

The ‘Stormberger’ Prophecies

The “forest-prophet” Mathias Lang / Mathias Stormberger (Starnberger, Sturmberger or Stoaberger, also known as Mühlhiasl) lived in Rabenstein, Bavaria from 175X to 182X. (Possibly two persons with the same first name). Lang could not read or write, so his predictions went far beyond his educational horizon when he spoke of railroads, airplanes, and the atomic bomb. People mocked Lang during his lifetime, but history has proven the accuracy of many of his predictions.

This man from out of common stock gave such specific descriptions of a future world, three world wars, a falling away of the Christian church, and finally the end of times.

Fragments of his prophecies have come to us, despite Nazi attempts to destroy them, they still talk about the fate that awaits mankind. Whether told in his own words, or written by others who heard Stormberger’s prophetic visions, is not clear. What we know is that the prophecies are brief, but loaded with accurate and vivid images of events that occurred long after Stormberger told of them.

His prophecies:

“Iron rods will be built and iron monsters will bark through the wilderness.”

This is clearly a description of a railroad. James Watt of Scotland built the first steam engine in 1774 and early designs of steam powered engines that pulled cars on iron rail were already appearing in Europe and areas of the United States by 1830. Whether Stormberger saw these engines operating is unclear, but his description of “iron monsters” barking through the wilderness is almost poetic for anyone old enough to remember the actual sound of trains pulled by steam engines.

“Cars without horses and shaft will come . . .”

It was a German, Karl Fredrick Benz, who designed the first automobile powered by a gasoline engine. He patented his car in 1879, nearly 50 years after Stormberger perceived it. Yet the concept of a four-wheeled vehicle powered by a motor was much older. French designer Nicholas Joseph Cugnot built a steam-powered machine to haul artillery for the French military in 1725. The famed Leonardo da Vinci designed the concept of both an automobile and the airplane during the 1400s. Stormberger’s vision, however, identified “cars.” He saw many of them “without horses and shaft.” In the days of horse-drawn wagons, there was a long wooden shaft on the front of the wagon on which a team of horses was attached.

“And man will fly through the air like birds.”

Leonardo da Vinci studied flight in the 1480s. He left over 100 drawings illustrating his theories on flight. But his flying machine, which was, in effect, a helicopter was never built. Brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier invented the first successful hot air balloon, and the first manned flight occurred in 1783, long before Stormberger made his prediction. It was not until the Wright brothers made their famous flight with a motorized craft in 1900 that aviation

became a reality. And men do, indeed, fly through the air today like birds. The skies are filled with aircraft of every description.

“When in the outskirts of the forest the iron road will be finished, and there the iron horse will be seen, a war will begin, to last twice two years. It would be fought with iron fortresses that move without horses.”

This was an almost uncanny vision of World War I from a very personal perspective, even though Stormberger was not alive to witness it. He lived in the Bavarian forests bordering Czechoslovakia. On the day hostilities broke out, August 1, 1914, a new railroad line between Kalteneck and Deggendorf, along the edge of the forest where Stormberger lived, was opened. The First World War lasted exactly four years. The iron fortresses that moved without horses is a reference to the iron tanks used in this war.

“Right after this horrible war there will come a time when money will have no value. For 200 guilders not even a loaf of bread will be available, and yet there shall be no famine. Money will be made of iron, and gold shall become so valuable that for a few gold coins a small farm can be bought.”

This is a description of the hyperinflation in Germany after World War I, when Germany was forced to repay huge war debts to the victors.

“After the Great War there will be no peace. The people will rise and all will fight against each other... The rich and noble will be killed. The World War will not make people better but much worse... Tell your children that their children will live to see the time when the earth will be cleared. God will do away with people because there will be no charity among men. Religious faith will decline; priests will not be respected; people will be intent only on eating and drinking; there will be many immensely rich people and large amounts of paupers; great wealth will not endure long, for the red caps will come. People will hide in forests and many will go into exile. After this civil conflict and general clearing, people will love each other as much as previously they hated one another.”

This seems to be a description of the time between WW 1 and WW 2. People that hide in forests and go into exile describes the ethnic cleansing and persecution of the Jews by the Nazi government. The red caps refers possibly to the Soviet “Red Army.”

“Two or three decades after the first war it will come one a Second War still larger. Almost all the nations of the world will be involved. Millions of men will die, without being soldiers. The fire will fall from the sky and many great cities will be destroyed.”

Exactly 21 years later, two decades, after the conclusion of the first war, Hitler’s troops attacked Poland and launched the first phase of World War II. Three years later, Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor. The fighting concluded after the United States dropped two atomic bombs on Japan. Millions died without being soldiers and fire fell from the sky with entire cities being destroyed.

“The Catholic faith will almost completely disappear, the religiousness will be quite badly respected, they will not earn any respect due to their way of living.”

We are today witnessing the decline of the power of the Roman Catholic Church worldwide.

“There won’t be many good Christians among the people, the Commandments of God are no longer respected by the aristocracy as well as by the smallest worker.”

Again we are witnessing the decline of the Christian faith. While older people are clinging to their faith, the youth are turning away from organized religion.

“One will not think the greatest unfairness to be a sin. When the faith disappears also the love of the next one will completely lose itself. One will not estimate the justice, often the poor one will not be given right and he will be less respected than a dog.”

And here we have a perfect description of our contemporary society. In spite of laws declaring the rights of individuals, the concept of justice is limited only to those with the means to purchase it. We are seeing a failure by most people to love so wickedness abounds.

“After this a mischief will arise that has to be regretted, there will be no order among the people.”

