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After a lull of almost one month, on October 4, 2003, at around 2:15 PM Israeli time, another suicide bomber attack occurred in the northern port city of Haifa. As a result of the attack, nineteen people were killed, and fifty more were injured, some critically. What is alarming about the attack, is that according to the Ha'aretz news web site, the "Maxim" restaurant was not only owned by Israeli Arabs, but four of the victims were also Israeli Arabs; so it seems that even they are no longer immune to the lethal attacks of such radical Palestinian factions as al-Aksa Martyrs Brigade, Islamic Jihad, Hamas, etc.

Following the previous double attacks in September, a lot of people, myself included, were feeling that the situation was at a breaking point; and that all it was going to take was one more serious attack, in order to force the government of Ariel Sharon to make a firm decision regarding what to do with Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat; that is, whether to deport him, or to assassinate him. With Saturday's attack, I believe that the Israeli government has now been forced into a corner, and they are now going to have to do something dramatic; as otherwise, not only will they appear weak to their own people, but they will lose the faith and support of their constituents as well.

On a related note, according to the British newspaper "The Guardian", last week Yasser Arafat suffered what it termed a mild heart attack; and his personal physician, Dr. Ashraf al-Kurdi, was called in from Jordan due to the seriousness of Arafat's condition. Arafat was absent from public view for several days, and when he reappeared this week, he looked pale, thin and quite sick. Palestinian Authority officials insisted that he had merely had a stomach virus, and his doctor stated that Arafat had "a relatively minor stomach disorder". The Ha'aretz news site reported that Mr. Arafat had "a severe gastroenterological infection". The

London-based Asharq al-Awsat, an Arabic-language newspaper, reported that Mr. Arafat was "suffering from a tumor in the intestines" which required an immediate operation. Time Magazine quoted a source from within the Muqata as saying that Arafat has stomach cancer. To add to this mysterious illness, one radical Muslim web site went so far as to say that Arafat had been intentionally poisoned by the Israelis.

While we may never know the full truth of this matter, it does make me wonder if the Lord might have plans to simply take Arafat out of the picture, so that the failed peace process can be revitalized and move forward again. Time will certainly tell. I'll be commenting more on this topic in part two.

Returning to Saturday's suicide bomber attack, it appears that the Israeli government has once again engaged in the same tit-for-tat retaliatory game by launching two missile strikes in the Gaza Strip. As with previous suicide attacks, it also destroyed the home of the suicide bomber in Jenin, in the West Bank. In addition to this, the New York Times has just reported that Israel has re-implemented a complete closure of the Occupied Territories, due to many warnings of impending suicide bomber attacks, as we see here:

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A "general closure" prevents the 3.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip from entering Israel.

In addition, Palestinians are barred from traveling from one Palestinian town to another within the West Bank and Gaza. Most Palestinians have been unable to reach Israel since the current round of violence began three years ago, but the internal restrictions make normal life virtually impossible. Many Palestinians have ordinarily traveled between towns or from outlying villages to reach their jobs and schools, or to shop.

Israel said the army would maintain "a full encirclement on all of the Palestinian cities in the West Bank," while the Gaza Strip has been cut into four sections, with Palestinians unable to move from one to another.

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This restriction of movement by the Israelis is only going to frustrate the Palestinians even further, and fuel an even deeper hatred towards their Israeli oppressors. Not content with this, on a more dangerous level, early Sunday morning, only hours after the attack in Haifa, the Israeli Air Force bombed Ein Saheb, an alleged Islamic Jihad training camp located deep within Syrian territory, only ten miles to the northwest of the Syrian capital, Damascus. This unprovoked aerial attack has naturally alarmed the United Nations; and Syria, as well as other nations, are warning that with this strike, Israel has crossed the red line. The danger now exists that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict may possibly spread beyond the borders of Israel.

This danger is increased by the sad fact that prior to the

attack, President George W. Bush had privately told Ariel Sharon, that the United States would not condemn an Israeli attack against Syria; and then again, after the attack, in responding to a reporter, Bush stated that "Israel must not feel constrained in defending the homeland." If this is not giving Israel the green light to make additional military incursions into the sovereign nation of Syria, then I don't know what is. Ariel Sharon certainly knew how to take Bush's cue, and Israel has since stated that it may possibly attack Syria again, if it feels compelled to do so. So basically, it seems that Israel has adopted George W. Bush's misguided doctrine of attacking alleged terrorists wherever they may be; even if they happen to be in another sovereign country.

As you may already know, every since the US's illegal attack and invasion of Iraq, both Iran and Syria have feared, and rightly so, that they may be the next targets on America's agenda for reshaping the Middle East according to American hegemonistic ideals. Israel's attack against Syria certainly confirms their fears. Both Syria and Islamic Jihad denied that Ein Saheb was an Islamic Jihad training camp. In fact, Islamic Jihad stated that they don't even operate out of Syria, and Syria stated that it was a civilian camp. But even if they are simply lying about it, (and I don't know that they are), what really strikes me as being odd, is the fact that Syria claimed that the camp was deserted; and in one Israeli news report that I read, I recall reading that they described it as being a "safe target", or something to that effect. So one must wonder, what is going on here? Why would Israel attack an empty camp?

When you stop and think about it, it actually makes perfect sense. Why would Israel consider the target safe if it was empty? For several reasons actually. First of all, the act of bombing the camp would serve as an object of rage for the Israelis who wanted to vent their anger from the Haifa bomb attack. Second, by bombing Ein Saheb, they were sending a clear message to both Syria and Islamic Jihad, while making it appear to the Israeli public that they were really doing something, when they weren't. Finally, by bombing an empty camp, the Israelis realized that they could get away with it, because the most that Syria would do, is exactly what it did do; that is, it complained to the United Nations, and it huffed and puffed in the mass media, but it made no attempt to launch a counter strike of any kind; and that is exactly what Israel probably anticipated them doing; so it was a safe target. Had it been an occupied camp, then the results may have been very different. This is all just theory on my part, but it makes sense to me.

What I also find quite alarming, is the fact that according to certain news reports I was just reading, both Russia and Israel are now claiming that, just like the United States of America, they possess the right to make pre-emptive strikes against foreign nations, if they happen to feel threatened by them. As I have been telling my readers for some time, by illegally and unjustifiably attacking Iraq, the president of the United States has set an extremely dangerous precedent, and other nations are sure to follow suite sooner or later. The policy of "shoot now, ask questions later", is simply a very dangerous one indeed, and will only lead to a situation

of international lawlessness, chaos and anarchy, if it is adopted by other nations.

Returning to the Israeli attack against Syria for a moment, of particular interest is the fact that the Israelis chose to attack Syria just prior to the beginning of Yom Kippur, which is the most sacred of all Israeli holy days. For the record, it was thirty years ago, in 1973, during Yom Kippur, that Syria and Egypt launched a surprise attack against Israel, which has become known as the Yom Kippur War. Syria and Egypt both suffered terrible defeat in that war. In the current situation, it seems that the tables were turned, and Israel was the clear aggressor. Even though other countries condemned the attack, Israeli officials claim to have clear evidence which proves that Islamic Jihad terrorists operating out of Syria, were linked to Saturday's suicide bomber attack in Haifa. Whatever the case may be, Syrian officials have warned that if Israel strikes within Syrian territory again, Syria reserves the right to respond militarily. However, it seems from the information I have read, assuming that it is true, that militarily-speaking, Syria is simply no match for Israel's high-advanced war machine; so Syria's threat to return fire with fire may possibly be just a bluff, in order to save face, since she remains helpless against a much more powerful Israeli enemy.

