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### BIBI DOESN'T BLINK

Despite all the hype and the vaunted diplomatic offensive being waged by President Obama, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu did not back down to American pressure and commit that country to the outright establishment of a Palestinian State. While the President touted that there would be benefits to both sides "to achieve a two state solution", the Prime Minister stayed away from committing his nation to the establishment of yet another Arab State out of the land that had once been the Palestinian Mandate of Great Britain after WWI.<sup>1 2</sup> That territory had been originally promised, - in the Balfour Declaration of 1917, - as a homeland for the Jewish people. Over the years, Britain, - and the world had progressively reneged on that promise, - giving the land instead in ever increasing stages to the Arabs, and consequently reducing the portion allotted Israel. Still, the pressure is not over and the deal is not done. As a sop to Mr Netanyahu, the President gave hints that progress will be necessary on the nuclear issue with Iran by the end of the year; - something that the Prime Minister desperately wanted.<sup>3</sup> But the other side of that coin is what DEBKA calls a "gift" to Iran of "seven clear months for developing its nuclear capabilities and enrichment undisturbed". And what's floating on the table now is an Anglo-German proposal, - which the President seems to like, - that would allow Iran to continue enrichment under 'international monitoring'. The Israelis see this as just legal cover for Terhran; - an opportunity for them to be able to build their own nukes, - certainly by the end of 2010.<sup>4</sup> The administration is keeping up the pressure on Israel to avoid acting on its own to deal with the threat to its very existence posed by the building Iranian nuclear threat. The White House has pointedly asked Netanyahu's government not to 'surprise' the US with an attack against Tehran's atomic infrastructure. But for his part, the Israeli Prime Minister is standing by the solemn promise he made to the people of Israel. "I pledge that Iran will not attain nuclear arms, and that includes whatever is necessary for this statement to be carried out."<sup>5 6</sup> That's the question of the hour. Will he ultimately honor that commitment... whatever it takes? Even a limited air conflict between Israel and Iran at this point could set the torch to the Middle East' and possibly lead to the Psalm 83 War as Hamas, Hezbollah, Syria et al are driven, - (by the 'Arab Street' perhaps), - to do the bidding of their Iranian proxies; - setting off the possible fulfillment of many Biblical prophecies.

Despite what the world would have you believe, the idea of a 2-state solution, - the building of a Palestinian Terror State will not solve the issues of the Middle East. Whether it be radical Hamas or the 'moderate terrorist' Fatah of Mahmoud Abbas, - no possible Palestinian peace partner wants Israel to survive. Abbas Zaki, a Palestinian Authority representative told the truth on Lebanese TV. He called for no temporary truce, - or hudna, - but rather a two state solution, - the position supported by Iran. Here's why. He said "'with such a solution, Israel will collapse. Because if they get out of Jerusalem, what will be left of all their [the Jews'] talk about the Promised Land and the Chosen Nation? What will be with all the sacrifices they gave and then they are told to leave?" The two-state solution, supported by the United States and most of the world, calls for a Palestinian Authority state in Judea and Samaria, leaving Israel barely 11 miles wide in some areas". That would be a military disaster for Israel; - an invitation to national suicide. Even President Nixon saw the creation of a Palestinian State, carved out of Israeli territory as something that the Jewish nation never could nor would accept. Here is how Zaki explained it: Jews "perceive of Jerusalem as having a spiritual status. They relate to Judea and Samaria as a historic dream. If the Jews leave these places, the Zionist idea will begin to collapse of itself - and then we will move forward".<sup>8 9</sup> While the truth of that notion may have escaped Mr Obama. It is something that Mr Netanyahu cannot easily surrender. Still the drive toward the establishment of Palestine will continue. In fact the President is poised to present a new peace plan involving the Palestinians as well as a number of 'moderate' Arab states. Netanyahu is calling the plan "interesting", - which is diplo-speak for 'We'll just have to see...'<sup>10</sup>

### ON THE THRESHOLD - PART II

*Last time we looked at the 'new' peace proposal that is taking shape. The world, - Israel, - is being conditioned to accept the arranged peace of a Global Elite It is all playing into 'The Plan'.*

#### Serving Islamic & Catholic Interests ?

**"But take heed to yourselves.... and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21:34-36)**

The last time out we looked at the arrangements that the world, - the United States included, - is trying to force Israel to accept. It is indeed a time when **“peace and security”** is foremost on the minds of the world’s statesman. Here is the outline of just how they may try to achieve that **“peace and security”**. Hamas is offering a ‘peace’ with a term, - a hudna, in Islamic terms - 10 years right now. The US under President Obama sees its interests in the Middle East connected to an ‘arrangement’ with Iran. America is ready to buy Tehran’s cooperation with Israeli land and other concessions for the set-up of a Palestinian State, and the return of the Golan to Syria. Only then will Mr Obama put some pressure on Iran to stop the nukes....perhaps. In the meantime he will do all he can to force Israel to accept a ‘peace’ that would cut Israel in half, turn over much of Jerusalem, and possibly internationalize the holy sites, - likely with a UN troop presence. The Vatican is a player in this End Times drama /dance. Interesting connection, - that!

