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New Years Resolutions

Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that you had a Merry Christmas. As we enter the new year, tradition would have it that you make resolutions with the intent of accomplishing those goals throughout the new year. Fact tells us that 99% will break their resolutions in a rather short time. This is mainly due to it's a promise to one's self.

This year we would like you to consider a few different resolutions...but this time instead of making them for yourself, make them for God.

Here are some ideas:

1. If a Jehovah's Witness or Mormon show up on your doorstep, invite them in and witness to them.
2. If you have members of your family that do not know Christ, witness to them.
3. If you have coworkers that do not know Christ, witness to them.
4. If you have friends that do not know Christ, witness to them.

5. Witness, witness, witness.
6. Witness some more.

If you haven't guessed by now the theme for everyone for the New Year should be to witness. Be bold and share your faith. One needn't be a theologian to witness. Rather, a much more effective means would be to share your own testimony with them.

Another thing to consider along the way is to ensure you MAKE time for God. If you are too busy for Church or merely reading the Bible... then you are too busy. We need spiritual nourishment as much as we do physical nourishment.

Finally, and in conjunction with the last point, make time to study the Word. Make sure you truly know and understand what you believe for the Bible tells us:

*"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."
-- 1Peter 3:15*

Be ready always...

- J.R.

Why Is Prophecy Seldom Taught or Studied – Part II

This is part II of a two part study. For part I please refer to the last issue of 'The Watchmen' dated November – December, 2007.

Aids for Biblical Interpretation

1. Utilize more than one translation. The King James Version is a very accurate translation, but many people find it very hard to read due to the use of the King's English. The neat thing about the King James is that when compared to the actual Hebrew or Greek it many times appears very accurate to the original written Word. As a guideline however, I would recommend having more than just the

King James Version. Many times other versions give some additional insight that I find quite rewarding and not so thick in the King's English.

When I study I typically have the King James, The NKJV, and various other editions in front of me.

2. Either Learn Hebrew and Greek or get yourself a Reference book for the Hebrew and Greek. I study from a

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“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy...” –Rev 1:3.

King James Bible that lists all of the Strong's numbers and references. These references provide dictionary type descriptors of the words in the original Hebrew and Greek. You can either purchase a Strong's Reference book, or there are many other fantastic online references to this regard. Many of them completely free for download and personal use. One such tool I use is a software package called E-sword available for download at <http://www.e-sword.net>. I would encourage anyone looking for a valuable study tool to have a look at this wonderful software package available free of charge. Within the base software package is the KJV of the bible complete with a Strong's reference.

3. Try to familiarize yourself with the Customs of the Day. This will help in understanding some language uses or analogies or parables discussed. I have a friend of mine who is very familiar with many Jewish customs and traditions. He provides me with much clarification and is able to relate things to the time and place of the events that make the passages of scriptures come to life in a new and completely relevant way.
4. The Bible NEVER Contradicts Itself. If you develop, read, or discover a new theory, doctrine or idea about anything in the bible - it MUST, No Matter What - align with all scripture. If it doesn't, that is, if you can find a verse or passage in the bible that contradicts or conflicts with the idea being presented, you are left with only one conclusion - you have a problem with the interpretation.

This last item is very important in trying to wade through all of the differing ideas of the End times. Too many times people try to shoehorn their ideas into the bible, without objectively and honestly verifying their ideas with the bible.

For myself and many, we use what is called the Golden Rule of Biblical Interpretation.

Golden Rule Of Interpretation

“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense, but take every word at its primary, literal meaning, unless the facts of the immediate context clearly indicate otherwise”

The key is that it is not as hard as we think. Many times we try to over complicate the bible and most of the time if we simply keep in mind the above '*Golden Rule*', it all makes perfect sense.

Now please note that I do not deny that symbols and symbolisms are sometimes used in scripture. It can be seen that many times God uses a metaphor, parable or some form of symbolism to represent an idea or a message in His word. However, the more we study the more we recognize that the scriptures themselves also explain the symbolism in some way for our clarification; other parts of scripture interpret the symbolism or bring clarity and understanding to the passages.

When we read the bible with the methods of the '*Golden Rule*', we recognize that with any scripture, God knew we would be able to understand it with the tools and words He has given us.

