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FROM EDEN LOST TO EDEN RESTORED

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Study #6: Startling Developments in Europe  
(How the Sons of Japheth managed to revive the Beast?)

Thank you, brother chairman, and good morning, my dear brethren and sisters on this fresh and fine and sunny day in the autumn.

The interesting thing I suppose about bible prophecy as we've seen in our studies, is that once we have a framework it is surprising how that everything now in the matter of bible prophecy will fit somewhere on that framework. Not only does it belong to the red line or to the blue line, but is it the first phase or a second phase? Was it a prophecy that was fulfilled in the first half before our Lord Jesus Christ came and for which there is no secondary fulfilment? Or is there good biblical evidence in the passage itself that there might be a second fulfilment, a latter day one at the time of the end? Somehow you'll be able to take many bible prophecies now and find where they fit on that particular framework.

We're looking at developments in Europe today and the revival of the beast system, so is that the red line? or the blue line? and the answer, of course, is that it has to be the red line, doesn't it? because this is part of the system of the seed of the serpent, that will oppose the seed of the woman at the time of the end. The developments we're looking at here are part of that serpent power before our Lord Jesus Christ returns. So if you come to Genesis 10, we have some interesting information concerning things of Japheth, since that's part of our title, 'how have the sons of Japheth managed to revive the Beast?' Well, our story starts this morning in Genesis 10 where it says in verse 1, 'Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth and unto them were sons born after the flood. The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan and Tubal and Meshech, and Tiras. And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim. By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands, every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations'. So here we're given now the generations of the sons of Japheth in their dispersion as verse 2 says. You'll notice that the stock of Japheth were those known for their exploratory zeal. These are they who would divide the isles of the Gentiles and populate them as verse 5 says; the sons of Japheth were the Indo-European races and from them would come those leading explorers of the world that would migrate all over the place! In fact, they migrated from where the story first began, because the sons of Noah were

going to migrate, of course, from where the ark came to rest, and from where the ark came to rest in Ararat, the sons of Japheth would now advance into other regions. In fact, of all the sons of Japheth, there are two in particular who we believe migrated the furthest of all!

Now Josephus says concerning the migration of the sons of Japheth, he says this in his book 'Antiquities' book 1 chapter 6, 'Japheth the son of Noah had 7 seven sons, and beginning at the mountains Taurus and Amanus, they proceeded along Asia as far as the river Tanais, which is the river Don. So you'll notice that the river Don is there in the heartland of what we'd call modern Russia today, but heading in fact eastward, and the sons of Japheth headed in that direction as far as that river and then up along that river. But Josephus said, 'they also proceeded along Europe to Cadiz which is just beyond the straits of Gibraltar; and Josephus goes on to say, 'that Gomer founded those whom the Greeks now call Galatians, but who were then called Gomerites, and Magog founded those who were from him and they were named Magogites, but who are by the Greeks called the Scythians.

And Heroditus takes up that word 'Scythian', and he says, 'ah, the Scythian, Magogites, that was a name given by the Greeks to an widely extended people of Europe who had spread themselves from the river Don but westwards along the banks of the Danube. So the Scythians, Magogites, one of the sons of Japheth, had spread along the Danube in a westerly direction now travelling across Europe.

Finally Diodorus Siculus says, 'that Scythia was above Gaul extending to the Baltic and describing that large tract of land above the Rhine'. So if we were to look at those names what we would find is that those three historical writers tell us that the sons of Japheth migrated firstly up the river Don then along into the area of Europe here, travelling along the Danube, and travelling, in fact, west to the Iberian peninsula itself of Spain and Portugal, and in particular, Gomer and Magog were above one another or continuous to one another separated by the river Rhine. Gomer was to the south and Magog was to the north of that geographical divide.

That's interesting because it's these two sons in particular that we want to look at this morning, and by the way, which two sons were they? Well, they were the first two, the oldest two boys of Japheth, as it says in verse 2, 'Gomer and Magog'. So here are the oldest sons of Japheth now, who migrated perhaps the most westerly right to the far side of Europe. If we were to look at the other names of the sons in chapter 10 verse 2, when it mentions, 'Gomer, Magog, and Madai and Javan and Tubal', let's just see if we can pinpoint in fact, where each of those sons came to, because in their dispersion it looks like this:

