



The Captain's Call

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n this post we want to take another look at the most recent dream from Brother Aquiles entitled Captain in the River.

## Dream: Captain in the River

From the outset, this dream has had an ambiguous quality to it, making it unclear whether the captain succeeds or not, what his intentions are, who the other hats represent, etc. In light of the seven days of Noah, our first question should be: was our interpretation of the dream correct? And if not, how should it be corrected?

We recognized that the physical description of the captain in the dream resembled Brother John, and we recognized the heavenly landscape in the river setting of the dream with petroleum storage on one bank. These aspects are still valid, and in retrospect we can see that the captain's mission—if he represents Brother John—was successful. On April 27, 2022, when it seemed as if he could go no further in deciphering the plan of God, his prayer ascended and was answered.

Suddenly, we found ourselves "inside the ark"—alluded to by the unseen ship in the middle of the river in the dream, after passing the dangerous stretch that we didn't fully understand at the time. As God guided Noah in the building of the ark and kept him and his family safe on the rising seas that brought the end of the antediluvian world, so God is with us today, too. It was even Brother John—as the angel who closed the door of the figurative "ark" with his prayer on April 27, just in time, like how the angel closed the door of Noah's ark.

Thus, we gain a deeper understanding of the dream: it is about the captain who is striving to succeed in the dangerous maneuver of navigating through the end of the world like the first navy captain of all: Noah himself. Perhaps the hats in the river, made of the same material, represent Noah and his sailor sons and daughters—the ones who performed this dangerous maneuver before.

So far, the dream appears to have been interpreted correctly, but in light of the news of the day, it takes on an even greater depth of meaning. Keep in mind that the ambiguous nature of the dream allows for another possible layer of interpretation. The German press has been buzzing lately because of the



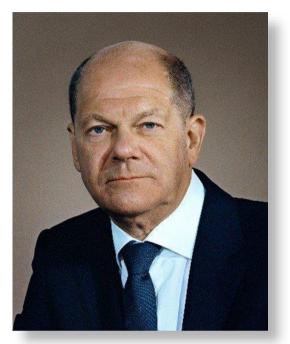
decision to send heavy weapons to Ukraine, especially because of the back-and-forth on this pivotal matter. Initially, Chancellor Olaf Scholz was against it because:

Berlin has also suggested that **supplying modern German tanks would be seen by Russia as an escalation of Western involvement in the conflict and could prompt a military reaction from Moscow.** 

This issue sparked "fierce debate" that seemed to divide the German government. As the pressure mounted on Scholz, he finally caved and made a "U-turn" to send heavy weapons to Ukraine, in the very night after probation closed. Could this man, a leader of a European (prophetic "sea") nation, be symbolized by the navy captain described in the dream? He is 63 years old and could also fit the description: "I remember that he was a white man with little hair, rather bald, about 60 years old and tall."

Furthermore, Germany is desperately seeking independence from Russian oil, symbolized by the petroleum storage structures in the dream.

Following this interpretation, sunken ships naturally come into the context, which would allude to the economic collapse described in Revelation 18:



For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! (Revelation 18:17-18)

So, as you can see, this could be another valid interpretation of the dream. The fact that the scene occurred twice is an indication that there could be two different applications for different people in different circumstances. It should also be noted that if the dream was meant to apply exclusively to Brother John, then Brother Aquiles should have recognized him. This indicates that the dream was very likely meant by God to refer to the navy captains of Revelation 18 whose "ships sank" (i.e., economic profits disappeared). The Ukraine war is destroying their profits, including their Russian oil and gas supplies. Analysts say that the embargo will cause the German economy to go into recession (i.e., "underwater"). The dream indicates this with only the navy caps left to indicate what happened. (And this affects more than just Germany; it is affecting the entire world economy.)

So, in summary, we can say that this dream was correctly interpreted as far as possible at the time, but now we can understand it even better and see a second layer of interpretation that was not visible before. We can praise God for leading us faithfully, even through "dangerous waters."