

HOOFBEATS # 6

THE PROPHETIC HORIZON AND REVELATION 6-9, 19

Welcome to the final lesson of our APPROACHING HOOFBEATS SERIES. This has been a Biblical study of the Judgment of God upon the Earth during the Tribulation. But as we look at how events going on right now and see they are so similar to those spoken of as being during the Tribulation. Does that mean we are in the Tribulation? No, but it means we may be closer than we ever thought possible.

- ✓ TAPE # 1: THE TRIBULATION IS FOR ISRAEL IS WHY THE CHURCH DOES NOT GO THROUGH THE TRIBULATION
- ✓ TAPE # 2: THE BLESSED HOPE OF THE CHURCH IS THE RAPTURE
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- ✓ TAPE # 5: HOW TO FACE PERSECUTION
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Let me explain by focusing tonight on the final round of Tribulation judgments, the Bowls of Wrath. Remember there are Seals of Death, Trumpets of Doom and Bowls of Wrath. We have covered all of them in detail in this HOOFBEATS SERIES, the END OF THE WORLD SERIES and the ARMAGEDDON SERIES. However, tonight lets back up and look at all of them in a big picture and see what foretastes we can see around us.

Remember the order in Revelation? The 7 seals lead into 7 trumpets which launch 7 bowls? The Seals we have seen, the trumpets may be summarized as 1-4 destroy ecology and 5-7 are a demon attack. In fact the 1st Trumpet may even refer to volcanoes? And the 5th Trumpet empties the abyss of its worst demons. But the Bowls are our focus tonight. Just for one thought, if Bowl 4 triggers a polar cap melt, there would be a 200 foot rise in sea level! That would be catastrophic at the least.

The First Bowl: Incurable Sores on the Beast Worshipers (16:1-2)

The Second Bowl: Death to All Sea Life (16:3)

The Third bowl: Transforming of All Fresh Water into Blood (16:4-7)

The Fourth Bowl: Scorching of All Through the Sun's Intensity (16:8-9)

The Fifth Bowl: Darkening of the Beast's Kingdom (16:10-11)

The Sixth Bowl: Preparation for the Doom of Earth's Kings (16:12-16)

The Seventh Bowl: The Destruction of Babylon (16:17-18:24)

So what will life like apart from Jesus look like on the Earth? Without His power life is reduced to living Hell. In the final days of the history of planet earth 7 events rapidly occur. Do you remember them?

- ✓ First, SORES Ooze from their bodies as all the evil within starts to come out, a sign of inward corruption. This is **A BIOLOGICAL HOLOCAUST**, and all the pieces for that are in place today as we have seen, aren't they?
- ✓ Second, THE WATERS OF THE SEA DIE, what was once filled with life become a stench of dead blood a sign of man's hopelessness apart from God. This is **AN ECOLOGICAL HOLOCAUST**, and all the pieces for that are in place today as we have seen, aren't they?
- ✓ Third, all THE STREAMS OF WATER ON EARTH ARE POISONED, a sign of absolute desperation as water is imperative for life as is Jesus. This is **A GLOBAL CATASTROPHE** as the UN declared in late 1998, there are 1 ½ billion without sufficient drinkable water today on the planet. So, and all the pieces for that are in place today as we have seen, aren't they?
- ✓ Fourth, THE SUN FLARES which keeps life sustained on earth flares up blazing and burning the planet. As we will see tonight **A COSMIC CATASTROPHE** of unprecedented proportion is heading toward earth in Solar Cycle # 23 late December, 1999. So, and all the pieces for that are in place today as we have seen, aren't they?
- ✓ Fifth, BLACKNESS OF DARKNESS FALLS from the brightness of a fiercely blazing sun to absolute blackness in the realm of the beast. This is a sign of **THE SPIRITUAL HOLOCAUST OF DARKNESS** Satan brings. And with the eclipsing of Christianity and the dawning of a global resurgence toward paganism, and all the pieces for that are in place as we have seen, aren't they?
- ✓ Sixth, ARMAGEDDON STRIKES as the waters of the great dividing river Euphrates dries up. A demon trio rounds up the army of the antichrist and Armageddon is their destination. As we will see tonight, this week the European Community declared they will have a unified military force under a "Czar" as their news release called him. Remember Czar is Russian for Kaiser which is German for Caesar which is Roman for Antichrist which is Bible for the Future Fuhrer of the Revived Roman Empire. So, and all the pieces for that

are in place for **A GLOBAL MILITARY HOLOCAUST** today as we have seen, aren't they?

