

YASSER ARAFAT'S ULTIMATUM : WHY MAY 4, 1999?

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As I point out in the article 'The Beast And The Three Broken Horns', while Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt have sided with Syria in past conflicts against the state of Israel, since that time, they have each negotiated various peace initiatives, or full-fledged agreements, with Israel. The first one to do this was the nation of Egypt. In September of 1978, Egyptian President, Muhammad Anwar al-Sadat, and Israeli Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, signed the historic Camp David Accords, in the presence of American President, Jimmy Carter. As a result of his peace overtures with the state of Israel, Anwar Sadat was assassinated not too long after that by Islamic extremists.

While some of us are familiar with the fact that the Camp David Accords dealt with the future of the Sinai Peninsula, and peace arrangements between Israel and Egypt, what fewer people realize, is that the reason they are referred to in the plural, that is, as the Accords, is because the document signed by Sadat and Begin, was a two-part agreement. Peace between Egypt and Israel was only half of the objectives agreed upon in the document. The second half of the Accords established a format for the conduct of negotiations for the establishment of an autonomy regime in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In other words, the Camp David Accords were not just for the purpose of establishing a lasting peace between Egypt and Israel; they were also meant to begin the process which would ultimately result in the establishment of an autonomous, or self-governing, homeland for the displaced Palestinians; that is, a Palestinian State.

Sadly, while the Camp David Accords have indeed resulted in a lasting peace between Egypt and Israel, the second half of the agreement, which dealt with the future of the West Bank, that is, Judea and Samaria, and the Gaza Strip, was later interpreted differently by Israel, Egypt, and the United States Of America. Personally, upon reading the contents of the Accords, in my view, their intent is quite clear. If any ambiguity has resulted from the Accords, I can only conclude that it is simply another product of Jewish minds, who have no interest or desire whatsoever, in providing a legitimate home for the displaced Palestinians. As we have seen with the recent Wye Memorandum, and as I have been saying for a long time, the Jews are masters when it comes to the spoken and the written word. They are expert manipulators who know how to twist and pervert what has been said or written. They possess the ability to talk and negotiate for years, while

never really giving up a single thing.

If you happen to be one who finds my words a bit offensive, or if you doubt that what I am saying is true, then in all fairness, allow me to present to you, actual excerpts taken from the Camp David Accords of 1978; which were agreed upon by both the nations of Israel and Egypt, over twenty years ago. Perhaps after reading the following material, you will understand why a small percentage of the Palestinians have now resorted to less-than-honorable measures, in order to achieve their long-sought-for objectives. Perhaps you will also begin to understand why Palestinian President, Yasser Arafat, has now set a deadline of May 4, 1999, as the date when he will unilaterally declare the establishment of a Palestinian State, with East Jerusalem as its capital:

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"Egypt and Israel agree that, in order to ensure a peaceful and orderly transfer of authority, and taking into account the security concerns of all the parties, there should be transitional arrangements for the West Bank and Gaza for a period not exceeding five years. In order to provide full autonomy to the inhabitants, under these arrangements the Israeli military government and its civilian administration will be withdrawn as soon as a self-governing authority has been freely elected by the inhabitants of these areas to replace the existing military government."

"When the self-governing authority (administrative council) in the West Bank and Gaza is established and inaugurated, the transitional period of five years will begin. As soon as possible, but not later than the third year after the beginning of the transitional period, negotiations will take place to determine the final status of the West Bank and Gaza and its relationship with its neighbors and to conclude a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan by the end of the transitional period. These negotiations will be conducted among Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the elected representatives of the inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza."

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While Egypt has had peace for twenty years, the Palestinians have remained without a legitimate homeland for the very same length of time; and in reality, even longer than that; because they became displaced the minute Israel was declared a nation in May of 1948, in order to accommodate the Jews. Please read the in-depth series, 'The Seven Heads' for more details regarding this issue. The point is, the Palestinians are tired of Jewish talk; they now wish to see Jewish talk supported by real actions. As you can see by the previous quotes taken from the Camp David Accords, what was initially envisioned as being a maximum of a five-year process, has now stretched out to a full twenty years. The reasons for this are many; and it is only fair to say that all parties concerned are to blame in one way or another.

