

MIDDLE EAST MADMEN NO MATCH FOR ISRAEL

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Keeping in mind that events do change conditions quickly, I want to write a few words about the recent changes in the Middle East, particularly the new leadership in governments surrounding Israel and the havoc they will be instrumental in developing.

At the time of this writing, Hamas has just secured its place as the ruling party of the Palestinian people. Hamas, as “leader,” refuses to negotiate with Israel over land and calls for the destruction of the Jewish state altogether. The role of the Palestinians, in keeping true to their Islamic beliefs, has always been to bring about the destruction of the Jews and the land God’s people rightfully own, Israel.

The late Yasser Arafat, former Palestinian president (not, I presume, presently toasting champagne with 70 virgins), smiled for the Clinton Administration’s camera and behind closed doors continuously delegated terrorist attacks against the Jews. Hamas, on the other hand, openly claimed responsibility for numerous terrorist attacks over the years and shows no signs of even smiling for the camera. They are not two-faced liars. They have one face, and that face is Islamic terrorism.

For those with eyes to see and ears to hear, the Palestinian objective is known: complete annihilation of Israel. As we learned from bin Laden and his posse, this goes right along with Islam’s objective: the killing of the “infidel,” which is all Jews and Christians, or perhaps, if their false god Mohammed is in a good mood, converting the “infidel” by means of torture.

Now over in Iran, its president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has called for “wiping Israel off the map,” refusing to accept Israel’s present existence, and even denying that the Holocaust took place. His twisted religious imagination gives way to his belief that he and his government are called to usher in the return of the “Mahdi,” a Shiite Islamic “messiah.”

With his belief system in view, it is easy to see that he governs as someone who has nothing to lose. He will run Iran according to his insane religious politics, not giving heed to any other nation. After all, if he really believes he is the one to usher in the return of their “messiah,” then he is not going to govern in a way that promotes proper international relations. His

objective with all other madmen of Islam is the same: destruction or agonizing conversion of the “infidel.”

If there were ever a time to say “the spiritual man is mad” (Hosea 9:7), and be truthful, it is now. During a speech at the UN, Ahmadinejad says, “On the last day when I was speaking, one of our group told me that when I started to say ‘Bismillah Muhammad,’ he saw a green light come from around me, and I was placed inside this aura. I felt it myself. I felt that the atmosphere suddenly changed, and for those 27 or 28 minutes, all the leaders of the world did not blink. When I say they didn’t move an eyelid, I’m not exaggerating. They were looking as if a hand was holding them there, and had just opened their eyes – Alhamdulillah!”

Wow. Are we all in the presence of greatness here, or is it a case of Luke 14:11? “For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased...”

Sadly, before the abasement takes place (“a basement” being the flames of hell), there must be catastrophic happenings around the globe, starting with a severe invasion of Israel at its center.

Ahmadinejad has already been defiant concerning Iran’s production of nuclear “energy” as they call it. Russia has cozied up to them, offering help in their nuclear endeavors. Why? Well, biblically speaking, Russia, or “Magog” from Ezekiel 38, is to lead the charge against Israel in the last days.

We in this country are so sure we know everything that goes on in other nations. But we know nothing of the potential clandestine meetings between corrupt and/or Islamic leaders of other nations. Don’t underestimate the craftiness of diabolical minds on Satan’s puppet strings. After all, the devil has us Americans so concentrated on our pocketbooks, the god of money, that the average American barely has time to consider what’s going on outside the States that can and will eventually effect us.

If we’re so know-it-all with super-high intelligence, then why does Osama bin Laden keep popping up out of left field with his scaremongering videos? Why isn’t he dead yet?

I applaud George W. Bush for saying we will back Israel if there is a strike against them. This is the only stand to take, as far as God’s wishes are concerned. But for us to think we are not infuriating Israel’s enemies by showing support for them is just willful blindness. We don’t want to see it, because we’re too self-absorbed and business-as-usual.