- ✓ Seventh, THE GREATEST QUAKE OF ALL TIME IS UNLEASHED by God and more devastation occurs in that big one than in every other one combined. There are 5, 319 quakes¹ on record at present. And the trend is toward more of them; widely spread all over the earth and of growing magnitude, and all the pieces for **A GEOLOGICAL HOLOCAUST** are in place today as we have seen, aren't they?

Well what is the answer God gives to all that? A weathered face, etched with exposure to many years of Sun, the Shekinah Glory and many angry mobs looks Heavenward in II Peter 3. Listen to Peter's advice for prophetic events. Let's stand as we listen to Peter

2 Peter 3:1-14

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),² that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,⁶ by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.⁷ But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved,

¹ Time Period Qty: 1100-1149 6; 1150-1199 8; 1200-1249 14; 1250-1299 12; 1300-1349 6; 1350-1399 12; 1400-1449 4; 1450-1499 24; 1500-1549 10; 1550-1599 50; 1600-1649 90; 1650-1699 82; 1700-1749 48; 1750-1799 88; 1800-1849 72; 1850-1899 172; 1900-1949 506; 1950-1997 670

what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

What are there any events that make us look even more closely on the horizon for His any moment return? Let me name a few.

BEWARE, A SOLAR STORM IS COMING YOUR WAY!

WHAT IT ALL MEANS

The new findings are scientifically significant because they help flesh out theories on how the sun works and how the super storms are created, experts said. "The idea that twisted structures should erupt is not a new idea. ... This just brings a lot of specificity to that question," Canfield said. The findings also could lead the way to better forecasting of "space weather," the scientists said. As it happens, the sun is headed toward the peak of an 11-year cycle of activity next year. During the last solar maximum, in 1989, a coronal mass ejection knocked out power to a wide area of Quebec for nine hours, noted George Withbroe, science director for NASA's Sun-Earth Connection research theme. He also referred to last year's failure of the Galaxy 4 satellite, which led to widespread communications outages. Such outages couldn't be ruled out during the coming solar maximum, he said, although he acknowledged that they were more of a nuisance than a catastrophe².

Solar flares and coronal mass ejections — solar explosions that can equal a million 100 megaton bombs — send waves of energy toward the Earth.

They can cause power blackouts, block some radio communications and trigger phantom commands capable of sending satellites spinning out of their proper orbits. Cellular telephones, global positioning signals and spacewalking astronauts all are at risk, experts said Monday at a national meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

² MSNBC, Science News "Solar Flares", 3/9/99

BEWARE, A WARMING EARTH IS COMING YOUR WAY!

RATE FASTER THAN EXPECTED

Scientists at both institutes expected the two shelves to fail, but they found it happening at a rate faster than what earlier breakups suggested would happen. "We have evidence that the shelves in this area have been in retreat for 50 years, but those losses amounted to only about 7,000 square kilometers," said David Vaughan, of the British Antarctic Survey. "To have retreats totaling 3,000 square kilometers in a single year is clearly an escalation. Within a few years, much of the Wilkins ice shelf will likely be gone." Ice shelves, essentially floating plates of ice attached to continents, form when large glaciers flow toward the ocean in polar areas. Because they are already on the water, their breakup will not add to sea levels³.

BUT WHY?

Four years ago, Wallace suggested that the current rise in average global temperatures might just be part of a natural climatic cycle. Now he says he isn't so sure. "We are looking at temperature changes over Siberia in the last 30 years that are almost 10 times greater than the global mean temperature rise in the last 100 years," he said. The teams led by Shindell and Petit say their findings support the view that human activity — such as automobile driving and industrial emissions of greenhouse gas — plays a significant role in climate change. But evidence for an alternative view also appears in *Nature*. Researchers at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in England report that the strength of the solar magnetic field has more than doubled in the past 100 years, and has increased 40 percent since 1964. The long-term rise mounts with each 11-year cycle of solar activity — and the sun is currently approaching one of those 11-year peaks.

Changes in the sun's magnetic field have been linked with variations in solar brightness and the Earth's cloud cover, "which may influence global climate," the researchers said. Could it be that a brighter sun causes increased sea-surface temperatures, which in turn cause higher levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide? In a *Nature* commentary, University of Chicago physicist Eugene Parker says scientists should at least consider the possibility that the greenhouse effect is primarily due to solar activity rather than fossil-fuel consumption⁴.

³ MSNBC, Science News, "Ice Shelf Melting", 4/7/99

⁴ MSNBC, Science, "Ice Cores" 6/2/99

BEWARE, THE COMPONENTS FOR ARMAGEDDON ARE COMING YOUR WAY!

