



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.

“...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

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The Evolution of Palestine

“Thus says the Lord GOD: “Because the Philistines acted revengefully and took vengeance with malice of heart to destroy in never-ending enmity; therefore thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I will stretch out my hand against the Philistines...” Ezekiel 25:15-16

The Jewish people do not need convincing that they had spent two thousand years in exile due to *sinat chinam* (hatred without cause) leading up to the great dispersion under the Romans. They do not need convincing that the Babylonians came and destroyed the first temple because of their idolatry!

What people fail to see is that God has always used other nations to chastise Israel for her frequent acts of disobedience. But there is one nation that has been a thorn in Israel’s flesh virtually since her inception; they even troubled Abraham and Isaac— namely: **the Philistines**.

The Emperor Hadrian, early in the second Christian century renamed Judea and all the lands under Jewish influence **Palaestina** - after the ancient and by then extinct Philistines - to mock the Jewish people and to wipe them from history. Hadrian’s action was clearly prophetic for there is now a people group who call themselves by that ancient name and who are once more the scourge of Israel.

History books and easily verifiable facts of events, over the last one hundred years, show that the Palestinian claims to the land are deeply flawed. Yet, it appears that, against all odds, the new nation of Palestine may soon to become a reality. All the nations of the world seem to be in favor and agreement that this event will take place, whether it is right or wrong. Irrespective of facts, Jewish claims continue to fall on deaf ears in the international arena— as well as in the church. What is particularly worrying is that the latter seems to be providing much of the impetus through a Replacement Theology that is alive and well in many quarters.

The Palestinian leaders have ceased their participation in the *Peace Process*. Instead they are now demanding *‘their full rights’*, including going to the United Nations in September [coming] to ask

for recognition of a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital. Not surprisingly, this new approach has found favor with many nations— including the EU and potentially has a better than even chance of success.

Strategic Praise and Prayer Points:

- Please pray that right thinking concerning Israel may emerge on a large scale within the church
- Please pray that God would grant wisdom to diplomats and other international leaders that fresh thinking would emerge over the next few months

Please pray that the Almighty would pour out a spirit of supplication over the people of Israel that would lead them to a deep repentance before God

Jonathan Pollard is a Hostage

This article is adapted from a piece by **Dr. Aaron Lerner** in *Love of the Land* (13/05/11)



‘Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country ... and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you...”’ Genesis 12:1-3

We are dedicating this article to the people of the United States, for we feel that that nation is in dire straits over the actions of President Obama. Although the main focus of the *Watchman Prayerletter* is Israel, however, we cannot remain silent any longer when we are forced to observe how this great and longstanding friend of Israel is being positioned by its elected president for the wrath of God— if we are willing to take the above promise from Genesis seriously.

‘Jonathan Pollard is a hostage’, writes Lerner. He goes on to say, *‘Yes, those are strong words. But let’s consider the situation today:*

We have virtually a wall-to-wall consensus of top American officials who have intimate knowledge of the operation stating now for the record that after serving 26 years in prison, justice requires the immediate and unconditional release of Jonathan Pollard.

On 4 January 2011 Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu publicly and formally apologized for the operation on behalf of the Jewish State and requested that President Obama free Pollard.

There was no response.

On 5 April 2011 President Shimon Peres met with President Obama at the White House and again requested, in the name of the State of Israel that President Obama free Pollard – hand delivering a letter from Pollard in which he expresses remorse for his actions and pleaded on compelling humanitarian grounds to be released.

There was no response.

Senior American officials have confirmed in the past that Pollard is being held by the United

States as a 'chip' that could be given to Israel in compensation for Palestinian-Israeli final status concessions. In point of fact, Prime Minister Netanyahu already 'paid' for Pollard's release at the 1998 Wye Summit, but then- President Clinton received the payment [the release of Palestinian terrorists], but reneged on his end of the deal; i.e. freedom for Pollard.

Justice requires the immediate unilateral release of Pollard, with no quid pro quo.

Pleas from both the Prime Minister and President of Israel to free Pollard have been ignored by President Obama.

And while there is an apparent expectation that in spite of the justice in releasing Pollard after 26 years in prison, America is continuing to hold Pollard until Israel pays some exorbitant, yet-to-be-stated 'price'.

If this is the case, clearly this isn't diplomacy. It is blackmail!

It is humiliating for the State of Israel as President Obama appears to show such contempt for the Jewish State, while the rest of the world looks on.

It is the anti-thesis of all that the United States of America claims to stand for. President Obama seems to have turned a blind eye to justice, and to humanitarian compassion, in what appears to be a bid to blackmail an ally.

With literally the stroke of a pen, President Obama can put an end to this travesty of justice and to the apparent blackmail of an ally.

All it will take is a stroke of the President's pen on Pollard's clemency papers so that both countries may be reassured that Prime Minister Netanyahu is meeting with President Obama the statesman, and not Mr. Obama the blackmailer.

Jonathan Pollard must go free now.

Christian America you must rise up now and not stand by as your president squanders away the blessings of Almighty God that have been on your nation for centuries. This is not an option, but an imperative—for God is NOT mocked by anyone; no matter how powerful they think that they may be.

Strategic Praise and Prayer Points:

- Pray that the hand of God will not write the dreadful words: *Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin* (Daniel 5:25) on the walls of the White House:
- Please pray that American Church leaders would call their congregations to prayer that President Obama would cease to mock Israel
- Please pray that God would touch President Obama's heart to bless Israel NOT continue to support those who seek her destruction
- Please pray that Jewish leaders would unite with Christian leaders for the good of Israel and the release of Jonathan Pollard
- Please pray that world leaders may come to an understanding that their tacit agreement with the planned destruction of the only true democracy in the Middle East will have far reaching and devastating consequences for all

A Third Intifada?

'For behold, Your enemies make a tumult and those who hate You have taken crafty counsel against Your people ... they have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more."' Psalm 83:2-4

Indeed, as the Psalmist said, those who hate the God of Israel have devised a new plot to make and end of the Zionists dream.

The *Arab Nakhba Lie* has now gathered such a momentum that a negotiated peace settlement seems an improbable outcome for Israel and the Palestinians.

So, what are we to expect? Another intifada and more suicide bombers?

What needs to be kept in mind is that so-called *Arab Spring*. We need to consider the probability that **the Arab revolt is an artificial movement** and created by vested interests to provide a fresh momentum for the Palestinian cause.

Democracy, Islam and the Arab world cannot co-exist; simply because Islam cannot permit it. This means that the cry for democratic government has now become a tool that can be turned against the West; and especially Israel. There is a strong possibility that Israel may be shown to be the obstacle for Arab social and political development and thus becomes the world's enemy number one that must be defeated at any price.

Does the world ever consider that if the Arabs had not attacked Israel in 1948 there would be neither refugees nor a *Nakhba*?

Strategic Praise and Prayer Points:

- Pray that God would provide church leaders with the courage to educate their constituents concerning Middle East issues
- Pray they gain the understanding that Western and Arab/Semitic thoughts function on different levels

Pray also for *Freedom* for Gilad Shalit

Please pray for the needs of CFI, for God's wisdom and His ongoing leading of the Ministry, as well as the health and well-being of Ray and Sharon as they continue to serve God and Israel

Please pray for all CFI Representatives throughout the world

In Messiah

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