What time is it?



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Beloved in Christ our Lord,

It is with a heart filled with gratitude and fear to the one who redeemed us and has kept us alive that I greet you all in his precious and glorious Name, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is a great joy with happiness to speak to those who have been redeemed by Him and acknowledge Him as their one and only Master. As our Master, then we are his followers and so we understand the importance of this Word of the Scriptures: "All disciple accomplished will be like his Master."

Every true disciple has only one master and that master remains his unique model throughout his entire life because all that the disciple should and must become only comes from what he received from the master.

The Bible says, "As he is, such as we should be." The real way of a disciple life is based on the lifestyle of his master. He is totally and completely submitted to his master.

The apostle Paul said, "Be my imitators as I am myself of Christ."

The apostle had found his master whose disciple he had become very deeply attached and very submissive.

So he says: "But what things that were gain to me, those I counted as loss for Christ. And I count all things as loss, <u>for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost everything</u>, and I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ". Phil. 3: 7-8.

In this surge of heart because of that he has found and for whom he gave up everything to be given to Him alone, he said later in the same epistle to the Philippians in verse 17 this: "Be imitators of me, brothers ... ", that is to say imitate me as I did it because our Lord Himself said," No one can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other; or he will hold to the one, and despise the other ...".

What is important for the believer is to position and know who their master is. You need a teacher who should remain the only one throughout your life and which will occupy your entire life. For this is what will be your reason to live because now you have a reason to live. Paul, as a believer had found one for whom his life had a meaning and which had become his reason for living and whose teachings were an absolute for him. Jesus the Christ was an ABSOLUTE for him and he also realized that Jesus Christ was God's Word made flesh, God manifest in the flesh.

The apostle Paul was deeply happy and full of gratitude to God for the revelation of who was **Jesus** called **Christ**:

"I make known to you, brethren that the gospel which was preached of me is not of man; because I have not received or heard of a man, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. You knew, in fact, my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church and destroy it from God, and how I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my equals in mine own nation being animated by an excessive zeal for the traditions of my fathers.

But when God, He who had set me apart from the womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, immediately I conferred

not with flesh and blood, and I went up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went into Arabia. Then I returned again to Damascus. " Gal. 1: 11-17.

Since then, he has not had another name in his mouth during his sermons as he says himself: "I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same language and that there be no divisions among you, but that you are united in the same mind and in the same judgment. For, my brothers, I learned about you by Chloe's people, that there are contentions among you. I mean that each of you says, 'I am of Paul; and me of Apollos; and me of Cephas; and me of Christ! Is Christ divided? Paul he was crucified for you, or is it the name of Paul were you baptized?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. I baptized the household of Stephanas; besides, I know not whether I baptized any other person. This is not to baptize Christ sent me, but to preach the gospel, and not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made void. For the preaching of the cross is foolishness to those who perish; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Thus it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will also destroy the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? God did him not foolish the wisdom of the world? For since the world by wisdom knew not God in the wisdom of God, it pleased God to save believers through the foolishness of preaching.

Jews demand signs and Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified; stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but God's power and wisdom of God for those who are called, both Jews and Greeks. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. " 1 Cor. 1: 10-25.

We note that this is not his name that he wanted the men know or baptize in his name. He also says:

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, not with Excellency of speech or of wisdom that I went unto you the testimony of God. For I have not had the thought to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Even I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling; and my speech and my preaching was not with persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. " 1 Cor. 2: 1-5.

He was not trying to make a name, he sought rather that the Master's name to be known so that others follow and identify with his Master, and this in accordance to what the Master Himself said in Matthew Chapter 28:

"Jesus came near and spoke to them: All power is given unto Me in heaven and on earth. <u>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations</u>, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the world."

The commission of the Master is to make disciples, disciples who are disciples of the Master and not disciples of someone else, because others have made disciples for themselves and still others make disciples for the one who made himself master in place of the Master: "When they came to him, he said to them: You know how, from the first day that I came

into Asia, I have been with you, serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the plots of the Jews.... You know that I have concealed nothing of what was profitable, and that I have not shewed you and taught you publicly and in every house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

And now, behold, bound in spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what shall befall me there; only, in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that bonds and afflictions await me. But I do myself no event in my life, as if it was precious to me, so that I finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the good news the grace of God. And now, I know that you will not see my face, you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God.

Therefore I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men, for I declare unto you all the counsel of God, not shunned. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. I know that among you, after my departing shall grievous wolves, not sparing the flock, and he will rise from among yourselves men speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

Therefore watch, remembering that for three years I ceased not night and day with tears to urge each of you. " Acts 20: 18-31.

The apostle Paul had only one goal in his life: "Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ crucified". Wherever he went, he preached only Jesus Christ did:

"Therefore, having this ministry, according to the mercy that was made to us, we faint not. We reject the shameful things that are done in secret, we have no craftiness, and we do not alter the word of God. But by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience before God. If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish; in whom the god of this age has blinded, so they do not screw shine the splendour of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. We do not preach ourselves; it is the Lord Jesus Christ we preach, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. "2 Cor. 4: 1-5.

This is an example of a true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, a true apostle and servant of the Lord. He never put himself above others or brought his own teaching, but he always remained faithful to his Master and his teachings as he also said it himself:

"I delivered to you as I also received ... "2 Cor. 15: 3.

From that he has received what he taught? From Gamaliel? From Peter? From James?

He replies us to this question: "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you ..." 1 Cor. 11: 23.

And further, he tells us again:

"Now, is it the favour of men that I desire, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. I certify you, brethren that the gospel which was preached of me is not of man; because I have not received or heard of a man, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

You knew, in fact, my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church and destroy it from God, and how I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my equals in mine own nation being animated by an excessive zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from the womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood, and I went up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went into Arabia. Then I returned again to Damascus.

Gal. 1: 10-17.

What a testimony! It is the man of God who said,

"Be my imitators brothers, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. "Phil. 2: 17.

This man of God, the Apostle Paul, knew what he was saying because he himself was in a different grip before he became fully free and realized the great goodness to be fully attached to his Master and serve Him alone. Before, he sought the approval of others, the favour of men; he absolutely had to do things like others followed the move. He had to seek the support of the Sanhedrin, the support of the high priest, he had to seek to make a name, become a famous man. He says it himself by saying that he was 'Pharisee', that is to say, the form of the most rigid belief in the Hebrew faith. They say themselves disciples of Moses' "They said to him: What did he do? How opened he thine eyes? He answered them, I have already said, and you have not listened; why would you hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples? They reviled him and said, Thou art his disciple; us, we are disciples of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses; but this one, we know not from where he is. "John 9: 26-29.