**Gomer** - was in the area of what we would call modern **France**, and in the Iberian peninsula. To the north of that, separated by the Rhine River, was the power of the second son of Japheth known as **Magog**. Do you notice how in Genesis 10, the third son is called **Madai**, that word 'Madai' in Genesis 10 is the same word translated as 'Media' in other parts of the Old Testament and, of course, Media is the word for the 'Medes' and the Persians and answers to the modern territory of **Iran**. So the Medians or the Madai were in actually the modern area of **Iran** today. Then we have **Javan**, and Javan, of course, is the word from whence the Ionian peninsula has derived its

name answering to **Greece** and the islands around it. **Tubal**, when it mentions Tubal, we believe that Tubal was to the north, **Meshech**, by the way, began a little lower than that, down between the Black and Caspian Seas, but Meshech migrated northwards. The last son, the son mentioned as **Tiras** in chapter 10, is actually the area of Thracia answering to the territories of **Roumania and Bulgaria** and around the area of the Black Sea. In fact, it's been suggested that the 'ras' at the end of Tiras, is the beginning of the word 'Russe' who would become the Russians or the Russi who also migrated from the Black Sea area northwards into what would eventually become modern **Ukraine**. So if we were to say, well, where did the sons of Japheth go? and the answer would be they populated most of Europe.

So that brings us to our next bible passage and that is Daniel 7, and you'll remember the story of the beasts. The beasts in chapter 7 which in turn, of course, follow the story of Daniel 2 in terms of the metals of the empire. Of course, what's interesting about the visions of Daniel 2 and Daniel 7, is that Daniel 2 is Nebuchadnezzar's view or version of the kingdom of men; he sees it as a mighty great warrior, whereas Daniel 7 is the divine estimate of those same nations, as given by dream to Daniel, and God sees those same powers as nothing other than wild beasts following one after the other. You'll remember what Daniel 7 says, verse 4 of Daniel 7 says, 'The first was like a **'lion'** and we know it answers to the Babylonian kingdom; the second was a **'bear'** which answers to the Medo-Persian, or should I say Bablo-Medo-Persian; the third, verse 6, **'a leopard'** which answers to the Grecian or the Bablo-Grecian; and in the night vision of verse 7, the 4th beast was a great and terrible beast, **'a dragon'** of some sort or even a crocodile, but let's just match that up with Daniel 2 and 7. Now I'm going to cover myself here, b&s, and say that this was prepared as a public lecture for interested friends so we revert to correct historical names of these places, even though I've omitted the word 'Babylon' at the front of them all.

So we've got Babylon and then, of course, the head of gold becomes the lion, which eventually stands upright on its feet. Then we've got Medo-Persia which becomes the bear, and then we've got Greece which becomes the leopard, and then the legs of iron which becomes the Roman empire and the fourth beast, and finally we've got the ten horns subdued by the little horn answering to divided kingdoms. Now what's interesting about Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 is where those beasts lived. Where did those beasts live, b&s? Let me show you where they lived if we have a look at that from the perspective of their geographical setting. What we'll find is that as we come through Daniel's four beasts we are also moving steadily westwards so it looks something like this. The yellow part to the east is the extent, the farthest extent westwards of the Babylonian empire; it really only stretched across to the area of modern Palestine on the Mediterranean coast. But the Medo-Persian empire travelled a little further westwards into the territory which was biblically known as Asia Minor or modern Turkey and across the Bosphorus and into the region beyond, and I suppose technically is actually part of

Europe. The Grecians went a little further because, of course, they embraced Macedonia and Achaia and reached even further, but it's not until we come to the fourth beast, Daniel's fourth beast, that we suddenly realize that we've come across an empire thoroughly European, it's completely European. Ah, so Daniel's 4th beast is to be found living in Europe, and you see, what's interesting about that beast which we discovered the other day, was that the 4th beast continues until the time of Christ. Remember, there's no fifth beast, the 4th beast continues down right to the end, so what we're being told is that the theatre of operation for bible prophecy in the latter day for that beast is going to be where? in Europe because that's where it lives, it's always lived there, it's Japhethite territory. The beast that lives for 2,000 years roams the lands of the sons of Japheth. In fact, of course, as we said yesterday in our studies, the fact is, that although we tend to think sometimes that the book of Revelation is extremely difficult to understand, let me put it to you in this way, in terms of those beasts, it's not difficult at all, because that's what Revelation is all about. There's our 4th beast of Daniel 7 and Revelation 12 says, 'well, there's that next beast which is simply the next stage of that 4th beast, and Revelation 13 says, 'and here's the next stage', and again, 'here's the next stage' and finally, 'there's the last stage' and simply it's just the 4th beast down through time, until Christ comes to do battle with it, because there's never a 5th beast, these are all the stages of the 4th beast. So the Roman empire, an essential religion, the Roman Catholic Church in its successive stages of manifestation spans all those centuries of time, from the apostles of the first century until our own time, with modern Europe under the influence of the Papacy. So we're in Europe in order for the unfolding of this particular story of the Roman beast to take place, therefore, the connection with the sons of Japheth, and this beast in particular, because this is where the sons of Japheth live as well.

