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### WAR DRUMS...OR...RUMORS THEREOF ?

The last week has seen an explosion of activity in the Middle East that would suggest that a new war there may be just around the corner. Yes, we've seen these periods of buildup before – yet the actions this time seem to take on a more frenzied pace. Consider the most recent activity.

As October turned November word leaked that Prime Minister Netanyahu was attempting to rally support among the Israeli Cabinet for a pre-emptive strike against the Iranian nuclear facilities.<sup>1</sup> Within days of those first reports, DEBKA reported that *“the senior Israeli ministers formerly against attacking Iran’s nuclear sites are now for it.”*<sup>2</sup> But there was more than just talk. Early in November, Israel test fired a nuclear capable ICBM with a range of about 4,200 miles; well capable of hitting Iran.<sup>3</sup> And the Israeli’s released photos of their Air Force training with NATO allies in Italy. The message was clear. Not to be outdone, Israeli allies the US and the UK got into the act. In Britain, The Guardian reported: *“Britain’s armed forces are stepping up their contingency planning for potential military action against Iran amid mounting concern about Tehran’s nuclear enrichment program.”*<sup>4</sup> The Brits were talking to Washington about stationing fighter bombers on American controlled Diego Garcia as a base for any Iranian attacks.<sup>5</sup> And DEBKA is saying that President Obama is “set to attack Iran” in the fall of 2012. [*How strangely convenient that would be! Isn’t there a presidential election being held then? Mmmm!*] And other reports exist that if the US and allies won’t do it – Israel “may strike alone”.<sup>6</sup>

Why now? Well it seems the Israelis have plenty to be worried about. The UN’s International Atomic Energy Agency is set to release a report on Iran’s nuclear program. It will kind of reverse it’s previous positions. The Jerusalem Post wrote: *“A report by the UN nuclear watchdog this week will support allegations that Iran built a large steel container for carrying out tests with high explosives that could be used in nuclear weapons, sources briefed on the document disclosed over the weekend.”*<sup>7</sup> This latest report moves up Tehran’s nuclear time-table considerably. The IAEA now believes that Iran is only months away from assembling its first homegrown nuclear weapon.<sup>8 9</sup> According to the Guardian, Iran was aided in their quest by nuclear scientists from both Pakistan and Russia.<sup>10</sup> Then there is the crazy warning from the Iranian Revolutionary Guards News Agency FARS saying that it would just take four Iranian missiles to rain death on a million Israelis. There are long-standing unconfirmed reports that Iran obtained more than a handful of nuclear cruise missiles on the black market from Ukraine and Belarus, upon the breakup of the Soviet Union.<sup>11</sup> Tehran is claiming too that it finally managed to acquire the Russian-made S-300 missile defense system – but not from Moscow who wouldn’t sell it – but from Belarus. If this is true it would make any Western attack against hardened nuclear sites all that much more difficult.<sup>12</sup>

### **The Prophetic Angle**

But a decisive attack on Iran that would forever eliminate that threat is not what Scripture suggests is the next item on the prophetic agenda. This newsletter takes the position that we will see the Psalm 83 War, when the inner ring of Arab states move against Israel, before we see Iran (Persia) dealt with when she is one of the leading nations that organizes the Magog Alliance invasion of Israel found in Ezekiel 38. So how do we possibly get from here to there? Well, speculating now, there does seem to be a logical scenario to get there. Hezbollah and Hamas are believed to

have about 100,000 rockets and missiles poised to throw against Israel.<sup>13</sup> And the events of the Arab Spring may lead to action to relieve pressure at home. DEBKA again: “*Syria and Hizballah are reported by debkafile’s military sources to be in the throes of separate preparations for attacking Israel if their respective grips on power are shaken. For now, those sources rate the chances of Israel facing a military clash with Syria and/or Hizballah much higher than a NATO-Israeli showdown being mounted against Iran.*”<sup>14</sup>

### **Or Maybe Just Rumors.....**

And then there’s this. The reports of US willingness to use force, may be no more than rumors, it seems. Referencing the upcoming IAEA report, the Obama Administration began campaigning to enlist support for more severe sanctions against Iran. But soon there were indications that the White House was backtracking on even this. According to DEBKA this was for several principle reasons including: 1) It was too late to stop Iran from building a bomb. 2) Sanctions would further disrupt both the American and world economies. 3) And this the most tragic reason of all! In DEBKA’s words: “*For the first time in American history, Washington has admitted its military capabilities are constrained by economic concerns.*”<sup>15</sup> Matthew Lee wrote this in an AP story carried by Boston.com and other sources. “*The possibility of a U.S. strike is considered remote, however. That is partly because there is no certainty it would successfully stop Iran and partly because of the diplomatic and political repercussions for a cash-strapped nation emerging from two wars.*”<sup>16</sup>

