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Land For Peace

“They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. . . . So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.”

(Psalm 83:4,15)

ON OCTOBER 30, 1991, a fateful “peace” conference was convened in Madrid, Spain, by President George Bush. From that moment until now, the panacean pipe dream for a lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been called—“land for peace.” President Bush set the pace from the opening bell. An excerpt from his speech follows:

Throughout the Middle East, we seek a stable and enduring settlement. We’ve not defined what this means. Indeed, I make these points with no map showing where the final borders are to be drawn. **Nevertheless we believe territorial compromise is essential for peace.**¹

The Arab position was articulated by Egypt’s foreign minister, Amr Moussa. Three of his four points involved the “land for peace” scam. He said:

Secondly, the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights are occupied territories.

Thirdly, settlements established in territories occupied since ’67, including Jerusalem are illegal, and more settlements will foreclose potential progress toward real peace and cast doubts on the credibility of the process itself.

Fourthly, the holy city of Jerusalem has its special status. . . . The occupying power should not exercise monopoly or illegal sovereignty over the holy city. It should not persist in unilateral decisions declared to annex the holy city as this lacks validity or legitimacy.²

While President Bush was speaking in Madrid, a portentous atmospheric phenomenon began to occur in the North Atlantic Ocean. A powerful storm developed off the coast of Nova Scotia packing sustained winds of 73 mph (only one mph short of hurricane status). This was quite unusual, as most hurricanes originate in the tropics (after forming off the west coast of Africa). And while the normal weather pattern for America is westward to eastward, *this* storm would travel over a thousand miles in the opposite direction! You might say it had a mind of its own.

The following day (October 31), the tempest decided to come ashore for some “trick-or-treating.” It abruptly smashed its way into New England with waves in excess of one hundred feet—the highest on record! The storm was initially called a “monster,” as it was literally hundreds of miles wide. It then proceeded down the coast all the way to Florida, causing multiplied millions of dollars in damage.

The nation’s meteorologists were astonished by their own data. The extremely rare weather patterns that coalesced to create this “Halloween Monster” can only happen about once every century. They concluded that it was one of the most powerful storms to have ever occurred. These findings resulted in a book being written about the event, followed by a feature length Hollywood film; both entitled *The Perfect Storm*.

The front-page headlines of *The New York Times* and *USA Today* newspapers featured the Madrid peace conference and the Perfect Storm stories right next to each other! The adjacent articles in *USA Today* were titled “One-on-one peace talks next” and “East Coast hit by rare storm.”³

However, to gain the ultimate spiritual perspective, you might want to read an article that appeared in the *Maine Sunday Telegram* for November 3, 1991.

Bush Surveys Storm Damage to Home

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

KENNEBUNKPORT—President Bush surveyed the devastating damage that a fierce Atlantic storm dealt his turn-of-the-century ocean-side home on Saturday and proclaimed: “The sea won this round.”

But as he stood in a yard littered with stones, mud, broken glass and overturned furniture, the president vowed to rebuild the three-story home that has been in his family since 1903.

“It’s devastating . . . but everything can be repaired,” Bush said as he led a group of reporters on a tour of the damage.

He said he had some insurance, but that it wouldn’t come close to the amount needed to restore the imposing house and its furnishing. The home was assessed last year at \$2.2 million. Local realtors, however, have said it is worth considerably more.

Bush said many years’ accumulation of books and personal belongings had been destroyed or washed out to sea in the storm that ravaged the Atlantic seaboard on Wednesday and Thursday.

At the height of the storm, 30-foot waves crashed over the house and the rocky point on which it sits, the president said.

The front, first floor of the three-story, stone-and-shingle home was ripped open to the sea, revealing the remains of what had been the Bushes’ living room, a bedroom and a family sitting room.

“The main part of the house is severely damaged,” Bush said as he and a group of reporters stepped gingerly over broken glass and twisted pieces of wood and metal that had once been the Bush’s [sic] living room.

“All that nice living room went out to sea,” an obviously pained Barbara Bush told reporters.

But, she added philosophically: “We are very lucky, we Bushes. A lot worse things happen in life.”

The president said he couldn’t believe the extent of the damage, “and I’ve been around the ocean a long time. Most who have lived around here all their lives have never seen anything like it.”

“Unfortunately, the sea won this round. We’ll see how we go on the next one,” he said. . . .

