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The threat of a Middle East war involving many nations draws ever nearer and points to the prophecies of Ezekiel and Psalm 83. If we are seeing the final line up of the nations who will ultimately fulfil these prophecies it means that Christ's coming for His Church is imminent. Whilst the Psalm 83 war will almost certainly be prior to the rapture the Ezekiel 38/9 war will, by common consent, be after the Church has gone. Time is short! Adding to this feeling of imminence is the rising tide of world wide **ANTI SEMITISM**. Recent events in many countries have highlighted this.

In the UK both the TUC and the Co-op have shown their hostility to Israel. The Co-op have decided to continue their boycott of 4 Israeli agricultural settlements on the so called West Bank (Judea and Samaria). The TUC continues to focus its attention on Gaza with no talk of Syria, where hundreds are dying every week. In both instances the hatred for Israel is obvious. Is it of significance that the Co-op has just announced a drop in their profits for the last six months of 56%? It will be interesting to see if this trend continues!

The Liberal Democrat deputy leader, Simon Hughes, is calling for a one state solution to the Israel – Palestinian dispute. He wants a federated state in which Muslims, Jews and Christians have separate constitutional rights. In other words no Jewish state! The Liberal Democrats are of course noted for their anti-Israel position.

War on Want has appointed a leading anti-Israel campaigner as its Senior Campaigns Officer. Rafeef Ziadeh – founded the *Coalition against Israel Apartheid* and describes himself as "a refugee from occupied Palestine."

William Hague continues his attacks in Israel, instructing Israel it must stop building or enlarging settlements and that they should allow Palestinians a state with East Jerusalem as its capital. Along with others he seems to be calling for troops on the ground from the UK in Syria and a "no fly zone." How long before there is a call for NATO soldiers in Israel, or worse.

In France last week a kosher supermarket was attacked with a fire bomb in the Paris suburb of Sarcelles, home to a large Jewish community.

In Germany the president of Germany's Jews has asked Jews to continue wearing the kippa (head covering) despite the attacks taking place against them. Arabs punched a Rabbi in the face "because he was Jewish and wore a yarmulke" (head covering). His cheekbone was fractured and they threatened to kill his 6 year old daughter. A newspaper wrote "right wing extremists are responsible for much of the countries anti-Semitism."

In Berlin 13 Jewish children were taunted with anti-Semitic abuse by older non Jewish children.

In Egypt 75 Egyptians have been convicted for last years attack on Israel's Embassy in Cairo.

In Holland Israel's chief Ashkenazi rabbi has warned Dutch politician Geert Wilders that attempts ban shechite (Jewish slaughter methods) will force Jews to leave Holland. The Rabbi thanked Wilders for being a friend of Israel and the Jewish people but on the other hand his party were instrumental in the passing of an anti-Jewish law.

There is no question that Israel and the Jewish people are under attack worldwide and as their Messiah's return draws ever more nearer they become more and more friendless. Amid all this and Mr Obama's failure to support Israel despite all his fine words it was refreshing to hear words of support from the Republican candidate Mitt Romney in the November elections.

USA Mitt Romney has stated *"the Palestinians have no interest in peace with Israel."* He added that they are committed to the destruction of Israel. Mr Romney said that if elected to be President he would study everything Obama has said and done in relation to Israel and do the opposite! In another secretly videoed comment he said *"the idea of pushing Israel to give something up to the Palestinians is the worst idea in the world"*!

Perhaps most significantly Mr Romney has said that if elected he will move America's Embassy to Jerusalem. A bill to this effect has already been passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives, but is up for renewal every 6 months and each time is put off for a further 6 months. All it needs is the president to sign and perhaps Mitt Romney will – if elected.

Israel As the stand off with Iran continues a senior Israeli official told a 155 nation nuclear conference that the Jewish state is ready to defend herself against any nation that menaces its existence. Israel's nuclear chief warned Iran to stop the threats against his country. Alluding to statements that Israel has no right to exist he warned *"we are not indifferent to such threats."* Iran's top military commander said last week *"nothing will remain of Israel if it takes military action against us."* He said Iran would also close the Straits of Hermuz and attack America's Middle East bases.

America has stated that if Israel does make a pre-emptive strike they will not be involved. It is reported they have negotiated with Iran to this effect! As a quid pro-quo Iran would not attack US interests! Whose side is Obama on? Is it oil or his Islamic background?

Egypt President Morsi has said *"Egypt will respect the peace treaty with Israel"* but events on the ground raise serious questions. Sinai has been described as *"bandit country"* by Israel. With the opening of the border close to Eilat there have already seen attempts by terrorists to enter Israel and it is now much easier to do so. Additionally Bedouin tribesmen who operate in Sinai are losing their business of smuggling through the tunnel are becoming increasingly violent.

Syria Speaking in his capacity as Israel's Ambassador to the UN Ron Proser quoted Winston Churchill who said *"The further back you look, the further forward you see."* He went on *"long before Assad's planes demolished major cities the dangers of inaction were unmistakable. The duty of the International Community was obvious long ago. Now we have Iran and Hezbollah involved there and Hezbollah's chief is on Assad's advisory board. The frightening possibility now is that Assad's stockpiles of chemical weapons will soon be placed in the hands of Hezbollah."*

PEACE TREATY Israel's Deputy PM Danny Ayalon has said this week that the issue of Jewish refugees from Arab countries is becoming an active political issue. He went on to say that Israel would not rest until Jewish refugees Arab countries are recognised by the International community. *"Up to now"* he said *"our refugees have been regarded as a peripheral problem, all the talk was of Arab refugees"*.

Mr Netanyahu has now agreed a national Security Council proposal that any future peace deal must deal with the case of Jewish refugees.

The Palestinian leadership stated *"this is time wasting"*.

Christians in the Palestinian area and Gaza continue to leave due to Islamic pressure. Sharia law is beginning to be implemented in Gaza and younger Christian girls are being forced to wear Muslim coverings. Of course the world says the Christians are leaving because of Israel.

Jordan has contacted several Arab countries offering to help them develop nuclear energy. Israel contacted each country advising them not to proceed. King Abdullah has protested to Israel as he says this is for peaceful purposes. It is said that Jordan might tear up their peace treaty.

Good News Israel is in the last stages of perfecting a *"pace maker"* for the brain with incredible possibilities.

Bob and Tanya Waughman and I leave for Israel on October 7th, please remember us in your prayers.