What is sad, is that the language which was incorporated into the Camp David Accords, has been included, and expanded upon, in various other Middle East peace documents since

that time; and yet the Palestinians still remain without a homeland. It is based upon the terms and conditions which are set forth in two of these documents, which have been signed and agreed upon by both the government of Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization during the past six years, that Palestinian President, Yasser Arafat, derives his legal authority to unilaterally declare the birth of the Palestinian State only a few months from now. Upon reading said documents, it appears that he has every legal right to do so, because the Israeli leadership has clearly reneged on the terms to which it agreed. Of course, the Israelis throw the very same accusation at the Palestinians.

The first of these two documents is called the Declaration Of Principles. Signed in Washington, D.C., on September 13, 1993 by Shimon Perez for the government of Israel, and by Mahmoud Abbas for the Palestinian Liberation Organization, this legal and binding document contains some of the very same language included in its predecessor; that is, in the Camp David Accords, signed fifteen years earlier. Following are some selected clauses taken from the Declaration Of Principles to verify this point:

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Article I

AIM OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

The aim of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations within the current Middle East peace process is, among other things, to establish a Palestinian Interim Self-Government Authority, the elected Council (the "Council"), for the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, for a transitional period not exceeding five years, leading to a permanent settlement based on Security Council Resolution 242 and 338.

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Article V

TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND PERMANENT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS

1. The five-year transitional period will begin upon the withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho area.
2. Permanent status negotiations will commence as soon as possible, but not later than the beginning of the third year of the interim period, between the Government of Israel and the Palestinian people representatives.
3. It is understood that these negotiations shall cover remaining issues, including: Jerusalem, refugees, settlements, security arrangements, borders, relations and cooperation with other neighbors, and other issues of common interest.

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Article XIII

REDEPLOYMENT OF ISRAELI FORCES

1. After the entry into force of this Declaration of Principles, and not later than the eve of elections for the Council, a redeployment of Israeli military forces in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will take place, in addition to withdrawal of Israeli forces carried out in accordance with Article XIV.
2. In redeploying its military forces, Israel will be guided by the principle that its military forces should be redeployed outside populated areas.
3. Further redeployments to specified locations will be gradually implemented commensurate with the assumption of responsibility for public order and internal security by the Palestinian police force pursuant to Article VIII above.

Article XIV

ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE GAZA STRIP AND JERICHO AREA

Israel will withdraw from the Gaza Strip and Jericho area, as detailed in the protocol attached as Annex II.

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MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. This Declaration of Principles will enter into force one month after its signing.

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Annex II

PROTOCOL ON WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM THE GAZA STRIP AND JERICHO AREA

1. The two sides will conclude and sign within two months from the date of entry into force of this Declaration of Principles, an agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli military forces from the Gaza Strip and Jericho area. This agreement will include comprehensive arrangements to apply in the Gaza Strip and the Jericho area subsequent to the Israeli withdrawal.
2. Israel will implement an accelerated and scheduled withdrawal of Israeli military forces from the Gaza Strip and Jericho area, beginning immediately with the signing of the agreement on the Gaza Strip and Jericho area and to be completed within a period not exceeding four months after the signing of this agreement.

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g. Arrangements for a safe passage for persons and transportation between Gaza Strip and Jericho area.

4. The above agreement will include arrangements for

coordination between both parties regarding passages:

a. Gaza--Egypt; and

b. Jericho--Jordan

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Based upon the contents of the Declaration Of Principles, the following year, on May 4, 1994, Palestinian President, Yasser Arafat, signed another interim document with then Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin. This agreement is known as the Gaza-Jericho Autonomy Agreement, and is also referred to as the Cairo Agreement, being as it was signed in Cairo, Egypt. The signing of this document was witnessed by representatives of the governments of the United States of America, the Russian Federation, and the Arab Republic of Egypt. Please notice that the Jericho area is an important element contained in this particular agreement. As a matter of historical interest, Jericho was one of the very first cities which was conquered by Joshua and the Israelites, after they had crossed the Jordan River, coming in from what is now known as Jordan, and then as Moab. You may recall the story of the harlot, Rahab, who protected the Israeli spies by hiding them under her roof:

"And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country. And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country. And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them. But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof." (Joshua 2:1-6)

