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## Behold the Days

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 31:27 & 31).

In verse 27 “with” is not in Hebrew. Take out the ‘withs’ and the meaning is clearer. To me the text then says, He will sow (blend) the house of Judah and the house of Israel (as one) – the seed of man and the seed of animal, i.e., man-power and horse-power coming together – brains and brute force, mechanical and technical forces supreme over other nations’ forces.

It has nothing to do with breeding, but of blending together the forces of man’s rational nature with supreme “horse-power” and technology of this age to put down the forces of destruction and death.

Armageddon? It may be, but look at the back pages of the books of the prophets to see how it ends. The prophets did not always write in chronological order, and events in their day are intermingled with end-time prophecy, and it is amazing how many of their last-page Scriptures depict end-time events. Also usually it is distinguished by such words as, “**In the latter days**” or “**behold the day comes**” which expresses clearly end-time events

So where are we now? The Lord is raising up from the nations those who stand with Israel against the evil forces who are bent on destroying Israel. The dividing line is getting more and more distinct. Are we on the side of light and life, or on the side of darkness and death? It is not a matter of whether the LORD is on *our* side. But rather are we on His side? The only way to determine that is found in His *manual for man*.

This is why we must continually study in multiple readings the Word of the LORD. Then we can see prophets’ events coming together. They tell us there will be a culmination of evil and God’s Torah Kingdom will reign with life blessed with peace and joy. They tell us how this will come about and what we are to do about it.

Then you can find your place and join the Conqueror!



*More than friends, we are family.*

## Walls of Fire

The US and Canada are each roughly 400 times the size of Israel and the Arab world is 500 times the size of Israel. Israel is a sliver of peace that sanctifies life, surrounded by hatred that spews death.

The events unfolding now are building a virtual wall of fire about tiny Israel. It’s been cooking since 1928, but no one has paid attention until now that it is beginning to boil over.

The daddy of terrorists is the Muslim Brotherhood (MB), Ikhwan in Arabic. When it was founded in 1928, its purpose was expressed clearly: implement Shariah law over all the world and under a global Islamic state, with the coalition of the Islamic organizations, called Caliphate. The word comes from caliph, which Webster defines as: A supreme ruler in a Muslim state. The title is taken by Mohammed’s successors as secular and religious heads of Islam. The MB’s purpose is to rule the whole world secularly and religiously with the severest Islamic rules known as Sharia Law.

The substance of this simmering pot that is boiling over in Egypt and other mid-east nations is in the disguise of “Social Justice” and even claims to be democratic. But their “justice” end game is “just-us” and no one else can rule.



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The Bible believer immediately recognizes this as a false system and substitute for the Messianic time upon earth. Its garments spell anti-Christ in clear red lights. Consider: Jesus taught love & abundant life; these Islamic radicals teach hatred and death.

This umbrella of terrorists has a document entitled "Phases of the World Underground Movement Plan." Among these "phases" are:

- Gradual infiltrating various sectors of Government
- Escalation through utilizing mass media
- Exercising political pressure
- Seizing power to establish Islamic Nation

Mohamed Badie, the Ikhwan's virulent promoter of Shariah, was installed as its leader (Supreme Guide). Among his remarks was, "The U.S. is now experiencing the beginning of its end, and is heading towards its demise."

If we let our enemies call the shots, there is no doubt who will be biting the bullet.

Known also to the enlightened student of God's Word is: There is another wall of fire, quite different, surrounding Israel. **"For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire around about, and will be the glory in the midst of her,"** Zechariah 2:5.