Before continuing, I think it is important that I once again express my general position regarding the on-going conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians. As my long-time readers will already know, I do not view the dire situation in the Middle East from the perspective of an American, or a European, or a Jew, or a Palestinian, or an Arab/Muslim; I view it from the perspective of a Christian, who believes that God's Word takes precedence above all worldly political viewpoints. Because I view the Middle East situation from this perspective, and because I believe that we are all supposed to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ, I am forced to find both parties guilty in this conflict; because they have both spilled a lot of innocent blood; they are both guilty of practicing deceit, with each other, as well as with the world; and because they have both rejected the Lordship and Messiahship of Jesus Christ. Looking at the situation from that perspective, neither one of them truly deserves to call the land of Israel their own. Jesus Christ clearly taught us to live in peace with each other, as we see here:

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth...  
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:5, 9, KJV

"...Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."  
Matthew 26:52b, KJV

Neither the Israelis nor the Palestinians are demonstrating meekness of spirit, and neither side has truly made a real all-out effort to achieve peace. Neither side has fulfilled their commitments, and they have both resorted to extreme acts of violence, including assassinations, suicide bomber attacks, the killing of innocent civilians, etc., and now

Israel has even gone so far as to directly involve Syria, which until now, has more or less been on the sidelines of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

I can't help but suspect that a larger, hidden agenda is now being carried out in the Middle East, and that its principle promoters and participants are Israel and the United States. Prior to the illegal invasion of Iraq, I seriously doubt that Israel would have attacked Syria as it has now done; but with Saddam Hussein seemingly out of the way, American troops now stationed at Syria's doorstep, and with George Bush foolishly giving his nod of approval to Sharon, it certainly seems that an American-Israeli plan, which calls for the restructuring of the Middle East, with Israel as the American-backed dominant power there, is currently underway. Obviously, the Arabs in the surrounding states are more than aware of what is really going on, and they are alarmed, as they realize that they could be next in the Jewish-American plan of conquest.

But putting the Syrian attack aside, allow me to say this. I view the current situation as the final battle between two Old Guard titans, Sharon and Arafat, and it has been going on for several decades. They are both getting old, and because of their pride, neither man is willing to say "uncle" to the other. Their hatred towards each other is apparently greater than their desire to make real peace for the sake of their two peoples. We hear all of this talk in the press about how Yasser Arafat needs to be deported or even killed, because he is the problem; but in reality, is Ariel Sharon any less of a problem? Was he not found to be indirectly responsible for the massacre, by Christian Phalangists, of hundreds of innocent civilians in the Sabra and Shatila Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut in 1982? Sharon tries to convey the image of being a nice, grandfatherly, "teddy bear" fellow, but in reality, he is a war-hardened hawk; just like Yasser Arafat. Last year, twenty years after the massacre, Sharon was reported in the New York Times as having said:

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"There was an agreement in Lebanon not to liquidate Yasir Arafat," he said. "Actually, I am sorry that we did not liquidate him." An Israeli sniper is said to have had Mr. Arafat in his sights as the Palestinian leader boarded a ship to leave Beirut for Tunis, but he did not receive the order to fire.

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Now, more than twenty-one years after Sabra and Shatila, the Israelis once again have Mr. Arafat surrounded in the Muqata, that is, his now all-but-destroyed compound in Ramallah. With Saturday's suicide bomber attack, it isn't too difficult to figure out what is probably on the mind of Ariel Sharon. He wants his decades-old arch-rival eliminated; however, due to American pressure, it seems that the political atmosphere is not ripe yet for such an assassination. Of course, as you may know, the American pressure is not due to the fact that the USA is so fond of Yasser Arafat, (the Bush administration has even been refusing to deal with him), but merely because the Americans are concerned that a major blow-up between Israel

and the Palestinians right now would negatively affect their current struggles in Iraq. That is their only real concern. As I have said before, America uses, abuses and then trashes its foreign puppets. We have seen this over and over again with such people as Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein, who were once American allies; and that is documented fact and not just fiction. Please do your homework.

Now, I don't doubt for a minute that a lot of you pro-Israel American Christians are going to take strong exception to my comments. In typical Pavlov dog fashion, some of you will see that big red anti-semitism warning flag waving in front of your eyes, and you are going to robotically offer some of the same old worn-out arguments regarding how the Jews are still God's "Chosen People", and how God promised them the land of Israel for their "eternal inheritance", and how we are supposed to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and how the Lord told Abraham "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee". If you wish to present those same rebuttals, that is up to you; but I will tell you right now that if you do, then you have unknowingly become another brainwashed pawn of the manipulative Jews, who have you in their grasp. Furthermore, hoping that you will accept it, I will be candid and inform you that you simply do not know whereof you speak, because you do not fully understand God's Word as you should.

If you honestly do not understand what I am talking about, then allow me to suggest that you read some of my articles and series, such as "The Fruits Of Disobedience", "Oh Israel, Why Will Ye Die?", "The Great Tribulation And The Rapture", "The Children Of God And Politics", "Is God A Racist?", "Once Upon A Time: A True Story", "Yasser Arafat's Ultimatum, Camp David And Broken Promises" and "The Seven Heads". All these articles will help you to better understand why the Middle East is in such turmoil right now, and why God is allowing the Jews to face so much death and destruction at this time.

Among other things, you will hopefully learn that the Lord's blessings are conditional; they are not guaranteed; and that they are showered upon God's children in proportion to our obedience to Him. You will also hopefully come to realize that God's true nation, His true Kingdom, His true "Chosen People", are only those who have accepted the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. That excludes any Jew who rejects Christ. If a person has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, then they are a true child of Abraham, and a true child of faith. The Bible says it, and I believe it; what about you? This concept is explained in some of the aforementioned articles, if you will take the time to read them.

Allow me to also draw your attention to one of the verses I shared a moment ago. I am referring to Matthew 26:52b where Jesus says "...Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Now, because some of you are erroneously convinced in your hearts that the Jews are still God's "Chosen People", you have also arrived at the misguided conclusion that their war against the Palestinians is justified. Instead of living by the New Testament Plan, and the New Testament Covenant, as established by Jesus Christ with His own Blood, you have

accepted the Jewish argument, and are still living in the Old Testament, where the Jews fought bloody wars to destroy their enemies in the land of Canaan. As I have pointed out many times before, the Jews lost the blessings, and they lost the Kingdom, the minute they rejected Jesus Christ; and that is why we Christians are the new Children of the Kingdom, and the new nation founded upon the Blood of Jesus Christ, as we see here:

"And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom [the Jews] shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."  
Matthew 8:11-12, KJV

"Therefore say I unto you, [to the Jews] The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, [from the Jews] and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them." Matthew 21:43-45, KJV

"But ye [Christian disciples] are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:" 1 Peter 2:9, KJV

Please consider carefully what I am about to tell you. What is the context of that verse from Matthew? Jesus was saying this to Peter, after Peter had pulled out his sword, and cut off the ear of the servant of the High Priest. It is easy to imagine what was probably going through Peter's mind at the time; the reason being that, as I point out in "Peter: Faith Tried In The Fire", sometime earlier, Jesus in fact had to rebuke Peter strongly, because due to his ignorance of God's Plan, Peter felt that he had to protect Jesus from death. In the Gospel of Matthew we read:

"From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Matthew 16:21-23, KJV

Remember; just like many Jews today, many Jews of that era believed that God was going to send them a messiah who would free them from Roman occupation, and restore Israel to her former glory, as when King David ruled the kingdom. This is what the Maccabees, the Zealots and others were all about. They were expecting a literal return of an Earthly kingdom, brought about by a powerful, charismatic spiritual/military leader. It is precisely for this very same reason that on one occasion, just prior to His Ascension, the Disciples asked the Lord:

"...Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power." Acts 1:6b-7, KJV