They claimed themselves of Moses, fundamentalists in the law. Claiming of Moses was a mark of notoriety that they were appropriated themselves to draw the monopoly of God, adoration and admiration of the people; for all Israel recognized Moses as a mighty prophet of God. Moses was the man who spoke with God, sent by God, the one who received the law and orders for service in the Tabernacle and gave instructions as God had ordered him to the division of the Levites in their work to serve God.

These were men who had always in the mouth during their preaching, "Moses said ... Moses said ... '. These are the Pharisees who fought fiercely the Lord, they did not like the Lord, they tried by all means to silence him and they were campaigning against Him to the people to destroy his influence with the people.

"The Pharisees went out and took counsel on how to destroy him" Matt. 12: 14

As they always would do it again to Moses with impure motives in the heart, the Lord told them:

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And you do not come to me for life! I do not receive glory from men. But I know that you have not in you the love of God. I am come in my Father's name, and you receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he

wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how shall you believe my words? " John 5: 39-47.

The Lord here shows us from this point that this spirit of Pharisee is an evil spirit. They repeated what Moses had said, but did not believe what Moses really said, that is to say the Scriptures for if they had really believed Moses, that is to say the Scriptures, they would have believed in the Lord. Moses spoke of it in his writings. They had more in mind and thought "Moses said ... 'focusing more on the person of Moses to make a god, rather on the Spirit that led Moses: «The *letter kills but the Spirit gives life*". It is not the spirit of Moses that it was all about but *THE SPIRIT of God*.

The real problem with the Pharisees was **that they did not like the truth**. Therefore, they had the appearance of godliness but disbelieved in what was the strength. They were not of God, the Lord said,

"I know you are Abraham's seed; but you seek to kill me, because my word has no place in you. I say what I have seen with my Father; and you, you do what you have heard from your father.

They answered him, our father is Abraham. Jesus said to them: If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill me, I who told you the truth that I heard from God. It Abraham has not done. You do the deeds of your father. They said to him: We are not born of fornication; we have one Father, God.

Jesus said to them: If God were your Father, you would love me, for from God I came out and I come; I came not of myself, but he sent me. Why do you not understand my speech? Because you cannot hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar and the father of lies.

And me, because I say the truth, you believe me not. Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? He who is of God hears God's words; you do not listen, because you are not of God. "John 8: 37-47.

And further, the scripture says,

"Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, said, the scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So do and observe whatever they tell you; but do not you after their works. For they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves will not move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen of men. So they wear phylacteries broad, and have long fringes of their garments, they love the place of honour at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

But you do not be called Rabbi; for one is your Master, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth your father; for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Do you called masters; for one is your Master, even Christ. The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the men the kingdom of heaven; for you neither go in yourselves, neither suffer you enter not those who want to enter.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for pretence you make long prayers; because of this, you will be judged more severely.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, you make a son of hell twice as much as you.

Woe to you, blind guides! Which say, whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is engaged.

You blind fools! Which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold?

If someone, say you still swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is upon it, he pledged. Blind! Which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

Whoever swears by the altar swears by the altar and by everything on it; one who swears by the temple swears by the temple and by Him who inhabits it; and he who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him that sits thereon.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy, and faith: this is what you should have done without neglecting the former. Blind guides! Who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and excess.

Blind Pharisee! Cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside also may be clean.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, and which at the inside are full of dead bones and all uncleanness.

Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, if we had been in the days of our fathers, we do would not part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.

31 you testify against yourselves that you are the son of those who killed the prophets. Fill you up then the measure of your fathers.

Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the damnation of hell? Therefore, behold, I send you prophets and wise men and scribes. You will kill and crucify some you will scourge in your synagogues, and will persecute from city to city, that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel up the blood of Zacharias son of Berechiah, whom you slew between the temple and the altar. I tell you the truth; all this will come upon this generation. "Matt. 23: 1-36.

This is what God sees in those who claimed high to the people that they were servants of God and that they were disciples of Moses, and they strictly observed what Moses said.

The Lord said to them, "Moses, in whom you placed your hope is the one who will accuse you before my Father." The Lord revealed to them something that they did not know. It is good to seek glory from men, to be seen and always choose the first place, (to want, wanting) to be the leader of all, the only one that must be seen and considered more spiritual than (others, the rest) but, in the end hear such a statement:

"I've never known, depart from me, you that work iniquity" that is to say, to be rejected by the Lord. "Those who say Lord, Lord! Will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? Did we not cast out demons in your name? And have we not done many wonders in your name? Then I will tell them I never knew you: Depart from me, you that work iniquity. "Matt. 7: 21-23.

The Pharisees liked a lot and often talk about Moses and refer to him all the time. They were very eloquent regarding Moses and quotes. They were almost all doctors of the Law of Moses; they added interpretations that have become doctrines and traditions, completely distancing the people away from what Moses really said. They made Moses say what he had not said because they did not really know what Moses really said. They repeated Moses without really understanding what he had said or even his writings. The Pharisee spirit was Satan's weapon to counter the work of God.

They served Satan, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the men the kingdom of heaven; for you neither go in yourselves, neither suffer you enter not those who want to enter.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for pretence you make long prayers; because of this, you will be judged more severely.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, you make a son of hell twice as much as you."

Matt. 23: 13-15.

It's really scary to hear what the Lord had said to the Pharisees, the preachers:

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, you make a son of hell twice as much as you."

They ran the sea and earth to preach, but for what purpose? In order to make one proselyte; and when he is made, YOU MAKE A SON OF HELL TWICE AS THEM.

They gave the impression that preaching was a sign of being a man of God, an authorized servant of God, a holy man, a saved man. But what a surprise to hear that, to preach is not at all a sign of salvation, for the one who preaches is not even known by the Lord nor know the Lord, for he is not even saved!

He repeats things like a parrot. They are fanatics. The Apostle Paul was one of them and he was aware of what the Lord said. He was grateful to the Lord for the grace that He granted him to have eyes open and get out of any human system in which he was,

"Brothers and fathers, listen to what I have now to tell you in my defence! When they heard that he spoke in the Hebrew language, they were even quieter. And Paul said, I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia; but I was raised in this city, instructed at the feet of Gamaliel in the accurate knowledge of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as you all are today.

