God has to show that in our hearts and our minds. How much harder for the world to grasp prejudice? They can't until God gives them the help to do so.

That word, I say, you know, which was published throughout all of Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of Satan/of the devil, if you will, of the adversary. For God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all things which He did in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the

third day, and showed Him openly; We know where in the third day, the *exact* very end of it. Powerful! **Not to all the people, but unto witnesses;** God has established witnesses of *all things* through time, truly, and on momentous events even more so, this one here as an example, of His own Son, of what had to be fulfilled about a Passover. **Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God,** God chooses the witnesses. He calls, He chooses. It's His choosing, His calling, indeed. ...**even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained of God to be the Judge of the quick and the dead.** That which was to go on through time, that which was to be taught, that which comes from God, very powerfully so, especially in the beginning even more so.

Verse 43 - To Him gave ALL the prophets witness, because it's the witness of God; that God inspired men to speak, of things that were recorded, of things that were written, of things that were recorded through time about the Messiah, about the Christ. And it says, **they all gave witness/testimony** of God's word, of what God gave, and they were all in agreement through time. **To Him gave all the prophets witness, and through His name whosoever believes in Him shall receive remission of sins.** Incredible! ...Over and over again.

You know, God fully reveals what it means, again, to be a witness *for* Him, a witness of how man's true relationship toward God, a witness of man's true spirit toward God, which is a witness, if you will, of a world that has a nature that *fully rejects God* and everything He commands to mankind. Powerful witness! Powerful, powerful, powerful.

Romans 8:5 – God's witness, God's word, that which He inspired Paul to write in these verses - **For they that are after the flesh mind the things of the flesh;** speaking of the world, speaking of a world that doesn't have God's spirit. Speaking of mankind. God says, in essence, that this is the way of mankind. We know these things; these things are simple, but they're powerful and they need to be in the forefront of our mind as well, always, always, always, to understand the big picture of what God is doing and what our lives are reflecting, a great deal of what our purpose is all about indeed. **For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh;** In other words, the things of the world. That's what people are concerned about. It's not about the Church, because they *reject* the Church; things in the world is where people's minds are. And even at that it's pretty shallow, even at that it's pretty inward, even in the news the focus is local as a whole. International on occasion, but there's only so much of that people can take – depends on the motivation of why they do what they do, but as a whole...

It's like in Australia. I get a charge out of Wayne. What gets him upset is when he sees that there's so much in the news about sports, because that's the big thing over there in the newspapers....sport, sports, sports, sports, sports figures, sports figures...and people are living their lives through some of these things but that's what their world is. What's your world? This? I know that it is, but sometimes it's good for us to be reminded of those things.

For they who are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit the things of the spirit. What is that? The truth, God's Church, that which He feeds us Sabbath by Sabbath, where we are in time, the understanding we have of those things. That's our strength, that's our life, that's where *our mind* is, indeed.

For to be carnally minded is death; there will come a time when they'll have the ability toward life, but right now it isn't, it's just a onetime thing, a physical life once, that's it in essence; **but to be spiritually**

mind is life and peace. That which God gives. That which God gives to us in being able to deal with such a world as this, with the kind of technology that's out there, with the kind of world and the spirit that's in the world that's out there.

Because the carnal mind, in other words the natural physical mind that is not a part of God's Church, that does not have God's spirit; **the carnal mind**, it says, **is enmity/an enemy against God**: those are incredibly strong words – *powerful* words! An enemy to God! Why? Because people don't want the seventh day Sabbath – that's an enemy to the truth of God, that's an enemy to God. God says, "You want to have a relationship with Me? I'll show you how. I gave you 10 Commandments." But people don't like that. Oh, they get so upset! You go through all the commandments, but the one they *hate*, the one they *loathe* is the weekly Sabbath, *especially* if they keep the first day of the week! They *hate* that day, not understanding that that hatred is toward God and toward His Son and toward His Church, and toward peace and toward the truth. Shows the spirit of man. It's a true witness of what man is like. It's been that way for 6,000 years. I marvel at the mercy, the grace, and the patience of God Almighty, I truly do.

But He has a plan. That's *why* He has that kind of patience and mercy and love extended toward mankind, that for the vast majority is in the Great White Throne. God looks forward to that time for them; to do in them what He's doing in us now.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: that's what it means, it means to be an enemy, for it is against God, **for it is not subject to the law of God**, it *won't* be; as it says, **neither indeed can be**. Can't do it! Can't do it on their own! It just goes against the spirit of their mind, the human spirit, the carnal spirit, the carnal mind. And so the Passover's not embraced, but Easter is. It's so fun to have rabbits out here that lay eggs in little crevices, little corners that kids can go out and they're coloured. Tell the kids that, tell all the children that this is the Easter bunny, and you *lie* to them...and that should tell them about their lies. But oh no, they justify it why that's okay, that somehow it's okay to do that.