If the Brotherhood takes over Egypt we can expect that the scepter of Egypt will fall again (Zech. 10:11c). It is the broken reed that can't be leaned upon. (I Samuel 36:6)

I am fortunate to have as a friend Yossi Klein Halevy who writes from Jerusalem:

*The Brotherhood and its offshoots have been the main purveyors of the Muslim world's widespread conspiracy theories about the Jews, from blaming the Israeli intelligence service for 9/11 to accusing Zionists of inventing the Holocaust to blackmail the West.*

*Others argue that the responsibilities of governance would moderate the Brotherhood, but here that is dismissed as Western naïveté: the same prediction, after all, was made about the Iranian regime, Hezbollah and Hamas.*

*The fear of an Islamist encirclement has reminded Israelis of their predicament in the Middle East. In its relationship with the Palestinians, Israel is Goliath. But its relationship with the Arab and Muslim worlds, Israel remains David.*

*Israelis understand that the end of their conflict with the Arab world depends in large part on the durability of the peace with Egypt – for all its limitations; it is the only successful model of a land-for-peace agreement.*

*The Sinai boundary is the only one of Israel's borders that hasn't been fenced off. Israelis now worry that this fragile opening to the Arab world is about to close.*

## Land for Peace

The same bell tolls over and over: "land for peace, land for peace" – and land is given but there is no peace. When you do the same thing over and over and expect different results, insanity rules!

Professor Eidelberg of Freedom Center for Strategic Studies in Israel gave a reality check in an article asking pointed questions. (Excerpts follow.)

The White House wants Israel to return to her pre-1967 borders. Why?

What is Washington primary motive, which is independent of whether Democrats or Republicans control the White House? The American economy depends on oil. Saudi Arabia sits on 25 percent of the world's oil reserves and is the cheapest oil in the world to extract. Saudi Arabia, a Sunni Muslim Kingdom, has supported the Sunni dominated PLO for several years and advocates a Palestinian state.

Washington can the more readily pressure Israel because the U.S. is Israel's major arms supplier. Saudi oil lubricates the policy of land for peace. The efficacy of the pressure depends on the personal character of Israel's prime ministers: their courage and wisdom, their sense of national pride and awareness of the magnitude of the issue. Some prime ministers stand firm, others crumble.

How can Israel achieve peace by yielding land from which Arab terrorists and armies can all the more successfully wage war against the Jewish State?

American foreign policy-makers are pragmatists, not moralists. U.S. aid to Israel is animated by national self-interest. Israel is and has been America's biggest strategic bargain. (Among many here are a few Prof. Eidelberg pointed out.)



For U.S. military grants and U.S. aid to Israel which was only 1.5% of its GDP, what has the U.S. received from Israel in return?

- Exports to Israel
- Israel must spend about 74 percent of U.S. military aid in the United States, where it provides jobs for an estimated 50,000 American workingmen.
- Unknown to many observers, U.S. military aid to Israel creates a demand for, and the purchase of, tens of millions of dollars' worth of U.S. weaponry by Saudi Arabia and other Arab states.
- Regarding Israeli aid to America in intelligence, Senator Daniel Inouye put it this way: "The contribution made by Israeli intelligence to America is greater than that provided by all NATO countries combined."
- In 1970, at Washington's request, Israel prevented a Syrian invasion of Jordan. By protecting Jordan from that client of the Soviet Union, Israel thwarted Moscow's ambitions in the Middle East. (It would be negative to think that Russia has abandoned its historic objectives in this region.)
- Israel constantly relays to the U.S. lessons of battle and counter-terrorism. Innovative Israeli technologies boost U.S. industries.
- F16 fighter jets are responsible for 600 improvements in the systems modifications estimated to be worth billions of dollars.
- Israel provides America with 25,000 high tech workers, 324 scientists, 902 doctors who studied medicine in Israel, 1800 Israeli professors and lecturers, 171 high ranking military officers and thousands of other professional people whose contribution to the America economy is priceless.

Viewed in this light, the feared loss of \$3 billion U.S. military aid is a bogeyman. Far more than \$3 billion was lost as a direct consequence of the policy of land for peace. Nor should we ignore the incalculable cost of devastating the lives of these Gaza's productive Jews, whose farms and factories contributed \$100,000,000 annually to Israel's economy and who certainly did not obtain peace from the misnamed "peace process".

