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Flag of the
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Dear Fellow Laborers,

It is now official. Today the United States of Europe becomes a reality¹. Today prophecy is fulfilled in real terms. Are we surprised? As of today, the Lisbon Treaty goes into effect and the European Union, as it is being called, becomes a viable political entity with a president and a foreign minister.

It is really quite astonishing that one of the most momentous prophetic events in end-time history has happened with little fanfare and practically no news about it on our TV channels. How do these things happen without our hearing about it? It is as if a veil has been pulled down over the eyes of the world.

Jesus said that end-time events would overtake us like a thief in the night. He said that we should be ever vigilant so that we will recognize WHAT is happening, WHEN it is happening, and not be caught off guard.

God is very careful to warn His people about what the future will bring. Jesus told His disciples:

“But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.” Mark 13:23

¹ “Taking Europe into the 21st century”, http://europa.eu/lisbon_treaty/take/index_en.htm.

The creation of the EU has not been done in a dark corner somewhere, but has been taking shape since 1948. The books of Daniel and Revelation, plus the words of Jesus Himself, give us many clues that point to the future fulfillment of a united Europe. History has shown us, in type, what is to come. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong blasted advance news about the coming U.S. of Europe over the airwaves and in the pages of *The Plain Truth* magazine for over 50 years, starting before the beginning of World War II. Now all those prophetic words of warning are coming home to roost.

Why don't we hear about it? Well, for one thing, news sources have had their eyes on the economic crisis, primarily in the U.S., and are not paying attention. It is like a magician. Somehow, a magician is able to get our attentions shifted in a different direction so that we do not "see" what he is doing right before our eyes. Slight of hand practitioners are experts at distracting our attention. So while we are all looking at the dollar nose diving all over the world, worrying about our jobs and whether we will see any of that Social Security we have been paying into, or wondering whether the U.S. congress will pass a giant Health Care bill, a powerful super state is making its entrance on the world scene almost unnoticed. It's going to change everything about our lives!

But like I said, this was not being done in a corner. Let's look at the major milestones in the formation of a united Europe.

1948 Treaty of Brussels

This was a treaty signed between Belgium, France, Luxembourg, and the United Kingdom that expanded a mutual defense pledge between France and England known as the Dunkirk Treaty. This mutual defense pledge formed the foundation for a Western European Union.

1951 Treaty of Paris

This was a treaty created and signed between mainly France and Western Germany, but also Italy and the Benelux countries. Its purpose was to establish the European Coal and Steel Community. The main goal was to produce diplomatic and economic stability in Western Europe after World War II. The members of this new community were former enemies in a bloody war. But they were now sharing production of coal and steel, both essential to the war effort. The Treaty of Paris is not all they signed. They also signed something called the European Declaration, which *declared that the treaty had given birth to Europe.*

This declaration was signed by all the leaders present and emphasized the supranational principle of a new, united democratic Europe.

What is noteworthy about this 1951 treaty is that it was the brainchild of former enemies France and Germany, both of which claim Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne (German: Karl der Grosse) as a national hero who united Europe.

1954 Western European Union

The Western European Union was created in 1954 by a new European pact signed in Brussels, allowing the re-arming of the Federal Republic of Germany and its integration into the WEU.

1957 Treaty of Rome

This treaty created the European Economic Community (EEC), which was later changed to just the “European Community.” The original signatories were the same six countries that formed the European Coal and Steel Community: France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, and Luxembourg.

Another treaty, signed at the same time, created the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom). It and the EEC were the first international organizations based on the idea of supranationalism².

1965 Merger Treaty (or Brussels Treaty)

The purpose of this treaty was to combine the executive bodies of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom), and the European Economic Community (EEC) into a single institutional structure.

1986 Single European Act

The Single European Act (SEA) was a major revision of the Treaty of Rome. Its objectives were to create a European common market and to codify European political cooperation. This treaty was signed in Luxembourg and The Hague.

² **Supranationalism** is a method of decision-making in multi-national political organizations, wherein power is transferred or delegated to an authority by governments of member states. The authority can therefore institute a supranational rule of law above (supra) the constituent national laws. In other words, the signatory countries give up some or all of their sovereign rights.

1992 The Maastricht Treaty

This treaty, also known as the Treaty on European Union, created the European Union and the common monetary unit known as the Euro. This treaty also sought to extend the scope of union to the areas of foreign policy, military, criminal justice, and judicial matters.