I persecuted to death this doctrine, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. The priest and the whole council of elders bear me witness. I even received letters from them to the brothers in Damascus, where I proceeded to bring them bound to Jerusalem those who were there and to be punished.

As I made my journey, and came close to Damascus, suddenly about noon a great light from heaven flashed around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?

I said, who are you, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting. Those who were with me saw the light, but they heard not the voice of one speaking. And I said, what shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me: Arise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told what you must do. As I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took me by the hand, and I came into Damascus.

But a man named Ananias, a devout man according to the law, and all the Jews who lived in Damascus a good testimony, presented himself to me, and said, Saul, brother, sight. At that moment I recovered the view and I looked at him.

He said, The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will and to see the Just One, and hear the words of his mouth; because thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. And now why do you wait? Arise, be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.

Back in Jerusalem, I was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance, and saw him saying unto me: Make haste, and quickly out of Jerusalem, because they will not receive your testimony concerning me. And I said, Lord, they themselves know that I was imprisoning and beating in every synagogue those who believed in you, and that, when the blood of Stephen, your witness, I was me-even standing by, and consenting to his others, and keeping the garments of those who killed him. Then he said to me: Go, I will send you far away to the nations ... "Acts 22: 1-21.

It is this man of God who tells us "Be my imitators, brothers ..."

He recognizes that how the Lord is really good for him. And in connection with the preaching as it is with the Pharisees because he was himself a Pharisee, therefore animated by the evil spirit of the Pharisees, he said:

"If I preach the gospel, it is not for me a matter of glory: for necessity is laid upon me, and woe to me if I preach not the gospel! If I do a good heart, I have a reward; but if I do it against my will, it is a task entrusted to me.

What then is my reward? It is free to offer the gospel that I preach, without using my right as a preacher of the Gospel. For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, to win the largest number.

To the Jews I became as a Jew, to win the Jews; with those who are under the law, as under the law (though I myself am not under the law) to gain those under the law; with those who

are without law, as without law (though I am without law of God, but under the law of Christ) to gain those without law.

I was weak with the weak, to win the weak. I made myself all things to all in order to all means save some. I do everything because of the gospel that I may share. Know you not that they which run in a race run all, but one receives the prize? Run so as to win.

All those who fight are required temperate in all things, and they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we, let's do an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; knock, as not beating the air.

But I discipline my body and make it my slave, lest I myself should be rejected, having preached to others. " 1 Cor. 9: 16-27.

What a great lesson! You must be of God to be touched and be pushed to think by such a word. That's it the grace of God, to examine oneself with the scriptures and not to run like by adventure, not to hit like beating the air. Again what is very hard, these are the words we have just heard from the lips of our Lord when, speaking to the Pharisees He said,

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, you make a son of hell twice as much as you. "Matt. 7: 23

What is frightening is to know that those who follow the Pharisees in their teachings, they become **sons of hell twice as much as the Pharisees themselves**. What a revelation! (In truth, in fact) the commission of the lord was to make disciples of the Lord in all the nations that is to say to bring souls to Christ our Lord. But, those who have the spirit of the Pharisees which means those who are possessed by the devil which led the Pharisees **make proselytes**. They do not bring souls to Christ but to various doctrines, to the teachings contrary to the Holy Scriptures, to men, never to Christ. They lead the disciples after them. This evil spirit called 'Pharisee' is very subtle as were those identified with it at the time of the Lord. The Lord said to his disciples:

"Jesus said to them: <u>Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.</u> And they reasoned within themselves, saying, it is because we have no bread.

Jesus, perceiving it, said, why reason you in yourselves, you of little faith, why you have no bread?

Are you not yet understand, neither do you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you have carried away, nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many baskets you took up? How do you not understand that this is not about bread that I spoke to you? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Then they understood that it was not the leaven of bread that He had said to beware, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Matt. 16: 6-12.

When Paul had received the grace of the Lord and his eyes were opened, he was totally delivered from this evil spirit of the Pharisees, from this spirit of fanaticism of men, from (this, that) spirit of seeking the approval of the Sanhedrin and the high priest. He had not rejected or abandoned the writings of Moses. No! (But, but then, on the other hand) he now realized that it was not Moses that he needed to talk about and refer to but he had to speak

and refer to Him of whom Moses spoke. No more 'Moses said, Moses said ...' Now it was: "I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you ..."

Now, he could understand what Moses said for now he has the same Spirit that Moses had. The same Pillar of Fire, which had appeared to Moses, appeared to him also. It's really weird! Then, when he was with the Pharisees (the disciples of Moses), he was loved by them because of 'Moses said ...' and of hope they placed in Moses because of what God had done with him. Now he just had the same experience as Moses had, the Pillar of Fire appeared to him on the road to Emmaus, instead of rejoicing and love him even more, no he becomes their enemy, he becomes the enemy of those who (claimed, pretended) to have Moses as their absolute because of the Pillar of Fire that was with him in the desert. Paul (had, having, having had) the same experience, they are now seeking to kill him.

This is where we can clearly see that it was the devil disguising in the skin of preachers referring to Moses to keep God's people from the truth, that is to say away from Christ because Christ is the truth and the life. Do not you see the same thing repeating again in our generation? Men die but not the spirits.

Here are just a few questions to ask:

- 1. Whose disciple are you?
- 2. Who have called you to the ministry if you profess to have a one?
- 3. What teaching do you bring? From whom did you receive this teaching?
- 4. What exactly your ministry is and your commission?
- 5. On who is your faith is based?
- 6. What is your ABSOLUTE?
- 7. On what is your faith based?
- 8. (Of) What baptism were you baptized?
- 9. Have you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- 10. For whom and why do you live now?

May the Lord Grant grace to each one to have a humble heart and to examine oneself and honestly answer these questions for them, comparing their answers with the Apostle Paul ones to each of these questions. The same with the apostle John, Peter and James.

The Bible says, "You have been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone". Eph. 2: 20.

I. A LOOK AT THE CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD OF GOD.

We live in a prophetic age. It is the Laodicea age and we by the grace of the Lord received the prophetic Word to which we pay much attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place. It is this light that is shining in this time of darkness that allows us to see clearly and to stand until the coming of the bridegroom.

The Bible says,

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" Ps.119: 105

And also "The entrance of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple." PS. 119: 130.