June 4, 1999 **NEW ARMY**⁵

European Union Vows to Become Military Power

By CRAIG R. WHITNEY

OLOGNE, Germany -- The leaders of 15 European countries decided Thursday to make the European Union a military power for the first time in its 42-year history, with command headquarters, staffs and forces of its own for peacekeeping and peacemaking missions in future crises like those in Kosovo or Bosnia.

Long an economic giant, the European Union Thursday has a common currency, the euro, in 11 countries. But when it comes to foreign and defense policy, Europe does not even have a telephone number, as Henry A. Kissinger sarcastically observed 25 years ago when he was Secretary of State.

All that will change by the end of next year, the 15 leaders vowed Thursday.

By late 2000, according to the plan announced at the European Union summit meeting here, a single foreign and security policy czar will speak for Europe and carry out the military will of European leaders.

The move will enable many of the members of NATO, as well as several European nations that are not in the alliance, to mount their own campaigns without America's might.

The European leaders declared:

"The union must have the capacity for autonomous action, backed up by credible military forces, the means to decide to use them, and a readiness to do so, in order to respond to international crises without prejudice to actions by NATO."

Threats of a new Cold War⁶

Sir Charles Powell, former adviser to Lady Thatcher, believes that if we don't confront Russia now, we might face a worse danger later



THE Cold War instincts of the old Soviet Union still live on, at least in some corners of the Russian leadership. They should ring alarm bells in Western governments. By arming Iraq, Russia continues to mount a dangerous challenge to Western strategic interests. The reasons for concern are obvious enough. First, it constitutes a clear-cut breach of UN sanctions and makes a mockery of the claim that, unlike the old Soviet Union, Russia now operates under the constraints of international law.

⁵ NYTimes

⁶ London Telegraph, Issue 1360, Sunday 2/14/99

Second, although the arms agreements relate only to conventional weapons at this stage, there must be a suspicion that Russian help will extend not just to helping Iraq rebuild its conventional forces but also to its programme of developing missiles and weapons of mass destruction. The work done by Unscop's arms inspectors of slowing down Iraq's re-armament will rapidly be rendered redundant. There is also a heightened risk to the security of the neighboring Gulf States. Third, when taken together with other Russian moves at the UN, in conjunction with France and China, to lift sanctions on Iraq and remove all restraints on Saddam Hussein, it takes on an uglier and more dangerous significance. It shows that, once again, Russia is in the business of supporting brutal regimes as a means of challenging American and Western interests.

Why are the Russians doing it? There is the possibility that the arms sales represent freelancing by the Russian defense industry desperate for markets at any cost. But the type of equipment being supplied leaves little doubt about Russian government involvement and thus a considered policy. Even so, there probably is a financial motive. Russia is owed huge sums by Baghdad which it is anxious to recover. And it is eager to be in the first wave of those re-entering the Iraqi market if sanctions are lifted.

But more significant is Russian Prime Minister Primakov's long history of involvement in Iraq and friendship for Saddam Hussein. In 1990/1991 he led Soviet efforts to prevent the allies from going to war to eject Saddam from Kuwait. He represents the huge investment which the old Soviet Union's military and defense establishment put into Iraq, as a showcase for Russian military equipment and tactics. Saddam's defeat was as much a defeat for them and the bitterness has lingered.

Behind that lurks Russia's historic ambition to dominate the Middle Eastern oil fields and break through to a warm water port. That strategic aim has never been renounced, and is reflected in Russia's disastrous intervention in Afghanistan, its supply of nuclear power technology to Iran and now, once again, sale of weapons to Baghdad.

All of this we saw is only a foretaste of what is to come. But God has not left us without instructions. In Revelation we see truth to live by for a safe future.

HOW DO WE SURVIVE THE FUTURE TROUBLES HEADED OUR WAY AS BELIEVERS?

1. **BUILD WITH FIREPROOF MATERIALS:** Remember Jesus compares our earthly life to a BUILDING, so we must watch what we build with and where. [Quakes, fires, hurricanes, floods]
 - ✓ I Corinthians 3: 10-17 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones,

wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward

2. **INVEST IN HEAVEN.** [Scams, bilked out of millions, folded companies, Depco, stock market crashes]

- ✓ Matthew 6:19-24 *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*
- ✓ 2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
- ✓ Exodus 24:9-11 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

3. **LOOK FOR JESUS EVERY DAY:** Remember Jesus says our life is like a RACE, so watch out for the rules, know the boundaries and keep the baggage at a minimum. [Must keep in lines, follow rules, not trip]

- ✓ Hebrews 12:1-2 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (KJV)