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IN THIS LETTER:

Israel Ready to Attack Iran

***When these things begin to take place,
stand up and lift up your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near”.***

He told them this parable:

***“Look at the fig tree and all the trees.
When they sprout leaves, you can see
for yourselves and know that summer is near.
Even so, when you see these things happening,
you know that the kingdom of God is near.”¹***

Luke 21:28-31



Binyamin Netanyahu,
Prime Minister of Israel
Source: Wikimedia Commons

Dear Friends and Fellow Laborers,

The conflict over Jerusalem that culminates with the return of King Jesus is now heating up in the Middle East. Both Israeli and U.S. intelligence operatives have evidence that Iran is very, very close to having a weapons grade nuclear warhead that can be used against Israel. The U.S. believes it can “negotiate” with the mullahs in Iran. They also claim that economic sanctions will bring Iran into line. Recent history shows both those ideas are patently naive. Iran knows the U.S. is too weak to act, and the U.N. is a do-nothing organization. Former U.N. Secretary-General and now UN-Arab League envoy to Syria, Kofi Annan recently washed his hands of trying to bring some kind of resolution to the civil war in Syria². The U.N. has become nothing more than an international sounding board for enemy nations to air their grievances against the United States and Israel.

The handwriting is on the wall. War is again coming to the Middle East and Jerusalem will be right at the center of the conflict. Get ready. The End is near. Remember the Parable of the Fig Tree in **Luke 21**.

¹ New International Version

² Kofi Annan Blames Peace Plan Failure On Syria, EDITH M. LEDERER, June 7, 2012, AP, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/06/07/>

Don't get caught up in the emotion of an American presidential race. That takes a back seat to what is coming. While the rest of the world stands by and watches women and children get slaughtered in Syria and hides their heads in the sand while Iran builds a nuclear bomb, the Jews are going to act. Judah was first into battle in Old Testament times, and they will be first into the battle now³!



Israeli Air Force F-16 Photo: Wikimedia Commons

BBC headlines from yesterday read:

“Israel 'prepared for 30-day war with Iran' ”⁴

A nuclear armed Iran is an existential threat to Israel. The Israelis do not have the luxury of sitting in easy chairs thousands of miles away and watching the ticking time bomb get closer and closer to nuclear destruction. Israel is surrounded by enemies who have vowed to destroy not just Israel, but all Jews. Radical Islamists are in power now in Libya and Egypt, Gaza and

Lebanon. Syria will fall to Islamists unless NATO steps in; perhaps even with the behind-the-scenes help of NATO! Iran is ruled by ruthless fanatics. President Obama has shown no inclination to help defend Israel, no matter what is said to try to get the Jewish vote in the soon coming U.S. elections. Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, grew up in New York City. He will not be fooled by empty promises. He is aware that when push comes to shove, the Jews must be prepared to act alone.

Israel is being forced into a corner. They must act or they will not survive. It reminds me of the time long ago when Judah was in a similar situation. A great multitude of soldiers of confederate nations came against Judah out of Syria. What did the Jews do? Let's look at 2 Chronicles 20:3-4:

*And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.*⁵

They sought the help of the God of their fathers. They reminded Him that He had given the land of Israel to them and not some other people.

³ Judges 20:18; Numbers 2:9; Numbers 10:14;

⁴ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-19274866>

⁵ King James Version unless otherwise quoted.

2 Chronicles 20:5-13

And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

The entire nation turned to God to ask Him to save them. They knew that without His help, they would be destroyed. There was no human army of allies to come to their rescue. They were alone.

God heard their prayers. A prophet rose up and spoke to the people of Judah gathered at the Temple:

2 Chronicles 20:15

*And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; **for the battle is not yours, but God's.***

God fought for Judah and caused the massed confederation that had come up against them to fight among themselves. When the Jews came upon the place where the great host had been encamped, they found only dead corpses. God had killed them all.

Once again, thousands of years later, the Jews are in great trouble and it doesn't appear that their brother Joseph will help them. Now perhaps, something will happen to delay the need for an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities. The Iranians are prepared for an Israeli air attack. The Jews will suffer significant losses. As well, Iranian surrogates such as Hezbollah and Hamas will launch rockets against the Israeli civilian population. Jews will die. But many, many times more will die if Iran gets a nuclear bomb. The price of Jewish freedom and safety has always been the blood of their young men and women.

History repeats itself. Please pray for the Jews. They need the help of the Almighty to fight this battle for them.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Legacy student, Sey Nee Htoo (16 years old), who was admitted into the hospital in a lot of pain. She was released on Sunday after three days with a stomach ulcer and a small-intestine infection. We were thankful that it was not the appendix and that no surgery was needed. She is now back at school, and with the help of our teachers, learning how to better maintain a diet for her condition. Please pray that God also help her emotionally, and to let God lead her spiritually in her precious young life.



Switching the I.V. Upper L.to R.: Friend Sey Nee Paw, Sey Nee Htoo, and Sister NayBlooHtoo; Lower L. to R.: Sey Nee Paw, Sey Nee Htoo, and Gloria Sexton

Please pray also for assistance for our refugee and Burma (Myanmar) brethren who will be attending the Feast of Tabernacles in Thailand. As most are aware, the COG brethren in Thailand and Burma are very poor and earn little or no money. Therefore, they save little or no festival tithe. The exception is our deacon in Rangoon who is a successful businessman. Without funds, it means that Legacy must pay for all transportation, food, and housing during the Feast. If you do have any additional festival tithe, please remember their need.

Please remember us in your prayers. We pray for all of you.

A servant of the soon coming King,

T. Leon Sexton