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AMERICA'S PROPHETIC BLINDNESS !!!

“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.” (Zechariah 12:1-3)

Take a close look at the words in the passage above. The Prophet Zechariah here was talking about the Last Days. In the 2nd verse quoted above, the New King James translation says that all peoples will act as if they are drunk – unable to understand the rational and the obvious. The King James calls it a **“cup of trembling”**. There will be a fear that descends on those that would seek to alter the plans the God of Creation has for His Land and His City of Jerusalem. Under President Obama especially, the United States has joined the rest of the world in trying to force a ‘solution’ on the ‘problem of Palestine.’ That solution is to wrest control of God’s land away from Israel – from the people whom God has appointed - and give it to a Palestinian people that was a recent invention; - a tool to be used by the Arabs to assert and eventually gain control of the entire territory.

You see, what is coming is judgment; - most certainly on the Palestinian People, referred to in the Book of Obadiah as Esau and Edom; but also on those that join them in seeking to alter God’s will for His people. The Prophet Obadiah gives the reason for that judgment on the Palestinians. **“For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.”** (Obadiah 1:10) (KJV) Ezekiel 36:5 confirms the sentence. **“Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country.”** You see, there is a simple principle here that God set forth to Abraham; a promise that has never and will never be violated. **“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.”** (Genesis 12:3) Once Israel’s staunch ally, America is now beginning to violate that principle; to work for the ‘other team’. We have been a nation blessed. But we are adding this latest offense to our sins. And the Word of God promises that there will be a price to be paid.

Here is some of the latest. First of all, using the nuances of diplomatic language, Secretary of State Clinton let it be known that the US will no longer go the extra mile to insure that Israel will have defensible borders in any future settlement with the Palestinians. She substituted the words “recognized borders” for “defensible borders.” I’m sure the point was taken. Defensible borders would mean that Israel would be able to maintain control of the Land that they took during the ’67 War. That includes the Golan Heights and Jerusalem. Recognizable borders would just denote a ‘land for peace’ deal. The Palestinians and Syrians would move into territory given to Israel by God and envisioned for them in the original mandate set up for the region under the League of Nations after World War I. At the same time, the administration let it be known that there would likely be no effective UN sanctions against the

Iranians. The Israelis would just have to get used to dealing with that nuclear sword-of-Damocles on their own terms.¹ Next a highly connected Deputy Secretary of State announced that “The US has ruled out a military strike against Iran's nuclear program any time soon.” Michele Flournoy described a military option as a “last resort” and said that “negotiations and United Nations sanctions will prevent the Middle East nation from developing nuclear weapons.” [*After the laughter died down....OK, maybe there was no laughter...but there should have been.*] Not long after, a Pentagon spokesman said that nothing had been taken off the table. So what's up? This whole thing plays into Iranian hands as they work to achieve their most pressing goal – delay – until they can achieve their transparent goal of becoming a nuclear power.²

That leaves the Israelis on their own when it comes to dealing with the Iranians. This; - despite the fact that American experts believe that Iran will have an ICBM capable of delivering a nuclear warhead all the way to the US mainland in just five years. This comes at a time when the administration is committing itself to a reduction in our nuclear capabilities, rejecting a nuclear response to countries attacking us with chemical or biological WMDs, and looking at reducing our missile defense systems.³ (At the same time there are reports that both Saudi Arabia and Egypt are lobbying Washington to deal with the Iranian nuclear problem – with military strikes if necessary.)⁴ It is almost as if the powers in Washington are inviting attack.

But the President's primary prophetic blindness is one that is common now to the overwhelming majority of the world. Despite the many years that he sat in the pew listening to the Rev Jeremiah Wright, - (*I'm being facetious, of course*), - he does not recognize God's plan for the region. And what is God's plan? Passage after passage tells us that God sees Palestine as His land. All of it! And He has given it to Israel. Forever! “**Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession**”. (Genesis 17:8) Simple like that! Genesis 15:18 defines it a little better...and Israel's portion, at least according to God, is bigger than you might think. “**To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates**”.

