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God has Spoken, Is America listening?

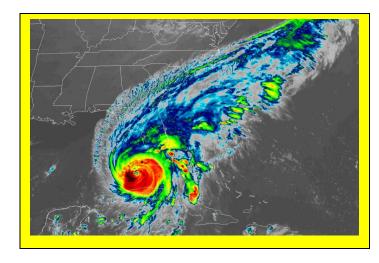
"For the nation and kingdom that will not serve [the Holy One of Israel] shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted." Isaiah 60:12

By Mike Wingfield

We live at a time when the nations are stumbling around in spiritual darkness. They are spiritually dead toward the power and purposes of the God of heaven. Collectively, they curse Him and ignore Him, while refusing to give Him the honor, praise, and service that He deserves. Even the professing Christians who attend church services each week around the world are ignorant of the Word of God. They too, like the world, do not see the hand of God or hear His voice as He speaks.

America has once again suffered a major hurricane, Ian. This great storm was sent from God upon the shores of this proud nation, whose people are far away from God. Hurricane Ian formed as a tropical depression off the coast of West Africa on September 19, 2022, and slammed into the coast of Florida on September 28, 2022, only hours after Israelis finished celebrating the Jewish New Year. Thus, God began His new year with His people by bringing a massive calamity upon the eastern shores of America.

In his meticulous well-documented book, <u>As America Has</u> <u>Done to Israel</u>, author John McTernan, illustrates the connection between U.S. natural disasters and the actions of U.S. Administrations forcing Israel to surrender the land given to them by God. Hurricane Ian perfectly fits this historical pattern.



The Bible makes it abundantly clear that God is totally sovereign over His creation and uses natural disasters as a form of His divine judgment against the enemies of His people, Israel. **Psalm 148:8** declares that "stormy wind" fulfills God's Word.

All of this is historically illustrated in the Biblical prophetic book of Nahum. The prophet's name means "comforter" or "consolation." God's message to His people through this prophet is that He comforts His people by defending them and their land by destroying their enemies.

The theme of the book of Nahum is the divine historical

destruction upon the city of Nineveh, the capital of ancient Assyria. Assyria was the evil superpower of Nahum's time. Its armies were known for the cruel and inhumane forms of execution and torture of its victims of war. Assyria was the chief enemy of Israel during Nahum's life. In 722 BC, Assyria successfully defeated the northern kingdom of Israel and carried most of the 10 Jewish tribes into exile. This little book illustrates God's vindication upon the enemies of Israel.

God has a unique love for His people, Israel. The Bible is filled with reminders that God will defend and protect His people and destroy all those who come against them and the land He gave to them. Nahum begins his inspired message to his people by causing them to remember the very heart of their God. He wrote, "God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath

for his enemies. The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet" (Nahum 1:2-3).

The records of history demonstrate that God aided the Medes as they were attacking the massive and seemingly impregnable city of Nineveh. God sent a massive storm to flood the city, located on the Tigris River. After a long siege, Nineveh fell in September of 602 BC. Thus, Nahum's prophecy was fulfilled.

While America is not militarily attacking Israel, some of the past administrations have attempted to weaken Israel by taking up the cause of the Palestinians. The Palestinians have a seething hatred of Israel and they have continually plotted the destruction of the Jewish state.

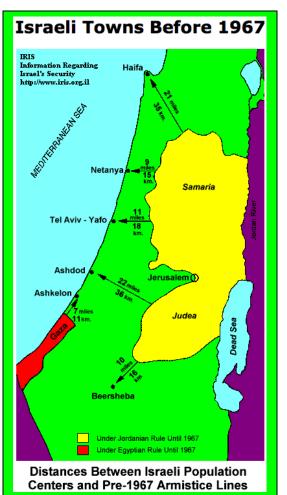
The Biden Administration is currently siding with the Palestinian cause. U.S. ambassador to Israel, Thomas

Nides, has repeatedly stated that he is opposed to any Jewish settlements on the West Bank [Biblical Judea and Samaria]. In March 2022 he publicly stated, "Israeli settlement growth infuriates me ... We can't do stupid things that impede us from a two-state solution" (*The Jerusalem Post*, March 16, 2022).

