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EGYPT

“The burden against Egypt. Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, And will come into Egypt; The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, And the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. I will set Egyptians against Egyptians; Everyone will fight against his brother, And everyone against his neighbor, City against city, kingdom against kingdom.”

(Isaiah 19:1-2)

The chaos is spreading! Streaming video from news and internet feeds tell the tale of confrontation and rage. As I write this massive demonstrations have forced President Mubarak to announce that he will indeed step down after the next election. Now clashes have even broke out between pro-Mubarak supporters and the other demonstrators calling for reform. In the time from my writing to your reading the situation on the ground may be much farther along.

The events in Egypt are significant – on so many levels – and they are part of a pattern. The politics of the situation bespeaks a regional realignment of massive proportions. The US struggles to maintain a middle path between the protesters and the Mubarak government. Yet what is happening is but another piece of a re-forming Middle East. Back in 2007 the uber-radical Hamas took over Gaza. Hamas, is but the Palestinian wing of the Muslim Brotherhood, the fanatical Islamist party that is playing a quiet – but major part in the turmoil in Egypt. And reports are surfacing that Hamas is cooperating with its parent organization in organizing the Egyptian protests. Over the last year or so, Turkey has moved from the Western orbit to that of the Islamists. Israel can no longer count them as an ally. Then Lebanon fell into the hands of Hezbollah, with a Prime Minister from that party recently taking over. Hezbollah is a full client of Iran with its radical Imams and Mahdi-expecting President Ahmadinejad. Next, Tunisia fell to the will of a popular uprising. Now the rule of Egypt, a major power in the region with a modernized – America-funded modern army – hangs in the balance. And it doesn't stop there. Trouble is brewing in Jordan and even Syria, with mass protests scheduled for Saturday, February 5th.^{1 2 3 4 5 6 7}

What's next? Well we don't really know and that's the big issue. But what is happening now is bad enough...especially for Israel. Tehran has been staking out a position of support for the protesters in Egypt. They want to get ahead of this revolution. The Deputy Chief of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard's said, *“Egypt is the heart of the Arab world...socio-political revolution in Egypt could repeat in many other Islamic countries.”*⁸ He may not be far off the mark. With the Muslim Brotherhood working behind the scenes, many analysts believe that there's a real danger that Egypt will 'fall into the Iranian orbit.' Recent surveys revealed that of the approximately one-third of Egyptians that recognize the struggle between Islamic Fundamentalists and the Modernizers – 59% side with the Fundamentalists. It is perhaps a short step to the next phase. Mohamed Ghanem of the Brotherhood is calling for Cairo to prepare its armed forces for war with Israel. Despite the wishful thinking of some in the West, the Muslim Brotherhood is fully dedicated to the radical Islamist cause. Besides Hamas, they have close ties to Islamic front organizations throughout the world, including the US. Here they are closely – if quietly aligned – with the Islamic Society of North America and CAIR, the Council on American Islamic Relations. (The latter has been described as 'moderate' so much that it's laughable. Here is their motto: *“Allah is our objective. The Prophet is our leader. Qur'an is our law. Jihad is our way. Dying in the way of Allah is our highest hope.”*^{9 10 11 12}

The immediate changes to the security situation come in the altered balance of power in the region. Israel is fast becoming stripped of allies and countries that will tolerate its existence. The nation's surrounding the Jewish state are fast becoming more radicalized and possibly ready to take on what they see as the Semite usurpers. Israel is being stripped of its regional alliances at the same time that its American ally under President Obama is becoming more unwilling – and because it is weakening, unable to provide the same level of strategic support as it has in the past.¹³ Then there is the effect this will all have on the price of oil. Already, on Friday January 28th the cost of a barrel of oil rose a staggering 4% in one day, with Brent Crude closing in London at \$99.42. Continued uncertainty in the situation will likely continue to drive it upward. And the price of oil, of course, will affect the price of fuel which will affect the cost of food and other commodities.¹⁴

Most interesting, and important in all of this, is of course the prophetic. What the world seems to be setting up for is the End Times isolation of Israel. Zechariah 12:2 foretells a solid wall of opposition against Israel from all of her near-neighbors. **“Behold, I will**

make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.” Psalm 83 lays out the outline for what I, - [along with many REAL Bible scholars] - believe will be the next war. “‘Come,’ they say, ‘let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more.’ With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you- the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites, Gebal, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. Even Assyria has joined them to lend strength to the descendants of Lot. Selah.” (Psalm 83:4-8) The alignment of nations – which seemed so far away just a little while ago; is now forming before our very eyes. And the rolling chaos only increases the possibility that it will continue to do so. This coming war also seems to be the conflict during which Damascus is destroyed, as per Isaiah 17.