## The UN

Of the 191 member nations of the United Nations, 190 may be elected to serve a term on the powerful Security Council. Israel is the only nation not allowed membership on the Security Council. Libya and N. Korea, for example, and Syria has not only been elected but has even chaired the Security Council. The Arab block have a permanent representative on this important body and the UN is turned in to a forum for bashing the Jewish state. Of the 690 UN General Assembly resolutions voted after 1990, 429 were directed against Israel. The UN spends millions per year to promote the Palestine cause. Among other things, that involves producing anti-Israel pamphlets for distribution.



*Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Obama. A character study. Israel is being pressured to negotiate a two-state arrangement without the Palestinians recognizing a Jewish state. That busted equation equals zero.*



*Archaeologists have discovered a rare gold bell with a small loop at its end – in the City of David National Park (near the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem). The bell looked as if it was sewn on the garment worn by a man of high authority in Jerusalem at the end of the Second Temple period.*

*The bell was found in the city's main drainage channel of that period. This drainage channel was built and hewn west to the Western Wall of the Temple Mount and drained the rainfall in the different parts of the city, through the City of David and the Shiloah Pool to the Kidron valley.*

*The High Priests' garments had such, Exodus 28:31 & 34, "And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all blue...a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about."*

The US is UNRWA's largest donor. Its contributions to the agency have doubled since Hamas took over Gaza in 2007. In 2009, the US contributed \$268 million in US taxpayer funds to the agency. The amount accounted for 27% of UNRWA's total budget.

The US House of Foreign Relations Committee's decision to cut US foreign assistance to international organizations – including the UN – by 25%, is a welcome start in the right direction. But it's time to send the UN begging.

We talk about our national debt but keep on spending millions like this that work against us and Israel.

# Good News RE: Israel

*"Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).*

*"What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it" (Isaiah 14:32).*

*"The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand" (Isaiah 14:24).*

*"This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations" (Isaiah 14:26).*

*"For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" (Isaiah 14:27).*

*Who wants to fight against that?*

*"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great: and thou shalt be a blessing: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:2 & 3).*

*'...inasmuch as you have done it unto these my brethren, you have done it unto me' (Matt. 25:40).*

**European Leaders for Israel:** Seen as a show of the support for the Jewish state, hundreds of European parliamentarians from 37 European countries were invited to and showed up at a policy conference in Jerusalem hosted by the European friends of Israel.

**Macedonia Honors Jews of the Shoah:** The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has opened up a museum in its capitol city dedicated to the nation's Jews who were lost in the Shoah. The modern multi-million dollar building in Skopje stands in what was the Jewish quarter, once home to some 7,000 Jews, most of whom perished in Nazi concentration camps. Laurence Weinbaum of World Jewish Congress recalled Macedonia's principle stand on the restitution issue and its unwavering friendship with Jews and Israel; he said, "In much of contemporary Europe, dead Jews are respected, but live ones are defamed. You honor the dead and the living."

**Israel Sparks Massachusetts Economy:** The Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment (MOITI), which actively courts Israel trade, have reportedly attributed almost 100 firms from Israel with adding 5,920 jobs to the Commonwealth. The office recently cited figures by an independent global consultant that translates the economic impact of these companies, either founded by Israelis or offering products using Israeli technology, as pumping 2.4 billion into the Massachusetts economy.

**GM Inks \$5 Million Deal with Israeli Tech:** An Israeli startup that makes wireless charging of electronics as easy as placing a device on a surface has drawn the interest of General Motors which announced an investment of \$5 million in the company. Powermat, considered a pioneer in wireless charging technology, produces a mat or shelf upon which can be placed any battery-operated digital gadget to be charged while a vehicle is in motion, obviating the need for charging cords and fiddling with cigarette lighter connections.

**Israeli Firm Develops 'Stealth Paint' for Aircraft:** The Israel-based Nanoflight firm has completed trials on a special paint that can make an aerial vehicle nearly undetectable by radar. The qualities of the paint make it appear as if the aircraft is some other object in the surrounding environment. The cost-benefit is also a major plus: a US-made Stealth plane costs \$5 billion. "Stealth paint" costs considerably less.

