

Chapter 26

On the Run



Century 5 Quatrain 80

80

*Ogmios will approach great Byzantium,
The Barbaric League will be driven out:
Of the two laws the heathen one will give way,
Barbarian and Frank in perpetual strife.*

Here we read about the deeds of “Ogmios”, the son of the new French King. This commander of the French military forces will take his division into Turkey, directly to the home of the White Turban.

Like the Pope’s abode was earlier in the war, the command centers and home bases will be important military targets during the reclamation process, and we know that Byzantium or Istanbul is the home of the White Turban because it was mentioned back in 9:73. Due to the heavy losses of the Mahdi, it seems the White Turban, who is the “reincarnated Jihadi-Jesus”, the prophet, sidekick, and co-ruler of the Islamic State, will reconsider his buddies “Mahdi-ship”. This is the only logical explanation for the rout

described in line two. That they will be “driven out” means completely out of Turkey, retreating (or making a strategic withdrawal) back into Armenia and Iran.

The “two laws” mentioned in line three are “Sharia law” and the “Mosaic law”, which is the basis for our modern law. Nostradamus states the “heathen one” will give way. Since Nostradamus was Catholic, heathen to him had to refer to the Islamic law.

The last line is of interest. Perpetual means forever, and while some feel this simply refers to the long duration of this war, it is much more likely that the war does go on “perpetually”, in that isolated pockets of resistance will endure for generations, remember that the population in this part of the world has been reduced by one third. In Europe alone this means 250 million people are dead, just in Europe! That is almost the entire population of the United States. If this occurred in the United States, every living person could be in one of 53 cities in the entire country, roughly one city in every state, the rest of the country would be completely uninhabited.

With this greatly reduced population, continued war on a large scale will be impossible. Food production, infrastructure, fuel, transportation will all be suffering from lack of producers and operators. “Battles” will continue as very small scale (town sized) missions staffed largely by “part-time” soldiers who are trying to survive as well as fight.

This may indeed carry on forever.

Century 6 Quatrain 85

85
*The great city of Tarsus by the Gauls
Will be destroyed, all of the Turban captives:
Help by sea from the great one of Portugal,
First day of summer Urban's consecration.*

France (the “Gauls”) destroys the city of Tarsus in Turkey, along with all the captured prisoners. Tarsus is a semi-port city on the river Berdan, home of the Apostle Paul of the New Testament. There is no historical record of France ever attacking Tarsus, so this quatrain must belong to the future ones and the future war. After decades of war without rules, the armies of either side will have no issues with killing every prisoner they take, the scarcity of food and water will make this necessary in most cases.

In the third line we hear from Portugal again, not the country, which may no longer exist, but the “great one”, a commander of either Portuguese forces or of Portuguese descent. This commander will launch a naval attack against Tarsus from the Mediterranean, and then up the Berdan River.

In the last line Nostradamus gives us a season, but not much else, the feast of Saint Urban on the “first day of summer”. The word “consecration” leaves another possible interpretation open, that is, if a Pope is elected and chooses the “Urban” appellation, this is when this would happen.

In the previous chapter the Allied forces had split up, with a portion heading east into Germany and another portion charging down the Italian peninsula. We are not given any hints about which forces had certain objectives in that quatrain, but here we see the French forces attacking Turkey, so it is likely they

retraced the invasion route of the Mahdi east through Hungary and then turning south towards the upper part of Turkey. At the same time, the other force (American? English?) strikes from the Mediterranean sea, having launched the attack from the Italian east coast ports.

Yet another quatrain details the adventures in Turkey.



Century 1 Quatrain 74

74

*After a rest they will travel to Epirus,
great help coming from around Antioch.
The curly haired king will strive greatly for the Empire,
the brazen beard will be roasted on a spit.*

“Epirus” was a region now in the area of Greece and Albania. Antioch is in southeastern Turkey, and was mentioned at the beginning of the war as well. “They” must be allied forces, but it is not very evident in this translation. The “help” coming from the direction of Antioch must mean that the allies control the coastline around the Mediterranean sea, and have forces south of Antioch, which would be in Syria and Lebanon.