So that brings us to Revelation 13 and just looking at those beasts that are there on this particular screen, Revelation 13 has two of these beasts; it has three aspects of them, so Revelation 13 verse 1 says, 'I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having 7 heads and 10 horns'. That's the one described on the screen here of Revelation 13 verses 1 to 10, because you'll remember what verse 2 says, 'it looked like a leopard', but the funny thing is that the feet were as the feet of a bear, and the mouth was as the mouth of a lion. Then we're told again in verse 11, 'there was another beast coming up out of the earth and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon', so we've got the other beast of Revelation 13. The interesting thing about Revelation 13 is that we believe that all of these symbols existed both in a sense sequentially but also concurrently, there was a time when all the aspects of Revelation 13 were together, a dragon, a beast of the sea, a beast of the earth, and an image of the beast. So let me show you that in terms of geographical setup. You know, one of the things that really surprises me! (I suppose the word 'surprise' isn't the right word) one of the things that astonishes me and thrills me is the marvellous way in which the Spirit of God was able in the compass of one small chapter, Revelation 13, is to show many centuries of what actually happened across the face of Europe in just a few verses. It's unbelievable! how the Spirit was able to do that,

and to capture the ebb and flow of what was going on by the nations in the whole of the European land mass. There's something absolutely brilliant about it! So let's just look at that, the successive stages of the Roman beast across the face of Europe.

One of the things that Revelation 13 talks about is the beast of the sea. That beast of the sea, we remember, by the way, it answers to the sea coast, so the beast of the sea answers to both France and the latent kingdoms of the Iberian peninsula, tracing it all around the waters' edge, it's of the sea in that sense. But we've also got in this chapter the dragon of the east, and the dragon was based in Constantinople, which is one of the reasons we say that Russia is the dragon power designate. Not until Russia takes Constantinople does it become the dragon power at the time of the end; which form of the manifestation of the serpent power of sin, religious, political or military? Military, the final military stage of the manifestation of the sin power. But we've also got the beast of the earth, and the beast of the earth actually answers to the central part of the European land mass, answering principally to the area of Germany and the surrounding area. And lastly, we've got what answers to the image of the beast, which answers to the Papacy based in Rome at the end of this particular chapter. So we've got all this taking place sometimes at the same time, and sometimes separately throughout the length and breadth of Europe and throughout the history of Europe itself.

What's interesting about that particular slide, b&s, is this, the beast of the sea was mainly France (that's Gomer, isn't it?) and the beast of the earth was mainly Germany (but that's

Magog). So the two beasts of this chapter remarkably have reference to Gomer and Magog, France and Germany, and yet these are the two oldest sons of Japheth, in fact, there was a whole kingdom centred in France called Neustria, and there was a whole kingdom centred in Germany called Austrasia, and these two kingdoms grew up side by side in Europe, one in France and one in Germany, so who combined the two together for the first time? and the answer is Charlemagne, Charles the Great. By the way, (this is a digression but it's an interesting one) you may have seen in the paper the other day, a bit of a kafuffle in the newspaper that some of Isaac Newton's papers had been dug up from an archive in Jerusalem, and one of them had the final date for the end of the world that Isaac Newton had calculated, anyone know what the date was? 2060, you're absolutely right! and guess how he calculated it? Well, Charlemagne who brought together the kingdoms of Nostria and Austrasia, France and Germany, and united them into what would become, by the way, the Holy Roman Empire, he was crowned on Christmas Day as I recall and there's a bit of argument about the date, it's either 799 AD or 800 AD and by the way, the Holy Roman Empire would last for 1,000 years, why a 1,000 years? It's a rival millennium, you see! Now to add 1260 years to 800 years, you get 2,060, and that's how Isaac Newton worked his date out for the end of the world, now that's interesting, isn't it? and it bears thinking about a bit!

So in terms of the story then of what Charlemagne did, let me just show you that in terms of his empire, because when he brought all together that's what it looked like. He bound together France and Germany into one Holy Roman Empire and there was a

