

The Seething Pot



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(Jer 1:13)

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Europe is a powder keg ready to explode. Many Europeans are fed up with mass immigration and the left wing liberal policies of its leaders. Where will this lead?

Nationalism is on the rise in Europe. From the grass roots, people in many of the European nations have had it with mass immigration. Islamic terrorists are now living in northern European neighborhoods. Just recently, “The terrorist organization Ansar al-Sunna threatens that if the capital Oslo is not recognized by the Norwegian State as a Muslim city and a Muslim nation they will declare a holy war, with all that this entails. The announcement of the Islamic terrorist organization states: ‘*We do not want to be part of the Norwegian society. We also do not want to leave Norway because we were born and raised here. The land of Allah we belong.*’”

There are three phases of Islamization, meaning when Islam takes over:

Phase 1: When Muslims constitute 1-3% of the population. Their behavior in society is decent and non intrusive.

Phase 2: When Muslims constitute 4-20% of the population, political demands begin, such as building of mosques, minarets, bans on Christian ceremonies and events and celebrations Muslim holidays like Ramadan.

Phase 3: When Muslims constitute over 20% of the population a holy war begins (jihad). Muslim areas of the city (ghettos) now become inaccessible to non-Muslims. Full implementations of ghetto Sharia laws begin, along with conducting terrorist attacks for secession and the creation of an Islamic state.

These events have caused the rise of fascist and nationalists groups to form political parties, and groups like the English defense league (EDL) to form. Many of these groups have shown videos of immigrant neighborhoods with Sharia law designated neighborhoods, and immigrants attacking Europeans on the streets. Many of these videos and newspaper stories are shown all over Europe and it is causing a tremendous stir and hatred for Muslims in Europe. In fact the last European elections, the Nationalist parties have gained quite a foothold in European Parliament.

Europe’s debt crisis is another problem that Europe has to deal with. With mass unemployment, and massive debts, the countries in Europe cannot pay these loans back. Many have seen what is happening in Greece with the protests and riots. Italy, Spain, Portugal, France all has the same problems. Everyone hates austerity measures implemented on them by Germany. Europeans are mad, Europeans are protesting and taking it to the streets every single day.

The Ukrainian situation with Russia is another thorn in the side of Europe. Europe in threatening sanctions against Russia, Russia however controls Europe’s energy. This coming winter what if Russia decides to turn the tap off? The mood in Europe is not a good one. Socially, Economically, Geo-politically Europe is a mess.

Before World War Two

One can see a similar pattern emerging in Europe that took place before World War Two.

Germany's hyper-inflation, after the end of WWI, the Weimar Republic (Germany) stood bankrupt. At Versailles, the victors made sure that Germany would stay bankrupt. When Hitler took office in early 1933, there were over 6 million Germans out of work. Mass unemployment economic woes, caused the rise of fascist parties. This soon *boiled* over into World War Two. "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." American Philosopher George Santayana. We are witnessing a repetition of the past. Will this soon *boil* over into a World War Three? What do the Bible prophecies say?

Seething Pot from the North

In the book of Jeremiah, God called him to be a prophet to the "nations" (Jer 1:5). God gave him visions of the future. God told him, "Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. "Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it." (Jer 1:11-12). The "rod of an almond tree" precedes the boiling pot. The Companion Bible describes it as "a watcher or an early waker, because it is the first of the trees to wake from its winter sleep and it is thus what the cock is to the birds." It is also described as "a vigilant watchman." (Bullinger, p.1017).

A watchman always precedes some great disaster to strike Israel. God raises up a watchman to warn His people of their terrifying punishment (Ezekiel 33:7). Before God does anything, "Surely the Lord GOD will do *nothing*, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7). The role of the watchman is done by the church of God today. Jesus told his entire church to watch, "And what I say unto you I say unto ALL, Watch." (Mark 13:37). God's church has a great responsibility on its hands to warn the nations of Israel of what will happen unless they repent. After the warning is given, "I will hasten my word to perform it."

So Jeremiah saw a watchman, God's church warning the nations of Israel about the coming disaster. This vigilant watchman comes on the scene when the pot is boiling—when these events are about to explode. It is to be the worst catastrophe ever on this earth! It starts with Israel.

Who is this Pot?

