

CONFERENCE FOR A COVENANT ?

Washington was scrambling and dancing the soft shoe. It seems this was the peace conference no one really wanted. The Saudis came but would not shake hands with the Israelis. The Syrians sent only a Deputy Foreign Minister, - even that incurring the wrath of their sponsor / ally Iran. Cognizant of all that, the Bush Administration had been both downplaying expectations and turning up the heat on Israel in the last days leading up to the meeting. "The Americans have never been so hostile", commented one IDF officer. The draft document, revealed by Caroline Glick in the Jewish World Review, showed that Washington was supporting the Palestinian demands almost completely.

Here are some specifics: According to the leaked paper, the Americans not the Israelis, would decide whether the Palestinians were meeting their commitments. In turning a blind eye to the terror connections of Abbas' Fatah Party, the US is denying the obvious truth of the matter, thus showing a marked inability to judge.¹ The façade of a Israeli / Palestinian Peace Treaty seems worth even the sacrifice of the truth. That façade may indeed become reality. It's perhaps an old story, but the Israelis and Palestinians agreed to do all in their power to settle their differences by the end of 2008.² According to Palestinian sources, President Bush has made a firm commitment to do just that.³ They are working at a return to the indefensible pre-1967 borders. While it may not become reality, it will not be for want of trying. The fix is in. Over the objection of his army, PM Olmert even approved the transfer of 25 armored personnel carriers to Fatah security (terror) forces. Still the gap is wide between the two sides. Besides the border issues there is the status of Jerusalem and the right, - demanded by the Palestinians, - to be able to flood into Israel, - destroying its Jewish character. As Caroline Glick puts it: The "maximum that Israel is willing to concede...is less than the minimum that the Palestinians are willing to accept".⁴

But time and pressure has a way of changing things. We know the first steps are in place. Both countries did approve a negotiating blueprint. Discussions will begin next month on all the core issues. Most importantly, Washington will serve as arbiter of the interim steps to peace.⁵ That could be good for the peace process, - and bad for Israel. Ultimately, it will be bad for the nations that participate in dividing God's Land. What is wanted is an agreement, - at almost any price. So is this the beginning of the drive to establish the covenant that will be confirmed by Antichrist? Only time will tell, - but the pieces do fall into place.

SIN & CONSEQUENCES – PART I

Does God really judge and punish peoples for their national sins? That question was raised back in our November 18th issue, as we published the warning of several Rabbis to President Bush regarding American pressure on Israel to give up God's Land to the Palestinians. Rabbi Druckman said "God punishes anyone who coerces Israel to give up its land", pointing to Hurricane Katrina which formed August 23, 2005, - the same day that the Israelis were forced to leave their homes in Gaza.⁶ The Rabbi was only echoing the words of authors Bill Koenig and Bill McTernan, who have both catalogued the amazing correlation between natural disasters and what McTernan calls, "national sinful events".⁷ Is that really in God's character? This short series will explore that question.

FOR THE RECORD

The British group Oxfam released a study last month that documented what many have expected: Occurrences of natural disasters have been exploding in recent decades. In fact, its' gone up 400% in just the last 20 years. In the 80's we had about 120 natural disasters per year, now there are about 500 affecting over 250 million people each year. Floods have gone up by a factor of six.⁸ Many see this as the **"beginning of birth pains"** that Jesus described in Matthew 24:8. Some point out that these very natural disasters fits a pattern demonstrating God's hand of judgment of nations that defy His ordinances. Their timing is a clear indication that God is speaking, warning and punishing nations, - specifically America, - for its policies toward Israel.