collaboration between the emperor (political) and the Pope (religious) and those two powers were brought together. But I just want you to notice what happened to that empire historically as time moved on, because when Charlemagne died his sons weren't strong enough to keep it together and it separated into individual components, so by the time we come to Frederick I in 1189 AD. We've moved along a bit in time, we've moved from 814AD and the death of Charlemagne to 1189AD and the death of Frederick I, and do you notice the way the empire is shrinking? it's shrinking **eastwards** out of the territory of Gomer. When we come to the death of Maximilian who was one of the later emperors in 1519, you'll notice that the whole of the Holy Roman Empire has shrunk into Germany and out of France; did you notice that? So it's separated out as it were, back to the two old states; there was something in France and something in Germany and never the twain shall meet. These two boys, these two sons of Japheth always at logger heads, first and second sons. Now by the way, let me show you something on that map, do you see that little blue smudge of a line there, that's the ancient dividing line between Gomer and Magog, answering essentially to the ancient industrial basin there and as we said before, the Rhine River. So just tuck that away and remember the ancient line separating France and Germany exists. As we said, that beast system that existed in Europe spanned over a thousand years of history and was eventually terminated in 1806 AD with the dissolution of the Holy Roman Empire and the abdication of the last emperor in 1806, which was part of the vial judgments of Revelation 16, which we looked at yesterday. Remember how we said the false prophet first turns up in the middle of the 1800's, and we wonder why that might be? Well, it's this time! and part of the vial judgments actually were to reduce the power of the Papacy, so the Jesuits had to think of something saying, 'if we're going to lose our lands, let's recover the authority and prestige of the Papacy in some other way; I know, we'll make him infallible! what a good idea!' That's what the story's about you see, the Papacy is always transforming itself into something else to escape the vicissitudes of life!

Yet, the strange thing is that even though that beast came to an end in 1806, when we come to the book of Revelation in detail, it's absolutely clear that **the bible requires a latter day beast**. Now we know that because of these references! Does anyone know how Revelation 14 begins? 'Behold, I looked and saw a Lamb upon mount Zion', so that's Christ, and Christ is back on the earth, and yet in the context of that time period when He's back on the earth, it talks about those that have no rest at all night or day, who were involved in worshipping the beast and his image. The suggestion is given that that was something that was going on at the time when Christ returns, to stand upon Mt. Zion. Now if you're not sure about that one, Revelation 15 says, 'I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire, and them that had gotten victory over the beast'. When does the sea of glass mingled with fire occur? well, that's the judgments of God upon the face of the earth to subdue them all under the rule of Christ. There's a beast mentioned at that time!

What about Revelation 16 which we spoke about yesterday, 'three unclean spirits like

frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the beast, (but what does the very next two verses say?) Well, they're going to gather them together to the battle of Armageddon, so there's a beast at the time of Armageddon and out of the mouth of that beast comes a spirit that gathers the nations to Armageddon. Revelation 17 says, 'these are of one mind and shall give their strength and power to the beast and shall make war with the Lamb',so when the Lamb comes there's a beast there! And finally, Revelation 19 says, ' and the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet and they were both cast into the lake of fire; and it's Faithful and True (Christ) who rides out to do battle with the beast. There's got to be a beast at the end, says the book of Revelation, a latter day beast. So here's a case in point where there are prophecies showing that the beast system was destroyed, it had its power removed, and if you read chapter 16 carefully you can see that going on, clearly we've got an indication that biblically, we must have a latter day beast. Of course, none of them say whether that latter day beast was of the sea or the beast of the earth? Oh, by the way, I think it's probably both of them, both of them in combination again. It means, of course, if that's true, if it's going to be both the beast of the sea and the beast of the earth, then what two nations **must be** involved with the beast at the time of the end? France, beast of the sea and Germany the beast of the earth; if it's a revival of both those beasts at the time of the end, expect those two nations to be intimately involved with that situation. And what's interesting about this is, (and you'll know about European history as well as I and that's this), if you go to the face of Europe even in modern times, what we have is a map criss-crossed with all sorts of states. Of course, it gets even worse going back 50 or a 100 years or 200 years it gets even more complicated; there's all sorts of little sovereign states. But the interesting thing about Europe for that period of time, it was hopelessly divided and fragmented into lots of little nations. All the sons of Japheth squabbling for the European land mass, and by the way, if we went back 150 years you would find France and Germany were at war, or if you go back 100 years you find that France and Germany were at war. If you go back almost 50 years, you'll find that France and Germany were at war; the two oldest sons of Japheth struggling for supremacy, and frankly, the idea of a modern beast with France and Germany cooperating together would have seen absolutely impossible, even a little bit more than 50 years ago.

By the way, was there any leaders who tried to do that after Charlemagne? was there anyone who tried to create uniting of Europe to bring that beast back to life, as it were? Name some of them for me! Napoleon, Hitler, Bismarck all tried to do this! there was a number of European leaders who sought to create the empire of Charlemagne, that was their dream, an empire where the sons of Japheth would collaborate together again and form a powerful entity that would astonish the world at large! but none of them managed to do it! Then suddenly, out of the blue, in quite the strangest way, something else happened that a new force arose to confederate Europe, that wasn't military, that wasn't a leader, that wasn't going to win the unification of Europe by battle or by conquest, no, it was driven by entirely different means; you see, that's part of the wisdom of how God works, you see, in this particular case I refer to, is what was described as the Franco-German-Friendship Treaty. By the way, you've all probably

have heard of the Treaty of Rome, 1957, because that was the landmark treaty, wasn't it? that really began the European union. Signed where, by the way? Signed where? signed in Rome, of course, in one of the great Vatican palaces. The Pope gave his blessing They all sat down, (could this be St. John Lateran's?) I think perhaps it might have been signed in the Lateran palace, it would be a very significant place down through time, the Lateran palace. That's where the Lateran treaty was signed in 1929. (now that's another whole story, the Lateran Treaty, but we won't digress into that now, but that's an extremely, a very, very interesting story in terms of bible prophecy).

