

CURRENT EVENTS AND THE BIBLE

Greetings precious people, this week we continue examining today's events and how they relate to the Word of God the Bible. We turn our attention once again to the nation of Israel and their place in the whole plan of God concerning the End Times. It must be noted that one cannot go through a day without hearing, seeing, or reading something about Israel and the Middle East in the news media.

Last week we left off looking at what God had to say through the prophet Joel and return to this for this week. Joel 3:1-3, "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up My land. They have cast lots for My people, have given a boy as payment for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink."

The first part of this prophecy: "In those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem" began to be fulfilled in May of 1948 when the Jewish people began to return to Israel and reclaimed the land as Israel. Actually the Jewish people began to return to the land long before 1948 but when the Jewish people made it official that Israel was once again a nation the world took notice and the Jewish people began to return to the land in droves.

This decision was not met with applause and the welcoming mat by the surrounding Arab nations. War broke out almost immediately and has continued ever since in one form or another. As was covered in a previous article we are awaiting the attack of Israel spoken of by Ezekiel the prophet in chapters 38-39. (By what is going on in Iran, Syria, Lebanon and a number of other surrounding nations the time appears to be quickly approaching.

Lets return to Joel. The next part of the prophecy will occur toward the end of the "Last Days" which will cover a seven year period known as the 7 year Tribulation. The place that Joel refers to that God will gather the nations together for His Judgment is the Valley of Jehoshaphat. This is also known as the valley of Megido. It is a very large valley where many battles have been fought in past centuries and where Napoleon made the statement when he looked upon it that this would be an excellent place to have a battle.

Notice what qualifies the nations to be brought into this valley for Judgment. First it is on account of His people Israel, specifically those who have been instrumental for the scattering of the Jewish people; those who have divided up the land; have cast lots for (bargined for the Jewish people, to either sell them or in some way take advantage of them). God has made many references to the people of Israel through out the Bible, one of them as "The apple of His eye."

The portion of this prophecy that is of great concern to me and should be to you also is: "They who have divided up My land." Notice two key things, first, it is NOT Israel's land but God's land. Even though the Jewish people live in the land it is not theirs to bargain or divide as they please. The second point is of grave concern to us as a nation for it is the USA and the past number of presidents, our current one included who have been forcing the people of Israel to divide the land. Not only is this clearly contrary to Scripture but it is foolish in the most common of sense. To think that any nation can trade away land for peace with its enemies is foolishness. Especially when those enemies have sworn and firmly believe that as part of their religion they are to utterly destroy the Jewish people from off the face of the earth.

This “Final Judgment” that God speaks of in the Valley of Megiddo will occur just as God has announced but it is also taking place in our time to a lesser degree. I was in Israel when the last Jewish person was forcibly removed from Gaza, it was a tragic event. Ever since then, southern Israel has been under constant rocket attack from those in Gaze that desire their demise. Sderott, a city ten miles to the northeast of Gaza has been hit with thousands of rockets, I have been there and seen the damage myself. The USA are the ones that forced Israel to remove the Jewish people from Gaza. The day after the last person left Gaza Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf States with a furry. It is clearly documented that each time the US has forced Israel to give up some of God’s Land there have been major disasters that have struck our land. As we (USA) continue to remove our support of Israel and force them into giving up land for “peace” we place ourselves in further peril of God’s judgment. Watch and see and above all else, pray!

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