Indeed, something is about to happen that Stormberger perceives as “a mischief” that will be regretted once it begins. And because of it, chaos will prevail. What did he see? That it is “mischief” suggests that it is not brought about by accidental action, but is a deliberate deed. This “mischief” apparently disrupts social order. Thus it suggests that authority is so stricken governments can no longer be effective. For the first time in history, Muslims are building large and growing minorities across the secular Western world—nowhere more visibly than in Western Europe. The impact is unfolding from Amsterdam to Paris to Madrid, as Muslims struggle — with words, votes and sometimes violence — to stake out their place in adopted societies.

“After the second great war, people will think that peace has arrived, but it will be an interval only. One day a third World War will start, more awful than the preceding ones.”

“After the end of the Second Great War, a third universal conflagration will come, so that it will determine everything.”

Notice that he refers to the third war as a “universal conflagration.” The word conflagration means “fire” or “inferno.” From what we know about contemporary weaponry this appears to be a description of a nuclear conflict. Notice what else the prophet has to say about this conflict.

“When women walk around in pants, and men have become effeminate, so that one will no longer be able to tell men from women, then the time is near.”

“People will build houses everywhere, high houses, low houses, one after another. When everyone builds, when everywhere buildings rise, everything will be cleared away.”

“There will be a holy Sign in the heavens, that a very severe Master will come and take off the Skin of the People. He will not rule very long, then when all that has happened as I said, then comes the great Clearing Away.”

“There will be weapons totally new. In one day, more men will die than in all the previous wars. The battles will be accomplished with artificial (remote) weapons.”

Indeed, we have weaponry today that are so secret that we have only had hints of their power. Experimentation with space weaponry, electro-magnetic weapons and a multitude of other devices that will stop entire armies cold in the field before a shot can be fired has been going on for years. China, Russia and the United States have been developing missiles that can deliver multiple nuclear warheads halfway around the world. What Stormberger perceived as “artificial weapons” were devices that fight battles from far away at the push of the button.

“Gigantic catastrophes will happen. With the open eyes, the nations of the planet will go through these catastrophes. They won’t know what is happening, and those that know and tell, will be silenced.”

This is beginning to occur. We have already witnessed the worst natural disasters ever recorded in human history. Hundreds of thousands of people are dying in massive earthquakes, mud slides, hurricanes, tsunamis, bands of super tornados, and forest fires. As the world weather changes, dangerous insects and new diseases are appearing.

“Everything will be different from before, and in many places the Earth will be a great cemetery. The third war will be the end of many nations.”

“When women walk around in pants, and men have become effeminate, so that one will no longer be able to tell men from women, then the time is near.”

“The Bavarian land will be devastated, and the land of Bohemia (Bohemia is 2/3 of the Czech Republic) will be cleaned out as by a broom. Over all these places and over the Bohemian mountains will come the Reds... not the French, but the Reds.”

It looks like Stormberger perceives a global devastating nuclear war and many places where the Earth will be a great cemetery. Only a remnant of humanity will be left. He describes an invasion from the East into Germany by the Reds - the “Red Army?”

Stormberger even has a timeline for this final event that puts us all right in the middle of it. He said: **“You, my children, won’t experience the largest mischief, you my grandchildren, won’t also experience it, but the third stock, that will easily experience it.”**

In his final verses, Stormberger appears to be seeing a catastrophic event that is beyond his ability to explain or even properly describe. He notes that the sky and earth both burn and that people fall ill because it is the end of the world. Yet a few who manage to hide themselves under iron and stone are spared. Is it a nuclear war or something else?

His vision: **“Over night it will take place – in a pub in Zwiesel (a city in Bavaria known for its glass) many people will be together, and outside the soldiers will ride over the bridge. The people will run out of the forest. Those who hide themselves at the Fuchsenriegel (a place in Austria) or at the Falkenstein (a stone castle, building with thick walls of stone?) remain spared. Who survives must have an iron heading.”** (Heading - a term from metalworking. The survivors must be tough as the head of the iron nail or shielded with iron.)

“The people become ill, and nobody can help them . . .” (A possible reference to radioactive poisoning.) **“However it will continue, and what follows then, is the end of the world. Sky and earth burn, because it is the time when everything comes to an end. And this time will be, when the wild hunt with fire and sulphur roars over the country.”**

After this, he said, **“No humans will know anymore where Zwiesel and where Rabenstein (German towns) have been. Of all frights this will be the last. When the people fall off the bank like the flies off the wall, the last time begins. It will be horrible.”**

Amazingly, Stormberger looks even beyond this final event to a time in the distant future when he sees a pastoral scene: **“But when however, someone at the whole Danube stream finds still another cow, then she is worth it to be attached with a silver bell by the owner.”**

“After these events it will be a miracle, if one still sees two or three rulers going together. After these events the clarity will be anew, and those who survived, will face a good time for hope.”

“Then afterward a good time will come, that which is Loved by Jesus Christ, and holy men will do wonders. Once people have their faith again, a long period of peace will follow. Those who are still alive will be given housing and as much land as they need. And the more hands one has, the more you will count.”

“Then there will be a shortened summer; winter and summer will not be distinguishable. Although everything around the Danube is wasted and dead, there will be people living in the woods and they will build houses in the woods --- beautiful houses, in fact, because all bad things are over and all difficulties have been surpassed. And soon the nettles will grow out of the old buildings. And the forest will grow again without war and death.”

“Those who begin anew will build a church and praise God. Those who survive will say to each other ‘Brother, are you still living?’ and greet one another saying, ‘Jesus Christ be praised!’ This will not only be with us, but over the whole world. Right will become right again and peace will govern for many years.”