The bible promises this very thing as we looked at before. It is worthy for remembrance so I will repeat it again:

“Too many times people try to shoehorn their ideas into the bible, without objectively and honestly verifying their ideas with the bible”

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"These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him."
- 1 John 2:26-27

God's promise to us is that the Holy Spirit will teach us all we need to know as we read and study the Word of God. From this we can clearly see then why it is so very important that before we read our bibles - before we study from the word of God - we should always ask God to minister to us as we do so. If we do, the promise of 1 John 2:26-27 and the following verse of John 16:13 will come to fruition.

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." - John 16:13

Now immediately here I know what you are thinking.

"Ok Mr. Hall, if all this is true, why then are there so many different interpretations and so much controversy over issues in the bible?"

GOOD QUESTION! And not an easy one to answer, but I'll try to answer it with an analogy.

The analogy is that of the Holy Spirit compared to a Radio Station.

The Holy Spirit broadcasts a signal to all Christians much like the radio station signal. Some places you can receive the signal crystal clear and some places that SAME signal contains static. Various things get in the way of the radio signal. Sometimes buildings impede the signal, sometimes trees, hills, valleys, rocks or mountains. The key is that the signal is all the same, but that our reception is

based entirely on our positions and surroundings.

Much like in our own Christian walk, the more we immerse ourselves in the world, that is, the farther we drift away from the 'true' signal, the more distorted our reception becomes. However, the more we continually seek God for relationship, direction, and worship, the more clear the reception becomes. It becomes more clear because as we draw closer to the source of the signal.

It seems like a simple concept, but it is that simplicity that makes it valid for consideration.

Conclusion

With the Holy Spirit as our guide a Christian should have no hesitation in wanting to study God's word. As prophecy makes up at least one quarter of God's word, a Christian then should take the same approach. The approach that we are promised understanding if we seek the truth, and ask God for guidance, and the promise that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness as it states in 2 Peter 3:16 so clearly.

We can also clearly see that there is no real excuse for not reading, studying, or teaching the subject of prophecy. It is as much of being a Christian as anything. It's God's Word, we are told to study it, learn it, and hide it in our hearts.

May we all remember Christ's words:

"Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book." - Rev 22:7

-- J.R.Hall



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Israel at Peace - Is it Possible?

A Cup of Trembling...



Isaiah 11:10 promises that at the time of Christ's reign, there will be a banner signifying the root of Jesse flying over Israel. David is Jesse's root and right now - today the Star of David flies over Israel as an ensign to all the nations just as the Isaiah verse promised.

Folks Christ's flag is flying TODAY over Israel !!

“Like an evening at a masquerade ball everyone put on their best diplomatic mask and through unmoving lips spoke the words ‘peace’.”

It doesn't take long for one to find a story about Israel in the daily news. They seem to be on the focus of the international scene even now exceeding the topic of Iraq. You hear many words like 'Peace', the 'road map', or the 'Peace Process' or the 'Peace plan'. You also hear of major players in the world being a part of such plan. In April 2003, the Quartet (the US, UN, EU and Russian Federation) announced the 'road map' a performance-based plan to bring about two states, Israel and a democratic, viable Palestine, living side by side in peace and security. Both Israel and the Palestinians have previously affirmed their commitment to the roadmap, however traditionally only Israel has stepped up to the plate and actually followed through with the promises, despite the Palestinian deception and continued lies.

The Annapolis conference on November 27th, 2007 promised a renewed spirit of peace. All parties came to the table led by the starry eyed Bush administration all the while ignoring the true root of the conflict.

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Meanwhile, while Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert meet in Annapolis, the democratically-elected Hamas government issued a concurrent statement calling Abbas "a traitor" and pledged to reject any decisions or agreements produced from the summit.

You see, there is a huge difference between a Government figure head signing or shaking on a 'peace' agreement with another country, and the country they represent actually accepting the deal. The people, the culture, the populace must agree with the terms, or you will always find those who remain 'at war' in their hearts. The trouble with the Middle East is that the desired government by the people is always one of Islamic Law. Unlike North America where people go to great lengths to separate church from state, muslim countries will invariably elect Islamic governments if given the opportunity. Case in point: Palestine. The first chance that the Palestinian people got to vote for a government that represented the will of the

Palestinian people, they elected the Palestinian Islamic militant organization and political party known as Hamas. The result was for the current administration to ignore the results of the election that they themselves demanded.

After coming to power, Hamas announced it was giving up suicide attacks and "offered a 10-year truce [with Israel] in return for a complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Palestinian territories: the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem." Hamas also declared a unilateral ceasefire with Israel which, after Israeli air strikes in response to Hamas smuggling weapons into Gaza, was formally renounced.

