

Prophecy and the European Common Market

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Announcer: [inaudible]

Charles Feinberg:

Thank you very much, Brother Sanders, for that wonderful plug concerning the radio. I don't know whether some of you folk realize the tremendous impact of the radio or not. Some folk thought that with the TV, radio would become a back number. That's not true. We Thank God for the Bible institute hour that's aired over so many outlets. I trust you'll be remembering that in prayer. This evening, I'd like to think together on the theme of world government. We indicated that this week before it had concluded we would be dealing with world government and world religion; tomorrow evening world religion, this evening world government, the two headed monster of these last days. I want to think with you on this theme of world government on the general head of, of what prophetic importance is the European Common Market. Of what prophetic importance is the European Common Market?

Now some folk have a way of getting events of the day a little bit mixed up and getting one of the things in one plug that shouldn't belong there and Another thing in another plug that shouldn't belong there like the fellow who got so many electrical gifts for Christmas that he scarcely knew which one to plug in first and before it was all over he had the electric blankets and the electric toaster mixed up and he kept popping out of bed all night. Well some folk are

doing that theologically, prophetically, pathetically. But we want to get these things in their proper Perspective and proper balance.

Ever since the end of World War Two, I'm sure you realize as well as I, that there've been two spheres of influence and power forming in the world. The lines are becoming more and more distinct with every passing year; seems even with every passing week. If President Kennedy gets to the Berlin wall, say on a Wednesday, Khrushchev has to be there by Friday or Saturday at the latest. The lines are becoming pretty well drawn and quite taut. although the USSR, the Soviets, and their satellite countries keep agitating and gaining certain objectives in the world as we saw last night, The United States and her allies say they are committed and determined not to yield to the communist threats and aims. Somehow they are going to block it, somehow this will not attain its ultimate goal and objective, that's what they indicate from time to time. So there is a tension producing impasse in international relations.

Now within recent years there's come a development on the European scene that could well have tremendous effects in this struggle for power, supremacy. It's what's widely known popularly as the European Common Market. Its full name, its official formal name, is the European Economic Community, European Economic Community. So if you hear someone speaking of that, you will know that's precisely what is meant by the European Common Market. Does it have any prophetic significance? Well looking at the end of the church age, as many believe we are, how could anything on a worldwide scale have anything but prophetic significance and prophetic implications? But let's ask the question, let's search out the answer in the scripture. Does the European Common Market have any prophetic significance? Where does it fit into the prophetic program of the Bible? Well to answer the question we'd better consider of several factors. First of all, the progress of events. It's always good to know the symptoms before

you begin to diagnose and arrive at a meaning and the significance to those symptoms in those occurrences or events or happenings of the day. What's the progress of events? Well World War 2 left Europe devastated, distraught, and disillusioned. My dear friends if you've never been through the countries of Europe since World War 2 you can scarcely imagine what that means. That's just a spoken sentence and that's all because our cities look the same as they have for years. In fact they're growing Los Angeles, Chicago, even New York Amazingly enough. All those sections that we thought were there, would remain there, for generation after generation, they've been there a long while, But there is a renovation going on right within the midst of New York City itself. I've seen it, new housing projects and new reclamation Projects going on in all these areas. But if you go to Europe in England, Britain, and as you go through the continent you can see where war did its devastating, desolating, decimating work. So Europe was devastated, distraught, and disillusioned at the end of World War Two.

The best minds of Europe, and they are some of the most fantastic minds in the world never discount them, but the best minds of Europe felt there must be a better solution to their problems than a recurring bloodbath Every quarter of a century or so. So one year after World War Two, that's 1946, Sir Winston Churchill spoke a magic phrase. May have been in the mind, may have been in the thinking, may have even been in the imagination of others; But it was the wording, It was the expression, it was the utterance of this amazingly astute world statesman and politician Sir Winston Churchill. Sir Winston Churchill spoke in 1946 of the United States of Europe. France's Jean Monnet and Belgium's Paul-Henri Spaak, or Spaak as some call him, began to work for unification, these heads of government in France and Belgium. by March 1956, a decade after first the idea was broached by Sir Winston Churchill, in 1956, Mark you we're living in tremendous days, march of 56, Notice where, on Rome's Capitol Hill, Six

European statesmen, from what places? France, West Germany, Italy, and the Benelux countries: Belgium, Luxembourg, and Netherlands. France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands, statesmen from these six countries signed historic documents which they themselves indicated were designed to reshape the face of Europe. These men were not representing some tempest in a teapot. These six statesmen represented a combined population almost as large as that of our country, the United States of America. They were taking, and they realized they were taking, they were taking steps to accomplish what Caesar, Napoleon, and Hitler failed to do; namely unify Europe.