The emphasis is on the importance of the Word of God that requires no particular interpretation of anybody. God does not need anyone to interpret His Word for He is the interpreter of his Word because He is the author of it. What the Lord asked to his servants, it is **to preach His Word** as confirmed by the Holy Scriptures.

"Then He said to them, Go you into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation ... And they went to PREACH everywhere." Mark 16: 15-20.

It is not said, "And they went interpret everywhere."

Peter, as a disciple and apostle of the Lord that is to say a man sent from God, he repeats again this recommendation, saying in the house of Cornelius in Acts 10 verses 42-43 this: "<u>Iesus commanded us to preach to the people</u> and to testify that it is He who was ordained of God to judge the living and the dead. "All the prophets bear witness to Him that whoever believes in him receives through his Name forgiveness of sins."

We know precisely according to the Scriptures that we are in a period called 'the Laodicea age'. It is indeed, the last age, it is in this age that the return of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will be accomplished. It is also in this age that God will finish the story with the nations and turn to Israel according to Acts 15: 13-18.

"When they had finished speaking, James spoke, saying, Brethren, listen to me! Simon has declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And with this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written:

After this I will return, and I will raise up the fallen tabernacle of David, I will rebuild the ruins, and I will set it up so that the other men sought the Lord, and all nations upon whom my name is invoked, says the Lord, who does these things, and to whom they are known for all eternity."

The Lord before returning to Israel must first finish his work among the nations. His work will be completed among the nations with the rapture of a chosen people from among the nations, and that bears his name. It's really amazing to see how the Word of God is so clear and precise: "A people bearing his Name."

Not a people who bear such titles as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but 'that bears his Name.' This is what the apostle Peter clearly stated the day of Pentecost.

"Peter said unto them, Repent, and <u>each of you be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ</u> for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children and for all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God

shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, save yourselves from this perverse generation."

We are identified with the one with whom we are united. It is then a question of the bridegroom and the bride because the bride bears the name of the bridegroom. Christ our Lord will therefore come to search his bride so that is to say, *a people that bears his Name* ', the bride of nations which consists of any people, and tongue and all tribes.

As it can be seen in all countries, it is when a woman is bound to a man that she then **bears the name of her husband**. Every married woman bears the name of her husband, she bears the name of the one that she belongs to. It is a mark of honour and also a solemn testimony to all. Before she marries, she bore the name of his father, a mark of belonging to the man who bore her. The fact of bearing the name of her husband identifies totally to the one with whom she is bound.

This is exactly where also the importance of baptism is seen *IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST*. The woman who is married bears the title of **Madame**. It is a title that bears all married women. But every married woman must identify with her husband. How does she identify herself? **She is identified by THE NAME OF HER HUSBAND**.

The bride of the Lord Jesus Christ must bear the name of her husband that is to say *Jesus Christ*. As throughout the ages, the devil strove for the *Name of Jesus Christ* would not be used by believers. He introduced it through the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD.

Imposing the title of 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' as a formula for baptism, he also abolished 'immersion in water' (which is the meaning of baptism) to be replaced by 'the sprinkling'. That is how he achieved his goal, because he is afraid of this name, because the one who bears the name of Jesus is the one who defeated him at the cross. This is the Name of the *Lord Jesus Christ* that demons are casted out. He knows the power that lies in the wonderful name of Jesus. He did everything that believers rather use the formula "Father, Son and Holy Spirit'. It is in fact, what that all denominations have adopted instead of the name of Jesus Christ. They use 'the titles Father, Son and Holy Spirit'.

This was so until the time of the restoration of the gifts with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the ministry of this man of God William J. Seymour Louisiana in the USA. The ministry of William J. Seymour shook the world. It was the revival that was preparing another revival that would sweep the world also. It is the restoration of the Word of God through the ministry of this man of God, William M. Branham of Kentucky in the USA. This ministry of the restoration was to take place in a very particular period. It is in the Laodicea age, the last age of the church.

Why restoration in the last age and why not in the first age (Ephesus age)?

Because Restore means: BRING SOMETHING IN ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.

In the first age, that is to say the age of Ephesus, the Word of God had the pre-eminence. The believers continued steadfastly in the apostles 'teaching and they knew the importance of Jesus Christ Name. They were all baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God was their absolute. The apostles of the Lord were still living as evidenced by these scriptures.

"After they heard this, they were cut to the heart, they said, and the other apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Peter said unto them, Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children and for all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And, with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, save yourselves from this perverse generation. Those who accepted his word were baptized; and, that day, the numbers of disciples were added about three thousand souls. They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul, and he did many wonders and signs through the apostles."

Acts 2: 37-43.

"And unto the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden candlesticks: I know your works, your labour, and your perseverance. I know you cannot bear evil; that you have tested those who call themselves apostles but are not, and hast found them liars; you have perseverance, you have suffered because of my name, and you do not grown weary. " Apoc. 2: 1-3.

"The next day the rulers, elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem, Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and all who were of the high priest. They took place among them Peter and John, they asked, by what power, or in whose name did you do this?

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, Heads of the people, and elders of Israel, we are being examined today about a good deed done to a sick man, so we said how he was healed, know it all and all the people of Israel know! It is through the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him this man stand here before you whole. Jesus is the stone rejected by you builders, which is become the head of the corner. There is salvation in no other; for there under heaven no other name given among men, whereby we must be saved. When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, they were astonished, knowing that they were men of uneducated people; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus. But as they saw standing with them the man who had been healed, they had nothing to say. They had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred among themselves, saying, what shall we do to these men? For it is manifest to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem a miracle hath been done by them, and we cannot deny it. But the thing that it spread no further among the people, let us threaten them now speak to anyone in this name. "Acts 4: 5-17.

It is in the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD that the false name and false baptism were adopted and from there the false doctrine of the trinity that has swept the world to this day. It was not what was in the early church was taught, but rather dogmas and creeds and the interdiction of reading the Bible, where the missals etc...

It's the Roman Emperor Constantine 1 who summoned the Council of Nicaea (Nicaea – the actual Turkey). He had in fact reunited the Roman Empire after defeating Licinius in the Battle of Adrianople on July 3, 324. He gathered between 270 and more than 300 bishops of the Roman Empire from May 20 to 25 July 325. The result of this Council was the adoption of a confession of faith that will be imposed to all.

