

IMPENDING VICTORY, & OTHER SECRETS OF THE IRAQ WAR

The news came out during the Republican National Convention. It was buried amidst the bustle surrounding the out of wedlock pregnancy of Republican Vice-Presidential nominee Sarah Palin's daughter. The US was handing over the control of Anbar Province to the Iraqi military. American troops were marching in a victory parade, - without their weapons, - in Anbar Province of all places. If you recall that was the deadliest of all locations; - the focal point of the insurgency. In September of 2006, even the Marine Corps concluded that there was nothing that we could do to win the war there. But we changed strategy and win we did. Now the current American commander there has declared us to be "in the last ten yards of this terrible fight".¹ Yet the mainstream American press would have none of it. *No, the surge did not work, - and - No, there was no success in Anbar.* That was a story that had to be buried. So buried it was! But the surge did work, - as even its opponents have conceded, - (read Obama) - and al-Qaeda in Iraq is substantially defeated.

Now perhaps the danger has not all passed. Sectarian divisions between Sunni and Shiite, remain. Yet the Awakening Councils of Sunni tribesmen placed their bets with the Americans and helped defeat the al-Qaeda forces that were destroying that part of Iraq. The American presence helped restore their way of life. And now, the primarily Shiite Iraqi military will be the first line of defense for this largely Sunni area. It was the Marines that led the way in Fallujah and Ramadi, - but it was the cooperation of the Sunni population that turned against the largely Sunni al-Qaeda that ultimately determined the outcome of the struggle. They were aided in their fight by British and American Special Forces that killed hundreds and captured about 3,500 terrorists in the last couple of years. In that time Baghdad bombings went from about 150 per month to just two last August. But have you heard much of this in the mainstream news media?^{2 3}

WMDs

That only fits the pattern established a long time ago by a press corps dedicated to the notion that the war and everything about it was wrong from the beginning; - and that we got in to it based on nothing but lies. The contention is that the whole notion that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction was something that was made up by the Bush Administration to draw us into a 'war for oil' and to satisfy some sense of revenge against the Iraqi dictator for targeting President Bush Sr for assassination. You've heard the slogan: "*Bush lied, people died!*". But when you really check out the evidence; - that is very far from the truth of the matter.

Let's start at the beginning. It was known that at one time Saddam Hussein had indeed proven that he had chemical and biological weapons: He used them against the Kurds - men, women and children,- to devastating effect, - dating back to 1987-88. Of this, all were aware. Up until 2003, - through the Clinton and early Bush years, - every major intelligence agency in the world was broadcasting the fact that he still had them. This included the Brits, Canadians, the US, Israel, Spain, Russia, the UN, Germany, France, Japan, - and surprise, - Iran. In 1995 an Iraqi defector gave detailed information regarding his country's continued production of these weapons. Others pointed to several dozen nuclear development sites in existence. Still others revealed that 300 private homes that were being used to hide elements of the illegal weapons program. In 1997 UN Inspector Richard Butler uncovered intelligence that Iraq and Syria had actually cooperated in hiding WMDs.⁴

That's not all. Beginning in the Clinton Administration the Democrats were walking in lock step in their avowals that Iraq had these things and that something needed to be done about them. In 1998 President Clinton himself was threatening the use of force to "diminish the threat posed by Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program".⁵ His National Security Advisor chimed in, saying: "He will use those weapons of mass destruction again, as he has ten times since 1983".⁶ Clinton's Secretary of State Albright opined that "Hussein has ... chosen to spend his money on building weapons of mass destruction and palaces for his cronies".⁷ Just about every other high-profile Democrat got on board including John Kerry, Al Gore and Hillary Clinton, - who said in as late as 2002 that "...that if left unchecked, Saddam Hussein will continue to increase his capacity to wage biological and chemical warfare, and will keep trying to develop nuclear weapons".⁸ Is this stuff ever talked about? Of course not! It doesn't fit the template.

But if they were really there: What happened to them? Well, there is overwhelming evidence that they *were* there, and that with the help of the Russians and Syrians, they were removed and hidden. Lt Gen Tom McInerney gave evidence that “Saddam’s stockpiles of WMDs were moved by a Russian Spetznatz team headed by Yevgeny Primakov, the former Russian Intelligence Chief, who came to Iraq in December 2002 to supervise the final cleanup”. This evidence was later supported by the Ukrainian Intelligence Chief. At the time, Ukraine was allied with the Russians.⁹ Confirming testimony about the removal of WMDs from Iraq comes from several and varied sources. Ryan Mauro of World Threats .Com detailed the use of Russian shipping that took materials from the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr, and others that ended up in a hospital basement in Beirut. In the same pre-war time frame, Iraqi intelligence replaced guards at the Syrian border as 18 wheelers moved their cargo into Syria. Satellite surveillance followed the WMDs to their eventual destination to military bases in Syrian and destinations in Lebanon.¹⁰ The former “Butcher of Baghdad”, Ali Ibrahim al-Tikriti, told how the movement of weapons went according to the contingency plans established by Iraq and Syria dating back to the 1980’s.¹¹

