The Prophetic Road to Revelation - Part 3 By <u>Sean Osborne</u>

International Politics and Foreshadows of the Beast

In the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, a war which as mentioned in the previous section came perilously close to a nuclear confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union, the impetus was to step back from the brink of what could have been an apocalyptic scenario. It is here then that the initial necessary movement toward a "peace" process began. It was, at first, an earnest process for the sake of preventing a super power confrontation and nuclear holocaust. Somewhere along the Prophetic Road to Revelation now orbiting the "fig tree," the "peace" process was usurped, gutted so as to rapidly become categorically corrupt and filled with a new global agenda not dedicated to peace, but to Israel's destruction through diplomatic means. Arab oil, greed and massive profiteering were the special high-grade lubricant slathered all over Israel's western allies which brought this abomination about and sustains it to this day. Do not doubt for a microsecond that YHWH God will remedy this worldly statusquo in due course at the time of His choosing.

YHWH Is The True Power

Also in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War it was once again blatantly obvious that the Arab enemy nations committed massive numbers of ground forces, war materiel and their treasury to full-scale warfare with the military objective to wipe Israel off the map, and they did so without the absolute military imperative of a permanent, centralized and unified command and control (C2) structure. Indeed YHWH God does work in mysterious ways, for there can be no argument, no question whatsoever, that subsequent to the defeats of 1949 and 1967, the critical necessity of robust and redundant C2 was not unknown to the Arab nations and their Soviet benefactors. It is a virtual impossibility, yet this is exactly what occurred.

I will note at this point that since Israel's restoration, which is unquestionably the will of YHWH God pursuant to His plans, appointments, and all things related to His coming Kingdom, that he has blessed the Israeli's when warfare, a unique human condition, is the order of the day. In every war up to this point when Israel has been moving forward it has succeeded militarily. And when Israel retreats, cedes back to the Arab's land God bequeathed to their forefathers, Israel suffers and is rebuked. This has become increasingly apparent through the neverending and thoroughly corrupted mediation process conducted by the United States and European governments. Time after time after time Israel is required to unilaterally give up various things of value to Israel, and in return the Arabs are emboldened and conduct continued, incessant warfare through insurrection, mass casualty terrorist attacks and low-level warfare. The fictional character Forest Gump may have been lacking in understanding the world around him, but even he may have had enough innate common sense to see the utter insanity of the things Israel is having required of it, and that its political leadership too quickly acquiesces to. Ariel Sharon's pitiful condition is no accident.

Back to the Future: Israel Has Been Here Before

I was cogitating on these things and in quiet conversation with the Father when a thought popped into my head. He gave this land to Israel, it is a Divine inheritance. Period. And the question which then came to me was: In ancient times when Israel first entered into the Promised Land, was there a reason that requirements were made and transmitted to the Hebrews to drive those peoples out of the land before them in order for all Israel to possess it?

What is different in these last days with Israel having been returned to the

Promised Land in fulfillment of Divine prophecy? Surely the Lord knew even before the creation of all things that Israel's return to the land would be resisted as it was after the Exodus, that warfare was the only vehicle available to the Jews short of Yahweh's intervention to clear the land for their habitation. No, I think what we have here is a near repeat, the template for which occurred circa 1275 and 1025 BC during the conquest. An entire generation passed between the actual departure from Egypt and the conquest. 40 years in the wilderness. So too has the initial generation which returned to the land of Israel since passed. David Ben Gurion, Golda Meir, Levi Eshkol, Menachem Begin, Moshe Dayan. The new generation has been running the show – and since Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon what has become of all of the hard-fought victories to reclaim and secure Israel? The generation of which Jesus spoke regarding the last days - and make no mistake about this - Jesus was speaking specifically and directly to Jews during His Olivet Discourse, is now alive and living in the land. Let me say that again. The generation of which Jesus spoke regarding the last days is alive in the land. Ezekiel's dry bones have sinews, muscles and flesh upon them. The fig tree twigs are tender, buds have become leaves. It is only a matter of time before the fruit of the summer appears.

The Psalm 83 Endgame

Israel is once again threatened with war from all sides. Since the unilateral and forced Gaza withdrawal Israel has fought two brief wars in Lebanon and in Gaza. Neither was conclusive, neither achieved a substantial or sustainable military objective, and both will lead directly to the next phase of the Psalm 83 war, the Endgame for the "inner circle" of Israel enemies.

Do not the prophets speak of the ancient enemies and we see these same enemies in this era? As referenced earlier, Bill Salus' book <u>Isralestine</u> is your crucial, must have reference material. Some recent events that I believe serve as critical intelligence indications and warnings (I&W) of the final phase of the Psalm 83 war must lead off with the recognition of the central role Damascus held as the preeminent enemy capital, and that Syria the country has held as perpetually at war with Israel for every one of the past 61 years. Should there be any question then as to why the prophet Isaiah has foretold of the total destruction of Damascus?

Damascus has been the well-acknowledged base-of-operations for many Islamic terrorist groups, a dark status eclipsing even that of Baghdad under the brutally inhumane dictatorship of Saddam Hussein. It was outside the headquarters of Syrian intelligence in Damascus on 12 February 2008 that the notorious international terrorist Imad Fayez Mughniyeh was assassinated by a bomb placed under the seat of his Mitsubishi Pajero SUV. Both Syria and Hezbollah have sworn to avenge the killing of Mughniyeh. Naturally, they accuse Israel of the act.