I think that Jesus gave them a very wise, partial answer, because if He had told them the whole truth, it is possible that they would have never accomplished the goal of world evangelism, as God had ordained for them to do. You see, God had indeed begun to restore, not the kingdom of Israel, but rather the Kingdom of Heaven to men, since the days of John the Baptist, but the Jews, including the Disciples, were to spiritually blind to understand it at the time. It is for this reason that Jesus said earlier:

"...Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them." Matthew 17:11b-12, KJV

As I point out in my Elijah series, Jesus was referring to John the Baptist, who was ultimately beheaded by King Herod. That is why He says "Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them". In the previous verse, that word "restore" is derived from the Greek word "apokathistemi", pronounced ap-ok-ath-is'-tay-mee, which means to restore to its former state. What former state was Jesus talking about? A Jewish kingdom on Earth? No. He wasn't talking about a physical state, but rather a spiritual state; that is, the condition of men's hearts. And what condition was that? Well, what was John's mission? Consider these verses:

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Matthew 3:1-3, KJV

As we know, Jesus' ministry picked up where John's left off. That is why Jesus also preached the very same message, as we see here:

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17, KJV

So what the prophesied Elias, that is, John the Baptist, did, was to restore the spirit of humility and repentance in men's hearts, by reminding them of their sins, so that the Jews, at least some of them, would accept Jesus as their Savior when He later arrived on the scene. Another tool that God used to break the pride of the Jews, was the Roman occupation itself; just as He used the Egyptian bondage to break and humble the Israelites, in preparation for the blessing of acquiring the land of Canaan. This is a topic I also discuss in "The Fruits Of Disobedience" series. There is a lot of talk from many preachers who teach that the purpose of the Roman occupation was to bring peace, to create one common language, and to create an empire-wide road system, which would later aid in the spreading of the Gospel. While all of these things may



be true, these reasons for the occupation do not agree with the clear lessons and examples we find in the Old Testament.

Whenever the Lord allowed Israel to be invaded, conquered or oppressed by her enemies, it was clearly a result of her sins. This is true in the case of the Egyptian bondage, the attacks and oppression by the Midianites, the Philistines, etc., the conquest by the Assyrians, and the conquest by the Babylonians. There is no escaping this fact. So again, that is why the Israelites were conquered by the Romans. God was dealing with them. He was breaking and humbling them, in preparation to receive their Savior; and John the Baptist was a part of that breaking process.

To continue then, as I point out in other articles, Jesus did in fact restore the relationship between God and man, by His own Sacrifice upon the Cross. He reopened the door to God's Kingdom, with His own Blood, which is why He also said:

"...Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:7b-9, KJV

"...The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20b-21, KJV

"...My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." John 18:36, KJV

So, God has been restoring His Kingdom among men, ever since the First Century, but only those people who possess the Gift of Spiritual Discernment are able to understand it. To those people who have not been predestinated and called, it remains a mystery to this day; including to many of the Jews. Thus it is that Paul wrote concerning his blind Jewish brethren:

"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." Romans 11:25, KJV

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."  
1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

"Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:" Ephesians 4:18, KJV

As I point out in other articles, this is why many Orthodox

Jews continue to patiently wait for the arrival of their messiah, "Moshiach ben David", or messiah son of David, who they believe will usher in a period of "teshuvah", (that is, a return to God and full observance of the Torah); who will defeat the Muslim enemies of Israel; and who will ultimately sit in the rebuilt temple of Solomon, which they expect to build on top of Mount Moriah, in East Jerusalem. The Jews were, and continue to be, blind to Jesus' true identity, so they have fallen under the delusion of Moshiach ben David. Paul warned us of these Endtime events, as I clearly explain in such articles as "Who Is Hindering The Antichrist?".

Having explained these things to you, perhaps you can now better understand why Peter rebuked Jesus. As far as Peter and the other Disciples were concerned, a dead messiah would do no good whatsoever for the people of Israel. What they were hoping and waiting for was a hero who would restore the physical kingdom of Israel, and not the spiritual Kingdom; just like many Jews today.

Before moving on, allow me to add one final point to this topic. As I stated a moment ago, Jesus gave His followers a rather wise answer just prior to His Ascension. As we know from the Scriptures, and as I point out in such articles as "From Armageddon To The New Earth", there is going to come a time when God will literally, and physically, restore His Kingdom to this Earth, exactly as Jesus prayed in the Lord's Prayer; but that will not occur until the great Battle of Armageddon, at which time the Beast and the False Prophet will meet their fate in the Lake of Fire; and Jesus shall indeed sit upon His Throne, ruling the nations with a rod of iron, as it is prophesied in Psalm Two of the Old Testament, Daniel chapter two, and elsewhere, as we see here:

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Psalms 2:6-9, KJV

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." Daniel 2:44-45, KJV

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." Revelation 12:5, KJV

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God." Revelation 19:15, KJV

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." Revelation 11:15, KJV

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6, KJV

Now, had Jesus told His Disciples that a literal restoration would not occur until the Endtime, do you honestly think that they would have had the same driving motivation to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature? Maybe not. After all, one of Satan's favorite tricks is to tell us that we have all the time in the world, so why don't we just put it off and procrastinate a little bit. So, as on a few previous occasions, Jesus only told them what He knew they could bear, and what they needed to know, in order to get the job done.

As we continue this series in part two, we will take a look at such topics as winning people to God's Kingdom through love and self sacrifice, the spiritual nature of our Kingdom and warfare, the Christian Crusaders, the cause of war, the ill treatment of Palestinian Christians, the shrewdness of Sharon and Arafat, the stereotyped Palestinian profile, the Temple Mount visit by Ariel Sharon, political motivations for war, Hanadi Tayseer Jaradat the latest suicide bomber, the desperation of the Palestinians, Israel's oppressive tactics, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the animosity of the Jews and the Samaritans, Aramaic and the Galileans, love your enemies, the Jewish view of Gentiles, the Israeli plan of talk and take, and more. I trust that you will join me.

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Suicide Bombers Are Small Minority, Both Sides Desire Peace

In spite of the fact that Jesus rebuked Peter at that time,  
it seems that dear Peter still didn't fully understand; and  
thus, the Lord had to use Peter as an example to teach all  
of His Disciples a few very important lessons, when He made  
His statement regarding killing with the sword in Matthew  
chapter twenty-six. You see, one lesson is that the Gospel  
would be preached, and souls would be won to God's Kingdom,  
not by the edge of sword, or by persecution and torture, as  
the Roman Catholic Church would later do to their own shame,  
but rather, people would be won through patience, love and  
self-sacrifice; beginning with the very Sacrifice of Jesus  
Christ, who gave Himself for the sins of the world. Thus,  
Jesus also taught us the following:

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life  
for the sheep." John 10:11, KJV

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but  
to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."  
Mark 10:45, KJV

"...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and  
take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will  
save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his  
life for my sake, the same shall save it." Luke 9:23-24, KJV

"He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth  
his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."  
John 12:25, KJV

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his  
life for his friends." John 15:13, KJV

It was because of Jesus' loving example of giving His life  
as a ransom for the sins of the world, that the Apostles  
John and Paul would also later write:

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he [Jesus] laid

down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16, KJV

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1, KJV

"Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles." Romans 16:3-4, KJV

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:" 2 Timothy 4:6-7, KJV

The second important lesson, is that God's Kingdom is really a spiritual Kingdom, and not merely a piece of physical land located in the Middle East, over which the Jews and the Arabs have been fighting for millennia, and continue to fight for to this very day. Lastly, as the Apostle Paul plainly tells us, because our Kingdom is spiritual in nature, the weapons of our warfare are also spiritual, and not carnal, as we see here:

"(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, KJV

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" Ephesians 6:12-17, KJV

Now, let me ask you something: From a Christian perspective, what could possibly be a more justified cause for resorting to violence, than to protect the very Son of God? I am sure that is how Peter must have felt. Due to his dedication and loyalty to the Lord, he was probably convinced that he was doing the right thing by pulling out his sword. After all, here was the leader of the coming revolt which would defeat the Romans, and restore Israel to her former glory, he must have thought. Peter's intentions were indeed noble, but his understanding was still darkened. In similar fashion, the Roman Catholic Church's so-called "Christian Crusaders" undoubtedly also felt that they were doing God's will when they slew thousands of Muslims and Jews, in order to retake

Jerusalem; but they were misguided, and they were wrong; and they left a terrible stain on our Christian faith, which has hampered Christian evangelistic efforts in some parts of the world ever since.