"And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent...And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel...And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho." (Joshua 6:17, 23, 25)

"By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace." (Hebrews 11:31)

"Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (James 2:25-26)

Returning to the Cairo Agreement of 1994, please notice that the following excerpts from said document reiterate the fact that Israel is required to withdraw its military forces from the Gaza Strip and from the West Bank; and that from the date on which this document was signed, that is, on May 4, 1994, the five-year interim period would begin. In other words, five years later, by May 4, 1999, the entire peace process is supposed to be completed. By that time, the final status of Jerusalem is supposed to be determined, and the Palestinian people are supposed to have their own autonomous homeland; that is, a Palestinian State:

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Article II: Scheduled Withdrawal of Israeli Military Forces

1. Israel shall implement an accelerated and scheduled withdrawal of Israeli military forces from the Gaza Strip and from the Jericho Area to begin immediately with the signing of this Agreement. Israel shall complete such withdrawal within three weeks from this date'.
2. Subject to the arrangements included in the Protocol in the concerning Withdrawal of Israeli Military Forces and Security Arrangements attached as Annex 1, the Israeli withdrawal shall include evacuating all military bases and other fixed installations to be handed over to the Palestinian police, to be established pursuant to Article IX below (hereinafter "the Palestinian Police").
3. In order to carry out Israel's responsibility for external security and for internal security and public order of settlements and Israelis, Israel shall concurrently with the withdrawal, redeploy its remaining military forces to the Israeli settlements and Military Installation Area, in accordance with the provisions of this agreement. Subject to the provisions of this Agreements, this redeployment shall constitute full implementation of Article XIII of the Declaration of Principles with regard to the Gaza Strip and Jericho Area only.
4. For the purpose of this Agreement, "Israeli military forces" may include Israeli police and other Israeli security forces.
5. Israelis, including Israeli military forces, may continue to use roads freely within the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area. Palestinians may use public roads crossing the settlements freely, as provided for in Annex I.
6. The Palestinian police shall be deployed and shall assume responsibility for public order and internal security of Palestinians in accordance with this Agreement and Annex I.

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4. Upon the completion of the Israeli withdrawal and the transfer of powers and responsibilities as detailed in Annex II, the Civil Administration in the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area will be dissolved and the Israeli military government will be withdrawn. The withdrawal of the military government shall not prevent it from continuing to exercise the powers and responsibilities specified in this Agreement.

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Article XXIII: Final Clauses

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing.

2. The arrangements establishing by this Agreement shall remain in force until and to be superseded by the Interim Agreement referred to in the Declaration Principles or any other agreement between the Parties.

3. The five-year interim period referred to in the Declaration of Principles commences on the date of the signing of this Agreement.

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One point I wish to emphasize here, is that this talk of a five-year interim period, by the end of which time the Palestinian State is supposed to come into existence, has been discussed since 1978 when the Camp David Accords were first signed. As I pointed out earlier, the Palestinian people have been relying upon diplomatic means for more than twenty years now; just waiting for their dreams to become a reality. It is for this very reason that after waiting for fifteen years, the Palestinian people, under the leadership of Yasser Arafat, made sure that clause number three under the Final Clauses section of Article XXIII of the Cairo Agreement, clearly states 'The five-year interim period referred to in the Declaration of Principles commences on the date of the signing of this Agreement'. In this way, there is a clear record, and a clear understanding, that by May 4, 1999, Palestinian President, Yasser Arafat, does indeed have a legal right to unilaterally declare the birth of the Palestinian State.

It is because Israel has continually dragged its feet in regards to troop withdrawal, that this very same issue was a major point included in the Wye Memorandum of late 1998. As we all know, not only did the Israeli Knesset stall for several weeks before finally ratifying the Wye Accord, even though both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President, Yasser Arafat, jointly signed it in Washington, D.C., but even after they did ratify it, only a short time after that, they reneged on it again, and brought the withdrawal of Israeli military forces from the Occupied Lands to a complete halt. While various reasons have been cited by the Israelis for taking this decisive action, their primary argument is based upon terms such as the following, which were incorporated into the 1993 Declaration Of

Principles, and in the 1994 Cairo Agreement:

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From the Declaration Of Principles:

3. Further redeployments to specified locations will be gradually implemented commensurate with the assumption of responsibility for public order and internal security by the Palestinian police force pursuant to Article VIII above.

