

Israel News Desk

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Speaking at the first meeting of Israel's 33rd government Mr Netanyahu said *"Today we are opening the government table and we are cleaning it. We are putting aside disagreements and working together. I encourage people, as it will become clear to the newcomers to speak their minds. I think that by hearing all sides we will, in the end make correct and balanced decisions. I am honoured to open this meeting of the government."*

With a coalition that can be brought down instantly by either of the two parties, one secular and one representative of the settlers, the road ahead looks difficult. However Tzipi Livni's party will be unable to have any success in seeking to split Jerusalem or give away land as the Settlers party of Naftali Bennett would veto this. Livni's position as the head of the talks with the Palestinians will also be virtually impossible as the Palestinians require a pre-talks agreement to return to the 1967 borders – a non-starter. Mr Netanyahu's appointment of Livni may well be a master stroke although her other position as Justice Minister could produce problems.

Overall, from a Biblical standpoint, the only one that matters, the position looks quite good as there will be no division of the land and no parting with territory for a peace that would not emerge – look at Gaza.

God is working out His purposes and there will be no peace before the Messiah comes but we pray for many to accept Him now and we pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Psalm 122 v 6. One of the most interesting things to come out of the first meeting of the government is that they intend to pass a law to lay down that the State of Israel is the national state of the Jewish people. This will be enshrined in Israel's Basic Law – the country's equivalent of a constitution. The new government's guidelines on talks with the Palestinians also state *"Israel will seek a peace agreement with the Palestinians with the goal of reaching a diplomatic agreement"*. Far short of what the EU and America demand.

The Cabinet confirmed Moshe Ya-alon's appointment as Defence Minister. He supports a hard line on the Palestinians and is a strong supporter of the settlers. Mr Bennett the settler's leader is in favour of annexing large parts of the West Bank!

Mr Netanyahu's final message at the Cabinet meeting was, *"It is within our power to meet all the challenges that face us, without exception"*. Perhaps it would have been better if he had added, *"With God's help"* although I personally believe he would himself believe that God's help is paramount.

Turkey Mr Netanyahu telephoned Recep Erdogan The Turkish PM to apologise for the Mavi Mamara incident and Mr Erdogan responded by stating, *"Israel's apology was what we wanted"*. However after Israel had offered a \$100,000 compensation to each family that lost a member the Turks demanded a \$1,000,000, a figure rejected out of hand by Israel. They also want a total opening of Gaza's borders with Israel to allow goods in – no checks. An impossible demand. Israel's apology has not led to the exchange of Ambassadors promised, only to make more and more impossible demands. As many Israelis are saying, *"what are we apologising for"*? I hope Mr Obama is pleased with his pressure on Israel and its outcome!

Gaza Rockets fell on Sderot whilst Mr Obama was in Israel and more rockets fell last week causing Israel once again to close the main crossing. Mr Abbas seeks to divorce himself from the incursions but Gaza is Hamas controlled and they cannot excuse themselves despite all their weasel words.

Israel's Achievements Mr Obama was taken to the Israel Museum whilst in Israel and Mr Netanyahu showed him special exhibits honouring the technological face of the State. He pointed out that Israel was ranked first in the world in research and development intensity. The products chosen were in the field of renewable energy, the war on traffic accidents, medicine, search and rescue and robotics.

Inventions to help paraplegics were very impressive as were those related to brain functions. Undoubtedly Jewish people are specially gifted by God!

Jordan King Abdullah and Mahmoud Abbass have signed an agreement stating their common goal *"to defend Jerusalem and its sacred sights against judaisation"*! Mr Abbass recognised Abdullah as *"custodian of the holy sights in Jerusalem"*.

Whilst Israel previously agreed that Jordan has the oversight of Islamic sights Abdullah has no right whatsoever to seek to interfere in the *"judaisation of Jerusalem"*. Jerusalem is Jewish. The Palestinians have built a huge mosque under the temple area and thrown Jewish artefacts uncovered there into the Kidron Valley and this agreement with Abdullah is a further step in the attempt to *'dejudaise'* Jerusalem. It will fail. The Messiah is coming back to an undivided Jerusalem and before the temple is rebuilt the two mosques that blight the temple area will be dealt with by God. When a deluded Seventh Day Adventist tried to burn one of the mosques down some years ago, that much loved Messianic Jew Mark Kagan said, *"Leave the mosques alone. When the time is right God will deal with them"*. Come with me to Israel in October and see the implements all prepared ready for a rebuilt temple.

Temple Mount Israel have captured a Hamas terrorist cell operating out of the Temple Mount. A five man cell has been behind a string of fire bombs and stone attacks. Materials for the fire bombs were smuggled onto the temple area by children, less likely to be searched.

Cyber attacks continue against Israeli institutions on a regular basis and there is now an Anti-Cyber Warfare Department at work. These attacks have been described as a war.

Syria Is reported to have withdrawn thousands of troops from the Golan Heights casting doubt on the UN peacekeeping forces' future there. Syria has moved its best battalions away from the Golan, 20,000 soldiers in all. Canada, Japan and Croatia along with the Philippines have withdrawn their UN forces leaving only India and Austria there. Israel fears Jihadists will fill the void, something which is already beginning to happen.

Islamic Caliphate Mr Netanyahu warned of a new Islamic Caliphate covering the whole Middle East and Europe including Britain. Al Qaeda's chief issued a statement recently calling on *"a fight in the name of Allah to establish Sharia Law as the ruling system throughout the whole area of the Arab Spring and beyond"*.

Meantime our weak-kneed government kowtows to Islam and attacks Christianity. God have mercy on us.

Margaret Thatcher was hailed on the front pages of the Jewish press as a true friend of Israel. She was described as an extraordinary leader who will be greatly missed. Most notable was a photograph on the front page of the Jewish Chronicle of Mrs Thatcher with Golda Meir and the headline, *"One of us"*! Jonathan Sachs described her as a giant! Mr Sachs said he normally sends a representative to Christian funerals but is seriously considering attending in person. Benjamin Netanyahu is attending at the personal request of the Thatcher family.

Tour there is still an opportunity to visit Israel in October with Bob Waughman and myself on a unique tour with some special events. Brochure from David Hoyle (01423 881803) or Bob Waughman (01243 771802). Don't miss this wonderful opportunity places limited.