Let's stay on this for just a bit. Some suggest that the Jews are mere interlopers, hunkered on an ancestral homeland that is no longer theirs. Some sophisticated voices suggest that the world would be better off without Israel; - or perhaps with a much smaller version of the Jewish state. The thinking is that this infestation of Jews which began returning in force in the 1880's only robbed the land from its rightful owners; The Palestinian People. 'If it wasn't for Israel', they reason, 'there would be no Middle East problem.' Whether or not they believe it themselves: These people are telling you a lie. There are not now, nor has there ever been a distinct group or a nation called the Palestinian People!

Former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir once declared: “There is no such thing as a Palestinian people”.⁵ As politically incorrect as that statement was, it was one other thing: The absolute historical truth. The big myth that has been perpetrated tells us that Israel wrested the Land from the Palestinians occupying their homeland after wars of conquest. The fact is: Israel moved into the territories only after Arab countries initiated wars of annihilation against the Jewish presence. Those Arab countries included Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Yemen. Did you notice? No Palestine! It didn't exist. In the entire period from Israel's modern founding in 1948 until the end of the 6-Day War, in 1967. Now note this: During the period 1949-1967, - while Gaza was held by Egypt and the West Bank by Jordan, - no attempt was made to set up a Palestinian State. No mention was ever made of the rights of the “Palestinian People”.⁶ Curiously, - and conveniently, they only found their voice after that disastrous war.

Here's just one more point of confirmation. There is no ethnic difference between the Palestinians and the general Arab population. Following World War I, the British were assigned the administration of Palestine. They divided it into two districts; - 75% for Arabs and about 25% for Jews. This was the creation of Jordan (or Trans-Jordan), a state designated for the Arabs of Palestine, located to the east of the Jordan River. In 1947, the UN divided the one-quarter of Palestine that was still allotted to the Jews even further. The Jews accepted this new arrangement while the Arab

population rejected it, demanding all of the Land.⁷ You see, the Arabs that call themselves Palestinians are ethnically, historically, religiously and culturally the same as those living in Jordan; - the state created for them out of the old British Mandate. This was strangely acknowledged by Zahir Mushein, a member of the PLO's Executive Committee. (Remember: The PLO was ostensibly founded to pursue the rights and national aspirations of the Palestinian People. Here is what he told the Dutch newspaper Trouw back in 1977: "*The Palestinian people does not exist...[A] Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the state of Israel*". Mushein went on to cite "tactical reasons" for the creation of a Palestinian People. He finished his thought with this revealing statement: "...the moment we reclaim our right to all of Palestine, we will not wait even a minute to unite Palestine and Jordan."⁸

Yet America, along with the rest of the world has bought into that lie of a Palestinian people deserving of a share in Jerusalem to serve as their capital. So the Obama administration, in full cooperation with the PTB, is trying to jumpstart the peace negotiations by having Israel agree to a set of 'confidence building' gestures that honor the terror driven Palestinian leadership. They are pushing the Netanyahu government to; scale back checkpoints that have successfully limited the terror, - release around 2,000 Palestinian terrorists from jail, - allow goods to flow to Hamas, likely including military goods, - and "turn over to the PA full control of key West Bank cities" that have been the source of threats to the Jewish state. Most significantly perhaps, Mr Obama wants Netanyahu to agree to turn over "full control of a major neighborhood in Jerusalem."⁹

The US is offering nothing in return. Washington is not disposed to go after the Iranian nukes itself and has let it be known that it is opposed to any unilateral Israeli action. And having taken any kind of effective sanctions off the table, the Washington has lost its hammer when it comes to demanding Iranian compliance on the nuclear issue. As one commentator in an Israeli paper puts it: "An Israel that is preparing for conflict with Iran and that does not trust American support will not move an inch on the territories."¹⁰ The US is a very shaky ally for Jerusalem at this time. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, our top military guy, would not even rule out the possibility that the US would not fire on Israeli planes as they passed over American controlled airspace on the way to targets in Iran.¹¹