So this particular treaty you might not know so much about. This was signed in 1963 and two old men sat down to sign it (I say 'old' with the greatest respect) but President Charles deGaulle was 73 when he signed the document, and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer was 87 when he signed the document. These two old men signed what was called the Franco-German Friendship Treaty and they both stood up, wept tears and embraced each other because of the significance of what they'd done! Because what they'd done was that they had brought together Gomer and Magog into a treaty of friendship for the first time for centuries. In that very year, the Pope issued one of his encyclicals, and the one for the year 1963 was *Pacem In Terris*, being translated from the Latin means, 'peace on earth'; it was the two boys of the sons of Japheth that were finally being reconciled and there would be peace in Europe.

Let me show you a little bit about that friendship treaty because it turned out to be a marvellous thing. Signed on the 22nd January, 1963, which is now called Franco-German Day, at least if you live in France or Germany, and they celebrate it as a special holiday. Well, that particular treaty provides for the heads of state and for the government to meet together **twice** a year, two state meetings as it were, at presidential level. It also provides for the foreign ministry officials to meet together 12 times a year, which leads to 4 special meetings of the two foreign ministers of the country, and a defence and security council meeting twice a year as well. But not only do the foreign ministers meet but so also do the defence ministers. So there are what's called 'coordinators' for Franco-German cooperation that meet twice a year and the defence ministers meet 4 times a year and meet with the foreign ministers for the defence and security council meetings. There's also the joint ambassadorial conference of all French and German ambassadors who meet together in conference (can you imagine that?) all the French and German ambassadors, a combined ambassadorial conference, and there's an environment council meeting, and a cultural council meeting and one or two other bits that happen. So what this treaty did, it laid the framework for what we might described as an unprecedented level of cooperation between France and Germany and there's been amendments to that treaty recently that have only made it even stronger.

The real test was (oh, it's all fine and good to put it down on paper but how will it work at the actual level of the leaders when they come together?) because most people that become chancellors or presidents have a reasonably developed ego concerning



themselves and their importance in life. What happens when you bring one or two of those people together in terms of how this might work? Well, that's the most remarkable part of this whole story! as you come down through time, because all the leaders have all got on very well because they believe in the benefits of this treaty. So remember it started with Konrad Adenauer and Charles deGaulle and they cooperated together in the signing of this treaty. Then there was another set of leaders, Helmut Schmidt and Valery Giscard D'Estaing and they happened to get on extremely well as it turned out as time unfolded. Then there was Helmut Kohl and Francois Mitterrand. who actually got along together extremely well considering they were quite diverse politicians really, those two! Then there was Gerhard Schroeder and Jacques Chirac and they are both very, very independent men, and yet they got along surprisingly well under the terms of this treaty. Now we've got Angela Merkel and Nicolas Sarkozy and they seem to be getting on alright under the terms of this treaty. It's almost as if they have seen that the treaty is so important that they've got to get on, so that fellowship can be strengthened.

Just an illustration of how that happened. If you think of George Bush here and meetings, how often do you expect the Prime minister of Australia or the head of Britain to visit the President of America, how many times, once or twice or three times? Probably once would be enough, that probably would be considered more than usual for state visits on a regular basis. Well, remember that the treaty provides that the head of Germany and the head of France will meet twice a year. Well, in the years 82 to 89, Helmut Kohl and Francois Mitterrand during those 8 years met 80 times! that's unbelievable! and by the way, during that time the foreign ministers were Hans Dietrich Genscher on Germany's side and Claude Cheysson on the French side and during the years 1982 to 1984, those two foreign ministers had 1,000 telephone calls - that's quite a lot! It's unbelievable the level of cooperation that actually goes on under the terms of that treaty. In fact, although it's called the Franco-German Friendship Treaty, of course, from our perspective, looking at it biblically and the revival of the beast at the time of the end, what would we call the treaty? We would call it the Magog-Gomer Pact because biblically that's what we expect, isn't it? These two sons of Japheth will be in alliance at the time of the end so that that particular organization will seem to be revived, it's the Magog-Gomer Pact.

