

What is loose in Europa?

1. Legion: A destroyer.

“They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!” For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you evil spirit!”

Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. (Mark 5: 1-10)

Every person has the chance to choose between darkness and light. For some reason, which the Bible does not share with us, “Legion” chose darkness - and what a darkness! He had lost his family, his community and his mind. Raving in the tombs, he could not even be bound, to protect himself or his helpers. When Jesus arrived, he came to him, crying out “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?” I have noticed over the years of my ministry that in the presence of the Spirit the demonic will often seek a confrontation, and that is exactly what happens here. During the discussion we discover more about this man. He is full of the demonic - so full that the demons name themselves “Legion.” A legion could be up to 6000 men, and they were well organised.

What had “Legion” done to this man? He had robbed him of his dignity, his family and his community. But for Europe, we have to look deeper.

The Bible speaks of “destruction “ and “destroyer.” Here is a sample:-

“A lion has come out of his lair; a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to lay waste your land. Your towns will lie in ruins without inhabitant.” (Jer 4:7) The Hebrew here for “destroyer” is *shachath*, meaning “to destroy, corrupt, go to ruin, decay”.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,” says the Lord Almighty.” (Mal 3:10-11) The Hebrew here for “devour” is *'akal* , meaning “to eat, devour, burn up, feed.”

“By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. (Hebs 11:28) The Hebrew here for “destroyer” is *'Olothreuō'*, meaning “to destroy”.

“They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon.” (Rev 9:11) “Abaddon” has been described as both a force and a person. Here is the definition:- “Ruin, destruction, the place of destruction, the name of the angel-prince of the infernal regions, the minister of death and the author of havoc on the earth.”

From these verses we can see that destruction attacks, corrupts, ruins, devours, feeds on, and ultimately brings under the demonic everything it can touch. This is the heart of demonic Legion. Everything he had has been destroyed. He is a destructive force, and everything he touches he destroys.

Is Legion is loose in Europe? If he is, he brings no hope, no light, no joy and no future. He brings destruction to all that he touches – physical, social, emotional and spiritual. His eyes are turned to the Church. He must not be allowed inside the camp. This leads me to ask three questions:

*** Is he already inside the camp?** How would we know? Chiefly through the silencing of the prophetic voice. Of all the ministries, the enemy fears the prophetic one the most. It cannot be controlled, and is usually exercised by very rugged people, who will not bow the knee to any falsehood, impurity or deceit. It also has the mind of God into any and every situation. God reveals things to his servants the prophets - things the enemy would rather not have revealed until it is too late. The enemy must silence these voices, and it seems that they have gone, or are going silent throughout Europe, through isolation, lack of resources or an overbearing hierarchy. Silencing the prophetic might be something the church would like - after all, we are a very annoying group! The church might want to control or silence us, but it should not do it. It needs its prophets and its prophetic voices to reveal, to warn and to give direction. But everywhere silence is descending. So let me ask again - is the enemy already inside the camp?

*** If he is, who will notice?** The most comfortable place for the demonic is inside religion, where control can be exercised, and those who would expose and destroy can be weakened, isolated, discouraged, silenced and destroyed. Has this happened within the church in Europe? Have those who would expose the destruction been silenced? How else can we explain the deafening silence which comes from our spiritual leaders in the face of any political or social deviation.

***What are we going to do now?** It may be too late to do anything. The release of Legion might just mark another step in the move of Europe towards judgment - a judgment which we must now endure, as we have failed to heed the warnings God has been sending for decades. But there is always a chance:-

Then the Lord said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous

people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." (Gen 18:20-26)

This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: He was preparing swarms of locusts after the king's share had been harvested and just as the second crop was coming up. When they had stripped the land clean, I cried out, "Sovereign Lord, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" So the Lord relented. "This will not happen," the Lord said. This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: The Sovereign Lord was calling for judgment by fire; it dried up the great deep and devoured the land. Then I cried out, "Sovereign Lord, I beg you, stop! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" So the Lord relented. "This will not happen either," the Sovereign Lord said. (Amos 7:1-4)

It seems as though Amos changed the heart of God, but Abraham didn't – and we must begin to intercede with both these two eventualities in mind. We continue to pray for mercy and blessing, until the Lord tells us to stop, or until circumstances show us that we must stop and let him have his way. To me, this seems very simple and very obvious, but I suspect I am in a very small group thinking in this way. Europe appears to be deaf and God's people appear to have gone to sleep. The church has stopped praying, has been deluded into thinking that all will be well, or have concentrated on making themselves comfortable and successful. In such circumstances as this, Legion has a very easy job, and the future of God's people is very insecure.

