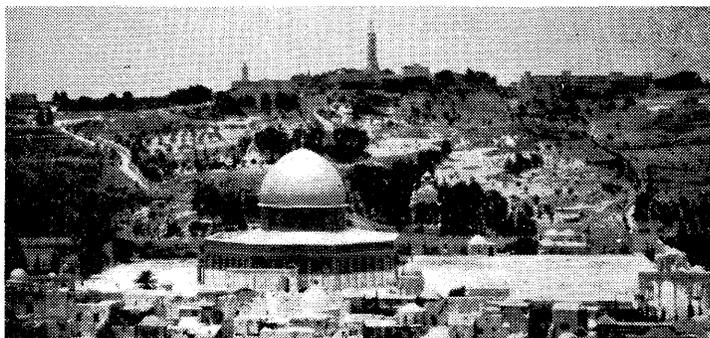


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The UN condemns ZIONISM

In the United States there was strong congressional reaction when the United Nations condemned Zionism as racism.

Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona declared: "Zionism is not to be equated with racism. The movement by a people to search for and build a homeland is not a racist act."

Similarly, Rep. Robert Packwood of Oregon observed: "I can't think of anything in the last 30 years as odious. Wherever Hitler may be, I am sure he drank a toast to the devil last night and rattled his cage..."

Representative John Conlon likewise made this observation: "Congress is reacting strongly to a proposed United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism, calling it a moral blot on the world body in a move towards an official U.N. policy of Anti-Semitism. Such a homeland is prophesied in Biblical scripture, and the reality of the prophecy in our lifetime is part of our Judeo-Christian heritage."

George Cornell, AP Religion writer, says: "Basically, Zionism is - and long has been - the passion of the Jewish people for the land of their origins." But he also notes: "It has many prophetic, poetic and religious implications, both for Christians and Jews."

The word "Zion" is mentioned 152 times in the Bible.

Cornell calls attention to some of these verses such as Isaiah 14:32 which declares: "That the Lord hath founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people find refuge."

Says Cornell: "That ringing, emotionally-charged word, "Zion," throbs like a refrain through the Bible and through the hearts and history of the people through whom the Scriptures are produced, the Jews."

What graphic language is used to describe the return of Jews to their homeland. For that is what "Zionism" is all about.

The prophet Jeremiah declares: "He that scattered Israel will gather him...Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion..." (Jer. 31:10-11)

Dr. John Walvoord of Dallas Theological Seminary observes: "Of the many aspects of prophecy relating to Israel, none is more pointed than the promise of the land."

Take Abraham, to whom God promised the land, saying: "Unto thy seed will I give this land." (Gen. 12:7) Again He told Abraham, "For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever."

To Joshua, following the death of Moses, the promise was again repeated: "Moses, my servant, is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel."

Did you hear it?

Says Walvoord: "Today Israel, re-established in their ancient land and situated as prophesied for the end of the age, is God's principal sign of the approaching advent of Christ."

Thus, we see the declaration of the United Nations as an attempt to thwart the purposes of God in denying Israel the right to lay claim to the land that God gave them by covenant to Abraham.

Upon the return of Israel to her land, David Ben Gurion, the Israeli Premier, read from the book of Amos where God repeated His promise to restore the land of Israel to His people. For we read: "And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them."

And the Lord says: "I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God."

Says Ben Gurion: "But for the Bible, Israel would never have returned to its land. No book has ever exerted such influence on any nation as the Bible has on Israel." Ben Gurion called the re-establishment of Israel "the greatest miracle of modern times."

The United Nations has just gone on record as calling it "racism." Thus the U.N. attack might be considered to be an attack upon the veracity of God's Word.

Recently I listened to a radio program where people called in their opinions on various questions. I heard one caller denounce the Bible for its openness and frankness in describing sin and for the way God ordered the destruction of Israel's enemies. "Why would God order the killing of innocent women and children?" asked this person.

This might be difficult to understand except when it is understood that to Israel the Lord gave the commandments governing not only their worship of the Almighty, but also relating to their social behavior. History affirms the fact that many of the nations were so given to immoral practices

that God had no choice but to destroy these people even as He destroyed the whole world at the time of Noah. When a people become so corrupt through venereal disease as in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah, the Lord has no alternative but to issue instructions to destroy those cities. Whether He uses fire from heaven such as fell on these ancient cities, or uses armies, it makes little difference. The Scriptures also warn that Sodom and Gomorrah stand as examples to those who afterward should live ungodly so that we, too, face destruction unless we repent. What moral decadence characterizes our own country with lewd films being shown on our movie screens, pornographic magazines on news stands, and as a result we find a rise in the divorce rate, promiscuity and perversion which God will not tolerate. He promises to destroy the nations that are guilty.