The treaty established a requirement for Franco-German consultation on foreign policy and on security in the defence issue; and that two nations strive to reconcile their viewpoints and seek a common position. In fact, in an abstract from a Harvard paper which I've read on this particular treaty it says, 'The treaty crowned a process of reconciliation and irrevocably ended the times of Franco-German hereditary enmity'; Gog and Magog have become friends at the time of the end, and single handedly they've created what amounts to the revival of the beast across the face of Europe. Let me show you how remarkable that is in terms of what's going on there. There was an occasion at the United Nations where a vote needed to be taken and for some reason neither the German foreign minister or the German chancellor were able to be there for the United Nations' vote; so guess who voted for Germany? why, Jacques Chirac of

France who was empowered to vote on behalf of Germany. Now that's remarkable! the president of another country cast his own vote and casts Magog's as well. In fact, if you were to go to the foreign ministry in Paris even today and walk through the offices of the foreign ministry in Paris, you might hear language that doesn't sound like Frenchmen; no, it's a German foreign ministry official who actually works inside the French ministry - they swap officials. If you went to Berlin to the German foreign ministry department you might hear the French language being spoken, because you've got French and German foreign ministry officials who sit on opposite sides in the other nation's building and look at papers relating to the other nation's affairs. It's unbelievable! This is the Franco-German Friendship Treaty and it's remarkable that it's happened in the last 40 years or so and has changed the face of Europe in terms of things going on.

So much so that if we were to say, 'who's really revived the beast system at the time of the end?' Not only is it being revived by the sons of Japheth, but in particular who's revived it, who drives it? where's the engine room for this whole story? It's Magog and Gomer! it's Gomer and Magog, isn't it? they two are driving this beast system at the time of the end; the two oldest sons of Japheth. In fact, let me just show you how remarkable the developments have been in terms of, let's say the last 10 or 15 years of policy initiatives for the revival of the European system. In 1993, there was, of course, the Maastricht treaty which really advanced the cause of European union quite substantially because in that year, the same year as the signing of the treaty, the single European market came into existence, the abolition of border controls, the abolition of various tariffs, the abolition of the necessity of providing passports travelling within the European union. The European monetary agreement was signed that would pave the way for the introduction of a common currency; in fact, currency is really a key. If you all share money then you all start feeling the same, so they decided that one of the things which was really important here was if they could get everyone on the same money then you'll start to feel you belong to the European beast system. Of course, they didn't put it quite that way, but you know what I mean, and in 1993 Euro Kore was established, a rapid response force (I'll come back to that in a moment, that was a very significant development). In 1998 the European Central Bank, the Euro was launched in 1998, and in 2002 the blueprint of the European Constitution which if finally passed will merge all previous European treaties and provide (if the original constitution had its way) why, a European president, a President of Europe and for a European diplomatic corps and embassies.

So what would happen if all of that took place in accordance with the original terms of the constitution, you would no longer have a German embassy here in America, nor a French embassy, but you'd have a European embassy representing the nation of Europe. You see, they are all friends now these sons of Japheth, they're all getting on pretty well. By the way, our expectations of these things isn't just driven by the book of Revelation, is it? Because if you come back to Ezekiel 38, which of course, it's a chapter we know quite well within the brotherhood and you'll remember what Ezekiel 38 says, well, it says this in terms of the system at the time of the end.

Just before I take you to Ezekiel 38, I'll just show you what is described as the key centres of the latter day beast. I just want you to notice where they are: Brussels, Luxemburg, Strasbourg. Did you notice where they are, by the way? why, they're all sitting on the ancient dividing line between Gomer and Magog, now wasn't that clever? and who's to say what's going on! Actually, by the way, there is one of those that disturbs the balance, and that's that one there, and that's very significant, and we'll come back to that in a moment.

**Brussels** is where the European commission sits. These are the paper pushers! this is the bureaucracy team and they generate lots of paper and lots of laws. The European council sits there, the European economic and social committee and the committee of the regions is all based in Brussels.

But in **Luxemburg** we've got the European court of justice, we've got the European court of auditors and we have the European investment bank.

In **Strasbourg** we've got the European parliament itself, the European ombudsmen, and Euro Kore.

And guess what we've got in **Frankfort**? We've only got one thing but it's the crucial one, we've got the European central bank. But you know the golden rule, don't you, b&s? 'he who has the gold rules!' and when it came to where the bank would be, that set the currency conditions for the European system, the Germans made sure it was sitting in Germany, and they have much more conservative policies than the French do, and the Euro is driven largely by German initiatives rather than by French, and that's caused a little bit of trouble between the two brothers but by and large it's working out okay. We've also got Euro Pol and Euro Just and the European constitution Just, and European charter of fundamental rights, the possibility of a European President, a diplomatic corps and a European army. There's lots going on and even if you went back 50 years, you'd be amazed at how far advanced the beast system has become in the last 50 year history, but somehow, b&s, it's under our very nose and it passes by and we don't even notice it. There's been a tremendous change in the face of Europe, quite startling developments in the revival of the beast system at the time of the end.