It's okay to lie to your children about God when they're little like that. It's okay to tell them about a big ole Santa Claus that comes around once a year, and yet they're in department stores throughout the country. Think, "what is the..." Anyway. And I think, "Thank God this is the last Christmas!" I am so thankful I don't have to listen to that garbage music again! And there are people out there listening to me today that *hate* what I just said. They *hate* me to the core of their being and they're eaten up inside because they *can't stand* such words. I think, "Why do you torture yourself? Why?!" But I understand the human spirit. Because it's such vile, evil hearts and minds of human beings – they hate God. They *hate God*! They'd rather believe in a big fat man that has a sleigh, and to tell your children that there are these little reindeer and they fly around the country and they can give presents to millions and millions of people. You big liar! You lie to your children?! How do you expect them to hold on, to believe, to have moral value to believe in God when they grow up and they come to understand this was a lie. My *parents lied* to me when I was little! I wonder how much more they lied to me about God. Sadly though people don't go that far and they don't ask those questions, they don't follow through with it, because if they would they'd come to understand even on a physical plane – "Oh, they lied *a lot!*"

It's not that hard to prove the seventh day Sabbath in the Bible. It really isn't that hard to prove it on a physical plane without God's spirit if somebody has an open mind.

And so people are filled with hatred. That's a witness at this end-time. They're fulfilling a witness, a true witness of what *they* are like, of what their spirit is like toward God. It's true! It's powerful! ...and

it's being recorded every time they open their mouth, every time they speak against God, against God's people. And so they just establish more perfectly, more powerfully, the true witness of God. Sad it's that way, but it is that way. It is a reality. It is the truth. And you oftentimes suffer because of it. It isn't a picnic is it? You suffer oftentimes because of it – relatives? Reminds me of the scripture when Jesus Christ... 'I didn't come to send peace on the earth. I came to set a family against itself.' Incredible! Because not everyone is called to the truth, not everyone embraces the truth. And those who don't hate those who have. They come to hate them. Their actions reflect hatred. It's sad.

And you have to suffer because of that. It's not a pleasant thing, is it? It's hard to carry sometimes, but you have to have that spirit and that attitude of Stephen. 'Father have mercy upon them. Don't lay this into their charge.' But it is. They have to pay, they have to answer for it; but one day they can repent of it just as much as Saul did. When their times comes they can be forgiven, and we look forward to that time because we understand the rest of the story, what it takes to be forgiven. And so we do, very much look forward to the time that every individual can come to see what they did. And so many of them are going to loathe themselves for what they did, they truly are. They're going to come to loathe how they treated you, how they spoke about you. I look forward to that day, I truly do, because they're in captivity and they don't know it.

And so God has revealed to us the excitement at this Feast here, what it means to be delivered out of captivity. It's an awesome thing, it truly is. It's a beautiful thing when this world will not suffer like that anymore. What a beautiful time that's coming – May 27, 2012.

And so again here, **The carnal mind is enmity against God:** Not my words! Written by Paul, but not his words. They're from God Almighty indeed. **...not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be.** So you have to feel compassion, you truly should, to understand. Not always easy to do.

Jeremiah 17 – things that people hate that are written.

Jeremiah 17:9 - The heart, the human heart, the carnal mind, in other words, the natural mind of mankind apart from God, without God, without God's spirit. And the sad thing is that people think they *have* help from God, that they *see* the truth, that they *believe* what is true, and yet they won't acknowledge various things that are so basic, like the Sabbath, like the Passover, like Easter is a bunch of garbage, that Christmas is a bunch of garbage and nothing but a commercialized process and system. If people can't admit that they don't have a chance. Amazing! But to hold their ground... **The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:** Oh boy, that's powerful. That's a powerful witness. And the farther we go along here the more powerful *that* witness becomes, of what man is like toward God, of what the human spirit is like toward God...the battle we all have even *with* God's spirit. Because you see, the human mind resists God.

Paul talks about that back there in Romans. He talks about that inner man, the mind, the truth that God has given to us, and yet this mind that we still have in our being, but we fight it, we battle it; with God's favour, with God's help we conquer and overcome a little bit at a time and we grow spiritually. Not so in the world. There's no battle taking place. On the contrary, in many cases they just become far worse to that which they are in captivity to.

I, the Eternal, search the heart. God knows what's inside of us. Only God can reveal it to us. That's a beautiful thing to understand. We think we know ourselves? Only to the degree that God has blessed

you to come to see yourself. There's more in there that you don't see yet – *that's* the truth! That's the way it'll *always be* as long as you're in this human body. There will still be that which you cannot yet see, that with time God will help you to deal with as we grow, to whatever point that God deems necessary to bring us through. **I, the Eternal, search the heart. I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.** Powerful, powerful.

Over and over and over again, what it says about the difference between those who have God's spirit working in them and those who do not, and what that true witness is like in people's lives.