A pot is a vessel, and in prophecy it's always a symbol of a nation. God told Jeremiah, "And the vessel *that he made of clay* was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*."

"Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

"O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as *this potter*?" saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are ye* in mine hand, *O house of Israel.*" (Jer 18:4-6). The house of Israel was a vessel in the hand of God. The house of Israel was a family of many tribes joined together into one nation called the house of Israel. This pot also is a family of many kingdoms that are joined together into one kingdom as well.

"And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, *I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.*"

“Then the LORD said unto me, *Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.*

“*For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.*

“And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.” (Jer 1”13-16). As we can see this pot is a vessel a nation comprised of many families and kingdom from the north. The word “families” is “*mishpa`cha`h*” (Strong’s #4940). It means a “circle of relatives.” (Strong’s); meaning many kingdoms making up *one* empire.

Now the face or opening of the pot “towards” the north means, “rather, ‘*from* the north;’ literally, from the face of the region situated toward the north (cf. Jer 1:14-15). (Maurer.) The pot in the north rested on one side, *its mouth being about to pour forth its contents southwards*, namely, on Judea.” (JFB Commentary, emphasis added). This is clearly seen in verses 15-16 that it will pour its contents south into Jerusalem and Judea.

Who is this northern power?

This cannot mean NATO. NATO comes to save Israel (Daniel 11:45), not destroy it. The ones that destroy Israel and Judah are “strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou *wast* as one of them... neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction;” (Obadiah 1:11, 12). These “strangers” are in alliance with Turkey (Edom).

What force comes and destroys Jerusalem? The only one prophesied to do so, the coming Assyrian Beast power. As we have proven in the prophecies that NATO and the EU will collapse and a new European Power will rise called the Beast led by the Assyrian. *This is the seething pot from the north!* Most commentaries will say that this is Babylon, yes, it was but it was a dual prophecy! End time Babylon which is the Beast (Read our booklet Who, What is the Beast) will fulfill this prophecy completely in our day today. Notice God says, “I will call ALL the families of the kingdoms of the north” “In God’s universal rule and Sovereignty (15, 16 note **all**)-This theme [is] also of *chs. 46-51...*” (F.F Bruce, The International Bible Commentary, p.768, emphasis his and mine). Many of those prophecies are in the “latter days” (Jer 48:47; 49:39). So this is a dual prophecy.

Interestingly, the enemy to the northeast when Jeremiah started prophesying was still Assyria. But that would soon change to Babylon. End-time political, economic and religious system called Babylon is located to the *northwest* of Judah (thus still north).

In our booklet *Germany in Prophecy* we demonstrate the fact that Germany is end time Assyria. It will be the Assyrian that will lead a United States of Europe in this end time. He is the one that will tread down Judea and Jerusalem. “...thus shall he [The Messiah] deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he **treadeth within our borders.**” (Micah 5:6).

It is this Assyrian led Beast that will invade Jerusalem, "...and the holy city shall **they tread under foot forty and two months.**" (Rev 11:2). This is the three and one half period called the "Great Tribulation."

Again, "*O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.*"

"Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, *I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.*"

"Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. (Isaiah 10:5-6, 12, 24). Again we read of the "treading" down of Jerusalem and Israel. This treading down of Jerusalem will the Assyrian beast power do when the pot comes to a boil and spills over into Judea.

This Assyrian that God will punished is the same beast that fights Christ at his coming (Rev 17:12-15; 19:20; Isaiah 14:25; 30:31; 31:8).

Thrones set up

Back to Jeremiah the first chapter, it says, "For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, *and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem,* and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah." (v.15). They will set their thrones in Jerusalem. Ten thrones altogether (Rev 17:12-15) including the Beast (the Assyrian) and the False prophet (Pope). This was fulfilled in type by the Babylonian Empire (Jer 39:3). But its true fulfillment will be in the end time.

Clarke's Commentary says, "As the gates of the cities were the ordinary places where justice was administered, so the enemies of Jerusalem are here represented as conquering the whole land, *assuming the reins of government,* and laying the whole country under their own laws; *so that the Jews should no longer possess any political power: they should be wholly subjugated by their enemies.*" (emphasis added). The European Kings will set up representatives in Jerusalem and rule over the city of Jerusalem-including the Pope's Holy See (throne). It is he who will set up the abomination that will cause desolation in Jerusalem in the temple of God (Matthew 24:15; 2Theessalonians 2). Like the other kings, there he will set his throne and rule Jerusalem. Him being the "Vicar" of Christ, meaning God on the earth is an abomination to God, and this will cause the desolation of Jerusalem. This will spread to all the house of Israel. Ezekiel writes, "*for thereof [Jerusalem] shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.*"

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; *This is Jerusalem:* I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries *that are round about her.*" (Ezekiel 5:4-5).