May we point out that the United Nations' condemnation of Zionism, referring to the restoration of Israel to her land, is in exact contradiction to the word of God.

First, the Bible has predicted that Israel would return to her land in keeping with the promise God made to Abraham and all the prophets since then.

For instance, Isaiah writes: "The Lord will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land."

Declares Ezekiel: "Thus saith the Lord, behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone...and bring them into their own land." (Isa. 14:1; Ezek. 37:21)

In the second place, what we might call Zionism which, in reality, is the movement of Jews to return to their land, is a sign of Christ's soon return.

Writes David: "When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory." (Psa. 102:16)

What a tremendous declaration!

The JERUSALEM POST has reported that a certain order of Jews, the Kabalistic scholars of Israel, had declared their belief that 1975 would be the year of the coming of Messiah. Somehow they had spelled out the year using Hebrew letters to arrive at their conclusion rather than to accept the words of Jesus, who asserted: "No man knoweth the day nor hour" when He will come.

Finally, we would emphasize that Israel's Return to her land is for the purpose of reviving the people spiritually and restoring the nation to a place of world leadership. As Isaiah prophesies: "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." How can this happen? Ezekiel writes so vividly of the vision of a valley filled with dry bones. Then the Lord says, "These bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost;" (Ezek. 37:11)

This has been the cry of Jews for centuries, scattered throughout the world! During Hitler's pogroms some six million were slain.

Then we read this prophecy: "Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and will bring you into the land of Israel."

Did you hear it?

This is what we have been seeing take place in our day. From nearly every country of the world there have been those returning from their graves--as the Scripture puts it--going back to Israel.

Then what happens?

We read: "And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, and shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land; then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord." (Ezek. 37:13-14)

It is when Israel returns to her land that Christ will also return to reign over this world from Jerusalem.

Writes Zechariah: "Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem." (8:3a) And we read, "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one." (14:9)

Scotfield declares, "The time when the Redeemer shall come to Zion is following the completion of the Gentile Church."

Forty years ago when I was a boy attending prophetic conferences, I heard men like Dr. William Pettingill and others relate how there would come a time when Israel would be re-established in her land. Mention was made of the Zionist movement - the deep passion many Jews had in various parts of the world to return to Palestine - their Promised Land.

In May, 1944, the READER'S DIGEST published an article by Fredrick C. Painton which declared, "The Zionist has a fanatical spiritual belief in a greater Palestine for the Jews; but the Arab picks up the soil in his hand and says that it is his and no third power in the world can take it away from him without a fight." Painton's final word was that "the Palestine problem will die out by sheer lack of Jews who would give up their homeland and plant themselves again in the sterile hills of Judea."

However, we have seen Israel re-established in her land. In fulfillment of the Word of God it has all happened.

And to believers around the world it is the sign that we are living in the Endtime.

What will happen next is described by various Bible writers.

Zechariah sees all nations coming against Jerusalem to battle. Could this be an attempt by the United Nations to destroy Israel? It is then we read, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." (12:9)

For concerning Zion we read, "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye." (2:8b)

Although Israel is in for much persecution in a time of great testing ahead described by Jeremiah as a "time of Jacob's trouble," yet she shall be saved out of it.

Thus, the Apostle Paul writes: "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

Dr. Herman Ridderbos of the Netherlands has stated, "There will be no consummation of the world before the full number of Israel will be gathered and will have received her full share and part in God's universal salvation."

And, as the Scofield Bible notes conclude: "Israel, re-gathered from the nations, restored to her own land and converted, is yet to have her greatest earthly exaltation and glory."

Witnessing these events which we have reported today, and especially in view of the vote of the United Nations to equate Zionism with racism, makes us realize again how close we are to fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Indeed, our Lord is soon to appear, and His message to all is to be ready.

By trusting Christ as Saviour and Lord we can be ready for His return, whenever that day and hour may be.

For He hath said, "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."





The UNITED NATIONS Censures ISRAEL

Recently the United Nations General Assembly censured Israel for establishing Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territories.

You may recall the vote. It was 131 to 1 with the assembly adopting an Egyptian resolution declaring that the settlements "have no legal validity and constitute a serious obstruction" to Middle East peace efforts.

It is certainly significant that the 131 votes against Israel were made by all of the countries in the U.N. including the Arabs and their Third World allies. But who cast the lone single vote? Was it the United States, the long-trusted friend and ally of Israel?