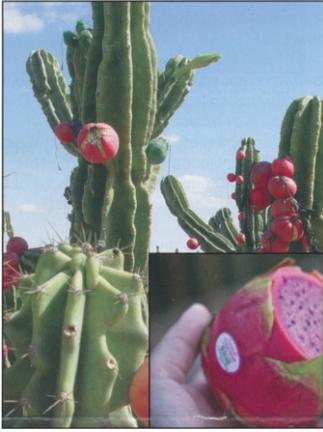
This is how it works. Any object coated with the paint is enveloped by the nanotechnology used to produce the material. When electromagnetic waves are sent out by radar to sense whatever is entering its defense field, those radio waves are absorbed by the paint object, and then subsequently released back into the atmosphere as heat energy. Another purpose may be soldiers won't be visible on night-vision goggles. The material might in the future be used to prevent pollution. Also, another application of the technology might be to prevent radiation emitted by electrical transformers from reaching homes and schools.

**Texas/Israel:** Texas-based Noble Energy is drilling off of Israel's northern coast. Companies from Texas and Israel are working together to develop alternative sources of energy, such as wind and solar.

Professors from Texas and Israel are studying new ways to inspect fruit. The Texas lab is conducting its experiments on apples while the Israelis work with dates.



*One of the main avenues for business relationships between Texas and Israel is the Texas- Israel Chamber of Commerce. Last year, the chamber held its first annual "Cleanovation Conference" in Austin to promote business between water and energy conservation companies in Texas and Israel. The conference was a resounding success with over 200 Israeli and American attendees spanning across broad business sectors that included utility mechanics, renewable energy generation, smart grid technology and even law firms.*



Israeli scientists are developing innovative ways to help meet the increasing demand for food. Israeli farmers are working with researchers from Ben-Gurion University to perfect the pitaya, an exotic cactus fruit. The new and improved fruit is more appealing, both to the eyes and to the taste buds. The pitaya typically has white flesh and lacks flavor, so Israeli scientists developed a sweeter version of the fruit, transforming the flesh into shades of red and purple. Rich in antioxidants, the improved pitaya is expected to help meet the growing demand for healthy, tropical fruits.

Even in the field of education, Texas is learning from Israel. An Israeli program called the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters has been replicated throughout the Texas leading cities, Former President Bill Clinton praised it as “the best preschool program on earth.”

Thanks to the recent success of the Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce, expansive joint research in agriculture and science and millions of Texan dollars invested in State of Israel bonds, the Texas-Israel relationship is sure to strengthen in the years to come.

**Islamic Clerics Make Auschwitz Pilgrimage:** Yet another group of moderate Muslims clerics has visited the infamous Nazi death camp, which in recent times has seen several such groups paying their respect. Tel Aviv’s chief rabbi, Yisrael Meir Lau, said he was happy that “such a large number of Muslim leaders were seeking to deepen their understanding of the Shoah”. As one Muslim leader, a first time camp visitor put it, “We must teach our young people in mosques, churches and synagogues about what happened here...this awful place should stand as a reminder to all people.”

**Arab Newspaper Extols Israeli Achievements:** Israeli news sources say that the printing of an article in the Arab press praising the Jewish state is an extremely rare occurrence. But sure enough, a Saudi Arabian daily, Al-Riyadh, recently ran a column under the title, “Unfortunately, Israel is a Country that Deserves Respect.” Columnist Fahd Amer Ahmadi wrote, “Israel is better than all the Arab and Muslim countries with regard to democracy and political integrity. Today Israel is in third place globally in terms of arms exports and first place in the world in the production of drones. It is also the smallest country in the world that can produce tanks and fighter planes.”

**Israel’s Compassion for Children of the Nations:** Israel is a small country of just over six million Jews and Arabs. In fact, there are numerous cities in the world that have two and three times more inhabitants than Israel. And, lastly Israel is a nation surrounded on three sides by enemies that have vowed their destruction, and yet they still are able to provide humanitarian aid to both friend and foe. Children have been brought to Israel for heart operations they could not obtain in their home countries. It is a win-win situation for everybody – the children whose lives are saved by the program, the medical personnel who are being trained from the countries where these children came from – and for Israel and the Wolfson Medical Center.

