



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

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The Late Great State of Israel

.... is the title of a book by Aaron Klein, published in April of 2009. Klein is the Jerusalem bureau chief of *WorldNet Daily* - with his finger solidly on the political pulse of life in Israel. The book title appears to be a take on Hal Lindsay's *The Great Late Planet Earth* published in 1970. The most important difference between the two books is, however, that Hal Lindsay's book was based on highly speculative interpretations of so-called 'end-time' prophecies, whereas Klein's work is firmly based in an incredibly harsh reality of life in Israel.

This reality is that the persistent left-wing politics of Israel's leaders – though they may call themselves right-wing have placed the survival of the nation, humanly speaking, on an exceptionally slippery slope to oblivion.

The biggest mistake of politicians (Israeli and otherwise) is to assume that Israel is nation like any other and, that the Land of Israel – Eretz Israel – is just another piece of territory like any other on earth.

It seems that the Jewish world at large has not grasped the meaning of being separated unto God for His purposes. Despite the lessons, or worse still, the horrors of WWII, huge segments of global Jewry still believe that they will find complete acceptance by the world around them – IF they play the game right. Just as the Hellenists of Maccabean days were willing to sell out their fellow Hebrews to the Greeks, so we find the *Leftwing Jewry* of the world quite content, if not eager, to relinquish the Biblical Heartland, as well as the Temple Mount for the sake of an illusory peace and Global economics.

It is a dizzying experience to observe Israeli politicians racing each other to the doors of international politicians with acts of (unilateral) appeasements. For example, PM Netanyahu declares a construction freeze throughout Judea and Samaria, as well as Jerusalem without any kind of concession or commitment from the PA. Jerusalem Major Nir Barkat goes one step further by declaring the intention to grant retroactive approval to many illegally

constructed structures in Arab-populated eastern Jerusalem (Arutz Sheva Sunday 13/12/09). The Jerusalem Post (Monday Dec. 14) reports that ‘...*Zionist activists on both Hebrew University campuses in Jerusalem face daily harassment from leftists, some of whom label them as being like Hitler and the American racist Ku Klux Klan group, according to a student.*’

The seriousness lies in this that no party involved in this spiritual battle is able to step back from the brink, for fear of the other side gaining the upper hand. The outcome of this brinkmanship can only be of cataclysmic proportions and a very likely probability unless true godliness on all sides enters this fray.

The Christian world needs to come to terms with history and realize that the battle for survival of God’s people is not just another war, but an ancient, ongoing battle that will eventually consume all who are not on God’s side – and He is on the side of Israel.

Strategic Prayer points:

- Please pray that Israelis will begin to take up the responsibility they have under God for the their land to be a light unto the nations;
- Please continue to pray that God would break the desire of so many Jewish people to assimilate and to be like the nations around them;
- Pray for an awakening among Christians to the fact that we owe our salvation to a Jewish Messiah and indifference to the suffering of the Jewish people is NOT an option; Romans 11:29-31

The Pain of Israel

I often wonder how I would feel, knowing that the Creator of the Universe chose me through my ancestors long ago to serve His purposes. Indeed, it is an extraordinary thought! However, if I then stop to ponder that this ‘*choosing*’ had the effect that I became a pariah and an object of hatred for the whole world, I would be apt to seriously question this ‘*choseness*’. Well, in fact, countless Jewish people throughout history have struggled with this question in various ways. Probably the most common way to deal with the associated pain was to seek assimilation with the people among whom they had their existence.

Sceptics, Arabs, anti-Semites and the like have charged the Jewish people with being imposters on a grand scale and sections of Christianity have told them the God had finished with them; abandoned them for a newer model! Some academics, on the other hand, charge

that *'the Jews have forged their history and identity'* and religionists claim that the ancient Hebrews borrowed their *'law'* from other people near them; e.g. Canaanites, Chaldeans, Phoenicians, etc.

As of late, the Arabs have been laying the claim, despite all evidence to the contrary, that there never were any Jewish people in Judea and Jerusalem and the temples mentioned in the Bible never really existed. Actually, they say, the Hebrews of antiquity were Arabs and Palestinians!

I cannot help but wonder, as I think about the Jewish people, what is behind all that hatred, which has lasted for thousands of years? But more so, why would a people want to falsify their history and thereby create so much pain for themselves, just for an illusion that can never become a reality— like a permanent homeland and a secure place where they may worship their God? Why would a people take so much suffering upon themselves if everything about their existence is manufactured and a lie?

Could the answer be that the Jewish people are the only living testimony to an Exodus from Egypt in history and to the giving of the Commandments at Sinai and so to the existence of a Creator God? Their ongoing existence despite wars, pogroms, persecutions, inquisitions and tribulations of a scale defying reason, is an ongoing testimony to the Gentile world that He is real. Therefore, the hatred for the Jewish people is nothing more than a disguised hatred of the Living God!

Strategic Prayer points:

- Please pray for a global awakening that the God of Israel is alive and that He has not forsaken His people; Psalm 14:1-2; Jeremiah 31:31-37
- Pray that God would strengthen His people for the task He chose them for in the Patriarchs; Genesis 15:1-7
- Pray for the Rabbis in Israel that they may not weaken in guiding their people in righteous living amid extremely difficult circumstances

Israel – The Sacrificial Lamb For World Peace?

In the light of the continuing pressure on Israel to yield to global demands on its territory and lack of support for the release of Gilad Shalit, it is indeed becoming as clear as the day that there will NEVER be any peace for Israel.

Did not PM Netanyahu declare a unilateral *'Building Freeze'*, as well as remove many security roadblocks, as a goodwill gesture? The responses: PA – *'unacceptable'*, USA – *'a reasonable start'*, EU – *'what about Jerusalem?'*

Not only does the PA regard Israel's move as unacceptable, Mahmoud Abbas declares that there can be no more negotiations unless there is a return to the 1967 armistice line.

What is so magical about that line? Absolutely nothing! It simply means, that is the location where the fighting ended in 1967 in a territory annexed by Jordan in 1948 and ill-informed people assume it designates Palestinian territory that was 'stolen' by Israel. It is a smokescreen to hide the real intentions of pushing Israel into an unsustainable position, in which it has no hope of surviving as a nation. All global politicians know that, for it does not take an Einstein to calculate the balance of defensible territory that is left after connecting Gaza with Judea and Samaria.

The world powers collectively appear eager to sacrifice Israel to the Oil-fuelled Moloch of Arabia. The real tragedy is that Israel is also being white-anted in a major way from within by left-wing Hellenistic Israeli politics, where there is no longer any fear of God. Surely any thinking person should tremble at the accuracy of the words of Psalm 83 – especially the following, '*...they have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more."*' Ps 83:4'.

Strategic Prayer points:

- Please pray that the global church would recognize the situation so clearly foreshadowed in the Scriptures and begin to act accordingly
- Pray for the brave families in Hebron, Gush Etzion and throughout Samaria who are clinging to God's ancient promises to the Patriarchs
- Pray for the IDF that they may remain God's watchful arm to keep Israel's enemies away from their borders— especially in the light of Iran's nuclear ambitions.
- Please pray for the Police officers who often act with extreme violence toward Jewish people in Yesha, but ignore Arabs who terrorize Jewish towns and villages.
- Please pray that God would turn the hearts of Israel's political leaders back to Himself.

In Messiah

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