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People wonder what is happening in the Middle East and especially in Israel, and how close to *the end* we are now? To really know we ought to do what our mentor, the late Dr. Chuck Missler advised us to do: *“Keep reading the Bible and studying the Book of Ezekiel, at least chapters 36-40, and keep your eyes on the news from Israel. You need to listen to the news you can trust [as Amir Tsarfati’s telegram channel] ... and very soon you can almost hear the hoof-beats of the 5 horses getting very close. (Rev. 6:2-8.) The signs you hear and see will tell you how close we actually are – and we may suddenly hear the Trumpet of God...1 Thess. 4:16.”*

To be able to see and understand what is going on in the world, it is important to remind everyone of historical facts, especially concerning modern-day Israel and the Middle East.

Everything changed in A.D. 70 when Roman Emperor Titus destroyed Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple, and even had portions of Jerusalem *plowed under*. Later, in A.D. 130, the Roman Emperor Hadrian decided to build the Roman City, “*Aella Capitolina*”, on top of portions of Jerusalem. That, and prohibiting Jews from entering the city, and also banning circumcision, led to the “*Bar Kochba*”-revolt. After the revolt, the Romans (in 135 A.D.), wanting to insult Jews even further, named the province *Palestine*, after the *Philistines*, the arch-enemies of Israel. [Note that **people who were living in this newly named “Palestine” were not “Palestinians” but Israelites. [But today’s “Palestinians” are Arabs who mostly came from Jordan after Israel became a nation in 1948. Actually these “so-called Palestinians” are the “occupiers” living in the land of Israel!!** In all of history before 1948 there never was any *Palestinian people, or Palestinian nation or Palestinian government, language, culture or economy!* (It can be easily checked out!)]

**What now unites these “Palestinians” and surrounding Arab-nations around Israel, is Islam. All of them are Muslims and they hate Jews!** It is amazing how little people know about this, especially people in the West.

God reveals His plans for the future of the world in our day the same way He has always done, through His Word He gave to Israel’s prophets during Old Testament times, and through His Son Jesus Christ, recorded in the New Testament. Therefore what happens in Israel is relevant to the entire world, for He is at work behind the scenes bringing about events that He had foretold in His Word, the Bible. No one can dispute the fact that Israel is the major topic of biblical prophecy that covers a large part of the Bible. We can see Israel in these days as a major topic even in our daily news. In the KJV of the English Bible the word “*Israel*” is found 2,565 times, and “*Jerusalem*” is mentioned 811 times. [By the way, Jerusalem is not mentioned even once in Qur’an, though Muslims today insist that Jerusalem is their third holiest city in the world.] Muslims want to take Jerusalem from Israel and make it the capital of “*Palestine*”!] Prophecies in the Bible concerning Israel and Jerusalem are precise and beyond the possibility of misinterpretation! God specifically warns that He will bring judgment on those who attempt to bring “*peace*” by forcing Israel to give up and divide their God-given

land with non-Israelites. Israel and Jerusalem are near the heart of God. The Prophet Zechariah warned (Zech. 2:8-9) **“...for he who touches you [Israel] touches the apple of His eye. For behold, I will shake My hand against them...”** God will judge all who mistreat His chosen people, the Jews, or take His land, the Land of Israel. God has said, **“I will enter into judgment... on account [of] My people, My heritage Israel...they have also divided up My land.”** (Joel 3:2, NKJV.) God said through the prophet Zechariah, **“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all people around about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut to pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.”** (Zech. 12:2-3.) That Jerusalem is indeed a **“burdensome stone to all people”** can be seen from the fact that the **UN Security Council and General Assembly** over the years has made hundreds of resolutions of which over 60% of them were pronounced against Israel.