At one point, Bush ducked through a bent, open French door between jagged shards of glass to get from one room to the other.

Outside, he looked for personal belongings in the littered yard. He picked up a soggy book, looked at it and shook his head. Earlier, he had found a small framed picture of his father, the late Sen. Prescott Bush of Connecticut, lying in the mud.

“I had four pairs of binoculars that I had for years. I found one of them—and it was full of water,” Bush said sadly.

“This was solid water. It looked like part of the ocean,” Bush said, standing on his debris-strewn lawn.

The stone pier Bush uses as a boat dock lay in ruins. . . .

Asked if he planned to rebuild the house exactly as it had been, Bush said: “I don’t know. We’re waiting to talk to the adjusters and the building guys. . . .”

Nevertheless, there are no plans to move to higher ground. “It means something to us,” Bush said of the house. “It’s our family strength.”⁴

I was able to interview one of the carpenters who helped repair the president’s home. When I asked him to relate his outstanding memory of the damage, he recalled how everyone was dumbfounded that the force of the storm had obliterated the massive retaining wall designed to protect the property. He said that although the wall was three to four feet thick and anywhere from fifteen to twenty feet high, it was no match for storm tides at least twenty feet higher than normal. He distinctly remembered that even the foundation for the new wall had to be poured again. His second most vivid recollection was that the ocean had swept through half the house, leaving seaweed, sand, and other debris in its wake.

The Bible explanation for this dramatic cause and effect sequence is so vital to comprehend that your very life may be hanging in the balance. In Deuteronomy 32:10, God described the nation of Israel as “*the apple of his eye.*” After twenty centuries of displacement the Jews are finally back in their own land. Anyone stupid enough to mess with them now would be playing with “spiritual nitroglycerin.”

And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

*And I will plant them upon their land, **and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them**, saith the LORD thy God. (Amos 9:14-15)*

You say, “Dr. Grady, that ‘Perfect Storm’ business was just an unusual coincidence, that’s all.” Help yourself, son!

On August 23, 1992, President Bush moved the deadly Madrid peace conference to American soil. The theme for the Washington, D.C.-based talks remained the same—“land for peace.” The U.S. representative was acting Secretary of State, Lawrence Eagleburger. In an interview with Eagleburger, *The New York Times* reported that the peace negotiations

were resuming “in the context of an Israeli Government that is prepared to be far more forthcoming.”⁵ Better duck, America!

That very day Hurricane Andrew devastated southern Florida, causing \$30 billion in property damage and leaving 180,000 homeless (with another 25,000 displaced in Louisiana), *making it the worst natural disaster in American history!* The National Hurricane Center described Andrew as a 25 to 30-mile-wide tornado! Andrew was so furious it even destroyed the wind-measuring device, making it impossible to confirm the storm’s top wind speed. The last recorded figure was 175 mph, though officials have rendered estimates as high as 200 mph!

Once again, the Madrid peace conference and “Mother Nature’s response” shared front-page coverage in the national press. The headlines for *USA Today* on August 24 were, “1 Million flee Andrew,” “This will make Hugo look weak,” and “Monster storm targets Fla.” Also on page one was an article entitled, “Mideast peace talks to resume on positive note.”

The New York Times had similar dual front-page coverage on August 26, but with an added “bonus.” Directly to the left of the Madrid peace conference story was an article about President Bush’s ratings crashing in the polls.⁶ Less than one year after attaining an incredible ninety-two percent approval rating following the Iraqi defeat in February, 1991, Bush was spiraling to reelection defeat for coming against God’s nation. (Genesis 12:3)

The United States of America is literally teetering on the brink of divine annihilation; yet no one seems to have a clue, *including the professing born-again believers!* Tell me—have the leaders of *your* particular “camp” or “movement” warned *you* of this imminent national catastrophe? Most of the pastors with whom I am acquainted are too pre-occupied with “fanning the flames of revival,” holding politically-correct “God and Country” rallies, or constructing \$100 million auditoriums to have noticed that deadly sword of Damocles hanging over their unsuspecting congregations.

The land in question belongs to Israel and no sorry Gentile is going to get away with redistricting a single square inch!

But you say, “Dr. Grady, you’re *just* trying to intimidate me with *more* coincidences. Don’t you realize that storms and hurricanes are normal occurrences?” Well, yes, I understand your point of view completely.