I Corinthians 2:7 – Paul is speaking here and he says to the Corinthians - **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery**, it's spoken, it's taught, the truth of God, the ways of God, and to everyone else without God's spirit it just doesn't make sense. How can that be? Instead the human mind resists and fights it! But we can understand it, that which is a mystery to others around us. We can talk about the plan of God, what's taking place, and it's so clear to us, but others around can't see it, they can't agree with those things. It's what is being explained here by Paul. **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:** what a beautiful thing. He said unto our glory, a glory that God shares with us and gives to us of Himself, an ability to see things that others around us can't. To hear the same words, to read the same book; you see something and others can't. To hear something that *you* can hear and others cannot. It is an *awesome* thing, it truly is, by the power of God! Not by our intellect, not by how smart we are, not by how educated we are, not by how much we have studied the Bible or gone to seminaries.

Dropping on down to **verse 10 - But God has revealed them unto us by His spirit:** the mysteries of this book, of things that people can't grasp and they make various doctrines out of it and we have thousands of ideas swirling around out there about what God is saying, by what people think it's saying, and they don't know what it's saying except those whom God has called. **But God has revealed them unto us by His spirit: for the spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.** It's the only way we learn, the only way we know! What an awesome thing that's taking place in our mind! Again, we've read these over and over again through time.

For what man knows the things of a man, the things of human life, the physical things around him, **save by the spirit of man**, that which in essence God has given to us to give us an ability to think, to reason, to plan, to learn, to remember, an ability that is only given to mankind, not to an animal kingdom, but just to mankind. And so it says only by that ability that's limited can man deal with the physical world around him. ...**Even so the things of God know no man**, *no one* knows the things of God, **but the spirit of God.** Takes God's spirit connected, attached to, given to that spirit essence in us, in man, and then we can see all of a sudden. What an incredible thing!

Never forget when you were being drawn. Never forget the first time you began to see, because it's a miracle! It's a miracle that God performs in the human mind. When He gives His spirit essence within our mind and then all of a sudden you hear something, you see something that you couldn't before. You *couldn't* before, and all of a sudden it's so clear! It makes 7 days=7,000 years so clear! An incredible picture that we begin to build upon, that God begins to give to us of things that others can hear the same thing and not see what you see. How powerful is that?

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God. God gives them! That's why I marvel about a period of

time we went through that started in Philadelphia, went on into Laodicea, of people that began to, of a mindset that began to enter into the Church, of being lifted up by all that we knew...forgetting that *everything* we knew, *everything* we had God gave it – not lifting ourselves up, not ourselves beginning to be rich and increased with goods on a spiritual plane, but understanding how much we needed God every day to continue to grow, to continue to learn and build upon what we already had been given...freely given of God , nothing by intellect.

That's why we came to a time when finally we had so many who had to be teachers, who wanted to be teachers, who couldn't wait at times to share what 'they had come to learn from God' – not understanding how God's spirit works within the Body. And candidly, only those of you who've been around, who were back in those periods of time, really grasp and understand what I'm talking about because you lived it. You were around it; others of you hear it, but you don't understand it until you've lived it.

Which things also we speak, and that's said so that we can be sobered and realize we rely on God always in our life – that sometimes we hear something and we think we understand when really we don't yet. There is so much to learn – always, always, always - and to do so in a humble spirit. **Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but that which the holy spirit teaches**; we rely on God to continue to teach us and mould us and fashion us Sabbath after Sabbath after Sabbath after Holy Day after Holy Day after Holy Day; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual**. *God* does that in us; we don't do it. *God* does it! We have to yield our self to the process.

But the natural man, making a distinction here between those who have God's spirit and those who don't. **But the natural man does not receive the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him**: so what you believe, understand, is foolish to others around you, it truly is. What you believe about Europe, what you believe about the economy, what you believe about what's going to happen in the States, in this country, things that you believe that are going to happen in the end-time seems totally foolish to others. Totally foolish! ...**neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned**. The only reason you see is because of what God gives to you.

Along those lines I want to read some headlines. I just want to read to you some articles, because you see, I am excited yet dumbfounded by news, and it started in Europe when we were over there before Trumpets.

You can't keep up with all that's happening right now! It's almost impossible because it's coming so fast, the things that are happening in Europe, the things that are happening in Russia, the things that are happening in China, the things that are happening in the Mid-east. Everything is happening so fast and there's so much that it's hard to keep up with! I have a difficult time now keeping up with all the news. The last three day been bombarded! The last two days! *Absolutely dumbfounded* by how much that's out there, of things *we see* and the world is *totally asleep to it, blind to it, doesn't grasp the significance* and the *importance* of what's taking place! *Awesome!*

Like Johnny says, we've got a front row seat! I'd like to move back a ways! I don't know if I really want that front row seat! Actually, some are trying to push me out in the arena! But incredible what we're seeing, what we see taking place out there! And I hope you're moved by that, because it's an inspiring time we live in, it truly is! I can't think of a more exciting time...yeah, I can – what's behind it - but as far as the past 6,000 years is concerned. I mean, it was awesome the time Jesus Christ was here and Him

speaking and the things He said and did amongst the disciples, but I'll tell you what, what we're living through, building up to His coming back, this is incredible, it *really* is! It is so inspiring and with the Feast and ever since the Feast it just becomes more powerful, it really does. Everything that's taking place in our lives, *screaming to that date* – it's just out there! Powerful! And yet people think, "Meh, what's the big deal?"