**Just recently there was a vote taken about dividing Jerusalem – for UN is again planning on making Palestine a state, which means taking much of the land of Israel from her, saying, “at least to the 1967 borders, perhaps even to 1948 borders”.** UN pretty much includes **“all people”**, and they all are against Israel. **In other words, their vote is against God Almighty and against His land and His people.** Scary, if you know who God Almighty is!! **The Bible tells us that God will judge nations for their treatment of Israel.** How are we as a nation doing? More importantly, how are we as Christians doing on that issue? God said: **“And I will bless them that bless thee and curse him and curses thee: and in thee shall all the families of earth be blessed.”** (Gen. 12:3.) American presidents, starting with Jimmy Carter, have tried to negotiate **“peace”** between Israel and **Palestinian-Arabs by demanding that Israel gives up, in exchange for “peace”, part of the land that God gave to Israel!** How can these American presidents, some of whom (Carter) even claim to be *evangelical Christians*, so blatantly go against God and His Holy Word? Do we deserve blessings or curses of God? This is serious issue to ponder: ***Where do we, as individual Christians, stand regarding the Jews and Israel, the land of God?***

Many main stream Christian churches follow what is called **“Replacement Theology”**, which teaches that Israel, through her disobedience and unbelief, forfeited God’s promises and that the Church is now the **“new Israel”** and has inherited blessings promised to Israel. They also say that only God’s promised judgments belong to Israel, but blessings promised to Israel now belong to the Church! Really? This teaching has fueled *anti-Semitism* and an attitude that the Biblical scriptures cannot be taken literally. They specifically say that God’s prophetic future for the nation Israel is not literal but spiritual and it belongs now to the Church. It looks like we are seeing fulfillment of what Psalm 83:2-8 told us that will take place **in the end times.**

[Psalm 83:2-8, NKJV: **“For behold, Your [God’s] enemies make an uproar; and those who hate You [God] have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your [God’s] people, and consulted together... with one consent; they form confederacy against You [God]: The tents of Edom [Arab’s descendants of Esau] and the Ishmaelites [the fathers of Arabs]; Moab [Jordan], and the Hagarites [Egyptians]; Gebal [Lebanon], Ammon [Jordan], and Amalek [Sinai Peninsula]; Philistia [Gaza Strip] with the inhabitants of Tyre [part of Lebanon]; Assyria [Syria] also has joined them.”** It is again ***Isaac and his descendants, vs. Ishmael’s and Esau’s descendants*** – and their ancient hatred against Israel (i.e. Jacob vs. Esau).]

It lists the Arab nations that will make a covenant to utterly destroy Israel, and the US Government seems to be working with them all. It is obvious from this, that America stands in direct opposition to God’s plan for the nation Israel in so-called **“land for peace”** that was enforced strongly by George W. Bush and was pushed even harder and further by Barack Hussein Obama who was the one who demanded Israel’s return to 1967 borders that are totally indefensible. [The Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, has been continually pressured to agree to return to these indefensible borders. ***Some time ago he tentatively even agreed*** – but only **IF Palestinians agree to acknowledge Israel as a Jewish nation, which he knew they would not do.**]

We must read again what God has said about that. Scripture teaches that God will judge the nations that try to divide and give away God's land. ***"I will 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...they have also divided up My land."*** (Joel 3:2, NKJV)

Throughout the entire 3000 plus year history of Israel, **the land of Israel has never before been divided.** It had been conquered by various nations, but never has it been divided – even the Turks who had the land for 400 years, did not divide it, but kept it intact. This division of Israel has happened only in our day. Britain, which had been put in charge of *"Palestine"* by the allied forces who had conquered it in the First World War, had been given a mandate by the *League of Nation* (the UN) to make sure that this land would ***remain as a refuge for the Jews scattered around the world.*** Instead of doing that, Britain gave 75% of the land to Arab-Muslims ***in exchange for oil.*** In 1947 United Nations formalized this breach of trust. Israel received only 13% of the land they had been promised. **Britain and UN fulfilled Joel 3:2 and parted God's land.**

