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INVASION – ROUND 1

We've all heard by now: Israel was invaded last Sunday; not by tanks and planes but by civilians; tens of thousands of them. This was the day that modern Israel celebrated the 63rd anniversary of its existence. To the Palestinians and Arabs of the surrounding countries it is something else entirely. It is Nakba Day. Nabka means "Catastrophe". It began in the morning when the "coalition organizing" the terror activities arranged for an Arab-Israeli truck driver to careen high speed through a busy road in Tel Aviv, ramming dozens of vehicles, running over pedestrians, injuring 17 and killing 1 in the process. Later in the day, thousands of Arabs marched on the Israeli border from Syria, Lebanon, Gaza and the West Bank (Judea & Samaria). By early afternoon hundreds of Syrians and Palestinian had forced the border and occupied a Druze town in Israeli, hoisting the Syrian and Palestinian flags there. As the crowds in the Golan crossed over from Syrian to Israeli territory, the IDF opened fire. There were casualties with the London Daily Mail reporting 16 dead and dozens injured. In Egypt, crowds attempted to storm the Israeli embassy and were turned away by Egyptian security forces.^{1 2 3 4 5}

This was no serendipitous coalescence of random forces. This was a planned event; organized, as it was, on Facebook. Robert Spencer revealed its origin in Front Page Magazine. "*Their declared intention – announced weeks ago on Facebook – was to return to the lands from which they had been expelled in 1948. The Facebook page made clear the sinister intentions of Sunday's action: it was entitled 'Third Palestinian Intifada', and after it posted numerous calls for violence against Israel, Facebook took it down – after it had gained 350,000 members.*"⁶

Here is what we must remember in all of this: Israel is the center of God's Plan. And as Christians – or even God-seekers – we must understand the nature of what they are facing. This is not about forcing Israel to acquiesce in the creation a Palestinian State. That is just a step on the way to the real goal; the very elimination of what they often refer to as 'The Zionist Entity'. What they want is an end to Israel. Prime Minister Netanyahu explained it very well. "*The leaders of these violent demonstrations, their struggle is not over the 1967 borders but over the very existence of Israel, which they describe as a catastrophe that must be resolved. It is important that we look with open eyes at the reality and be aware of whom we are dealing with and what we are dealing with.*"⁷ That's NOT just some 'Jew' talking – trying to make the case for his country's position. It's what Hamas says itself.

Now, earlier in May, the Hamas terror group – let it be known that it was willing to enter into a peace agreement that would set up a 'Palestine' within the 1967 borders. But a few days later they added a caveat. Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas co-founder, clarified that while they could accept those limits to begin with – it would only be a step along the way to the ultimate elimination of Israel. They could never "*cancel the right of the next generation to liberate the land.*" He explained that any sort of deal would be "*part of the resistance....A truce is not peace.*"⁸ [That of course should come as no surprise. We can't forget the Islamic concept of Hudna. A Hudna is a cease fire that the Islamic party can violate at will – when their circumstances improve.] This has been the long-standing position of Hamas and its parent organization, the Muslim Brotherhood. In fact, the Hamas charter quotes Brotherhood founder Hasan al-Banna who said: "*Israel will rise and will remain erect until Islam eliminates it as it had eliminated its predecessors.*"⁹

So what's the significance of what we're watching? There are actually at least two things going on here. First of all, the world: The UN, the EU, the United States etc – are all expecting – and pressuring Israel to 'make peace' with a would-be Palestine in which Hamas is a major partner. And Hamas is two things – if it is anything at all: It is a terror group – and – it is funded and equipped by Iran.¹⁰ That peace, as Hamas has admitted, will be temporary. Isaiah seems to prophesy of just

such a Palestinian state that will come to be at the time of the judgment of the nations. **“They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, But none shall be there, and all its princes shall be nothing.”** (Isaiah 34:12)

Secondly, the entire confederated move against Israel that showed its head again this last weekend is the reflection of the Confederacy talked about in Psalm 83. Verses 3-8 read: **“They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.” For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites; Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot. Selah.”**

This Scripture seems to be talking about an End Times military alliance of Israel’s nearest Arab neighbors. **“Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation,”** say they. Renowned prophecy scholar JR Church has investigated the analytic Biblical literature on the subject and has concluded that there is “no evidence” that such a 10-nation regional war against Israel ever took place. It awaits, therefore, future fulfillment. And it may not have long to do so. The nations and peoples mentioned are all represented – in their modern equivalents - in the group that came across the borders of Israel on May 15th – Nakba Day. This is an inner-ring of Israel’s closest neighbors. Bill Salus breaks it down for us. The modern day Palestinians are called **“The tents of Edom”**. Their Jordanian element is represented by **Moab** and **Ammon**. **Philistia** is yet another Palestinian component; Hamas of the Gaza Strip. **Tyre & Gebal** are Hezbollah of Lebanon. **Assyria** takes in Syria and Northern Iraq. The Hagrites are the Egyptians and the **Ishmaelites** likely refers to the people of Saudi Arabia. JR Church summarized it thus: The *“nations where the ten ancient people groups and tribes mentioned in Psalm 83 live today, are Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the Palestinian territories within Israel.”*^{11 12} With the events in Israel and the Arab Spring – we are seeing the Psalm 83 Confederacy form before our eyes.

