

STORMS AROUND THE WORLD

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My last WND commentary was written in the immediate wake of the July 7th London terrorist bombings. I noted that the two main promoters of the Israeli-Palestinian Road Map peace plan are the USA and the UK, and opined that the atrocious Islamic terror attacks in the British capital might have occurred at least partly as a result of divine displeasure with a core demand of that plan-Israeli authorities must quickly uproot Jewish residents from the Gaza Strip and from Israel's biblical heartland, Judea and Samaria.

Pointing out that Ariel Sharon's then-pending unilateral evacuation of Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip and northern Samaria was a direct result of intense pressure from American and European leaders, I ended my piece with this warning: "If it's true that nations, like individuals, reap what they sow, then folks all over the Western world better get ready for even more difficult days ahead."

This is not a new theme for me. I've been writing and speaking about the seeming connection between "natural" and terrorist disasters affecting America and the US-backed "land for peace" process for well over a decade.

Along with others, I first noticed this apparent correlation when the "Perfect Storm" (memorialized in the hit George Clooney movie) struck the Atlantic Ocean as the US-promoted International Mideast Peace Conference was taking place in Madrid in late October 1991. At that parlay, George Bush I, whose summer home in Maine was seriously damaged by the raging storm, was joined by European and other world leaders in demanding that intensely-reluctant Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir begin a withdrawal process designed to eventually create a Palestinian state alongside of tiny Israel. Shamir's deputy foreign minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, stole the media spotlight from the camera-shy premier while warning that such a state would undoubtedly morph into a Muslim fundamentalist stronghold endangering Israel's very existence.

As a result of that conference, direct Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations were convened under US auspices for the first time ever. They began nearly one year later at the State Department in Washington DC. The date was August 24, 1992-the very day that Hurricane Andrew swept ashore and devastated southern Florida. It would turn out to be America's worst natural disaster, until Katrina.

As the finishing touches were being placed on clandestine, US-backed Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations near Oslo Norway early the next year (secretly convened after all concluded that the official Washington talks had become mere platforms for public grandstanding, especially by Palestinian negotiators), the first major domestic Arab terror attack was launched upon America. Thankfully, that attempt to destroy the twin towers of the World Trade Center failed, although it did leave many dead and injured in its wake and created widespread panic in lower Manhattan.

Several months later, the controversial Oslo Accord was signed on the White House lawn, sealed by a historic handshake between Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin, at the benevolent urging of Bill Clinton. Just over one year later, his administration had to deal with the deadliest domestic terrorist attack ever when the Murrah Federal Building was blasted to bits in Oklahoma City.

In 1996, TWA flight 800 was mysteriously downed off the coast of Long Island, followed by the Khobar Towers terror attack in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 American soldiers and left hundreds wounded. In August 1998, twin blasts outside US embassy buildings in Africa slaughtered hundreds of people: a prelude to further Al Qaida terror attacks against US forces in Saudi Arabia in 1999. The USS Cole bombing in Yemen left 17 sailors dead in 2000. Outrageously topping all of this was the massive coordinated terrorist atrocities of September 2001.

Bin Laden's 9/11 Muslim assaults occurred just two days shy of the eighth anniversary of the Oslo Accord White House signing ceremony, held just up the road from the Pentagon. Jewish scholars point out that eight is the biblical number signifying completion of a cycle. Was it a cycle of divine judgment due to America's relentless promotion of a "peace" plan that would prove deadly and devastating to its small Mideast ally?

As Aaron Klein pointed out exactly two months after the July 7th London bombings, many rabbis in Israel believe that Katrina's wrath was Divine Retribution for America's pivotal role in the Gaza and northern Samaria forced evacuations, which were completed just two days before the powerful hurricane made landfall between Miami and Fort Lauderdale and five days before it ripped apart much of America's Gulf coast. Mere coincidence?

It is interesting to note that the name Katrina begins and ends with the vowel "a", as does Gaza. If you take out the middle part, "tri," which means three, you get Kana, which is the name of the Galilee town in Samaria where Jesus did his first public miracle, turning water into wine. If you add a final "n" to that you get Kanan-the original biblical name of the Holy Land. This is obviously just coincidence.

Those readers prone to dismiss out of hand the proposition that Israel's Sovereign Lord might have been signaling unhappiness over the US role in the forced Jewish uprootings should consider a few chilling facts: Both events began with security personnel knocking on residential homes in a portion of the coastal south in order to warn residents to immediately evacuate their homes, although for clearly different reasons. In both cases, thousands of residents were reluctant to leave, fearing they would never return to their beloved homes. Indeed, several thousand homes were leveled in Gaza and northern Samaria, while hundreds of thousands were destroyed or badly damaged along America's Gulf coast.

In both instances, people suddenly became effective refugees in their own lands; many forced to move to temporary shelter. Security personnel faced personal danger from angry, sometimes violent, residents. Looting then followed by some of those remaining behind. Both affected regions played a significant role in foreign exports, especially of agricultural products, resulting in substantial economic loss to the countries involved. Approximately the same overall percentage of citizens in both cases lost their homes and/or businesses. Coincidence?

The inadequate, if not disgraceful, initial government response to the Katrina disaster has further eroded public confidence in George W. Bush-the first US leader to publicly endorse a Palestinian state encompassing much of Israel's biblical heartland. This comes as his proposal to build a stable Iraq in a western democratic mold-which I have always termed huckleberry pie in the sky-seems to grow more distant every day.

Israel's pocketbook was hit hard by the Gaza withdrawals. But it is already clear that America's bill for the unprecedented Katrina disaster will be far greater proportionally. Will the world's current superpower successfully weather that financial storm? Will the great USA avoid another Al Qaida attack upon its battered homeland?

Although many will disagree, I am hardly alone in proposing that the answers may at least be partially found in current and future moves that America's elected leaders take concerning modern reborn Israel and her ancient Promised Land.

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