After being attacked by Muslim nations in 1967, Israel, in self-defense, recaptured some of this land. Now the nations of the world, under UN and USA, are joining Muslim nations in a demand that Israel gives this land to the *Palestinians*. **Israel is God's heritage and her Land is God's land. We better not mess with that!**

History has taught us that those peoples and nations who have been against God's people, Israel, have been dealt with severely by God, I might add. America is already in trouble in many areas and may experience God's wrath if we continue to advocate the desire to give even parts of God's Promised Land to the hostile Arabs, who are calling themselves *Palestinians*, and who hate Israel and have vowed to destroy her. They say that they ***"will remove Israel off from the maps"***. [Interestingly, the Arab nations' maps do not show Israel at all!]

The Land of Israel, *God's Promised Land*, should be much larger – ***"from The River Egypt to the Euphrates"***. [NOTE: ***The River Egypt is NOT the NILE River in Egypt!*** These are two different rivers! *The river Egypt is known today as Wadi el Arish.*]

God is angry with the nations of today's world for having robbed Israel of most of the land that He had promised as an *everlasting inheritance* to her. They have confined Israel to a small fraction of what should belong to them, and are demanding that she'll give up even more of *God's land* to the *"Palestinians"*. We think that God is also angry with Israel for allowing heavy pressures from the United Nations, Europeans and the United States get to them. **God will judge Israel for her unbelief and disobedience, but God will never forsake Israel!** The Bible tells us that God made *unconditional covenants* with Abraham concerning the land and nation of Israel. **They are unconditional because God alone will fulfill them.** (Gen. 12:1-7.) **God's promises do not depend on man's actions, and thus they cannot be broken by man either.**

Through Ezekiel God said: ***"...when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds; to Me their way was the uncleanness... Therefore I poured My fury upon them...and I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the countries and I judged them: according to their ways and their deeds... But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went. Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD GOD: I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which ye have profaned... And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations... and the nations shall know that I AM the LORD...when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, bring you into your own land..."*** (Ezekiel 36:17-24. Jer. 16:14-15; 23:7-8.) And God did scatter Israel among the nations of the world, first in the Babylonian captivity, and after Christ, throughout the countries where they went in disbelief. **God had said through Ezekiel that He will bring them back to their own country, but still in unbelief *"for My holy name's sake", "so that the nations shall know that I He is the LORD"*.** (Ezek. 36:22-23.) **God is unconditionally, regardless of Israel's rebellion against Him, forever the God of Israel! Paul asked** (Romans 11:1), ***"Has God cast away His people? Certainly not!"*** Their return to their own country in unbelief **has been a great testimony to the world that God's Word is true and that He will**

**surely fulfill all His prophecies** - even those yet in the future – both blessings and judgments. God promises are unconditional regardless of man’s doings. This is the way it has been, and is what we are seeing today. Chapters 9 through 11 in Paul’s letter to Romans are specifically written about Israel’s future in God’s plan, and regardless of Israel’s doings or her unbelief, God will judge them when needed, but He has not nor will He ever forsake His own people. He has brought them back to their own land, the Land of Israel, from where the Messiah will reign for a thousand years (Rev. 20:2-6) after the Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:21; Rev. 4-19) and before He creates the New Heaven and New Earth (Rev. 21:1). God has also promised, ***“I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My statutes, and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be My people, and I will be your God.”*** (Ez.36:27-28.) This will be accomplished by God yet in the future. Chapters 37, 38 and 39 of Ezekiel tell how this will be accomplished. ***“So the house of Israel shall know that I AM the LORD their God from that day and forward.”*** (Ezekiel 39:22.)