What must be brought out, this is the way in which a change in faith took place. It is clear that it is during the **ROMAN EMPIRE**. It had to be an **Empire** so that the decisions taken could be (binding, mandatory) for all the matters of the Empire. The emperor, as an

autocracy, has all the powers and also the army to impose what is decided. **It is about the Roman Empire here**.

The Holy Scriptures in the book of Daniel had already announced the successive appearance of empires on earth, beginning with the **Babylonian Empire** with King Nebuchadnezzar. By the mouth of Daniel, God had shown to the king Nebuchadnezzar what was to happen

"O king, you looked, and behold a great image this statue was huge and extraordinary splendour; it stood before you, and its appearance was terrible. The head of this statue was of fine gold; its chest and arms of silver; its belly and his thighs of brass; its legs of iron; its feet part of iron and part of clay. You saw that a stone was cut out without the help of any hand, and struck the iron and clay feet of the statue, and broke them to pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away, that no place was found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

This is the dream. We will interpret it to the king.

O king, you are the king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given you a kingdom, power, strength and glory; he given into your hands, wherever they live, the children of men, the beasts of the field and the birds of heaven, and He made you ruler over them all: it is you who are the head 'gold. And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you; and another third kingdom, which shall be brass, which shall rule over all the earth. There will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron; as well as iron breaks and breaks everything, it will break and break everything, like iron that while parts. And as you saw the feet and toes, part of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. You saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with men: but they will not adhere to each other, as well as the iron is not mixed with clay. In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the domination of another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. This is indicated by the stone that you saw come off the mountain without the help of any hand, and broke the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver and gold. The great God has shown the king what must happen after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure. "Dan. 2: 31-45.

The Lord showed in form of statue different (stages, phases) that the nations will pass through before the coming of his kingdom. It is about four Empires which are described in detail in the book of Daniel chapter 7 verse 1 to 8:

"The first year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his mind during that it was on his bed. Then he wrote the dream, and told the things. Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold the four winds of heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.

<u>The first was like a lion</u>, and had eagle's wings; I beheld till its wings were plucked, He was taken to the ground and stood on his feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

And behold, <u>a second beast was like a bear</u> and stood on one side; he had three ribs in the mouth between the teeth and was told, Arise, devour much flesh.

After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrible, dreadful and exceedingly strong; it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; it was different from all the beasts, and it had ten horns.

I considered the horns, and behold another little horn came up among them, and three of the first horns were plucked before this horn; and behold, she had eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."

Of these four great beasts that Daniel saw coming out of the sea, he was more frightened by the *fourth which was terrible*,

"I, Daniel, was grieved spirit within me, and the visions of my head 'frightened. I approached one of those who were there, and I asked him what the truth of all these things was. So he told me and gave me the explanation: These four great beasts are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth; but the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.

Then I would know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceeding dreadful, who had iron teeth and bronze nails, which devoured and crushed and trampled what was left; And of the ten horns that were in his head, and the other which came up and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes and a mouth speaking great things, and greater appearance than others.

The same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, until the Ancient of days came given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Thus he said, the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, different from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down and crush. The ten horns are ten kings that shall arise from this kingdom. Another shall rise after them, it will be different from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. He shall speak words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

But the judgment and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy forever. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him." Dan. 7: 15-27.

(The) Great beasts here represent 'Empires'; they are **four**, so we have to do with **FOUR EMPIRES**:

- 1. Babylonian Empire
- 2. Empire of the Medes and Persians
- 3. Greek Empire
- 4. Roman Empire

It is this last great animal that had strongly impressed the prophet Daniel and he wanted to know what it meant. The angel gave him the explanation, here it is:

"Thus he said: The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, different from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down and crush."

Here we are, this is a fourth kingdom that will exist on earth; this kingdom **will exist on earth**. But we all know, according to history, after the Greek Empire with Alexander the Great, it is the Roman Empire and then, this Empire was dismantled. But when Daniel saw the vision, he did not see **five great beasts**, **but four great beasts**.

What then? Since the Roman Empire with its emperors had been dismantled. So what great beast is it again?

The answer is in the Bible, in the Book of the revelation:

"Then one of the seven angels which had the seven bowls came and spoke to me, saying, Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters. With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and with the wine of her fornication the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk.

He carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls. She held in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of saints and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And, seeing her, I was seized with a great astonishment. And the angel said unto me, wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and ten horns.

The beast that you saw was and is no more. And shall ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And the inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life, when they behold the beast that was, and is not and yet is. "Rev. 17: 1-8.

II. LET US COMPARE DANIEL 7 AND REVELATION 17

In Daniel, the term used to express "Kingdom or Empire" 'is 'the great beast' and in Revelation the term used is "Beast".

In Daniel, we read:

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrible, dreadful and exceedingly strong; it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; it was different from all the beasts, and it had ten horns. »

In Revelation, we read:

"He carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

In Daniel, we read:

"The ten horns are ten kings that shall arise from this kingdom."

In Revelation, we read:

«And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. » Rev.17: 12

Conclusion:

THE GREAT BEAST (the fourth) IN DANIEL IS THE BEAST IN REVELATION

IT IS THE SAME EMPIRE, THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

This is why the angel said,

"The beast that you saw was and is no more. And shall ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And the inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life, when they behold the beast that was, and is not and yet is. "Rev. 17: 8.

The Beast was: The Roman Empire after the Greek Empire.

It is no longer: The collapse of the Roman Empire, it no longer existed.

And will reappear: The Roman Empire will reappear; it will be the last empire that will exist on earth.

In fact, this Roman Empire is already there. IT IS THE EUROPEAN UNION IT IS THE ROMAN EMPIRE IN ITS PRESENT FORM WITH THE ABOLITION OF (BORDERS, FRONTIERS) IN THE UNION.

The borders within the union are abolished. So there is no more internal borders, it is a free movement. While outside of the union, borders exist, the European Union becomes a **fortress**. Access to the interior has become very difficult; they all have **a single currency**, **the euro**. This is exactly what happened with the ancient Roman Empire. The ancient Roman Empire was also a **fortress**, very well organized and with road infrastructure within it, as it is today.

For the history repeats itself. Let us ask this question then.

How a fortress as the ancient Roman Empire could disappear?