The latter half of the verse says, "and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah" "the nations come to execute judgment by mounting as enemies upon her walls and storming her cities." (Barnes Notes). Jerusalem "shall they tread under foot forty and two

months.” (Rev 11:2). Jesus said, “And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: *and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*” (Luke 21:24). The complete destruction and taking over of Jerusalem by the Beast power.

Israel forsakes God

The whole reason why these things will happen to Israel and Judah, they have forsaken Almighty God. Jeremiah continues, “And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.” (Jer 1:16). Now during the time of Jeremiah when he received this prophecy, could this mean the house of Israel even though they were taken away in captivity by the Assyrians? Yes! Although fulfilled in type by Babylon of Jeremiah’s day, the house of Israel returned to their lands and were occupiers of that land.

In Halley’s Bible Handbook it says that Josiah’s reforms took place in 627 B.C. Jeremiah was called in 626 B.C. That same year the “Scythians” invaded northern Israel (p.308). The Scythians were the lost tribes of Israel especially Ephraim and Manasseh (Read our booklet USA and Britain in Prophecy). In Josiah’s time, you still read of the Israelites in the land *see 2 Chronicles 34:6, 9, 21*. They were called by their tribal names not Scythians. The Bible writers knew who they were. Stephen Collins writes: “The answer is simple. The ‘Israelites’ from the ten tribes ‘who were present’ in Palestine at the time of king Josiah’s revival were *Scythians [and] were occupying everything from Palestine to Mesopotamia!*”

“For at least ten years, contingents of the ten tribes were present in Palestine and living in their formal tribal homelands [see 2 Chronicles 34:3-9]. This account makes clear that these members of the ten tribes of Israel were separate and distinct from the tribes of ‘Judah and Benjamin’ (who constituted the nation of the Judah)...*Secular history calls them ‘Scythians’ but the Bible instead refers them by their traditional Israelite names.* After a number of years, they likely decided that Palestine was simply not worth the effort, and withdrew into Scythia...

“The voluntary withdrawal of the Scythians from a large conquered territory is consistent with the isolationism of the Scythians. They wanted to live in their own ‘wide open spaces’ and did not want the burden of ruling over nations and foreigners with unwanted customs and lifestyles” (Lost Ten Tribes...Found, Collins, pp.190-193). The Scythians OCCUPIED Palestine, but their HOMELAND was between the BLACK AND THE CASPIAN SEAS. There they returned and stayed afterwards.

The prophecy of the seething pot was for the whole land of Israel. Although the house of Israel left and were not taken in the Babylonian invasion-end time Israel we have noted above in the prophecies are in the land of Israel occupying it to protect Judah. God is saying not *only* to Judah but to the House of Israel as well that they have forsaken him. The Great tribulation is coming upon both houses, “And these *are* the words that the LORD *spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.*”

“For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

“Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

“Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of **Jacob’s trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it.” (Jer 30:4-7). This concerns both Israel and Judah, all of Jacob, all 12 tribes! *It is no coincidence that God made this prophecy at the time when the Scythians were occupying the land of Israel.* God even pleads with them later in Jeremiah, “Go and proclaim these words toward the **north**, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; *and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you*: for I *am* merciful, saith the LORD, *and I will not keep anger for ever.*” (3:12). God is not just warning Judah but Israel as well.

At this time, “And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.” (Jer 1:16). This is the state of all of Israel and Judah right now. We are in a post Christian era in the west, and the cities of Judah have taken up the west’s lifestyle as well. If we do not repent God will “utter my judgments against them.” The Great tribulation will begin at Jerusalem, and then spread to all the House of Israel.

So the pot is brewing and Europe is a ticking time bomb ready to go off. With all of its social and economic problems, it will eventually spill over into World War three, and it is this war that the people of Israel and Judah will lose, unless we repent and return to Almighty God.