The lands that will attack Israel, included with modern Russia, are “Meshech and Tubal,” believed to be modern Turkey, which is 99% Muslim, and possibly southern Russia and northern Iran, also 99% Muslim; Persia, which is undoubtedly Iran (it was called Persia up until 1935);

Ethiopia, or ancient Cush, which could also include Sudan or Eritrea; and Libya, which is ancient Put. Gomer and Togarmah are also mentioned as foes, and these are believed to be modern Turkey. Gomer is also speculated as an area that includes the Ukraine, Georgia or even Germany.

Regardless of pinpoint map accuracies, the general areas are those surrounding Israel and they are all predominantly Muslim, and either presently have, or have had dealings with attempts at wiping Jews off the map.

Now is a time for Israel to stand its ground. At the time of this writing, acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert made mention of a concession of more Jewish settlements in the West Bank. In other words, kicking more of God's people off their rightful land. They need strong leader who is adamantly in favor of defending Jerusalem and the Jewish state. No more namby-pamby land concessions and aid to the Islamic terrorists. Cut them off. This is war. History has proven, when God's people are in a war, God's people win.

The U.S.' backing of the displacing of Jews from Gaza in August 2005 is, in this writer's biblical viewpoint, what led to the displacing of several U.S. residents in New Orleans and Biloxi. We reap what we sow. Anyone offering concessions of any kind to the Palestinians will reap what they sow. The cry of residents of water-destroyed New Orleans was, "We just want to go home." So has been the cry of the Jew for centuries: "We just want to go home." And to a peaceful home.

Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, before suffering a stroke and lapsing into a coma, was showing signs of being in favor of dividing Jerusalem with the Palestinians, something he had previously denied several times. He had also run in 2003 on the platform that he would never withdraw Jews from settlements in Gaza and yet went back on that promise in 2005. Is this coma a coincidence? Ehud Barak, at Camp David in 2000 was ready to hand over East Jerusalem to the Palestinians, an offer that stingy Arafat turned down and Barak paid for by losing his run for election just months after.

Jesus said in Matthew 12:25, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." This war is going to come to an end, and soon, and with plenty of destruction to go around before Jesus Himself comes to the rescue. The sovereign hand of the God of Abraham is involved at every turn in this Mohammedan *jihad* against Jews and Christians, and both literal and figurative hell will be paid by all those who choose, or aid, the wrong side.

This is from Zechariah 12:2,3:

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.”

Zechariah 12:8:

“In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, and the angel of the LORD before them.”

David was once a teenager with a slingshot who took out a giant named Goliath that could have killed anything in its path. David had the power of God on his side.

In June 1967, Israel obliterated 90% of Egyptian warplanes on the ground, in part responding to then Egyptian leader Gamal Nasser’s comment that he intended to annihilate the Jewish state. Israel went on to destroy a total of 400 aircraft of five Arab nations in this Six Day War and conquer what was Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula, Syria’s Golan Heights, and Jordan’s West Bank, which Jordan may not have lost at that point in history if they had heeded Israel’s plea for them not to get involved in the conflict. But God had His plans, and on 6/7/67, Jerusalem was once again in the hands of the Jews.

Do you think Israel can take on, if provoked, the entire Arab world and win? Whether you believe it or not, it can, and it will. Read what happens at that time in Zechariah 12:10: “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.”

Israel will at long last know Jesus, their Messiah. This is what Islam is trying to prevent. Islamic militants are not trying to kill humans that believe one way or the other. *They are trying to kill the Spirit of Christ of God’s people.* To their eventual embarrassment and damnation, they will not give up until they are “cut in pieces” at Jesus’ very hand.

Please consider this before you accept the next invitation to your church’s “Inter-Faith Seminar” that honors “the peace-loving Muslims.”

(Note: At the closing of the above article, news reports say Russia’s Putin has just invited Hamas leaders to tea! The heating up continues.)