Following the Battle for Gaza in June 2007, when Hamas used force to take control of the Gaza Strip after Fatah refused to hand over control to the new government, elected Hamas officials were ousted from their positions in the Palestinian National Authority government in the West Bank and were replaced by rival Fatah members as well as independents. On June 18, 2007, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (Fatah) issued a decree outlawing the Hamas militia and executive force.¹

It truly is a dizzying affair to track the political affairs of Palestine, but what the west needs to know is that Islam is both a religion and a political system. We would be wise to take note of this and we need to realize that the countries involved cannot be handled as if there were separation between church and state. Unlike the west where we may say we have 'faith' in our governments; in Islamic countries, the faith of the people is the government.

So what is the cost for this apparent peace? Right now the answer seems to be an independent Palestinian State. Palestine wants its own homeland, and all parties of the Annapolis meeting are recommending that Israel regress its borders back to those recognized in 1948 - previous to the 1967 conflict known as the six-day war and grant this Palestinian state.

What is interesting to me is that in all of this the west repeatedly forgets the past, and always looks to the future. A quick few minutes of research and anyone can

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quickly see that time and time again whenever Israel has entered peace agreements, while they fulfill their conditions, the other parties do not. The 1993 Oslo accord is a prime example of this kind of 'peace'.

So why do these treaties not last? The terms seemed clear, and yet they always seem to come out one sided. I believe the key lies with the Arabic word many times used for peace - '*hudna*'.

Hudna is both the ordinary Arabic word for a 'truce' or 'cease-fire' and a term with Islamic religious implications. Where a peace accord or treaty is declared a *hudna* by some, one must take care to understand this term can go beyond the face value meaning of the word.

Although the word *hudna* does not actually appear in the Koran, it was the term used by early koranic commentators for an event described in the Koran's 48th sura, known to Muslims as Al-Fath., "*The Victory*." There, the Koran describes an event where, in 628, Mohammed marched from Medina with 1500 believers to the city of Mecca. Apparently Muhammad had had a vision of going to Mecca and venerating at the Kaba. The Arabs who controlled the city at the time were apparently against the idea and they sent a numerically superior anti-Muslim army out against him. Rather than fight the two sides, meeting at a place called Hudaibiyah, declared a *hudna* in which each made concessions. Although some of Mohammed's closest followers, such as his general Umar Ibn al-Khatib, were opposed to this truce as they felt it was dishonorable; they had no choice but to accept the prophet's decision. The prophet even declared the truce a "victory" as he claimed to have a revelation as found in Sura 48:1 of the Koran:

"We have given you a glorious victory so that God may forgive you your past and future sins"

Two years later Mohammed annulled the truce, marched again on Mecca with a far larger force and took the city.

From this the religious connotations of a '*hudna*' is clear: Although an Islamic group may agree to a truce with Israel for tactical reasons, when the right time comes, the war against the infidel will be renewed and fought until final victory. In the footsteps of their prophet Mohammed, the breaking of

a '*hudna*' is an acceptable means to an end.

With the world seemingly pushing for peace in the Middle East, and only Israel 'actually' following through with the treaty one has got to ask the question. 'Is this at all possible?' Can Israel ever dwell in peace among the many neighbors that seem to hate her so much and will do whatever means are necessary to ensure her end. As Israel dwells among the very people who sign treaties and make promises in closed meetings, and then announce publicly afterwards that they will not stop until Israel has been wiped from the face of the earth; can peace be had while Israel remains?

To the logical mind, it would certainly seem doubtful... and yet... the world keeps pushing Israel to give concessions for the sake of peace. Despite all odds, and against all common sense, we still talk of Peace in the Middle East and Israel remains at the epicenter of the talks.

Israel's very existence as a country came about against all odds, so perhaps we hope this '*Roadmap to Peace*' will as well.

History documents that prior to May 14, 1948 the country of Israel did not exist for just about 2000 years. In fact it was doubtful if such a homeland country with national borders could once again become present on the world stage. On May 14, 1948, and against all odds, the United Nations recognized and defined the Israel state in the middle of the Middle East. The State of Israel was formed again, in the homeland of their heritage of ages past.

What should be of no surprise is what the bible says about this.

"Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he." - Jer 31:10-11

"And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." - Isa 11:12

"The hand of the LORD was upon me,

"... a '*hudna*' is an acceptable means to an end."



"What is the cost of Peace?"

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Squadron of Israeli F16s

and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live." - Ezekiel 37:1-5

So here we see that on May 14, 1948 the nation of Israel was born again; against all odds and impossibilities because God said it would happen.

If that wasn't amazing enough, Israel's modern history gets a little more interesting.

Immediately following the declaration of Israel's existence, Israel was invaded by armies from neighboring Arab states, which rejected the United Nations partition plan. This conflict, now dubbed 'Israel's war of Independence', was concluded by armistice agreements between Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria in 1948 and resulted in a 50% increase in Israeli territory from those that were given at their coronation. Israel, having just been formed, had not only successfully resisted the invading forces of well established countries, but beat back these invaders and successfully acquired more land than they were originally given. The result: Nothing short of miraculous.

Another war in 1967 dubbed the 'Six Day War' that occurred under the similar circumstance of Israel's neighbors invading, resulted in the same consequence.

Officially, no Arab country recognized the armistice lines of 1949 as international borders, and no Arab country recognized Israel, diplomatically. Israel, according to Arab rhetoric, had no right to exist, and was referred to as "*The Zionist entity*." Defeating and destroying Israel and "reversing the results of 1948" became central goals of Arab political rhetoric.

The '6 day war' conflict began on June 5th, 1967 with Egypt, Syria, Jordan with some

help from Iraq, invading the land of Israel.

These were the armies that were involved in the Conflict:

Total Arab Forces: About 250,000 troops (not counting 50,000 in Yemen) 530 aircraft, 1,500 tanks (some sources claim 2,800 tanks), broken down as follows:

Egypt: 180,000 troops (of which 50,000 were deployed in Yemen - some of these were returned to Sinai), About 420 aircraft, of which 242 were MiG fighters, and the rest were apparently Ilyushin and Topolev bombers and Sukhoi fighter-bombers, 900 tanks, 800 artillery pieces ²

Jordan: 56,000 troops, 24 Hawker-Hunter jet fighters, 294 tanks (including 30 Iraqi), 194 artillery pieces (including 34 Iraqi) Jordanian troops were reinforced with several Iraqi brigades. ³

Syria: 70,000 troops, 92 fighter aircraft and two bombers, 300 tanks, 265 artillery pieces and heavy mortars. ⁴

Total Israeli Forces: 250,000 troops (200,000 reservists), 192 combat aircraft, 40 trainers, 1100 tanks, 400 guns and heavy mortars⁵

By June 10, 1967, Israel completed its final offensive in the Golan Heights and a ceasefire was signed the day after. Israel had seized the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Peninsula, the West Bank of the Jordan River (including East Jerusalem), and the Golan Heights. Overall, Israel's territory grew by a factor of 3, including about one million Arabs placed under Israel's direct control in the newly captured territories. Israeli fatalities in the war were officially given as 679 dead and 2,563 wounded. Arab casualties were given as 21,000 dead and 45,000 wounded. Israel destroyed between 452 and 469 aircraft in all and lost 36. Israel captured myriads of tanks, weapons and vehicles from the invading forces. The aftermath of the '6 day war' saw the nation of Israel still standing strong, and they had acquired even more land which now included the city of Jerusalem, which is of serious historical significance to the Jewish people.

When we look at the outcome of the War of Independence and the Six Day War from the eyes of Israel, it is hard to come

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up with any other descriptor but the word 'miraculous'.

According to the bible, we would be very accurate in that description.

"And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." -- Zechariah 12:3

"I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land." - Joel 3:2

Another verse of some serious significance is to listen to the promise God gave to Abraham.

"I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." - Gen 12:3

With a promise like that, should we then be surprised when we see God's promise of cursing those who curse Israel come to pass in History, past, present and future?

So now what now of the Peace process? Against all odds, does such a thing as peace with Israel and her neighbors stand a chance?

Well, the bible tells us that there indeed will be a time in Israel's future where they will be at peace with their neighbors. But there is a difficult road again, that includes even yet, some more broken promises.

One such prophecy is found in Ezekiel 38 which documents an event which many end times commentators dub as the Gog/Magog War. Ezekiel speaks of this war in Israel's future where the Arab States and possibly Russia will invade the land of Israel to take spoil. In this prophecy we are also told that God himself will stand up and defend Israel. Like the miraculous victories in the past, Israel will once again prevail against all odds.