After President Joe Biden's Israel and visit Palestinian areas in July 2022, the president of the Zionist of Organization America (ZOA), Morton A. Klein, released the following statement: "The policies and statements made by President Joe Biden last week during meetings with Israeli and Palestinian Arab leaders. including terrorist dictator Mahmoud Abbas, make it clear that Biden is becoming one of

the most hostile presidents to Israel ever. Moreover, it's becoming clearer that Biden is being greatly influenced by former President Barack Obama, as these policies are similar to Obama's anti-Israel policies and virtually all of Biden's hostile-to-Israel appointments were closely associated with Obama. One might argue that this is really Obama's third term" (ZOA.org, July 18, 2022).

At these meetings, President Biden demanded that Israel retreat to its pre-1967 indefensible borders. This would make one area of the nation's borders only nine miles wide (see map). This area would be dangerously close to Tel Aviv, one of Israel's most populated cities. He also



demanded that Israel move toward the creation of a Palestinian State on the land promised to Israel by God more than 4,000 years ago (Genesis 13:14-15). Notice that God's land covenant with the Jewish people was given to the seed of Israel "forever" (Genesis 13:15).

Biden also demanded that Israel cease to have security checkpoints that restrict the flow of Palestinians with terrorist records into Israeli territory. Obviously, this would make Israel extremely vulnerable to radical Palestinian terrorists who are attempting to murder innocent Israelis. Furthermore, he increased U.S. financial support to the Palestinian government by \$316 million, bringing the annual U.S. contributions to \$816 million. These funds enable the terrorist-supported Palestinian government to finance their murderous schemes against innocent Israeli citizens. In essence, America's policies and financial support of the Palestinian leadership are funding the ongoing war aimed at the annihilation of the Jewish nation in its national homeland. U.S. President Donald Trump understood this and that is why he cut off all U.S. funding sent to the Palestinian government.

Since these meetings in July, the Biden administration has ramped up its meddling into Israeli affairs. Biden and his cohorts are making ridiculous demands that would threaten the security and existence of Israel in a volatile Middle East.

Furthermore, Biden has chosen to

pursue a nuclear treaty with Iran that is an existential threat to Israel and many of the Arab nations in the Middle East. Once again, Biden is mimicking the evil, anti-Semitic policies of Barak Obama. During his eight years as president, Obama did everything in his power to make Israel vulnerable to the radical Islamic goal of destroying the Jewish nation as a major step toward the creation of a global Islamic empire, known as a califate.

While Biden pays lip service to befriending Israel, his actions indicate otherwise. It appears that the Lord used Hurricane Ian to display his wrath against the U.S. administration and their attempts to make Israel vulnerable to her enemies.

Hurricane Ian was a large and destructive Category 4 Atlantic hurricane. It was one of the most deadly and destructive hurricanes to strike Florida in nine decades. The most devastating aspect of the storm was the massive surge of water that flooded the southern Atlantic coastal areas. Currently, the estimated damage is \$75 billion. It took man decades of building and billions of dollars to construct the buildings that God destroyed in a matter of a few hours!

Friends, this is the heavy hand of God. He has spoken. But is America listening? Unless we have a change in the U.S. administration, or the current administration changes its course in the Middle East, America is heading toward massive divine judgment from the hand of God.

Notice that Nahum said God is "jealous" for His people and His land (Nahum 1:2). The Hebrew word for jealous communicates a burning zeal. It points to a feeling of injured justice – to vindicate wrongs done. The righteous God of Israel is seeking to bring His holy and just vindication against the enemies of His people. The prophet Zechariah delivered the same message to Israel.

In Zechariah 1:14,
God said, "I am
jealous for
Jerusalem and for
Zion with a great
jealously." Later
Zechariah spoke
about Jerusalem and
said, "For he that
[touches] you

administration, or the current administration changes its course in the Middle East, America is heading toward a massive divine judgment from the hand of God.

Unless we have a change in the U.S.

[touches] the apple of [God's] eye" (Zechariah 2:8).