It was curious to watch the excitement of the Palestinians to receive the nod of approval from Pope Benedict as he visited the Middle East. It would seem that the two religions have little in common. Yet below the surface there is actually a rather deep and connecting thread that ties the two Abrahamic faiths together. Over the last several decades, the force that unites them is the perceived role of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Pope John Paul II wrote: “If victory comes it will be brought by Mary. Christ will conquer through her”. The late Bishop Fulton Sheen predicted that the Islamic world would be converted “through the summoning of Muslims to a veneration of the Mother of God”.<sup>11</sup> Muslims already honor Mary in the Koran. Archbishop Sheen, Catholic spokesman and TV personality nonpareil of the 1950’ & 60’s offered a very interesting insight on the conjunction of reported Marian apparitions and the Catholic Church’s drive to unite the religions of the world. “Our Lady has been chosen to be known by the name of FATIMA, which was the name of the daughter of Mohammed, because She has come not only for the conversion of Russia but also for the millions of Mohammedans...without whom there could never be true world peace.”<sup>12</sup> As if on cue, the late 1960’s saw multiple apparitions by Mary at a Coptic Church on the outskirts of Cairo. Muslims and Christians alike flocked to see.<sup>13</sup> One woman was quoted as saying, “There were Muslims and Christians, and everyone was as one, one religion together”. The events were broadcast by Egyptian TV, professionally photographed and “personally witnessed” by Egyptian President Nasser.<sup>14</sup> Yet that was not the end of Mary in Egypt. In 2000 and 2001 there were appearances in Assuit, in Upper Egypt.<sup>15</sup> In the case of the events in Zeitoun, outside Cairo, it was reported that Muslims collapsed, prayed and wept, before the appearance of the “lady composed of light”.<sup>16</sup> This ‘Mary’ reportedly made appearances too in Syria, Israel and Iraq.<sup>17</sup> At Medjugore, in Bosnia-Herzegovina she appeared as the Queen of Peace with a message of: Peace, Unity, Tolerance. Muslims and Orthodox are all “equal before my Son...You are all my children”.<sup>18</sup> And so the words of Bishop Sheen seem prophetic indeed: As do those of the late Pope John Paul who believed that Mary would be the key to joining together Catholics and Muslims.<sup>19</sup>

That type of hyper-tolerant unity is not however what the Bible teaches. The late Pope John Paul II gathered the world’s faiths at Assisi. One hundred twenty religions were represented in all, with each praying to their own gods. Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jews, and the Dalai Lama – who calls himself a god, were all there. They were joined by Christian leaders from dozens of denominations as well as “fire worshiping Zoroastrians”, African animists worshiping spirits and nature, American Indians and Japanese Shinto.<sup>20</sup> It was a great display of ecumenical tolerance. There was just one problem: To whom were they all praying. The whole notion, - just as the notion of ‘Mary’s calls for unity outside of Christ; - are terribly unbiblical. Scripture is clear on this. The Bible tells us that the narrow road to God goes only through Jesus, the Son. John 3:18 answers nicely for the point: **“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”** It is a principle of Islam that God DID NOT HAVE A SON! The Koran denies the Crucifixion (Sura 4:157), and goes on to say in Sura 4:171, *“Allah forbid that He should have a son!”*. Here is Sura 19:90 on the subject. *“Those who say: ‘The Lord of Mercy has begotten a son,’ preach a monstrous falsehood, at which the very heavens might crack, the earth split asunder, and the mountains crumble to dust. That they should ascribe a son to the Merciful, when it does not become the Lord of Mercy to beget one!”*

Still in the material realm, the two faiths are far apart. While elements in the Roman Church believe that Mary will be the vehicle that leads to spiritual peace with Islam: Mohammed’s faith too, believes that ultimate victory over ‘evil’ is coming their way. However, their scenario is a little different. The Islamic scriptures, tell us that the Mahdi, or “Guided One”, will return to lead Muslims in a series of military victories over Christians and Jews as he sets up the seat of a world government in Jerusalem. He will rule for seven years, abetted by the Prophet Jesus, (Issa), who will deny that he is the Son of God and lead the slaughter of the Jews.<sup>21</sup> At that time, all the people of the Book that remain, - Christians and Jews, - will convert to Islam. It is interesting here, that Muslim tradition talks of a “beast” being the one that will “call people back to Islam” when Jesus appears.<sup>22</sup> So both the Vatican and the forces of Islam are maneuvering for control of Jerusalem. And each is serving as pawns in the others complicated game.