**Japan Disaster:** Almost as soon as the catastrophe in Japan began unfolding, Jewish groups scrambled to figure out how to get help to the area. Chief operating officer David Frankel said the Japanese consul general to Lithuania in 1940 helped save at least 6000 Lithuanian Jews from the hands of the Nazi by getting them transit visas to Japan. “The Japanese community helped us in our time of need; this is our way to help them in their time of need. We can never repay the debt, but this is the right thing to do,”

**Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem** in 2010 proudly took on the status of Israel’s most active maternity hospital, having recorded 14,020 deliveries! In Jewish tradition they see every birth as miracle of life as a priceless treasure.

**Israelis and Palestinians on the positive side:** The Jewish state is working hard to improve conditions for its Arabs neighbors that often go unnoticed by the media. A list of accomplishments and concessions has enabled, among other things, an improved West Bank economy, tourism and a flourishing cooperation between the two sides.

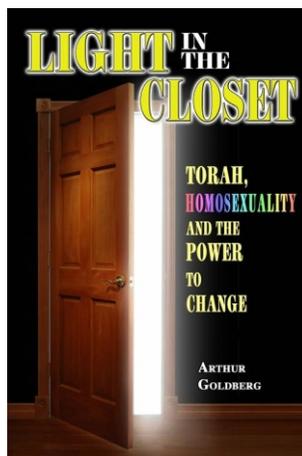
**Israel Adopts National Plan to cut Oil Dependency:** As the political crisis in Egypt remains unsettled, threatening the flow of oil into Israel, Israel has been in the midst of implementing a forward-looking green energy plan to reduce its de-

*“And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God....” (Deuteronomy 28:13).*

*“For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:*

*“He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.*

*“Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10:17-19).*



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pendency of foreign oil. The national plan includes initiatives to develop energy technologies, encourage investment in innovations with the dual inventions of safeguarding the environment and cutting the emissions of pollutants and greenhouse gases.

**The American Association for Cancer Research** has conferred its prestigious Clowes Award to scientist Yosef Shiloh, the first time the Clowes has gone to Israel. Shiloh is associated with Tel Aviv University's Sackler Medical School, where reportedly has been doing research on a rare degenerative nerve disease, ataxia telangiectasia, and hereditary condition that mostly affects Palestinians, Bedouins and North Americans.



## Word From Jerusalem

### *Did you know??*

#### **Geography:**

✧ Israel is the only nation in the world that entered the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees.

#### **Demographics:**

- ✧ Israel's population is half the size of Metro New York City.
- ✧ Israel has only 2% of the population of the Middle East.
- ✧ Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees per capita in the world.
- ✧ Israel produces more scientific papers per capita than any other nation in the world – by a large margin.
- ✧ Israel has the highest number of scientists and technicians

per capita in the world – by a large margin.

- ✧ Israel has the highest number of engineers per capita in the world.
- ✧ Israel has the highest number of physicians per capita in the world.
- ✧ Israel has the largest percentage of its workforce employed in technical professions in the world.
- ✧ Israel is the largest immigrant-absorbing nation in the world, per capita.
- ✧ Israel is the only country in the Middle East where the Christian population has grown over the last 50 years.
- ✧ Israel is the only country in the Middle East where Christians, Muslims and Jews are all free to vote.
- ✧ Israel is the only country in the Middle East where women enjoy full political rights.

#### **Electronics:**

- ✧ The cell phone was developed in Israel at Motorola's largest development center.
- ✧ The Voice Mail technology was developed in Israel.
- ✧ The first anti-virus software for computers was developed in Israel in 1979.
- ✧ Most of the Windows NT and XP operating systems were developed in Israel by Microsoft:
- ✧ Both the Pentium-4 and Centrino processors were entirely designed, developed and produced in Israel.
- ✧ The Pentium MMX Chip technology was designed in Israel at Intel.

