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You cannot defy God and expect to get away with it. God has purposed to bless Israel and to have His will fulfilled, in the end. Last time we detailed some of the correlating circumstances between American actions that tried to leverage Israel into trading God's Land for a false promise of peace, - and natural and economic disasters that affected the United States. We continue cataloguing some of these events, - that's the price of willful ignorance.

WILLFUL IGNORANCE

Our last list of curious 'coincidences' wound up with Hurricane Katrina which struck New Orleans at the time that the Israeli settlers were being forcibly removed from Gaza. We rely on Bill Koenig to detail the major FEMA disasters that struck the US in 2007, - at or around the same time that either Secretary of State Rice was visiting Jerusalem to pressure Israel in the peace process, or when President Bush was conducting Quartet meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Olmert. Here's just a sample of some of these events.

- January 13-19 2007: – Rice visits Israeli, several Arab countries Germany & Britain. There are FEMA level winter storms in Missouri, Oklahoma Texas. California orange crop is ruined. Record hurricanes nearly shut down Britain & Germany while the Secretary of State was there on the ground..
- The Quartet meets on February 2nd – A series of Tornadoes devastate Florida.
- March 25-27, - Secretary Rice is back in Israel. Tornadoes rip through New Mexico.
- President Bush authorizes \$59 million for Abbas' Fatah party. Under US pressure Olmert & Abbas begin regular meetings on April 15th. Storms and flooding on April 15-16 lead to FEMA declarations in 8 states.
- June 17-19 – Olmert is in Washington meeting with President Bush. Talks aimed at strengthening Abbas. Storms and flooding hit New York and Texas during the meetings.
- August 7-8 - Under pressure from Washington, Jewish settlers are forced out of Hebron. Storms, tornadoes and flooding spell another FEMA disaster for New York.

We need not belabor the details. Still there seems a direct correlation between US actions that would compromise God's Word and direct and timely punishments. Mr Koenig discovered “nine major FEMA disasters and... two other major crisis” that coincided with American involvement in the peace process.¹

Jump to 2008 and we pick up the account given by John McTernan in his book: *As America Has Done To Israel*.

- January 2008, - Pressure on Israel applied during President Bush's trip to the Middle East is punctuated by an outbreak of tornadoes and storms throughout the month and a large drop in the stock market.
- March 15, 2008: Secretary Rice chides Israel for dragging it's feet on the peace plan and in John McTernan's words: “During this time, ferocious tornado storms were devastating the South and mid-West. On March 15, a severe storm hit Georgia and a tornado actually went through the heart of Atlanta !”
- First week of June, 2008: More pressure by Rice on Israel. Stock market plunges 400 points, dollar falls to record lows, oil goes to record highs.
- The events of September / October 2008 described in PART V. Summary: The US and Olmert agree to divide Jerusalem. Economic disaster hits, - all on the Jewish High Holy Days. Here are the results. Rosh Hashanah: Market drops 777 points // Yom Kippur: Market drops 679 points // Tabernacles: Market drops 733 points.²

So we see the devastation that follows on the heels of America's choice to repeatedly go against God's plan. Is that really God's character, to judge our nation for its sins, or were these curiously timed events mere acts of nature? Take Hurricane Katrina for instance. Some in the religious community have stated that the hurricane, along with the tsunami that killed upwards of a quarter million, are truly acts of the judgment of God. One Rabbi tells us that there is a direct connection between Katrina and the removal of the Jews from Gush Katif. Rabbi Garlitzky of Chabad Lubavitch announced that, "No one has permission to take away one inch of the land of Israel". Many see strange similarities between the destruction of Katrina and that wrought by forced evacuation of the Settlements.³ Even the Hebrew words have a numerical equivalent. Katrina's is 374. Two separate Torah passages have that same numerical equivalent: Genesis 50:17, which reads "**They have done you evil**", and Exodus 14:15, which says, "**The sea upon the land**". And so it is argued. They are making an obvious connection with the promise God gave Israel in Genesis 12:3. "**I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**"