Well you just can't put a thing like that on paper. They signed these documents on Capitol Hill in Rome in 1956. There must be something to implement it. There must be something to put it into force. So they said we will try out certain pilot pioneer projects, some trial balloons. So the pilot projects were reduction of tariffs and the pooling of their resources of atomic power for peaceful uses. Some countries, believe it or not, in Europe have already lowered their trade barriers from between 14 to 25 percent. and by December 31, 1969, and there are some of them that are dead sure they can do it by the end of 1966, but by the end of 1969 all trade barriers, all tariffs, are supposed to be gone. I said they signed that document March 1956 to give it more formal declaration and expression. The Treaty of Rome, mark it, the Treaty of Rome was signed on January the 1st 1958. That began the process moving. My dear friends, does anybody feel tonight that this is limited to economic matters only? Listen, these aren't preachers I'm going to be quoting now, but men who are listened to and read by the millions. None other than Roscoe Drummond of the New York Herald Tribune says, I quote him, the common market is not a military alliance it's a political and economic alliance and it's capable of winning peace in the world.

Just about a year ago in Look magazine, "What's the common market?" By Morgan, quoting Monnet of France, "The economic organz-", this statement here is fabulous. You'd think he was sitting up nights reading one of the Old Testament prophets that we're going to turn to in a little while. "The economic organizations we now have cannot become the political organizations for Europe but they're bringing the countries to the point where political organizations will be necessary. As I see it progress and economic integration will be paralleled by gradual progress toward political integration. These goals will be fused, blended Molded, harmonized, and made into one. These goals will be fused someday into one". Now watch these statements. "First, some kind of European confederation then possibly a federation". And exactly in the biblical order, confederation and Federation; keep those two words in your mind, confederation and Federation. in vital speeches of the day of August of last year, Discussing European policy no less than the French foreign minister to whom President Kennedy has sent his personal representative at the moment, Maurice [sp?] who is speaking in the French National Assembly and this was what he says, "Little by little the European Economic Community will become within the Atlantic Alliance an equal partner to the United States of America. Finally it's going to be able to represent on the European continent in the face of the Soviet Union a stable element, a balance. And its creation will thus foreshadow the peaceful settlement from the Atlantic to the Ural Mountains, which indeed must one day be defined." I suppose we have a right to listen to the man who is president of the European Common Market, Walter Holstein. He is speaking, writing actually, on the partnership in the making and listen to his statement." The structure of the European Community is not explained by economic aims alone. It's equally, indeed largely, explained by the fact that the economic integration of Europe is not an end in itself but a means to the end of political unification. The final aim is political unity whether

through", and then he uses these two magic words again in the opposite order. The first statement by Monet was right but he has the two words too. "Whether through federation or confederation is a point on which we have so far expressed no view because discussion of it threatens to divide rather than unite us". Marvelous statement. Making it even more concise and more succinct He said this, "Make no mistake about it, we are not in business. We are in politics. We are building the United States of Europe". I'm going to repeat that, from Walter Holstein. "Make no mistake about it; we are not in business. We are in politics. We are building the United States of Europe".

In Los Angeles We have a newspaper called The Los Angeles Herald Examiner. In October of 1962 there was an interview that Was recorded that took place between an editor of The L.A. Herald Examiner and Dr. Heintz Pentzlin [sp?], a learned man, the economic editor of Germany's largest daily newspaper developed the world. He was being asked, Pentzlin, Dr. Heinz Pentzlin was being asked some questions by one of the editors of The L.A. Herald Examiner. And to these questions he answered this German editor, "I think that the common market leads to political union. You cannot avoid political union when you have economic union. I would say first we will have common foreign policy, then common finance policy, common policy of social insurance, and so on. But coordination is not sufficient. It must be something like unification. Then we may arrive at a common dollar." Always makes me smile when they choose the currency, doesn't it you? We may arrive at it not a common market, but a common dollar. Don't go counting those in your pocket now. "Then we may arrive at a common dollar or something like that".