Here is in fact what history teaches us:

"The imperial period was also a time of development of economic exchanges, facilitated by the construction of a major <u>road network</u>, which has sometimes existed until modern times. The Empire was founded by Augustus, who ended the <u>last civil war</u> in the very

end of the Roman Republic. Unlike the Republican regime, which was oligarchic, the Empire was an autocracy, while maintaining during the principality of republican appearances: political power was mainly held by one man, the emperor, who relied on a bureaucracy ever more developed, on a large territorial administration and a powerful military. From the foundation by Augustus to the testimony of its last emperor, Romulus Augustus, the Empire had an indoor and outdoor complex history, characterized initially by a certain political stability - period principality - and then, from the third century by instability increasingly important - crisis of the third century and dominate. Coups and civil wars proliferated, while the Empire had to face more and more enemies on its borders.

Indeed, from the late <u>second century</u>, Rome faces that subsequent historiography called the <u>barbarian invasions</u>. It was, in reality, movements of populations very large, made over long periods. The peoples called "barbarians", moving westward, eventually encountering the Roman frontier militarily guarded, and, driven by more people in the east, tried to pierce. If the empire managed, initially, to repel the invaders, <u>crisis the of the third century</u> saw the borders cede first time. In response to external dangers, the Roman power from the <u>tetrarchy</u>, sought to strengthen: political and military decision centres were increased, the administration developed and militarized, and increased the size of the army. <u>The fourth century</u> was the era of civil wars between the successors of tetrarchs, and was dominated by the personality of <u>Constantine I</u>, profoundly remodelled the Roman state, giving it its final characteristics.

At that time, power had become an absolute regime, with a courtyard and an oriental type of protocol. The end of the proscription of <u>Christianity</u> under Constantine, and its establishment as a state religion <u>Theodosius I</u> made is the most significant of Roman civilization in this period is called <u>Late Antiquity</u>. Leaning on the Roman administrative system, highly developed, the church acquired a prominent place in all the Roman territories, before being driven out by <u>the Muslim conquest</u> of part thereof.

After the Empire's division into two entities - the Eastern Roman Empire (pars orientalis) and the Western Roman Empire (pars occidentalis), the western part is marked, from the fifth century by a disintegration Continuous political authority in favour of Germanic kingdoms: the military power collapsed, the economy is battered and territorial domination is reduced to not exceed Italy. The Empire collapsed in a progressive manner, and deposition by Odoacer, the last emperor Romulus Augustus, is ultimately a minor event, of only symbolic importance.

Off in the West in <u>476</u>, the Roman Empire persisted in the East, around its capital, <u>Constantinople</u>. The new state mingled, like the old Empire, the Greek and Latin elements of civilization, but the Greek share became predominant. In the second half of the <u>nineteenth century</u>, the term "Byzantine" (which dates from the sixteenth century, but was little known) is generalized for the Eastern Roman Empire, but in fact there is no foundation or beginning of the Byzantine Empire, which is only the medieval and final period of the Roman Empire, ending in <u>14532</u>"

We learn with fear that it is the barbarians when they broke into the fortress that gradually weakened it. How amazing also to learn that the Muslim conquest which was to play a role in the weakening of the Empire too!

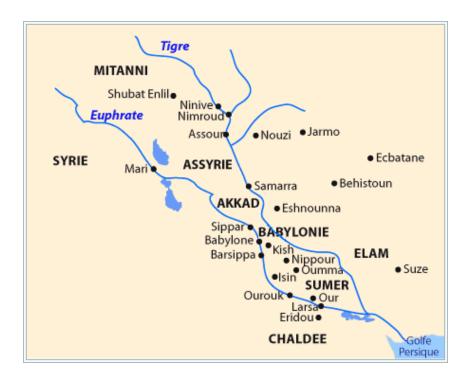
What do the scriptures related to the current Roman Empire?

We read:

"Look among the nations, watch, and wonder marvellously, horror! Because I will do a work in your days that you would not believe though it is told. Behold, I will raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the country, to possess dwelling places that are not theirs. There are terrible and dreadful; him alone: their judgment and their dignity. His horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves, and his horsemen come forward with pride; their horsemen come from far, they fly as an eagle that its prey. They shall come all for violence: their faces are forwards, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand. He makes fun of kings, and princes are the object of his mockery; He laughs at every stronghold, for he shall heap of earth, and it takes them. So redoubles his ardour, he continued his work, and he is guilty. His strength to him, that his god! "Hab. 1: 5-11.

What we know of the Chaldeans that they are not subject to their laws. It is the people living in Mesopotamia.

Here is a map of Mesopotamia

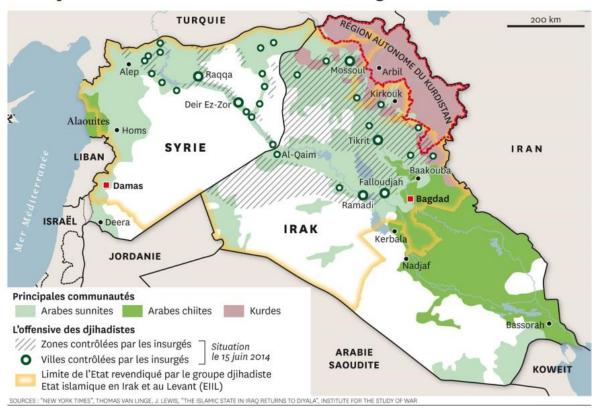


We find Babylon, the actual Iraq and also Syria.

According to you, in accordance with the media reports today, "migratory flows", this mass migration, comes from where?

- 1. From SYRIA
- 2. From IRAQ





We understand very clearly according to the biblical prophecy of Habakkuk that certainly what we are seeing, it is the fulfilment of Bible prophecy and this people who comes and forces the fortress of Europe, is a people that has its own culture and mocks what is not his culture as the Scripture describes it:

"Behold, I will raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the country, to possess dwelling places that are not theirs.7 they are terrible and dreadful; their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.»

Here is some more light again so that we may clearly understand what will happen.

"They all come for violence; their faces are set like the east wind"

More precisely, it says again,

"They scoff at kings, and princes are scorned by them; <u>they derive</u> <u>every stronghold</u>, for they shall heap of earthen mounds and seize it."





The fortress of **the actual Roman Empire** could not resist. They entered without visas, they forced **the European Union** to make arrangements to receive them without visas, without invitation letter. **They forced the fortress and they entered. And the Bible says**,

"They are terrible and dreadful; their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves "
They imposed themselves.



How did the ancient Roman Empire disappear?

"In fact, from the end of the second, Rome faces what subsequent historiography called the <u>barbarian invasions</u>. It was, in reality, movements of population of a very large magnitude, made over long periods. The peoples called "barbarians", moving westward, eventually encountering the Roman frontier militarily guarded, and, driven by more people in the east, tried to break through it".