You see, God's character is reflected in both His love and holiness, - mercy and judgment. Students of the Bible know that God is unchangeable, His Word immutable. We know too that the Father exists in perfect holiness. When Isaiah had a vision of the Lord he became violently humbled and full of fear. He cried out, "**Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.**" Isaiah saw his sin, and could only cry out for mercy. Perhaps he saw in that moment what the writer revealed in Hebrews 12:14, that we must live in pursuit of holiness, "**...without which no one will see the Lord**". Jesus gave the standard in the Sermon on the Mount. "**Therefore you shall be perfect just as your Father in heaven is perfect.**" (Matthew 5:48) In Ephesians 5:1 Paul spells out what we must do. "**Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.**" He gets more specific just a few verses later. Ephesians 5:5 tells us, "**For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God**". And then in verse 6, he follows with a most solemn warning. "**Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.**"

Does God judge nations and people? We know from His word that He does. He judged the Northern and Southern Kingdom's of Israel when they fell into sin, turning them over to be conquered by their neighbors and then allowing those nations to be punished themselves for the mistreatment of His people. The prophets warned that judgment was coming, and surely it came. God judged the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah when they persisted in their wickedness. Recently archaeologists have found their remains, burned from above it seems, just as the Bible has said. Their sin was the rampant perversion and homosexuality described in the Genesis account. They were consumed with their lusts, and so God consumed them. God judged and punished the whole world for sinfulness, saving only Noah from the destroying flood. Yes God is a God of mercy; - but He is a God of Holiness too. God cannot stand to look at sin. And so He is a God of judgment, of all that is unclean, of all that persist in rebellion against Him and His Word.

There is God's promise of judgment and punishment. And here we are a nation flaunting the standards established in His Word. We have kicked God out of school, yet seek His protection. We have allowed the murder of 40 million with the legalization of abortion. We have sentenced millions of children to a life of poverty, and drug use, and delinquency and failure, by encouraging a culture where father's need no longer take responsibility for their children. We have celebrated sin with gay festivals and porn festivals, and internet pornography, and public drunkenness and rampant drug use, - and in the case of Katrina, - in New Orleans itself. And yes, we know that "**...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**". (Romans 3:22-23) But now we're messing with something very dear to God's heart; - *His land!*

So God promises to curse and bless according to the way that we treat His people, the Jews. Joel 3:1-2, only confirms that earlier promise. "**...I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of my people and my**

inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up my land." There it is; - judgment for dividing God's Land. Some scoff. Yet it was not strange in this nation's early history for men to see natural disasters and wars as the judgment of God. No less respected a man than President Lincoln saw the hand of God in the great suffering that afflicted this nation by the Civil War. In his second inaugural address, Lincoln recognized slavery as a great sin for which "...the providence of God" gave "to both North and South, this terrible war, as the woe due to those by whom the offence came". Should we be so incredulous to believe that God should so honor His Word once again?

David Herzog reminds us that Britain lost its empire when it "agreed to divide" Palestine between Jews and Arabs. Here is God's promise revealed in Psalm 105:8-11: **"He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance"**. Canaan, (Palestine), is God's to give. He gave it to the Jews.

In the end, we are subject to His law and His will not our own. We cannot continue to act against the dictates of God. In the future there is coming a time when all the world will turn against Jerusalem to enforce man's collective will on that Holy City. It will be to no avail. Zechariah 12:2 tells us that it will become a **"cup of trembling unto all the peoples round about"**. The next verse goes on: **"And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered against it"**. (KJV) IT IS TIME FOR THE US TO GET OUT OF THE PEACE MAKING BUSINESS – AND GET BACK TO THE BUSINESS OF OBEYING GOD!!! AND IT'S TIME TO START MAKING PEACE WITH THE PRINCE OF PEACE!!

BIRTH PANGS

COMRADE OBAMA - This one is too good to pass up. Since President Obama came to office the government has been busy staking out increasing control of the American business landscape. They've exchanged bailout money for control in the banking industries and now have taken – at least temporary ownership of car giants GM and Chrysler. In practice this is all a form of national fascism or socialism. There is appearing either government control or actual ownership of , - as Marx would have put it, - "the means of production". You may say that I'm exaggerating but then listen to how a real-Marxist evaluates what's going on in the United States since Inauguration Day, last January 20th. Here's what Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez had to say on live television not long ago. "Hey, Obama has just nationalized nothing more and nothing less than General Motors. Comrade Obama! Fidel, careful or we are going to end up to his right"⁴.

