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Didi Senft from Kolpin, Germany, for some reason dressed as the devil, rides his handmade bicycle for a euro campaign in front of the Russian World War II memorial in Berlin. In the middle of his bicycle is a model of an euro coin with the sentence "I am a EURO."

Europa Rides Again!

Prophesied resurrection of Holy Roman Empire almost complete

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For 1,000 years throughout the Middle Ages, Europe was the center of world civilization. The United States did not yet exist, and Europe, known as the Holy Roman Empire, dominated the earth. This state of affairs actually continued until World War II. Then came the emergence of the two superpowers—the Soviet Union and the United States of America.

For the last fifty years, the countries of Europe have been relegated to second-rate power status. But they haven't liked it. Consequently, they have been working

diligently to do something about it.

The first step to regaining Europe's accustomed status was the formation of the Common Market in 1957. The goal was the creation of a United States of Europe that could exercise power equal to the U.S. and the USSR. European leaders believed that, if Europe were unified economically, political union would inevitably follow.

The Common Market began with six nations in 1957, then grew to ten, then to twelve and finally to the fifteen member nations of today. During this time, many European structures, including a European parliament and a European

court system, were established.

The European Union achieved total economic union on January 1, 1993. All tariffs among the member nations were abolished. Crops raised in France could be sold in Germany just as freely as they could be raised in Indiana and sold in Ohio. Border checkpoints disappeared, allowing freedom of movement among all the citizens of Europe.

Immediately after this milestone, a new goal was set—political and monetary union. On January 1, 1999, twelve of the fifteen member nations created a new currency called the euro. It was determined that a three-year transition period would

be allowed for the new money to be phased in and the old national currencies to be phased out.

While these events were progressing, an all-European military force was created. The steady march toward a bonafide United States of Europe continued.

On March 1, 2002, the French franc, the Italian lira, the proud German deutsche mark, and the other national currencies of Europe were assigned to the dustbin of history. Europe now had its first common currency since the Roman Empire 2,000 years ago. What a defining moment!

Phase two in the march toward total European integration was complete. Former Chancellor of Germany Helmut Kohl stated that the adoption of a common currency was the step that made the transition to a United Europe irreversible.

But it was not time to stop; the dream of a United States of Europe was now within reach. The last huge hurdle to be conquered was political union.

In December of 2001, the date was set for a conference to draw up a European constitution. Many Europeans are likening this conference to the American constitutional convention of 1787 when the United States constitution was born.

Symbolic of European aspirations for a more perfect association, the convention began on March 1, 2002, the day that national currencies officially stopped circulating.

Revival of Holy Roman Empire prophesied

The adoption of one form of money by the many nations of Europe may seem very far removed from us here in the United States. Why should we care if a European constitution is adopted and the United States of Europe becomes a reality? Why should it concern us at all?

Two major prophecies in the Bible specifically teach us that the Holy Roman Empire will be resurrected in the end-times. This rebirth of the Holy Roman Empire will then give rise to the Antichrist.

In Daniel 2, the Roman Empire that ruled the world during the time of Christ was depicted as the legs of iron on the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. The feet of iron mingled with clay symbolized the Holy Roman Empire, which was born 500 years after the demise of the Roman



Euros like this one are being circulated in Europe as legal tender and are valid currency in most of the Continent. The introduction of the Euro was a huge step for Global Economy.

Empire. It was somewhat of an aberration of the Roman Empire. The element of clay, which was mingled with the iron portrayed the Roman Catholic Church that intertwined herself with the political powers of the day. This unholy union between church and state became known as the Holy Roman Empire.

The prophecy clearly states that the last stage of human government, before the kingdom of God is finally established on earth, is represented by the ten toes—part of iron and part of clay. These ten toes symbolize the ten kings that will reign with the Antichrist. Daniel 2:44 describes it this way: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."

The book of Revelation describes these same ten kings that will be in power at the Second Coming of Jesus. The prophecies state that the ten kings "...will receive power as kings one hour with the beast" (the Antichrist).

The other prophecy portraying the Holy Roman Empire is found in Revelation 17. In this passage, the Holy

Roman Empire is symbolized by a woman riding a beast. The beast is the endtime world government structure that will be ruled by the Antichrist. The woman is the Roman Catholic Church. The Holy Roman Empire has always been a coalition between the political powers of Europe and the Roman Catholic Church.

Present European Union is the Holy Roman Empire revived

The first coin of the United Europe was minted in 1987. The chosen insignia on that first coin was that of Charlemagne, the first Holy Roman Emperor who was crowned by Pope Leo III in 800 AD. The choice of Charlemagne for the first coin was no accident. The rulers of Europe know full well that they are re-creating the Holy Roman Empire. What they don't know is that they are rebuilding the Holy Roman Empire just like the Bible foretold that they would.

The European Union is expected to expand to 25 nations by the middle of 2004. By then, Europe will have a European president and a European constitution. Can the prophesied ruler of this revived Holy Roman Empire, the Antichrist, be far behind? □