

PROPHETIC WORD FOR SWITZERLAND – 16 JULY 2017

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I want to release a prophetic word over Switzerland. A lot of this word is what God started speaking to us about in South Africa, before we left to come here.

This time is 500 years after the reformation of Martin Luther and we are standing in a new reformation! It has started and we are part of it. May God open the eyes of your heart to see this.

So, for the church of Switzerland, and for the nation of Switzerland, I want to share some prophetic insight. I've been writing down some things. This is not a book, but in Heaven there is, containing many more details than the glimpses I've received. So, I will just read some things I've written and then I will expand a bit.

I believe that Switzerland is moving and is in a time of the start of the greatest revival that we've seen. As I speak, the presence of God is moving on me and right now I feel Him in this place. I'm releasing this word in the spirit in this nation and we are playing a small part in the Kingdom, as we honour the many that have gone before us and many that have laboured in the Kingdom, so we can only give glory to the King. We are honoured to share this.

Switzerland is standing at the tipping point, as we are about to see a major outpouring of the Spirit of God in this nation. The church, the body of Christ in Switzerland, has gone through a transition over the last two years. In this last year, the church has been going through a lot of change and change is where a lot of people experience frustration. We don't know how to read it, because we look from past experience to try and understand the future, but we can only understand the future when we think in a new way.

Isaiah 42:1-17 – God has spoken to a lot of you about this scripture already, I feel. In verse 9, it says, "...Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them." (NKJV) From this month, July 2017, God is doing a new thing. There is a new spring and blooming happening now and you have seen the grass of new things growing – there are new things that have been coming forth. The change that the church has been going through has been a labouring process.

The other scripture God gave me was Isaiah 54:3-8. This is for the church – for the body in Switzerland. Things are turning now...now...it's already happening! You will see this. I believe God will start to show you signs and wonders. Watch – you will see them. They will be revealed in nature; they will happen where you are working or at home. You will hear in the news, even in this week coming in Switzerland, something is happening in this nation. What you look for you will find.

What I also feel is that there is also a great impact coming from the nation of Switzerland, that will not only affect Switzerland, but that the whole of Europe is going to be impacted by what God does here – as well as the world. I see that revival is going to move from Switzerland into Europe. Switzerland is a very, very key nation for what God is doing now.

We had the honour of going to the "Rheinfall" (Rhine Falls) a week ago and while I was there the Spirit of God started to download and speak to me. As I stood and saw all the water coming down (I understand it's the biggest waterfall in the whole of Europe), the

Spirit of God said to me, “This river of the Rhine will flow and bring revival to the surrounding countries – Germany, Belgium, Holland – all the places it goes through it will touch and bring revival.” After I started to share this word with another Swiss friend of mine, he told me that there have been prophecies about what I had just said. Apparently, a man by the name of Peter Helms also prophesied this. I got excited, because I also heard that there are four rivers flowing from Switzerland that run through other countries. They start in Switzerland and then the Rhine flows north, the Rhône flows south-west, the Ticino flows south and Inn flows east. These rivers touch most of the surrounding countries as they flow into Europe. The source is in Switzerland and Heaven is open! In Revelations and in Ezekiel, the river of God flows from the throne, to the temple, to the streets and the further the river flows, the deeper it gets. So, what breaks out here in Switzerland, will become ever greater and deeper in the surrounding nations in Europe. God has formed and prepared Switzerland for such a time as now.

There have been many revivalists who have dug wells in this nation. People like Smith Wigglesworth and Dawid du Plessis, who was raised up by Smith Wigglesworth in South Africa, have come here for a time. I did some research about Smith Wigglesworth and he ministered in a few of the places I am about to mention: Aigle, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Mayers, Neuchâtel, Shil de Fos, Vevey and Zürich. These are just some of the places where the wells were dug open. And, just like Isaac had to dig up the wells his father Abraham had dug, which other tribes had thrown things into to close them up, God has been sending people into this nation to open up those wells of revival previously dug.

Bill Johnson has been here a couple of times in the last few months in Switzerland, because he knows the times and the seasons of what God is doing in this nation. There have been many men, women and pastors who have been digging the wells of revival for years. I almost came to Switzerland in about 1990/1991, because there was a pastor at our church who told me about a healing miracle that took place in Switzerland in the 1980s. He was invited to a reformed church where there was a child with crippled legs. This South African pastor prayed for the child and in front of the people the child’s legs popped out and became straight. That was already seed that was put in my heart about this nation then. I asked the pastor, who would go to Switzerland every year, if I could go with him and he said, “Sure, as long as you pay for your ticket!” Well, about 25/26 years later I am here – and I paid for my ticket!

But what I am saying is, the wells are open. That is why you will see the outbreaking of the Holy Spirit in this place. With what is busy taking place and will still take place, you will hear about this. There is going to be a shaking taking place in the churches in Switzerland. You will see people come from the catholic church, the reformed churches and the very modern churches, because people are hungry for God. Watch and see! You’re even going to see the pastors leaving the churches – those that are willing to leave their (financial) security, because they want to go where there is life and revival. The church in Switzerland, the church in Europe, will seem like it has gone crazy, because Acts 2 says revival looks like this: the people were confused, the people were amazed, the people were perplexed. That’s what my Bible says.

The Swiss are awesome people! The Germans I see sitting here as well – awesome people! Everything is done in order. I want to tell you that the church, not just in Switzerland, but across the world, can “do church” so well, but I sometimes wonder if God is there. In Switzerland, you have everything set to time and get everything perfectly right, which is not wrong, but where it can become wrong is when the Holy Spirit can’t move because of it. Get ready for the Holy Spirit to fall in the churches of this nation, because new wine is coming and a new wine skin is being prepared. Whenever God does a new thing, He prepares a new wine skin.

