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In the News

Iran FM Calls on Muslims to "Erase" Israel

NewsMax.com Jun08 Tehran - Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki called on the world's Muslims on Sunday to work to "erase" Israel, in the latest verbal attack by Tehran against the Jewish state.

Temple Mount 100% Islamic - Warning: any action that offends holy site will be answered by 1.5 billion Muslims

By Aaron Klein Jerusalem - Jerusalem and the Temple Mount belong to the Muslims and any Israeli action that "offends" the Mount will be answered by 1.5 billion Muslims, declared the chief of staff for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

God Denying Billboard Recruits Atheists - Former Jew claims if people refused to accept deity, 'it would be a better world'

"Don't believe in God?" a bright blue billboard with images of puffy white clouds asks. "You are not alone."

The 20-by-60-foot sign along I-95 was designed by a group of area atheists as an invitation to join the Greater Philadelphia Coalition of Reason, or PhillyCoR, the Philadelphia Inquirer Reports.

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Joel 2:1

Israel's Return to the Land in Unbelief

by Art Sadlier

God promised the land of Canaan to Israel. Later the Romans renamed it Palestine. Those who call themselves Palestinians today have no claim to the land of Israel. There never has been in all of history a Palestinian People, Nation, Government, Language, Culture or Economy.

As late as the 1950's Arabs refused to be called Palestinians. During WW11 there was a Palestinian brigade which was all Jewish; there was a Palestinian symphony orchestra which was all Jewish.

Palestinians claim to be descended from a Palestinian people, who lived for thousands of years in a land called Palestine, that claim is a hoax! Yet the world accepts this lie as the basis of a false peace that they have attempted to force on Israel. The purpose of it all is to force Israel off the land God promised to her.

A travel guide to Palestine and Syria published in 1906 illustrates the fact that when the Islamic Ottoman Empire ruled the region, the population of Jerusalem was about 60,000 consisting of 7,000 Muslims, 13,000 Christians and 40,000 Jews.

The Land Promised

God said in Gen. 12:1 "Get thee out of thy country...unto a land that I will shew thee". God decided that through one man, Abraham and his descendants, that He would bring salvation and blessing to the world. Verse 7 "Unto thy seed will give this land:" The land in which the Canaanites once dwelt in was given to Israel.

The Lord said to Abraham in Gen. 13:14-15, "...look from the place where art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all

the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever."

Notice three words, "ALL" - the Land. "THY SEED" - the Jews. "FOREVER" - including our own day.

The land of Canaan belongs to Israel forever, that's the major issue in our world today. God gave it to them.

Gen. 17:8 "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession;" God cannot lie, God cannot break His covenant. The promise is crystal clear! Abraham's seed is identified!

In Gen. 26:3, the promise is repeated to Isaac and in Gen. 35:12, it is repeated to Jacob, the promise is not through Ishmael.

Loss of Possession of the Land

The Lord said to Israel that if they would not trust Him and obey Him, "Ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it" Deut. 28:63. There would be temporary loss of possession of the land; they would wander throughout the world with troubles and tribulations. But there was also a promise of ultimate restoration and blessing.

Despite this chastening God said, He would preserve Israel and ultimately restore her to the Promised Land and to the promised blessing.

The Lord said in Jer. 30:11, "For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee unpunished". The Old Testament is filled with this promise!

God's promises cannot be broken, see Jer. 31:35-37.

There is a struggle going on today, between God and Satan involving Israel and the land.

Israel's Two End-time Re-gatherings to the Land

1. A world-wide re-gathering in unbelief

This occurs before the tribulation period.

The first last days re-gathering has taken place in our lifetime, Israel has returned in unbelief.

When I was in Israel in 1987, our Jewish guide told us that the Jews in the Kibbutzim would send 20 miles, to get leavened bread on the feast days to show contempt for God. They blamed God for the Holocaust. Israel is still in unbelief today. Their trust has been in America instead of God. God has demonstrated to Israel that He can protect them. The UN declaration, in 1948, that Israel could have the land, was miraculous. In three wars where Israel was vastly outnumbered and outgunned, God obviously intervened to give miraculous victories.

God has demonstrated that He can provide for them. The Lord has caused the desert to blossom like a rose; He has turned a barren land into the most productive land on earth.

Ezekiel foretells of Israel's re-gathering in unbelief. Ezek. 20:34-35, "And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with (judge) you face to face". Notice the words, "with fury poured out" and the word, "plead or judge", the first re-gathering will be in unbelief, God will pour judgment upon them. Also in Ezek. 20:37, "And I will cause you to pass under the rod," for what purpose? "And I will bring you into the bond of the covenant", God has a great purpose for Israel and He has a program to carry it out, that program is now well under way. Read about it in Ezek. 22:18-22.

