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**Are we seeing End Time prophecies revealed?**

In *What the Bible Says*, we continue our examination of the night visions found in Zechariah. In part two, we see how Scripture is interwoven throughout the Bible to prophesy the future. We end up by looking at the Roman Empire and it's role in the End Times.

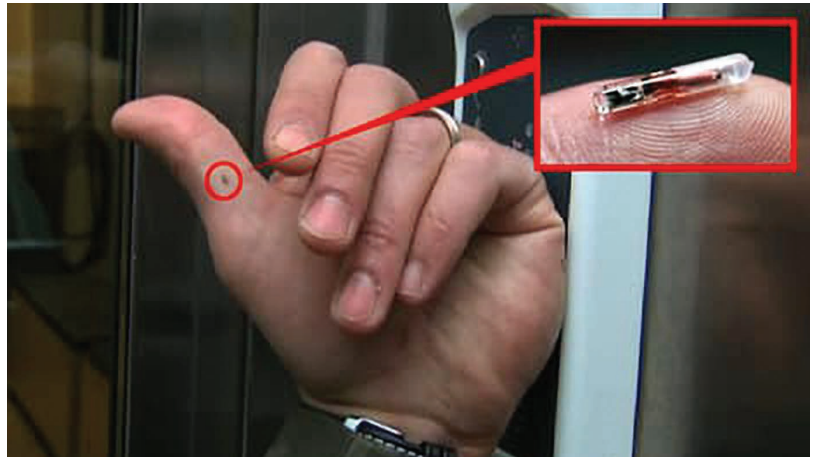
In this month's *Prophetic Newsletter*, we report on France and Germany's treaty to form an independent European Army. Could this be a precursor to a revived Roman Empire?

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Until He returns,

*Ed Hindson*

## Microchips May Be Inevitable Says *USA Today*



According to the *USA Today*, it is no longer a question of "if" the world's population will receive a microchip implant, but "when." In a recent article entitled "You will get chipped — eventually" *USA Today* writer Jefferson Graham noted "you will get chipped. It's just a matter of time." Supporting this ominous contention, the article cited Noelle Chesley, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, who boldly stated "It will happen to everybody. Maybe not my generation, but certainly that of my kids." Similarly, advocates for this technology claim the widespread use of microchips could not be more than 50 years away. While in the past this would have been considered science fiction, or a

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theory, the trend of events in the news over the last few years certainly may support the idea that the world appears to be moving in this direction. A growing number of news reports indicate that acceptance of this technology is becoming less and less stigmatized and more commonly accepted.

Last year we brought you the news of the Swedish technology firm Epicenter, where roughly 150 employees agreed to have a microchip inserted in their hands to allow them to perform a variety of tasks such as opening doors automatically, use electronic devices such as printers more efficiently, and conducting monetary transactions at the company cafeteria. Similarly, another Swedish company called BioHax claims that almost 3,000 customers have had its chip embedded to do many things, including ride the national rail system without having to show the conductor a ticket. Likewise, as recently reported by CNBC and other major news outlets, a Wisconsin tech company;

Three Square Market is offering its employees microchip implants that can be used to scan into the building and purchase food at work. The tiny chips, implanted between the thumb and forefinger, are about the size of a grain of rice and uses RFID technology or Radio-Frequency Identification. Frighteningly, a Seattle based company known as Dangerous Things that sells the microchips themselves claims to have sold “tens of thousands” of

chips to consumers around the world through its website.

The parallels between this type of technology and certain passages of Scripture seem obvious to most. The Book of Revelation clearly predicts a time after the antichrist has risen to power when everyone will be required “to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their forehead” (Revelation 13:16). This “mark” will be of significance economically as no one will be able to buy or sell any products or services unless they have this mark (Cf. Revelation 13:17). Since

*And he causeth all, both  
small and great, rich and  
poor, free and bond, to  
receive a mark in their  
right hand, or in their  
foreheads: And that no  
man might buy or sell, save  
he that had the mark, or  
the name of the beast, or  
the number of his name.*

**Revelation 13:16-17**

the microchip implanted by the tech-company in Sweden is already being linked to its employee’s credit cards one can begin to see the potential fulfillment of prophecy taking shape. Imagine a time in the future – during the first half of the Tribulation for example – when the antichrist could arrange for a manipulation of the currency market such that a significant portion of the world’s economy collapsed! If

such an event were to transpire, the antichrist could easily convince the world’s population to have microchips implanted in their hands — linked to a “stable” new world currency — so that they could “buy and sell” the food and other essentials needed for basic survival (Cf. Revelation 13:17). While we believe that this will not be fulfilled until after the rapture of the church, we must commit to serious prayer over this situation.— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that the fascination with microchip technology would wane in our popular culture. Pray also that this technology would never become mandatory.

