

## The International One World Crusade (IOWC) in Rome, Italy

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When we came to Rome we had some time to visit places of historical interest, especially buildings from ancient Rome. On the first evening we visited some Roman remains in the center of the city. We looked out over the remains to a street with buildings from the city center of old Rome with the Coliseum in the distance. There was also on one corner the prison where Peter and Paul were held.

I could feel the spirits of the dead Romans still walking the same street. They were so sad, filled with such longing. They could not understand why Rome had fallen. This great and magnificent Empire, unequalled until the modern world, whose laws, ideals and architecture we still use today, declined and disappeared. I felt the dead who raised it up, unfulfilled and bewildered.

"Why has this happened?" This was the question I felt that they were asking me.

I felt so sad. I did not feel anger or resentment because of their treatment of Christians. I just felt a deep sorrow that they did not know. The failure of the Jews caused the conflict between Christianity and Rome, and this magnificent bride never met her bridegroom.

The origin of Rome was similar to the origin of America -- a Trojan hero, fleeing Greek persecution and crossing the sea to found a new idealistic city, like the Pilgrim fathers leaving England (Greece of the modern world) to found a new nation. Rome had many idealistic leaders like the founding fathers and some presidents of America. God could bless Rome, like America today, because of its idealistic origin and righteous development. Satan really invaded when the moment for which they had been prepared passed them by. No people in history has ever stayed one with God's will, and even though after 400 years Rome finally accepted Christianity, Christianity was not united and the moment passed once again.

To prepare a modern world, Rome had to reappear. This it did in the Renaissance. The ancient learning of Greece, which was the inspiration for the Roman Empire, returned to the land it had inspired nearly 2,000 years before. This time the Roman Empire became divided. The division started with the Renaissance and culminated in a division between Communism and democracy, in particular Russia and America. These are the Cain and Abel parts of the Rome of the modern world. America inherited the ideal, the creativity, the engineering ability, the system of law and the freedom that were part of Rome; Russia inherited the barbarity, the military domination and religious persecution.

Today the great men who built up Rome and the idealistic citizens who fought for things of value ask what went wrong and sadly walk the silent streets unfulfilled. They want to fulfill their mission and construct a world of law, order and principle. They can only do that if we liberate them. They can work in a new Rome -- America, flying the same Roman Eagle - and they can restore the mistakes they made 2,000 years ago, removing a great weight of spirit world from Italy. This time they can stop the downfall of the new Roman Empire.