

Canopy special edition

Europe shall be saved

The situation

With "Brexit" a new chapter was opened in European history. So far, countries only wanted to join the EU. On 23. June 2016 for the first time a member state wanted to leave. This made evident the necessity of fundamental changes for the future of the EU:

- 1. The EU, of necessity, needs citizens who identify with the European project after becoming increasingly sceptical over the last 15 years.
- 2. The structure of the EU needs a new balance of power between the "Institutions" (Council and Commission) and the member states.

Periods of change where the past is past and the future is not yet born always give rise to feelings of anxiety and uncertainty. Many fellow citizens feel this. On the other hand there is a growing number of recognized leaders who say that God is preparing a very special time for Europe in the near future. They met in a small conference in fall last year in Switzerland and together they received the vision that God will save 100 million souls in Europe during the next 10 years.

This number seems breathtaking – but if we look back on past revivals we see things happen which nobody could believe before in quality or quantity. When the Spirit of God begins to blow even dry bones can become an army of the Lord (Ezekiel 37:1–10). And this can happen also in Europe! They heard a word from God, a word which only the Lord himself can proclaim: "Europe shall be saved!"

A Biblical basis

- 1. When God made his covenant (hebr. "berit") with Noah, or Abraham, or Israel he knew the weaknesses and sinfulness of His partners. So he made his covenants always stand entirely on His faithfulness and not on the good behaviour of his partners.

 This is the foundation of such a statement proclaimed over Europe as "Europe shall be saved." It is the free choice of a sovereign God to make His will happen "on earth as it is in heaven", not
 - the free choice of a sovereign God to make His will happen "on earth as it is in heaven", not depending on us but on Him alone. "Sola gratia", claims Martin Luther, and Paul says, "...by grace you have been saved" (Eph 2:5).
- 2. His salvation includes all areas of life, not only the "spiritual". It includes welfare in physical, emotional and mental areas, as well as in social and relational life, politics and even nature. So God's "salvation" means a complete change of mentality towards the Gospel. It is a change of culture. When this happens 100 million coming to Jesus can happen easily.
- 3. This "Wind of Change" is the Holy Spirit whose outpouring is promised for the end-times "on all flesh" in Joel 3:1-2. We can see this blessing already in many parts of the world, in China, Korea, and Indonesia, in many parts of Africa and South America.
 - Europe was the first to receive the Gospel. From here it spread throughout the world. So what happens now is one of the rules of the kingdom, that "the first will be the last." And this is absolutely right because of our pride and arrogance as Europeans. But! "But, Lord, yet we are in the queue! We claim our right that we as the last ones are also belonging to all flesh". And the time seems to come when this outpouring will also happen to Europe. Praise to His mercy!



4. But God is not only merciful, He also is a judge. And He had to punish Europe and did. Brexit was his final blow in a long line of crises since 2004 when the Heads of State consciously decided in Brussels not to include the reference to God in the new "European Constitution". With Brexit God ridiculed our capability to build a "Union" without Him. But His wrath does not last for ever (Ps 103:9-13), He wants to show us His countenance and mercy again after the punishment. So after 12 (!) years of warning and punishment God says: "Enough! Now I say, Europe you shall be saved!"

God's agenda

We discover a remarkable change between the reaction of the "officials" on crises before Brexit and after. In the years before it all efforts were concentrated against any change of the EU structure. Since Brexit this is different: It is permitted, even welcomed, to think about new patterns. President Juncker, still hesitant in September 2016, has now delivered a speech in March 2017 where he introduced five possibilities of further development of the EU, asking the member states to discuss and decide (see No 2 of things to change!).

And in Germany pro-Europe demonstrations began every Sunday afternoon - society is awaking! (No 1 "a new identification of the citizens").

The last ten months have seen obvious signs for rebuilding the "European Project". God is at work!

In the spiritual realm we see how God is recruiting His people to pray for Europe

- In May 2015 the vision of the "Canopy of Prayer over Europe" was born.
- In summer 2015 "Ring of Worship round Europe" was started. https://europeringofworship.eu/
- In July 2015 the big conference "Awakening Europe" in Nurnberg took place with 26 000 participants. "Europe shall be saved" was proclaimed for the first time. http://www.awakeningeurope.com/
- In July 2016, thousands said "Yes to Europe" at the "Together for Europe" conference. http://www.together4europe.org/en/
- In fall 2016, the leaders' conference mentioned above received the revelation of 100 million people coming to Jesus during the coming years. "Europe shall be saved".
- Ten thousand people throughout the world joined a fasting and prayer time for Europe during the 40 days before Easter 2017. http://esbs.org/

Prayer in Europe (try to win friends to pray with you)

- Adoration of the One God who is the Maker of History.
- Thanksgiving to God for all the gifts and blessings he has bestowed on Europe in the past.
- Intercession and supplication for Europe.
- Repentance and mourning about the sins of Europe.
- Loud proclamation of the Name of Jesus over all strongholds which seem to be invincible.
- Blessings over Europe from the Throne of God.

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