RATCHETING UP KOREA – Here's how the crisis on the Korean Peninsula is building. North Korea thumbed its nose at the US, - sentencing 2 American journalists for a dubious illegal border crossing, - to the unheard of sentence of 12 years "of reform through labor". That's hard labor in the work camps, for what the government characterized as "grave crimes"⁵. Meanwhile the US talked about the possibility of interdicting North Korean vessels suspected of carrying 'weapons or nuclear technology'. Pyongyang is believed to have partnered with such nations as Iran in the development of WMD technology.⁶ It is interesting that in this time period, - when both North Korea and Iran, - are developing technology that could deliver nuclear warheads, - the Obama administration has chosen to reduce the missile defense budget by \$1.4 billion.⁷ Programs cut would include the Airborne Laser, Multiple Kill Vehicle, and more Ground-Based Interceptor missiles in Alaska.⁸ As the week went on North Korea's 'Dear Leader' took it one step farther. The state run Minju Joeson newspaper warned that they were ready to use their "nuclear deterrent...as a merciless offensive means to deal a just retaliatory strike to those who touch the country's dignity and sovereignty even a bit"⁹.

ISRAEL / PALESTINE – The pressure on Prime Minister Netanyahu to cave in and give the US, (and the Palestinians), everything they demand is growing daily. Saudi King Abdullah told President Obama that an Israeli-Palestinian peace was the “magic key” to solving all the regions issues. And should the Israelis continue to resist, the US must “impose the solution if necessary”.¹⁰ Seemingly on cue, America’s Middle East Envoy George Mitchell demanded “immediate” talks from both sides. Palestinian President Abbas immediately refused, demanding that Israel stop expansion of the settlements.¹¹ Israel is faced with unrelenting pressure to concede on this matter, - from both America and the international community. The Islamic London-based paper *A-Sharq al-Awsat* reports that President Obama is demanding that Netanyahu respond to his Cairo speech within six weeks, - in such a way that will put in place a process that will finalize a Palestinian state within two years.¹² Speaking for the EU, Javier Solana threw Europe’s weight behind the US to reinforce American pressure. With a nuclear Iran looming on the horizon and Washington hinting that it may withdraw support for Israel, - the Jerusalem Post revealed that some Israeli officials were coming to the conclusion that Israel will have no choice but to accept that a Palestinian State soon be carved out of Israeli territory. According to this reasoning: By saying yes now, Netanyahu would avoid an even worse deal down the road.¹³ Holding to that theme Defense Minister Ehud Barak assured Washington that the Israeli government is committed to agreements signed by previous governments “which explicitly includes the commitment for a two-state solution”.¹⁴ Israeli President Shimon Peres took another step in that direction, proposing the set up of a Palestinian state with temporary borders; - with permanent ones to be negotiated later, during the second stage of implementing the Road Map. By the time you are reading this, Prime Minister Netanyahu will likely already have made a major policy speech that will have address this very issue. Mr Netanyahu is scheduled to speak on Sunday, June 14th.¹⁵

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE – On June 1, Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad attacked an Army-Navy recruiting station in Little Rock, Arkansas, - with one victim killed and another wounded. Now it turns out that Muhammad had just recently returned from Yemen while traveling with a Somali passport. In addition he had conducted Google map searches of several sites in other cities that included a child care center, a Baptist church, several Jewish organizations and other recruiting centers. According to one official the evidence suggests that he may have been part of larger plot involving additional operatives.^{16 17}

THEY’RE THINKING ABOUT IT – How bad will things get? We know for instance that the US economy is down and that hurts so many American businesses big and small. Unemployment is rocketing upward. \$10 per hour jobs are replacing \$20 per hour jobs.¹⁸ And with all of that, - tax revenues are way down. New Jersey and New York are suffering on the brink and California is facing a massive budget-shortfall crisis right now. But can you believe this. California is actually talking about doing away with their welfare program, CalWorks, to make a dent in their \$24.3 billion deficit. Now most believe that the state will somehow arrange to save their workfare program. But the fact is; - Sacramento will begin to run out of cash sometime in July. So the fact that they’re even talking about it....¹⁹

OH YEAH – HERE’S A GOOD IDEA ! – As part of the Obama administration’s “‘global justice’ initiative”, FBI agents recently assigned to Afghanistan have begun ‘Mirandizing’ foreign fighters and terrorists captured on the battlefield. You know; - advising them that they can remain silent and that they have a right to a lawyer! That’s right! I’m talking about basically prisoners of war committed our destruction.²⁰ *Well, we were promised change.*

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