And as to Egypt’s fate: After a time of judgment and trouble; God has blessings in store for that nation. “Then the LORD will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day....In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land, whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, ‘Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.’” (Isaiah 19:21, 24-25)

IMMINENT WARNINGS – PART II

*At the beginning of this series we made the point that while America is facing many grave challenges; looming terror, military rivalry from the Chinese, economic collapse – these are all but symptoms of a greater failure. There is a reason that drives them all. As a culture we have: Abandoned God and Set Aside HIS Truth. Specifically we’ve outlined thus far - four imminent warnings: **Warning #1- The Amazing Collapsing Dollar** // **Warning #2 – Dollar Replaced As World Currency** // **Warning #3 – Soaring Oil & Gas Prices** // **Warning #4 – Prophetic Confirmations** – (Of these other warnings). Today we’ll look at what representatives of the ‘Dark Side’ are saying as well as take a peek at the work of some seemingly very prescient social-historians. Among them all – despite divergent backgrounds – there is a strange convergence of thought.*

DECEIVING AND BEING DECEIVED

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.” (Hosea 4:6)

There’s this admitted Satanist out of Australia. Proud of it, too! He goes by the name of Aloysius James Fozdyke. Back in January of 2010 Fozdyke revealed himself and claimed that he was part of a global network of organized Satanism known as the Illuminati. In his screed he claimed that this network had infiltrated and therefore controlled – to one degree or another; the CIA, the US government (“a couple of steps removed”), American & Israeli foreign policy and the central banks of the world. “*The developed world is heading toward Third World status because the central banks are owned to Satanists,*” he boasted.¹⁵ (*In the event, we are watching the ‘Developed World’, slide toward ‘Third World status’. That’s pretty much what futurist Gerald Celente said is coming too. But all of that is another story.*) The claims of any avowed Satanist are interesting not so much as sure prophecy that will necessarily come to pass – but rather as a clue and an insight into just what they are trying to accomplish. So take it for what it is worth. Thus that brings us to:

Warning # 5 – Satanic Confirmations – (*Not that you can trust that!*) After arrogantly mocking the “sheeple” and Christians “*already on their knees waiting for Yeshua*”, Fozdyke tells us that “*Oil prices are going to rise significantly this year*”. (Mmmm, I’m detecting a theme here.) Then he warns of “*trade barriers*” that will be set up, “*currency devaluation*” and the “*emasculatation of social security*.” He goes on to say that war – (in beginning in the Middle East, it is presumed) – will cut off the flow of oil and life will “*change instantly*”. To the Satanists / Illuminati, it is all part of a plan to enslave the masses, as this occultic “*new over class...become Deities in this life*”. At the end of his article, he offers this benediction. “*We will give warfare, not welfare; fiefdom in place of freedom; cruelty for charity and power unimaginable whilst the filth pray! We are warriors, not worriers seeking greatness not goodness. Ours is the demonic not the democratic. For Our Prince offers intelligence in place of ignorance; elitism not equality. Mayhem speaks louder than words as Our God utters the memory and promise of His greatness!*”¹⁶ [I would have dismissed all of this as but the product of mental illness if it was not for the fact that it so mirrors the predictions of saner, more mainstream analysts.]

Warning # 6 – The Coming Crisis As Product of Long-Term Social / Cultural Forces – Social historians William Straus and Neil Howe published their book, *The Fourth Turning* in 1997. What they discovered from their decades’ long collaboration was that the ‘American experience’ can be viewed as a “*recurring pattern in Anglo-American history of four generational types, each with a distinct collective persona, and a corresponding cycle of four different types of era, each with a distinct mood.*”¹⁷ In *The Fourth Turning*, they divide American history into turnings. First there is a **High**, a conservative time following a major victory in war. The 1950’s would be a good example of that. (But as a matter of fact, as with all the turnings, the authors have traced this history all the way back to 1433 – and the analysis fits – without forcing the issue.) This is followed by an **Awakening** – spiritual in nature; the most recent example being the turbulence of the 1960’s. That is followed in turn by a period of **Unraveling**. Strauss & Howe look to the cultural degradation that began to really take hold beginning in the mid-80’s. An earlier example would be the Roaring 20’s. The final stage is the reoccurrence of another **Crisis Era**. The ‘Turnings’ occur about every 20 years as the various generations move into their next phase of life. We are, it seems, entering one now. The Generation that fought World War II and

