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The New Millennium and Peace in Jerusalem

Will the New Millennium usher in Israeli/Arab Peace? Here are some facts to keep tucked away as you teach your next Bible Trek.

Jerusalem was founded 3,000 years ago by King David and the Bible refers to Jerusalem as "The city of David" 40 times. Jerusalem is named more than 800 times in the bible and is CENTRAL to God's plan. Knowing that only the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob can defeat him, Satan has always attacked this small group of people spawning 3,000 years of anti-Semitism. Jesus, the fulfillment of the aforementioned (Gen. 3:15), defeated Satan at the cross so all that is left is the promises given to the Jewish people in Daniel, Ezekiel and Isaiah and Revelation - The end times or Jacobs trouble. If Satan can thwart them, then God is a liar. No end times-no final end for Satan. Satan was almost successful in WW2 when Hitler almost wiped out the Jews. If Satan can wipe out the Jews, no prophecies about the Jews can be fulfilled and the City of David will not become the ruling place for the Jewish people in fulfillment of all the end time prophecies.

Today, we see once again a tremendous ground swell of activity in Israel. As the millennium approaches you may be hit with more questions than normal as more and more articles, TV shows and commentaries will surface regarding Israel (a place smaller than Massachusetts) and the incredible piece of geography that it is. The Arabs want it, the Jews want it and the Christians want to regulate it.

What to know about the claims of Land in Israel? Yassar Arafat claims that Israel is Arabic and has been so for thousands of years. In fact, IT IS NOT EVEN MENTIONED IN THE KORAN! On July 15, 1889 the Pittsburgh Dispatch reported that of Jerusalem's 40,000 residents, 30,000 were Jews and most of the others were Christians. In 1948, only 3% of Palestine was owned by Arabs.

Incredibly, the United Nations Security Council has devoted nearly 1/3 of all its deliberations and resolutions to Israel!! The UN has NEVER condemned the Arabs for their terrorism yet has condemned Israel more than 370 times for defending itself! In March 1999, the European Union notified Israel that it "does not recognize Israel's sovereignty" over Jerusalem, and Pope John Paul II also has rejected Israeli sovereignty of Jerusalem.

Will the Millennium bring in peace to Israel? NO! That will only happen when Jesus Christ, The King of the Jews returns. Why? All Islamic scholars agree that it is the sacred duty of every Muslim to wage war on Israel and the whole world that is not Islamic. Over 100 verses in the Koran call for this "Jihad" or holy war.

It is wise to remember the following verses:

1 Thes. 5:3

While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

Whatever, peace may appear to come out of the recent activity in Israel, it will be a false and temporary peace.

Isaiah 46:8-13

"Remember this, fix it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. [9] Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. [10] I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. [11] From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do. 12] Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted, you who are far from righteousness. [13] I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed. I will grant salvation to Zion, my splendor to Israel.

It will be done GODS WAY! Regardless of the plans Satan uses to try and thwart God, and we as countries help him in the process, God will prevail.

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