The ramblings of those that say that God is punishing America for betraying Israel or for her other sins may sound crazy to some until one begins to systematically examine the real 'coincidence' between events. Here's the first principle in question. God has set aside the nation of Israel as His own, - and the Land as His own. Speaking to Abraham's descendants both physical and spiritual. God says: **"I will bless those that bless you and I will curse him who curses you"**. (Genesis 12:3) Sobering words when we consider that the US has been one of the prime movers pressuring Israel to trade away some of God's Land for worthless promises of peace. In going in to this last weeks Middle East Peace Conference, President Bush again signaled this nation's policy of ignoring God's plan for Israel as laid out in the Scriptures in favor of mankind's plan of peace. He stated that he remained "personally committed to implementing my vision of two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security".⁹ Haunting words, those: **"Peace and safety"**! That is the very way that 1Thessalonians 5:3 describes the time just before the destruction at the End of the Age: **"For when they say 'Peace and safety'; then sudden destruction cometh upon them"**. Joel 3:2 promises judgment against **"all nations"** that interfere with **"my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land"**. But let's start by looking at just what has happened in the past, whenever the US applies pressure on Israel to give away God's Land. Here's some of the record.

- On October 30, 1991 the first President Bush opened the Madrid Conference designed to put in place a peace plan that would force Israel to give away a significant part of her land to the Palestinians. That very day, what would later come to be known as the 'Perfect Storm', formed off Nova Scotia. It pounded the coast of New England with 100ft waves, heavily damaging the President's home in Kennebunkport, ME.
- August 23, 1992, a conference was held in Washington with the same agenda. Hurricane Andrew hit that day. It was the worst natural disaster in US history.
- On January 16, 1994, President Clinton met with Syria's President Assad. The subject: Giving the Golan back to Syria. The next day a 6.9 earthquake hit Southern California.
- March 2, 1997; - Clinton and Arafat met in Washington. Massive tornados smash into Arkansas, Kentucky and Ohio.
- September 1998: Hurricane Georges buffets the Gulf Coast as Madame Albright works on getting Israel to surrender about 13% of Yesha.
- The Wye River talks are held from October 15-22, 1998. Floods ravage Texas from October 17-22.
- January 21, 1998: - President Clinton and Secretary of State Albright snub Israeli PM Netanyahu. The Monica Lewinsky scandal breaks the same day.
- November 23, 1998 & March 13, 1999: Clinton & Arafat meet. The Stock Market plunges over 200 points both days.
- May 3, 1999 was the day that Yasser Arafat was supposed to declare a Palestinian State with its capital in Jerusalem. That was the day that a super tornado hit the Mid West with record 316 mph wind speed.

- July 12-26, 2000: Arafat attends meetings at Camp David. Forest fires break out destroying 7 million acres.
- April 30, 2002: President Bush arranges for Arafat's release from his compound in Ramallah. A series of tornadoes smashes Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois. Super tornadoes reach over 300mph.
- November 10, 2002: US pressures Israel to agree to the "Road Map". 88 Tornadoes hit 13 states.
- May 3-5, 2003: Secretary of State Colin Powell commits US to Road Map and the return of the Golan Heights. 83 tornadoes rip through the Mid West killing 38 people.
- August 29, 2005: Exactly one week after Israel completed the US supported Israeli forced evacuation from Gaza, Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans and vicinity. 80% of the city goes under water.^{10 11 12}

Wait! There's More

Starting to get the picture? Well that's not all. In addition, John McTernan sees a pattern between major seismic events and what he refers to as "national sinful event(s)". He identifies 3 major earthquakes that occurred "directly on the day of a national sinful event", and one that followed such an event by a few days. What's more, the early earthquakes each led to the next one in the chain. The Joshua Tree quake took place on April 23, 1992, - the same day the Supreme Court was hearing Planned Parenthood v Casey with the possibility of overturning Roe v Wade. June 29th of the same year was Gay Pride Day - and the day that issued the ruling in the Planned Parenthood case, - upholding abortion. That was the same day that the Landers and Big Bear quakes struck putting a 53 mile long gash in the earth and affecting most of the Western US.

Seven years passed. Then on October 14, 1999, California's governor signed pro-homosexual legislation as he promised to make a the state a model for gay rights. Three days later, a 7.1 strong quake hit at Hector Mine. It was felt from Los Angeles to Phoenix, - and according to seismologist Dr Andrew Freed, it was related to all the previous quakes. They were all part of an "earthquake sequence" that began with Joshua Tree back in 1992. McTernan believes there is even more to it. "It seems the physical and spiritual realms are running on parallel tracks...The breaking of God's moral laws is clearly affecting the physical laws...It is no coincidence these powerful earthquakes are falling directly on days of national sin". Despite the massive number of concurrent events: Is this position reasonable in a modern world? We'll examine that question next time.