Why does the Lord re-gather Israel if they are in unbelief? Israel is

undeserving! Read Ezek. 36:22-23, "I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake", God is working with Israel for the glory of His name.

During the tribulation period God's wrath against Israel's disobedience and unbelief will be poured out in two ways.

☑ God will use Satan and antichrist to chasten Israel. See Rev. 12:12-17, Mat. 24:20-21. Zech. 13:8

☑ God himself will enter into judgment with Israel. See Ezek. 20:34, 37. God will bring Israel into the wilderness for chastening which will result in her restoration, see Zech. 12: 10-11

See God's completed purpose for Israel in Zech. 13:9, "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".

2. Israel's final end-time re-gathering in belief

In the first end-time re-gathering not all of Israel returns, today about half of the world's Jews have returned to the land. The day will come when the Lord will gather every living Jew to the land, which will be at the end of the tribulation when Christ will return. That will be a gathering in faith and righteousness. See Ezek. 20:17-20, Mat. 24:30-31

Evangelical Apostasy

The following article was posted on Yahoo! News, June 23, under the title "Christians: No one path to salvation."

Americans of every religious stripe are considerably more tolerant of the beliefs of others than most of us might have assumed, according to a new poll released Monday. The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life last year surveyed 35,000 Americans, and found that 70% of respondents agreed with the statement "Many religions can lead to eternal life." Even more remarkable was the fact the 57% of Evangelical Christians were willing to accept that theirs might not be the only path to salvation, since most Christians historically have embraced the words of Jesus, in the Gospel of John, that "no one comes to the Father

except through me." Even as mainline churches had become more tolerant, the exclusivity of Christianity's path to heaven has long been one of the Evangelicals' fundamental tenets. The new poll suggests a major shift, at least in the pews.

Rice University sociologist D. Michael Lindsay suggests the survey results have a "devastating effect on theological purity." An acceptance of the notion of other paths to salvation dilutes the impact of the doctrine that Christ died to remove sin and thus opened the pathway to eternal life for those who accept Him as their personal savior. It could also reduce the impulse to evangelize, which is based on the premise that those who are not Christian are denied salvation. The problem, says Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is that "the cultural context and the reality of pluralism has pulled many away from historic Christianity."

... This confirms our contention that the Laodicean Evangelical Church of the present hour is an unregenerate church which has apostatized. The right thing for the Philadelphian Evangelicals to do is separate from these Laodicean new evangelicals; to do less is to encourage them to go on in their lost condition. Remember Jesus warned that the great problem of the last days would be religious deception. The issue of the hour is separation from "new evangelicalism". (Rom. 16:17, Jer. 48:10, Rev. 3:16, 2 Thess. 3:6, 2 Cor. 6:17)

The transition from Philadelphian "fundamentalism", to Laodicean "new evangelicalism", has been going on for over 50 years. It continues today, largely because there are few who will take a stand against "new evangelicalism", and those who do are rejected.

Remember the fate of Laodicea is to be spewed out into the tribulation period (Rev 3:16). Who is the true friend of the Laodiceans? Those who denounce her apostasy or those who say nothing and quietly join with her?

By Art Sadlier



Famine

Art Sadlier
In Matthew 24, Jesus gave some signs that would occur prior to His second coming. In verse 8, He called the signs that were given in the preceding verse, the beginning signs. He said "all these are the beginning of sorrows".

Among the signs Jesus gave was the sign of "famines". Prior to His return to the earth there would be devastating famines. In Revelation 6, John tells us about the tribulation famines. In verse 6, he says, "a measure of wheat for a penny", a penny was a day's wage in our Lord's Day and a measure of wheat would feed one person for one day. That would leave nothing for the rest of the family and nothing for other needs such as fuel for heat. That is obviously a starvation situation.

In verse 8, John tells us that these famines, combined with war, will result in the deaths of one quarter of the world's population.

Today we are convinced that the stage is being set for the tribulation scenario to unfold. In recent weeks we have been surprised to discover that the world is suddenly on the threshold of famine. We are seeing the foreshadowing of the tribulation signs.