As the Union worked to extend the scope of its supranational power, it received resistance. The countries of Denmark, France, and the UK resisted giving up more and more sovereignty.

1997 Treaty of Amsterdam

This treaty made substantial changes to the Treaty on European Union (Maastricht). It increased the powers of the European Parliament and formed the beginnings of a common foreign and security policy.

2001 The Treaty of Nice

It amended the Maastricht Treaty and the Treaty of Rome. The Treaty of Nice also reformed the institutional structure of the European Union to accommodate membership from nations of Eastern Europe.

2007 Treaty of Lisbon

The stated aim of this most recent treaty is to complete the process started by the Treaty of Amsterdam and the Treaty of Nice.

Ireland's acceptance of this treaty was defeated by the Irish people in a referendum vote. Subsequently, it was somehow passed in another, later referendum.

The Treaty of Lisbon created a President of the European Council as well as a High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (a Foreign Minister, comparable to a U.S. Secretary of State).

Both of these persons have already been selected. Belgian Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy is now the President of the EU. Baroness Catherine Ashton (Britain) holds the post of High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

In spite of the reservations of the French, Danes, Irish, Dutch and others, the Treaty of Lisbon was finally ratified by all member states. The implementation of the Lisbon Treaty is the icing on the cake, so to speak, for those who have worked hard for the birth of a united Europe. With a President and a Foreign Minister, the European Union takes on

all the trappings of a viable sovereign state. The EU can now enter into various international treaties and maintain a national army. Its foreign policy will be that of all of Europe, not that of each individual member country. Britain will no longer be able to choose her own path apart from the continent. Denmark must tow the line. France will not be able to enter into bilateral relationships apart from the EU as a whole. All member states must follow the path of what the Germans call “Europa.”

In mythology, Europa was the Phoenician daughter of the King of Tyre. Zeus, king of the Greek pantheon, fell in love (or should I say “lust”) with beautiful Europa. He transformed himself into a bull and went to where Europa and her attendants were gathering flowers near the seashore. She saw the bull, and sought to tame him. She put a wreath of flowers around his neck and climbed up onto his back. The bull took this opportunity to jump into the water, swim away with her, and commit fornication with her.

The Bible is full of prophetic symbols representing real things such as prophets, kings, empires, churches, angels, etc. Symbolism is used today. The eagle holding arrows and an olive branch represents the United States of America. The bear represents Russia. The double-headed eagle was used to represent the German Holy Roman Empire, etc. So, symbols are not insignificant.

I find it revealing that the European Parliament has chosen as its symbol a woman riding a beast! Europa riding the bull sounds symbolically similar to Revelation 17, doesn't it? There are today statues of Europa riding the bull sitting in front of the European Parliament buildings in Strasbourg, France, and Brussels, Belgium. Is God trying to tell us something through this symbol which the European leadership has chosen to represent this new “empire”?

The symbolism is striking.

We may not understand clearly what Bible symbols represent. But what is clear is that this rebirth of a united Europe has been going on since just after the end of World War II, just before I was born. Now I am almost 60. So this has been going on for 60 years! Did you know that?

Now it has arrived. Babylon has risen again.

Time is short! Jesus once condemned the Pharisees for being able to tell the signs in the weather, but unable to tell the signs of the times.

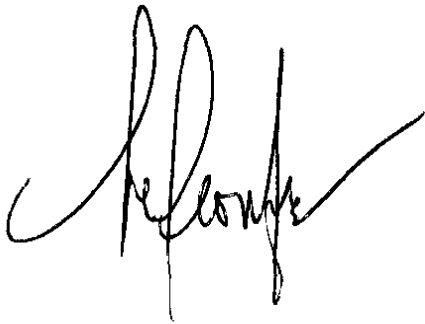
“You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times” (Matt 16:3)

God has given us His prophecies in the Bible. They haven't changed. The words are exactly the same as when they were first written by the prophets. God has given us modern day prophets and teachers who have been telling us what to look for. I look on the internet and find many who are preaching that the Day of the Lord is just around the corner. Now we have the new United Europe officially inaugurated.

Let us not be like the Pharisees. Let's take this all seriously and lay aside all things that keep us from serving the Living God and finishing His Work.

I will write more about this subject in a future letter.

In the Name of the Real King of Kings, Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', with a large, stylized initial 'T' and a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

T. Leon Sexton

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