In fact the history repeats itself. It is also spoken of an element which also contributed to its disappearance, it is "the Muslim conquest."

We all know what happened in France on November 13, 2015. That murderous attack that took the lives of several people and claimed responsibility by DAECH. I ask you to listen very well to the terms used to claim those attacks.

This is what is extraordinary with our Lord:

In September 2015, Sunday, September 27, 2015, the Lord led me to take the book of Habakkuk in connection with current events. The title of the sermon was "Watchman, What of the night? "You can listen to it on our website: www.intmissioncenter.org. Or on our YouTube platform IMC Leonard Lifese. That is where I spoke of strongholds. That sermon was preached before the events of November 2015 in Paris. And when the attacks of November 13, 2015 in Paris took place, how pleased we were to realize that the Lord had truly spoken to us by clearly putting things before us. Here is the full text in connection to the claim of November 13, 2015 attacks as published on (TV, television:)

"In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. Allah the most high said they thought that their fortresses would defend them against Allah. But Allah came to them from where they were not expecting, and casted terror into their hearts. They demolished their

houses with their own hands as far as the hands of the believers. Learn a lesson, ô you that are gifted with clairvoyance. Surah 59 verse 2. "

The Lord continues to enlighten his people. Despite the history repeats itself, the Holy Scriptures give us again even more precise and clearer indications for our time.

The nations and mostly Europe today are under the fear of the Muslim religion domination which is Islam. And this brings a climate of insecurity and seeing the growing Muslim population in Europe, the anxiety of the Islamic domination grows more and more and fear sets in.

According to the Holy Scriptures, Islam is not going to dominate the current Roman Empire as it was the case, because, always according to the same Word of God, **this current Roman Empire** is the last **Empire** for the nations; that shall be destroyed according to the prophecy of Daniel:

"In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the domination of another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. This is indicated by the stone that you saw come off the mountain without the help of any hand, and broke the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver and gold. The great God has shown the king what must happen after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure. "Dan. 2: 44-45.

The current Roman Empire will be different from all the kingdoms. It shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down and crush. It is the European Union that will impose its laws. DAECH will be fought and weakened because the European Union has a striking power. It is currently the leading world power. It is more powerful than all the other empires because, in it is found all that was in other Empires, both what was in the Babylonian Empire, the Medo Persia, and in the Greek Empire.

That is why it is seen in revelation like this:

"And I saw out of the sea a beast that had seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. The beast which I saw was like a leopard; his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: they worshiped the beast, saying, who is like the beast and who can fight against it?

And it was given unto him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and power was given him authority to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them. And power was given him over every tribe, people, language and nation. "Rev. 13: 1-7.

The world does not have to be afraid of the Islam or terrorists but rather of **the beast which** is the current Roman Empire. The time of the Islam conquest is already past. The religion that will dominate the world is that woman riding the beast'.

"One of the seven angels which had the seven bowls came and spoke to me, saying, Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters. With whom

the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and with the wine of her fornication the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk. He carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls. She held in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of saints and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And, seeing her, I was seized with a great astonishment. "Rev. 17: 1-7.

In fact according to the Scriptures, we know exactly what means **the Beast.** It is **the current Roman Empire.** But the woman who is sitting on the beast, who is she exactly? The Holy Scriptures give us the answer:

"This is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits." Rev. 17: 9.

According to the Holy Scriptures, **the woman represents the church**. It is in fact a church that is powerful and the one sitting on the Beast. And the indication is given to us so that we may know to recognize it without being mistaken, **the 7 mountains**.

"The seven hills of Rome (in Latin Septem montes) traditionally are the major hills on which extends the town of <u>Ancient Rome</u> on the left bank of the <u>Tiber</u>, included in <u>the Servian Wall sixth century BC</u>., rebuilt in <u>the fourth century BC</u>. BC Each hill is the subject of festivities during the festival *Septimontium*. "Wikipedia

There is in Rome, a city called: The Vatican City. It is the headquarters of a church called **the Catholic Church**, that is to say universal. It is the **Catholic Church**. It is the Catholic Church that will prevail in the world, and not the Islam.

Here is the statue that was chosen as a symbol before the European Council in Brussels.



And here is the coin of the European single currency, the euro.



No one will say the opposite, the European religion, it is Christianity. What is this church in Europe and on earth that claims to be the true Christian church?

Is no it the Catholic Church of Rome headquartered in Vatican and the Pope is designated as the successor of the Apostle Peter, whose foundation is built (as they say) on the tomb of Peter the apostle? Besides the Vatican coat of arms are keys; the Catholic Church is said to hold "the keys of the kingdom".

The days of the nations are numbered, the Lord is closing the history of nations.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN THEN?

It will certainly come to pass what the Lord had said,

"When they had finished speaking, Jacques spoke, saying, Brethren, listen to me! Simon has declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And with this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written: After this I will return, and I will raise up the fallen tabernacle of David, I will rebuild the ruins, and I will set it up so that the other men sought the Lord, and all nations upon whom my name is invoked, says the Lord, who does these things, and to whom they are known for all eternity." Acts 15: 13-18.

The days of the nations end with the rapture of the Church, the bride of Jesus Christ.

Then God will turn to Israel.

There has been lately very shocking events that moved the world in this year 2015 in France. We mention:

1. The attack of Charlie Hebdo in Paris

Attacks of January 2015 in France.



Journalists, rescue workers and police officers in the street Nicolas Appert, a few hours after the attack against Charlie Hebdo.

Location Île-de-France: Paris 11th and 20th Fontenay-aux-Roses

Montrouge Dammartin-en-Goële

Cible Collaborators of Charlie Hebdo

People of the Jewish faith

Police

Date Year 7, 8 and 9 January 2015 (UTC + 1)

Type Shootings, hostage-taking

Weapon(s) Kalashnikov AK-47

Death(s) 17 (and 3 terrorists killed)

Wounded (s) 22

Author (s) Sharif Said and Kouachi

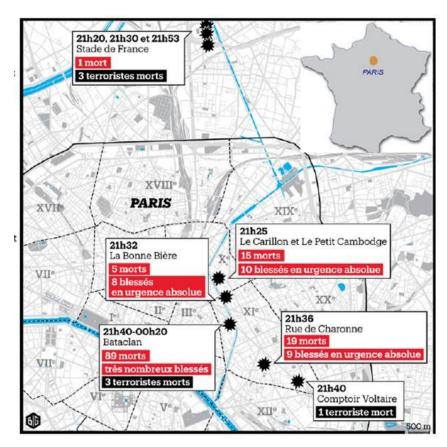
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Organization(s) Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) 1

Islamic State

Source:Wikipedia

2. The attacks in Paris of November 13, 2015



Source: Wikipedia

This leads us to ask ourselves this question: WHY FRANCE?