# Germany and France Committed to European Army

In a ceremony that took place exactly 56 years after the two European powers signed the Élysée Treaty, ending a centuries-long rivalry – German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron recently signed a new treaty designed to bring the two allies a step closer to forming an independent European army. Shockingly, this new European army would operate independently from any NATO allegiance or direction. German Chancellor Merkel was quoted by several major news outlets as saying that Germany was “committed to developing a common military culture, a common defense industry and a common line on arms exports” and that the new agreement “contributes to the creation of a European army.”

Similarly, French President Macron commented that NATO is “outdated” and that France must “protect ourselves with respect to China, Russia and even the United States of America.”

Many experts see this as a signal that the two countries are wary of any lasting relationship with the United States. In response, U.S. President Trump called the treaty “very insulting.” This treaty was announced as the U.K. is moving to leave the European Union which has caused concern about the lasting stability of the EU. It is a sense of stability and mutual reliance that the new treaty seeks to create.

In fact, the treaty specifies that Germany and France will also deepen the economic ties

between the two countries by creating a “Franco-German economic zone.” Moreover, such an economic and military allegiance could force other nations to join in this treaty that might undermine the EU – or even revive it into a new empire.

For their part, Germany and France have long considered themselves to be the guardians of European Integration, have said that the new treaty is a response to the growing influence of populists in Austria, Britain, France, Italy, Hungary, Poland and other European countries. The idea of European Integration asserts that governmental control should be a joint effort – such as with the EU – and that national sovereignty should not ultimately belong to individual nations.

Whenever we read of a consolidation of power in Europe, we are reminded of certain Bible passages. Specifically, those passages that predict a centrally located government exhibiting great political, military, and economic power come to mind. While the term is not used in Scripture, many Bible teachers have referred to this future world-power as the Revived Roman Empire. According to the books of Daniel (2:32-33; 4:1-43, 44-45; 7:7-20; 9:26) and Revelation (13:1-4; 17:3-5, 2-14), this regime will rise to power and dominate the world during the end times. Many believe that the European Union (EU) could very possibly be the head of this final world government. It is located in the same area as the old Roman Empire, and is expanding



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# Christian Persecution Increases in China

It is becoming increasingly more dangerous for professing Christians in China after a recent resurgence in persecution. According to a recent report in *Bitter Winter*, a magazine focused on human rights and religious liberty in China, officials from the Communist Party are forcibly entering Christian's homes to remove Christian symbols and replace them with posters of the Chinese President Xi Jinping and the founder of the modern communist nation Mao Ze Dong. *Bitter Winter* reports that approximately 1,400 Christian items have been destroyed or replaced.

In one shocking incident, Communist Party officials recently ordered a church in the Dongcun village in Henan Province's Luoning county to remove the first of the Ten Commandments because it conflicts with Communist ideology. The church members were told the removal was a matter of national policy. Last year the government demolished the cross at the same church. In fact, 1,800 crosses have been demolished since the campaign began two years ago.

Even more troubling is that the communist government is doing more than simply destroying religious symbols. Officials have been condemning and even demolishing houses, apartments, and buildings where various house churches meet. In some cases, scores of local police officers have blocked the entrance of the church meeting venue and prohibited believers from entering.

According to officials, these measures are to influence the house-churches to join the officially recognized Three-Self Church. Many house churches specifically do not wish to affiliate with the Three-Self movement due to the oversight enforced by the Chinese government. While the Three-Self churches are officially registered and supposedly approved by the Chinese government, they are not without their share of persecution.

Pastor Gu Yue-se, the senior pastor of China's largest church, who publicly opposed the removal of crosses from churches was

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its influence year by year. Likewise, any effort by Germany and France to create a European army and economic zone that rivals the EU

could also be a precursor to the Revived Roman Empire. Given the complexity of this situation we should commit to pray.—PNL

**PRAY:** Pray for wisdom for the leaders of the nations of Europe to resist the scenario being created by the new treaty between Germany and France. Pray that this newly proposed European Army would not come to fruition.

# Jewish Sanhedrin Calls for U.N. to be Replaced

Coinciding with the most recent International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a group of Jewish Rabbinical leaders referred to as “the nascent Sanhedrin” issued a strongly worded, emotionally charged letter that calls on the nations of the world to abolish and replace the United Nations. The statement, signed by the members of the Sanhedrin, stated that “Rather than act as a means for unity and healing, the United Nations has become the world’s central organization for the dissemination of anti-Semitism.” The letter goes on to say that considering the veritable atrocities continually committed, and supported, by the U.N. that it is “sadly ironic that it was the UN that established International Holocaust Day just a few years ago.”