So let's come, as we said to Ezekiel 38 then, and let me show you a couple of things there in terms of what it says. Of course, you remember what it says in Ezekiel 38 verse 1, 'The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, O son of man, set thy face against Gog the land of **Magog**'. So there's one of the sons and amongst the company of those brought together in this confederacy, verse 6 says, '**Gomer** and all his bands'. So there they are, Magog verse 2 and Gomer verse 6, so those two oldest boys of the sons of Japheth are both there in the controversy at the time of the end. It's an uprising of the sons of Japheth; Ezekiel 38 is the story of the uprising of the sons of Japheth and the

leader is called 'Gog', and Gog is the name of a 'mighty leader of the Scythians', and who were the Scythians? The Scythians were the Magogites, and the Magogites were Japhethites.

Now I want you to notice something, by the way, (and 'by the way' is like an aside); oh, I've even got the colours right this time; this is the red line, these are the nations that come against Israel at the end, There's Magog and Gomer in collaboration with Rosh and Meshech and Tubal, Persia, Libya and Ethiopia. Now what's interesting about those red line nations is there is not a single Arab amongst them! Did you notice that? Not a single Arab nation in sight of any of the red nations coming against Israel at the time of the end. That's significant! and we've got some blue ones as well; Sheba and Dedan in collaboration with Tharshish supporting Israel. Now what's really nice about that map there, although it is up on the chart there you would think that's a modern piece of technology on brother Lewis's power point - but that map is 150 years old. That's the same map of the same nations in the same spots used by Christadelphians 150 years ago to preach prophecy. Our brotherhood has been using that map with those nations on that map in pretty much the same place, for 150 years to give public lectures about the significance of the time of the end. The wonderful thing is that we have seen the dramatic revival of the beast system beyond all comprehension that tell us that the final stage of God's purpose is certainly near; and I think, b&s, we are very close to the times of the end, in terms of what we've seen developing there.

So what might our expectations be from a biblical perspective? Well, let me show you one thing that might interest you but won't please the French. And that's this, when you think about what the bible indicates is of the two sons driving the beast system, Germany is going to dominate! We're told, are we not? in this particular chapter of Ezekiel that although Gomer which is France and other Japhethite nations are associated with the Gogian confederacy, Magog is right at the start of the story! 'Gog of the land of Magog', Magog is right at the heart of who leads this particular confederacy and of who's involved in this controversy. We know that this is the case, because remember what we found yesterday after Gog's army is destroyed on the mountains of Israel, what does chapter 39 go on to say what's going to happen? the answer is, that after Gog, the judgments of God are turned upon not France, not Gomer, but upon Magog as the primary force that follows in Europe.

Do you remember what we discovered in our studies yesterday, at the very time of the end of the millennial age, and there's a final rebellion, what's the name of the protagonist at the end of the 1000 years? what are they called? why Gog and Magog, the final revolt of the seed of the serpent power at the end of the millennium is named on the basis of the revolt that's happened in pre-millennial times; it becomes the basis for the type of the last revolt against God. So I think we can anticipate continued increase in Magog's influence in Europe until it becomes the dominate force in the European Union. By the way, that's already happened, and do you know when that started? it started when Germany reunified and from the moment that Germany

reunified it has become increasingly more and more powerful in terms of influencing the state of affairs in the European system.

So from a biblical perspective therefore, I think we have the following expectations:

1. The first is as we've seen, the increasing dominance of Magog until it becomes the driving force behind the European Union. Now we might just turn in terms of this to Revelation 17 because there's a couple of things that we're going to mention in terms of two or three points that will be noted on the screen.

So in addition to the dominance of Magog in that European Union,

2. I think we also expect to see the influence of Roman Catholicism in Magog, or alternatively greater progress towards a Roman Catholic Lutheran reconciliation in Germany. There are reasons why we say that from a biblical perspective (I'll put up the quotations for the reasons in just a minute).

3. I think we also expect to see the increasing economical prosperity of the European Union that will establish a strong global position. (I'm not asking you to buy stocks and bonds tomorrow on the basis of that prophetic prognostication). But the reality as we expect the European system to show some measure of economic prosperity immediately prior to the crisis that will defeat it in Revelation 17.

4. I think we expect to see the increasing momentum of the European Union towards establishing a separate political entity, distinct from the individual nations that it represents.

5. Lastly, I think we're going to see the increasing likelihood of the member states to seek the militarization of the European Union, rather than the development of their national forces.