On 6 September 2007 Israel special operations forces and Israeli Air Force strike aircraft struck a clandestine nuclear reactor deep inside northern Syria, in a location called Al Kabir. The reactor was a North Korean design intended to produce weapons grade plutonium. The entire project was funded by the Islamic Republic of Iran. The project only came to the attention of US and Israeli intelligence agencies with the defection to the West of a retired Iranian Revolutionary Guards general and ex-Deputy Defense Minister, Ali Reza Asghari. Syria no doubt will retaliate at some point.

There are also external influences within Syria besides a multitude of terrorists, Iran and North Korea. One of those influences, I am sorry to report, is the new administration of Barack Hussein Obama. There have been very strong indications that despite public announcements of support for Israel, the American government has contingency plans which will result in nothing less than Americas abandonment of Israel to the fate the Arabs believe they are obliged to "Allah" to inflict. The American plan apparently hinges on what one former highly placed intelligence official described as "malicious intelligence" which will be used to the detriment of the Jewish state. And it is in this light that I would ask you to recall Joseph Biden's "mark my words" comments about a manufactured crisis; how Obama's actions in that crisis would not be seen by American citizens as the correct course of action.

The most stunning reports to date are strongly indicating that the American abandonment of Israel plan is a work-in-progress is the Obama Administration's dispatch of two special envoys to the acknowledged terrorist capital of Damascus, Syria. Earlier this month Jeffrey Feltman, representing Hillary Clinton's State Department as the United States Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, and Daniel Shapiro, a Middle East expert from the United States National Security Council (NSC) for a meeting with Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Mu'allem and his deputy and Dr. Bouthaina Shaaban, who is a Syrian cabinet minister and an adviser to President Bashar Assad.

Bashar Assad has since been quoted in British media regarding the new American policy, saying,

"We have the impression that this administration will be different, and we have seen the signals. But we have to wait for the reality and the results." Once the Arabs see the reality and results of the new American policy towards Israel they will take full advantage of it.

An Israel separated from America has been the dream of Arab leaders for decades. And despite Assad's low-key media statement, his immediate actions speak orders of magnitude louder than his words. Within two days of Feltman/Shapiro meeting in Damascus, Bashar Assad embarked on a whirlwind tour of the primary Pslam 83 capital cities and face-to-face meetings with King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh, President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, Egypt, and then with King Abdullah in Amman, Jordan.

Concurrent with this trip the message being delivered to Israel was the exact opposite to that given the Syrians. According to renowned national security and intelligence writer Bill Gertz, while Assad's high-level tour of Psalm 83 capital cities was occurring the Chief of Staff for the Israeli Defense Forces, Lieutenant General Gabi Ashkenazi traveled to Washington, D.C. and was rudely refused meetings with President Barack Obama, Vice President Joseph Biden, the U.S. Director of National Intelligence, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Ashkenazi travel to the U.S.? To present highly classified intelligence information. Our government refused to receive the Israel commander and refused to so much as look at the Israeli government intelligence data. There is where the rubber meets the road between Bible prophecy and real-world events as discussed in this article.

The enemies of Israel in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt as well as the Palestinians in the north, in the West bank and in Gaza will shortly make their move against Israel, and when they do engage Israel again what the prophet Asaph foretold about their defeat about 3,000 years ago will make new headlines around the world that will make those of 1949, 1967 and 1973 pale in comparison. Consider the details given us by Asaph in Psalm 83, verses 9 through 11:

"Do to them as you did to Midian, as you did to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon, who perished at Endor and became like refuse on the ground. Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna." What happened to Midian, Sisera and Kishon? For this we look to Joshua 13:21-22 to learn that they were utterly routed from the field of battle, their cities completely consumed by fire, their kings killed and the nation destroyed. Jabin was a Canaanite King of Hazor and his total defeat that the hands of the Israelites at the Plain of Esdraelon was the last time the Israelites had to fight the Canaanites. Oreb and Zeeb were defeated and then slain by Gideon. This is what will happen to the combined armies and nations of the "inner circle" Arab nations and will conclude and fulfill the prophecy of Psalm 83. All of the identified Arab armies will be completely routed, their cities will be consumed by fire, and their leaders killed. So total will the Israeli victory be that these nations will never again fight against Israel. So decimated and totally consumed will these Arab nations be by Israel that they will seek YHWH or simply perish into oblivion.

Another result of the War of Psalm 83 will be to precipitate the subsequent War of Gog/Magog so chillingly detailed in Ezekiel 38/39, and the destruction of Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya, Sudan and a host of smaller Caucasian and Central Asian nations who will be drawn to their fates along with Gog. All of these events will occur prior to the beginning of Daniel's 70th Week, the Tribulation. These wars will result in Israel living in safety, and enabling the building of the 3rd Temple on Mt. Moriah in Jerusalem. They will also create the conditions into which the Antichrist will rise rapidly to a globally dominant position of absolute power, the abomination of desolation in the Temple and finally the return of Jesus Christ to establish His Kingdom as the King of kings and Lords of lords. Our journey down the prophetic road to Revelation is now complete.