Here are the last two lines in other translations:

*“The dark curly headed one (king?) will strive greatly for the empire,
The bronze (brazen) beard will be roasted on a spit.” [1]*

*“The black bristle beard will strain strongly at the empire,
Beard of bronze will roast him on a spit.” [2]*

Here I have chosen the last translation in order to continue the theme, but either one would be possibly correct. We know “black bristle beard” is the White Turban, we also know that “Redbeard” is “beard of bronze”, so the White Turban could both strain strongly against the empire (France), as well as strive greatly for the empire (his empire of the Islamic State). Either translation will do here. The last line is more important as either “Redbeard” (Prince Harry?) is “roasted on a spit” a la Vlad the Impaler, or “Redbeard” roasts “Blackbeard” on a spit. If the former, then we can say our goodbyes to Redbeard at this time. If the latter, then this records the death of the White Turban.

Century 5 Quatrain 70

70

*Of the regions subject to the Balance,
They will trouble the mountains with great war,
Captives the entire sex enthralled and all Byzantium,
So that at dawn they will spread the news from land to land.*

Yet another quatrain that needs multiple translations.

There are a few key words we need to examine, “the Balance”, and “the entire sex enthralled” need further options to see what is intended here.

Cheetham says:

*“Some of the regions subject to the Balance,
Will trouble the mountains with great war.
The entire sex will be captured, indebted, with all Byzantium,
At dawn they will call from land to land.” [3]*

Paulus says:

*“From the regions subject to the Balance,
they will trouble the mountain through great war,
captives of both sexes due, and all of Byzantium,
which people will cry at dawn from land to land.” [4]*

While we may think of “enthral” as to “charm”, the early meaning was to “enslave”^[5] so Paulus is very close to the actual meaning in this last translation. The “region subject to the Balance” is obviously an

astrological reference to Libra. As we saw earlier, Libra is the “Scales of Justice” and is used to represent the United States. Note however that in these cases referring to the United States “Libra” is usually stated directly. There are other regions “subject to the balance” besides the United States, and in the Middle Ages this normally meant Austria. I think in this case, due to the different wording Nostradamus uses and the reference to mountains, that here he means Austria, not the United States.

The Alps will see a large portion of this war, and I think this is what Nostradamus is getting at. There are two parts to this quatrain, the first part referencing the battles to regain the countries around France, the second half is about where this war ends up, in Turkey. Line three hints of mass surrenders throughout Turkey and a celebration of sorts by the victorious allied forces.

The unsaid thought in the last line being that the war is over, this probably occurs at the completion of the next quatrain however, with both of these occurring around the same time.



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A Truce Delegation

*God, the heavens, all the divine words in the waves,
carried by seven red-shaven heads to Byzantium:
against the anointed three hundred from Trebizond,
will make two laws, first horror then trust.*

On the collapse of Turkey, the Islamic State immediately seeks a truce. Rather than lose additional land, they sense an opportunity here to stop the bleeding, literally and figuratively. This being a religious war, the first line is very appropriate, as it is the main subject of the truce. The Allied delegation will be made up of seven “red-shaven heads”, probably meaning cardinals of the church, (notice the Pope is not mentioned). The delegation from the Islamic State will consist of three hundred “anointed” representatives of the Mahdi, (he is not present either).

The three hundred “from Trebizond” sounds like they originate from there, but Turkey has been retaken and this is unlikely. Since one of the Mahdi’s early command centers was at Trebizond, these people probably came from there originally, but fled while it was being overrun.

“Two laws” seems to mean “two attempts” at a truce. The first must not hold, as it is called a “horror”, then the second one holds through “trust”. Another meaning could be that the two laws represent “Sharia Law” and “Mosaic law”, meaning two separate countries or territories.

We are not given even a small hint at what the “horror” might be.