From the Cairo Agreement:

Article XVIII: Prevention Of Acts

Both sides shall take all measures necessary in order to prevent acts of terrorism, crime and hostilities directed against each other, against individuals falling under the other's authority and against their property, and shall take legal measures against offenders. In addition, the Palestinian side shall take all measures necessary to prevent such hostile acts directed against the settlement, the infrastructure serving them and the military installation area, and the Israeli side shall take all measures necessary to prevent such hostile acts emanating from the settlements and directed against Palestinians.

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If one carefully considers these clauses, he realizes that they are a legal loophole which can easily be used by the shrewd and manipulative Jews, to keep the peace process in jeopardy for many years to come; and I don't doubt that this may be precisely what they want to do. The longer the Jews procrastinate, and delay the final status agreement, which will decide the fate of Jerusalem, as well as establish the Palestinian State, the more time they will have to entrench themselves deeper in East Jerusalem and the West Bank; by continuing to expand current settlements, as well as by establishing new ones; even though the world community has already condemned them for doing this very thing. Not only that, but it also gives the Israelis more time to continue expanding their military capabilities.

I dare say that even if there was never another car bomb explosion in Jerusalem, or in some other city in Israel, the shrewd Israelis would still twist these terms, and apply them to any number of other situations, in order to prove that Israel's security is still at grave risk by fanatical Palestinians. They could even point to such incidents as young Palestinian teenagers throwing rocks at armed Israeli soldiers. Let's be honest here. Isn't it being rather naive to even suggest that the time is going to arrive when all feelings of hatred, racism and mistrust are going to be completely eradicated from the minds and the hearts of all Israelis and Palestinians? This 'family feud' has been going on for literally thousands of years. A few signed documents is not going to change what has been thought and felt for such a long time. For those of my readers who are Americans, allow me to ask you; have all negative feelings ever been erased between whites and blacks in the United

States of America since its founding two hundred and twenty-three years ago? Of course not.

In short, because these feelings will always exist, there are always going to be clashes at some level between the Israeli and Palestinian societies; some more violent than others. This is by no means meant to condone such acts of violence; but it is to show that as long as even one single incident occurs, Israel will always claim to have a valid reason for not withdrawing its troops from the Occupied Territories, and for thus not fulfilling all of its various obligations under the agreements it has signed with the PLO. Security could remain an issue for years to come. Sadly, this Jewish ruse is strengthened in the United States by the simple fact that the shrewd Jews control just about every form of mass media in that country. While many Americans may deny this fact, the simple truth of the matter is that they are psychologically manipulated every single day of their lives. Every time they turn on the radio, or the television set, or read a newspaper or magazine, they are being subtly indoctrinated by the Zionist Controllers.

A primary example of this, which directly relates to the topic of this article, is the American perception regarding the Arab people, such as the Palestinians. If one were to foolishly believe everything he hears, sees or reads by way of the American mass media, he would quickly come to the erroneous conclusion that all Palestinians are terrorists. Every Palestinian is a fanatic who quotes the Qur'an as he straps a bomb to his back, or tapes grenades all over his body. While such a thought is indeed ludicrous, nonetheless, it is the erroneous stereotypical image that has actually been created in the minds and hearts of many Americans by those manipulative Jews; just as those same Jews have done a great job at brainwashing many Americans in regards to the issue of anti-semitism. Just say one critical word against the Jews, and you are branded as being anti-semitic; and yet we are told that freedom of speech exists in America.

The fact of the matter is, that real incidents of terrorism in Israel are carried out by an extremely small minority of Palestinians; mostly by misguided teenagers and young men who are influenced by others. The Palestinian people as a whole, are just like you and me. They have feelings. They weep. They are happy. They suffer broken hearts. They suffer hunger. They long for a better future for their children. They have to worry about paying their bills. They have to hope that tomorrow the Jews won't lock down their borders, and thus prevent them from working at their jobs in Israel. They fear that perhaps tomorrow the Jews might claim their land as a part of their expansionist policy, and bulldozer their house, thus leaving them homeless. They worry that their children might be shot and killed by a nervous Israeli soldier.