"And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," says the Lord GOD, "that My fury will show in My face... And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence

and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD." ' -- Ezekiel 38:18,22-23

At the beginning of the prophecy we are told the reason for the invasion of Israel: spoil.

"And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of un-walled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land." -- Eze 38:11-12

Notice how Israel will be the land of un-walled villages? That they are dwelling safely?

Right now Israel has a security fence and they certainly do not dwell safely amidst their neighbors, but one day soon the "Roadmap to Peace" will take down those walls. In fact the bible is very clear that peace in Israel will be a defining moment of prophetic significance.

According to bible prophecy there is a significant time where Israel is at the epicenter of a treaty. The bible says that one day a man we refer to as 'Anti-Christ' will arise out of the ashes of the revived Roman Empire. Daniel tells us:

"..and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. -- Dan 9:26-27"

The people that destroyed the Jewish temple and the city was the Roman



Destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D.



The Gog/Magog Invasion of Israel

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Empire in 70AD. The Prince that shall come out of that people, will confirm a covenant with many (Israel) for one week.

It is important here to note the words, *confirm* a covenant. This refers to an existing treaty of some kind. Perhaps a peace pact granting Israel some special liberties like access on the temple mount to worship in a traditional tabernacle or temple.

The one week mentioned in these same Daniel passages is representative as 7 years, and more specifically as the last week, the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy involving Israel (see Daniel 9:24-27). This last week of the 70 weeks of years, is commonly referred to as the 'Tribulation'; the events of which are well documented and detailed in the pages of book of Revelation.

Within this last week many terrible things will befall the world. God's wrath will be poured out on the unbelieving world, all according to his promises. Of significance to us and our discussion is that the scriptures tell us that in the middle of the week, the Antichrist (Prince that will come) will break the covenant with Israel. At this point there will be a terrible persecution against Israel and Christians that are alive at the time.

We also read how at the end of that Tribulation week, Christ will return at the battle of Armageddon and defeat the armies of the world, the Antichrist and all those that oppose Israel, Christ and God. (Zech 14:2-4, Rev 19:19-21)

At the end of all this, we are assured that Israel will once again be at peace within her borders during the 1000 year reign of Christ. We can also see that Israel is restored to her rightful place of being God's chosen people in complete fulfillment of the promises of God given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: -- Heb 8:10

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities; The inhabitants of one city shall

go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also." Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.' "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you." - Zech 8:19-23

And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel... And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid." - Eze 34:13-14,28

So where does that leave us in the here and now?

Well, we can know from the scriptures that God has promised restoration of Israel. We can know that He promises them protection and blessings and likewise, we can also know what awaits the world as we approach the end of days. For those who have been reading along with me here, we should be able to recognize an event that will become the catalyst for the beginnings of all these last day events. Like a starting gun poised, we look toward Israel and await one thing to set us off on one last final race... 'Peace'

Are you ready?

-- J.R. Hall



Model of Herod's Temple

"Christ will return at the battle of Armageddon and defeat the armies of the world, the Antichrist and all those that oppose Israel, Christ and God."

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News Bites

Israel: No Peace Until Militants Stopped

By MARK LAVIE

JERUSALEM (AP) —

Furious over the killing of two Israelis hiking in the West Bank, Israel's prime minister said Sunday that no peace will come until Palestinians crack down on militants, a declaration that clouds a coming visit by President Bush.

To clear the way for Bush to push for progress, the two sides had just agreed to paper over another spat: Israel's plan to build 307 new apartments in a Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, the section claimed by the Palestinians.

But that was before the shooting of two off-duty Israeli soldiers Friday by Palestinian attackers, in a

valley near the West Bank city of Hebron. There were two claims of responsibility: one from Hamas and Islamic Jihad; the other from Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, which has ties to Abbas' Fatah movement.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, speaking before the weekly meeting of Israel's Cabinet, denounced the hikers' shooting deaths.

"As long as the Palestinian Authority doesn't take the necessary steps and act with the necessary vigor against terror organizations, Israel won't be able to carry out any change that would expose it to any jeopardy or

endanger Israel's security," he said.