The answer regrettably is "No." The United States abstained from voting because President Carter has declared the Israeli settlements illegal.

Is what we are seeing a portent of things to come? Is it true that eventually all nations will turn against Israel?

Menachem Begin is basing his political future in support of the Scriptures, believing that conquered territories rightly belong to Israel, not simply because of conquest but by divine right.

There are evangelicals that so strongly side with Begin's position that they placed an ad in the NEW YORK TIMES calling for their fellow-Americans to support Israel's right to the land of Palestine as prophesied in the Word of God.

Among the 15 signers of the full-page ad were such men as Dr. John Walvoord of Dallas Theological Seminary, and Harold Lindell, editor of CHRISTIANITY TODAY. Others whose name appeared included Dr. Arnold T. Olson, past president of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Dr. W.A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.

Our purpose in today's broadcast is to point out how ultimately all nations will take sides against Israel and when this

happens, it is a sign that we are living in the last days preceding the return of Christ.

For instance, look at the vote of the United Nations when Zionism was labeled a "form of racism." Then the vote was 72 to 35 with 32 abstentions. But when the General Assembly recently censured Israel, the vote was 131 to 1 with that lone vote being that of Israel. In other words, all the nations have given Israel notice that they stand in opposition to fulfillment of the divine promise that they be given the land promised by God to Abraham.

Thus, the nations are siding with the enemies of God, and it would be appropriate to read Psalms 83 which says:

"Keep not thou silence, O God; hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

"For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult; and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

"They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

"They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

"For they have consulted together with one consent; they are confederate against thee:"

There you have it--a scriptural declaration similar to what we have seen only recently in the United Nations. For we have seen the vote cast decisively against Israel's occupation of the land that God gave to her. Thus the nations are in reality voting against the Almighty.

The Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations has stated that the world body is "on its way to becoming the world center of anti-Semitism." When Zionism was branded as racism, the Israeli ambassador, Chaim Herzog, was emotionally and visibly moved, declaring: "Hitler would have felt at home on a number of occasions during the past year, listening to the proceedings in this forum."

Dr. Howard C. Estep points out the irony of the Zionism declaration. He notes that on November 10, 1938, the Nazi stormtroopers attacked Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues throughout Germany, smashing so many windows that the date became known as "crystal night." And then he points out that on the same day, November 10, 1975, 37 years later, this infamous declaration was made wherein Zionism was linked to racism. Says Estep: "The resolution passed by the United Nations organization on November 10 is further proof that we must be nearing the culmination of the Church Age and ready to enter into the Tribulation Period."

Did you hear it?

Estep went on to declare: "The nation of Israel is moving closer to that time, when (as Jesus stated) 'Ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake.'"

Will all the nations turn their back on Israel, a nation destined to rule the world?

The very word "Israel" means "he shall rule as God." And as Dr. Charles Stevens, president of Piedmont Bible

College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has pointed out: "The true Israelite is destined to rule the world."

Stevens notes: "According to the world's opinion, their position and destiny is no different from that of other peoples of earth." He further states: "Even most Christians do not comprehend the significance of their presence, or the magnitude of their destiny..."

Writes Paul: "Hath God cast away his people? God forbid, For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin."

Then the Apostle explains that God has given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear.

And here is the reason Israel has fallen into a deep sleep. For writes Paul, "Through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles for to provoke them to jealousy." (Rom. 11:11)

Did you hear it?

"If the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?" continues Paul.

My friends, God in His mercy ordained that grace be given to the Gentiles as a result of Israel's rejection of her Messiah.

For we read concerning Christ the Messiah, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

What a declaration!

Like people crowd around a bargain counter, pushing and shoving to save a few pennies, so everyone should rush in and take advantage of God's gracious provision to save all who will trust Christ as Saviour and Lord.

For that day will soon be over. As Paul declares, "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

There is only a partial blindness today, for we understand there are more Jews, per capita, coming to Christ than there are Gentiles, indicating the period of blindness is soon to end. And then we read: "All Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins." (Rom. 11:26-27)

Now before this happens--before all of Israel will be saved, there must come this rejection of the nation of Israel by all the nations of the world.

The vote of the United Nations--131 to 1--with that lone vote being that of Israel--is symbolic of what's ahead when all the countries of the world turn against this tiny nation.

Of course, there will come a time when one we call the Antichrist will arise, who heads an alignment of nations formerly in the sphere of the Old Roman Empire, who will make a covenant of protection and peace. But even he will break his promise and will turn on Israel.