Thus we are witnessing the world system set itself up for the fulfillment of God’s Word. We shouldn’t be surprised. He hasn’t missed yet. Now, we can be sure of one thing. This game is not over. It is only Round 1. Round 2 is yet to come. And the next thing on the agenda of the Israel-haters is a replay of the flotilla that tried to force its way into Gaza last Spring. The next flotilla is scheduled to depart sometime during the third week of June, trying in the process to further de-legitimize Israel in the eyes of the world.¹³ Stay tuned.

THE PRICE OF PALESTINE – PART II

You cannot defy God and expect to get away with it. God has purposed to bless Israel and to have His will fulfilled, in the end. Last time we detailed some of the correlating circumstances between American actions that tried to leverage Israel into trading God’s Land for a false promise of peace, - and natural and economic disasters that affected the United States. More importantly perhaps, we looked at the actions being taken by our government in Washington today and noted briefly the parade of disasters hitting our nation even this year; including record tornadoes and floods. This time we continue cataloguing some of these events from the past; demonstrating the price of human pride and willful ignorance.

WILLFUL IGNORANCE

Our last list of curious ‘coincidences’ wound up with Hurricane Katrina which struck New Orleans at the time that the Israeli settlers were being forcibly removed from Gaza. We rely on Bill Koenig to detail the major FEMA disasters that struck the US in 2007, - at or around the same time that either Secretary of State Rice was visiting Jerusalem to pressure Israel in the peace process, or when President Bush was conducting Quartet meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Olmert. Here’s just a sample of some of these events.

- January 13-19 2007: – Rice visits Israeli, several Arab countries Germany & Britain. There are FEMA level winter storms in Missouri, Oklahoma Texas. California orange crop is ruined. Record hurricanes nearly shut down Britain & Germany while the Secretary of State was there on the ground..
- The Quartet meets on February 2nd – A series of Tornadoes devastate Florida.
- March 25-27, - Secretary Rice is back in Israel. Tornadoes rip through New Mexico.
- President Bush authorizes \$59 million for Abbas’ Fatah party. Under US pressure Olmert & Abbas begin regular meetings on April 15th. Storms and flooding on April 15-16 lead to FEMA declarations in 8 states.

- June 17-19 – Olmert is in Washington meeting with President Bush. Talks aimed at strengthening Abbas. Storms and flooding hit New York and Texas during the meetings.
- August 7-8 - Under pressure from Washington, Jewish settlers are forced out of Hebron. Storms, tornadoes and flooding spell another FEMA disaster for New York.

We need not belabor the details. Still there seems a direct correlation between US actions that would compromise God's Word and direct and timely punishments. Mr Koenig discovered "*nine major FEMA disasters and... two other major crisis*" that coincided with American involvement in the peace process.¹⁴

Jump to 2008 and we pick up the account given by John McTernan in his book: *As America Has Done To Israel*.

- January 2008, - Pressure on Israel applied during President Bush's trip to the Middle East is punctuated by an outbreak of tornadoes and storms throughout the month and a large drop in the stock market.
- March 15, 2008: Secretary Rice chides Israel for dragging it's feet on the peace plan and in John McTernan's words: "During this time, ferocious tornado storms were devastating the South and mid-West. On March 15, a severe storm hit Georgia and a tornado actually went through the heart of Atlanta!"
- First week of June, 2008: More pressure by Rice on Israel. Stock market plunges 400 points, dollar falls to record lows, oil goes to record highs.
- The events of September / October 2008 described in PART V. Summary: The US and Olmert agree to divide Jerusalem. Economic disaster hits, - all on the Jewish High Holy Days. Here are the results. Rosh Hashanah: Market drops 777 points // Yom Kippur: Market drops 679 points // Tabernacles: Market drops 733 points.¹⁵

