

God's Prophetic Promises Make Israel Highly Favored

If I didn't know what the outcome was going to be, then this statement, made by Essam al-Aryan, Muslim Brotherhood advisor to Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi, would be very disturbing.

"There will be no such thing as Israel, instead there will be Palestine which will be home to Jews."

Israeli media outlet reported that Al-Aryan made that statement Tuesday in the London-based newspaper *al-Sharq al-Awsat*. The statement created an obviously anticipated firestorm in the Israeli media by inferring that Israel will be

"wiped out" within a decade.

The Muslim Brotherhood official, who also serves as the Freedom and Justice Party's Deputy Chairman, explained that Jews must return to Egypt in order to make room for Palestinian refugees, and that Israel is destined to collapse.

"There will be no such thing as Israel, instead there will be Palestine which will be home to Jews, Muslims and Druze," al-Aryan said.

While this is certainly news to Israelis and those, like me, who stand with Israel, you can rest assured that al-Aryan means exactly what he says. On Thursday, he said that the return of Egyptian Jews to Israel would enable Palestinians to return to their homeland.

"Every Egyptian has a right to return especially if he is making room for a Palestinian," he said. "I want to enable the Palestinians to return to their land. I call upon the Jews; Egypt is worthier of you than Israel."

In November 2012, members of the United Nations voted to grant Palestine status as a non-member observer state against the adamant wishes of both Israel and the United States. It seems as if the entire Middle East, bar Israel, has embraced the notion of Palestine becoming a state and has shown its support for that notion.

Obviously, no one has consulted God or the Bible about this. Amos 9:15, the final verse of the book, says "I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them, says the Lord your God."

That is a promise God made to the Jewish people, and He is a God that does not lie. It took quite a while for God to fulfill that promise to his people. The state of Israel didn't exist for 1,878 years (70 A.D. to 1948) but the state Israel still exists after 74 years and will continue to exist until the second coming of Christ.

When contemplating God's hedge of protection around Israel, another scripture in Genesis comes to mind. God was speaking to Abram, who eventually became Abraham, the Father of Many Nations:

"I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Gen. 12:3)

And there is Isaiah 60:12, which says, *"For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, And those nations shall be utterly ruined."*

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has vowed to destroy Israel, describing it as a "fake regime" that "must be wiped off the map." Russia and North Korea both have sold missiles to Iran capable of carrying nuclear warheads. As predominantly Muslim states, surrounding countries Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia certainly have no love for Israel, either.

Hamas and the Palestinian Authority certainly would like nothing more than to see Israel annihilated.

But know this, Israel, you are indeed protected, if only by Isaiah 62:3-4: *"You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, And a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no longer be termed 'forsaken,' nor shall your land any more be termed desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married."*

What God is essentially saying here is that the Israel we know today will be transformed according to His will from a land and people that had been forsaken and desolate into one that is His delight. No man or armies of men, nor any demonic beings can affect this prophetic promise from the Most High God.

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