Then we will have a fulfilment of such passages as Zechariah 14:2 where God says: "For I will gather ALL nations against Jerusalem to battle."

It is then that the Lord arises to the defense of Israel for there is a remnant that He must spare. For they will recognize Him as their Messiah when He appears as their deliverer.

We read: "Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against these nations."

And, saith the Lord, "I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried; they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The Lord is my God." (Zech. 13:9)

Zechariah further declares: "...they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son...in that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem." (Zech. 12:10-11)

Cornelius Vanderbreggen, Jr. of Holland says: "No human mind would be likely to imagine that a small nation like Israel could be attacked by the armies of the world, be utterly destroyed, and yet come back to life again. Yet the Jewish prophets state explicitly that this is going to happen!"

He states further: "No Jewish writer would wish to believe that his nation is now heading for war, disaster, chaos, a new dispersion, and tribulation greater than any tribulation previously suffered by the Jews. Yet the Jewish Scriptures foretell clearly that Israel is heading for war, disaster, chaos, a new dispersion, and "great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." (Matt. 24:21)

Vanderbreggen then notes: "After Jerusalem has been ravaged, and the land laid waste, and Israel's national history is seemingly at an end, the Lord Jesus Christ will return from heaven to earth. He will stand on the Mount of Olives. He will judge and destroy all those who because of their hate toward Him have tried to destroy Israel."

There you have it in a nutshell. Thus the stage is set for the fulfilment of prophecies relating to Israel when all the nations will turn against her. Yet in her plight the world will find peace. For Genesis 49:10 speaks of the coming of Shiloh, a Messianic title, which means the "peace-bringer."

Thus, the message of "peace on earth, good will toward men" will have been realized.

But even now peace is offered freely to all. Simply believe that Jesus is the Christ, that He is the promised Messiah, and we can have peace with God through the forgiveness wrought when He died on the cross for our sins.

As we read, "Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1)

Most of all, we believe the hope of escape from coming judgment is promised to all who will trust Christ now as Saviour and Lord and are found living for Him when He comes to rapture the saints before this coming awful great tribulation.

So turn to Christ without delay, remembering He is coming soon. "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."



THE U.N. AND ISRAEL

Menachem Begin, the premier of Israel, refers to the right to occupy conquered territories, saying: "We refuse to commit suicide."

Said Begin: "Our security plans have the support of the majority of this nation. We have stated that we cannot surrender Judaea and Samaria. If we would surrender it we would play games with the security of Israel, for all cities of Israel could easily be reached with artillery fire of the enemy."

This is the reason for Israel's stubborn refusal to yield to the wishes of the United Nations to give up the West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza strip.

On Friday, October 28, 1977, the U.N. General Assembly censured Israel for establishing Jewish settlements in former Arab territories. The vote was 131 to one. The lone vote was that of Israel. The United States abstained.

Thus, as one newspaper editorial commented, the impression is given that "the motive behind the resolution seems in part to be Israel's isolation." (Ft. Wayne Gazette Journal, Nov 1, 1977)

Evangelicals are quite concerned with the turn of events which finds the United States taking the position that it is unlawful for Israel to occupy the West Bank of the Jordan.

Among the evangelicals who have expressed great concern for the position of the Carter Administration as it relates to Israel is Dr. Arnold T. Olson, past president of the National Association of Evangelicals. His comments given to World Religious News conclude with a statement strongly supportive of Israel.

Dr. John Walvoord of Dallas Theological Seminary sees the debate now going on as "political" rather than "religious."

Dr. Charles Stevens points out that when Israel comes into possession of all of the land promised by God to Abraham, it will be a territory two-thirds the size of the United States. He notes that God gave Abraham the land... "from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."

Thus, the Begin government in Israel today finds it unthinkable to return any land it occupies in view of the title deed to this land.

It is not unusual to read of construction now going on with the new Israeli government calling for the settlement of the Golan Heights area. The minister for construction and public works explained in a radio interview that there is room for an additional ten townships. The main aim of the government is the establishment of a settlement with a population of 10,000 people to serve as a headquarters for the total area.

When asked about the legality of the planned settlement, the minister assured them that according to public opinion in the Jewish state, it is unthinkable and out of the question to return the Golan Heights to Syria. He noted that this would only create unprecedented danger and threat to the security of Israel.

The MIDNIGHT CALL magazine comments that in spite of the new Israeli government down-playing their intention in regard to the future borders, due to political pressure, "one thing remains unchanged: the Biblical borders will be established!"