went through the Depression is fast fading away. The Silent Generation that followed it is itself beginning to die off and the Baby Boomers are moving into retirement. To Strauss & Howe we are now entering a Fourth Turning. In the mid 1990's they warned that we would hit this phase sometime between 2005 and 2008. Here it is in their own words. *"The next Fourth Turning is due to begin shortly after the new millennium, midway through the Oh-Oh decade. Around the year 2005, a sudden spark will catalyze a Crisis mood. Remnants of the old social order will disintegrate. Political and economic trust will implode. Real hardship will beset the land, with severe distress that could involve questions of class, race, nation and empire. The very survival of the nation will feel at stake. Sometime before the year 2025, America will pass through a great gate in history, commensurate with the American Revolution, Civil War, and twin emergencies of the Great Depression and World War II."*¹⁸

They go on to describe the severity of the crisis that America can expect to face. *"The risk of catastrophe will be very high. The nation could erupt into insurrection or civil violence, crack up geographically, or succumb to authoritarian rule. If there is a war, it is likely to be one of maximum risk and effort – in other words, a total war. Every Fourth Turning has registered an upward ratchet in the technology of destruction, and in mankind's willingness to use it. Thus, might the next Fourth Turning end in apocalypse – or glory. The nation could be ruined, its democracy destroyed, and millions of people scattered or killed. Or America could enter a new golden age, triumphantly applying shared values to improve the human condition. The rhythms of history do not reveal the outcome of the coming Crisis; all they suggest is the timing and dimension."* Over a decade ago, Strauss & Howe told us that we would be entering this crisis stage *"Sometime around the year 2005, perhaps a few years before or after."* Even then they offered the outlines of what might drive the crisis; a financial crisis perhaps or a national election, or something – (and they really used this next term back then) *"as trivial as a Tea Party"*. The authors suggest possible scenarios that may drive the action; - terrorist nukes, fiscal insolvency, looming default, cyber attacks etc. But it is not so much the exact nature of the issue that is at the center of things. *"An initial spark will trigger a chain reaction of unyielding responses and further emergencies. The core elements of these scenarios (debt, civic decay, global disorder) will matter more than the details."*¹⁹ Their words are eerily prescient. We've been witnessing – and living through – these very circumstances since the onset of the financial troubles which came to light in earnest beginning in September of 2008.

Warning # 7 – The 'Powers That Be' Prepare For The Worst – OK! Now the worst case scenario is that the whole shooting match will come unraveled, necessitating – in their view – instituting something even worse than marital law. Believing that the worst case scenario is inevitable, the PTB are preparing for an American brand of Fascism – a cooperation of State and Business. The architecture is already being put in place. Here's Dr Edwin Vieira Jr, interviewed for The Daily Bell. The problem behind every other today – the catalyst for everything else is *"the inherent and ineradicable instability of the present monetary and banking systems centered around the Federal Reserve System."* This is leading the nation to take some characteristically very un-American steps. These take the form of an *"ever-accelerating development of a first-class para-militarized police-state apparatus centered around the United States Department of Homeland Security, with its tentacles reaching down into every police force throughout the States and localities. Fundamentally, this apparatus is not, and never was, designed to deal with international 'terrorism'. If that were its goal, its first task would be absolutely to secure the southern border of the United States, which it has never seriously attempted to do. Rather, it is being set up to deal with what the political-cum-financial Establishment anticipates (and I believe rightly so) will be massive social and political unrest bordering on chaos throughout America when the monetary and banking systems finally implode in the not-so-distant future-surely in hyperinflation, and probably in hyperinflation coupled with a gut-wrenching depression."*²⁰

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You can add to all this the fact that our states, cities and counties are going broke; - that the familiar power structures in the Middle East are unraveling; - that international businessmen at a Conference in Saudi Arabia are being told that ETs are real; - and that China is fast closing the gap with the US military. The sources are varied. But the warnings are similar. Economists, futurists, Satanists, prophets & professors all believe that America...and the world, is in for a rough time ahead, indeed! And so we are left with the only Truth there is: Jesus. That, truly is not a bad place to be. In fact it's the ONLY place to be. We are, like it or not, a Chosen Generation. As Moses was dying he called Joshua to himself and encouraged him. **"Be strong and of good courage,"** he told him. Joshua was about to lead God's People into the Holy Land. It was a time of daunting challenges. But like that generation of Israelites, we too have God with us. Here is the promise relayed by Moses to Joshua – and by extension to us: **"And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."** (Deuteronomy 31:7, 8)

'REASON' TO BELIEVE – PART III

We continue this semi-random countdown of reasons that proves that we can trust the Bible in everything it says. It is an amazingly accurate book, - in all its claims. What follows are yet more examples of that accuracy.

