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British survivor of Waco cult STILL believes in coming apocalypse and recalls 1993 siege that left 86 dead

Livingstone Fagan lost his wife, mother and dozens of friends in the two-month siege in Texas in 1993 which left 86 dead

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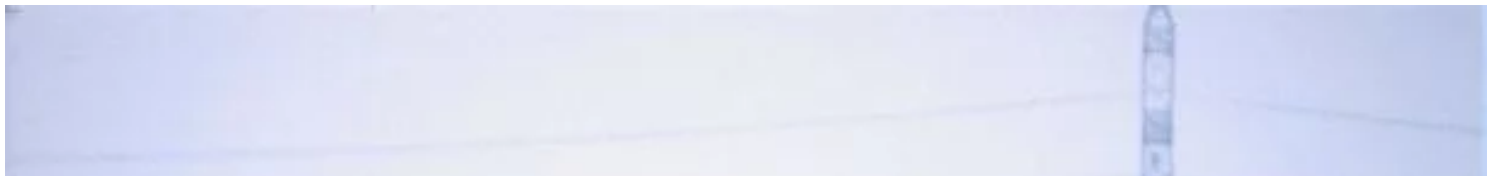
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A British survivor of the infamous **Waco siege** still believe in the coming apocalypse more than 25 years after losing his family and friends in a massive inferno.

Livingstone Fagan lost his wife, mother and dozens of friends in the two-month siege which left 86 dead.

The Waco siege is one of the most notorious incidents in American history with 82 members of the Branch Davidians, a religious cult, and four federal agents dying in a gun battle followed by a siege.

Livingstone, 58, still believes in the extreme doctrine of the church and blames the US Government for the massacre, which ended when the Waco complex in Texas went up in flames.



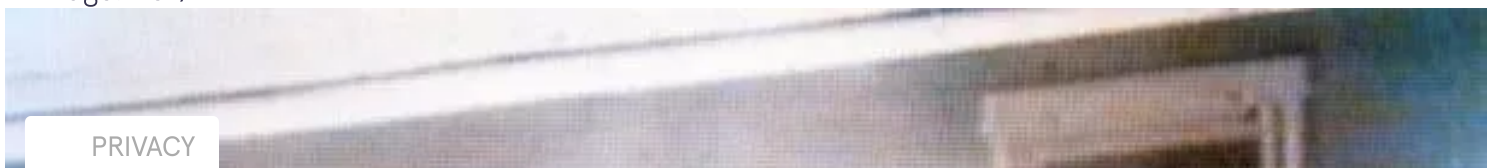
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Aftermath at the siege, as rescue workers sieve through rubble searching for human remains (
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Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms with a sect member (Image: Rex)



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He says the end of the world will come soon, as predicted by Branch Davidian leader **David Koresh**.

He told **The Sun**: "The timing of it remains in God's hands. We were told to watch as events unfolded."

But he added: "I would have very much been happy to stay and perish with them."

There was 130 people holed up at Mount Carmel in Waco when ATF agents wished to conduct a search warrant on February 28 1993.

The confrontation turned into a firefight and six Branch Davidians and four federal agents were killed.

A siege began for seven weeks as the authorities negotiated with leader Koresh and tried to persuade him to surrender.

On April 19 the Government's patience ran out and it stormed the complex.

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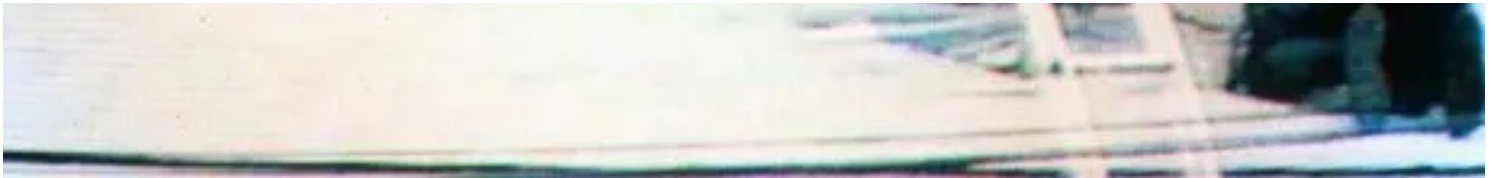
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Federal officers begin to storm the building (Image: Rex)



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An Agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms unit (Image: Rex)



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Livingstone Fagan (Image: Jim Murray)

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This is despite recordings appearing to show Branch Davidians discussing setting Mount Carmel on fire as a type of biblical last stand.

Livingstone was 34 at the time of the siege and said: "If they had killed all of us and nobody came out they would have sold that narrative to you."

Livingston spent 14 years in US jail after being convicted of voluntary manslaughter and using a firearm during a crime.

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To this day, he denies the allegations that Koresh was abusing children. This was later cited as a factor in the Government's decision to storm the compound.

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