In my mind, nothing even comes close to defending the Lord, insofar as "righteous causes" are concerned; yet Jesus still said that it was wrong for Peter to use his sword against the servant of the high priest; and that is a very profound statement upon which we all need to reflect, as we gaze at our modern world, which is so filled with war and violence of every kind. If resorting to violence in order to save the Savior was wrong, how much less justified is every single war or conflict which has been fought for much less worthy, and quite frankly, selfish causes? Surely, the on-going war between the Palestinians and the Jews falls into this same category. It is a bloody war which is based upon nothing but selfishness. It is a war which is being fought over a piece of land, because they are not willing to share it, so that they can all live in peace. It is just that simple. The Apostle James wrote:

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." James 4:1-3, KJV

Now, earlier, I exposed Ariel Sharon's ruthless, warlike nature. Allow me to also offer a bit of advice concerning Yasser Arafat: Do not be deceived by Mr. Arafat's ruse of mentioning Christians and Christian holy sites in some of his speeches, as he is merely using the small population of Palestinian Christians as a political tool, in order to try to gain support and sympathy from the world, and naturally, from Christians in particular. I seriously doubt Arafat's sincerity in any of his comments regarding protecting sites which are deemed holy by the world's Christians. He is a Muslim after all, and we all know what the Qur'an really teaches about both Christians and Jews. If you don't know, then allow me to suggest that you read my article "The Holy Qur'an: Doctrine Of Devils".

I will also add that, according to what I've read on various web sites, Palestinian Christians are treated as second-class citizens by their more populous Muslim brethren, just as they are ill-treated in other Muslim countries as well. They are discriminated against; they are ostracized from society; they are persecuted; they are imprisoned; they are tortured; and they are even killed for their faith in Muslim countries. To balance out my statement, allow me to also add that when it comes to deception, shrewdness, and manipulating the public opinion, Ariel Sharon and Yasser Arafat are probably equals. They have both been at this game for an extremely long time; decades in fact; and the current drama unfolding in Israel may very well be the final engagement between these two aging warriors. They are both out to win at any cost.

Returning to our main topic of discussion, what I would really like to comment on, is the underlying mentality of

the suicide bombers themselves. While to some of you, I may seem to be adopting more of a pro-Palestinian stance in this series, please don't think for a minute that I agree with, or approve of, the horrible acts of violence which are being committed by the parties concerned, because I most certainly don't. As should already be clear to you, I view the attacks as horrible, despicable, non-productive acts of violence, and they should be condemned by anyone who possesses a sense of civility. At the same time, the targeted assassinations being carried out by the Israelis are equally as wrong.

Having said that, because of the way news stories are often heavily biased in the mass media, in favor of one side or the other, depending on which news agency is publishing the story, we, the general public, are sometimes given a rather distorted impression. This is particularly true in the case of describing the profile of the Palestinian, being as many news sources are in fact controlled by the Jews. Many people in the West, perhaps more so in the United States of America, have this stereotyped image of Palestinians as being nothing but violent, blood-thirsty, uneducated thugs. After all, we may be tempted to assume, who else but a bunch of low-life criminals would be willing to carry out such cold-blooded attacks against innocent civilians, particularly when they involve babies and young children?

The truth of the matter is quite different when you take a closer look at these attackers. For one thing, they are not all men or teenage boys, as you might expect. Some of them, such as Saturday's attacker, have been teenage girls and young women. In fact, according to a Ha'aretz report I was reading recently, six of the suicide bombers have been of the feminine gender since the latest intifada began in the Fall of 2001. As you may recall, this latest uprising began when Ariel Sharon made his controversial and provocative visit to the Temple Mount, surrounded by Israeli security guards. Sharon's carefully-crafted theatrics were without a doubt meant to send a clear message to both Israelis and Palestinians alike.

In fact, I will even go so far as to suggest that Sharon may have known in advance what the results of that visit would be; and that he may have purposely gone there, in order to create a situation whereby his position as Prime Minister would be strengthened and secured. As I have stated before, there are a lot of corrupt political leaders in the world who just love starting a war; because historically-speaking, not only will people usually not change leaders while in the middle of a war, but wars also work the "magic" of getting people's minds off of other domestic problems, such as a failing economy, high taxes, etc.; and right now, Israel's economy is in a mess. This is due in part to the fact that Israel's primary income, (aside from billions of dollars in annual aid from the USA), is derived from tourism; and no person in their right mind is going to be visiting Israel right now. A trip to Israel might mean an unexpected trip to Heaven, if you know what I mean.

But returning to the suicide bombers, the second fallacy is that they are all uneducated criminals who have grown up in Palestinian refugee camps and slums. This too is false. The

truth of the matter, is that some bombers are apparently well-educated. A case in point is the Haifa attacker, Hanadi Tayseer Jaradat. According to Israeli and Palestinian news sources, this woman was a twenty-nine year old attorney who was practicing law in Jenin. That fact alone clearly seems to separate her from the "uneducated thug" stereotype. Not only that, but if you take a look at the photo I have added to our Armageddon Hotline server, you will notice that this woman has no resemblance to a stereotyped Palestinian thug. To the contrary, she was rather attractive. In short, here was an obviously bright, educated, young woman, who seems to have become successful, at least as far as the standards of the world are concerned; yet for some reason, she chose to take her life in a very violent manner, and kill as many Israelis as possible in the process.

So even if we dismiss those bombers who may not have fared as well in this life, such as those living in squalor in the refugee camps, we are still forced to ask ourselves, exactly what causes these bright, educated people to do such things? What is going on in their minds? In the case of this latest bomber, the Israeli press reported that Hanadi had a brother who was killed by the Israeli Defense Forces in June of this year, due to his affiliation with Islamic Jihad. Also killed in the attack was his cousin, who was a member of Jerusalem Brigades.

So is it possible that Miss Jaradat carried out the attack as a personal vendetta against the Israelis? Was she simply motivated by some desire to save her family's honor? While this is possible, I tend to think that the core issue is something much deeper. We can argue that Islamic Jihad was simply smart enough to take advantage of this woman's pain, and was able to convince her that killing for Allah would guarantee her immediate entrance into "Paradise"; but even so, I still think that there is something else there which is fueling these suicide bombings. A bright, young woman doesn't just go and blow herself to bits for no reason. If her sole motivation was personal revenge for the deaths of her brother and cousin, then my response would have to be the following by the Apostle Paul:

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Romans 12:19, KJV

Like a few other writers, I can only come to one plausible conclusion; and that is that some of these suicide bombers, if not all of them, are victims of a deep-rooted desperation. The Palestinians simply see no other course to take, in order to somehow defeat the giant Israeli goliath, who has all of the money, and who possesses a distinct, unmatched military superiority. What a reversal of roles since the days of King David, when the Philistines seemed to have the upper hand with their giant, Goliath!

So, after watching the Israelis slowly grab their land piece by piece, year after year, for several decades now, through ambitious settlement projects, which, by the way, have had the blessings and support of Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, who in fact initiated those projects, while since



1948, they, the Palestinians, have been methodically herded like animals into crowded refugee camps located in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, and after now watching even the West Bank being cut up into pieces by unauthorized settlements and access roads, and currently being enclosed by a controversial barrier wall which cuts deep into their territorial, in the words of a very popular American expression, they are saying "I am mad as hell, and I am not going to take it any longer!".