#### **Culture:**

- ✧ Hebrew is the only case of a dead national language being revived in all of world history. Today it is the native tongue of millions of people.
- ✧ Israel has more museums per capita than any other nation in the world.
- ✧ Israel has more orchestras per capita than any other nation in the world.
- ✧ Israel publishes more books translated from other languages than any other nation in the world.
- ✧ Israel reads more books per capita than any other nation in the world.
- ✧ The most independent and free Arabic press in the Middle East is in Israel.

#### **Military/Security:**

- ✧ Israel has the world's most impenetrable airline security.
- ✧ Israel spends more money per capita on its own protection than any country in the world.

**In Jerusalem there is an amazing dance troupe, Hakol Petuach** (everything is open). Their performance, "The Creation of the World" was at the Jerusalem Arts Festival. 'Why is this so unusual?' you may ask. Hakol Petuach dance troupe is severely mentally challenged, Downs Syndrome and special needs children.

Their director and teacher, Momi Gil has donated his time for the past 18 years to the group – teaching, choreographing and then designing and making all the costumes for their performances. The evening was an outstanding success bringing the entire audience to tears. Professionally done in total joy and love that these performers project.

**Israel is the “Go to” Place for Energy Ideas:** At a conference in Jerusalem Israel was acknowledged by the Americans as being among the global leaders in the green movement with its clean energy solutions and advancements in solar power, electric vehicles and desalination programs, both in the private and government sectors.

**Digging Under the Dead Sea for Geo Secrets:** The Israeli Academy of Science and Humanities has just completed an International partnership to probe 4,000 feet below the Dead Sea to extract soil sediment that could reveal secrets of the geological past. A unique international coordination that included the governments of Jordan and the Palestinian Authority, a special drilling rig had been set up in the Dead Sea’s northern basin.

**The Spicy Way Herbal Tea** infusions from the Galilee region were recently introduced to British tea drinkers and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Based in the Jezreel Valley, the teas have proven to be strong sellers in a decidedly crowded marketplace. Its founder is Zvi Zitherspieler whose Holocaust survivor parents founded the organic herb farm more than 50 years ago.

**Nutritional Value:** Weizmann scientists have improved the nutritional value of commercial wheat, almost doubling its protein yield.



*Children play in the shadow of Mount Gerazim and Mount Ebal, the Mount of blessing and the Mount of curses, near Shechem where Joseph is buried. It is only a matter of time that Joseph’s descendants return. “And you shall dwell in the Land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”*

## A New Look at Ezekiel

The best good news regarding Israel is found in the Book of Books – the best seller, but seldom read by most. (Incidentally, this year marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.)



*Biblical Archaeology Review (BAR) magazine’s most popular yearly event, the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Bible & Archaeology Fest 2011 (held in San Francisco) marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible.*

*Popular BAR columnist, Dr. Leonard Greenspoon, speaks regarding this well-loved Bible translation, “In my opinion, a copy of the King James Version belongs in every household. And this holds true not only for Protestants, but also for Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians, Jews, adherents of other religions, and believers in none. The KJV is not just an English classic, it is the English classic, and everyone should have easy access to its elegant diction and cadence.”*

The good news is found all over the pages of the Bible with the LORD God of Israel’s promises of redemption not only for them but all the nations. Perhaps the best one for now-days is Isaiah 19:23-25. The best news for Israel would be genuine peace with her Arab neighbors recognizing her as the Nation of Israel – a country for the descendants of the 12 tribes of Jacob.

### Question in Your Mind?

Why would one who has studied the Bible for many years and particularly the prophecies for the “latter days”, consider a mind change about the application of Isaiah 19, i.e., that the timing might NOT be the 1,000 year millennium? The answer to that question is nothing, except re-reading of comparable Scriptures with an open mind that possibly I might be wrong!