Century 3 Quatrain 97

97
*New law to occupy the new land
Towards Syria, Judea and Palestine:
The great barbarian empire to decay,
Before the Moon completes its cycle.*

Here is one of only two references to Palestine and Judea. The quatrain is broken into two sections of two lines, the first two seem to indicate that this area will be “new land” with a “new law”. Exactly what this means is not clear, does this mean this area is cleared of the Islamic State and will be part of the new French empire? The only other reference to this area comes from Century 2 Quatrain 60 where it mentions “*The Punic faith broken in the East, Ganges, Jordan and Rhone, Loire, Tagus will change*”, which must occur at this point in the war. Maybe this is part of the truce agreement discussed above, especially since the same word “law” is used.

The Islamic State has retained its empire as well, although the boundaries are not explicitly defined in any of these quatrains. The second set of lines talks about this “barbarian empire” and says it will “decay”, which implies a long slow deterioration, and the period of time is stated in the last line. The commentators I have read have avoided trying to decipher what this time scale could be, but it is fairly simple, there is a “great cycle of the Moon” which is 354 years, Nostradamus himself uses this reference in Century 1 Quatrain 25.

25
The lost thing is discovered, hidden for many centuries.

*Pasteur will be celebrated almost as a God-like figure.
This is when the moon completes her great cycle,
but by other rumors he shall be dishonored.*

A lunar year is 354 days (12 synodic cycles, a lunar year), a “great” cycle assumes each day is a year, therefore 354 years. The Earth is said to also have a “great year” by notables such as Cicero ^[6], Macrobius ^[7], Aristarchus ^[8], and Josephus ^[9], although they all had different ideas of the length of this cycle, ranging from 60 years to 15,000 years or more.

If we take this meaning, and we fix the end of the last “great cycle” of the moon to the works of Pasteur (1889), then the end of the next “great cycle” would be the year 2243, although the empire is to “decay” before this time, according to the quatrain. Even so, it means the Islamic State will be with us, and probably involved in sporadic fighting with French forces, for a long, long time.

This gives us a new insight on Century 5 Quatrain 80, the last line reads “Barbarian and Frank in perpetual strife”.



Century 2 Quatrain 2

2
*The blue head will inflict upon the white head
As much evil as France has done them good:
Dead at the sail-yard the great one hung on the branch.
When seized by his own the King will say how much.*

Nostradamus wraps up this war with one last overview that is quite sweeping in its assessment.

The “Blue head” is the Blue Turban, the Mahdi, the Twelfth Imam of Islamic teaching, and the one chosen to establish the Islamic rule of the world. The “white head” is probably not the White Turban, as they are co-rulers of this Islamic State, and as we have seen, has already been killed by “Redbeard”. Therefore I think the “white head” refers to the new king, Henry Vth, who probably has white hair (or should after all he has been through). It could also be Nostradamus way of indicating European people in general, as he called the Islamic forces “dark skinned” earlier, and this fits the rest of the quatrain much better.

France has been very beneficial towards Iran, helping them build infrastructure and develop technology, as has been Germany. Nostradamus states that all the good Europe has done Iran will be repaid with nothing but evil and violence.

The third line is interesting because the actual ancient French says “Mort a l’antenne grand pendu sus la branche” ^[10] which says roughly “death, the antenna, the great hanging on a branch”. Obviously there were no “antennas” in those days, especially on ships, however if you look at a modern warship they are literally covered with antennas. It almost sounds like the Mahdi will be taken to a hasty gallows constructed with a rope over a “branch” of a ships “antenna”. Others have pointed out this must mean a ships mast, but I think not, mainly because there were words for “masts” in those days, as they were quite common, but nothing had an antenna!

The last line is not entirely clear, but appears to say that his own people will “seize” him, which is understandable if they believed he was invincible but he has now lost the ability to win. They may see him as a false prophet and not the divine one he claimed to be. With that thought in mind, it appears the ship he meets his end on is one of his own, crewed by his very own fanatical warriors.

The last part of the last line is unclear. I understand it as an attempt to ransom his own life? What more could he say along the lines of “how much”? After all, the pillaging of all of Europe will leave the Islamic state with plenty of valuables, and like the Nazi “Gold Train”, he may have hidden away some insurance of his own. It seems that it does not work however, and he meets his fate anyway.

