



Pray for Israel.....

"...whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head" Ezek.33:4.

'O LORD, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear? Even cry out to You, "Violence!" and You will not save. Why do You show me iniquity, and cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me...' Habakkuk 1:2-3

The Watchman's Prayer Letter

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"...and I will bless those that bless you!"

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country... to a land that I will show you. I will bless you...and you shall be a blessing—I will bless those who bless you..." Genesis 12:1-3a.

At the time of writing (January 12), international "Peace-Negotiators" are meeting in Brussels to re-generate the peace process (New York Times). Israel's Maariv newspaper also reported that Washington was pushing a plan to restart peace talks that foresees reaching a final deal in two years and agreeing on permanent borders in nine months. The US envoy for the Middle East, George Mitchell, on Monday moved to rally Europe behind fresh efforts for a two-state peace deal in the region, saying the United States had a "set timetable" for negotiations. Mitchell and other special representatives of the Middle East diplomatic "Quartet" will meet in Brussels on Wednesday to discuss the new US plan to restart peace talks.

"Central to our efforts is resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on the basis of two states," Mitchell said on Monday. "No one country, no one leader can accomplish these objectives alone. It will take a combined and a concerted effort and partnership to achieve it."

This partnership, framed by the term *Quartet*, comprises the U.S., Russia, the European Union and ... the United Nations.

Indeed, the uninitiated could be forgiven for mistaking all of this moving and shaking by the world's most powerful people, as genuine efforts to make peace between Israel and the Palestinian people. What complicates matters greatly for ordinary people is the reality that there is little understanding around the world, of the fact, that there had never been a Palestinian people, or nation, until the rise of Yasir Arafat in 1964. This is aided by the reality that several generations of Palestinians, since 1948, have been indoctrinated into believing that *'the Jews are European impostors'* who manufactured their own history without any true claim to the Holy Land.

Thus, hemmed in by a lack of true information, well-meaning people find themselves supporting anti-Israel politics – we regard as totally evil - engendered by this Quartet, which knows the truth!

A factor, which ought to make many shudder, is this— three quarters of the Quartet stem from formerly Christian nations (Russia may have been ruled by the communists for seventy years, but its Christian roots go very deep) with access to the Bible. Consequently they are without excuse concerning God’s promises to the Jewish people. Indeed, the Russian Orthodox Church, together with the Russian Government, owns some of the most prime real estate in Israel/Jerusalem. Have these leaders no sense to ignore passages like this one from Psalm 2:2-5? “...*The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, ‘Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away their cords from us.’ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure...*”

The sons of Abraham, through Isaac and Jacob, have brought blessings without measure to the world and therefore deserve to be blessed by the world in return. Through them came Yeshua/Jesus who gave the Gentiles the knowledge of the One True God and all the blessings of the Judeo-Christian culture, social progress and reforms not known outside Judaism and Christianity.

Instead of devising blessings for Israel and the Jewish people, the world’s political leaders are sparing no effort and leaving no stone unturned to rob from Israel the blessings of God. The consequences are written into those opening verses of Genesis 12!

In conclusion I want to say that this Quartet begins to resemble the beast image, which comes to us from the combined imagery of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13.

Strategic Prayer Points:

- ❖ Please pray for the leaders of the US, Russia, the EU and the UN, which make up the Quartet, that God would grant them an awakening to the truth.
- ❖ Please pray for Israel’s secular and spiritual leaders that they may begin to hear God’s directions for His people.
- ❖ Ask for a strengthening of the courageous families throughout Judea and Samaria who continue to brave the attacks of Arabs and the – often – brutal hands of their own law-enforcers.
- ❖ Pray for the IDF and all law-enforcing agencies in Israel that the light of God may come upon them.
- ❖ Pray that the IDF soldiers who have the courage to follow their own spiritual convictions, will, and that God will lead them the right way.

Connecting the Dots...

