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### ISRAEL: THE SOBERING REALITY

“The Jews are a peculiar people: things permitted to other nations are forbidden to the Jews.” Those are the words of the American social philosopher, Eric Hoffer – written in 1968. Hoffer points out that the Russians, Poles, Czechs and Algerians removed large non-ethnic populations without so much as a whimper from the international community. The Israelis are held to a different standard. They are told that they must accept every Arab that left the territory in 1948 as well as all their descendants; - even though they left under the direction of their mullahs, in order to make it easier for the invading Arab armies to destroy the newborn Israeli state. Sad for them, that’s not the way it worked out. And here is another Hoffer observation. “Other nations when victorious on the battlefield dictate peace terms. But when Israel is victorious it must sue for peace.”<sup>1</sup> Guess that’s one thing that hasn’t changed much since 1968. The world now expects the Israelis to give up land that is essential to their survival, - that they won on the battlefield when the Arabs plotted their destruction, - and that was land originally envisioned for a reformed Jewish state way back in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. But God’s Word has long said that this would be so.

Here are the words of Zechariah 12:1-3. **“The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”**

The fact is the pressure is on now. Israel may soon have to make a fateful decision with her very fate in the balance; - and eternal consequences that the nation does not fully comprehend. The entire world is fast turning against Israel and the Jews. Debra Minotti, the American National Coordinator of Ebenezer Operation Exodus, a ministry that assist Jews in emigrating to their Israeli homeland, spoke at my home church recently. She talked about the darkness descending on the world. Anti-Semitism is raising its ugly head, - in places like Europe again. Conditions are starting to resemble those of the 1930’s, when the groundwork was being laid for Hitler’s *Final Solution*, - the Holocaust. Doors are closing across that continent and the world.<sup>2</sup> All the while, the world is pressuring the Israeli government to give away the West Bank – Judea and Samaria – to a people that is dedicated to the eradication of the Jewish state. Even their most loyal ally, the United States has joined the chorus for Israeli dismemberment. It reminds one of the 1930’s in another way. That was the decade that saw the Western Powers turn a blind eye to the demands and territorial acquisitions of Germany and other Axis Powers in the mistaken notion that appeasement can lead to peace. That was the lesson not learned when Chamberlain gave away the Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia, - a land that wasn’t his to give. That’s is much like what President Obama and the Europeans are attempting today; - to give away Israeli land to the Palestinians.

And that is just what the world seeks. Israel must appease the Palestinians that openly plot their destruction. They are to turn a blind eye to an Iranian nuclear arsenal, even though they've ties to Israel's terrorist enemies, Hezbollah and Hamas, and that their president has promised to use it. During the 1930s the West was morally confused, unsure of its own contributing guilt, and lacking in a clear cultural compass that could delineate between right and wrong. Ultimately they lacked the will to act! Sound familiar? In the event, they grasped at "Appeasement" as the solution; throwing meat to the Beast. The Beast just licked its chops, - became stronger, - more demanding, - more sure of its eventual triumph. A blind West continued to feed that animal, - until a war to save civilization itself was tragically inevitable.

How soon we have forgotten that lesson. We are often blinded to the fact that we have a similar threat to our own survival. Appeasement is the Big Lie: Because it is a horrible moral compromise. It killed millions in the war that followed: Not only Jews in the camps, but soldiers on the battlefield and civilians in their homes. It legitimized the Nazis; as it later did the Communist regimes during the Cold War and the terror groups and terror sponsoring regimes of today. Appeasement winks at suicide bombers in Israel. It tolerates Saddam's death squads and an Iranian President that would put an end to a whole nation. It is fueled by the great lie of Moral Equivalence. Appeasement assigns equal value to a culture that uses the flower of its youth as human bombs to destroy a nation as to that nation of victims.<sup>3</sup>