2. Goliath: The spirit of fear.

“Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Socoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Socoh and Azekah. Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armour of bronze weighing five thousand shekels ; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.” Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.” (1 Samuel 17: 1-10)

Goliath was certainly an awesome figure. I once met a man who was nearly 8 feet tall. He was a very threatening presence, but, unlike Goliath, he was a Christian, and a very gentle giant! Goliath used his massive presence as a way of beating down the confidence of the Israelite army. Not only did he use his bulk, but he was also arrogant in the presence of God's people - “I defy the ranks of Israel.” (Heb: *charaph*.to reproach, taunt, blaspheme.) He also used spiritual powers:-“ *And the Philistine cursed David by his gods .”* (v43) The result of this was that a spirit of fear fell on God's people. (Hebrew: “*yare*” .” to fear, be afraid, to stand in awe of, be awe, to fear, reverence, honour, respect.”)

Many years ago, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, I wrote some material called "Is Goliath back?" Here is one small quote from that material:-

"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first." (Luke 11:24-26)

"So into former eastern Germany Goliath strode confidently, looking to weaken and destroy the people of God. Those who should have, by prayer and fasting, driven him away were, in the most part, too busy celebrating. They failed to understand that the enemy may have lost the battle, but he does not yet acknowledge that he has lost the war.

Goliath's aim has never changed. He is totally committed to the destruction of the church of God, because God's people are the only ones who see him as he really is, and have the power to break him. He is at work, dividing, diluting, hardening, blinding, destroying, and he has all the satanic power he needs at his back."

When the wall fell, my heart fell as well. I saw churches, East and West, rejoicing in the triumph of Faith over communism. Everywhere was party, party, party. This showed, for me, a basic misunderstanding, by most of God's people, of the method (Eph 6:10) of our enemy. My own observation was that Satan let go of the wall so that he could get in, and so that the demonic forces inside the wall could get out.

After the wall had gone, Goliath strode across not just East Germany, but was loose in Europe. Nothing has happened since to obstruct his progress. The spirit of fear induced by threat of violence is loose in Europe.

How does Goliath reveal himself?

*** In international events.** The economic collapse of Europe and the Euro has brought fear to many nations. The Nation of Greece now has 'junk bond' status. It cannot borrow money, except at prohibitive interest rates, and it is now dependent on the wider European economy to avoid total collapse. But they are trusting in a broken reed. Europe is in a desperate state, and one more collapse will destroy all confidence. A look at the economies of Spain and Portugal is hardly encouraging, while Italy has the third biggest national debt in the world. If the Euro dam breaks, there will be little hope for these nations, and they will take others with them.

No wonder there are riots in the streets of Athens. People are afraid of the future. Their pensions and savings have been eroded (stolen?) by banks and greed –driven politics. The future looks very insecure.

So huge recovery plans are put in place, to “save” the situation. But if Goliath is loose, these plans will come to nothing. Fear will immobilise any good, and terrify those who are in his way. It will destroy the will to recognise the truth, which is that only God can get us out of this mess. May be we are facing one of the hardships of which Apostle Paul speaks:-

“Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses;”(2 Cor 6:4)

“Hardship” (Greek “anagke”) here has the idea of necessity. In other words, says the Apostle, there are some situations for which there is no alternative. We have to go through them. Our only conviction, in the struggle, is that there is an end to the struggle.

*** In civil unrest and the rise of extremism**

These are dangerous days. In times of economic and political failure, people look for someone to blame, and for some quick fix which will get them on to

safer ground. Attacks are launched on particular groups - the “rich”, the “greedy”, the “powerful.” These attacks, often from nationalist or extreme right wing parties, have their own agenda, but those who follow them are afraid, and often blind to reality. Easy to throw a brick and shout a slogan. But many of those who get involved are unaware of the consequences of such action, and the manipulation they are experiencing. Civilisation without Christ is only a veneer to cover humanity’s basic selfish and dangerous primitive urges. At this level, fear can drive these urges to the fore. Goliath knows it. Do we? Goliath and Legion could be loose at the same time. But still the people of God sleep on.

3.Nebuchadnezzar: Domination

“ King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it.

Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “This is what you are commanded to do, O peoples, nations and men of every language: As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”

Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.”(Daniel 3: 1-17)

Nebuchadnezzar had absolute power. No one could stand against him. He was dominant, and he dominated. His greatest desire was to uplift and promote himself, and he used false religion as a front to achieve domination. He did this in two ways:

*** The vast size of the statue.**

All forces which want to dominate do this. We only have to look at the huge buildings on the Acropolis in Athens, the Pantheon in Rome, the Temple of Artemis in Ephesus and the vast entranceway to the Pergamum museum in Berlin.

*** The demand for absolute obedience.**

The Roman Emperors demanded this of Christians in a number of persecutions, (C.E. 41: C.E. 64-68). In more recent times, the Communist party demanded obedience to the Party. This domination is the mark of dominating spirits.