Now what's been Russia's reaction? Well the nation last August had an article on the USSR versus the common market. Russia has been much concerned that this economic block is going to align itself with the United States. You see this is stealing the thunder of the whole

communist system because they claim that on the basis of economics they can weld and mold peoples together. Here, they're being sold right out from under them. Their thunder is being taken away by capitalistic nations getting together, breaking down tariffs, having free trade, and all the rest. Amazing thing, they've been furious. Some marvel that Khrushchev has not by this time died of apoplexy but I can't tell when it will happen. The speech of Jean Monnet alarmed the Russians. He said, "Everybody's going to see the partnership between the United States and the United Europe can transform the West by its own efforts and can't be changed by any external pressures. Once this is realized, conditions will have been created for a lasting settlement between the Soviet Union and the West". Well that was the last statement. That was the straw that broke the camel's back. And then the Russian papers began coming out. In Russia the two main papers are Pravda [sp?] and Izvestia [sp?]. One means news and the other means truth and they themselves have a statement that there is no Pravda in Izvestia and no Izvestia in Pravda; no truth in the news and no news in the truth. Well on this common market, a weapon of the monopolies, Pravda Said through Khrushchev, "that we will oppose this economic market, this common market of Europe, at every turn". One of their officials of the Russian Central Committee was in Paris speaking with one of the heads of government there, he says, "that common market is not only an economic, it's a political and military conspiracy. The kind of common market that's now being planned is totally incompatible." This will keep you laughing all through your evening hours this evening Watch this, "The kind of common market that's now being planned is totally incompatible with all that the United Nations stands for". Look who's talking. "and we should do all we can to get an international trade conference call to set up a world trade organization which would cut out all discrimination throughout the world". I tell you when they begin talking like that, the shoe must pinch them somewhere. I'm reminded of the

statement of your old Billy Sunday. He said, "One night", he didn't know why with a wink in his eyes he said, "I don't know why but one night I threw my shoe down an empty alley and the thing yelped for a half hour". So this must be hitting somebody if somebody is yelping this loud and this long. We've seen the progress of events.

Now my dear friends let's not stay in the newspaper and remain there and then try to twist the scripture into shape. That's not it. Let's get out of the newspaper, let's study the word. My dear old Sandy had been saved for a couple of weeks and the pastor went around to see and he was out milking the cows and so the pastor engaged the dear wife in conversation. He said, "How's Sandy getting along?" Well she told all about his economic adventures and so forth and so on. "But how are you getting along?" She began talking about family affairs. He says, "I mean spiritually. How about Sandy? Is he reading his bible?" she says, "Bless your heart, He's been out of the Bible into the newspapers long ago". Well that's the trouble with most folk, they're out of the Bible and into the newspapers and that's where they stay.

But what about? What about? They stay with this kind of a statement here, this and this Report is political unity next, right there through all your papers there in L.A. MacMillan's party endorses the Common Market. Here's another Laborer's role in the new Europe. All over these are, time magazine if you'll please. Some people take that to be practically along with their scriptures. Listen to this, "dream of order" in Time magazine. Like many revolutionary ideas united Europe, the common market, is not a new notion at all, an old one revived. The dream of order and unity once embodied in the Rome of the Caesars lived on through the Middle Ages not only in the Roman Catholic Church but in that embattled but strangely viable, livable anachronism, The Holy Roman Empire. Where do the Scriptures come in?

