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Last time out we hunkered down on the principle that ISRAEL IS THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL PROPHECY! We looked at past history and noted both the fulfillment of His prophetic word and the ordering of events according to that word. God sure is amazing! This time out we're going to jump forward to the present day. There are a number of prophecies given regarding events that are to occur just before the return of Christ. And as we watch the news stories of the day we realize that conditions mirror very closely those that must exist to fulfill these prophecies.

CRISIS POINT #1 – ISRAEL

We are poised on the edge of prophetic fulfillments. What was impossible to imagine just a few short months ago – now more and more seems the likely near term scenario. Nations have been shaken. Power centers have changed. This is especially so when it comes to the Middle East. Emerging new alignments have made possible the fulfillment of prophecies found in the Psalms, in Isaiah, Ezekiel and Obadiah. It is the working of what the media has called the 'Arab Spring' that has brought this about. But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves. We'll start with the prophecies.

“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.” (Psalm 83:3-4) Thus has been the battle cry of the Arab nations that surround the State of Israel ever since its modern inception in 1948. **“Let us destroy them as a nation”**, sounds very much like Iran's October 2005 call to *“wipe Israel from the face of the earth”*, or the clause in the Palestinian Charter that denies Israel its existence.

Next the prophet names the countries in that confederacy. And it is there that that the prophecy gets even more interesting. Scripture uses the ancient names. But we can unravel it by translating them to their modern equivalents. So it continues. **“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.”** (Psalm 83:5-8) The Scripture is very specific – even when pushed forward a couple of thousand years. **Edom** refers to Jordan. The **Ishmaelites** are Saudi Arabia and Egypt. **Moab** again is Jordan. The **Hagrites** refers to the Egyptians and possibly other North African peoples. **Ammon** yet once more refers to Jordan, **Philistia** is the Palestinians, **Tyre** is in Lebanon – in an area fully occupied and controlled by Hezbollah. Finally, **Assyria** takes in part of the areas of Syria and Iraq. As to the resolve to see Israel destroyed: Who can deny this is the purpose of these Arab / Muslim nations? Certainly not they! Arab maps today always show the Middle East without the nation of Israel.

The possible onset of this very Psalm 83 War is the danger seen by such astute prophecy scholars and Middle East observers as Israelite author Bill Salus and Jan Markell of Olive Tree Views. I agree with them that the ascendance of the Muslim Brotherhood and like groups – made possible by the 'Arab Spring' ongoing revolution – is bringing nothing but “revolt, rage, terror and chaos” to the region. This is not about democracy – but rather mob rule in the name of Allah. Salus writes: *“Interestingly, there is evidence that the majority of Middle East and North African countries plagued by the current Muslim unrest are involved in the end-time Israeli war prophecies.”* He's referring to both Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39. To our shame, the United States has been involved with aiding and abetting the movement. It took up the cause of the Brotherhood

in Egypt, even before the start of the revolution there. In Libya, the administration is supporting the rebels, though it is becoming increasingly well known of their radical-Islamic tendencies. Markell believes that the onset of this war could come with the winter of 2011-2012.¹ All the pieces are falling into place. Hezbollah, Hamas, Egypt, Syria – are all accounted for both in the prophecies – and – in the Radical Islamic Movement that is gathering steam through this viral regional revolt.

The radical Islamic movement stands to put some formidable arsenals into their orbit. President Assad of Syria is engaging in a near slaughter in those areas that resist him. Syria has WMDs and has been caught working on a nuclear program. Damascus has long served as the host to any number of terror organizations – while the Syrian government quietly looked the other way. Prophecy scholar Glen Allen believes that Scripture has earmarked Syria's next major war against Israel as its' last. Syria has waged war against Israel three times since the re-birth of that nation: 1948, 1967 and 1973. The next war would be the fourth in the series. Here is what Amos 1:3-5 says. **“Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*, Because they have threshed Gilead with implements of iron. But I will send a fire into the house of Hazeel, Which shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad. I will also break the *gate bar of Damascus*””**. Allen contends that the next war will be that fourth and final war.

There are other Scriptures that speak to the same war. The war with Syria will also feature the destruction of the world's “...oldest perpetually inhabited city”; - Damascus. **“The burden against Damascus. “ Behold, Damascus will cease from *being a city, And it will be a ruinous heap*””**. (Isaiah 17:1)² Is this a nuclear attack against the Syrian capital? It may be so. Jeremiah 49:26-27 describes the scene. **“Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, And all the men of war shall be cut off in that day,” says the LORD of hosts. “ I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, And it shall consume the palaces of Ben-Hadad.””** What would prompt Israel to use its nuclear arsenal: One of two scenarios at least. As early as 1996, Syria was equipping their Scud-C missiles with VX nerve gas. At that time, the Israeli Government let it be known in unequivocal terms that the very existence of Damascus was at stake should the Syrians decide to use chemical weapons. The threat was repeated in November of 2000, when Israeli General Kaplinsky threatened to attack Damascus because of Syrian support for increasing terror at the hands of Hezbollah.³ An Israeli atomic response is the unspoken wildcard in Jerusalem's hand. It will be used if it is necessary to assure the survival of the Jewish state.

