

Israel News Desk

With
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We are just at the end of a period of Israel's Autumn Feasts which have much to teach us. There are of course 7 festivals described in Leviticus 23 as Holy Convocations (meetings with God). All 7 feasts are concerned with a with and point us to Christ, although obviously our Jewish friends have not yet recognised this. The first 3 feasts related to the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord, namely Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits. The Feast of Weeks relates to Pentecost and the final 3 to the Rapture, 2nd Advent and Millennial reign of Christ. The Feast of Trumpets, the first of the last 3 feasts looks to the rapture of the Church, the second to Israel's recognition of their Messiah when He sets foot on the Mount of Olives, Yom Kippur when all Jews living at that time will be saved (Romans 11v26).

We are living in the last of the last days when all who trust in the Lord will be raptured (caught away) into His presence. The 7 years of tribulation, the last three and a half being terrible as Judgement falls on a Christ rejecting world will culminate with Christ's 2nd visit to planet earth to establish His kingdom after the salvation of the Jews, 1000 years of perfect government will follow, this is the 3rd Autumn festival Tabernacles.

God is working to His time frame and it is very encouraging in these dark days to know that He is surely coming soon. This is not the time to wallow in despair at the state of the world, the Church and virtually everything that is happening, but to **LOOK UP** our salvation draws nigh. Praise the Lord! The night is dark but the morning star (Venus) appears at the darkest time of the night and Christ is the Morning Star (Matthew 21v28, Revelation 22v16)

GOOD NEWS Archaeologists have discovered the battle site where the Romans breached the wall of Jerusalem 2000 years ago. This confirms the Josephus account of the destruction of the 2nd Temple.

UNESCO In a resolution passed last week UNESCO referred to the Temple Mount and Western Wall only be their Muslim names and condemned Israel as "*the occupying power*" for its actions at both sites. They completely ignore Jewish and Christian historical ties to Jerusalem's holiest site. Dominated by Muslims UNESCO seeks to deny all Jewish connection to the site at the Temple, and ignore all unarguable evidence of Israel's ownership, confirmed by archaeology. Much of the proof that this was the site of the Temple has been destroyed by the Muslims. The Jordanians who have custody of the site are complicit in this attempt. To deJudaise the Mount. This is not new. When Jordan controlled the Old City of Jerusalem they denied all Jews access to the Western Wall and destroyed the Old City synagogues.

(Since this update was written by David a 2nd similar UNESCO resolution has been passed ignoring the Jewish Link to the Temple Mount).

UK the government aid policy to the Palestinian Authority is in confusion. It was announced that all aid would be suspended, then this was contradicted, then it was reversed again. The funding has been frozen because money was being diverted to fund terrorism. A Hamas bomber was given £100 000 teenagers attacking Israel were being funded and families of suicide bombers were being given salaries.

Pritti Patel, Development Minister sought to address the misuse of funds but there is traditionally support for the Palestinians in Government and notably in our Arabist dominated Foreign Office.

Football Attempts are being made to have FIFA ban Israel from International football because they have teams in the so called West Bank. They have been told to withdraw these teams from leagues they play in. The FIFA meeting where this was discussed was moved from Kuala Lumpur as Malaysia said it would not fly an Israeli flag or give visas to Israelis. Anti Semitism is alive and well in sport!

Antiques Road Show A special addition showing artefacts from the Holocaust will be shown to coincide with Holocaust day in 2017. A spokesman for the BBC said we want to discover stories of hope and and love. The programs will feature interviews with survivors and camp liberators and will be presented by Natasha Kablinsky and Fiona Bruce.

The programme is partnering with the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation.

Shadow Cabinet There is fury over baroness Chakrabati's promotion to the position of Shadow Attorney General. The Jewish Board of Deputies said she 'sold out the British Jews with her Labour Party whitewash of anti Semitism because it was her job application for a role in the Shadow Cabinet'. Anti Semitism is alive and well and thriving in the Labour Party.

Crispin Blunt Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee chaired a meeting alongside a supporter of Raed Saleh who supports the blood libel (that Jews made Matzos using blood from Christian children). The supporter in question Ismail Patel was a supporter of Sheik Saleh when the Palestinian cleric defeated Theresa May's attempt to deport him. Mr Blunt defended his decision to chair the meeting which the Jewish Board of Deputies described as indefensible.

Syria The deployment of a new Russian air defence system to Syria and the possibility of a clash between Moscow and Washington is worrying Israel's security establishment. Israel has avoided being sucked into the war raging on its Northern Border for 6 years but a showdown between Russia and America could change this.

Settlements America has lashed out at Israel's decision to build 98 new homes on the so called West Bank. Mr Obama is threatening a "defining statement on the parameters of the solution for the Israel-Palestinian conflict".

This is expected to be shortly after the November 8th date, not to interfere with the election, but will be prior to his leaving office.

This move is less likely if Hilary Clinton is successful, but very likely if Donald Trump wins. This possible move has been described by Mr Obama as "*a parting gift to Israel*" and might involve a UN resolution to recognise a Palestinian State with a time frame. France are complicit in this plot.

European Union the E.U. has set out principles for a normalisation of its relations with Iran but makes no mention of the sponsoring of terrorism, support for holocaust denial or threats to destroy Israel! It was compiled by Richard Howitt, a member of its legislative arm and a member of the British Labour Party.

Dead Sea Despite continuing attempts by Israel the sea continues to recede. The main problem is the shortage of water in the region and the diversion of the Jordan River waters for domestic and agricultural purposes, thus cutting off the flow of water that replenishes the Dead Sea. .

Only divine intervention by God in the way of rain seems guaranteed to bring a solution.

Czech Republic the republic has rescinded a previous decision to make Tel Aviv the capital of Israel on its school maps. The original decision to make Jerusalem the capital was challenged by the Palestinian Ambassador and they agreed to change it. Following the intervention of Jerusalem's Mayor Nir Barkat they have reversed their decision and all Czech maps of Israel will show Jerusalem as its capital. On the same subject Donald Trump has said his first decision if becoming President will be to move the American Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv. A bill to this effect has been passed by Congress but no President has ever signed it!

UN The incoming UN chief is thought to be friendly to Israel but the Jewish press state, "*the jury will be out for some time*".

Pray for Israel in challenging times and if you are not yet trusting the Lord, do it now, the days are shortening, there is little time left.

God bless Israel, He will.

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