On January 16, 1994, President Bill Clinton and Syria's President Hafez Assad met in Geneva to discuss more "land for peace" arrangements. This time Israel would have to return the Golan Heights to Syria. Clinton was quoted in the press as stating, "Israel must make concessions that will be politically unpopular with many Israelis."⁷ *Less than twenty-four hours later, a 6.9 earthquake pulverized southern California.* The quake, centered in Northridge, became the second-most deadly "natural" disaster to come against America. (For added emphasis, the quake's epicenter just happened to strike in the very district where 95 percent of America's pornographic films are produced.)

The source for these amazing "coincidences" is a well-researched book entitled *Israel: The Blessing or the Curse*, by co-authors John McTernan and Bill Koenig. Mr. McTernan is a retired federal agent who served for twenty-six years with the Treasury Department while Mr. Koenig is a White House correspondent, residing in the Washington, D.C., area. These men are to be highly commended for producing such a timely and insightful warning on America's coming judgment.

Their perspective on the late Yasser Arafat's "visits" to America is beyond incredible. If the Hebrew, Moses, was commanded to remove his shoes after being *invited* to enter the Promised Land, how do you think Jehovah would react to some Egyptian psychopath with a NASCAR checkered flag draped on his head *bursting in unannounced?*

The Results of Meeting with Yasser Arafat

September 1, 1993: President Clinton announces he will meet Arafat and Rabin on September 13 in Washington, D.C., to begin the Oslo peace accords. After nearly a week of meandering in the Atlantic Ocean, Hurricane Emily hits North Carolina on this day.

March 2, 1997: Arafat meets with President Clinton in Washington, D.C. The same day, awesome tornado storms unleash tremendous damage in Arkansas and flooding in Kentucky and Ohio. Arkansas and Kentucky declared disaster areas.

January 21, 1998: President Clinton is waiting to meet with Arafat at the White House. At this exact time, the president's sex scandal breaks.

September 27, 1998: Arafat is meeting with the president in Washington. Hurricane George hits Alabama and stalls. The hurricane stalls until Arafat leaves and then it dissipates. Parts of Alabama declared a disaster area.

- October 17, 1998: Arafat comes to the Wye Plantation meeting. Incredible rains fall on Texas, which cause record flooding. Parts of Texas are declared a disaster area.
- November 23, 1998: Arafat comes to America. He meets with President Clinton who is raising funds for the Palestinian state. On this day the stock market fell 216 points.
- December 12, 1998: On this day the U.S. House of Representatives votes to impeach President Clinton. At the very time of the impeachment, the president is meeting with Arafat in Gaza over the peace process.
- March 23, 1999: Arafat meets with Clinton in Washington, D.C. Market falls 219 points that day. The next day Clinton orders attack on Serbia.
- September 3, 1999: Secretary of State Albright meets with Arafat in Israel. Hurricane Dennis comes ashore on this very day after weeks of changing course in the Atlantic Ocean.
- September 22, 1999: Arafat meets with Clinton in Washington, D.C. The day before and after the meeting, the market falls more than 200 points each day. This was the first time in history the market lost more than 200 points for two days in a week. The market lost 524 points this week.
- June 16, 2000: Arafat meets with President Clinton. The market falls 265 points on this day.
- July 12-26, 2000: Arafat at the Camp David meetings. Powerful droughts throughout the country. Forest fires explode in West into uncontrollable fires. By the end of August, 7 million acres are burnt.
- November 9, 2000: Arafat meets with President Clinton at the White House to try and salvage the peace process. This was just two days after the presidential election. The nation was just entering into an election crisis which was the worst in over one hundred years.
- November 11, 2001: Arafat speaks at the U.N. General Assembly and condemns Israel. He later meets with Secretary of State Colin Powell. On this day, Saddam threatens the U.S. with nuclear weapons. Within twenty-four hours of meeting with Powell, an airplane crashes in NYC killing two hundred sixty-five people. The crash was fifteen miles from where Arafat spoke.⁸

“BROTHER” BUSH VS. THE BURNING BUSH

During his 2000 election campaign, George W. Bush stated in a debate with Al Gore, “I want everyone to know, should I be the president, Israel’s going to be our friend. *I’m going to stand by Israel.*”⁹ Has “Brother” Bush delivered the goods? After the land for the American

Embassy in Jerusalem was given to Washington, D.C., in 1991, Congress authorized the relocation from Tel Aviv. Yet, Mr. Clinton refused to facilitate the transfer. Bush promised Jewish voters that he would move the Embassy to Jerusalem if elected president. This has yet to be done. Do you think Israel's God is impressed with rhetoric?