After the total destruction of Damascus foretold in Isaiah 17:1, the prophet goes on to detail more judgments in store for Israel's enemies. **“The cities of Aroer will be deserted and left to flocks, which will lie down, with no one to make them afraid. The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim, and royal power from Damascus; the remnant of Aram will be like the glory of the Israelites,” declares the LORD Almighty.”** (Isaiah 17:2-3) The prophet here, is communicating God's judgment on more than just Syria. Aroer is in the southern central part of Jordan. Ephraim refers to the West Bank, the very center of Palestinian claimed land, soon it seems to be part of a new Palestinian State. Aram, again refers to the Syrians. The **“royal power”** or sovereignty of Syria seems to be compromised in this prophecy. The inclusion of Jordan and the Palestinians in the same verses as the Syrians suggests that the destruction of those particular enemies of Israel will occur at the same time, during a general Arab-Israeli War.

The prophet Obadiah deals with God's judgments on Edom, the modern-day Palestinians. In the first several verses he sets the tone. **“Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom... (...‘Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle’): “ Behold, I will make you small among the nations; You shall be greatly despised. The pride of your heart has deceived you”**. (Obadiah 1:3) Then the vision of Obadiah pronounces both judgment and sentence. To understand the Biblical language, recall that in the Old Testament, God changed Jacob's name to Israel. Verse 10 gives the judgment. **“For violence against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever.”** Obadiah 1:15 gives the time of and reason for the sentence. It will be executed as we approach the day of Christ's return. **“For the day of the LORD upon all the nations is near; As you have done, it shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.”** It is interesting too, the use of the term **“reprisal”**. That is the term often used by the media to describe the “cycle of violence”, as they would have it, between Israel and the Palestinians. Then in verses 17&18, we find the terms of the sentence: Total destruction. **“The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame; But the house of Esau shall be stubble; They shall kindle them and devour them, and no survivor shall**

remain of the house of Esau,” For the LORD has spoken.” The terms are stark indeed! Not one “...shall remain of the house of Esau”.

The sentence is confirmed in Isaiah 14:31. **“All you of Philistia are dissolved; For smoke will come from the North.”** The entire scenario is reviewed in Zechariah 9. Here the prophet pronounces again **“The burden of the word of the LORD”**, against Damascus, but this time adds Tyre and Sidon, in modern-day Lebanon, whose power **“...will be devoured by fire”**. Of course that is where Hezbollah has set up camp with its modernized rocket arsenal ready to launch, and capable of hitting now all of Israel. Zechariah goes on to pronounce against the Philistines (Palestinians) and states emphatically in 9:5, that **“The king shall perish from Gaza”**. No more Palestinian Authority, - it seems! Gaza is the home of course, of the fanatical Hamas terror entity.

Obadiah describes the extent of Israel’s triumph. She will **“...possess the mountains of Esau”**, Philistia, (Palestine and Palestinian), Ephraim, Samaria and Gilead. The border of Israel shall extend all the way to Zarephath, which is well into Lebanon; **“And the kingdom shall be the Lord’s”**. (Obadiah 1:21)

Though the timing is less certain, judgment is proclaimed for Egypt also. Isaiah 19:1-3 reads, **“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. The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst”**. It could be describing a scene of both nuclear destruction and civil war.

The outcome of the war against Syria, the Palestinians, Jordan, the terrorists of Lebanon and possibly Egypt is one of total victory for Israel. It brings a great annexation of ‘Promised’ land and a time of peace before the next war. One can only imagine the rage of the surviving Arab-Islamic nations, as they witness the destruction of Damascus, the utter defeat of Syria, and the annexation of parts of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the whole of Gaza and the West Bank. Isaiah 17 seems to tell us that it will lead to the hate-fueled invasion by the Gog-Magog alliance of Ezekiel 38. **“Oh the raging of many nations, - they rage like the raging sea...they roar like the roaring of great waters.”** (Isaiah 17:12) Yet before that invasion there will be a time of peace. When the next alliance comes against God’s People, Ezekiel 38:11 tells us, they will say to themselves, **“...‘I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’”**. That peace and sense of security is made possible by Israel’s total victory over the Palestinians and her other Arab neighbors, so totally dedicated to her destruction. Perhaps it is the time of the 7-year treaty confirmed by Antichrist, guaranteeing that peace. In the event, it leads to the great Gog-Magog invasion of Israel.

