

Is John Hagee Right? Is Ebola God's Judgment for Dividing Jerusalem?

A few weeks ago, I asked this question: Is the deadly Ebola outbreak the first bowl of 'Revelation' judgment?

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Ebola outbreak in West Africa an international public-health emergency.

Liberia's church leaders are claiming the deadly outbreak is a plague God has sent to punish the nation for "immoral acts" such as homosexuality. Liberia's *Daily Observer* reported that more than 100 bishops, pastors, general overseers, prophets, evangelists and other ministers of the gospel who are part of the Liberia Council of Churches have resolved that God is angry with Liberia and that Ebola is a plague.

Now, we are seeing cases in Europe and America—and a new theory from Pastor John Hagee, founder of Christians United for Israel. Hagee's discernment tells him that Ebola may be part of God's judgment for President Obama's attempts to divide Jerusalem.

"I want every American to hear this very clearly," Hagee said on a Tuesday broadcast of *Hagee Hotline*. "The prophet Joel says in the third chapter, 'I God will bring all nations' and hear that phrase—'all nations' includes America, 'into judgment for they have divided up My land, the land of Israel.' God says when any nation divides up the land of Israel, they are subject to judgment, and dividing Jerusalem is dividing the land.

"Our president is dead set on dividing Jerusalem. God is watching, and He will bring America into judgment. There are

grounds to say judgment has already begun because he, the president, has been fighting to divide Jerusalem for years now. We are now experiencing the crisis of Ebola.

"We have a crisis in our economy. We are worried on every hand that we are going to be attacked by radical Islam, and there are some very rational voices saying we are their next target. We are a nation that has a crisis of leadership. We are in chaos, in crisis. Anarchy is running our nation in Ferguson, Missouri."

What does it matter if Obama divides the land? Scripture commands us to stand with Israel. Salvation is of the Jews (John 4:22). The Jewish people have given Christianity the Scriptures, the prophets, the patriarchs, the apostles and Jesus Himself. God commands us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6). Our Christian roots are in Judaism!

So, what would happen if America—if Christians—turned against Israel? In Genesis 12:3, God told Abraham, the first Hebrew, "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you." History has shown that nations that have blessed the Jewish people have received God's blessing, while nations that have cursed the Jewish people have met with trials and tribulation.

Is Ebola God's judgment on America? I honestly don't know.

I do believe God has lifted His hedge of protection, in part, over this nation. Some call that discipline. Some call it judgment. Some don't believe God is involved in it at all. But I am praying about what Hagee said and what could happen next.

And I know this: I want to be on the right side of the Bible in the end times—and that means standing with Israel. Of course, standing with Israel does not mean sanctioning everything Israel does, but it does mean recognizing God's hand in the restoration of His people to the land and showing solidarity with them whenever we can. Whether or not Ebola is

judgment on America for dividing Jerusalem, Jerusalem must not be divided.

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