With the death of the “DUUMVIRATE”, the two co-rulers, there is still mopping up. From the remaining quatrains, it appears to take a generation or more before things stabilize once again, although clearly at a reduced technological level, at least for awhile.

Century 5 Quatrain 74

74
*Of Trojan blood will be born a Germanic heart
Who will rise to very high power:
He will drive out the foreign Arabic people,
Returning the Church to its pristine pre-eminence.*

This Quatrain describes the destiny of Henry V. “Trojan” refers to France, based on the legend of Troy, (and there is a Troy in France as we have seen), and the “Germanic” heart refers to the natural warlike abilities he will possess. The last two lines are quite clear, nothing vague here as he plainly calls out the enemy as “the people Arabic”.

I am more interested here in the last line. I noted previously that there were no more references to Popes, yet here we see the Church being restored to its “pristine pre-eminence”. How can this be without a Pope unless the King is also a Pope?

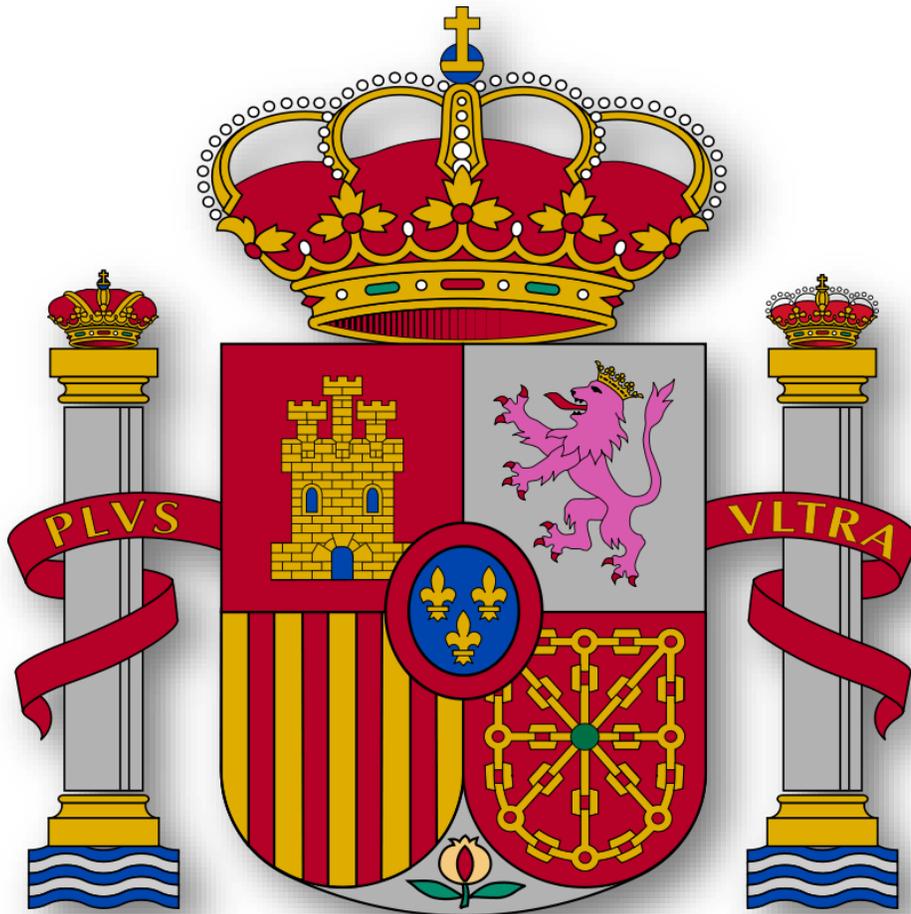
Just a thought.

Century 10 Quatrain 95

*To the Spains will come a very powerful King,
By land and sea subjugating the South:
This evil will cause, lowering again the crescent,
Clipping the wings of those of Friday.*

In this quatrain we see Henry's accomplishments in western Europe, particularly in Spain where "by land and sea" he will "subjugate" the South. Since Morocco is directly across the Mediterranean from Spain, and Henry is in control of the sea, the "South" may also include some of north Africa as well.

