

Why These Prophetic Warnings Must Prompt Our Prayers

This past week may turn out to be a historic prophetic juncture in the relationship of the United States and Israel and in the trajectory of the nation.

It started with a spiritual law dating back to the call of Abram:

“I will make you [Abram] a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 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. 12:2-3, NKJV; see also Num. 24:9)

Our nation, which claims strong biblical roots and which has richly enjoyed God’s blessings since its founding, cannot hope to escape God’s righteous judgments when we and our leaders sin.

Time and again, we have witnessed throughout our national history that disasters occur when we stop blessing Israel. This includes when U.S. leaders seek to pressure Israel to divide its land or cede any part of Jerusalem, the city where God has chosen to put His name (1 Kings 11:13, 32). William Koenig, trusted Israel expert and author of “Eye to Eye: Facing the Consequences of Dividing Israel,” has chronicled these disasters and their intimate link with U.S. foreign policy cursing Israel. Koenig was recently interviewed and gave a great summary of the evidence for this correlation.

By the way, this is not specific to the United States. There are many examples throughout Israel’s biblical history showing that when the leaders sinned, violating God’s covenants and commandments, the people of Israel suffered with invasion, plagues and other disasters, ultimately causing Israel to be

scattered throughout the earth.

Prophetic Timeline

Friday, March 22, 2024. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken warned that a major Rafah operation by the IDF could result in global isolation and long-term security harm for Israel. Coronal mass ejection exploded alongside a solar flare.

Saturday, March 23, 2024. Geomagnetic storm watch issued by NOAA, announcing a CME from the sun that would have impact through Monday.

Sunday, March 24, 2024. Vice President Kamala Harris refuses to rule out “consequences” for Israel, including arms embargoes and international isolation, if Israel goes ahead with actions in Rafah to stop Hamas.

Monday, March 25, 2024. In a meeting with Israel Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, Blinken reiterated U.S. opposition to a major operation in Rafah. Then the United Nations Security Council unanimously passed a resolution demanding an Israeli ceasefire for the rest of the Muslim holiday of Ramadan (which continues through April 8). No requirement for the release of all hostages was linked to this resolution even though it had been in the past. The United States abstained rather than using its veto, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu immediately canceled plans to send a delegation to the United States to discuss plans for the operation in Rafah.

Within hours a worldwide geomagnetic storm from the CME hit.

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1:27 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2024. The Francis Scott Key Bridge over Baltimore harbor collapsed after being struck by a cargo ship whose guidance system was affected by the geomagnetic storm. (The cargo ship was carrying hazardous

materials that were breached by the impact).

Was the Bridge Collapse an Example of Consequences for Cursing Israel?

The Francis Scott Key Bridge that collapsed over the outer Baltimore Harbor was named after the American lawyer, author and poet best known as the writer of the text of the American national anthem "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The circumstances of the writing of the song are important. It was 1814, during the War of 1812. (That may seem wrong, but the conflict actually spanned from 1812 to 1815.) Key was watching the British bombardment of Fort McHenry from a ship moored in Baltimore, basically where the Key Bridge was.

As morning broke, he was full of joy that America had not succumbed to the British forces. He was deeply encouraged to see the American flag still flying over the fort at dawn. He quickly wrote the first verse on the back of the letter and by the end of four days completed the entire poem, which he titled, "Defence of Fort M'Henry." It was published within a week with the suggested tune of the popular song "To Anacreon in Heaven."

The song with Key's lyrics became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner" and slowly gained in popularity as an unofficial anthem, finally achieving official status more than a century later under President Herbert Hoover.

Does the Star-Spangled Banner Yet Wave O'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave?

"For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye'" (Zech. 2:8).

Essentially the leaders of the United States publicly betrayed Israel at the U.N. and are putting mounting pressure on Israel

for a two-state solution. The public statements demonstrating this are numerous. The evidence indicates that these actions are bringing a Genesis 3 curse on our nation.

When any nation touches the holy one of Israel in the apple of God's eye (Deut. 32:10). Our God will not allow Himself to be mocked (Gal. 6:7), and nations as well as individuals reap what they sow. God will remove His hand of protection, not causing disaster and destruction, but not stopping it, as we step out from under His protection by violating His covenants and His will. It is His mercy that allows us to respond in repentance.

The Star-Spangled Banner has four verses. The final stanza—which is rarely if ever talked about—is stunning.

*O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand/ Between their
lov'd home and the war's desolation!*

*Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land/
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!*

*Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just/ And this be
our motto—"In God is our trust,"*

*And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave/ O'er the
land of the free and the home of the brave.*

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Key knew the secret of the prevailing success of the fledgling United States of America. The secret is to respond to blessing and victory with praise to God: "Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!" He had no doubt about how the nation's forces had made it through that night in 1814—it was God.

From where do we derive our ability to conquer, and how do we know as a nation that our cause is just? Because "in God is

our trust.” Key declared that this nation’s relationship with God would be the source of success and victory. Acknowledging the God who made and preserved the nation, and putting trust in Him, enabled the triumphs of the nation. For Key, the flag represented all of this spiritual truth and all of the purposes God has for this nation.

Yet, here we are, 212 years later. Our nation’s leaders do not praise the power that made and preserved us. Our nation’s leaders fight declaration of the national motto, “In God We Trust.” Our nation’s leaders are cursing Israel and actively working against God’s purposes and plans for Israel.

Consequences are a mercy and grace of God to wake up this nation and return us to the core principles that founded us: God’s power made and preserves us; our success and victory only come as we declare our trust in Him.

Like the “freemen” in Key’s poem, intercessors “stand between their lov’d home and the war’s desolation!” We seek the Lord for His purposes for America in the midst of a spiritual battle. We pray and contend for God’s purposes for the nation and for our nation’s relations with Israel, no matter how bleak it seems.

Issues for Intercession

– We must pray for the Biden administration to support the effort of the state of Israel to defend itself against an aggressor who is committed to its annihilation. We also pray that the administration will repent of its current foreign policies of dividing the land and manipulating Israel through threats of isolation and arms embargoes. “Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast. The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart to

all generations" (Ps. 33:8-11).

– Pray for American leaders to have Daniels, Josephs and Esthers as advisers. Pray for repentant hearts and the fear of Lord for leaders, knowing that our nation will suffer the consequences of their decisions and they will one day give account. (Gen. 12:3, Joel 3:1-3).

– Pray for the leaders of the Jewish people and for all Israel to receive revelation, discernment and divine strategies on how to respond to international threats.

"And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; for the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you'" (Deut. 20:3-4).

– Pray for the physical rescue of the hostages, approximately 134 Israelis (including babies) kidnapped by Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Palestinian Liberation Organization. Hamas is holding onto many corpses as bargaining chips.

"And the Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go to Pharaoh and say to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Let My people go, that they may serve Me'"'" (Ex. 8:1).

Father, we know that Your mercy triumphs over judgment. As we move into the celebration of the resurrection of Yeshua, Israel's Messiah, we ask for mercy on the United States and her leaders. Let Your kindness lead to repentance and heal our land. In Yeshua's name we pray. Amen.{eo}

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