To aggravate the problem even further, if Israel's economy is in shambles, the Palestinian economy is in even worse condition; because hundreds of thousands of Palestinians are unable to commute to their regular jobs, as a result of the heavy restrictions which have been repeatedly placed upon them by the Israelis. Not only that, but Israeli authorities are not honoring tax returns, and other benefits which are bestowed upon the thousands of Palestinians who daily work inside of Israel. The Jews are constantly complaining, and using the press to remind the world how cruelly they were treated in German concentration camps, but can they honestly say that they are treating their neighbors the Palestinians any better? Has the oppressed turned around and become the oppressor?

I think it would do the Israelis a lot of good to remember the response that Jesus offered when, while discussing the "Two Greatest Commandments", a Jewish lawyer tried to get out from under the conviction of what Jesus was saying, and asked the Lord who his neighbor was. Jesus' answer is found in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Please notice that in this story, the victim is a Jew from Jerusalem, and the man who helped him, was not a Jewish priest, or a member of the tribe of Levi, but rather someone from Samaria:

"And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said

Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise."  
Luke 10:25-37, KJV

To help you to better understand this Parable, allow me to explain a few things to you, which I also discuss in such articles as "The Fruits Of Disobedience". You see, from the time that the Lord rent most of the kingdom of Israel from the house of David during the reign of King Solomon's son, Rehoboam, and divided it into two portions, that is, the southern half given to Judah and Benjamin, and the northern portion given to the other ten tribes, known as Samaria or Ephraim, they were at odds with each other, and fought many wars against each other, as is made rather clear in the Old Testament. In addition to this point, because of the various invasions by the Assyrians, the Babylonians, etc., the gene pool of the northern tribes was heavily polluted by foreign blood. So, because of these various factors, as well as the fact that the Lord had prophesied through Jacob that the sceptre, or royal line, would never depart from the tribe of Judah, (please see Genesis 49:10), the Jews, that is, those of the tribe of Judah, looked down upon, and despised their northern brethren.

The situation I just described to you still existed at the time that Jesus walked the Earth. There was strong animosity between the Jews in Judah, and their brethren in Samaria. It is for this reason, that in the New Testament, you will find a number of verses where the Samaritans, and the Galileans, (please note that Galilee was a part of the northern half), are criticized by the Jews. This is also why negative things were said of Jesus and His Disciples, because they were from Galilee. Not only that, but the Lord and His followers spoke Aramaic, that is, the language of the Syrians to the north. Consider these verses:

"And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see."  
John 1:46, KJV

"Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans."  
John 4:9, KJV

"Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?" John 7:41, KJV

"They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet."  
John 7:52, KJV

"And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee." Matthew 26:73, KJV

"And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaeen, and thy speech agreeth thereto."  
Mark 14:70, KJV

"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,

saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Matthew 27:46, KJV

Ironically, as much as the Jews despised and hated their northern brethren, the New Testament makes it very clear that the Galileans were some of Jesus' most devoted followers; and the proud, self-righteous Jews of Judah simply did not like this self-proclaimed Prophet and His "mob" coming down from Galilee, to fill Judah and Jerusalem with their new doctrines which seemed to be contrary to the Laws of Moses, which they, the Jewish Scribes and Pharisees, claimed to observe. Please consider the following verses:

"And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan." Matthew 4:25, KJV

"And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;" Matthew 19:1, KJV

"And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:" Matthew 27:55, KJV

"And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place...And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things...And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid." Luke 23:5, 49, 55, KJV

"That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;" Acts 10:37, KJV

"And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people." Acts 13:31, KJV

So it seems that the very people who the Jews despised and hated the most, were the ones that God chose to spread the message of Repentance and Salvation throughout Israel. God surely works in mysterious ways; but as Isaiah wrote:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9, KJV

Having now explained these things to you, perhaps you will better understand what Jesus was saying to the Jewish lawyer who was trying to trap Him in His words. Jesus was basically saying "You know those Samaritans up there who you despise and hate so much? They are your neighbors. It is to them that you must demonstrate love, mercy and compassion, just as the Samaritan showed mercy and compassion to the wounded Jew on the road to Jericho". Jesus wasn't really teaching

anything that He hadn't said before. In the Sermon on the Mount He said:

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:44-48, KJV

"But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." Luke 6:27-36, KJV

Sadly, the Jews never learned their lesson, and to this very day, many of them still hate the occupants of the West Bank, (ancient Judah and Samaria), and the Gaza Strip, and view them as being less than animals. But, as I'll be explaining shortly, not all Jews hate the Palestinians. Unlike Ariel Sharon and his war hawks, there are some Jews who have not lost hope, who are still reaching out, and offering a hand of peace to their Palestinian neighbors, through diplomatic negotiations.

If you have any doubts regarding the fact that some of the more orthodox, far-right Israelis do view the Palestinians as being nothing but cattle, who they force to carry ID cards, and who on a daily basis must pass through countless checkpoints, as if they are all criminals, then allow me to encourage you to read my controversial series entitled "The International Jews And The Protocols Of Zion". As far as the far-right Jews are concerned, all "goyim", (or Gentiles), are nothing but cattle, meant to be used, and abused, according to their convenience. Also, I again encourage you to read "Yasser Arafat's Ultimatum, Camp David And Broken Promises", in order to better understand the Palestinians' frustration with the current political process, which began so many years ago.

If there is one thing which has become rather clear, it is

that the Jews are shrewd negotiators and expert manipulators, who skillfully twist and redefine what has been said, so that it fits into their agenda, their view of the world, and how they feel things should be run in the Middle East. The Jews possess the unique ability to talk and negotiate for years, while never really giving up a single thing. We have seen this repeatedly from the 1978 Camp David Accords, to the Wye Memorandum, to the recent so-called "road map" for Middle East peace. The more the Israelis talk, the more they seem to take, while the Palestinians end up with less each time.

As one news reporter recently observed, considering the rate at which the far-right Jews are slicing up the West Bank and the Gaza Strip with new roads, not to mention building new settlements, and expanding their current ones as well, even if both parties ever do decide to negotiate seriously, will there even be anything left to offer to the Palestinians? If there is, it surely won't be a contiguous Palestinian State; and that is one of the main reasons why a small percentage of Palestinians have become so desperate, that they've now chosen violence, and resorted to deadly suicide bomb attacks and other forms of guerrilla warfare, against the Israelis. These people have concluded after so many fruitless years of negotiations, that words simply fail to make much progress with the Israelis; so they are resorting to fear, bullets and bombs, in order to get what they feel is rightly theirs. In a word, they are desperate. No, as I have already stated, I do not condone what they do, but I do understand why they are doing it.

As I mentioned a moment ago, it is also important that you understand that these suicide bombings are being carried out by a very small percentage of people who, as far as I know, do not really represent the views of most Palestinians, any more than the settlers represent the views of all Israelis. Both of these groups, the suicide bombers and the settlers, are radical minorities which have become embedded within the more moderate general public. In fact, the 200,000 settlers way outnumber the suicide bombers. From everything I have read regarding this issue, it seems that most people on both sides of the debate, truly do desire to live peaceably with each other. They are just as human as you or I. They have the same hopes and dreams as other people of the world. They are tired of all of the bloodshed and killing. They want a safe future for their children. The problem is not with them, as you will see in a moment.