Let’s compare all of this with Biblical prophecy. In Revelation 13 we are told all about the **“beast rising up out of the sea”**, taking civil and religious control until **“all the world marveled and followed the beast... [and].. they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast”**. (Revelation 13:1, 3-4) In other words the forces that succeed in uniting all of the world’s religions are the forces of the Antichrist and the False Prophet. Could these

be one and the same as the Mahdi and this Issa (false Jesus) of Islam, perhaps? There is yet another interesting parallel. Islamic writings predict for the Mahdi and Issa to rule together seven years in Jerusalem. That is the exact period of time that Daniel and Revelation give for the Antichrist's career and the Tribulation.<sup>23</sup>

Need more? Well here it is. The Koran, (Sura 9:5), teaches mandatory conversion of the unbeliever. Sura 8:11 pronounces the penalty for unbelievers: "*Therefore strike off their heads*". The world has already seen this penalty worked time and time again by those who take the Koran seriously. Revelation 13:15 tells us that, "**as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**" and Revelation 20:4 talks of "**the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast**". (KJV)

### A Secret Deal ?

With all of that in mind, we can look at some very interesting developments in the relations of the Roman Catholic Church, the State of Israel and the Palestinian Authority. All of these, deal with the status of the City of Jerusalem: Its future role and who will ultimately be in control of the Holy City. The entire peace process in the Middle East is caught up with this question. Let's look at some of the highlights before analyzing them.

- 1993 – Then Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres concludes a secret deal with the Vatican to have the Church take over sovereignty of Jerusalem's Old City. Jerusalem would become "the second Vatican of the world with all three major religions represented".
- 1994 - French intellectual, Marek Halter reveals to the Israeli press that he helped arrange a deal between Israel and the Vatican that would create a Palestinian State and make East Jerusalem an international city.
- 2000 – Arafat publicly signs on to the deal of Vatican control of Jerusalem.
- 2000 – Rome declares that it is "essential that religious leaders" control Jerusalem's Holy sites.<sup>24</sup>

So what's that all about? Since the time of the Crusades, Rome has been seeking control of Jerusalem. You see, the Vatican holds to something called 'Replacement Theology', wherein the Catholic Church, - in their eyes as well as in some other mainline denominations, - has become the *New Israel* in God's economy. The problem with that is that Israel's very physical existence in fulfillment of dozens of Biblical prophecies, - not to mention their control over Jerusalem presents a very real problem to that deal.<sup>25</sup>

Though it may take awhile to finalize, what we are witnessing is the framework being laid for an arrangement that would fulfill the essentials desired not only by the Vatican (Holy Sites under the control of Rome), but also the Illuminati / One Worlders, - in the dismemberment of Israel and the establishment of a Palestinian State. Some Palestinian refugees are actually seeking to enlist the Pope as their emissary in their quest to be granted homes in Israel.<sup>26</sup> A clue as to the extent to which the Vatican may be willing to go can be gleaned by a couple of developments arising from the Pope's recent trip to the Holy Land. Benedict the XVI promised that the Church would stop all missionary activity among Jews.<sup>27</sup> Now on the surface that seems like a very magnanimous thing to do, - until that is, we take into consideration that Scripture clearly teaches that Jesus, - the Messiah, - is the necessary and exclusive way to the Father. John 3:18 says: "**He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**" Then there is the Great Commission. Christ commanded those who would follow Him: "**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**". A Church that takes seriously the commands of Christ and has true burden for the souls of the lost, need take such a call to discipleship very seriously indeed! Rome is markedly deficient. on both counts.

### RECIPE FOR ECONOMIC CHAOS

Are we in recovery? Have we at least hit bottom? Or is the worst yet to come? All the way back in the middle of February, when the crisis was but 5 months old, one of Britain's senior ministers was saying that "Britain is facing its worst financial crisis for more than a century, surpassing even the Great Depression".<sup>28</sup> And things have not really gotten better since then. Fortune Magazine writes of a "public pension bomb", where states like California and New York and New Jersey are scrambling to deal with "multibillion-dollar holes in their pension systems".<sup>29</sup> Commercial real estate is facing a crisis of its own, to follow on the heels of the home mortgage market, - as construction loans and business mortgages are accelerating, in the process hurting the balance sheets of regional banks.<sup>30</sup> The response of the Bush administration was to funnel money to Wall Street and the big bankers. It barely slowed the flow. The response of the Obama team has been to throw even more money at the problem. Just fixing Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac is now expected to hit the American taxpayers with a bill for over \$171 billion.<sup>31</sup> And who else benefited by all this largesse? Besides Fanny & Freddie it was AIG and Lehman & Goldman Sachs and the like.