So we see the devastation that follows on the heels of America's choice to repeatedly go against God's plan. Is that really God's character, to judge our nation for its sins, or were these curiously timed events mere acts of nature? Take Hurricane Katrina for instance. Some in the religious community have stated that the hurricane, along with the tsunami that killed upwards of a quarter million, are truly acts of the judgment of God. One Rabbi tells us that there is a direct connection between Katrina and the removal of the Jews from Gush Katif. Rabbi Garlitzky of Chabad Lubavitch announced that, "*No one has permission to take away one inch of the land of Israel*". Many see strange similarities between the destruction of Katrina and that wrought by forced evacuation of the Settlements.¹⁶ Even the Hebrew words have a numerical equivalent. Katrina's is 374. Two separate Torah passages have that same numerical equivalent: Genesis 50:17, which reads "**They have done you evil**", and Exodus 14:15, which says, "**The sea upon the land**". And so it is argued. They are making an obvious connection with the promise God gave Israel in Genesis 12:3. "**I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**"

You see, God's character is reflected in both His love and holiness, - mercy and judgment. Students of the Bible know that God is unchangeable, His Word immutable. We know too that the Father exists in perfect holiness. When Isaiah had a vision of the Lord he became violently humbled and full of fear. He cried out, "**Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.**" Isaiah saw his sin, and could only cry out for mercy. Perhaps he saw in that moment what the writer revealed in Hebrews 12:14, that we must live in pursuit of holiness, "**...without which no one will see the Lord**". Jesus gave the standard in the Sermon on the Mount. "**Therefore you shall be perfect just as your Father in heaven is perfect.**" (Matthew 5:48) In Ephesians 5:1 Paul spells out what we must do. "**Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.**" He gets more specific just a few verses later. Ephesians 5:5 tells us, "**For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God**". And then in verse 6, he follows with a most solemn warning. "**Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.**"

Does God judge nations and people? We know from His word that He does. He judged the Northern and Southern Kingdom's of Israel when they fell into sin, turning them over to be conquered by their neighbors and then allowing those nations to be punished themselves for the mistreatment of His people. The prophets warned that judgment was coming, and surely it came. God judged the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah when they persisted in their wickedness. Recently archaeologists have found their remains, burned from above it seems, just as the Bible has said. Their sin was the rampant perversion and homosexuality described in the Genesis account. They were consumed with their lusts, and so God consumed

them. God judged and punished the whole world for sinfulness, saving only Noah from the destroying flood. Yes God is a God of mercy; - but He is a God of Holiness too. God cannot stand to look at sin. And so He is a God of judgment, of all that is unclean, of all that persist in rebellion against Him and His Word.

There is God's promise of judgment and punishment. And here we are a nation flaunting the standards established in His Word. We have kicked God out of school, yet seek His protection. We have allowed the murder of 40 million with the legalization of abortion. We have sentenced millions of children to a life of poverty, and drug use, and delinquency and failure, by encouraging a culture where father's need no longer take responsibility for their children. We have celebrated sin with gay festivals and porn festivals, and internet pornography, and public drunkenness and rampant drug use, - and in the case of Katrina, - in New Orleans itself. And yes, we know that "...**all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**". (Romans 3:22-23) But now we're messing with something very dear to God's heart; - *His* land!

So God promises to curse and bless according to the way that we treat His people, the Jews. Joel 3:1-2, only confirms that earlier promise. "...**I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of my people and my inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up my land.**" There it is; - judgment for dividing God's Land. Some scoff. Yet it was not strange in this nation's early history for men to see natural disasters and wars as the judgment of God. No less respected a man than President Lincoln saw the hand of God in the great suffering that afflicted this nation by the Civil War. In his second inaugural address, Lincoln recognized slavery as a great sin for which "...*the providence of God*" gave "*to both North and South, this terrible war, as the woe due to those by whom the offence came*". Should we be so incredulous to believe that God should so honor His Word once again?

David Herzog reminds us that Britain lost its empire when it "*agreed to divide*" Palestine between Jews and Arabs. Here is God's promise revealed in Psalm 105:8-11: "**He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance**". Canaan, (Palestine), is God's to give. He gave it to the Jews.

In the end, we are subject to His law and His will not our own. We cannot continue to act against the dictates of God. In the future there is coming a time when all the world will turn against Jerusalem to enforce man's collective will on that Holy City. It will be to no avail. Zechariah 12:2 tells us that it will become a "**cup of trembling unto all the peoples round about**". The next verse goes on: "**And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered against it**". (KJV) IT IS TIME FOR THE US TO GET OUT OF THE PEACE MAKING BUSINESS – AND GET BACK TO THE BUSINESS OF OBEYING GOD!!! AND IT'S TIME TO START MAKING PEACE WITH THE PRINCE OF PEACE!!

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