Listen to just some of the recent headlines:

Food Price "Catastrophe" feared on Eve of Summit / 2008: The Year of Global food crisis / UN Warns of Food Shortages and Unrest urges world leaders to work to control food prices / If prices keep rising, more and more people around the globe will be unable to afford the food they need to stay alive

Now this week, word comes to us from the U.S. mid-west, of devastating crop losses in the area which is the world's top grain exporter. Up to 5 million acres of corn is either under water or cannot be planted.

The most severe drought for 100 years in Australia is getting worse. Farmers warn that this winter's wheat crop could be even smaller than last year's if rain does not come soon. Most Australian grain is exported and empty Outback grain silos have contributed to shortages and rising global prices. Australia is the third biggest wheat exporter behind the US and Canada.

The drought – known here as the "Big Dry" – has forced more than

10,000 Australian farming families off the land over the past five years.

Listen to the words of Jesus, "*Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of times?*"

Believer, The Lord is at hand, are you ready or will you be ashamed before Him at His coming?

Unbeliever, The time is short; you need to come to Christ in repentance and faith today before it is forever too late.

NEW MOVE TO UNITE WORLD RELIGIONS

By Art Sadlier

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair has announced a new foundation dedicated to interfaith understanding. He said that leaders in an interdependent world must work to end religious conflict or face catastrophe.

Mr. Blair went on to say that religion is as important in this century as political ideology was in the last century. In other words Mr. Blair is saying that the need of the hour is to bring all religions together. Mr. Blair went on to say, "There is a new reality. We have to come to terms with it. And it implies at its fundamentals, peaceful coexistence or catastrophe." Mr. Blair is saying that a unification of religions is essential to the world's survival. He emphasized this by saying, "If faith becomes a countervailing force, pulling people apart, then it becomes destructive and indeed dangerous."

This sounds like a call for a World Church to work with governments to solve the world's problems.

Mr. Blair said, "The Tony Blair Faith Foundation will fight extremism, organize faith groups against poverty and illness, and educate people worldwide about religions other than their own."

The preparations are being made for the Woman to ride the Beast; he that readeth let him understand. (Rev. 17)

An advisory council has been formed for this new foundation, that council includes evangelical mega pastor Rick Warren and his wife Kay. Also included on the council are Muslims, Baptists, Jewish leaders and a Catholic Cardinal.

Why is it that evangelicals cannot see that Rick Warren is a pied piper leading them into the coming world church? Why is it that evangelicals will not contend for the faith as Jude commanded? Why is it that evangelicals cannot understand that there is a transition going on, a transition from Philadelphia to Laodicea, from

fundamentalism to new evangelicalism? Why is it that evangelicals fail to understand that the scriptures teach that Laodicea is to be cast into the Tribulation period as a part of the Harlot church? (Rev. 3:16) Why is it that those who ought to know better refuse to draw any lines?

The answer is found in Matthew 24:4-5; 11; 24; "being deceived", is a characteristic of Laodicea, see Revelation 3:16-17.

In 1 Chron. 12:32 it says that, "the children of Issachar...were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do," Where are the men today that have an understanding of the times? There are some, May their tribe increase.

THE EUROPEAN UNION

By Art Sadlier

There has been a lot of activity in the EU of late. There is a steady drum beat of preparation for the role that the Revived Roman Empire will play in the biblical end time scenario.

The Irish seemed to have scuttled the new EU treaty; however it is now obvious that a way will be found to circumvent the Irish vote. Word now comes of a new vote being scheduled. Britain has ratified the new treaty, the 19th country to do so.

In another move toward the preparation for the prophetic scenario, the EU agreed last Monday to upgrade ties with Israel. A statement was issued that said, "The European Union is determined to develop a closer partnership with Israel". The statement went on to say that the process should take place in the context of a resolution of the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Those who understand Bible prophecy realize that this scenario is leading to the peace treaty of Daniel 9:27, which will be signed by a roman ruler.

In a similar manner, Nicolas Sarkozy of France said that France will confront those who call for the destruction of Israel. This seems to be the forerunner of the protection the leader of the RRE will promise.

In another development, Sarkozy called for a European Union Naval fleet, asking Britain to contribute an aircraft carrier and Germany to contribute some frigates. Few people realize that if the armies of the 27 countries of the EU were placed under one central command, it would be the world's largest army. The drum beat of the preparation of a kingdom for anti-Christ continues.

Mr. Sarkozy is to assume the temporary presidency of the EU in July; with his aggressive style he will continue the process of the development of the Revived Roman Empire.

Early in 2009 the EU will elect a permanent president who will be given wide sweeping powers. This man may or may not be anti-Christ, but the office of anti-Christ is certainly being prepared so that the Roman ruler of Daniel 9:27 may assume his role.