The "lowering of the crescent" refers to the crescent moon, the emblem of the Islamic State. The "evil" mentioned in line three is probably the subjugation of Spain, which will be necessary in order to "clip the wings of those of Friday", Friday being the Muslim Holy Day.



Emblem of Charles V – "Plus Ultra" ^[11]

Century 6 Quatrain 70

70
*Chief of the world will the great Chyren be,
Plus Ultra behind, loved, feared, dreaded:
His fame and praise will go beyond the heavens,
And with the sole title of Victor will he be quite satisfied.*

Here we have another overview of Henry V. He is described as “Chief of the World”, and he certainly will be as the only ruler of all of Europe. “Plus Ultra” was the motto of Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, a contemporary of Nostradamus and ruler of Italy, Belgium, Germany, Savoy (in France), Switzerland, Austria, and Spanish possessions in South America, obviously a very powerful ruler of the time. Nostradamus is saying that “other than Plus Ultra (Charles V), this king Henry will be the most powerful” to reign. He will claim as his motto, “Victor”, as commemoration of his deeds in defeating the Islamic Armies.

Century 4 Quatrain 86

86
*The year that Saturn will be conjoined in Aquarius
With the Sun, the very powerful King
Will be received and anointed at Reims and Aix,
After conquests he will murder the innocent.*

Throughout these chapters we have seen indications that the King is crowned before or after the end of the war. This quatrain could put all those guesses to rest.

The year is defined by Saturn and the Sun together in Aquarius. The Sun is in Aquarius from January 20th to February 18th of every year. Saturn takes almost thirty years to orbit the Sun, so this makes for a rare conjunction. In the future, Saturn will be in Aquarius in 2021, 2022, and 2023, and not again until sometime shortly after 2050. If the King is crowned in the years 2021-2023, then this would have to be near the start of the conflict, at most only a few years in. Under this scenario, he would be in his late fifties towards the end of the war.

If he is crowned at the 2050 mark, then this would be near the end of the war, again the calculations supporting the start around 2020.

Reims is located just northeast of Paris, halfway between Paris and the Belgian border. This is the traditional coronation location of the French kings. The anointing ceremony and the “crown of Charlemagne” ceremony take place here at Notre Dame de Reims.^[14]

Aix, or Aix de Provence is just north of Marseille on the southern coast. I can find no “kingly” connection with Aix, but the name is synonymous with Aachen in Germany, (“the city is referred to as Aix-la-Chapelle”^[13]), home of Charlemagne, and coronation place of the Germanic kings. Maybe this refers to the previous quatrain of Century 5 Quatrain 74, “Of Trojan blood will be born a Germanic heart”.

The last line seems a bit out of place for a victorious French king, but it is probably a summation of actions that will take place upon the conclusion of the war. Punishment at this time will be both severe and swift. Those accused of collaborating with the enemy will not have the luxury of modern courts and legal teams, but will probably be shot or hung almost immediately.

In past history, events like this have been used to purge people of opposing political or religious views without much foundation of truth. Under this king, many innocent or wrongly accused will likely meet a severe punishment.



[12]

Century 2 Quatrain 7 island prisons

7

*Amongst several transported to the isles,
One to be born with two teeth in his mouth
They will die of famine the trees stripped,
For them a new King issues a new edict.*

The quatrain mentions another player we did not discuss earlier, the “one born with two teeth in his mouth”. Nostradamus records the birth and death of this mysterious man, but he may have much more of a role to play in between.

Century 3 Quatrain 42

*The child will be born with two teeth in his mouth,
Stones will fall during the rain in Tuscany:
A few years after there will be neither wheat nor barley,
To satiate those who will faint from hunger*

Unfortunately there are no clues to his lifetime activities, but we can make a few guesses. He is either a Muslim or a collaborator with the Islamic State, since he is being shipped off to the islands. It seems that Henry will utilize the destroyed islands of Malta, Sardinia, Sicily, and others as “prison islands” for all the captives taken in this war.