Here, this article:

Countering China, Obama asserts US a Pacific powerⁱ

By BEN FELLER, AP White House Correspondent

Astounding!

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — President Barack Obama says the U.S. will play a larger and long-term role in shaping the Asia-Pacific region.

He vows to increase the United States' military presence in the region, a part of the world where China is by far the biggest and most powerful country.

Obama tells members of Australia's parliament that the United States is a Pacific power. "We are here to stay," he said Thursday.

Obama addressed the parliament a day after announcing a commitment to send military aircraft and up to **2,500 Marines** to northern Australia.

Now, if that gives them a lot of comfort... it does to some, sadly, but not those in the Church because they know better, because they see something different from those around them. 2,500...*pshew* – that just *scares the tar out of China*. To them it *is* a joke and they laugh...they *laugh* at the United States, they truly do. Something like that, I can almost picture some of those leaders in a meeting and just in stitches – seriously – at the games we play. Truly!

Breaking on down here a little bit farther it says:

Signalling US determination to counter a rising China...

We think we're countering it. No, what we're doing is stirring up the pot, their *desire* is to destroy us – *that's* what we're stirring up! That's what we're stirring up – making them more determined than ever to do what they're already planning on doing.

Signalling U.S. determination to counter a rising China presence, Barack Obama said Wednesday we will send military aircraft and up to 2,500 marines to Northern Australia for a training hub to help allies and protect American interests across Asia. He declared the U.S. is not afraid of China, by far the biggest and most powerful country in the region.

Should be! *Should be!* ...really should be if we could really see and understand what's taking place in the world. This was just all in the last few days here.

Another article here from the Financial Times.com :

China warns US on territory disputesⁱⁱ

By Kathrin Hille in Beijing and Anthony Deutsch in Bali

China has issued a veiled warning to the US to keep out of Beijing's disputes with several of its neighbours over the South China Sea.

This is a *big* thing with China and they're exerting their muscle in that area. Going on here, down the article....

The remarks were made after Barack Obama had been reinforcing the message of a robust US presence in Asia in a key foreign policy speech. On Thursday, the US also announced....

The same thing there...but anyway, jumping on down....

In comments China will not appreciate, Mr Obama said on Friday that the East Asia Summit, which Washington is joining for the first time, was an appropriate venue to discuss security in the disputed maritime territory. Mr Obama's position was supported by the leader of Malaysia, an important regional US ally.

The South China Sea holds large **unexplored energy resources** and is home to sea lanes vital to all of east Asia but is seeing rising levels of tension between China, which claims almost all of it, and several Asian members with different partial claims.

These are not small things in the world! Another one...as if this wasn't planned to go right along with it:

Pentagon successfully tests hypersonic flying bombⁱⁱⁱ

(AFP) – 2 days ago

Oh, this will make China happy, shooting it off from in the Pacific above Hawaii.

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon on Thursday held a successful test flight of a flying bomb that travels faster than the speed of sound and will give military planners the ability to strike targets anywhere in the world in less than a hour.

How do you think *Russia* feels about that? How do you think *Putin* feels about that? Medvedev? How do you think they think? How do you think *China* feels and thinks about that? You think, "Oh, let's give them another five years to build up that arsenal." Do you think that there's a possibility that they are going to try to stop that? Incredible!

Launched by rocket from Hawaii at 1130 GMT, the "Advanced Hypersonic Weapon," or AHW, glided through the upper atmosphere over the Pacific "at hypersonic speed" before hitting its target on the Kwajalein atoll in the Marshall Islands, a Pentagon statement said.

Kwajalein is about 2,500 miles (4,000 kilometers) southwest of Hawaii. The Pentagon did not say what top speeds were reached by the vehicle, which unlike a ballistic missile is manoeuvrable.

Which I didn't realize until I read part of this article.

Scientists classify hypersonic speeds as those that exceed Mach 5 -- or five times the speed of sound -- 3,728 miles (6,000 kilometers) an hour.

You think the timing of that wasn't specifically determined because of where the President of the United States would be at the same time? ...and talking about some of the things he was discussing? Absolutely! Politics in the world.

Here's another one from Israeli news:

Report: Russia warships to enter Syria waters in bid to stem foreign intervention^{iv}
Published 12:52 18.11.11 By Jack Khoury and Haaretz

Heard about some of this before it ever hit the news from someone in the Middle East who says these are the things being spoken of over here right now, of what Russia is not going to allow take place. Amazing! And then things are in the news all of a sudden.

Russian warships are due to arrive at Syrian territorial waters, a Syrian news agency said on Thursday...

