

It Might Be Today

ISRAEL ALL ALONE

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

A literal reading of the Bible reveals that in the last days the nation of Israel will be regathered to the land unconditionally promised her by God. We are the generation privileged to see that prophecy miraculously fulfilled!

Once regathered, the Bible predicts that Israel would become a constant burden in the affairs of all other nations and peoples of the world.

Zechariah 12:3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

Notice, too, the dire prophesy at the end of that verse, that “all nations of the earth are gathered against” Israel.

We would thus expect Israel to be losing allies. **And she is** - even though she doesn't have many to begin with.

Up until very recently Turkey was an ally of Israel. But as that nation has become increasingly Muslim, and has been spurned by the West, tensions have mounted against Israel. Back in July Turkey threatened to cut-off diplomatic ties with Israel over its raid on what they called an international aid flotilla. A BBC article said,

Turkey - which until recently was Israel's most important Muslim ally - withdrew its ambassador and demanded that the Israelis issue an apology, agree to a United Nations inquiry and compensate the victims' families.

It's not a shock to hear that Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez hates Israel. On June 27 he described Israel as a genocidal state that acted as

an assassin for the United States, predicting the Middle East nation would one day be “put in its place.”¹

Morocco is a nation that has quietly turned on Israel. According to reporter Patrick Martin,

Morocco’s King Mohammed VI has always been... a quiet friend of Israel and the Jewish people. Just last month he reportedly donated millions of dollars to refurbish Jewish cemeteries in Morocco.

The King... felt a particular kinship with Israeli President Shimon Peres. So as Morocco prepared to host next week a session of the World Economic Forum, at which Mr. Peres was to be a participant, it was natural to invite the Israeli to the palace for a visit.

That, according to members of Mr. Peres’s staff, was the way things stood until the government of Benjamin Netanyahu ended the freeze on Israeli settlement construction in the occupied West Bank at the end of last month. Then last week, the government [of Netanyahu] announced tenders for more than 200 housing units in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

On Saturday night, Mr. Peres received the word: **He was not welcome at the Moroccan palace at this time.**²

The United States is growing increasingly hostile towards Israel. On October 25 reporter Aaron Klein posted the following:

Former President Jimmy Carter told the Palestinian government he would work privately to push for U.S. and international sanctions against Israel, according to officials in the Palestinian Authority.

Separately, Carter told Hamas leaders that he would lobby the Obama administration to open dialogue with the terrorist organization, Hamas officials in Gaza [said].

According to the PA officials, Carter, who visited Syria, Israel and the Palestinian territories last week, said he would lobby for sanctions against the Jewish state due to Israel's continued blockade against the Gaza Strip as well as its "settlement activity" – Jewish construction in the West Bank and eastern sections of Jerusalem.³

¹ <http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/world/article/genocidal-israel-will-be-put-in-its-place-chavez/>

² <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/africa-mideast/israel-shedding-allies-as-government-goes-from-bad-to-worse/article1762791/>

³ <http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=219729>

The Vatican recently slammed Israel - or at least a high-ranking official of the Roman Catholic Church. On October 24 IsraelToday.com posted a story titled, *Catholic cleric [says] Christ nullified God's promises to the Jews*.⁴

Excerpts:

A Catholic synod called at the Vatican to address the rising persecution of Christian in the Middle East wrapped up on Saturday with a joint statement that focused a lot of attention on demanding Israel end its "occupation" of Arab lands.

The gathering was meant to address the various acts of persecution, intimidation and discrimination that are resulting in a severe dwindling of Christian communities across the region. But the bulk of the two-week meeting was spent discussing how Israel is the root cause of all the Middle East's woes, including those faced by its Christians.

The final statement reflected that position. It listed the "occupation" of Arab lands, the building of Israel's security barrier, military checkpoints, the jailing of terrorists (defined in the statement as "political prisoners") and the general disruption of Palestinian life as some of the main reasons behind the exodus of Palestinian Christians and Muslim attacks on the Jewish state.

Cyril Salim Bustros, the Lebanon-born Greek archbishop of Our Lady of the Annunciation in Boston, Massachusetts was responsible for delivering the final statement.

In clarifying remarks, he stated that "the Holy Scriptures cannot be used to justify the return of Jews to Israel and the displacement of the Palestinians, to justify the occupation by Israel of Palestinian lands."

He then escalated the situation by declaring that the original promises made by God to the children of Israel "were nullified by Christ. **There is no longer a chosen people.**"

Tough talk against Israel is exactly what you'd expect from your literal reading of the Bible. **It's exactly what you read in the daily news.**

Are you ready for the return of Jesus? Fulfilled prophecy aside, nothing needs to occur before Jesus can return to resurrect and rapture the church. That event is always presented as imminent - meaning it could occur any moment.

⁴ http://www.israeltoday.co.il/default.aspx?tabid=178&nid=22093&sms_ss=email&at_xt=4cc41f7f7cf226fc.0

Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***