DID WE REALLY DO THAT ?

According to both the Times of India and the prestigious Stratfor Intelligence: Due to the deteriorating and political situation in Pakistan, - and fearing that Radical Islamists will gain control of them: American forces have taken control of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal. According to Stratfor, American control has likely been in place for sometime now. After the 9/11 attacks, Washington gave President Musharraf an ultimatum: "Unless Pakistan allowed US forces to take control of Pakistani nuclear facilities, the United States would be left with no choice but to destroy those facilities, possibly with India's help". According to reports, Pakistan's beleaguered President found it necessary to keep the arrangement quiet to maintain the fiction of independence from the West.¹³ If the details would become public, it could lead to a violent reaction among the general population, who may feel that he had betrayed Islam to maintain his own power.¹⁴

GOD AT WORK !

God is still at work in the world today. In one of David Wilkerson's recent offerings, he wrote of the many reports he had received of Muslims having dreams and visions of Jesus the Christ that have led them to accept Him as their Lord and Savior. These are no mere idle reports. A recent survey of the Fuller Theological

Seminary confirms that over a quarter of Muslim converts to Christ reported that such supernatural encounters had influenced “their decision to commit themselves to follow Christ. The study found that the number one factor in conversions to Christianity was the faithful witness of Christians they knew, contrasting the love shown in Christian groups with which they were familiar; - with the “violence” they saw in the Muslim community. The second most influential factor was seeing God’s very real answers to prayers for healing and deliverance from demons.¹⁵ **“I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions”.** (Joel 2:28) Go God!!!

A VICTORY FOR LIFE

In the past, it has been found that despite the claims of those who said that embryonic stem cell research was necessary, only adult stem cells had been found to produce results. It was only the adult cells that had produced therapeutic success. Now however there’s a new twist to the debate. It seems it may no longer be necessary to destroy human life to search for the cures the proponents of embryonic cells promise. Scientists working in Japan and Wisconsin have been able to grow “embryonic like stem-cells” by “reprogramming” human skin cells.¹⁶ According to *Popular Science*, the breakthrough could “revolutionize medicine” leading to numerous cures. In early research, scientists have managed to turn the ‘reprogrammed cells’ into brain, heart and muscle tissue.¹⁷

WATCH OUT FOR THIS MOVIE

The film in question is *The Golden Compass*, starring Nicole Kidman, opening this coming week. This is a children’s flick, designed to draw them in to a fantasy while (at first) subtly communicating the message behind the author Phillip Pullman’s award winning trilogy: God / religion (especially Christianity), - is evil. The movie is envisioned as the first in a series that will advance that notion more forcefully as it goes along. Pullman’s works are replete with depictions of the Church as the ‘chief residence of evil’. The “end of the Church” will mean “the end of all those centuries of darkness”.¹⁸ The hero of the story, Lyra, is a 12-year-old girl who is a “proficient liar”, goes into trances, seeks ‘mystical guidance’, and loses her virginity while still a pre-teen. In Pullman’s work: Daemons are presented as man’s helpful companions, (much like the New Age view of spirit guides). “God was never the creator. He was an angel”. Heaven does not exist. All of mankind – (despite moral choices) – will end up in the same place. Witches and a Mother Goddess figure are celebrated. Readers are immersed in occultism and ritual magic until, in the words of Berit Kjos, - they “feel good and normal”. The powerful angel Meatron is introduced, a feature of such occult systems as the Kabbalah, Tarot and Hermetic Magic. Scripture is misquoted and twisted.¹⁹ This is on the door step of pure Satanism. Pullman’s goal can be nothing short of destroying the God of the Bible. In past interviews the author has declared openly “My books are about killing God” and undermining “the basis of Christian belief”. By the end of his trilogy, the characters do just that, killing God and entering a destiny of complete freedom not mentioning the chaos that follows.²⁰ But as to the redeeming value of the film: Other than all that...

A BRAVE NEW WORLD

The Roman Catholic Church has taken the position that human / animal hybrids should be legal, - as long as there is a preponderance of human genes.²¹

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