That is, unless the nations intervene to stop Israel from continuing her plans of development of the land which would destroy plans for a Palestinian homeland.

The United Nations, including the United States and even the Vatican, are opposed to Israeli settlements in territories once occupied by the Arabs. But Israel continues to believe that the land is rightly hers by divine choice and not by aggression.

President Carter has stated that there are three major elements of any agreement that might lead to lasting peace: one is the territorial boundaries; one is the Arab countries accepting Israel to live in peace as neighbors; and the other one is that there be some resolution of the Palestinian problem.

Major-General George Keegan, former head of the U.S. Air Force Intelligence, says: "I think the aspirations of the Middle East are founded on very shaky ground, and so long as this administration continues to believe what it says about what can be achieved, I think our policies are increasingly based on quicksand."

In an interview, he told the JERUSALEM POST that the American people were being "unintentionally" misinformed on what is happening in the Middle East, for the evidence would still indicate that there are those still bent on the destruction of Israel.

Said Keegan, when asked to elaborate on this question, "I want to assure you that a great body of very sensitive evidence-- a great deal of which, I believe, is available to the U.S. government--resolves beyond reasonable doubt in my mind that many among the more feudal Arab leadership have not given up."

Again Major Keegan was asked whether he believes the Arabs are ready to live in peace with Israel. He replied: "I am not convinced. And I think it is going to take a great deal more

evidence.” He went on to say that he did not want for one moment to be critical of the statesmanship shown, particularly by Sadat, in some areas by Assad, and certainly by the new Saudi leadership...but (he noted) when one sees what the back-door intelligence is disclosing about the real intentions of the Arab leaderships, I come to the inescapable conclusion that the Messianic dream is there.”

The question then comes, Will there ever be peace? Will the Arabs and Israel ever reach a satisfactory agreement? Will the nations insist that Israel give up her territories she is now occupying?

We know that Russia, for example, has not given up any of the territories she has conquered. In fact, she has an iron curtain or block wall with guards day and night to keep anyone from leaving.

However, Russia is one of the nations insisting that Israel give up her conquered territories. And from the Scriptures it is evident that one day she will assume the responsibility of launching an invasion of Palestine which will lead to her ultimate doom.

In Psalm 83, the cry of the enemies of Israel is heard, saying: “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent; they are confederate against thee.” (Psa. 83:4)

Did you hear it?

If there was ever an example of Israel’s plight today, it is surely expressed in those words.

As we have pointed out, the United Nations adopted 131 to one, a resolution declaring that Jewish occupation of Arab territories is illegal.

In the language of the Psalmist: “They have consulted together with one consent; they are confederate against thee.”

The United States, an ally with Israel, abstained from voting so that Israel cast the one vote which is in agreement with the Scriptures which assures her of the right to possess the land. And furthermore, warning is given in God’s Word that should the nations seek to interfere with Israel’s right to possess the land, those very nations would meet with divine wrath. So we had better be careful as to which side we are on.

In this passage--Psalm 83--where the nations are confederate against Israel, we read: “O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish; that men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.” Psa. 83:13-18.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I shake and tremble as I read those words. The destiny of nations is outlined as I think of the judg-

ments of Almighty God that will be unleashed upon our world if the nations continue their assault on Israel.

How we would urge our nation's leaders to listen to the Word of the Lord. Zechariah, writing of the day when the nations will deliberate the fate of Jerusalem, declares: "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people; all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

And again we read, "It shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." Zech. 12:3 & 9.

May we take a moment to comment on the word JERUSALEM to note that the spelling of this holy city will identify the two major powers that are playing a major role in her present existence. Those major powers are RUSSIA and the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

Spell J-E-R-U-S-A-L-E-M and you'll quickly see RUS which makes one think of Russia. And as we pointed out, Russia will play an important role in Jerusalem's future.

Again spell J-E-R-U-S-A-L-E-M and you'll discover the letters USA which speak of the United States of America.

May it ever be that America remains aligned with Israel and a friend of Jerusalem.

Finally, when you spell J-E-R-U-S-A-L-E-M you almost spell the word JESUS. For it is when Christ returns that peace will come to Jerusalem which will then become a city of peace.

Zechariah tells us of the day when living waters shall flow forth from Jerusalem, saying: "The Lord shall be king over all the earth."