What you are going to start to see is a movement of people in Switzerland, who will be moving to places of revival, revival hubs. However, get more excited about the presence of God, than the people coming in, because you can have many people present, without God. God is bringing people in, but get more excited about Him!

A piece of the puzzle that came to me as well here in Switzerland, was when I had a conversation with an awesome couple, Matthias and Ruth Truttmann. They were excited about what I was sharing, but said I needed to go to Lucerne to see the Lion Monument, which I did. While I was there, I started to cry, because in my conversation with Ruth and Matthias, they started to share with me about the history of Switzerland. I had also heard about some of the country's history from other people.

I want us to look at another scripture (which ties in with the history) and I will explain it to you. Matthew 27:57 reads, "Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus." (NKJV) There are two main things that are going to happen in Switzerland: 1) Revival is coming from Switzerland into Europe and 2) this is what we are declaring today – that God is giving the Swiss people a new heart. What is going to happen – and prepare yourselves for this – is that the Swiss people are going to be able to resource this revival. In Matthew 27:57, Joseph of Arimathea just appears on the scene – the rich man. People have put resources into Switzerland from all over the world. Guess what? It's all laid up for the righteous. Throughout the Bible, "Joseph" – in Egypt and also the husband of Mary, were men used to preserve a nation, which was also true of Joseph of Arimathea!

The key came to me when I stood in front of the Lion Monument, thinking of what I had read about it and what I'd also heard from Matthias and Ruth. The Swiss people (in earlier generations) were always farmers, but because they needed money for their families, the Swiss sent their fathers and sons as mercenaries to fight for other nations. In doing this, they "sold themselves" to get money. This is very close to my heart, because when I got saved God reminded me about my own words that I had spoken when I was at school and unsaved. I had said, "God, I will be a missionary or a mercenary one day." So, I understand the heart of bravery and courage to go out and fight and yet for the wrong reason.

The Swiss people continued sending their fathers and sons and uncles to the many kings in Europe and their soldiers and mercenaries were known for their courage and bravery. Everywhere, people just wanted Swiss soldiers. Do you all understand and know this history? Did you learn about it in your schools and is it true? (Affirmative response.)

On 10 August, 1792, the Swiss were protecting King Louis XVI of France, when the French Revolution was taking place. We hear of a battle that took place when the Tuileries Palace in Paris was invaded on that day. Swiss soldiers were fighting on both the side of the king and his opponents and so some fathers fought against sons and sons fought against cousins. They knew that if they said they would fight, they would keep their commitment and so could not withdraw from the battle at Tuileries – they would not give up. And so, for a price, they killed one another. After this, the Swiss said they would never again fight for money and kill their own.

Then, from 1820-1821, a man by the name of Lucas Ahorn carved the Lion Monument (as designed by Bertel Thorvaldsen) to commemorate the Swiss Guards who died in the Tuileries battle, with this inscription underneath: "To the Loyalty and Bravery of the Swiss". When I stood in front of this carving, I saw that the lion has a spear through its heart, with pain showing on its face. Today this picture is changing, because God is declaring to Switzerland that this spear is being removed from the heart of the Swiss nation. There is new courage and strength coming. Switzerland will be known by a new

name and in a new way. A new heart and courage is coming to Switzerland. This is what is being birthed now.

As I stood and looked at the rock face, God spoke to me out of the verse in Matthew 27:60, "...and laid it in his (Joseph of Arimathea) new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed." (NKJV) When I saw the lion in the rock, God said, "The Lion of Judah has come out of the tomb." That lion (Lion Monument) is carved in a tomb in that mountain and God says He is rising up in Switzerland and that the lion that is carved there is coming out of the rock!

God said He is bringing about and raising up new revivalists, with the heart and courage of a lion. The resurrection power of God is doing this. The biggest revival is about to be seen in Europe. Where the Swiss fought to get money, the Swiss will now be the people that will resource revival. I believe there are people sitting here and people who will hear this message, that God is going to bless in their businesses – not just to give their money away, but who will have so much overflow in order to resource Kingdom revival. God is raising up Joseph(s) in this nation. He Joseph of Arimathea in Matthew 27 appears on the scene of Jesus's death and says, "You can have this rock tomb I have prepared – here it is, you can have it," because it went about the King's business. This is not about "Christian" businessmen and women, but Kingdom-minded men and women. And I believe that this word – when I saw that lion – speaks of a new day. God is giving new courage to the Swiss.

I just want to release this word that I have spoken now over Switzerland. A lot of you sitting here and hearing the message will understand why you are in certain businesses. New ideas and inspiration will come. The abundance of resources will start coming in, because God has laid up the wealth of the wicked for the righteous. From this nation, the Swiss will not just be known for everything being perfect – Switzerland will be known in an even greater way than ever before in the nations of the world, because God's glory is resting on this nation. You will no longer be known as poor farmers and no longer known as a place of neutrality. You will rise up to the purpose you were born for! Where you were misused as soldiers and mercenaries, the army of God will be raised up in this nation that will impact Europe and the nations. Amen! This is what God is doing – a new thing. God first releases His word and then it gets confirmed and walked out. So, the word you received today – use it as a weapon, start declaring it, start speaking it. You will see it at your business, you will see it at your work place, you will see increase come, you will see promotion come and you will ask why. It is because of this. God is raising you up to resource and to be the giver of revival. Amen! Do you receive this word? Get ready for a shaking. The Swiss "order" will become disorder, because revival looks different. They were confused and they were perplexed and they were amazed when the Holy Spirit was poured out in Acts 2.

So, Germany, get ready! The rivers are flowing out from here. France, get ready. All the surrounding regions, get ready, because God has predetermined the boundaries of where you will live, where you will stay and you are here now, because God has a plan for you in this nation. Amen!