

THE BEST LAID PLANS OF RATS AND MISCREANTS

This past week I found myself getting angry when I read about the scum of humanity and that they were starting a scorched earth policy against Israel. I found myself checking several times a day to see if our kids were safe or if they'd be evacuated from their apartment. We miss our daughter, her husband, and their children, however knowing that they might be in peril makes us worry more. Admittedly, we worry about them more than we worry about the children stateside because of the sudden stupidity that Islam can cause in Israel.

Thanks be to Yahweh Yeshua, the nearest that the fires came was on the other side of a small hill and the winds blew the smoke in another direction. Our grandkids were all excited when the Super Water Tanker from the States flew over their house to douse the fire that I just mentioned. The kids were very nonchalant about the whole affair. I think that they believe that we look for ways to get them back to the States to live, so they really do not call for prayer unless something urgent is going on.

In a way, it is easier for us not to worry much knowing they are in Israel. I know that sound like a contradiction from what I wrote above, but when you think about it, there will always be an Israel, that guarantee is in the Scriptures. There is more insecurity when it comes to places outside of Israel because aside from a few places where some modern nations are mentioned, there is very little guarantee that some nations, including the United States, will exist after the melee' that is coming upon the world soon.

Over the years I have read with great interest some of the interesting things that have happened when peoples and nations have tried to pick a fight with Israel. I've read stories about the 1967 War and how the invading armies retreated because they heard noises of a large army coming their way, or they heard tanks when none were actually coming, or they saw angelic beings standing guard over Israeli encampments. Just a few years ago the Philistians mounted a rocket attack campaign wherein they launched thousands of missiles toward Israel. Very few missiles reached their intended targets. There were quite a few reports of enemy missiles falling back in enemy territory, or out in the wilderness. One article that caused me a great deal of amusement was titled, "Their God changes the course of our missiles." Evidently, when some missiles were launched, the wind would come from the west and blow the missiles into the Mediterranean. Coincidence? I think not. But even more important to me was the fact that they were admitting that Allah was not Yahweh, hence, they were admitting that they worship a god

other than the God of the Bible. I mean really, a fact that every Muslim and every ardent follower of Yahweh knows, that Allah is not Yahweh, was there in bold letters for all the world to see. I hope that Rick Warren read it and it gave him nightmares.

The one thing that I want to report that I haven't seen anywhere else is the spirit of concord that occurred as a result of the fires in Israel. The Koranimals set fire to Israel to instill terror and to cause the other Koranimals to rise up against the Jewish State. Instead, the opposite appears to have happened. The media, both the Satanic American media and the Jewish press both reported that Egypt and Jordan sent firefighting crews and equipment to fight the fires. Other nations, Turkey, France, Greece and the US, to name a few, sent tanker planes to extinguish the fires. The fact that Turkey, Jordan, and Egypt all offered help is miraculous in my estimation. I truly think that the world is tired of ISIS and all of the Islamonazi crap that we've been watching for the past few years. They know that Obama has funded ISIS and they resent the fact that he has created such a mess in their part of the world.

I have saved the best for last. I have been to Israel and have noticed the climate of the population. The majority of Jews and Arabs want to get along. They know that they're stuck with each other and want to make the best of a difficult situation. Yes, there are some Jews that want to cause trouble, but they are a very small minority. Then there are the Philisticians who, having been kicked out of every nation that has accepted them, have decided that they want to destroy Israel and all memory of the Jews. They are the ones setting the fires. But with that in mind, it was still amazing that Abbas sent Philisticians to help fight the fires. It was like Yahweh knocked down all of the walls of division for a short time so as to cause mutual concern between people who normally oppose each other.

We got onto the Apple I-Pad and Facetimed our daughter in Israel. She told us about the fires, where they were burning and who was starting them. Then she said something that made my heart so very happy. She said that it was amazing how people were helping each other. She said that displaced Arabs were being taken in and cared for by Jews and that displaced Jews were being taken in by Arabs. I mused that this sort of harmony is what the world will have when Mashiach Yeshua returns. Then I found myself wondering if what happened in Israel would happen here during a time of crisis. In the past, I would not have asked that question because people set aside their differences during times of calamity. However, in our current day, there is so much hatred, so much distrust and so much finger pointing that I find myself doubting that any concord would exist in a time when we will all need to come together.

Wondering about our own nation and how divided it is has caused me to be a “glass half empty,” sort of individual in this regard. The violence that has ensued since the election occurred is alarming. Yes, it is quite possible that Trump can make things better, but is that the true way to heal such deep wounds. Giving people jobs is wonderful and I fully support it, but if their hearts are not changed, they will fall back into their old ways when bad time come back around. Cleaning up government (draining the swamp, so to speak), fixing the economy and bringing back a sense of purpose to the nation are all terrific things, but they are only band-aids that are being used to keep gaping wounds closed. Our nation has become like Israel before the reforms of King Josiah, and now we have our King Josiah, so to speak. Josiah’s reforms were wonderful and Yahweh blessed Judah because of Josiah’s actions. However, while Josiah’s actions brought about prosperity through Yahweh’s blessings for his actions, the hearts of the people did not change, and when Josiah died so did the will of the people to keep Yahweh’s ways. In fact, the only thing that brought reform to individuals in Judah was the sacking of Yerushalayim and the Babylonian exile. The worship of Idols and false gods was never a problem in Judah after their 70-year exile in Babylon.

The Middle East has become weary of ISIS and what happened this past week showed me and hopefully you that there is hope for Jew and Arab to get along. It is the fires of persecution, terrorism and war that brought about mutual cooperation last week in Israel. In this world, it is calamity and malice that brings people together, not peace and prosperity. My concern is that when the times comes for the people to get tired of Trump/Pence, as our older generation passes on and the younger generations take over, they will opt for change and the nation will plummet downhill twice as fast as before. Just as the reforms came to an end with Josiah, so will they come to an end with the end of the four or eight years that Trump/Pence will rule our nation.

My exhortation is that during these next few years of prosperity (if Yahweh allows it) that in the stead of getting fat and sassy, we work harder than ever to bring people into Yahweh’s Kingdom. There will be many in the Christian realm who will believe that we have found favor in Yahweh’s eyes and they will grow cold in their blessings. NO, as one person put it, this is not a Christian change of the nation, it is a “stay of execution.”

My wife and I live in a house that was built in 1900. Thankfully, we have not had any roofing leak problems, but let’s say that we did. Now let’s say that the rain that we’ve had for the last two months suddenly lets up and we get a month of sunny weather. I could do two things during the pleasant month. I could go out and have a blast, knowing that I don’t have to worry

about a leak for the next month, but that would be unprofitable. A wiser choice would be for me to find the leaky parts of the roof and fix them, or to replace the roof altogether. Trump/Pence is a stay of execution, a respite that we will have for however Yahweh wishes. If we come to him with contrite hearts during this time, and if we preach the Good News during this time and if we ask Yahweh to prepare us for the rain that we know is coming again, then maybe we will be a shining example of Yahweh for a sick and dying world when calamity hits. In addition, maybe we will ourselves be able to withstand evil and help each other to withstand during turbulent times. Please, folks, don't sit idle during this "stay of execution." Be prepared for a sudden change to where things were worse than Obama/Hillary. Get closer to Yeshua, like he's coming back tomorrow kind of close. Be prepared in season and out of season for what will come after society fails to turn back to Yahweh.