Friends, it pains me to see that America is beginning to turn away from its support for Israel. A seething hatred for Jews and Israel is moving like a plague across this land. America is rapidly becoming an enemy of Israel. Please understand, the Bible says those who hate Israel also hate God (Psalm 83:2-3). A divine sentence of destruction and death is upon America. Unless we repent, we will continue to witness the demise of America.

When we examine the early days of America, it is clear that God raised up America to serve Him and His purposes. As long as America has honored the God of the Bible and has given Him His rightful place in the nation, the nation has been blessed by God. Psalm 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." However, Isaiah 60:12 gives this warning, "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve [God] shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted."

Hurricane Ian was not just a random disaster. Its timing and path were guided by the sovereign hand of the King on His throne in heaven. God rules over all the nations.

Psalm 22:28 declares, "The kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among all the nations." The Bible proclaims, "He [rules] by his power forever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves" (Psalm 66:7).

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declares, "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day" (Isaiah 2:11).

Our world is ripe for the judgment of God. The nations

destroyed during the Tribulation Period. The devastating

shaking of the earth will destroy all of man's ability to be

independent of God. The modern lifestyles of living in

this technological age will come to a grinding halt. Isaiah

Our world is ripe for the judgment of God. The nations are in revolt against Him. They are turning to the spirits

of hell to satisfy their sinful longings. Satan's demons are no longer masking their presence. The manifestation of their wicked, rebellious, violent, and immoral presence is all around us! Our world is prepared for the one-

world government of the Antichrist. Soon, and very soon, the Rapture of the church will take place.

Friends, be ready for the shout that will take us out!

What to do When Surrounded by Evil (part 2)

In the October 2022 newsletter, I began to sharing eight spiritual realities to cling to when you feel overwhelmed by an avalanche of evil. As we continue to live in a world that is filled with violence, wickedness, and immorality, we are tempted to be overwhelmed with fear. This is not pleasing to God. Fear and faith are not compatible in the heart and life of the child of God. What can we do?

We have examined the first two of the spiritual realities. Let us now continue to examine additional truths that we must focus upon to overcome evil for the glory of God.

Reality #3- Continually Recognize the Presence of God

From the moment we are saved, God is living in us. The same Holy Spirit Who raised Jesus from dead has taken up residence in our bodies (Romans 1:4). Meditate on that and let it sink in! Why should we be afraid of anything or anyone? His powerful presence is in us and with us. Jesus has promised, "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

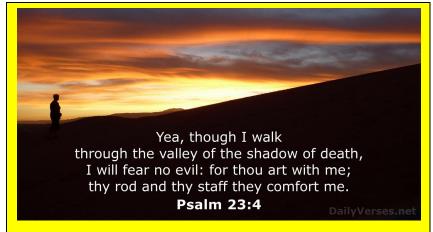
America and the nations need to humble themselves before the God of heaven. In our sinful human pride, we think we are so powerful. However, before the God of heaven, the nations with all their armies, weapons, wealth, and technology are nothing compared to the Almighty! Isaiah 40:15, 17, 22 declares, "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. ... All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. ... It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers."

There is coming a time when all the redeemed nations during the Millennial Kingdom will go up to Jerusalem to worship the King on His throne (Isaiah 2:2-3) The nations will also give honor to His people and His land (Isaiah 60). Speaking of that time, Isaiah wrote, "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted" (Isaiah 60:12).

Before the kingdom of God comes upon this earth, the Lord will arise "to shake terribly the earth" (Isaiah 2:19). The strong shaking of global earthquakes during the Tribulation will humble a remnant of those living in the nations. The Lord will use these earthquakes to produce the "fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty" (Isaiah 2:10). The pride of man will be

No matter how threatened we may feel, He is with us! We are never alone to face an enemy. The Lord reminded Joshua, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with [you wherever you go]" (Joshua 1:9). King David of Israel faced many life-threatening situations. He said to the LORD, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou are with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).