PART OF THE PLAN

America was in a really tough place. Our addiction to deficit spending has put us there and we are starting to pay the price. The deal that was cut by the President and Congress did not do much – and as it turned out – it most certainly DID NOT impress our creditors. Here are some of the issues with the budget deal. Once the debt ceiling was raised government borrowing kicked in immediately. However the majority of budget cuts are spread over the next ten years. That’s a commitment no current Congress can make. It cannot truly commit budget cuts in the future – in that any future congress would not be bound by decisions made today. Going into the process we started out with the national debt sitting at about \$14.3 trillion. But as Todd Strandberg points out: *“We don’t start saving a single penny until after the national debt has already reached \$16.7 trillion.”* And in fact we already started that big climb, borrowing \$238 billion the day after the debt ceiling was raised. If things go according to the plan currently in place we will be \$26.2 trillion in debt by 2021. That would make our debt to GDP ratio a whopping 180%. That is completely unsustainable.. Nations that exceed 100%, points out Strandbeg, “will eventually collapse. And our ageing population will only make this worse. That’s because there will be fewer workers to support our retirees. Sustaining Social Security will require a 35% increase in payroll taxes. And that’s just to maintain the status quo.”^{4 5}

It actually gets worse! All this time we've been talking about the official debt. But there's a whole lot more of the ice berg under the water than what we can see. Those 'official' figures leave out such behemoths as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. As economics professor Laurence J Kotlikoff explains: *"We're focused just on the official debt, so we're trying to balance the wrong books...If you add up all the promises that have been made for spending obligations, including defense expenditures, and you subtract all the taxes that we expect to collect, the difference is \$211 trillion. That's the fiscal gap. That's our true indebtedness."*⁶

Well it wasn't long from the time that President Obama signed the bill ensuring increased indebtedness until the fallout started to hit. By August 3rd it was being reported that a Chinese credit rating agency had lowered the rating on US T-Bill.⁷ More significantly, S&P followed suit a few days later, warning that there could be more downgrades.^{8 9} No one really knows for sure, but earlier, JP Morgan Bank had estimated that a US downgrade would cost about \$100 billion annually.¹⁰ Costs will be born not by the government alone, but will filter down through the economy as the cost of borrowing slows investment and job creation. The S&P downgrade of government bonds came after business closed on Friday, August 5th. On Monday, the credit rating agency also sliced into government mortgage lenders Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac.

With all this negative news market reactions were violent. Thursday the 4th had seen a 500 point plunge in the Dow. As this goes to press on the afternoon of August 8th, the market has dropped another 300 points.¹¹ At the same time, the price of an ounce of gold rose over \$52 in one day and is sitting at over \$1,715.¹² High gold of course means weak dollar. Guan Jianzhong, the President of China's Dagong Global Credit Rating, told CNBC that the Dollar would be *"gradually discarded by the world"*. He called the process *"irreversible"*.¹³ China, Russia, India and Brazil are among the emerging economies that are lobbying for the end of the Dollar's role as the world's reserve currency. The conditions are being created that will make that possible. Barring a miraculous recovery, the dollar is mathematically doomed to be relegated to second class status. My Budget 360 explains what is happening here. *"Federal Reserve openly targets dollar demise – U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve solution to economic crisis is to crush dollar and target the standard of living for American families."*¹⁴ Washington hopes to pay back its debts with dollars that are worth considerably less than the ones they borrowed.

There's a couple of things we've got to realize. There is no *'danger of a double-dip recession'*. It's beyond that. Big American Government has been borrowing and spending like a drunken sailor on leave for the last several decades. And its managed to ratchet up several notches for the last several years. I agree with economist and social commentator Vox Day on this: What we have is *"actually the continuation of the worldwide depression that began in 2008."* And there is little that the US can do about it. Unless the private sector turns this around, Washington is in a *"Catch 22"* predicament. If the government *"continues to expand its own debt to make up for the private contraction – as it has done for the last 11 quarters – then the debt will rise and the debt-to-GDP ratio will increase. If it stops increasing its debt at the present rate of \$1.5 trillion per year, GDP will fall and the debt-to-GDP ratio will increase. A positive solution is simply out of Washington's hands now. Picking its poison is the only available option."*¹⁵ A change in our status is nearly inevitable.

And that's part of the plan. The PTB have been scheming all along to bring this about. As documented here before, they have openly written about their plans to; - reduce the American standard of living, and to divide the globe into ten Super-National regions a la the EU. A North American Union of Canada, the United States and Mexico is an open part of that plan. A major weakening of the Dollar is a necessary step in achieving their goal. After all, there can be no independent superpower in their plans for the coming New World Order.

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HISTORY OF THE FUTURE – Mini Seminar

Rev Rob Palaszewski will be speaking at the 7PM service at THE BREAD OF LIFE CHURCH on Wednesday, August 31st. The Church is located at 1632 South Park Ave, Buffalo, NY, 14220. Phone: (716) 827-7866. Rob will be giving the prophetic take on the fast developing world situation.

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