The nascent Sanhedrin was essentially formed in 2004 and as with its ancient Jewish counterpart is comprised of more than 70 Rabbis. Their goal is to revive a national rabbinical court of Jewish law in Israel. While they have support for their efforts across the religious spectrum, they are largely relegated to preserving Jewish tradition and commenting on political and social concerns. However, they have often commented on the blatantly anti-Semitic practices of the U.N.

Such examples of the U.N.’s bias against Israel was evident in the unanimously passed U.N. resolution 2334 (2017) that denies Israel’s right to possess any land in Judea, Samaria and even the city of Jerusalem including the

Temple Mount! Similarly, the U.N. sternly opposed U.S. President Trump’s relocation of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. Additionally, many schools funded by the United Nations are providing Palestinian students with textbooks that do not acknowledge the State of Israel or that there is even a Jewish presence in the

Holy Land! This ludicrous idea parallels another U.N. resolution that denies any Jewish or Christian connection to Jerusalem. Even more disturbing is that the U.N. is now advocating

euthanasia and abortion as basic human rights. The nascent Sanhedrin has publicly pointed out that this is a refutation of the Mosaic Laws – incumbent upon all humanity – which forbids murder. Moreover, they say in essence, this is identical to the Nazi party who dealt out large scale euthanasia for what they claimed was the good of humanity. Needless to say this is in direct contrast to the basic tenet of each human life being equal in the eyes of God. As if these actions weren’t bad enough, the U.N. supports an agreement with Iran that enables them to continue in the production of weapons of mass destruction with the sole purpose of destroying the Jewish people.

The obvious bias of the U.N. against the nation of Israel should cause us great concern. Yet, this attitude shouldn’t surprise us. The Bible clearly indicates there will come a time when the nations of the earth will be gathered



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dismissed from his position by officials from the Communist Party and held for three months before being released and eventually re-arrested.

Similarly, Pastor Wang Yi, 45, who runs the independent Early Rain Covenant Church in the southwestern city of Chengdu, was detained along with his wife and more than 100 members of his congregation. Pastor Wang and his wife are being charged with “inciting subversion of state power,” a catchall charge often used against dissidents and political activists who speak out against the government. Similarly, the Communist Party has also enforced such crackdowns on the growing Islamic population in China as the persecution spreads across the entire religious landscape in China.

The level of persecution Chinese Christians are suffering at the hands of the Chinese

government reminds us that the Bible clearly teaches that persecution will increase as the end times draw closer (Matthew 10:22).

Yet, it is astonishing that in spite of such continued persecution the church in China is growing! More and more Chinese citizens are being convinced of the truth of Christianity as they watch the Christians around them suffer for their faith. This is exactly what James meant when he wrote that we should be joyful when we are persecuted (James 1:2).

Moreover, the Bible is replete with admonitions that we should expect to suffer for our faith (Matthew 24:42-44; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 3:3-4). Therefore, let us pray for Christians in China to persevere through their suffering and for believers all around the world to model the perseverance of Chinese Christians as the inevitable persecution arrives.— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray for the continued perseverance of Christians in China. Pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen them and allow their faith to serve as a beacon to others.

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together, under satanic beguile, to oppose Israel (Ezekiel 38: 1-23; Zechariah 12:3; 14:1-2; Revelation 16:13-16). Perhaps the continued persuasion of the world’s nations at the biased hands of the U.N. is part of the prelude to the events of the last days? Likewise, the Bible warns that God will curse those who curse Israel.

Genesis 12:3 is an amazing verse in many respects. The first half, dealing with blessing, implies a maximization element. When someone blesses Israel, God wants to maximize

that blessing to as many as He can, “*I will bless those who bless you.*” But when someone curses Israel, God’s normal approach is to localize the impact as much as possible, “*and the one who curses you I will curse.*” It is noteworthy that the biblical word for “curse” (Hebrew *Klaah*) carries the semantic meaning of wishing harm violence, or disaster.

Many believe the repeated actions of the U.N., in the minds of many, is an obvious “curse” the nation of Israel. As such, we should be in prayer over this situation.— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that national leaders of the world would recognize the U.N.’s obvious bias against Israel and take action in support of Israel and her right to exist. Pray that God would continue to protect the nation of Israel against all her enemies.