Then there’s General Georges Sada, Saddam’s #2 man in the Iraqi Air Force who detailed how civilian planes were converted to cargo use, and 56 flights made to take chemical weapons out of the reach of American forces, just prior to the US advance. Israel made the transfers public knowledge in December of 2002.¹² The CIA’s Richard Duelfer confirmed in testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee that “A lot of materials left Iraq and went to Syria”.¹³ Several dozen Iraqi prisoners later confirmed the movement of the weapons took place.¹⁴ The final damning evidence came in the form of audio tapes found of conversations between Saddam Hussein himself with his highest advisors, as well as through thousands of captured documents. Both these sources reveal that the Iraqis were busy scouring Africa in the 1990’s for sources of uranium, and talking about burying UN prohibited missiles.¹⁵ Even the main stream press reported the news of Saddam’s tapes and his conversations about terror attacks on the US undertaken by 3rd parties (al-Qaeda), and the use of car bombs with a nuclear, chemical or biological payload.¹⁶ Around the same time, pictures surfaced of super-terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Baghdad. He had been in contact with Iraqi intelligence sources. Lt General McInerney averred that this and other corroborating evidence “continues to confirm that Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda were in contact with Iraq intelligence for sanctuary, training, and plans for acts of terrorism against the US and in the US.” The General goes on to say: “But the most telling to me was the conversation between Tariq Aziz his foreign minister and Saddam in which they discussed having proxies implant nuclear and biological weapons in US cities”¹⁷

So the fact is, - the Weapons of Mass Destruction were very real indeed. As to the reason for the Administration’s acquiescence in the denial of their existence, I cannot say. But it does us good to remember that there are forces behind the scenes that are so much higher than national governments, - so much more powerful than presidents and prime ministers. So that remains the dirty little secret of the War on the Iraqi Front, in the greater War on Terror. Still, the evidence will be ignored and belittled and deemed irrelevant to *where we are right now*. For thus spoke truly the ancient Greek dramatist Aeschylus: “In war, truth is the first casualty”!

WHAT’S HIS LAST NAME?

[We’d like to introduce to you Rev Randy Smith, Associate Pastor at My Father’s House in Elma, NY. We welcome him as a periodic contributor to the newsletter.]

This was a question that was overheard being asked by a little girl to her mother the other day in a store. “Mommy, what was Jesus’ last name?” I’m told that the mother stammered and struggled for an answer and finally said, “Christ, I guess.” That question had me thinking for the past few days. What would you have said? Perhaps “Jesus of Nazareth”, or just “Jesus?” I remember as a young man watching the series “The Lone Ranger”, the question was always asked: “Who was that masked man?”. A name means a lot and there is a lot of meaning in a name. Many times in Bible times and especially Old Testament times, a name was given that described the character of a person, or was a prophetic name for what that child would become, or a name was given to a place that described an event that took place there. Sometimes names were changed to describe a work that God did in an individual; - like Abram becoming Abraham and Sari becoming Sarah. When God Almighty breathed the breath of life, (*ruach*) wind or spirit, Abram became Abra Ham, and Sari became Sa Rah Thus the ‘*name change*’ denoting a work of God. There is a lot attached to a name.

Getting back to the question, what about Jesus' name. Let's think about that for a few minutes. Let's suppose that Christ was His last name. (It's not: it was His Title.) What does it mean? It means: CHRIST THE ANOINTED ONE. To start off with, the Bible makes one thing perfectly clear. There is no other name by which a man can be saved. John 1:12 – **“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”** Another scripture says this – Acts 4:12: **“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”** According to Strong's Concordance the word **“other”** means this ... #2087 *heteros* ... different, generic distinction, another kind, not of the same nature, form, or class. Here *heteros* denotes a distinction and exclusivity, with no second choices, opinions, or options. Jesus, You are the One. You are the only One. There is no *heteros*, no other. I guess that settles that. In His and His name only is there salvation. Sorry, all you other guys who think you have another way. You lose!

Let's look at His last name/title, Christ – The Anointed One. Isaiah, the prophet, wrote or prophesied this speaking of Jesus: Isaiah 61:1-3 **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has ‘anointed’ Me.”** Here again, let's look at Strong's. Anointed, *mashach*, #4886, means to anoint, to rub with oil, especially in order to consecrate someone or something. Appearing almost 70 times, *mashach* refers to the custom of rubbing or smearing with sacred oil to consecrate holy persons or holy things. Priests and kings were installed into their offices by anointing (Lev. 8:12; 16:32; 2 Sam. 2:4; 5:3; 1 Kings 1:39) Also in Ex. 40:9-14 the tabernacle was to be anointed as well as the altar, the laver, and the high priest's sons. The most important derivative of *mashach* is *mashiyach* (Messiah), “anointed one”. As Jesus was and is the promised Anointed One, His title came to be “Jesus the Messiah.” Messiah was translated into Greek as *Christos*, thus His designation, Jesus Christ. (Word Wealth – Holy Spirit Bible NKJ). What was Jesus anointed to do? Only what HE Could Do! Preach good tidings to the poor, heal the broken hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives (break bondages), open blind eyes, and comfort those who mourn! Most importantly He became our sin bearer. He took our place upon the cross, He took upon Himself all of our sin, mistakes, sicknesses, and diseases. Peter wrote This ... 1 Peter 2:24: **“Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.”** I believe that Peter's intent by quoting Isaiah 53:5 is to show that personal wholeness – mental, physical, psychological, and spiritual – flows from this conversion.

