

# KATRINA NEWS FROM CALVARY CHAPEL



## JERUSALEM

September 2, 2005 – after Katrina

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**"Jazz and Jezebels!"** Starting Wednesday, New Orleans was to launch their Official Southern Decadence (GAY) festival (Aug. 31st thru Sept. 5th); Webster's dictionary describes Decadence as "The state of being degenerate in mental or moral qualities". A lot of hard work and promotion took place for this festival and then, Katrina!

Yet today you will be hard pressed to hear anything in the media about this since Katrina. Katrina may go down in history as having a harder effect on the U.S. than September 11th. Many are wondering why this catastrophe has even happened? Some will ask if this is satan's work and some will speculate if this is God's wrath of judgment on a time of decadence.

Not coincidentally, this week at Calvary Chapel Jerusalem we are studying the Olivette discourse in

Mathew 24. The very warnings that Jesus gave to His disciples concerning the signs of the times at the end of the age are now daily Headline news. While the truth-rejecting world is now facing terrorism, natural disaster, pestilence and poverty at unprecedented levels, still there are "multitudes, *multitudes in the valley of decision.*" Oh how we need to wake up and be faithful Watchmen, warning the lost to repent and escape His coming judgment! ***For all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.... (Matt 24:6-8)***

Just last week in Israel almost 10,000 people lost their jobs and their homes. Today we see the effects on people who were disregarded as unimportant. They walked away while their enemy ravished their homeland. Today they too are in shock! They ask why and what now! They also wonder is this God's doing?

This we do know, ***God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we are not to fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the "waters" thereof roar and be troubled. (Psa 46: 1-3)***

*This week it is our desire to commit our prayer needs on the people who are suffering emotionally and physically. Our prayers go out for the grandparents and parents who are affected by Katrina, not to mention all the little children!*

We are praying, we are deeply concerned and grieved about the onset of Katrina. For the people have been ravished by the things they can not control. They too do not know their future. They too wonder why and what is next? We pray that they will be saved, for with the heart one believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*" (Rom 10:10)

**Here are parallels Expulsion Katrina.**



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\* Recent NEWS parallel happened

commentator referred to the inhabitants of New Orleans and said, "It must be an emotional experience to walk away from their houses and not know if they will be able to live in them again." *That is exactly what has transpired here this past week for Gaza's Jewish population.*

comments on the FOX Channel eerily what has just in Gaza. One

\* Another commentator said that most of all the wooden structures in New Orleans will be destroyed. *Nearly all of the structures in Gaza's Jewish communities and farms have been destroyed.*

\* Ivor Van Heeden, deputy director of Louisiana State University's Hurricane Center, recently said on FOX that there is a high probability that the hurricane will loosen many of the coffins in New Orleans and that corpses will be loosened and moved from their resting places. *One of the three top items on Israel's news tonight was the forced removal of Jewish graves from the Gaza Strip and the transportation of the corpses for reburial in other parts of Israel.*

\* *Whereas Gaza was placed under a state of emergency as its 8,000 residents were evacuated, now New Orleans has been given orders for a mandatory evacuation of nearly 500,000 people.*

\* *Whereas many Israeli Jews from Gaza are in temporary refugee camps and tent cities, there is talk of up to one million refugees needing to be settled in temporary camps in the Louisiana and Mississippi area.*

It seems that the US and Israel are joined together this week by some measure of tragedy. We grieve for this, and especially for the apparent links between these two events. We weep with those that weep and

mourn with those that mourn.

Pray for America's leadership, that their spiritual eyes and ears may be attentive to the God of Israel who stirs up the waves so that they roar. Let us not shut our ears if He is speaking. And let us handle with respect the people whom He has chosen as the apple of His eye.

All our Gulf coast Calvary Chapel pastors and their families are alive and well, and are preparing to use this crisis as an opportunity to reach out with the love of God and the good news of Jesus. The needs are enormous and I'm certain God will open doors for all of you who desire to minister in Jesus' name. The last thing we want to be is a bottleneck for the many miracles we know God will do. If your church is ready for action and you don't want to wait on a call from us, we suggest you just go for it and trust the Lord to guide your steps. The needs are enormous and I'm certain God will open doors for all of you who desire to minister in Jesus' name. We are fully aware that the work is not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord!

Below is a list of the Calvary fellowships in the area. Please pray for these pastors and their churches. I know they appreciate your support and look forward to working with you.

Calvary Chapel Fairhope, AL – Roy Mudrick  
Calvary Fellowship Meridian, MS – Ebb Fox  
Calvary Chapel Jackson, MS – Michael Ferraro  
Calvary Chapel Gulf Coast, MS – Steve Brown  
Calvary Fellowship Baton Rouge, LA – Mitch Lovett  
Calvary Fellowship Houma, LA – Jeff Robinson  
Calvary Chapel New Orleans, LA – Kevin Cox  
Calvary Fellowship Lafayette, LA – George Llewellyn

To get information on Katrina relief, go to [www.calvarychpael.com](http://www.calvarychpael.com) and go down to the end of the opening page where it has HURRICANE KATRINA, click on that and it will bring up the latest from Stone Mountain Calvary Chapel, which is acting as the point man with the affected churches and congregations.

