

This Friday the 8th of May, will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. I've always been interested in reading and researching the second world war. I remember my grandparents telling me about things on the home front, like rationing goods to help the war effort and air raid watchmen telling people to turn their lights out. It was the largest war in human history and changed the world so much that its effects are still felt today. The war would go on for another 4 months after victory in Europe and its climax seemed only fitting after 6 years of unspeakable destruction and death. After it was all over, there were 85 million people dead including 24 million Soviets, 1 million Yugoslavians, 20 million Chinese, 450 thousand British, and 420 thousand United States service members. Along with that were 6 million people who were simply Jewish and millions of other people who were deemed undesirable to live and one president who literally put every ounce of strength he had into it despite his frail body. That was one powerful lesson to be learned and one which should never be repeated. Stay well and God bless you all.

*Isaiah 19:2*

*He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.  
They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.*