Where in the world *is it* at the end when everything comes together, when there is *a great war* between Europe and Russia and China? *Where is it* that it's going to be fought? *Where* do they gather together? And yet the world is asleep to it all! Sad! Totally asleep to what's taking place, the manoeuvring that's taking place in different parts of the world and why - because we understand prophecy, because God blessed us to understand what's taking place and why. So again here....

Russian warships are due to arrive at Syrian territorial waters, a Syrian news agency said on Thursday, indicating that the move represented a clear message to the West that Moscow would resist any foreign intervention in the country's civil unrest.

And there's more to the story than that! 'There's oil in them thar waters.' Something that we have said we never go to war over...but anyway, some are willing to in the world. South China Sea – the Mediterranean – don't kid yourself; it's all coming, power being flexed by different nations.

Here's one from 'The Telegraph'. Every one of these just in the last few days, especially the last two days! Friday was *packed* with news; I had a hard time reading it all there was so much! Seriously!

Britain 'will join euro before long', says German finance minister^v
By Bruno Waterfield, in Brussels and Christopher Hope in Berlin 18 Nov 2011

Riiiight! Well, we know that not to be true too, but here's... see, some of these things being thrown around out there that's causing people to panic, it's causing some in Britain to panic right now to do

what *they're* going to do that we already know what they're going to do because God gave that to us a long time ago.

Wolfgang Schäuble said that, despite the current crisis in the eurozone, the euro will ultimately emerge as the common currency of the entire European Union. He said he “respects” Britain’s decision to keep the pound, but insisted that the survival and eventual stabilisation of the euro will convince non-members to join the currency club.

Duh! It’s going to do something else!

“This may happen more quickly than some people in the British Isles currently believe,” he added.

These people are pushing forward fast, and some of them may have some different objectives but we know what the outcome is, clearly, and that’s exactly where it’s all headed and it’s so clear to us...should be anyway.

Mr Schäuble also said Germany will stand firm on its call for a financial transaction tax that Britain believes would badly harm the City of London.

Things are being stirred up more and more and more. And so another article then that follows that up and some of the rumour mill and so forth that’s going on in the UK. ‘Express.co.uk’ comes out and says in their headline:

GERMANS TRY TO KILL OFF POUND^{vi}
Saturday November 19,2011 By Macer Hall

So, people are...they’re not taking some of this lightly. Says in the beginning of the article:

BRITAIN will soon be forced to scrap the pound and join the euro, one of Germany’s most senior figures said yesterday.

Here is another one from ‘The Telegraph’. They are stirred up over there in Great Britain, they really are. Here is the article:

Germany's secret plans to derail a British referendum on the EU^{vii}
By Bruno Waterfield, in Brussels 18 Nov 2011

Angela Merkel, the German chancellor, is today expected to tell David Cameron that Britain does not need a referendum on EU treaty changes, despite demands from senior Conservatives for more powers to be repatriated to Britain.

That’s what they want, and they’re going to get it, just not the way that they think.

The leaked memo, written by the German foreign office, discloses radical plans for an intrusive new European body that will be able to take over the economies of beleaguered eurozone countries.

It discloses that the EU's largest economy is also preparing for other European countries, which are too large to be bailed out, to default on their debts — effectively going bankrupt. It will prompt fears that German plans to deal with the eurozone crisis involve an erosion of national sovereignty that could pave the way for a European “super state” with its own tax and spending plans set in Brussels.

There's a real battle going on here, a back and forth here. Because they've finally come to understand that the EU has failed, the Euro has failed. It has failed – Europe. They realize that the treaty that they've all signed, of Lisbon, isn't working, so it's making a separation take place here of those who do not want anything stronger and those who know that the only way for the Euro to work and Europe to work is to make it *much stronger*, taking away the sovereign power of nations, like within the United States, and giving them to a federal type of government of individuals who are elected to have power, who can make decisions. Because they understand right now, that those who are in Belgium that are supposed to be making decisions have no power to do anything! They have no power! ...and that's the failure of the system. What an awesome thing that you are watching all this come together, of why they're being pushed into a corner, of what is bringing all this about. Not like WWII, something completely different, where it says finally 10 will agree, for a short time, but long enough to start it. And after that it's too late...it's too late. Incredible what you're watching!

I want to spend the time to read some of this because it's good to know and understand what's taking place, what you are watching, to put it all together if you haven't already. It goes on to say:

Britain would be relegated to a new outer group of EU members who are not in the single currency. Mr Cameron will today travel to Brussels and Berlin for tense negotiations with Mrs Merkel amid growing disagreement between the leaders over how to deal with the eurozone.

Dropping on down....

The eurozone contagion is threatening to spread to Spain and France. Yesterday, the price of Spanish government borrowing reached the “brink” of crisis point.

The Spanish government sold 10-year bonds at a 6.975 per cent yield...

Look what they did when they panicked when Italy went over 7, and they're right on the doorstep - .975 – you don't get much closer...25/1000's.

— just below the seven per cent level which has triggered international assistance elsewhere.