Forget Aliyah

By Art Sadlier

Last week, Israeli National News reported that Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel on Sunday that it is time to put aside the issue of Aliyah for Diaspora Jews, and concentrate on Jewish education and self-identity.

Aliyah, the Hebrew term for moving to Israel, has been the cornerstone of the return of Israel to nationhood. Olmert drew attention to the fact that for the first time since the destruction of the second temple, a majority of the world's Jews now live in Israel.

Olmert went on to say "we must understand that it is possible that the period of massive immigration to Israel is nearing an end". Olmert said the new goal should instead be to focus on stemming the tide of assimilation abroad, rather than working to bring more Jews to Israel.

The present leaders of Israel are secular and have no time for God or His word and no interest in God's purposes and plan for Israel. They are like the leaders of the 12 tribes at Kadesh-Barnea, see Num. 32:7-11. Israel's present leaders are determined to withdraw from Judea and Samaria, to give up the Golan Heights and to abandon the temple mount. These are false shepherds who are leading Israel to the catastrophic judgment of God for their unbelief and disobedience to God's Word (Zech. 13: 8, 9)

In the News (cont ...)

Dad Grounds Daughter, but court ungrounds her - "Parents are going to be walking on egg shells from now on"

WND 18Jun08 - A father in Canada grounded his daughter from a school

trip because she disobeyed his orders to stay off the Internet, but a court overturned the punishment.

According to Agence France-Presse, Justice Suzanne Tessier in Quebec Superior court ordered the grounding for the 12 year old girl lifted, prompting the father's lawyer, Kim Beaudoin to warn, "Parents are going to be walking on egg shells from now on."

The father had ordered his daughter, who was not identified by the report, to remain off the Internet. She didn't, chatting on websites her father had tried to block and then posting "inappropriate" pictures of herself online using a friend's Internet portal.

As punishment, the father refused to let her go on a scheduled school trip, so the 12 year old went to Canada's judicial system to get her way. Beaudoin told AFP the punishment was for her own protection, and he is pursuing an appeal.

"She's a child", Beaudoin said. "At her age, children test their limits and it's up to their parents to set boundaries."

'Unavoidable' Attack on Iran Looms

The Guardian 06Jun08 - An Israeli minister has said an attack on Iran's nuclear sites will be "unavoidable" if Tehran refuses to halt its alleged weapons program.

In the most explicit threat yet by a member of Ehud Olmert's government, Shaul Mofaz, a deputy prime minister, said the hard-line Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, "would disappear before Israel does". "If Iran continues with its program for developing nuclear weapons, we will attack it. The sanctions are ineffective", Mofaz, who is also Israel's transport minister, said in comments published today by the Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper. "Attacking Iran in order to stop its nuclear plans will be unavoidable."

Something to Think About

"At the BWA [Baptist World Alliance]'s Centenary congress, where the recurrent theme was "unity, unity, unity," One of the world's most prominent Baptists, former US President Jimmy Carter, said the desire for oneness is a powerful force for global good. Differences of belief - even among Muslims, Jews and Christians - are outweighed by a common commitment 'to truth'...Carter said.

"I don't see many people interested in Christendom. But I see a lot of people interested in God." - Rick Warren.

Editor's note: This is a solid platform on which to build a world church. It's later than you think!

Rethink Conference

The overall view at the Rethink Conference ... is that Christianity, as we have known it, has run its course and must be replaced. Co-hosted by Erwin McManus and Robert Schuller, the conference declared that a paradigm shift is now underway. Speakers insisted that Christianity must be re-thought and re-invented if the name of Jesus Christ is going to survive here on planet earth.

Editor's note: behold the Apostasy.

Old Things Pass Away

"If any man be in Christ ... old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

2 Cor. 5:17

The New Testament is, among other things, a record of the struggle of twice-born men and women to live in a world run by the once-born! That should indicate that we are not being as helpful as we ought to be when we fail to instruct the new Christian, that one who is "a babe in Christ," that our Lord told his earliest disciples, "In this world you will have tribulation."

The Apostle Paul knew what he was talking about when he told Christian believers, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."

Take the example of a person recently converted to Christ. His inner witness is clear and up to the light he has, he is beginning to live as he believes a Christian should. But this new world is altogether different from the one has just left. Standards, values, objectives, methods - all are different. Many solid pillars upon which he had previously leaned without question are now seen to be made of chalk and ready to crumble.

There will be tears but there will be joy and peace with the continuing discovery that in Christ, indeed, "old things pass away and all become new."

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