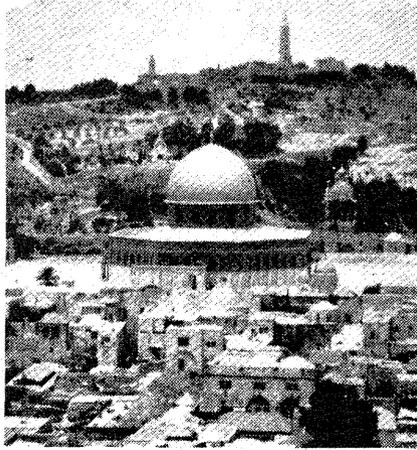
Is Jesus Lord of your life? Is He king? Is He reigning on the throne of your being? Or are you living for self, seeking your will and your ambitions?

There is a price to pay when Christ becomes King of your life. You may have to suffer ridicule and even persecution, but Paul tells us that if we suffer for Him we shall reign with Him. Hallelujah.

Why not turn your life over to Him today! Invite Christ into your heart and life if you've never done so, and live for Him every day for He is coming soon for those who love Him.

Indeed, be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh!





God's Plan for ISRAEL

The Vatican, breaking a two-year silence, published a severe criticism of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan.

The paper declared that a massive Jewish presence in the occupied territories would make their return to the Arabs unrealizable. It was noted that the admixture of a Jewish population on the West Bank uprooted plans for a Palestinian homeland.

So the discussions continue on whether or not Israel has the right to the land that God promised to Abraham for an everlasting possession.

An editorial in our local newspaper noted that there is a need for statesmen to solve the complex problems of the world. And it was explained that "in the explosive Middle East, both sides look to the United States to help find a peace settlement that protects their vital interests."

The Rev. Arthur Petrie, prophetic scholar, writes that Israel is the key to world peace. He notes that man's attempts in the past to find peace have met with failure because it has been sought by man's efforts.

Petrie writes: "The Bible teaches clearly and emphatically that Israel is the key to world peace. It teaches that humanity without Israel can neither achieve nor maintain the peace it wants."

He notes: "The Hebrew word for 'man' is 'Ha-Adam' and means 'Humanity.'" It is the same word in Jeremiah 17:5 which says "Cursed is the man (geber) that trusteth in man (Adam)-- in Humanity.

While our Congress is concerned about ratification of a treaty over the Panama Canal, did you know that Israel is concerned about the building of a canal that would link the Dead Sea to the Mediterranean Sea? And did you know the Bible gives evidence of such a canal?

Arthur Petrie in an article, 'The Imminent Coming of Christ,' writes of Isaiah's description of 'violent changes' that will inevitably result in Israel, and in particular to Jerusalem, in days ahead.

We think one of the unusual signs in all the talk about "canals" is that God Himself is about to change the topography of the land of Palestine so as to provide a waterway that will run from the Dead Sea to the Mediterranean Sea.

As CHRISTIAN VICTORY magazine (June, 1972) has noted: "At one stroke, east and west, the land will divide, and a great SHIP CANAL will be formed from the Mediterranean Sea in the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea."

Did you hear it?

What dramatic changes are in store for the land of Israel! And some of these changes will result from an earthquake that takes place when our Lord returns to this earth.

As we read in Zechariah 14: "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west...and it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea..." (Zech. 14:4 & 7) "And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains...yea, ye shall flee like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah." (v.5)

What an amazing prophecy. Thus Zechariah relates how a violent change will take place caused by an earthquake as in the days of Uzziah.

So a violent shaking is due in the land of Palestine, and in particular, Jerusalem.

The Scofield Bible says of verse 5, that it "implies that the cleavage of the Mount of Olives is due to an earthquake." It notes: "Surely in a land seamed by seismic disturbances it should not be difficult to believe that another earthquake might cleave the little hill called the Mount of Olives."

Concerning the possibility of earthquakes in Israel, Professor I. Alpan, head of the Geo-technology Division of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, says: "All we can say with some confidence at this stage is that where large earthquakes have occurred in the past, they are likely to occur again. On the other hand, we have no confidence at all in ruling out this danger for any location." (ISRAEL MY GLORY, Feb., 1977)

The Scriptures warn that the coming earthquake will be like the one which hit during the days of Uzziah king of Judah. And the warning is given to "flee to the valley of the mountains."

You'll remember how John the Baptist appeared, quoting

Isaiah, telling of a time when "every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Hear me, my friends. John's message was very simple. It was a call to change. He related the physical changes seen coming at a time when Messiah would return to earth. And he spoke of the spiritual changes that would be necessary to prepare earth's inhabitants to receive the Lord, saying: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

How many there are who are guilty of crooked dealings. They may not think they are guilty, but when the searchlight of God's Word is focused on the human conscience, there is certainly evidence of a departure from God's standard of living.