And if the US does not lead the charge against Iran, a Netanyahu led Israeli government may feel the necessity to act alone. The Prime Minister believes that it is his duty to prevent Iran from acquiring a home-grown nuclear capability. (There is a certain Churchillian motif involved here: A lone statesman railing against an evil that only he can see clearly – and being demonized for his efforts. Yet I digress.) He has pledged that he would not allow it to happen. An Israeli strike could set off – or lead to a general Middle East war. (As we’ve pointed out before: That would fit the revealed plans of the Power-That-Be; the Illuminati and the Masonic powers.) Still, despite the dangers, Israel is in deadly earnest about addressing an existential threat to its very existence. Israeli President Peres warned “*the possibility of a military attack against Iran is now closer to being applied than the application of a diplomatic option*”.<sup>17</sup> And thus the table is set...for the fulfillment of prophecy....and the outworking of the purposes of God.

## **A GREAT AMERICAN APOSTASY – PART I**

*Let there be no doubt! The Antichrist is coming! And from what we can see his rise may be just over the horizon. 2Timothy 2:1-4 describes the immediate conditions for that occurrence of that event. “Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.” Today’s church is making possible the rise of the man that will set up a worldwide kingdom in direct opposition to God.*

### **A VERY BROAD ROAD**

**“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20)**

What can be crazier than questioning and setting aside the very Word of God. But that’s just what two Baptist professors have set out to do. David Gushee of Mercer University and Glen Stassen of Fuller Theological Seminary have taken umbrage with what they call the Christian Zionist movement. That’s the ‘Movement’ that the Bible is telling the absolute truth when it comes to the geographical and spiritual promises given to the revived Israel that the

Bible prophesied would exist in the Last Days. Instead, Gushee and Stassen claim that this view is entirely wrong. The “*divine promise of land to the Jewish people as recorded in Scripture*”, should not apply to modern Israel. And God’s promises on this front are only conditional anyway. Instead they hold that “*the prevailing version of American Christian Zionism ...underwrites theft of Palestinian land and oppression of Palestinian people, helps create the conditions for an explosion of violence, and pushes U.S. policy in a destructive direction that violates our nation’s commitment to universal human rights. In all of these, American Christian Zionism as it currently stands is sinful and produces sin.*”<sup>18</sup>

Now the good professors are wrong. The promises of Scripture are true in this matter. And the return of Israel to the Land signals the End of the Age. There are many prophetic passages that apply, but perhaps one of the foremost and signal prophecies given is Isaiah 11:11-12. It reads: “**In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people...he will assemble the scattered peoples of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.**” The first time God called His people back was after the Babylonian captivity, so that Israel could receive her Messiah at his first coming. This second re-gathering signals the near end of history; - so that Israel will be in the Land to receive the Messiah who is to return in Glory and power. The Jewish return began with the Zionist movement of the late 19th century. It was hurried along by Hitler’s attempt to destroy the race during WWII and it continues to this day. The Jews survived as a nation for over 1,800 years without a homeland, - just as God promised. In Leviticus 26:33 God had warned Israel that He would “**scatter you among the nations**”. Through Isaiah He promised them that He would again call them to the Land. “**I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’**” (Isaiah 43:5-6) That promise is echoed over and over again by the prophets. And through Ezekiel he confirmed the permanence of the call. “**They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever.**”

Yet the confused professors represent only the tip of the iceberg. Patriot News reports: “*Social activists involved with Faith Shared, a program of Interfaith Alliance and Human Rights First were trying to promote tolerance and respect of Islam and counter opposition to the Muslim faith. So starting with the National Cathedral in Washington DC, at least fifty other churches in 32 states joined in the effort to host readings from the Quran.*”<sup>19</sup> Yes, that is the place of our National Cathedral; to undermine our faith.