*** Threat of death.**

There is never any alternative to obedience, except torture and death. The dominant one can only retain its position by crushing all opposition. There are plenty of recent examples of this - Joseph Stalin in USSR, Pol Pot in Cambodia and Saddam Hussein in Iraq

Such dominant use of power has been the method of dictators down the ages. Usually it is by pure aggression, but sometimes it is by building a structure which controls, and we have to be aware of both methods. Looking at Revelation 12 and 13, we can see how control can be exercised within religion, by counterfeiting the truths about Jesus, and then, like Nebuchadnezzar, force people into obedience, or face death:-

*“Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. He exercised **all the authority** of the first beast on his behalf, **and made the earth and its inhabitants worship** the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, **he deceived the inhabitants of the earth**. He ordered them to set up an image in honour of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak **and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed**. He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. (Rev 13:11-17)*

The highlights are mine. They are features which Satan likes to use against God’s people. This satanic use of power leaves no alternative but to conform. Sadly, many, may be most, of the citizen of Europe are all too happy to conform. They have no understanding of what is happening. Their eyes are blinded:- *“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” (2 Cor 4:4)*

But the church should have a clear understanding, and be willing to face down this dominating power, even to death:- *“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death”. (Rev 12:11)*

But much of the Church also seems blind to what is happening. How has this happened?

*** Individual pastors**

Those who lead God's people have a very large responsibility. They must protect the sheep and challenge evil at every level.

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice." (John 10:1-4)

Do we have the quality of pastoral leadership, which has the necessary spiritual insight to lead us at this time? Or are many of them happy to co-exist with the Nebuchadnezzar's statue? Why would they do this?

+ They do not have the spiritual insight necessary to see what is happening. They ignore all the signs to the contrary, and speak of "growth", "renewal", "revival." Any voice which speaks to the contrary has to be silenced - which is exactly what the dominant spirit would want anyway.

+ They have grown tired with the struggle . Under resourced and under loved, they find it easy to just conform to whatever force is becoming dominant.

+ They are, effectively, wolves in sheep's clothing. "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves." (Matt 7:15)

*** National leaders**

Much of our failure seems to be at a national level. No matter what crisis strikes us, our national spiritual leaders remain silent. This is strange because, being at a National level, they should have a grasp of wider moves, both politically and spiritually. I don't want to be critical, but I am growing weary with this rejection of one of their primary functions. Why are they silent?

Possibly they do not have the calibre to serve at the deeper and higher level, or perhaps, being leaders of their own denomination or group of churches, they have themselves erected a system of control over their churches, and consequently cannot challenge any other system of control or domination. Either way, they have and are failing the body, and this leaves a vacuum for secular systems to get control, and to dominate. Nebuchadnezzar shows us exactly what happens next.

*** Communally.**

*Blow the trumpet in Zion,
declare a holy fast,
call a sacred assembly.*

*Gather the people,
consecrate the assembly;
bring together the elders,
gather the children,
those nursing at the breast.*

*Let the bridegroom leave his room
and the bride her chamber.*

*Let the priests, who minister before the LORD,
weep between the temple porch and the altar.*

Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD.

*Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn,
a byword among the nations.*

Why should they say among the peoples,

'Where is their God?' " (Joel 2:15-17)

When Joel saw the big threat to the people, he called for a collective time of prayer and fasting. Somehow, we seem to have lost our collective ability. Split and divided, we are unable to come together to face the golden statue and all it represents. Concerned mainly for our own local church or our own particular denomination, we are experiencing a decades long collective failure – a failure to stand together to face the foe together. I do not see, in Europe, any within

God's people to resist the domination of Nebuchadnezzar. That makes our future very uncertain.

4. Moab: Occult powers

When the king of Moab saw that the battle had gone against him, he took with him seven hundred swordsmen to break through to the king of Edom, but they failed. Then he took his firstborn son, who was to succeed him as king, and offered him as a sacrifice on the city wall. The fury against Israel was great; they withdrew and returned to their own land. (2 Kings 3:26-27)

This is not a simple passage to expound, but the point is clear. Moab, finding that he could not beat God's people, tried to control God's people by the use of the occult. Balak wanted exactly the same:-

Then the Israelites travelled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho. Now Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites, and Moab was terrified because there were so many people. Indeed, Moab was filled with dread because of the Israelites. The Moabites said to the elders of Midian, "This horde is going to lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." So Balak son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, sent messengers to summon Balaam son of Beor, who was at Pethor, near the River, in his native land. Balak said: "A people has come out of Egypt; they cover the face of the land and have settled next to me. ⁶ Now come and put a curse on these people, because they are too powerful for me. Perhaps then I will be able to defeat them and drive them out of the country. For I know that those you bless are blessed, and those you curse are cursed." (Numbers 22:1-4)

So did Alexander:-

About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in no little business for the craftsmen. He called them together, along with the workmen in related trades, and said: "Men, you know we receive a good income from

this business. And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that man-made gods are no gods at all. There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited, and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty.”