The prisoners will not be able to cooperate to grow food or farm and end up stripping the islands of all vegetation before dying of famine. The last line indicates that this will be an edict from the King that all collaborators and captives will be deported to the prison islands. This will likely include a large number of natives of the overrun countries as well who had voluntarily served the Islamic State.

Century 4 Quatrain 77

77
*Selin monarch Italy peaceful,
Realms united by the Christian King of the World:
Dying he will want to lie in Blois soil,
After having chased the pirates from the sea.*

While there are other monarchs who Nostradamus refers to as “Selin”, the context makes it clear he is speaking of Henry the Vth, “Chyren Selin”, as he is called “King of the World”, which he actually is at this point. The mention of “Italy peaceful” implies that pacification of Italy may have taken quite a while. We are not given any hints whether this is because the returning Italians do not support him or because of pockets of Islamic resistance still need to be dealt with. It seems he lives a long life and dies naturally, since he indicates that he has a wish to be buried in Blois. Along with the “Selin” reference, the last line causes many commentators to place this quatrain in the past, “chasing the pirates from the sea” sounds much like the Barbary pirates who were active in the Mediterranean during Nostradamus’ lifetime, but this interpretation runs into problems with the second line. We have seen that the Islamic forces did indeed retake control of the Mediterranean, and once again terrorized the coastal cities and islands. History does repeat itself.

Century 6 Quatrain 42

42
*To Ogmios will be left the realm
Of the great Selin, who will in fact do more:
Throughout Italy will he extend his banner,
He will be ruled by a prudent deformed one.*

With the death of King Henry the Vth, the kingdom passes to one of his sons. “Ogmios” has been active throughout the war, probably as a commander of a division of French troops, but he was not the next in line. There was an older brother of “Ogmios”, but he did not survive the campaign as we saw in the previous chapters.

The second line indicates that he will actually “do more”, which means “continue the work”, not exceed his father’s work. Although we saw at King Henry’s death Italy was “peaceful”, it appears more work remained to be done, and we see “Ogmios” continuing to pacify Italy.

It seems “Ogmios” may be rather young yet, as there is an advisor in the background, most likely one of his father’s trusted counselors, the “prudent deformed one”.

Century 8 Quatrain 44

44
*The natural offspring of Ogmios
will turn off the road from seven to nine.
To the king long friend of the half man,
Navarre must destroy the fort at Pau.*

This is the last we hear from this ruling family. “Ogmios” has a son, although we are not told if he is currently reigning as a king at this point. Line three tells us that the “half man” must be the “deformed one” of the previous quatrain. The king who is “long friend of the half man” must still be “Ogmios”, otherwise this particular advisor must be extremely long lived.

The second and last lines are very unclear, “seven to nine” could be a distance, although that is strictly a guess, the “fort at Pau” is probably a leftover relic from the Islamic war, something similar to Gettysburg or Fort Ticonderoga here in the United States.

Pau is in the province of Navarre, so it seems this is an order from the king to the governing body. We can only speculate on reasons for this, but this will likely be fruitless, since the cultural changes that would have occurred in this span of time are unimaginable.

So we end the war here, three generations later, and not in the way we might imagine.

A negotiated peace treaty, new country boundaries, and a slowly cooling animosity between two different cultures reshapes the entire future of Europe.

Rebuilding a portion of what once was will take all this time, and more, and much will not ever be rebuilt. The loss of technological knowledge will require training whole new populations, and with the massive loss of population, every career path will be in high demand.

Unfortunately, some of the losses can never be replaced. There will be losses to historical documents, archeological treasures, priceless art and statues, and many priceless and unique parts of human existence.

Nostradamus mentions this as well.

Century 3 Quatrain 62

*Alas! what a great loss there will be to learning
before the cycle of the Moon is completed.
Fire, great floods, by more ignorant rulers;
how long the centuries until it is seen to be restored.*

How long the centuries until it is seen to be restored?

I suppose that is up to how much we learn, and how soon we learn it.

FOOTNOTES

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