Now if you were to forget all that I've said thus far, wouldn't be very complimentary to me But I've had things like that happen before. I wouldn't mind so much But don't forget these things we're going to speak of right now. Daniel 2, mark it, Daniel 2, Daniel 7, revelation 13, and Revelation 17. The two passages in Daniel and the two in Revelation Will throw light on the news, more light than the news will ever throw on them. Here are the prophecies of scripture. They are not unrelated to the prophetic scriptures. That doesn't mean every detail is spelled out. We saw last night that Daniel 2:31-45 speaks of succession, of world rule and government, from Nebuchadnezzar's day 586 B.C., till the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the hour of which no one knows no matter how learnedly one may speak on the subject and say he knows there is no setting of that date. That's the time of the Gentiles. Babylonia, meto Persia, Greece, and Rome and the Roman Empire in a form, in a shape, in a coalition, in a confederation is the word. Such has never been in existence before. And that confederation according to the seventh chapter of Daniel, those horns and then one horn out of them, a federation emerges out of the Confederation, the very words these men are using now.

Daniel 7 goes over the same ground. Why? Well the Bible isn't in the business of just plain repetition. There you have it from the way man sees it with his brilliance, with his great show with its [inaudible]. So he sees this as an image of Nebuchadnezzar, God gave him that dream. But when God looks at world role he sees it in its basic, in its inner, in its moral, in its spiritual implications as base ruling. That is exactly the picture you get. "Man that is in honor", said the psalmist, "is as the beasts of the field". "Man that is in honor abideth not. But is as the beasts of the field that perish". And Nebuchadnezzar became like one himself in the fourth chapter of Daniel. Actually smitten with what medical science knows is lycanthropy, Lukos an Anthropos. He became a wolf man. He was deranged, his reasoning was unsane because he

wouldn't give God the glory. That's what happened to Hitler. What do you think he was scabbling on the walls and so forth? Folk who heard the pitch of his voice. Psychologists, psychiatrist knew when you get up into that pitch you're no longer in possession of all your faculties.

Daniel 2 then and Daniel 7, and Daniel 7 talks about that horn. A horned animal utilizes a horn to manifest its power for defense, for offense, to make known its will, to get its way. Horn is power, there you have it. And a little horn comes up out of this Confederacy. Why just 10? Well because you have Ten Commandments, a harp of ten strings. Ten gives a picture of universality and the devil will counterfeit it if he can never do anything else. He wants to counterfeit there in the southern part of Europe that which will give a semblance which will be a counterfeit of the universal rule of the Lord and of His Christ.

Well what's revelation 13? Well it talks about an animal, a beast. Notice it there in the first 10 verses, a beast coming up out of the sea, ten horns and on its horns, ten diadems. It had seven heads, the heads had names of blasphemy. And the names of blasphemy, Notice the two things said about that little horn in Daniel 7 has eyes, intelligence, and what else? A mouth speaking great things. You know when we begin describing people in our Western culture we tell what kind of hair, If it's been dyed or so on. How wide the ears are and how the eyebrows are, and some folks do away with them altogether, and the jaw bones, and all everything else. You don't hear descriptions like that in the Bible. The Bible has more to tell than that. The two main characteristic features of every person are the eyes and the mouth, the eyes and the mouth. You read it, Daniel 7. But did you notice the first three animals there in Daniel seven are after the names known to zoology? And lion, a bear, and a leopard. But the fourth one is called the nondescript. He isn't described by the name of any animal we know and for a reason because you

get to the reason in Revelation 13. "Noticed this beast that I saw was likened to a leopard. His feet was as the feet of a bear", that loans two animals that are mentioned in Daniel 7. "His mouth is the mouth of a lion", precisely the three animals there. This fourth animal is a conglomeration. He is the aggregate of all the other three. That's why he was given no name in Daniel. We don't have any name in zoology for any beast that combines features of a leopard and a bear and a lion. The only place you could find that would be in a silly taxidermist shop somewhere. But in nature you don't find any beast like that. But you see this fourth one is given unto that. Why? Because Rome always made its boast that no matter how many peoples it subjugated, made subject to it, no matter how many peoples it conquered, it could always incorporate them and assimilate them in their own system. But notice this isn't something that comes on the scene of history that was foreseen, that was expected. Not a bit of it. "I saw one of his heads as though it had been smitten unto death. His death stroke was healed and the whole earth", When the Bible says whole earth it means that, "wondered", they didn't just laugh and say we expected it all along. "The whole earth wondered after the beast". Here you have a tremendous resurrection, a resuscitation of this system. History confirms the accuracy of the prophecies.