These next few months may be the most crucial to Israel, her land and safety of her people. Many Americans are asking, ***“What does all this about Jews and Israel have to do with us?”*** It has everything to do with us! If it had not been about Israel and the Jews, we as gentiles would not even know about the Lord Jesus and salvation He has provided for us. The entire Bible came to us through Jewish prophets and writers. We thank God for them and their diligent preservation of God’s Word, the Bible, so that we as Gentiles can come to know the God of Israel and be saved. Paul wrote, ***“the Gospel of Christ... is the power of God unto salvation, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (Gentiles)”***. (Romans 1:16.) Paul explained that the blindness of the Jews, concerning who their Messiah was and is, will be lifted after ***“the fullness of the gentiles has come in”***, (Rom. 11:25) whom God also foreknew, and who have now accepted Jesus before *the Great Tribulation* and the *Rapture of the Church* takes place. (Matt. 24.) When Israel comes to see that Jesus indeed was/is their Messiah, Israel’s role in God’s great plan is again given back to the Jews to teach nations about their Great God.

There will be a great evangelical revival coming through ***144 thousand Jewish believers*** from twelve tribes of Israel, who, during the Great Tribulation, will teach and convert the world. (See Rev. Chapters 7 and 14.) ***“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem”***. (Ps. 122:6.)

***“Clearly the invaders for Israel will come from what today constitutes much of the Muslim world. Iran has been working with Russia for years to develop nuclear power and a nuclear bomb. These nations intense hatred for the State of Israel is legendary. Islamic religion maintains that any land once possessed by Islam belongs to Muslims in perpetuity, no matter who preceded or followed the Islamic presence. They see all of Israel as belonging to them. It could be that Russia’s allies join the fray hoping to redeem the land for their god, Allah.”***

The world leaders have, beginning with Egypt’s Pharaoh to Persia’s Haman, and to Germany’s Hitler, during their times of power, attempted to destroy the Jewish people, and by so doing, they have dared to oppose God’s declaration that He will ***“curse him who curses them”*** (Gen. 12:3), and promising blessings to those who bless Israel. There has been continual opposition against Jews and Israel, and even more since Israel gained her independence in May 14, 1948. As soon as Israel was born its neighbors, *Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon and Iraq*, joined together to invade it, but this little nation of Israel defeated their large and well equipped armies! All these attempts all along have been motivated by Satanic hatred against God’s people and His land, Israel, of what they have said, ***“Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more”*** (Ps. 83:4.)

Israel’s War for Independence in 1948 lasted 10 months, and in this bloody war Israel lost 1/3 of their (then) 650,000 citizens. **This war took place because** these enormous Arab nations with huge land-mass and

hundreds of millions in population, also having hundreds of thousands soldiers in their armies, **refused to accept the small nation Israel as their neighbor!**

Later, in May 1967, Egyptian president Gamal Nasser, having been falsely advised by the Soviet Union, **assembled five other Arab nations to join with Egypt** and attack Israel, **promising that together they would exterminate the "Zionist existence". "BUT GOD"**, is all that can be said about that attack - **for in just six days**, small Israel not only defeated its powerful Arab neighbors' attack, but also captured militarily strategic territory: *the Golan Heights from Syria; Judea and Samaria from Jordan; and Gaza strip from Egypt*), thus making it easier for Israel, from then on, to protect its people.

Then on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1973, **on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, Judaism's holiest day of the year**, Israel's Arab neighbors, still incensed at their defeat 6 years earlier, chose that very day to attack Israel, and **they nearly destroyed the Jewish state. Yom Kippur is the day when everything in Israel is shut down as Jewish people fast and pray.** Though Israel was aware that this could be *the day when enemies of Israel might attack*, and *they had been alerted a day before that Egypt was planning on it...* but because the pressure from the United States, Israel's Prime Minister, Golda Meir, mobilized only a small number of troops for Israel's protection. **Then on the next day, October 6<sup>th</sup> 1973, Syria and Egypt, supported by the Soviet Union and nine other nations attacked Israel!** [They had 1,400 Syrian tanks against 180 Israeli tanks. Israel had only 500 soldiers stationed by the Suez Canal when 600,000 Egyptian soldiers attacked them. There were 40,000 Syrian troops at the Golan Heights with 1,500 tanks but Israel only had 177.] Of Israel's leadership there stood only Prime Minister Golda Meir and Minister of Defense, Moshe Dayan... Though they were bold and competent leaders, they then feared that they will lose unless they'd consider nuclear option. But help from USA, Israel was able to pull back from *the verge of sure defeat...* War ended on October 28, 1973. Though Israel was **"officially"** announced victorious, their cost was enormous – they lost 2,656 soldiers.