If I were so foolish as to judge a nation, or a people, by the actions of a few, as the Jewish-controlled mass media has caused many Americans to do regarding the Palestinians, then I would probably come to the erroneous conclusion that every American must no doubt be a serial killer, or else gay or lesbian, or maybe a drug user, or perhaps an abortionist,

or maybe an unbridled sex fiend, or a politically corrupt liar and perjurer, or maybe a murderer who eats his victims, or a God-hating atheist, or a gangster, or perhaps even a crazy terrorist who sends out mail bombs, or who blows up buildings! Due to my misguided understanding, I could look at different things happening within the United States, being committed by isolated individuals, or perhaps even by the government, and convince myself that the United States of America is just one dangerous nation full of a lot of sick and mentally unbalanced people! Tell me though; would my assessment be correct? I am sure you see the point I am making here.

Now, allow me to clarify something for you. Just because I have shown a degree of sympathy and understanding for the cause of the Palestinian people, does not mean that I fully support them in every way. As a Christian, it is my primary responsibility to view everyone, regardless of their ethnic origin, from the perspective of whether or not they receive the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ when they hear it. In this regard, the vast majority of both the Israelies and Palestinians do greatly err. As I point out in some of my other articles, while both parties claim to believe in the one true God of Heaven, both deny the Divine Sonship, as well as the Messiahship of Jesus Christ. While the physical wellbeing of the Palestinian people is important, it is their spiritual wellbeing which is of greater importance to the Lord. Everything else is secondary. As far as our Father in Heaven is concerned, what is most important to Him is whether or not a person's sins have been blotted out by the Blood of His dear Son.

What we see then, is that because of these security clauses which are contained in these Agreements, there exists the potential for the government of Israel to stall the peace process for a very long time to come; because I seriously doubt that the Israelies will ever be completely satisfied with the endeavors being made by the Palestinian National Authority to control its population. Israel will be able to accuse the government of Yasser Arafat of non-compliance with the stated security measures at the slightest incident or provocation; and thus claim to have a valid reason for not fulfilling its own obligations under the various accords it has signed with the Palestinians. Perhaps it is for this very reason that Arafat and the Palestinian negotiators made certain the the Cairo Agreement clearly spelled out when the five-year interim period was to begin, as well as when it will end. As we have seen, the deadline for full Palestinian autonomy is on May 4, 1999.

This brings us to our final point for this article; and that is this: Will Yasser Arafat keep his pledge to his people? Recent news reports seem to suggest that while President Arafat has talked tough in the past, he may be showing signs of weakness. Following are various excerpts taken from a CNN news report issued on January 11, 1999, in which Arafat makes various comments regarding the May 4, 1999 deadline:

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"We cannot bypass that date simply because one of the

parties (Israel) wants to keep it hostage to its narrow domestic calculations, by procrastinating and freezing negotiations and agreements ...," Arafat told a group of world leaders and Palestinian lawmakers gathered in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

"We are not going to reverse our position on peace despite everything the present Israeli government is doing. ... We will not go back to confrontation, and we will not allow anybody to stop the historic reconciliation between our peoples," he added.

"We have the full right to say that May 4 is a date to be respected. But at the same time, if the world comes to us with 'What are you going to do on May 4?' we say the question should be addressed by all those who signed the agreement," Erakat said.

Some observers say the Palestinian leadership is looking for a face-saving formula, perhaps one backed by the United States, that would allow a delay in the declaration of statehood.

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With barely three and a half months to go before the stated five-year deadline is reached, we don't have long to find out what the Palestinian leader will do. As I state in other Endtime articles, there is a possibility that we may see war first, which will be temporarily halted by a plastic seven year peace accord; or we may see the final agreement signed first, which will decide the fate of East Jerusalem, as well as that of the Palestinian people; only to be abruptly abrogated after the first three and a half years by an Arab invasion of East Jerusalem. No matter how, or in what order they happen, as Christians, we should all anticipate some world-shaking events to occur soon in the Middle East. While these may be terrible times for those who are directly involved in them, as well as for those who are affected by them in an indirect way, let us not forget our Lord's words when He said:

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."
(Luke 21:28)

With these thoughts, I am going to bring another article to a close. I trust that it has been informative, and a blessing in your life.

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