There is so much more, so much more here. Another one: says ‘Phoenix Europe’ – this is from ‘spiegel.de’ online:

Phoenix Europe: How the EU Can Emerge from the Ashes^{viii}

11/18/2011 By SPIEGEL Staff

Powerful articles!

The old European Union didn't work, that much has been made clear by the ongoing debt crisis. But many in Europe think there is now a clear path to a new, more integrated -- and smaller -- bloc. What must happen first? Greater democracy and less nation-state sovereignty.

And so it goes on in the article:

The jogger is undeterred by the wet, foggy weather in November. Once again, Joschka Fischer, the former German foreign minister and eminence grise of the Green Party, has taken to running regularly through the quiet neighborhoods of Berlin's Grunewald district. It is the kind of exercise, he says, which gives him time to think.

"While I was running," he says, it occurred to him "how things could work in Europe."

To stabilize the continent in crisis, Fischer, an avid European, wants to see a resolute political body consisting of the leaders of euro-zone countries. They should, he believes, be outfitted with far-reaching authority and granted sufficient power by their parliaments back home.

Fischer is thinking about a rescue plan. Not just a rescue plan for the banks, for Italy or the euro, but for everything. He envisions a fire brigade of European Union government officials, and sees it as an "avant-garde of the United States of Europe."

It is, in other words, time to stop complaining. Europe can only be saved if it is completely reinvented. The financial crisis is the turning point in the history of European unification.

The old EU is finished. The 27-member bloc has never been as unpopular as it is today. Citizens have taken note that the massive bureaucracy in Brussels clearly lacks the power to master the crisis spreading through the currency union. It has likewise become apparent that the national governments they have elected are in the process of dismantling the historic project of European unification. After all, it isn't the European Council, the European Commission or the European Parliament that the world is relying on to pull Europe out of crisis. It is Angela Merkel.

Powerful what's being stated there! They are being pushed into 10 nations. They're being pushed into a corner. They're not going to go down without a fight. Incredible...incredible...incredible!

More articles but I won't read them all. I would like to play a clip of one here, however. This was given by Nigel Farage. He is a member of the European Parliament from southeast England and Leader of the UK independence party (UKIP). Powerful what he has to say because he hits the nail on the head and I hope you can hear all this. I'll try to play it on the speaker here and try to get all this system:

- European Parliament, Strasbourg, 16 November 2011

- Speaker: Nigel Farage MEP, UKIP, Co-President of the EFD Group in the European Parliament (Europe of Freedom and Democracy)

Transcript: "Well, here we are on the edge of a financial and social disaster and in the room today we have the four men who were supposed to be responsible. And yet we have listened to the dullest most, technocratic speeches I've ever heard.

You are all in denial. By any objective measure the euro is a failure. And who exactly is responsible? Who is in charge out of you lot? Well, the answer is of course, none of you because none of you have been elected; none of you actually have any democratic legitimacy for the roles that you currently hold within this crisis.

And into this vacuum, albeit reluctantly, has stepped Angela Merkel. And we are now living...we are now living in a German-dominated Europe - something that the European project was actually supposed to stop. Something that those that went before us actually paid a heavy price in **blood** to prevent. I don't want to live in a German-dominated Europe and nor do the citizens of Europe.

But you guys have played a role, because when Mr Papandreou got up and used the word 'referendum' - or Mr Rehn, you described it as 'a breach of confidence', and your friends here got together like a pack of hyenas, rounded on Papandreou, had him removed and replaced by a puppet government. What an absolutely disgusting spectacle that was.

And not satisfied with that, you decided that Berlesconi had to go. So he was removed and replaced by Mr Monti, a former European Commissioner, a fellow architect of this Euro disaster and a man who wasn't even a member of the parliament.

It's getting like an Agatha Christie novel, where we're trying to sort of work out who is the next person that's going to be bumped off. The difference is we know who the villains are. You should all be held accountable for what you've done. You should all be fired.

And I have to say, Mr Van Rompuy. 18 months ago when we first met, I was wrong about you. I said you would be the quiet assassin of nation state democracy, but you're not anymore, you are rather noisy about it, aren't you. You, an unelected man, went to Italy and said, 'This is not the time for elections but the time for actions'. What in God's name gives you the right to say that to the Italian people?"

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Video Source: EbS - European Parliament

Amazing! Absolutely incredible that someone sees those things taking place, speaks out in the way that he does, not normally British to do so, but he did – maybe because he isn't British (by the last name he has). But, I thought I'd give you the site for this too, just so you have it.

It's <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULns-cSUEVs>

Do you see the awesome things that are taking place there and how people are so stirred up? This is powerful, it truly is, what's coming together over there; and so powerful that places like Great Britain are not going to remain a part of it, they're not going to allow their *sovereignty* to be taken away. As a matter of fact, they're crying out right now to *pull back!* They don't even want to belong to one of the 27 member nations... they would feel much better if Europe pushes forward and comes together as a stronger union and they don't have to have anything to do with it anymore. Because, see, that's the tug-o-war that's taking place right now and it is a most incredible thing watching it all come together, it truly is – a front row seat. Inspiring!