COUNTING DOWN FROM #7

- 7. Daniel's Outline of History** – In the Book of Daniel, we find that God revealed to that prophet, - the entire outline of human history. Daniel 2, describes in detail the rise and fall of all the major empires including Babylon, Greece, Rome and the rejuvenated Roman Empire of the last days that will rise out of the EU. Chapter 8 describes in detail, the rise of Alexander the Great, his defeat of the Persians, and his death and the subsequent split of his empire into four parts. Daniel

wrote it as prophecy. It was later fulfilled as history. So knowing the accuracy of what was already fulfilled, we know we can trust what he writes about the rise of the Antichrist at the end of chapter 8.

6. **Jesus Predicts The Temple Destroyed & The Destruction of Jerusalem** – As He neared the time of His crucifixion, Jesus warned His disciples of the judgments on Jerusalem that were to come. **Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”** (Matthew 24:1-2) **“They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”** (Luke 21:24)

Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans about 40 years after Jesus was crucified. In AD 70, during the course of putting down a Jewish rebellion, Caesar’s legions ravaged Jerusalem and killed over a million Jews. During the destruction, the Temple was set on fire. The heat from the flames caused the gold-leaf ornamentation and the other temple gold to melt. The melting gold flowed down the walls and settled into the crevices between the stones. Under orders to recover it, the Roman soldiers pried apart the stones to remove the gold. As Jesus predicted, **“Not one stone”** was left standing on another. After the destruction and slaughter, hundreds of thousands of Jews were taken as slaves and scattered among the nations. This also fulfilled many other Biblical prophecies.

5. **The Resurrection Changed The Apostles** – While Jesus was with them during His ministry, the twelve Apostles would be evaluated on the world’s standards as pretty much a bunch of losers. James and John tried to set aside for themselves the choice places of power and prestige in the Kingdom. [Mark 10:35-37, Matthew 20:20-21] Peter could walk on water and was the first to recognize that Jesus was **“the Christ, the Son of the living God”**. Yet just minutes later Peter sustained a stinging rebuke from Jesus for trying to divert Him from the purpose of His ministry; - our Lord saying **“Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me”** [Matthew 16:13-23] During Christ’s trial, Peter denied Him three times. Most of the others just ran away. In sum, Jesus’ closest disciples were; weak, vacillating and scheming. They had been witnesses to His many signs and wonders, His healings, His mastery over nature. Still their faith failed. Then something changed. They saw the risen Christ!

They saw Jesus beaten, crucified and buried. But once they had seen Him, and touched Him, and eaten with Him, and later received the Holy Spirit, - they were transformed. The Truth was alive in them. Not even torture or the threat of death could shake their resolve. Save for John, who survived a boiling in oil, all the remaining Apostles went to their deaths proclaiming the reality of Jesus and His message. Peter was crucified in Rome, - upside down. Nathaniel was whipped to death in Armenia. Andrew hung on a cross for two days, preaching to his executioners all the while. Thomas was speared to death in India. Jesus brother James, (not an apostle but a major church leader), was thrown from the top of the Temple and then beaten to death with a club.²¹ Matthew was martyred in Ethiopia, Gospel author Mark was dragged by horses through the streets of Alexandria, Egypt. Almost all could have saved their lives by recanting their Faith. None would. They knew that the Truth was even more powerful than death. Christ had vanquished that imposter.

4. **The Faith Grew Up In Jerusalem** – Christianity was born right there where Jesus conducted much of His ministry: Where if it wasn’t true, - it could have easily been destroyed. After the claimed Resurrection the authorities could have produced the body and put an end to the young movement. They didn’t: Because they couldn’t! If the apostles were telling lies, the Christian Faith could have never got off the ground. It did! Not two months after Christ’s Resurrection, Peter relied on the very fact that Jesus’ ministry and miracles were publicly performed in Jerusalem. **“Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.”** (Acts 2:22) The miracles of the recently crucified Christ could serve as a tool only because they were so widely known and accepted by the populace. **“As you yourselves know”**, said Peter in addressing the crowd. Jesus’ miracles were not denied by His enemies because they could not be. Even non-believers had witnessed Christ’s wide mastery over the forces of nature.

Paul later used the widely known and attested fact of Christ’s rising as evidence to the skeptics of his day. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul in effect challenges his readers to check out the evidence by naming some of those who witnessed the risen Christ. **“He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.”** (1Corinthians 15:5-7)

Next week in Part III, we’ll look at the amazing prediction found in chapter 9 of the book of Daniel. Written over 500 years before Jesus was born, it gave the exact day that Messiah would come.

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