Modern Israel's history has been a continual fight for survival... In addition to these continual fights and attacks, there has also been two major **"intifadas"** (rebellions or protests) among Israelites and Palestinians. The First Intifada started in 1987 when an Israeli man was murdered in Gaza. Second Intifada, in 2000, began mainly with Arabs and Israelis about *who are allowed to go to the Temple Mount*.

**Hamas/Hezbollah- war** has been going on a year, from 10/07/2023), and continuing, *without an end in sight*. People have been asking, **"Could this be the Ezekiel war?"** Perhaps not, but it could be a war soon **leading to "the Ezekiel War"**, prophesied in Ezekiel 38-39. That war, when it starts, may open the door to **the Rapture and Revealing of the Anti-Christ** (2 Thess. 2:3-5), i.e. when **the Great 7-year Tribulation begins!** (Rev. 4:1 starts with the words, **"After these things..."** *After what things?* Read: *Revelation chapters 2 and 3. These chapters give Jesus' report of the Church Age that we are still in, and will be until the Rapture!*)

Many also ask, **"Could Ezekiel war also be the Gog and Magog war? Is that war imminent?"** They ask, **"Is it possible that this Hamas-Hezbollah-war with Israel is indicating that 'the end' is indeed just about here?"** If it is, then the Lord's Second Coming, and also His 1000-year Kingdom could begin during the coming decade? **Can that be right?**

The Bible gives answers to all these questions and clarifies that all wars against Israel are spiritual-wars based on Devil's jealousy and hatred against God and those whom God loves. **It is possible that the Gog-Magog invasion is part of Satan's power-grab strategy to usurp God because Jews are God's chosen nation and "apple of His eye"** (Zech. 2:8).

God has said that **"Israel will exist forever"** and that Jerusalem is **"the city of the great King"** (Ps. 48:2). Clearly these truths fly in the face of Satan's plan to become God himself when he rebelled against God and declared **"I will be like the Most High"**. (Isa. 14:14.)

Please pray for Suzi's continued healing for she has encountered some other additional health problems.

Prayer is also needed for Judy, Marlene, Harold, Bruce, Mark & Virve, Al, Sandy, Julie, Jamie, Luke, McKenzie, Aira, Heber, Sam, Sharon, Roy, Robert, Lisa, Helen, Connie, Vladimir, Patty Rottmann, and Margaret Cowen's

Family in N. Ireland after Mark's passing last month. We believe that the Lord knows exactly what each of them is in need of, and that He will respond to them as we pray according to His will. (1 John 5:14-15.) We continue to pray for our unsaved friends and family members that they would desire to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus and be saved.

We like to remind you to continue praying for Leon and Elmiel in Perth, Australia, who are witnessing to some Mormon couples that have been asking questions about Christianity and the Bible. We have supplied them with our teaching materials we ourselves have used throughout our ministry years.

We thank you for your prayers and needed, but not by us asked, support of our ministry and also for your prayers for our continued good health. We praise God for taking care of us and providing all that we need.

[I mentioned in our September letter *that to know more about **Gog and Magog war**, **The Friends of Israel's Gospel Ministry's** July/August 2024 Magazine is all about that and "Invasion of Israel, Ezekiel 38-39."* I strongly recommend that you'd get that Magazine. You can order it from **The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry**, PO Box 908, BELLMWR, NJ, 08099. It has great scholarly articles written by Mark Hitchcock, Paul Pierce, Tom Simcox and David M. Levy.]

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Please continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6) and Israel's soon victory over their enemies that want to destroy them.

We wish you delightful autumn and God's blessings.

With the Love of Jesus,

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