Pilar Rahola is a Spanish politician, journalist and activist ... and not Jewish! She is a passionate defender of the United States and Israel and an indefatigable fighter against anti-Semitism, yet she espouses a leftist ideology. Her articles are published in Spain and throughout some of the most important newspapers in Latin America, and apparently, she is also the recipient of major awards by Jewish Organizations (see the website below).

This woman is a paradox in that her views are in stark contrast to the liberal views expressed by the Jewish Left in Israel and throughout Europe, for she raises the question why leftists never express an outrage against any of the global dictatorships, nor against the acts of terrorism committed against Israel?

The basis for this article was published on this website: <http://israelseen.com/2009/12/30/pilar-rahola-is-a-spanish-politician-journalist-and-activist/>. Rahola challenges the “left” in Europe, and around the world, as to why they are so obsessed with the two most solid democracies--the United States and Israel--and not with the worst dictatorships on the planet? In this article she charges that the two most solid democracies in the world have suffered the bloodiest attacks of terrorism, yet those on the left of global politics don't care.

The challenge, posed to every Christian reading her article is, that although a small number of believers work untiringly for Israel and the Jewish people, most of the Christian world does not appear to have the same concern!

If push comes to shove, concern for the rights and freedom of the Palestinian people runs very high in the Christian world and Gaza will certainly send the emotional barometers sky-high! Yet, the systematic, psychological traumatization of thousands of Jewish children over almost a decade, by an incessant lobbing of rockets at their homes and playgrounds evokes virtually no concern in the West!

So we need to ask ourselves, why this historic hatred of the Jews now continued against them as a nation, specifically, as contrasted with other nations such as Pakistan, for example? To create the nation of Pakistan in 1947, millions of people had to be uprooted and exchange properties to accommodate the Politicians. Therefore, why could the Pakistan principle not have been applied by the UN to the British Mandate, since the Arabs had an abundance of land anyway? Is it also not an historical fact that the number of Jews who were dispossessed and expelled from among Islamic nations was greater than – or at least equal to – the number of Palestinian Arabs who became refugees as a result of the war imposed on Israel – by the Arabs. Paradoxically, Pakistan became - and remained - a breeding ground for terrorists and a major supplier of Heroin to the world, while Israel contributed beyond measure to the *wellbeing of humanity* during the same period of time – and still is today. So, whatever this Jew hatred is based in - it has to be something far greater than an issue of land and possessions!

Pilar Rahola says that, as a non-Jew, she has the historical responsibility to fight against Jew-hatred and currently against the hatred for their historic homeland, Israel – how much more so every Christian. In her view, “*to fight against anti-Semitism is not the duty of the Jews, it is the duty of the non-Jews.*” According to Rahola, if Israel is destroyed, liberty, modernity and culture will be destroyed too!

Islamic fundamentalism systematically destroys all progress. Therefore, the truth about Israel must be told and churches shaken awake. To use the ideology of this “*leftist*” Journalist, as Christians we are obligated to defend liberty, culture, civic education for children, coexistence and the laws which the Tablets of the Covenant made into universal principles.

Strategic Prayer Points:

- ❖ Pray for this journalist that God would use her mightily throughout the world and protect her as she proclaims her message.
- ❖ Please pray for listening/hearing ears wherever her message goes.
- ❖ Pray that God would raise up and anoint “*prophets*” in the churches with similar messages.
- ❖ Pray that the world will learn speedily to connect the dots...

Special Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Christian organizations that have stood with Israel for several decades— may they continue to find favor with the Government of Israel concerning Visas; especially for long-term volunteers!
- ❖ Pray especially for CFI and the leadership as Ray and Sharon lead the organization beyond the 25 year mark.
- ❖ Pray that God may renew and refresh their vision as CFI prepares to celebrate the last 25 years and to give thanks to God for His hand upon the work.
- ❖ Please pray for all the volunteers who work with Ray and Sharon for the good of Israel and her people. Let us also pray for one another that we may not weaken in this work.

In Messiah

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