As I was saying, you can see these things, you can understand the news when you hear it, you see the *power* that's there, of why nations are doing what they're doing, but the world doesn't – and that brings us back to the posting that I'm going to read now here today, talking about that particular posting where I read just a couple paragraphs, but now in context:

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

November 8, 2011

God clearly and mightily foretold the outcome of our time right now. In the midst of these end-time prophecies, He foretold of a condition that would engulf the United States and her closest allies, and He foretold of this same condition concerning His Church that was scattered. It concerns the spiritual condition of being in deep sleep in this final period of the end-time.

That's amazing; some of the articles out there even talk in similar veins about people who are asleep! Incredible!

At the end of 1994, God's Church was given the opportunity to be awakened and to face the truth of "why" the Church was literally and spiritually collapsing. Only by facing the truth could individuals change (repent), become spiritually alert, and once again take charge of their future.

But there are people who hate hearing this because they don't believe they're asleep. They *hate* that such a thing is stated, so much so wondering, stating, "Where is your love?" *Where is your love* – and they don't understand the love of God, the patience of God, the mercy of God, because that's really what it comes back to. And so those two paragraphs that I read earlier about 2008 that I'm not going to read again, but about the importance of what ended then and what began then – a witness – a powerful witness that God established on the earth for 6,000 years that is being reflected in 3½. That's what this 3½ years is all about – God's Final Witness to Mankind, that candidly for the Church, for what I'm living in my life, what my wife is living in her life, what you are living in your life, is a witness that reflects the past 6,000 years, because it involves everyone's lives. You are a witness, powerfully so.

Dropping on down here to a section called 'God's Great Mercy'.

God's Great Mercy

Mankind, including the Church that was scattered, will not at this time acknowledge the great mercy of God in these end-times. It is because they do not believe God.

See, this is foolishness to them! The articles I just read; to say what's happening with China, to say what's happening with Russia, to say what's happening in the Middle East, that indeed it's leading up to a time in scripture talking about a time of an arm-Megiddo, if you will. All the things that are taking place in the world right now in Europe, 10 nations coming together, speedily so, which some in the scattered body out there say, "Yes, we know. We know it's coming together, and our leaders are telling us so. It's several years up the road from now because it can't happen soon, it's not happening yet fully and it's going to take several years for this to come to pass." You think, sadly it's not going to take several years, it's going to happen powerfully, quickly.

... It is because they do not believe God. They do not believe we are in the end-time. Yet, God's very mercy toward mankind will prove to be the greatest witness...

That is a powerful, powerful thing to understand. What an incredible thing that in this 3½ year period the greatest witness that God gives of all is indeed about His love, it is indeed about His mercy. That's what it's all about! And the longer we've gone in this the greater we have seen that!

Yet, God's very mercy toward mankind will prove to be the greatest witness, above all testimony, of God's true relationship toward His creation.

We're still able to meet today. You haven't had to use your supplies. You may have had to restock them, it's been so long. Thank God! Thank God, His patience, His mercy...6,000 years long, and throughout a time that otherwise would have begun very early on. God wanted to give something else to the world as a testimony, as a witness, that we very well, as God's Church, may well have the ability and the blessing of having a Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread that we're able to observe. What an awesome thing, because of God's great mercy, of how He's dealt with mankind for 6,000 years.

It has not yet entered into the hearts of mankind, not even in the Church that was scattered, the level or kind of love that God has for His creation. God has chosen to give His greatest testimony (witness) at this end-time of the "truth" of His mercy over the past 6,000 years. As a result, He has been withholding the timing of man's final suffering of great tribulation in this final period. God has intervened to prevent and hold back great suffering through the major portion of this final three and one-half years of His final witness on earth.

It's a beautiful thing, brethren, it truly is.

If He had not done so, the world would have suffered incredible great loss (especially in sickness, destruction, and death) to this point in time. If God had not intervened by granting [His] great mercy upon this world, we would already be in WWII, the United

States would have already ceased to exist as a self-governing nation, and the current president would have never entered office.

Now people love hearing stuff like this..."There he goes..." just like that song, 'Over the Rainbow'. ☺ ...that Hawaiian thing. People mock God! They mock the truth! They mock what God is doing! I understand that. I look forward to the day they see. I look forward to the day that we can embrace, truly, because we think and believe the same.

That great tribulation and suffering is still coming and so very soon now, but in God's mercy, as with His mercy for the past 6,000 years, He has prevented from happening what mankind rightly deserves in judgment. So rather than experiencing horrendous suffering for the past three years, that period for suffering has been reduced to only a few months—and all because of God's great mercy.

And what has mankind done always? What is the witness of how mankind has always responded to God's mercy? They go deeper into sin, hate Him all the more, mock Him all the more, why He didn't do this, why He didn't do that. Things that happened in the time of Christ, when I read them now, they bowl me over because these things come rushing out in such a powerful way, they truly do.