With that in mind, the Israeli security establishment is engaging in a spirited debate on the wisdom of striking Iran on its own, without a nod of approval from the Obama administration. Many believe that the US is becoming accustomed to the notion of a nuclear Iran. With the threats coming out of Tehran, that is probably a luxury the Israelis cannot indulge in. So should Israel act on its own, there would likely be unintended consequences that could destabilize the entire region. Tehran could close down the straits for a bit, crippling the flow of oil. That in itself could double or triple the cost of gasoline. There could be strikes against American forces in the region. Iran's surrogates may be released leading to a general Arab war on Israel by Hezbollah, Syria and the Palestinians. That could set in motion the Psalm 83 War, probably the next military event on the prophetic calendar. Now without the cooperation of the US, regular airstrikes would be problematic as they would have to fly over American controlled airspace. The other option would involve missile strikes, that may be able to do the job but could still set off the 'unintended consequences' that regular airstrikes would.¹² And that could raise the ire of an administration already at odds with Israeli goals and needs. There have been indications, that given the right set of circumstances, President Obama may consider backing a unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood. With this roil of events going on, security experts are predicting that a new Mideast war may be on the horizon, with Iran, Syria and Hezbollah leading the way.¹³ Many are expecting something to break before the end of the summer.

As the situation develops, the United States is increasingly placing its bets with the forces that will come against God's plan for Israel. Part of that plan is that Israel will occupy the whole land. The 20th century saw the beginning of the execution of God's plan prophesied in Ezekiel 3:24. "**For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.**" The Prophet goes on to reveal how God promises to "**cleanse**" them, put a "**new spirit**" in their hearts and "**cause you to walk in My statutes.**" (Ezekiel 36:26 & 27)

He finishes with this promise. **“Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.”** (Ezekiel 36:28) Notice what they will occupy, **“the land I gave to your fathers,”** - all of it. The policies of the current administration are going farther down the road toward siding with the World System – against God’s people. Joel 3:1-2 talks about these last days in which we are living. It identifies them by referencing the return of Israel as the time frame and goes on to speak of a coming judgment on all nations. There is no exception made for America. And it is clear about the reason for God’s actions. We declare our guilt with as we push Israel to surrender the land God gave them and divide Jerusalem. We have God’s word – yet we ignore it. In our arrogance, we stumble like drunkards toward a worldly solution that ignores Scripture. **“For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.”** This is a serious warning. This need be a time of repentance!

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ONE WORLD FINANCE – The Financial Times is reporting that the US will begin a push for more global regulation of the banking and capital system.¹⁴ Alex Jones reports that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has proposed “levying two global taxes on the world’s banks.” The most disturbing thing about that is the fact that such action would in effect place some global authority above that of the US Constitution. Alex Jones rightly analyses this as building the “framework for an unelected global authority with powers above and beyond those of sovereign governments.”¹⁵

RAGING MARTYRDOM – According to World Net Daily, 176,000 Christians were martyred between the middle of 2008 and the middle of 2009. That comes out to over 480 deaths per day.¹⁶

GRAHAM BANNED – Rev Franklin Graham was banned from speaking at the Pentagon during the National Day of Prayer because he had referred to the ‘*Religion of Peace*’ as evil, following a terrorist attack.¹⁷

WITH THE HELP OF MY FRIENDS – There was an interesting ‘slip of the tongue’ by the Egyptian Foreign Minister that sheds light on the true nature of the situation in the Middle East. Recall that Egypt has a peace treaty with Israel. The Minister referred to Israel as “the enemy” in a recent press conference regarding the smuggling of SCUD missiles from Syria to Hezbollah. The remark probably accurately reflects how much of the Egyptian leadership feels about the situation vis-à-vis Israel.¹⁸ Isaiah 19 seems to describe a time when Egypt will join with Syria in a campaign against the Jewish state. Despite the existence of a treaty, the Egyptians have been training for the next war with Israel for decades. Cairo has long signaled that it will be ready to throw in its lot with the Syrians whenever war breaks out. That seems to be just what the Bible says will happen. It should all occur at the same time as the destruction of Damascus (Isaiah 17:1), the annihilation of the Palestinians (Obadiah 1) and the Psalm 83 War.¹⁹

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