On June 6, 2001, President Bush sent CIA director George Tenet to Israel to broker a cessation of construction projects in the disputed settlement areas. (The president was going to "stand by Israel," etc.) Well, while Mr. Tenet was en route, a funny thing happened out in the Gulf of Mexico. Tropical Storm Allison formed within a day and headed off to visit the president's home state. Allison had never heard the expression, "Don't mess with Texas." She was more familiar with the concept—"Don't mess with *Israel*."

One of the heaviest rainfalls in U.S. history drenched numerous portions of Texas between June 5-11. More than two feet of rain closed *Bush* Intercontinental Airport for nearly two days. Houston received over twenty-eight inches in a single twenty-four hour period alone. The city was forced to shut down for three days. An estimated 25,000 homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed as well as 50,000 automobiles and trucks.¹⁰

Allison's ten-day "visit" left Texas in shambles. Twenty-eight counties were declared a disaster area (along with fourteen parishes in Louisiana). The price tag for Tenet's attempt to pressure Israel was \$3 billion in Houston and another \$4 billion statewide. Once again, the two stories shared front-page news coverage. In the June 13, 2001, issue of *The New York Times*, one article was titled "Flood Tunneled into Houston's Cultural Heart." The second title read, "Two Sides in Mideast Accept U.S. Plan for a Cease-Fire."¹¹

On October 2, 2001, President Bush issued his first public statement in favor of a Palestinian State; that same day the national anthrax terrorist attack began in Florida.¹² While America's clinics scrambled for vaccine, the Bush administration assured the world that a Mideast peace plan was just around the corner.

Since the tragic events of 9/11, America has been reaping what she has sown. As *we* pressured Israel to forfeit *her* sovereignty, the identical force has now returned upon *us*. McTernan and Koenig provide these striking parallels:

At the same time the Israeli government was destabilized in late 2000, so was America's.

Almost a year to the day that the intense terrorism began against Israel, America was attacked by the same kind of terrorists.

Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, was under terrorist attack and Washington, D.C., was also under attack by terrorists.

Israel was in a low-grade war with Muslims. America also entered into a low-grade war with Muslims.

Israel's capital, Jerusalem, was attacked by terrorists. America's capital, Washington, D.C., was also attacked by terrorists.

Americans had come under the same fear that the Israelis live under.

Israel's economy suffered because of the terrorism. The American economy fell under the same pressure.

The tourist industry collapsed in Israel because of the terrorism. The tourism industry in America collapsed after the terrorist attacks.¹³

The same principle applies with regard to the many casualties sustained in the Iraqi War. For having slapped Israel's hand whenever she attempted to retaliate against the PLO for over 100 bombings since President Bush declared his "War on Terror," our leaders were forced to contend with a steady arrival of body bags at Dover Air Force Base.

The explanation for this amazing sequence of events can only be found in the Bible. (The *Koran* would be the *last* place to look.) "*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*" (Galatians 6:7).

In his epistle to the church in Rome, Paul wrote: "*What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God*" (Romans 3:1-2). It has been said that "Judaism is the stalk on which the rose of Christianity bloomed." As a result of Israel's temporary blindness, the Body of Christ has become the guardian of the "Mosaic tablets." On August 15, 2003, Judge Roy Moore announced on the *O'Reilly Factor* program that he had "no intention" of obeying the federal court order to remove his Ten Commandments monument from Alabama's state judicial building. Millions of potential viewers were unable to watch the *O'Reilly Factor* that night as the largest electrical brownout in American history had pulverized much of the Northeast at 4:00 p.m.

The following day, CNN's *Headline News* channel reported that Israel would comply with the "Road Map to Peace" timetable by surrendering Jericho, Ramallah, Qualqilia and Talkarem to the Palestinian

Authority. The very next story announced that Tropical Storm Erika was headed for Brownsville, Texas! A headline on page 3A of *USA Today* for November 4, 2003, read, “Judicial panel ousts Ala.’s chief justice.” A second headline on the same page stated, “Winds knock socks off Northeast; 2 dead, about 1 million lose power.”

