US "Framework" Calls For 80,000 Israeli West Bank Evacuations to the Big Settlement Blocs

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.

The State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said in Washington Tuesday, Dec. 31, that Secretary John Kerry would discuss with Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas a "proposed framework" to serve as "a guideline for addressing all core issues" in the decades-long dispute.

"Some people say this would be an interim agreement. No, that's not the case," she said. The core issues she listed were "borders between Israel and a future Palestine, security arrangements, the fate of Palestinian refugees and conflicting claims to the holy city of Jerusalem." Kerry leaves for Israel and Ramallah on New Year's Day to continue his shuttle, after Monday night, Dec. 30, Israel released from jail 26 Palestinian terrorists serving life sentences for murder. debkafile reported earlier that the US Secretary does not expect Israeli and Palestinian leaders to approve the proposed framework – only to contribute their comments. We also reported that Abbas had indicated to the Secretary that that Palestinians were preparing to reject his proposals by demanding their referral to the various pan-Arab forums.

DEBKA Weekly No. 616 of Dec. 20 was first to divulge the nine points of the unpublished draft Kerry planned to present to Israeli and Palestinian leaders this week. Since then, certain amendments were introduced - especially in relation to Israel's military presence in the Jordan Valley and Judea and Samaria. The document continues to be molded by Kerry's ongoing back-and-forth communications with the two parties. Nevertheless, the nine points disclosed hereunder stand as the basic guidelines of the proposed US framework:

Israel hands over 92.8 per cent of West Bank to Palestinians

1. Nearly all its content draws on the proposal Ehud Olmert, then Prime Minister, submitted to Abbas on Aug. 31, 2008, which he never accepted; nor was it approved by any Israeli authority.

2. Territory: Israel will annex 6.8% of the West Bank including the four main settlement blocs of Gush Etzion with Efrata; Maale Adummim; Givat Zeev; and Ariel, as well as all of the "settlements" of East Jerusalem and Har Homa - in exchange for the equivalent of 5.5% of Israeli territory.

3. The Safe Passage: The territorial link between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank would cut through southern Israel and remain under Israeli sovereignty and Palestinian control.

Our sources add that out of all other options, the American sponsors of the accord prefer to build an express railway line from Gaza to Hebron, without stops, which would be paid for by Washington. Abbas has already informed John Kerry that he wants the train to go all the way to Ramallah. There will be a special road connecting Bethlehem with Ramallah that bypasses East Jerusalem. This is mostly likely the same route currently planned to go around Maaleh Adummim. Since the safe passage will cross through Israeli, accounting for 1% of its territory, this area will be deducted from the land Israel concedes, leaving 4.54% for the land swap with the Palestinians.

4. Jerusalem: East Jerusalem will be divided territorially along the lines of the Clinton Parameters with the exception of the "Holy Basin," which comprises 0.04% of the West Bank.

Sovereignty over this ancient heart of Jerusalem, with its unique and historic concentration of Jewish, Christian and Muslim shrines, will pass to an international commission comprised of the US, Israel, the Palestinians, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

5. Refugees: This issue will be addressed according to guidelines proposed by President Bill Clinton at Camp David in the year 2000 - and rejected by Yasser Arafat. An International Foundation will be established to resettle the bulk of the Palestinian refugees in Canada and Australia, except for a small portion to be accepted in Israel in the framework of family reunification.

6. Security: The Olmert package made no mention of security. However the Kerry draft deals extensively with this issue and Israel's concerns. It calls for the evacuation of all 10,000 Jewish settlers from the Jordan Valley leaving behind...

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: I know of no other time in history when a nation has been subject to demands from the rest of the world to internationalize their capitol city. However, about 500 years before Jesus' birth, the prophet Zechariah predicted that the end-times nations of the world would indeed be fighting over Jerusalem (an insignificant city by worldly standards):

The burden of the word of the Lord against Israel. Thus says the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, **though all nations of the earth are gathered against it**. Zechariah 12:1-3 (NKJV)

The "West Bank" is the biblical and historical heartland of Samaria, territory God gave to the Jews. Prior to 1967, the Jews were content for Jordan to occupy this portion of their ancestral lands. But in 1967, Jordan joined forces with Egypt in a vain attempt to exterminate the Jewish people and lost this territory in the ensuing battles. Almost always, when a nation invades another and instead loses ground themselves, the lost ground becomes the victor's – without dispute. Not so for Israel and the West Bank. Why not?

The answer can only be understood from a spiritual perspective. In the Bible, God repeatedly states that the Jews are His promised people, predicts their dispersion as well as their eventual return to the Promised Land in the last days, and promises that once they do return, they will remain a nation until Messiah comes to establish His kingdom. The enemy of God knows these promises. Irrationally, he relentlessly strives to prevent their fulfillment in order to prevent Jesus' return to earth. In this, he inspires the evil and godless rulers of the world to fight against the promises of God using extortion, bribery, their militaries, and all other means.

Obama and Kerry would do well to learn from Pharaoh's mistakes when he opposed God in Moses' day. If our country continues to pressure Israel to give up her land and her sovereignty, America is in for some very difficult times:

For thus says the Lord of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you [the Jews] touches the apple of His eye. For surely I will shake My hand against them, and they shall become spoil for their servants. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me. "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," says the Lord. Zechariah 2:8-10 (NKJV)