As we conclude this series in part three, we'll take a look at such topics as the incompatibility Of Sharon And Arafat, Sharon's failed promise of peace and security, the issue of whether or not Arafat really controls the bombers, America's high school shootings, Big Brother and a totalitarian police state, America's weakness and duplicity, the factor of free will and personal choice, the limitations imposed on the Palestinian security forces, the threat of civil war, Arafat imprisoned in Ramallah, the 9/11 attacks, lost opportunities for peace, Yossi Beilin's peace plan and Sharon's opposition, Arafat's strategy, Endtime political deception, God raises up leaders, the Holy Covenant, the final Jewish temple, the Battle of Armageddon, God is in control, and Jerusalem being used to sift the nations. I trust that you will join me.

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Incompatibility Of Sharon And Arafat, Netanyahu, Sharon's Failed Promise Of Peace And Security, Does Arafat Control The Bombers, America's High School And Employee Shootings, Is The President Responsible?, Big Brother's Police State, Arafat Discredited By Israel And Bush, Casualties In Iraq, America's Weakness And Duplicity, Free Will And Personal Choice, Limitations Imposed On Palestinian Security Forces, Civil War, A House Divided, Arafat Imprisoned In Ramallah, 9/11 Attacks, Cold-Hearted Scheming Leaders, Pearl Harbor, Lost Peace Opportunities, Yossi Beilin Peace Plan, Sharon's Opposition To Swiss Accords, Convincing The General Public, Arafat's Real Strategy, Endtime Political Deception, God Raises Up Leaders, Holy Covenant, 3rd Jewish Temple, Battle Of Armageddon, God Is In Control, Jerusalem Sifts Nations

If you take an honest, unbiased look at the current state of the Middle East peace process, I think that many of you will agree with me when I propose that, at this particular moment in time, the main obstacle to peace isn't so much the general Israeli population, or the general Palestinian population, it is their hawkish leaders, Ariel Sharon and Yasser Arafat; who know how to manipulate the crowds, and stir up the passions of their people. They are both pros at this. As long as these two men remain in power, it honestly doesn't look to me like much progress is ever going to be achieved. In a word, Ariel Sharon is just as much an extremist in one direction, as Mr. Arafat is in the other. Having to deal with Arafat was hard enough. When Sharon won the last election, it was like adding gasoline to the fire. Many people, myself included, realized that Sharon's victory signalled serious trouble for the peace process, just as occurred years before with the election of hawkish Binyamin Netanyahu.

As I have mentioned before, nobody thought that Mr. Netanyahu would win that election; but when he did, the United States, and other nations, viewed his victory with dread. Well, Mr. Netanyahu eventually messed up, (although he is now making a strong comeback), but his removal from office only made room for Netanyahu version 2.0, in the form of Ariel Sharon. These two men were made from the same cookie cutter so-to-speak. It is for this very reason that trying to achieve peace between Sharon and Arafat, is like trying to forcefully mix vinegar and oil. The minute you stop vigorously shaking the bottle, they will begin to separate again. The oil will float to the top, like Arafat at the Muqata in Ramallah to the north, and Sharon, like vinegar with a bite, will sink to the bottom.

Three years ago, Mr. Sharon won the Israeli election with the promise to restore peace and security to Israel. Any casual observer will have to admit that Sharon has achieved neither. In fact, as I have already pointed out, he basically made a declaration of war when he went to the Temple Mount that Fall

day. In the past three years since he started Beirut Part 2, both Israelis and Palestinians have experienced more death and destruction, than they have in years. And while it is a sad statistic to mention, it's important that you understand, that while the Israelis are quick to publicize how many Jews have met their deaths at the hands of suicide bombers, the simple truth of the matter is that since the intifada began, almost three times as many Palestinians have been killed by the Israelis, as have Israelis been killed by Palestinians. We are talking about several thousand Palestinians, and not just hundreds of Israelis. The fact that there are numbers to mention at all, is a real, heart-wrenching tragedy.

So again, Sharon's promise of peace and security has been an utter failure. It seems that the more pressure he applies to the Palestinians, the more Israelis die. It should be quite obvious to you that Sharon's approach to the problem simply is not working, and both sides are paying a very high price due to the obstinacy of these two men, Sharon and Arafat.

Like many of you, I have pondered whether or not the suicide bombers are really operating under the authority of, and with the permission of, Mr. Arafat. Perhaps so; or perhaps things are so out of control due to the Palestinian security forces being hindered by the Israelis, that Arafat really is unable to rein in the terrorist organizations. Before you are quick to just dismiss this idea as nothing but nonsense, consider the fact that right now there are approximately four million Palestinians living in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. I read recently that there were about one million more Jews in Israel, than there are Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories.

Now, while this may not seem related at first, allow me to make a comparison, to help you to better understand what I am about to say. In the United States of America in recent years, a terrible scourge has raised its ugly head. I am referring to the randomized killing of innocent bystanders in American public schools, by young kids who have obvious psychological problems. In addition to this, there have also been killings in the work place by what have been reported to be disgruntled former employees. America has been shocked by these incidents; so much so, that American public schools are now becoming virtual prisons with cameras and security guards all over the place. In fact, with each passing year, and with the passage of such things as the American Patriot Act, the United States of America is evolving more and more into a virtual police state; and that is exactly my point, as I will explain in a moment.

Now, allow me to ask you a simple question. Each time that one of these terrible incidents has occurred, have you been quick to point your finger at the president of the United States? Have you asked why he hasn't stopped these people from perpetrating these horrible crimes? Have you accused him of failing at his job? Of course not. Why? Because you know full well that the president is not responsible for each of these individual acts. You know that there exists such things as free will and personal choice, and that the president cannot control what each American citizen decides to do with their lives. In addition to this, you know that



the only way that every single crime could ever possibly be prevented, would be if the United States were converted into a total police state with guards and surveillance equipment on every single street corner, and in every single room of every single building, in every single city, in every single state. In short, it would really require a scenario similar to George Orwell's "Big Brother" in the novel "1984".

Now, have you made the connection yet to our previous topic? Every time that a suicide bombing occurs, the Israelis are very quick to point the finger at Yasser Arafat, as are many pro-Israel American Christians, beginning with some members of the Bush administration. They discredit Arafat and his team and accusingly say "See! He is not a man of peace! He doesn't lift a finger to stop these terrorists! In fact, he incites and encourages them to kill Israelis! He is no peace partner! He is irrelevant! He is dangerous! Let's remove him from the picture by whatever means necessary!"; and on and on they go with their hypocritical accusations, as if Ariel Sharon has bent over backwards to achieve peace. My gosh! Sharon treats Arafat like he is the Plague!

I am not coming to Mr. Arafat's defense. I am merely trying to show you the hypocrisy of the situation. Sharon's people have killed some 3,000 Palestinians since the intifada began, yet we don't see the Bush administration complaining that he is irrelevant, or accusing Sharon of being a terrorist. If 3,000 American soldiers had died in Iraq by now, you can bet that the Bush administration would be ready to pull out of there, so that it could drop a bomb on Baghdad; yet in the state of Israel, all we hear about are the terrible suicide bombers who have killed in the hundreds, while the Israelis have killed in the thousands, and totally oppressed their neighbors in every way possible, so that they are barely a functioning society. Again, I don't like using numbers for comparisons, but I really want you people in America to see what kind of a lopsided picture you are being given by those who control you.

Since I was just speaking about Iraq, allow me to share an interesting piece of information with you. According to a CNN news report I was just reading, more than 180 American soldiers have died in Iraq, as a result of ambushes and accidents, since President Bush declared an end to what he referred to as "major combat", on May 1st. While 3,000 Americans soldiers have not died in Iraq, guess what? This same report states that over 3,200 Iraqi civilians died in one month alone prior to the end of "major combat", and that number is thought to be very conservative. Following is an excerpt from the article:

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There is no reliable source for Iraqi civilian or combatant casualty figures, either during the period of major combat or after May 1. The Associated Press reported an estimated 3,240 civilian Iraqi deaths between March 20 and April 20, but the AP said that the figure was based on records of only half of Iraq's hospitals and the actual number was thought to be significantly higher.