The road map requires dismantling militant groups and Israel has long demanded that such a crackdown precede implementation of any peace accords...*continued*

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Editor's Note: *Israel remained the hotbed of discussion throughout 2007. Dawning on It's 60th year as a modern nation, It's of terrible prophetic significance and it is hard to deny its importance to God himself.*

Mexico's Fox openly calls for North American Union

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WASHINGTON – Mexico's former President Vicente Fox is making no secret of his desire to promote a "North American Union" to compete economically with Europe and the Far East.

In a promotional tour for his new book, "Revolution of Hope," Fox told NPR's "Talk of the Nation" audience: "That's part of my Americas dream, that we can build our future together. We are partners with United States and Canada through NAFTA. There are other blocs in Latin America, but at the very end a continental

trade agreement and union on the long term would be a way to develop ourselves and to be able to have the standards and level of living that we all need."

Fox shocked many in the U.S. earlier in the week when he told CNN's Larry King that he and President Bush had agreed to work toward a common currency not only for North America but for Latin America as well.

It was possibly the first time a top official of Mexico, Canada or the U.S. openly confirmed a plan for a regional

currency. Fox explained the current regional trade agreement that encompasses the Western Hemisphere is intended to evolve into other previously hidden aspects of integration...*continued*.

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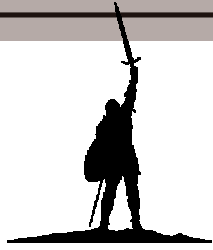
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Editor's Note: *Many prophecy scholars see the world dividing up into 10 economic zones in response to the prophecy of the beast of Revelation 17:12 with 10 horns.*



"And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people..."
-- Zech 12:3

"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast."
-- Rev 17:10



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*"...Now these [bereans] were more noble... in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so."
- Acts 17:10-11*

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Letter's from our Readers

Q: You said in one of your rapture articles that God is the God of second chance. You said that those left behind will have a second chance to be saved.

Question: Since God doesn't change, and is not a respecter of persons, what about all those that have died in their sins in years past? How do they get a second chance?

- Paul

A: The wording of 'second chance' perhaps is not the correct phraseology to apply to all situations.

The bible is clear that we get one chance, while alive, to seek salvation through Christ and Christ alone. Romans 10:9-10, John 14:6, Acts 16:30-31, 1 Tim 2:3-6 all attest to this fact.

We acknowledge God's free gift of salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ because we know of the promise of judgment.

Heb 9:27 *And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment,*

Sometimes it is said that those people that miss the rapture will still have another chance (a second chance) to become saved before the end. They will have a chance to obtain salvation, if they manage to survive the terrible events that will befall on the world during Daniel's 70th week, or the time we commonly refer to as 'The Tribulation Week'.

During the Tribulation, during the most terrible time of earth's history we still have three large evangelistic movements organized by God Himself to get the attention of a rebellious world, and bring man to salvation through Jesus Christ. God does this in answer

First we have the 144,000 witnesses of Revelation 7, we also have the 2 witnesses of Revelation 11, and finally we have an angel proclaiming the gospel in Rev 14:6. God extends every opportunity for man to come to salvation.

I believe God extends these opportunities in answer to His promise:

2Pe 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

God is not willing that any shall perish, but His judgments are always righteous, just and good. We need to be ever mindful that the devastation of the Tribulation week will be extreme. Christ himself said,

Mat 24:22 *And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.*

For this reason alone we encourage no one to take their chances with salvation because chances are – they won't survive the time ahead.

If something could be defined as second chance it could be the very fact that God's patience is longsuffering.... but prophecy reminds us that one day God's patience with an unbelieving world will run out.

-- BWM

Upcoming Events...

Women's Journey of Faith – Sharing the Journey Seminar: J.R. Hall will be presenting a breakout session on 'Understanding Biblical Prophecy' on March 1st, 2008 at this ladies event in Saskatoon, SK, Canada. For More information please go to:

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14th Annual Tulsa Prophecy Conference: Join J.R. Hall as he has the

privilege of speaking at the 14th annual Tulsa Prophecy Conference on April 2-4th, 2007 in Tulsa, OK. For more info, please go to: <http://www.prophecywatch.com/Confer07.htm>

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pleased to announce our 3rd annual conference hosted at the Erindale Alliance Church on October 17th – 19th, 2008. Please pray for us as we procure speakers for this

exciting event. Topics will cover such things as: Creation, Prophecy, Apologetics and more.

Overheard

"I am told that Christians do not love each other. I am very sorry if that be true, but I rather doubt it, for I suspect that those who do not love each other are not Christians."

- Charles Spurgeon

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