Appeasement is the Big Lie: Because it does not work. You cannot negotiate with evil. After the object is surrendered; - along with self-respect and a portion of the soul: You find that the Beast is not satisfied. When Israel pulled out of Gaza, it was only hours until the rockets began to fly into Jewish settlements from the newly acquired territory. When the Lebanese cease fire was signed under UN auspices it was only hours again until Hezbollah was declaring that it would keep its arms, - Syria was announcing the inevitability of the seizing of the Golan Heights and Iran was threatening the extermination of the Zionist entity. Iranian weapons continue to flow from Iran via Syria to the Hezbollah terrorists. Appeasement always leads to betrayal. We will witness the ultimate in the cycle of appeasement and betrayal with the coming of the Antichrist and his dealings with Israel. There is coming a time when he will **"confirm"** a treaty with Israel only to betray that trust with the ultimate attack against God's people. **"Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering."** (Daniel 9:27) **So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."** (Mark 13:14)

Appeasement is the Big Lie: Because you cannot appease evil. Accommodating even a little evil provides a springboard for its proliferation. The Beast is never satisfied.

### **The Other Side of Appeasement**

But on the other side of appeasement is action. And action is what the Israeli military – and the populace is preparing for now; specifically, action against the Iranian nuclear facilities. However that is presenting itself as a rather complicated endeavor. Now we know that Iran has little intention of ending their quest for a capability to produce a home-grown nuclear arsenal. In an attitude of defiance Iran is planning to build 10 new uranium enrichment plants<sup>4</sup> – and they're blaming it on the pressure coming from the Western powers. *[If only we'd have been nicer to the messianic-death-cult, terror-supporting president of Iran...]* One Iranian lawmaker threatened that Tehran was considering withdrawing from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and banning UN inspectors

altogether.<sup>5</sup> And from another headline in the Jerusalem Post we learn that: “Iran earmarks \$20 million to support terror groups opposing [the] West”.<sup>6</sup> The new funding is in addition to Tehran’s support of Hezbollah and Hamas and Islamic Jihad. It threatens military / terror action specifically against the US and the UK.<sup>7</sup> This latest action by the Iranian government came in response to an IAEA censure motion in which the Russians and Chinese joined. The formerly reluctant Chinese were influenced to sign on to the motion by a special US mission. The Americans told the Chinese that since Israel viewed the notion of Iranian nukes as an “existential issue”, they were ‘likely to bomb Iranian nuclear facilities’ if the Chinese did not come on board.<sup>8</sup> But the Chinese commitment was half-hearted at best. They are now calling for ‘more dialogue’ instead of sanctions.<sup>9</sup>

So the internal pressure to strike is very real. Yet even the military side of the equation is a very tricky thing. With Turkish air space most likely out of bounds for Israeli aircraft, hitting the nuclear sites becomes more difficult if still possible. The issue of mid-air refueling for Israeli jets would have to be solved and cruise missiles would probably be part of the mix in any attack. Despite the problems, with its existence on the line, one could expect that the Israelis will eventually feel forced to act. But then there’s the reaction of Iran’s military to consider. And Tehran’s national and terrorist allies could make for some real problems. The military has warned that in the next war, the Front will consist of all of Israel, with missiles raining down on the entire country.<sup>10</sup> The question for the Israeli military then becomes whether to strike at the now well-equipped Iranian allies like Hezbollah and Hamas, or strike Iran’s atomic infrastructure first. Iranian ballistic missiles are a lethal threat but so are the newly updated arsenals of Syria, Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in Gaza and now even a modernized Iranian navy. And while Israel and the US have just concluded successful anti-missile interception exercises, security is not complete. The head of the Israeli Air Force warned of the seriousness of the danger. “In the event of a coordinated missile offensive from several directions, Israel would be unable to extend total security both to its missile bases, airfields and strategic sites and also its civilian population. The Israeli Air Force is not capable of knocking out at once all five potential sources of missile attacks.” The next war will get bloody!