When John the Baptist called for the people to repent, they inquired of him, "What shall we do?" He answered and said unto them, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise." (Luke 3:11)

Who would suppose that sharing your clothing with those in need is linked to repentance? And, to share our food as well is what John challenged the people of his day to do.

Has God changed? Has His standard for John's day ceased to be the standard for today?

We have been a generous people because God's love implanted in the hearts of believers makes them generous. At Pentecost, when the power of the Holy Spirit became operative in the lives of believers, they shared with others who were in need. Acts 4:32 says: "...neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common."

They really practiced the commandment which says we are to love our neighbor as ourselves for they shared alike their possessions.

We read: "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all." (v.33)

Did you hear it?

When these early Christians shared their possessions with the needy, it revealed that resurrection life had come to these believers. They were doing what came naturally. For they had the love of God in their hearts which made them want to share with those who were in need. So we read that there was "great power," and there resulted "great grace."

How we need to return to this standard set forth in the early church. Some point to Pentecost to say this was the birth of communism for they shared equally of their possessions.

Well, communism today, as we know it, is atheistic and is founded upon the concept of a forced sharing of goods. The communist philosophy is a devil-conceived counterfeit of Christianity.

Whereas the early church out of love for one another shared

their possessions, you'll find communism demanding that the rich share with the poor, finding violence and revolution necessary to achieve these ends.

Don't let anyone ever tell you that communism had its beginning in the Bible. Addressing a Christian businessmen's group, one of the men made this assertion, but it is a false assertion.

Lounacharski, former Commissar of Education in the Soviet Union, is said to have declared: "We hate Christians." And he went on to say that only as we hate can we conquer the earth."

In I John we read: "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer:

During one of Prime Minister Begin's trips to the United States, he gave President Carter a document demonstrating Israel's contributions to America's national security over the years.

When asked whether Israel was a liability or an asset, Major George Keegan, former head of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, replied: "I can say without reservation that for every dollar of support which this country has given Israel, we have gotten a thousand dollars' worth of benefits in return, which are incalculable in their value to the U.S. armed services."

Keegan went on to enumerate these benefits--"Access to equipment, access to documents, access to information that better educates us and prepares us to cope with Soviet forces and Soviet equipment around the world. The data is of incalculable value," he noted. "We get a lot in return for what we have invested."

But the future of Israel will be even greater when He who is the Prince of Peace returns to reign in righteousness. He will come as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

When President Woodrow Wilson was in Europe trying for world peace through the League of Nations, he was greeted with banners saying: "Hail the crusader for Humanity and Welcome to the God of Peace." But Wilson saw only disappointment in his plans for world peace. For peace is possible only through Jesus Christ.

That's why man's attempts at finding peace today are doomed to failure. For Almighty God is not recognized among the nations that today honor the god of forces.

As the Psalmist declares: "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed,..."

This is what is happening today.

The result? We read, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision."

What will happen?

We read: "Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure." Whatever peace agreements that may be reached will be short-lived.

Ahead for this world is wrath, trouble and sorrow because man fails to honor God and accept His rule of authority through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thus our message is to warn men everywhere to "flee the wrath to come" by turning to the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Today is still a day of salvation for men and nations. God would urge all to repent and trust the Saviour without delay. Jesus is coming soon and His word to one and all is, "Be ye ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh!"





The NATIONS in the ***ENDTIME***

Let's take a look at the nations as the Bible describes them in the Endtime.

In Mark 13 and verse 28 we read: "Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near; So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, KNOW that it is nigh, even at the doors."

It is when our Lord is seen coming from heaven that the commotion attracts the nations of earth and they rally as one world army to make war with him seen coming from heaven.

Here's the picture recorded by Zechariah, where the Lord says: "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle." Did you hear it? ALL NATIONS will be brought into the final picture as world armies converge at Armageddon.

What next?

Then we read: "Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations...And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

The Lord will release a lethal ray--the sound of his voice, and the power of His Word, to bring about such destruction.

And Zechariah reminds us: "The Lord shall be king over all the earth; in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one." (Zech. 14:2-3, 12, 9)

That's what's ahead!

In Revelation we have a similar picture as the Apostle John recounts his vision of the coming of our Lord to this earth to fight this final battle of this age at Armageddon.

“And I saw heaven opened,” says John, “and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war...And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses... And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations.” (Rev. 19:11-15)

We read how the blood will flow even unto the horses’ bridles for a distance of 176 miles--so great will be the carnage of that endtime battle.