Now I just want to look at the last two by use of a quotation in Revelation 17. So let me give you the passages first, there they are: so now let's look at Revelation 17 verses 12 to 14 which says, 'The ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings which have received no kingdom as yet, but received as kings power with the beast one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength to the beast'. Now that's interesting b&s, they will give their power, the 10 horns, the 10 individual nations will give their power and their strength unto the beast. Now you see that word '**power**' (1411) it's the word 'dunamis' and it means literally 'force', and I think it's being used here as a synonym for 'military' might! They will give their 'dunamis', their force unto the beast. Then it says, 'they'll give their strength unto the beast, and the word 'strength' (1849) is the word 'exousia' and means 'authority'; they'll give their force (their dunamis) their military control to the beast, and they'll give their 'exousia' (their authority) that would be political control to the beast. Now just stop and think of how remarkable that verse is, b&s, think of what that's telling us at the time of the end, is that the individual

nations are going to relinquish their military and political power into the system itself, and I think that's exactly what our expectation is. That's exactly what's happening in Europe right now, is that if they were able to create an European Union with a European president at the head, and by the way, one of the European parliament members is, of course, Otto von Hapsburg, one of the dynasty of the Hapsburgs, and he's long argued that Europe really needs a European president and once that president is selected, he should be president for life. Oh, and Otto von Hapsburg also believes that the president should be crowned with a particular crown, as a symbol of his presidential authority. You'll never guess what crown? he recommends, why, the crown of Charlemagne, of course, which they've still got! It's like a whole system, it's like the beast is revived and there is political power given to the beast; there's a president that sits at the top of the pile, and in fact, is the final authority politically in Europe at the time of the end.

Don't be surprised, b&s, if you see developments heading in that direction, because prophecy requires that they give their authority to the beast. Now what about the military side? Well, that's one of the most remarkable stories of all! Go back 50 years and what was the big military power based in Europe? well, it was NATO, the NATO forces and the idea of Europe having an army, why, you just didn't talk about that, it was off the record. In fact, I've been to Germany, and one of the brethren and sisters that we've stayed with and who are now related to us in Kornwestheim, right there in that little village is where one of the American bases was; it's all empty, it's all gone! All those forces are moved. You'll remember what happened in 1993 at the time of the treaty of Maastricht, they said, let's create what's called a European rapid response force, just a little group, mind you, nothing large, nothing to cause any worry, just a little group in case it was an emergency. We need to have a team of battle hardened personnel that can be whisked away in case a little problem might emerge. Oh, no, they had much bigger ideas than that! That rapid response force is growing and growing and growing, and Angela Merkel has said quite openly that she wants a European army. One of the problems with the European system is, that every nation has got their own communications system and their own technology and it's a complete disaster at the moment in terms of European cooperation. I think the time is going to come when they're going to say this is hopeless we need to centralize all of this into one chain of command, one technologies - let's make, why, let's make an European army, shall we? and bible prophecy will be fulfilled - they will give their strength (political), their power (military) to the beast. By the way, that's another interesting thing, is what the beast system would stand for at the time of the end is a political leader, one man. So what you'd have then was one man as head of the military serpent power, who's name is? **GOG**, and one man who would be the head of the political power, (the president of the beast); and one man who's the leader of the religious power (the Papacy in Rome), so you'd have a champion for each of those sections for the seed of the serpent power at the end. But when that story began in Genesis all of those offices were held by one man, Nimrod. He says, I'm the military chief, I'm the political chief, and I'm the religious leader; and at the time of the end, I think we expect, (brother Thomas always said, 'we

expect to see an emperor in Europe at the time of the end) I'm not sure that he's wrong, b&s. I think it's quite possible that there will be some political development that will lead to that appointment in Europe, and Revelation 17 verse 13 will be fulfilled quite remarkably.

So we're living in it, b&s, we're living in the fulfilment of prophecy, I believe, right before our very eyes. Do you notice what it says in the very next verse in Revelation 17, starting with verse 13 again, 'These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb and the Lamb shall overcome them; for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and (remember what we said yesterday?) and they that are with Him are called and chosen and faithful'. It's not just the Lamb but those who are with Him, the called, and chosen and faithful ones. That whole beast system at the time of the end, is destined to make war with the Lamb and the saints, and one thing, b&s, that I think we can be confident about is, that when the Lamb comes and does battle with the beast, Christadelphians won't be discussing who the monster might be, - 'I wonder if the beast is this, or I wonder if the beast is that'? Those who are associated with the Lamb ought to know who the beast is, don't you think, if we're going to do battle with it when the Lamb comes? So we need to be clear on our prophetic expectations and be aware that when the Lamb comes, that whole system that has been so marvellously revived in Europe at the time of the end, is all going to be done away with, because the Lamb shall overcome them and they that are with Him are called, and chosen and faithful. Well, pray to God, b&s, that we might be among those with the Lamb in that day!