In fact according to the statistics, the only country in Europe which has **more Jews** in its territory, is France. There are in France nearly **500,000 Jews**.

We must also remember the link between France and the State of Israel. This goes back a long time ago in 1894 and the basis for this link is the **Dreyfus affair**. **Dreyfus** was a French officer of Jewish origin. He was falsely accused by the other French officers of spying and of having delivered French secret documents to the Germans. He was falsely accused because he was a French of Jewish origin. He was convicted on the basis of forged documents, humiliated and degraded in public in front of journalists from several countries. It was humiliating and outrageous.

Among the journalists, there was a Hungarian journalist named **Theodor Herzl**. He was very shocked and when he returned to Vienna, he wrote an article that become famous entitled **'Der Judenstaat'**. In this article, he stated the importance for the Jews to have **a state**.

Because as long as they will not (have a **Jewish state**, they will always be despised and humiliated. It was at this time that **the Zionism** began with the slogan:

"Next year in Jerusalem." The Jews had started writing their history.

"February 15, 1896 - Publication of The Jewish State



On February 15, 1896 appeared in the window of a library in Vienna a mysterious book: Der Judenstaat, Versuch einer Lösung der Judenfrage Modernen (The Jewish State, looking for a modern answer to the Jewish question).

The author, Theodor Herzl (35), is a Hungarian journalist of Jewish origin ... but very far from the traditional Judaism. He attended in Paris the year before the course of the Dreyfus affair on behalf of the Neue Freie Zeitung, a Vienna newspaper. He attended especially the captain <u>degradation ceremony</u> in the courtyard of the Invalides.

Antisemitism revolting

The young journalist was shocked by the outbreak of <u>anti-Semitism</u> in the homeland of human rights. He drew the conclusion that it is unrealistic for the Jews to seek their salvation in the assimilation and they must have their own state. That State should be able to offer a refuge for all Jews who would come to be persecuted. This is the thesis that he presents in his book: Der Judenstaat.

His thesis immediately arouses enthusiasm in the humble Oriental Jews. She also joined the aspirations of many <u>activists "Zionists"</u> who for fifteen years, began to immigrate to Palestine.

The Zionist movement is organized

In the months following the publication of *The Jewish State*, Theodore Herzl and his friends Max Nordau and Israel Zangwill decide to convene a conference. The city of Munich is approached but local rabbis, like the vast majority of rabbis, are hostile to the Zionist movement and it is finally in Basel, Switzerland, that are found in August 1897 the 204 Jewish delegates.

The first Zionist Congress defines an action plan (the "Basel Program"). It advocates the settlement of the Holy Land by peasants, workers and Jewish craftsmen, and political action to legitimize the new state.

The following Congress year after year, organize the Zionist movement. They create a Jewish National Bank and at the initiative of the chemist Chaim Weizmann, who became in 1949 the first President of the State of Israel, was established in 1905 a Jewish National Fund to purchase agricultural land in Palestine.

Colonization is conducted on behalf of the slogan: "A land without people for a people without land." She ignored the presence on the ground in Palestine, Muslim inhabitants, Christians or Jews.... Herzl himself does not, it is true, to expel unwanted.

The founder of the Zionist movement created a weekly in Vienna, Die Welt, and in 1902 published a science fiction novel that evokes life in the future state. Title German Altneuland (Old land, New land), the novel describes Zionism as "an outpost of civilization, a rampart of Europe against Asia, opposing the barbarism."

Deadly threat

Herzl multiplies contacts with heads of state, including Pope Pius X, Sultan Hamid Habdul III, Emperor Wilhelm II and the British Minister Joseph Chamberlain. In 1903, this one offers it to install the Jewish state ... in Africa, in the territory of Uganda, then a British possession.

Theodor Herzl, insensitive to the religious component of Zionism and never fearing to succeed in Palestine, wants to seize without delay this offer, fault of better. This is followed by Eliezer Ben Yehuda, the creator of Modern Hebrew, and the ultra-nationalist religious movement Mizrahi.

It meets in Basel in August 1903, a sixth Zionist Congress delegates and announces: "I have a surprise for you: His Majesty, the ruler of the British Empire, offers you a gift, Uganda!"

The announcement comes shortly after the first great <u>pogrom</u> of the twentieth century, in Chisinau, in the Russian province of Moldova: sixty Jews were murdered without cause by the crowd. Max Nordau launches delegates: "We need a night shelter, resting place for the persecuted" (*).

The "Zionists" believe fulminate. They want nothing else but Palestine. But they find themselves in a minority against a majority of "territorialises" ready to accept the British offer.

The movement is split.

The Zionists not without difficulty continuing colonization of Palestine, however, that after Uganda studying other territories equally implausible before finally joining the Zionists.

Epilogue

Exhausted by his tireless activity and conflicts within the movement, Theodor Herzl died July 3, 1904, at the age of 44 years. His dream is to receive a decisive boost with the <u>Balfour Declaration</u> of November 2, 1917 that brings the Zionist official support of the British crown.

It will culminate in November 1947, shortly after the <u>genocide of European Jews</u>, when the United Nations General Assembly will vote on the partition of Palestine into two

states, one Arab, one Jewish. The State of Israel will be officially proclaimed May 14,1948 by David Ben Gurion. "André Larané (Friends of Horodote.net)

It was after the Dreyfus affair in France that it really had been a necessity for the Jews to return to Palestine. The attacks of Charlie Hebdo in January 2015 and also those of November 2015 in Paris aroused a desire among the French Jews to return to Israel. They must return to Israel because the time of the nations ends and God will turn to Israel. They expect their Messiah and to show that their Redeemer is at the door step, they have already started preparing the construction of the temple. All the vessels of the temple are already there, even the plan and also the red heifer for the waters of purification.

Here is a question that I want to ask:

PLEASE, WHAT TIME IS IT?

I wish you rich blessings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for the New Year 2016.

May the Lord bless you!

In his service

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What time is it?

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