California’s Claremont Lincoln University has gone one farther. They are now running a multi-faith theological seminary. Muslims, Christians and Jews will all study together. Buddhists and Hindus may soon be a part of the mix. A Muslim professor explained. “*The diversity of humankind is not a curse from God. It is a sign of God’s creation, and the beauty of humanity is in our very differences.*” A Jewish educator added this: “*Some of us are looking in a Jewish direction. Some of us are looking in a Muslim direction. Some are looking in a Christian direction. And yet we are all looking in a God direction.*”<sup>20</sup>

Of course this is nonsense! The Bible clearly teaches the exclusivity of Christ as the only door to the Father. “**Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”** (John 14:6) We cannot choose our truth. As Jesus told the woman at the well: “**But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.**” (John 4:23-24) And there is not a wide path that takes in every religion. Christ said in Matthew 7:13-14: “**Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.**” Sorry guys, you don’t get to make up the rules!

But if all of that is not weird enough, you can head out to San Francisco for a real piece of the surreal. Ebenezer Lutheran Church, part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is pushing the radical envelope in ways even strange by California standards. The church has invited a High Priestess of Isis to share and speak at a “*Faith and Feminism Conference*” they are hosting. At the event, the High Priestess named Loreon Vigne, will be leading the attendees in a “guided meditation”. Here’s some of what Vigne told World Net Daily: “*I personally see Isis as Mother Nature and that she encompasses everything with her wings. She's a winged goddess. She encompasses any other goddess from any culture. Guided meditation is where the audience closes their eyes and you take them on a little journey. I've taken people to their past lives in Egypt, as [that culture] had all the secrets. They're the ones that knew. Their main concept is to know thyself, know thy heart, know thy soul and know thy purpose.*” Now admittedly, Ebenezer Lutheran is bit more than a little outside the mainstream of even liberal leaning churches. For instance the Church’s Pastor is Rev Megan Rohrer, who defends the event by claiming that “*the world is much more interested in interfaith connection than exclusivity.*” Rev Rohrer, who is “*openly transgender*”, promotes a feminine vision of God at her church. A banner there openly declares: “*The God/dess loves all her children.*”<sup>21</sup>

At this point, perhaps it’s important to take a look at the identity of the goddess Isis. Isis is the Egyptian version of the Babylonian goddess Semiramis. Semiramis was the mother figure in a mother & child cult that spread across the entire globe. While this pagan system began deep in the recesses of pre-Christian times, it eventually even invaded the professing Church. Semiramis – (the very real wife of Nimrod in the Bible) – was worshipped along with her son Horus / Tammuz. In the course of the early centuries of the Church’s existence, it managed to worm its way into the belief system of what later became Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christianity. Werner Keller explains in *The Bible as History*. “*Nimrod and his mother (Semiramis) became the chief entities of worship as a Madonna and child. This belief and practice spread to Egypt, where the names of the gods were Isis and Osiris. The son Osiris was born December 25. In Asia it was Cybele and Deonius. In Rome they were called Fortuna and Jupiter. Throughout the world we still find the remnants of mother and child worship to this day. It is no surprise that this same system still exists at the end of the age. It is called 'Mystery Babylon' (Rev 17:5). Shockingly, it is disguised as Christianity and is still practiced.*”<sup>22</sup> As for Isis herself: She is said to be the patron of women and the goddess of magic.<sup>23</sup>

Yet a Lutheran Church sees fit to wrap itself in this ancient paganism; this manifestation of the Mystery Religions of dark ages past. It was Alice Bailey herself, that spokesperson for the occultic religion Theosophy and the Luciferian nature of Freemasonry, that told us the Time of the End, when their New Age Christ (Antichrist) would appear, would be a time of the “*restoration of the Mysteries*”. Dr Dennis Cuddy quotes Bailey in his 1993 Book: *President Clinton Will Continue the New World Order*. “*When the Great One [Antichrist] comes with his disciples and initiates we shall have the restoration of the Mysteries and their exoteric presentation as a consequence of the first initiation.*”<sup>24</sup> Bailey also indicated that the church would be infiltrated and true Christianity co-opted in the process. A confused professing church seems to be stumbling toward that very end. In the name of tolerance and inclusiveness we’ve invented a Religion of Man that is *more compassionate than God*. But it is a religion of distortion and the acceptance of the perversion of the Divine Order. And there is NO TRUTH IN IT! God calls us to be holy – and holy means to be called out – separated for the purposes of God. As true Christians we can have no truck with non-believers and pagans, to boot. Jesus warned us to take the narrow gate – not the broad road that leads to destruction. In 2Corinthians 6:14-16 the Apostle Paul warns us – and asks us to consider the consequences of our actions. **“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.”**

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