The question we leave with you is this: In which army will we be? Will we be included in the army of saints seen coming from heaven? The Bible speaks of these as “faithful,” (Rev. 17:14) O that we may be included in that entourage of saints and not be found among the armies of earth whose defiant raised fist toward God in heaven finds the wrath of the Almighty outpoured in a day of judgment.

The choice is clear. We can either accept or reject the Lord Jesus Christ. If we accept His love, His authority in our lives, we can be found in His train, following Him. If we reject Him, we will no doubt be found in the armies of the world anti-christ ruler who gathers the nations of earth together to make war with Him seen coming from heaven.

Israel’s presence in her land signals the soon return of our Lord. For remember the parable of the fig tree indicated that when ye see these things taking place, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

The use of the word “doors” indicates the various times of our Lord’s coming. First, He comes for His saints--those who are ready; then He comes with His saints to reign upon the earth.

The challenge we leave with you is to be ready for whenever our Lord doth come. For He hath said: “Be ye therefore also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”

If we were to paraphrase, we might read: “When Israel blossoms forth again, ye can KNOW my coming is near, both the rapture and the revelation.”

In Luke 21:29 we are similarly told: “Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and KNOW of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, KNOW ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.”

Again, what our Lord is saying is--LOOK AT ISRAEL and the nations that are in existence when she blossoms forth. So let’s take that kind of a look.

First, look at Israel.

Psalmist testified: “When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.” (Psa. 102:16)

Here is a firm declaration that our Lord will return follow-



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ing Israel's return to her land and her spiritual rebirth.

Second, look at Lebanon.

Wilbur Landrey, foreign News Editor, writes: "Cry for poor Lebanon. For it is dying. And maybe it is dead."

Did you know that the Bible has something to say about Lebanon in the Endtime?

Turn to Isaiah 10:33 where we read: "And Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one."

Again in Isa. 33:9 we read: "The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down." Then in the next verse we read: "Now will I rise, saith the Lord; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself."

WHEN LEBANON FALLS, OUR LORD SHALL RISE!

Third, look at the other Arab nations.

Witnessing the skirmish in the Middle East, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat declared: "There is some kind of curse on us Arabs. Every time we band together something happens and we fall apart."

Read the 83rd Psalm where Israel's enemies have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." What happens? God puts a curse upon them.

We read where Israel's enemies consult together with one consent. They confederate against Israel so that the cry goes forth: "Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison;...O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind...Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord. Let them be con-

founded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: that men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth." (Psalm 83 excerpts)

So, Israel's enemies are under the wrath of Almighty God because of their desire to annihilate Israel.

In the fourth place, look at RUSSIA.

As a result of the war in Lebanon, we see where the Soviet ambassador has informed the Leftist Lebanese that Russia is ready for "urgent action" to prevent any victory by Christian forces. This could lead to the invasion spoken of in Ezekiel 38 when eventually the Soviet Union is seen marching down into Palestine. We read: "And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee...And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land, it shall be in the latter days." (Ezek. 38:15-16)

Beloved, these are the latter days. And when Russia moves southward, you can be sure her target of attack will be Israel.

In the fifth place, look at EUROPE.

It has been announced that GREECE would like to be admitted to the European Economic Community which would make ten nations altogether. Ten nations are seen eventually making an alliance with Israel--a covenant of protection and of peace.

Daniel the prophet sees ten nations arising within the sphere of the Old Roman Empire which unite politically to form the last Gentile confederacy of nations. And over these nations is one we call the Antichrist who makes this covenant with Israel. We read in Dan. 9:27, "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week"--or a period of seven years. This is something to watch closely.

In the sixth place, when this happens--when ten nations in Europe unite politically under a world ruler, then our Lord is seen coming to reign upon the earth.

Notice what we read in Dan. 2:44, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."

Daniel describes so vividly the end of all world rulers and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to reign upon this earth. Listen to what he writes: "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit." Again he writes: "I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven...and there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." (Dan. 7:9, 13-14)

Did you hear it?

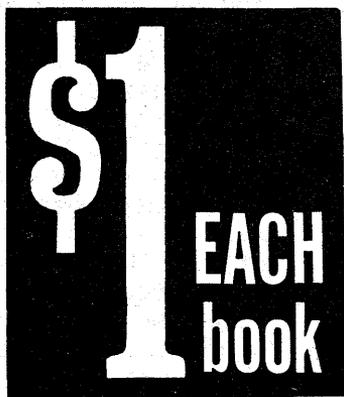
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