Nearly three years have passed and now the world is about to enter the time of final suffering that man's own ways have brought upon himself. God has shortened the time for actual suffering in great tribulation,

Although most of you have read this posting, there are people out there who still don't have the internet, who still just have the telephone. So for their sakes, especially...going on:

... God has shortened the time for actual suffering in great tribulation, yet the final tribulation will still occur to the same magnitude as God has prophesied through time. Dramatically shortening the duration of suffering reveals the magnitude of God's mercy on a disbelieving and disobedient world, just as it always has been. This is God's true witness and final testimony to man!

It's a powerful thing and it's a beautiful thing, it really is. Going on here:

In Deep Sleep

The world cannot yet "see" God's great mercy, and before it can see it, it will experience great tribulation before God sends His Son back to this earth as its Messiah. Right now, the world remains asleep.

Prophecy that God has given over the ages is now crying out as the final stages for tribulation are being fully set in place as God comes to the moment He will no longer hold back the final sounding of the Trumpets of Revelation. Over the last two months, world news, though sometimes difficult to find, is headlining the formation of prophetic events that provide a front row seat to the final emergence of ten nations in Europe who will lead the world into a final war.

It's because of what they do that the world is led into war.

Led by the United States, the collapsing world economy that began in 2008 is now accelerating and forcing future events into position, just as God warned they would.

I want to read a little bit farther before I stop because there's much more here. Going on:

At a time when technology was beginning to change the world in major ways, the world began entering a troubled period revealed by God as a prophesied sixth revival of the old Holy Roman Empire. WWII came upon a sleeping world. The world sought to ignore, minimize events...

Have you ever read history of this period of time? It is sobering to see how the world responded, how the United States responded, how the press responded to things happening, how people willingly ignored, even in government documents, even in newspapers and so forth, things that when they knew better, about a Holocaust, about Jewish people who were being railroaded, literally in railroad cars to be killed, to be put to death into the millions, and the world, world leaders *knew it!* *They knew what was taking place.* Not all of it, not completely, and it didn't come out (some of it) as far as the world was concerned. They tried to hide it and cover it up. You can go through the Holocaust museum – article after article, government document after government document showing what the world really knew long before it ever finally came out.

You think things don't happen behind the scenes now? Struggles that are taking place? Things that are happening in Europe, things that are happening in Germany, things that are happening in China...

At a time when technology was beginning to change the world in major ways, the world began entering a troubled period revealed by God as a prophesied sixth revival of the old Holy Roman Empire. WWII came upon a sleeping world. The world sought to ignore, minimize events, and placate governments...

Which they do to this day.

... in an effort to somehow make the inevitable just go away. Denial and self imposed sleep concerning the truth—the reality—of escalating world conditions did not make the problems go away.

Germany's invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939, forced Europe to begin awakening to the true conditions at hand, but it took an invasion to start that process of being shaken out of sleep. Britain and France responded by declaring war on Germany on the 3rd of September, but the rest of Europe still chose to sleep as though it still might all just go away.

Incredible what happened in other nations in Europe! ...right there on the continent!

After the fall of Poland, there was a relative lull in fighting. This finally ended when Germany invaded Norway and Denmark on April 9, 1940. Even through this passage of time, several countries (the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg) had chosen neutral positions in the war....

You know why? Hoping it would *just go away*, that they *wouldn't* have to become involved. And the world doesn't work like that. Amazing!

....yet themselves were invaded on May 10, 1940, as well as France.

After securing the Balkan region by invading Yugoslavia and Greece on April 6, 1941, the Germans and their allies invaded the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941. Even after *two full years* had passed since the war began, where was the United States?

It was because of Japan's plans for expansion in the Far East....

Today it's China. They have big plans. They're going to take it! There is no doubt in their mind; and no one, including the United States, is going to get in their way! And anyone who doesn't believe that, I feel sorry for them, I truly do.

It was because of Japan's plans for expansion in the Far East and their attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 that the United States was finally brought into the war. Admiral Yamamoto was ordered to attack the U.S. and is said to have made the statement, "We have awakened a sleeping giant." It took that event to finally awaken a nation out of a self-imposed deep sleep.

History is repeating itself, however this time, before WWII comes on the world scene, God has declared that the United States will collapse before she can be awakened!

Incredible what's taking place! She can't be awakened until it's too late.

Yes, the United States is prophesied to collapse as a nation before she can be awakened and before WWII strikes the earth. That collapse is now at the doorstep. Except for a very few whom God has chosen to call into His Church, no one wants to listen to such pronouncements. No one believes them. Instead, the truth is ridiculed, ignored, slandered, and even mocked.

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But it doesn't change anything.

We're going to stop there today because there are some other scriptures I want to go into as a part of reading this particular article here. But amazing, just giving a capsule, if you will, of what took place in WWII, of those who were asleep. And understanding that the world is fast asleep again, to make those parallels, to understand those things helps you to understand some of the things taking place in the news when you read it.

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