Because her citizens are beset by ignorance and apathy, America remains a nation under siege. Since our leaders have literally opted to challenge the God of Israel over a real estate matter, the so-called “Road Map to Peace” (announced in April 2003) will inevitably take us over the cliff. In view of this reality, you might want to pull over on the shoulder for a moment to consider the Apostle Paul’s admonition.

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? (II Corinthians 13:5)

If you’re not a born-again believer, then repent and accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour. (Romans 10:13) And if I were you, I wouldn’t put it off. Things are only going to get worse in the near future for *any* nation that comes against Jerusalem:

Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. . . .

And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. (Zechariah 14:3,12)

And talk about hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and *tsunamis*—you haven’t seen *anything* yet!

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood:

And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. . . .

And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. (Revelation 8:8, 9; 11:13)

If you *are* a Christian, then you had better be sure that you are totally right with God! And yes, I do believe in a *pre-Tribulation Rapture*. I am not worried about entering that seven-year *eruption* of divine wrath because of the blessed *interruption* promised in I Thessalonians 4:16. However, I'm not so sure about a possible *disruption* occurring this side of the *interruption* as a consequence of all the *corruption* sown by the modern Bible movement. *The prevailing oblivion displayed by professing Christians toward America's subtle betrayal of Israeli sovereignty constitutes the paramount symptom of this apostasy.*

The problem in the last days is that the remnant of sincere Bible-believers reflecting "Philadelphia" Church Age values are greatly outnumbered by their apostate "Laodicean" brethren. The danger lies in the fact that the blatant hypocrisy of this carnal/natural majority has given "*great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme*" (II Samuel 12:14a). America's subsequent cultural degeneration and abandonment of Israel has now given God the justification to dump *her* upon the junk pile of nations.

One of the best ways to prepare for whatever disruption may be coming is to apply an important principle found in Ezekiel, chapter 9. Before Israel is converted at the end of the Tribulation, God Himself will bring severe chastisement on Jerusalem. He will do so by dispatching six angels, each with "*a slaughter weapon in his hand*" (verse 2). However, one of the "heavenly hit men" will also have a "*writer's inkhorn by his side*" (verse 2). The spiritual principle contained in the Lord's instructions could one day save your life as well as any loved ones who heed your example.

And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. (Ezekiel 9:4-7)

Because the Lord's *nature* never changes (Malachi 3:6), He might also be predisposed to preserve the Christians who are found "*sighing and crying*" for "*all the abominations that be done*" in America during the closing days of the Church Age. As the song title goes, "Tears are a language God understands." (Isaiah 38:5) After all, He wrote the book on "smart bombs." If God could find the Jews in Goshen (Exodus 8:22-23) and Rahab's house on the wall (Joshua 6:22-23), what makes you think that He couldn't find *you*? Why worry about anthrax when you've got Psalm 91:7 for comfort? "*A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.*"

Thus the all-important key to physical survival in the days ahead is having the right attitude toward Israel. "*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee*" (Psalm 122:6). And yet, herein lies the precise "Catch-22" that confronts the modern Christian in our land; *one cannot be found weeping for America's sin and pending judgment while simultaneously participating in her post-9/11 revival of neo-patriotism*. It is impossible to ride the fence on this one. The question of the hour is as timely today as it was in 1491 BC: "*Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me*" (Exodus 32:26a).

However, because it would be cultural suicide to even *hint* that II Chronicles 7:14 demands humility, repentance and confession of sin, the majority of emotionally correct, "militant" Laodiceans have opted to join with their neighbors and co-workers in singing "God Bless America," waving American flags and sporting those incredible "Power of Pride" bumper stickers.

The Bible clearly warned that this expedient defection would take place in the last days:

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (II Timothy 4:3)

If you're still undecided about standing with the Lord, just start watching the Weather Channel before retiring each night. (As the humanistic advertisement for the program *StormWatch* puts it, "Experience people at their best and Nature at its worst.") Then pull those covers

snugly against your chin. You won't have to worry about anything stirring out there in the dark—*until* the next mile marker is reached on the "Road Map to Peace." *Nighty-night!*

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

(I Thessalonians 5:3)