Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko has announced that a new containment facility is to be constructed to cover the Chernobyl nuclear reactor. A French firm will build a massive steel arch, 190 metres tall and 200 metres wide on top of the existing sarcophagus, which was hastily erected following the 1986 nuclear disaster. Chernobyl still contains around 95% of its nuclear fuel - some 200 tonnes, and its concrete tomb is disintegrating sparking fears of an imminent collapse. There are also fears that the steel lid reactor number 4 could collapse, once again spreading deadly radiation throughout Europe. The Chernobyl nuclear disaster released 400 times more radiation than that of the bomb on Hiroshima, and affects the lives of more than 1.5 million people today.

Quote: *"The casing project is expected to cost $1.4bn (£700m). It will take five years to complete and the authorities say they will then be able to start dismantling the reactor. Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko hailed the project: "Today is probably the first time that we can openly look into the eyes of the national and international community and say that a solution to the problem that has long been called the Chernobyl problem was formally found," he said.*

Nuclear weapons inspector, Hans Blix , had this to say about the Chernobyl nuclear disaster...

Quote: *"Most striking is the testimony of Hans Blix, Executive Director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in a speech given before the UN General Assembly on October 23, 1990. To this great body he quoted Revelation 8:10-11 and said, "In Slavic languages, including the Ukrainian and Byelorussian languages, there is a word ëchernobyl', which means wormwood, bitter grass. This has a striking relevance to the Chernobyl tragedy. I am no fatalist. I do not believe in the blind inevitability of fate, but who can fail to be moved by these tragic and elegiac words from Revelation, which must leave their indelible imprint on the heart."*

Revelation 8:10-11
And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

The prophetic significance of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster does not end there. In Revelation 8, John describes a star called Wormwood, which falls upon the earth making the waters bitter. The Chernobyl nuclear reactor essentially operates in the same manner as the core of a star, using nuclear reactions to generate electricity. Those who were unfortunate enough to witness the nuclear explosion saw a luminous cloud, burning like a lamp, which eventually descended spreading its deadly radiation throughout Europe. The radiation from the explosion lierally burned everything within its line of sight, leavening a permanent "shadow" which can still be seen today. The radioisotopes that contaminated this region have a half life of hundreds of thousands of years. Is it possible that we have not seen the last of Chernobyl?

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