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As I pointed out in part one, as weak as he is, George Bush just gave Sharon the nod before the Israelis attacked Syria, because they both view Syria as a common enemy, and a part of the so-called "Axis of Evil". The Bush administration has adopted the same attitude regarding the settlements. Here is supposedly big, powerful America, who bombs Yugoslavia, who bombs Afghanistan, and who bombs Iraq; but when it comes to little Israel, which is barely the size of a small American state, America is so weak, and so controlled by the Jews, that whenever Sharon does something which America doesn't like, all we see is a light slap on the wrist, or a "You better count the cost before you do that Ariel!"; or "You better not touch Arafat, Ariel!", or "You had better stop building those settlements, Ariel!"; and that is it. The words of the USA directed at Israel are utterly toothless!

Now, if you honestly cannot see America's duplicity in all of this, then I feel sorry for you, and I have to tell you that you must really be brainwashed. Maybe you need to turn off your television set and allow your brain to get a break from all of that American thought control. Instead of just listening to American news like CNN all the time, maybe you should take some time to venture out onto the Internet, and see what other countries are saying regarding some of these events; unless, of course, you are one of these high and mighty Americans who thinks that America is right about everything it says and does. If you are, then simply stop reading this series now and remove it from your hard drive.

Returning to the example I was sharing with you earlier; while there are considerably less Palestinians than there are American citizens, can you honestly say that it is fair to accuse Arafat each time one of these bomb attacks occurs? Please bear in mind, that as I stated a moment ago, it would require a total police state in order to deter every single crime in the USA; because no leader, no matter how powerful he may appear to be, can control the thoughts and actions of every single citizen. Neither political leaders, policemen, nor anyone else, can read a person's thoughts. They cannot pre-determine what a person may or may not do. They cannot encroach upon a person's free will and personal choice until after they have committed a crime, or at least shown a clear intent to commit a crime.

Not only does Arafat not have a police state, he does not even have a real state; and as far as his security forces are concerned, it is a known fact that they are for the most part in shambles, as a result of the many incursions by the Israelis into the Occupied Territories. Not only have the Israeli Defense Forces destroyed many of the police precinct buildings, but they have collected weapons as well; and to this day, the Israelis absolutely refuse to transfer control to the Palestinian security forces, so that they can begin to properly police their own people. This has been one of the sticking points of the negotiations for a long time.

In other words, on one hand, the Israelis repeatedly accuse Mr. Arafat of not fulfilling his obligations to rein in the terrorist organizations, while on the other, they knowingly

refuse to allow the Palestinian security forces to do what they know they have to do. In short, those shrewd Israelis have purposely tied the hands of Arafat and his men. Even if there was a honest willingness on Arafat's part to make real efforts at peace, (and I don't know that there is), perhaps he simply can't do it, because the terrorist organizations really are out of his control. He simply cannot control, or be held responsible for controlling, the actions of every single Palestinian citizen, any more than the US president can control every single American citizen.

What further complicates this situation, is the fact that even if Mr. Arafat and the Palestinian security forces were able to make an attempt to rein in the terrorist groups, as Arafat has wisely and clearly recognized, it would lead to full-scale civil war, because organizations such as Islamic Jihad, Hamas, etc., have made it very plain that they have absolutely no intention of laying down their weapons. Not only that, but I don't doubt that the Israeli hawks in Mr. Sharon's administration would be rather delighted to see the Palestinians fighting amongst themselves; as it would only serve to weaken them further. As the Bible clearly teaches us:

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3, KJV

"...Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:" Matthew 12:25b, KJV

So while Israel and the United States find Mr. Arafat's claim of civil war unacceptable, and view it as just another poor excuse for his not reining in the terrorist organizations, I think that Arafat has expressed a valid concern which needs to be addressed.

Allow me to make one final point on this particular issue. Most of you will know that for many months now, Arafat has been living in a virtual prison in the Muqata, surrounded by Israeli Defense Forces. He can't leave that bombed-out compound, much less Ramallah. There have also been times when the Israelis have cut off his communications, and the utilities there as well. In addition to this, I wouldn't be the least bit surprised if the Israelis are using advanced eavesdropping technology in order to listen in on whatever is occurring in private between Mr. Arafat and his top officials.

Having said that, don't you find it rather amazing that, in spite of the way his freedom has been so heavily curtailed, the Israelis claim that Arafat is still able to communicate with these terrorist organizations, in order to plan suicide bomber attacks against Israeli citizens? I don't know about you, but something doesn't seem right with that picture. If Arafat is really doing all that they accuse him of doing, I would certainly like to know how he is doing it; wouldn't you? How in the world is one old man outsmarting the entire Israeli military and intelligence community? It also reminds me of how many people still wonder how it is that the 9/11 terrorists were able to carry out their attacks, without any of the US's top political, military and intelligence leaders

knowing anything about it. Is somebody lying somewhere?

Now, maybe Yasser Arafat really is behind the suicide bomber attacks, at least some of them. If he is, then that really makes me wonder about the efficiency of Israeli intelligence. Of course, we cannot rule out the possibility that they are in fact aware of these attacks before they occur, but they allow them to occur anyway, because such attacks add to their political advantage over Arafat. While that idea may possibly shock you, the sad truth is that some leaders will knowingly allow harm to come to their own people, if it will in some way serve their purposes. To this day, many people remain convinced that America's leadership at the time knew about the coming Japanese aerial attack on the Pearl Harbor naval facilities, but that they did nothing to stop it, because it gave the Americans a valid excuse, and the opportunity that they needed, to do what they would later do to end the war.

Lest you think I am leaning too far to the Palestinian side, let me point out again, that the Palestinians aren't without guilt in this conflict. Aside from the horrible suicide bomb attacks, they have missed some golden opportunities to see their dreams realized. As I mention in a few other articles, as far back as 1948, if the Arabs had made the right choice, they might now already possess the very land for which they are currently fighting. Sadly, rather than agree to the UN partition plan, they chose to go to war; and as a result of that wrong decision, there's been conflict ever since.

Even more recently, as some of you will undoubtedly recall, former Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, with the mediation of US President Bill Clinton, offered the Palestinians almost everything that they were demanding, including almost 97% of the land. Of course, there was always the question regarding whether or not Barak would have really given East Jerusalem to them for their capital, plus recognized the Palestinian "right of return". At any rate, to everyone's surprise, even mine, Arafat walked away from the negotiations; and Sharon's victory, as well as the latest intifada, soon followed after that. So again, there have been some missed opportunities.

As you probably realize, I am by no means the first person to make these observations regarding Sharon's dismal failure to fulfill his promise of returning peace and security to Israel. Many people are also aware of how close both sides came to a peace settlement several years ago. As I mentioned earlier, in spite of the outward appearance right now, there are peacemakers on both the Israeli side, as well as in the Palestinian camp. While Mr. Sharon and President Bush have both dismissed Arafat as an "irrelevant" part of the peace process, and have even refused to meet personally with him, or negotiate with him, or with any of his representatives, it has recently come to my attention, that while it has not been highly publicized, certain members of the Labor party in Israel, have been holding secret negotiations with their Palestinian counterparts in Switzerland, and in other places as well.

Some of you may be familiar with the former Justice Minister of Israel, Mr. Yossi Beilin. According to the Israeli Insider web site, for about a year now, Mr. Beilin has been working

with his associates, towards achieving a lasting peace with the Palestinians. In fact, today, as I conclude this series, they are at this very moment working out some of the final details of their peace plan, which has come to be known as the "Swiss Accords". Following are some key excerpts from the article concerning the Swiss Accords and today's meeting in Jordan:

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The agreements...and were reached with the knowledge and support of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. One of the senior officials representing the Palestinians was former information minister Yasser Abed Rabbo.