Let's take another look at what power there is in the name of Jesus. Philippians 2:9-11 says this: **“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”** Imagine having a name that carries such power and authority. Jesus Christ, the “Anointed One”; a name full of power, of majesty, of life; a name that commands respect and honor; a name that makes demons tremble; a name that when mentioned with authority the dead live, the lame walk, deaf hear, and when embraced transfers our citizenship from the kingdom of darkness into His marvelous light. The name of Jesus Christ, is a name that brings hope to the hopeless, purpose to the simple, and a future for the wanderer. The name of Jesus Christ, means Immanuel, God with us, A God that will never leave us or forsake us. He walks through the valley of the shadow of death with us. He is in the desert experience with us. King David penned these words in Psalm 139:7-12. **“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say ‘Surely the darkness shall fall on me’, Even the night shall be light about me; indeed the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You.”**

Paul, the Apostle, wrote these words in Romans 8:35-39: **“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ (The Anointed One)? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”**

After reading the above scriptures, it looks to me like Jesus Christ is committed to you and me. He's in for the long haul so to speak. It seems to me that you can't run and you can't hide from God. He sees all, He hears all (even before you speak) and He knows all, and in spite of all that, He loves us.

The Apostle John wrote this in his letter, John 3:16: **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”** Dear reader, if anything in this article has touched your heart, and you have never been introduced to Jesus, allow me to introduce you. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do right now. Who knows, you might not have a tomorrow. All you have to do is ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart and forgive you of your sins. Invite Him to be your Lord and Savior and He will. I prayed that way more than 35 years ago and there has been no looking back.

Oh, by the way, one closing thought, referring to Christ, the writer of the book of Hebrews says this in Chapter 1:3-4; - **“...who, being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”** Thank God He does go by the last name of Christ. Hmm, I guess there is something to the original question, “Mommy, What's Jesus last name?”

ALL YADAS: GREAT & SMALL

A SERIOUS WARNING – The Israeli paper Ma'ariv reported that the government in Jerusalem has begun preparing for a go-it-alone-if necessary strike against Iran should diplomacy and sanctions fail. The time frame? No later than 2010.¹⁸ Despite the lack of cooperation on this matter, a consensus not to allow a nuclear Iran cuts across party lines.

BRAIN CRAMPS – Israel and Egypt are discussing putting an Arab peacekeeping force in the Gaza Strip. [Yeah, that UN force really worked for southern Lebanon, where they turned a blind eye to Hezbollah activities and even 'spotted' for them in the last war.] If that's not bad enough, Barak and Olmert can envision an eventual role for international forces in Judea and Samaria.¹⁹ [*Maybe the US should get the MS-13 Gang to patrol our southern border with Mexico!*]

BRITISH INSANITY – Not to be outdone, a town council in East London has ordered the borough's 51 councillors to behave during the coming Islamic holy month of Ramadan as strict Muslims. Catholics, Jews and atheists have been ordered to observe the fast and to break for Islamic prayer time.²⁰

NORTH KOREA & NUKES – The promise by the North Koreans to dismantle the Yongbyon nuclear facility has been broken already. It seems that Pyong Yang has broken the seals placed on the plant by the International Atomic Energy Agency, - reassembling and updating where necessary, - and then replacing the seals as if nothing had happened. That might have been their intention ever since they made that deal with the US and began dismantling their nuclear production capabilities back in November. It seems that instead of destroying that equipment, they were refurbishing it.²¹ *You mean you can't trust the Commies! I'm shocked! Shocked, I say!*

A LITTLE DICEY – Here's the quick take. The tribal controlled regions of Pakistan that border on Afghanistan are being used by Taliban forces to stage raids against the Americans and their allies. Wearing of Pakistan's unwillingness, or inability to take control of these safe havens once and for all, American forces launched a raid against al-Qaeda / Taliban sanctuaries that left 20 people dead. Pakistan, a reputed ally of the US in the war on terror, was not pleased. So, under political pressure at home, they did what they could. Citing increased terror attacks, DEBKA reports “Pakistan government's used the escalating terrorist attacks in the Khyber tribal region as a pretext for ‘temporarily suspending’ traffic through the route to Kabul, through which NATO receives 70 percent of its supplies”. That's just code for ‘American's stay out’. There are over 150 camps and 400 support locations located in the area.²²

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