At the height of the Roman Empire under Hadrian about the middle of the second century A.D., There was territory around the Mediterranean, three continents called Mari nostrum, Our Sea, our ocean. But that regime is to be revived. Revelation 13 stated clearly it's going to have an unusual leader of great power and influence and the large scale concept of unity and oneness by conquest that existed in the era of the Caesar's continued through the middle ages into the Holy Roman Empire. There you have it stated in time and you have it in your history books. Hegel was right. He said we're everlastingly telling people, he was a great philosopher of history. Hegel said, "we're always telling men to study history and the only thing man has learned from a

study in history is that men have learned nothing from the study of history". They just won't learn. The official end of the Roman Empire in the West was 476 A.D. As we said last night in the east, 1435. In reality however my dear friends, don't let anyone fool you, The Roman Empire never, N-E-V-E-R, the Roman Empire never came to an end, it simply ceased to function as a unity.

Now what's the probable future trend? Uh-oh somebody says, "I knew before the week was over he'd slip the tracks and go into prophesying". Or as the little boy would say, "I ain't at all". I am not, I'm just saying the probable future trend. You don't have to have prophetic insight. You don't have to be considered clairvoyant to see the direction that events could take. Great Britain we know has applied for membership in the common market. And dear Charles de Gaulle has bucked it but he is doing only a delaying tactic. It can't last. It isn't without point, follow it my dear friends, that President Kennedy goes to Europe and bypasses France. It was such a slight that the French government made the statement, "we are not expecting the president to visit us. We'll come over to the United States sometime later ourselves".

Denmark and Norway are on the verge of joining. Do you know what they have on the blueprints now? You know what they have on the board? Here it is. I'm not thinking this up. a complex organizational structure, This is what's going to happen with this I'm going to close in a few moments. "The executive body or the High authority", they're calling it, capital H and capital A, the Higher Authority. "It's going to act as a collective voice of the European people. It's going to include", amazing what these European nations are ready to give up, "a court of justice. Seven judges are going to sit in judgment, not only over individuals, over firms", that's companies. But it's going to be supra-national. "It's going to sit in judgment on nations and governments, on the communities executives of course. And there's going to be a council of ministers." All this came

into being as a result of the Treaty of Rome. Commissions are considering now combining. With one person at the head they say it will make for ease of administration. My dear friends it takes little imagination to see that with increased political pressures around the world, with a multiplication of duties. There's going to be a demand, an insistent demand, a recurring demand for a unified administration under a strong head. Now who that is, No one knows. He could be the head of a Southern European Confederacy Spoken all by the great prophets of God, Both Daniel and John.

I tell you there never was a time when Europe was not worth watching and if ever all the more. Now don't you forget it, the European Common Market, Even if all this should fall apart. Nevertheless, the idea is there. Oh how people laughed at Ezekiel 38 and 39. You never could get Germany and Russia together. Who said so? When we were trying to get a treaty with them in World War Two and England was day and night working on it, they made a treaty. Germany and Russia did. And then Hitler broke it and swept into Russia to attack his ally. Yes Germany and Russia did. And where are most of the tensions in the world? Right there between Germany and Russia. That's where it's going to be. A divided Berlin Yes, a divided Germany. I tell you the whole world is alerted to the subject and it will keep pressing just like a festering boil till it comes to its climax all the hours later than you think brother. Yes it is. I don't mean because it's five minutes after 11:00 in New York. It's later than that all over the world. You and I ought to be about the Lord's work and making every hour count and all our means come from God.

Our Father and our God how these tremendous movements, these trends in world affairs alert us to the accuracy of that which has been delineated in the prophetic scriptures. We dare not go into minutia. And oh, how we see the framework coming into being, the scaffolding as it were, being set up whether men realize it or not. We pray thou wilt give us a sense of the

urgency of the hour and of the need of training men and women to get the gospel out and using our means thereto. Bless thy servant as you shall minister to us from a full heart and out of Thy Word. And blessing all the remaining hours and sessions of the conference. We thank thee for the spirit that has prevailed, for the success, the free course Thy Word has had this week. We give Thee thanks waters in Jesus' name, amen.