How many years Bible students and scholars have read Ezekiel 38 & 39 and interpreted it as Russia and her allies invading Israel and falling down on the mountains of Israel? It has been taught that it is likely to happen soon. But it is seldom mentioned that the timing for this is when Israel is dwelling in peace and safety (verses 8, 11 & 14 of Ezekiel 38). Is Israel at peace now? Is she dwelling in villages without walls, unprotected with no self-defense mechanisms in place? Certainly not! Settler’s villages now have huge fences and alarms in place. And even so, terrorists brake through and murder innocent children and families. It recently happened in the area

*"In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance" (Isaiah 19:23-25).*

*"After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste, but is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them... And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates" (Ezekiel 38:8 & 11).*

near Shekem, the first place Abraham came. The children of Israel coming from Egypt brought Joseph's bones there and proclaimed blessings from Mt. Gerisom and curses from Mt Ebal. Very significant!

But according to Ezekiel, there will be a time of no fenced cities. How can that be if Israel isn't in peace with the surrounding nations as described in Isaiah 19: 23-25?

This is how it MAY happen. Prophetic Scriptures are not always in chronological order nor do they have to be in line according to brother-know-it-all. It is not "set in stone" in my understanding; I only give it for your consideration. That's what is so wonderful about God's Word: each of us have our own personal world in the Bible's Light – and they drastically vary! But we can learn from each other if we don't set our minds in concrete, hard and unchangeable and throw away the key of maybe-I might-be-wrong.

When Gog comes with her allies against Israel: who are the allies? – "Persia" (IRAN) Ethiopia, Libya. Iran is poised for the prey now. It seems Ethiopia and Libya will get into this hate-mode in a greater measure than at present. Will these countries' leaders be so enraged at nations surrounding Israel making a peace highway that they will form a coalition of like-minded haters of Jews? This hatred is often disguised with words like, "We don't hate Jews, we hate Zionism." It's all the same hatred and is lies, lies repeated regarding Israel. They are spoken and spread all over the world. These judge Israel for what they themselves are guilty of, such as the ridiculous, "They are like Nazis" when it is themselves who have the same mind set as Hitler and want to wipe out all Jews. Israel came into existence BECAUSE of the Nazi Holocaust, and I have lived among them enough to know they have no such thoughts of producing a holocaust on someone else.

Again, that is fanatical Mid-East Moslem religion mentality that wants everyone in the world to be under Sharia Law. The Word of the Lord has news for such thinking. Sharia Laws are not only a poor substitute, but the opposite of His Torah Love Laws for living life on this planet earth.

The Lord has spoken from His Holy Temple. Let the earth keep silence before Him. Words are the most powerful weapons in the world for good or for evil. We'll be judged by our own words for what we speak is what we are.

If we put our lives on the side of the Word of the LORD GOD of Israel, our faces won't be red with guilt and embarrassing shame as the final act is played out.

The question is not, "Is the LORD on my side?" but "Am I on His side?"

## A Personal Word

Dear Friends of the Bible Light ministry,

Someone has said that depression cannot live in a grateful heart. I have found that true. We are very grateful for some of you who have been friends from the beginning of BLI in 1957, supporting as you could, not only financially but in invaluable prayer.

But times change and there are phases in life with fresh challenges. This issue of the ***Bible Light on the News*** marks the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> year that Terry Distin and I have been preparing it to print. Now we find the responding support from the mailing list is not equal to the printing costs. So some changes are needed that the ministry may continue. We need to use the internet to a better advantage for book distribution and the future ***Bible Light on the News*** newsletters. This also – as in any endeavor – requires funds. Please pray with us about this.

If you wish to continue getting our BLON newsletters, please make sure we have your e-mail address. If you do not have a computer or access to the internet, we will mail you a computer printout. As usual, this will be without charge.

See the present list of books on our publications sheet with this mailing. Also we are beginning to prepare shipments of books to the library in Israel's Arava Desert – about which we have written many times. This project is accompanied with many of God's promises. If you would like to help, we would be grateful.

Above all, may your own study of the Word bring more light and strength to you daily, and may His Spirit keep His joy bells ringing in your heart to bless you and make you a great blessing to all you touch.

In the Love of our LORD,  
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