The aim of the meetings is to replace the failed Oslo Accords with a new final status arrangement and a peace agreement that would resolve all outstanding issues, including borders, settlements, refugees and the status of Jerusalem.

The wording of the so-called "Swiss Accords" is at an advanced stage, ynet reported, and there is hope that a final breakthrough will be achieved at the high-level meeting between the sides this weekend in Jordan.

The draft agreement is based on the Beilin-Abu Mazen plan of 1995, which was finalized in talks between Beilin and then-deputy PA chairman Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), and on the Clinton "outlines" that were the basis for an agreement between Israel and the Palestinians in talks at Camp David and Taba in 2000 and 2001.

According to ynet, the sides reached "creative solutions" to the controversial issue of a "right of return" of Palestinian refugees. The Palestinian side showed great flexibility on this issue, ynet reported. In addition, the proposed agreement would result in Israel's dismantling "most" of the West Bank settlements but adopting certain "settlement blocs" in the Gush Etzion area and near Jerusalem, including the suburb of Maale Adumim.

On the issue of Jerusalem, the sides reportedly agreed to divide the city on the basis of "what is Jewish would remain part of Israel and what is Arab would be under Arab control."

The meetings between the Israeli and Palestinian officials were held with the knowledge of Arafat, Abu Mazen and new Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei (Abu Ala). The meetings were financed by the Swiss, the European Union, Japan and the United States, ynet reported.

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I find it rather interesting that while in the public forum, the United States has sidelined Yasser Arafat, this article states that the USA has helped to finance these negotiations, even though they have apparently occurred with the knowledge and support of Arafat. So, perhaps the Americans are simply not willing to allow any possible opportunity for peace to

slip by. Of course, as can be expected, Ariel Sharon and his rightist Likud party are not very happy about these meetings, and Sharon has been quick to condemn them, accusing Beilin of working in a traitorous fashion behind his back, in order to topple his administration. Following are a few more excerpts from the article:

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Speaking at a local election rally in Bat Yam Wednesday night, Sharon said, "There is currently a cynical political attempt by Labor and the left to topple the government by illegitimate means at a time when we are engaged in a difficult campaign against terror. They balk at nothing and some of them coordinate their actions with the Palestinians behind the government's back."

"Sharon's panicky speech and his cynical attack on the opposition and Labor Party are reminiscent of Netanyahu's 'They are afraid' speech," said MK Amram Mitzna (Labor) in response. "Sharon has been misleading the public for three years. Now that it is becoming clear that he is failing, he is afraid - not about the fate of the country but about his own fate."

MK Dalia Itzik (Labor) added that Sharon's accusations that the Left was collaborating with the Palestinians were an attempt to divert public opinion from his failures.

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At this point in time, I honestly do not know how things are going to turn out. Perhaps in coming weeks and months, we will begin to get a better idea of how much has really been accomplished by the peace negotiators. Even if real progress is made at this meeting, some obstacles will still have to be overcome before the Swiss Accords can be realized. First, there is the fact that Mr. Beilin and his team are not legal representatives of the current Israeli administration; they are acting as private citizens. This means that no matter how much they may accomplish with the Palestinians, it has no legitimacy. Ariel Sharon will obviously fight this tooth and nail, because it is totally contrary to his plans; and as the article states, it places his political future in jeopardy.

What this means, is that Beilin and his partners, as well as the Palestinian partners, are going to have to convince the general public that this updated peace plan is workable, and that both sides will truly carry out its stipulations, unlike the broken commitments we have all seen up until now. If I am right about how most Israelis and Palestinians feel right now, that is, that they are both tired of the violence and bloodshed, and truly want peace, then this might not be as daunting a task as it may first appear. Sharon will be the biggest obstacle to overcome; the reason being that as long as there is war and violence occurring, he won't be under too much pressure to give up anything; he will continue to feel justified in everything that he's been doing, such as building the barrier wall, expanding the settlements and building new ones, blockading the West Bank and the Gaza

Strip, keeping Arafat imprisoned in Ramallah, carrying out the assassinations, etc.

As to Arafat's true motivations in all of this, I am really not sure. One thing I will say, as I have already said a few times now, I do not like him, or trust him, any more than I like or trust Ariel Sharon. On many occasions, Arafat has made absolutely clear his intentions to run the Jews into the Mediterranean Sea. Unless he has had a sudden change of heart, which I seriously doubt, then I don't think that his motivations are altogether pure, or that he has a sincere interest in making peace with Israel. Like Sharon, he will not be happy until he has it all. If this is truly Arafat's strategy, then convincing terrorist elements like Hamas and Islamic Jihad to temporarily lay down their arms, or to at least stop the suicide bombings, may not be too difficult. All Arafat has to do is tell them "Look; this peace plan is our opportunity to grab a lot more than what we now have. Once we secure that, then we can proceed from there".

As I read all of these news reports, watch developments in the Middle East, and study the Scriptures, one thing that keeps coming back to me, is that the Bible tells us that the Endtime will be a time filled with deception, including both spiritual deception, as well as political deception. While I am still not quite sure where the following verses fit into the overall Endtime picture, or who their protagonists are, they keep coming back to me, due to the way that they so perfectly fit what we have been seeing occurring in the Middle East during the past ten years or so. These verses say:

"And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed. Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land."  
Daniel 11:27-28, KJV

I am not suggesting that Arafat and Sharon are the kings of the north and the south mentioned in these verses, but the political deception described in the verses, certainly fits the Middle East peace process. Also, I do not doubt for a minute that God has allowed these two obstinate men to come to power at this particular time, for a reason. As I have explained before, whether they be good, or whether they be evil, it is God who allows world leaders to come to power, in order that they might fulfill His Divine Purpose, as we by these verses:

"Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another." Psalms 75:5-7, KJV

"Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:" Daniel 2:20-21, KJV

"This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." Daniel 4:17, KJV

"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."  
Proverbs 21:1, KJV

As I point out in some of my other Endtime articles, whoever these two Endtime leaders are, we know that eventually, they will sign an agreement, which the Bible refers to as the Holy Covenant. This seven-year peace accord will probably include a clause which will allow for the construction of the final Jewish temple on Mount Moriah in East Jerusalem. But, as we have already seen, this temporary period of plastic peace will be based upon deception, and will only last for about three and a half years, and then the Great Tribulation, and the final war will occur in the plains of northern Israel, at a place called the hill of Megiddo, or Armageddon, as we see here:

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty...And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Revelation 16:13-14, 16, KJV

So God knows what is going to happen, and He remains in perfect control of the sad situation in the Middle East; and He is allowing all of these things to happen for a reason; in fact for several reasons. For example, we know that He is not done with dealing with the Jews, because their pride and stubborn spirit has still not been broken. They still refuse to bend the knee to Jesus Christ. In addition to this, there are indications in the Old Testament prophecies, that God may use the Jerusalem problem to sift the nations, as we see by the following verses:

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. 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 12:2-3, KJV

If the previous verses have not yet been fulfilled, and are indeed an Endtime prophecy, as many people believe, then as I point out in such articles as "The Great Tribulation And The Rapture", "The Woman In The Wilderness And The 144,000" and "Is God A Racist?", the day of Salvation is coming for at least some of the Jews. After a great deal of suffering, a remnant of them will finally be desperate enough to cry out to Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and then God's full Plan of Salvation will finally be fulfilled. Exactly how



soon these final events of the Endtime will occur is still difficult to say, but it certainly seems like the Lord may not tarry for much longer. It is my hope and prayer, as I am sure that it is yours too, that I will live to see that day, as I have been patiently waiting for over thirty-two years now, for the Lord's glorious Return.

In conclusion, as the Apostle John wrote, so say I, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus". I pray that this series has been instructive, and a blessing in your life.

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