Far too often, we do not see the hand or presence of God. We move through our daily routine without ever



recognizing that He is dwelling inside of us and surrounding us with His protective care. That is why we are commanded, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

The core problem today is that believers do not know God. Our faith is no greater than our knowledge of God. Read Psalm 46. During the storms of life, God says, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Getting to know God happens when we stop long enough to examine and meditate upon the very nature of God revealed in the Word of God. This should be the greatest passion of our life! The Bible speaks of the "fear of God." That simply means we are in awe of Him. Are you amazed at the greatness of our God? The Bible says, "In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge. The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death" (Proverbs 14:26-27).

The avalanche of evil will overwhelm you if you do not remain focused upon the presence of our awesome God!

Reality #4- Examine His Testimonies of Deliverance

The Lord has recorded for us in His Word many testimonies of how He delivered His people from danger and death. This is one of the great values of studying the Old Testament. Speaking of this, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Now all these things happened unto them for [examples]: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come" (1 Corinthians 10:11). Many children of God have been encouraged by the testimonies of God's deliverance of His people. The Psalmist said, "The wicked have waited for

me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies" (Psalm 119:95).

Consider the following promises given to us.

Psalm 97:10- "... he [preserves] the souls of his saints, he [delivers] them out of the hand of the wicked." Psalm 121:7- "The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul." Proverbs 3:25-26- "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it [comes]. For the LORD shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken."

Some of my favorite testimonies of His deliverance are:

- Israel at the Red Sea- Exodus 14
- Israel's war with the Amalekites- **Exodus 17:8-16**
- Gideon and his 300 men- Judges 6-8
- David and Goliath- 1 Samuel 17
- King Jehoshaphat and the Kings of the East- 2 Chronicles 20
- King Hezekiah and the Assyrians- 2 Kings 19
- The supernatural release of Peter from prison-Acts 12

I take great joy in reading these accounts about the hand of God in the lives of those who completely trusted in Him. We serve the same God who is able to deliver us. We do not need to be afraid!

Reality #5- We must learn to think like God!

We have inherited from our forefathers a mindset that is fixed upon the finite limitations of man. When we come to Christ for salvation, we must know that He wants us to reprogram our minds so that we begin to think in terms of His holiness, grace, mercy, and power. Our finite thoughts always fall woefully short of His thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9).

The only way we can reprogram our minds to be more like His mind is to immerse ourselves in the Word of God. Our minds need to be saturated with His Word. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

When our minds are flooded with the Word of God, we will stop looking at threatening situations with fear. Instead, we will know that our God is always able to overcome whatever obstacle lies before us. In His infinite power and wisdom, He will also "make a way to escape" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

This article will be concluded in the December newsletter.

God's Boomerang

When explorers went to Australia, they found that the wild aboriginals had a curious weapon. It was a stick, with an angle over 90-degrees, curved, and weighing about 8 ounces. They used it for war and hunting. The skilled hunter could throw it about 100 yards. If it missed its target, it would come back to him.

When the wicked throw their wicked schemes against the Lord and his people, their sinful deeds will come back upon them. This is the testimony of many Scriptures.

Psalm 7:15-16- "He hath made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief

shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own [head]."

Psalm 10:2- "The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined."

Matthew 7:2- "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure you [measure out], it shall be measured to you again."

In God's righteous vengeance, He has ordained that the very devices of evil that have been designed against Him, and His people will backfire upon the wicked. It will be like a boomerang and come back upon the wicked to their own demise. Pharaoh tried to destroy the Jewish nation, and he drowned in the Red Sea. Haman prepared gallows to hang Mordecai the Jew. Instead, he was hung on the same gallows. Daniel's opponents [the presidents of Persia] plotted to have him thrown in the lions' den. Later, they were cast into the same lions' den.

This will happen again in the future. The wicked leaders of the world are plotting how they might remove 80 percent of the global population. During the Tribulation, God's judgments will remove far more than 80 percent of the wicked population of earth. These same evil leaders are twisting scientific information to promote their Green New Deal. In the Tribulation, God will send real burning climate change. The same nations that are plotting the demise of the nation of Israel will be destroyed by God in the final battle of this age at Armageddon.

God's boomerang is called divine justice. He has declared, "Vengeance is mine: I will repay" (Romans 12:19).