



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 Double Standards of the Global Peaceniks

‘Diverse weights and diverse measures, they are both alike, an abomination to the Lord.’

Proverbs 20:10

What comes to mind here is the perennial discourse and argument concerning the *so-called* Palestinian refugees. *“The plight of Arab refugees, consequent upon the war that was started by the Arab League, has not only aroused genuine humanitarian concern,”* remarked the *London Jewish Chronicle* in December 1948, *“but has also formed the pretext of much unscrupulous propaganda against the Jews.”* So writes Daphne Anson as an opening statement in her Blogspot, i.e.

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If there is one issue to stir up deep sentiments across a wide spectrum of viewpoint, it is the evergreen *Refugee Status* of the Palestinians. It is an amazing situation how the UN manages to classify the entire Gaza population under ‘Refugee Status’, when a considerable portion of Gazans lives in fabulous luxury. It is equally an amazing redefining what constitutes ‘Refugee Rights’ under the UN charter, when several 100,000 Jewish refugees from Arab lands are denied any recourse to repatriation to THEIR homelands or an adequate compensation for the loss of property, yet the Palestinians are deemed worthy?

All of the above need to be seen in the light of an historical fact that six Arab nations attacked the newly proclaimed State of Israel— forcing the Jewish people to defend themselves; the refugees were a consequence of that attack and not of Israeli aggression toward the Arabs.

Is it just possible that the Peaceniks at the UN are living under some kind of illusion that one type of people deserve to receive justice because they are servants to the cause of Oil and Mammon, but the others don’t for the simple reason that they are Jewish? Surely such double standards should set any thinking person wondering?

The *Mandate for Palestine*, an historical League of Nations document, laid down the Jewish legal right to settle anywhere in western Palestine, between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, an entitlement unaltered in international law. The “Mandate for Palestine” was not a naive vision briefly embraced by the international community. Fifty-one member countries – the entire League of Nations – unanimously declared on July 24, 1922:

“Whereas recognition has been given to the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and to the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country.”

It is important to point out that political rights to self-determination as a polity for Arabs were guaranteed by the same League of Nations in four other mandates – in Lebanon and Syria (The French Mandate), Iraq, and later Trans-Jordan [The British Mandate].

Any attempt to negate the Jewish people’s right to Palestine - Eretz-Israel, and to deny them access and control in the area designated for the Jewish people by the League of Nations is a serious infringement of international law.

Strategic Praise and Prayer Points:

- Let us praise the Almighty that He is in control and that He has told us through the prophets what the outcome will be (Zechariah 12:1-9,10-13; 14:1-15)
- Let us pray that the leaders of Israel will act with wisdom and hear from God on how to proceed militarily in the days ahead
- Let us pray that the Israel as a nation will begin to look to the Most High for guidance and answers amid all this international pressure, in an increasing measure

Left wing Politics or Neo Hellenism

’...it was in the days of Antiochus IV. Epiphanes, that there emerged in Israel a set of renegades who led many people astray. “Come,” they said, “let us reach an understanding with the pagans surrounding us, for since we separated ourselves from them many misfortunes have overtaken us...” 1Macc.1:12

It is absolutely astounding how many questions of the present have their answers in the distant past. Of course, the *renegades* alluded to in the above passage became known to history as *Hellenists*, a movement with significant and far-reaching consequences for the Jewish people as a whole.

A *Neo-Hellenism* has emerged in recent decades in Israel with a similar slogan as their ancient counterparts— blaming the *religious right* for all of Israel’s problems. Organisations, like *Peace Now*, and *Gush Shalom* are willing to demonize their fellow Israelis, by delegitimizing the Biblical promises made to their forefathers, to further the cause of Israel’s enemies.

Despite the disaster of Gush Katif, engineered by Ariel Sharon, these organizations and others like them have no hesitation in supporting the lies of Hamas out of an apprehension that the chance for

continued and are continuing, as does hatemongering among the most vulnerable and impressionable of Palestinian society – the school children of Gaza and throughout the PA territories; and barely a whimper is heard from the international community in protest or support of Israel. Most recently, Israel was goaded into a *building freeze* during which the parties to peace were meant to seek ways of moving the peace process forward. Consistently the PA found excuses for not coming to the negotiating table and not a murmur from the Peace Quartet was heard. Suddenly, now the freeze is drawing to a close, President Abbas demands a further three months, a request which Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton and President Obama ‘*find most reasonable*’ as it would allow the parties ‘to do important work on the final status agreement’.

Since Oslo, Israel has consistently been pressured and shamed into making absurd concessions, by a process of Double standards, Delegitimization and Demonization. Let us be mindful of this process in our prayers on behalf of the Jewish Nation, for the danger exists for Israeli negotiators to fall into the trap of a *feigned* sincerity of Peace Negotiators from the Arab/Palestinian camp— simply because justice is not on their agenda.

The entire process imposed on Israel by the *Peace Quartet* to create this Palestinian State is a shameful act because it seeks to press Israel into a course of action that is utterly devoid of truth or historical basis. This *Peace of Shame* appears intended to strip Israel and its Jewish population of any dignity and self respect and is light-years from any *shalom* of biblical dimensions.

Uninformed people around the world are heard calling for justice for the Palestinian people – and surely they are worthy of it; however, where is the global voice calling for a just peace for Israel?

Strategic Prayer Points:

- Please pray that God would grant Mr Netanyahu the wisdom and spiritual strength needed to stand his ground in the face of Israel’s enemies
- Please pray for a ‘just’ peace for the people of Israel
- Please pray that the God of TRUE SHALOM may draw the hearts of His ancient people to Himself in true repentance as they enter into this new year
- Please pray for the Palestinian people that the Spirit of the God of Israel would touch the followers of Yeshua among them; to begin a new work of healing, restoration and reconciliation among Palestinians and Jewish people

Please pray for Frank in India from September 20 to October 5 – for wisdom, good health, strength and travelling mercies.

In Messiah

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