Occult practices are growing almost everywhere in Europe. The natural religions are rising up again, paganism is rising up again, and the use of occult powers against God’s people is becoming a familiar experience. We are being cursed, being challenged with sickness, marriage break up, pornography, destruction of our children, and desecration of churches. I’m not sure God’s people realise this fact:-

*** They have a poor understanding of the Gospel.** Anyone or any church that stands on the truths of Jesus will become a target for the enemy, and as the enemy grows in strength, so the attacks will get stronger, more painful and more personal. We will be attacked in our bodies, in our finances, in our relationships, in our sexuality, in our pride, our selfishness, our weakness, our hopelessness. As the enemy grows in strength, we will find we will be attacked socially – for our narrow minded attitudes to abortion and sexuality. We will find our ministries and works proscribed, in the light of our “cross cultural cultures.” We will find ourselves restricted, isolated, and even attacked.

We should learn to expect this, to learn how to deal with all this, and how to stand firm in the face of adversity, because the Gospel will always raise up the enemy against us. This is natural. We have to be taught how to be strong, how to discipline ourselves, how to walk with the lord in our personal, family and church life.

*** But the church has forgotten these truths, and has, as a consequence, grown weak.** Too much prosperity and comfort, too much looking after self, too much surrender and compromise for a peaceful life, too much looking to our own needs. The church has grown weak at the local level, and

compromised at the national level. Our leaders have spent too much time looking for success, and have built their own ministries. The needs of the nation have been ignored. In this vacuum, the enemy has grown strong, has raised up old enmities, and old destructive forces which we thought were long gone.

*** You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.'** But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked." (Rev 3:17) Is this what God's people have been reduced to, by the overt and covert methods of the enemy? Does he see the church in Europe as:-

Wretched:	"enduring toils and troubles, afflicted"
pitiful	"To be pitied, miserable"
poor	"Reduced to beggary, begging, asking alms destitute of wealth, influence, position, honour lowly, afflicted, destitute of the Christian virtues and eternal riches, helpless, powerless to accomplish an end"
blind	"Blind, mentally blind"
naked	"Unclad, without clothing, the naked body"

What can we do?

We have to fight with the strongest weapons we can find.

1. The blood of Jesus

(For those who want to study this subject in depth, go to the Lamps Ministry downloads page of www.visionworld27.org, and download "Releasing the power of the blood.")

We have to take away the power of the occult, and to do that, we have to plead the blood of Jesus.

*** Jesus was the perfect sacrificial lamb of God.**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

*** He was the perfect offering**

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor 5:21)

He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." (1 Peter 2:22)

*** We have to be identified with that blood**

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." (John 6:53)

*** We have to let the blood be identified with us**

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God." (Mark 14:22-25)

The blood showed its power at the death of Jesus:-

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. (Matt 27:51-53)

The blood was so powerful that it established its control over sin, (the curtain was torn) over nature, (the rocks split) and over death. (The tombs were opened.) The sacrifice of the blood was complete. This is the weapon which

will take away the power of the occult. This is the sacrifice they cannot match. This is the power they cannot negate. Moab may offer a sacrifice on the wall. We offer the sacrifice of the cross. When Moab had finished, he still had the lifeless body of his son. When Jesus was finished, the cross was empty.

2. Triumph

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” (Col 2: 13-15)

We are the victors. We are the winners - we won! And our victory is total. We won the world cup. And we took the cup home, and the stadium as well! Our victory is total, and we live in that victory, even if, occasionally, we seem to be struggling. The occult powers must look at a triumphant church, and a triumphant people, standing in the victory of the empty cross and the empty tomb. We will never bow down to the statue. We will never give in to fear. We will never be destroyed. We are the winners.

3. Destroy

David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron. When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp. David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, and he put the Philistine's weapons in his own tent.(1 Samuel 17:51-54)

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. (Rev 12:10)

Our ultimate goal is to see the enemy thrown down for good, and it seems that heaven agrees with us. In the meantime, we need to adopt David’s attitude – destroy the occult powers that stand against us, so that God’s people can be released to move forward in victory.

Darkness is coming over Europe, and I fear that it cannot now be avoided. We will have to pass through it, and it is going to be a very hard time for God’s people. But ultimately, for all the sorrow, we are a ‘victory’ people. We have the triumph, and we will one day stand it again. The future may be hard, but the future belongs to the triumphant Lord, and we are his people. There is no need to despair.

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