



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.

The Watchman Prayerletter

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'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 Coming Holocaust

'He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time. But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever...' Daniel 7:25-26.

When the prophet Daniel uttered these words, did he have a window into our time in history? Who is this 'he' that Daniel is talking about? Since this prophecy has never been fulfilled in history, should we ask ourselves in the light of current events, when and how will this be? Moreover, who are these 'saints'? Is Daniel speaking here about Jewish people only, or Christians only, or is it a composite of all those who worship the God of Israel – Jewish and Gentile? Even if that prophecy is to Israel alone, we ought to naturally be concerned because Gentile followers of Yeshua were grafted into the Ancient Olivetree; c/f. Romans 11:24; c/f. Ephesians 2:15-20.

A picture begins to come into focus when we take into account events like President Obama's speech in Cairo on June 4, as well as previously made and reported comments. What is so significant about this speech is that the President invoked his rarely used Muslim middle name, Hussein, as well as the Qur'an, to lend extra emphasis to his statement, that **America has a common cause with Islam** and never will be at war with the faith. (Al Jazeera, June 5,09)

Therefore, when the leader of the most powerful nation on earth clearly, and purposely, aligns himself with a religious system that has been terrorizing the world for most of the last four decades, one ought to sit up and take notice. The consequences of such an alliance are intensified

and magnified exponentially when we realize that the cause of Islam, as stated in the Qur'an, is to bring the world into subjection of Allah. The reality is that the Muslim is faced with a mandate **from Allah**— to conquer the world **for Allah**. It is locked into the Qur'an itself, and should be a distasteful challenge for every (moderate, peace-loving) Muslim, each time he reads this verse, viz. *'And fight them until persecution is no more and religion is all for Allah...'* (Sura 8:39).

In other words, the 'true' Muslim has no choice, but to engage in Jihad against all non-Muslims until the entire world is Islamic!

Following President Obama's speech in Cairo, Arab reaction called on him to pressure Israel to abandon all of Judea and Samaria. The Saudi Arabian foreign minister suggested that the U.S. cut off economic and military aid to Israel if it does not comply with the demands of the 2002 Saudi Peace Plan (Haaretz 6/06/09). Fox News, on its website (<http://www.foxnews.com/politics>), also reported that during his speech to the Muslim world, the US president bluntly recognized **Hamas**, which has called for the destruction of Israel, as a **partner in creating a Palestinian State**.

None of the above creates a good portent for the world, especially now since President Ahmadinejad of Iran has been re-elected in a landslide election win!

Strategic Prayerpoints:

- That Israel and the church may recognize in the current events the parallels to the ancient prophecies in Habakkuk 5:1-11 and begin to act accordingly
- May the sceptre of wickedness depart from the land allotted to the righteous, lest they set their hand to iniquity...; Psalm 125:3
- That Israel, as a nation, may return unto her God with all of her heart; Psalm 121:1-6
- That the church may begin to step up to her responsibility and express gratitude to the Jewish people by actively seeking the survival of Israel as a nation; to take a proactive stand on her behalf wherever possible. Israel is our elder brother and we are our brother's keeper! The voice of our elder brother's blood is crying out through millennia of neglect and persecution; c/f. Genesis 4:9-10a

David and the Philistines of the 21st Century

With Iranian President Ahmadinejad's landslide victory on the weekend of June 14, 2009, Israel and the world HAVE moved a big, realistic step closer to a nuclear confrontation with Iran; perhaps closer than any of us would want to believe.

Ahmadinejad is an avowed enemy of Israel and had called, many times, for the 'Zionist Entity' to be wiped off the map. Being realists, we find it difficult to accept that he means a mere erasing of Israel from the printed maps of the world. Consequently, he must have in mind a total annihilation

of the people that make up Israel as a State. As in the days of Saul and the Philistines, the call for Israel's destruction continues to reverberate throughout the world – seemingly coming, this time, from an Iranian Goliath.

However, we need to ask, is Ahmadinejad the REAL Goliath who is facing Israel?

The Book of Revelation speaks of a 'Beast arising out of the Sea' – symbolic of humanity. Is that the collective Global pressure on Israel?

This is the time when believers everywhere need to arise in the spirit of David, to take a stand in the spiritual realm against this Goliath Beast - in the strength of God. At the same time, an army of faithful prayer-warriors needs to be raised up throughout the world to intercede on behalf of President Obama, as THE leader of the free world, that he will not allow himself to be seduced into a partnership to the destruction of Israel.

Strategic Prayerpoints:

- For the American people - that the nation as a whole may turn again in gratitude to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as a testimony to the whole world. He had made America into a great nation before and may He do so again as the nation takes an uncompromising stand alongside Israel.
- May the Word of God once more gain significance in people's lives, so that light may come to the world; Hebrews 4:12
- May all those who hate Zion be put to shame and turned back... ; Psalm 129:5
- That God may grant the church the understanding that the Allah of Islam is NOT the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – His Name is YHWH; Exodus 20:2; Deuteronomy 5:9,15

Peace, Peace, where there is no peace...

"...they have seduced My people, saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace..." Ezekiel 13:10

This was the cry of the God of Israel through the prophet Ezekiel over the deceptive way the leaders of the nation had misguided His people. Devastation came upon Israel because the nation had fooled itself with false assurances; i.e. *'...we are the Covenant People and our God will never desert us!'* (our paraphrase of Ezekiel 11:1-4; c/f.7:25).

This theme, concerning false prophecies of peace, is also found in Jeremiah 6:14; 23:17, but since these were written to Israel and Judah 2500 years ago should we still heed them? Has God changed? Has the arrogance and rebelliousness of His creatures ceased to offend Him?

Global politicians keep on seductively assuring Israel, that if the nation will hand over certain tracts of land there will be peace with the Arab world! At the same time, the people of Israel keep reassuring themselves that ultimately everything will pan out OK. A largely anti-God Israel deems itself invincible because of its army and the cleverness of its politicians.

What does all of that spell in the light of the ancient prophecies? As a wise person once declared, “He who refuses to learn from history will be forced to relive it!”

Please pray fervently:

- For a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God to awaken His people and to revive what is becoming comatose among us that we may not have to experience a repeat of history
- For prophets to arise in Israel in the spirit of Elijah
- That Israel may find fresh hope in the LORD from this time forth and forever; Psalm 131:3
- That a spirit of repentance and supplication would come upon the church calling all of God’s people to prayer

In Messiah

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