And then there’s the issue of just what sort of payloads those missiles may be carrying. Israeli Defense Minister Barak has let it be known that all of Lebanon could pay for the next round of Hezbollah attacks against Israel. The Lebanese government would be held responsible. Beware, the consequences should you decide to fire off chemical or biological weapons – WMDs – against the heart of Israel. DEBKA believes that the message should have been clear to the Syrians and Hamas as well. If they come in on the side of Iran they risk “their countries being totally devastated”.<sup>11</sup> We know that’s just what Scripture says is coming. Obadiah tells us that “**For violence against your brother Jacob (Israel)**” (Obadiah 1:10) judgment is coming on the Palestinian people. “**The house of Jacob shall be a fire, And the house of Joseph a flame...and no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau.**” (Obadiah 1:18) Hard, sad and sobering words, are these! Syria should stand warned too. “**The burden against Damascus: ‘Behold Damascus will cease from being a city, And it will be a ruinous heap’.**” (Isaiah 17:1)

These are the realities of our day. We are living in a time like no other; on the very edge of the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. Just as God said, the world is singularly focused on the fate of Israel and Jerusalem. It will all play out according to His plan, culminating with the soon return of Jesus the Messiah as King and Conqueror. This is the crisis to which we were born. It is time to come before the Lord, to seek His will, to seek His face.

## REBUILDING THE TEMPLE ?

According to a prophecy of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Rabbi Eliyahu of Vilna, - a city in Polish Lithuania, - the Third Temple is about to be rebuilt. The teacher known as the Vilna Gaon was an expert in both the Talmud, - the rabbinic commentaries on Jewish Law as found in the Torah which are the first five books of the Scriptures, - as well as Kabala. [Kabala is the esoteric theology which digs for deeper, hidden meanings to the Scriptures. It has ties to both 1<sup>st</sup> century Gnosticism (secret knowledge) and the occult. That could explain the nature of the prophecy of the Rabbi Vilna Gaon.] Over 200 years ago he gave an exact date for construction to begin on the Third Temple; - March 16, 2010. Further, the Gaon gave a prophecy regarding the Hurva synagogue of Jerusalem that was being constructed in his day. He said that it would be twice restored and rebuilt. And here's the kicker. The completion of the second rebuilding of Hurva would coincide with the beginning of work on the Third Temple. So check this out.

The Hurva Synagogue was destroyed for the first time shortly after it was built when Muslims anxious to be repaid money lent to an impoverished Jewish community, tore it down. It was destroyed a second time in 1948, during Israel's war for independence. Then in 2001, it was decided that it would be rebuilt once again. Now it is scheduled to be dedicated on March 15, 2010, just one day from the Rabbi's prophesied date for construction on the Third Temple to begin. *Coincidence?* Only time will tell!<sup>12 13 14</sup>

Now Rabbi Chaim Richman of the Temple Institute explains the significance of the rebuilding of the Temple from a devout Jewish perspective. He says that it will mean peace for all of mankind, Jew and Gentile alike, as the Divine Presence is ushered back into the world. It will serve as the "focal point of the spiritual energy of mankind". Through the Temple and Jewish people themselves, God announces to the world that "He exists" and calls them into His presence.<sup>15</sup> We know from Scripture that a temple must be rebuilt before Christ returns - but that it will also serve as the haunt of Antichrist, when he performs the "**abomination of desolation**". In 2Thessalonians 2:3-4, Paul explains of the Antichrist: "**Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.***"

Well, right now permission to rebuild a Jewish Temple on the site where the al-Aqsa Mosque sits may seem a near impossibility. But there is actually a Muslim leader, Adnan Oktar of Turkey who is working with the newly constituted Israeli Sanhedrin - the Jewish religious court - to build a Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount. He foresees a place where Jews, Christians and Muslims would be free to worship. Another group promoting the God's Holy Mountain project is working toward similar ends.<sup>16</sup> And yet other voices connected to the Illuminati and Theosophy envision a joint Temple with a separate wing for each of the Big Three monotheistic faiths. That too seems a set up for the fulfillment of End Times prophecy. Here's what Daniel had to say about the coming Antichrist. Once a Temple is built he will "**confirm a covenant with many**" for a 7-year period. But three-and-one-half years later he will renege on his promise and "**he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation**". (Daniel 9:27) (NIV)

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