Curious then, this article from the pen of New York's failed former Governor Elliot Spitzer that drew a bit of the cover off of the amazing power and *great good fortune* of the New York Branch of the Federal Reserve; - one of 12 regional branches

that control the Fed. Why what a coincidence it is that Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner was head of that NY branch from 2003 until earlier this year. And what a further coincidence it was that the select committee that picked him for that position came from the ranks of ...oh ...AIG & Goldman Sachs & international-banking-family-connected Chase Manhattan & the Lehman Brothers. And it has been the NY Fed that, - in the words of the fallen Spitzer, - was “responsible for committing trillions of dollars of taxpayer money to resuscitate the coffers of the banks it oversees”.<sup>32</sup> My conclusion: This is just another example of the International Banking Interests taking care of their own. It has become part of the process wherein the Obama administration is overseeing the remaking of America.

This leadership committed to change, has given us *that!* The banking bailout money bought the government the right to regulate the banks that took the money. Now the President is looking at plans to extend that power to other financial institutions, - even if they didn't take bailout money.<sup>33</sup> The control being sought would extend down to controlling the salaries of executives...and employees. Billions of additional dollars bought control of Chrysler and GM while the private bondholders who put up their own money to finance these companies will be left holding the bag. But while the government gobbles up nominal and somewhat real control of these industries, the International Bankers are gobbling up VERY real control of the governments.

You see, you've got the Federal Reserve, right now, buying up our own government debt, - soon to hit the level of about \$300 billion. China, formerly our biggest customer for 30-year T-Bills seems to no longer want a part of that deal. Dollars are starting to be looked at with suspicion. Japan's opposition party is running on a platform of selling off American dollar-denominated assets.<sup>34</sup> They see what others see. All that money creation on the part of the Fed will result in a “currency crisis”; - according to one big investor, - sometime between this fall and that of 2010.<sup>35</sup> The monetizing of our debt - (basically printing the dollars) - in the words of one analyst, - “dwarfs anything we've seen in the past”. Inflation rang in at 15% under President Carter. It's hard to know just where this crisis figure will eventually end up when the money starts to flow through, considering the Fed / Government response to it now is over 7 times what was tried then.<sup>36</sup> Understand that if the dollar does really collapse from all of this activity, - there are solutions waiting in the wings. Regional currencies are in place or contemplated around the world, - (the euro, - and in Africa and the Middle East), - and the amero is on the drawing board for North America; - pushed by some Fed branches in this country, no less. With their own gold reserves, - the International Banking Families, - the ones that own the Federal Reserve, - will be well placed to capitalize on any change in currency. Don't worry for their ultimate economic health.

Then there is this last bit of info. Realizing that these are interesting times with new ways of conducting wars, - the Pentagon conducted economic war games earlier this spring. For what its worth, the Chinese seemed best placed to score big in an economic showdown with the US. Don't worry, America would survive, - though much humbled and emasculated to a degree. The effective strategy employed by those playing for the faux Chinese team involved selling off American dollars while buying up gold and natural resources and other commodities. Strangely, - that's exactly what the Chinese are doing right now.<sup>37 38</sup> Another coincidence?

Now with President Obama's proposed budgets carrying a \$1.84 trillion deficit for 2009, with a \$1.26 trillion shortfall in 2010, the Chief Executive participated in a little of the Theatre of the Absurd when he analyzed correctly that we cannot continue to run up these debts, passing them on to our children. The President called such spending, “unsustainable”, telling a New Mexico town-hall audience, “We can't keep on just borrowing from China. We have to pay interest on that debt”. (And here's the absurdity: It is Mr Obama's policies, that are driving up the federal shortfall in the first place.<sup>39</sup>)

The upshot in all of this is that we are on the verge of paying a massive price for the lifestyle that we've been living and that we refuse to abandon. Two of the most accurate and respected students of future economic and cultural trends are issuing dire warnings for the foreseeable future. Nouriel Roubini points out that China is making the first strategic moves that could see the yuan replacing dollar as the world's reserve currency.<sup>40</sup> Without the world needing to acquire American greenbacks, the sleight of hand that has been artificially schlepping dollars into our consumer-based, debt-driven economy would dry up faster than they are already. The value of the greenback would surely plunge. Gerald Celente warns us that all this stimulus spending is just creating a giant bubble; - and it is about to burst. In his parlance, it is the “Mother of All Bubbles”. And while that band aid is making for some short-term stability, when it busts it will be the biggest one of all. Failed business models are being supported by ‘Phantom dollars, printed out of thin air, backed by nothing’. Celente then goes on to point out that even as the Depression of the 1930's led inevitably to world war, - so a global crash today could create the conditions that would make a third world war possible.<sup>41</sup> Significantly, news broke as this letter was going to press that Brazil and China were about to challenge the dollar's position as the world's currency by using their own currencies for international trade transactions.<sup>42</sup>

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