

THE TWO-STATE SOLUTION IN END-TIMES' PROPHECY

Ever had the experience when something you have read “a thousand times” in the Bible all of a sudden leaps out at you? Of course you have. You ask yourself, why haven't I seen this before? We all revel in those “light-bulb” moments, those “Aha!” moments when the Spirit of God arrests and rivets our attention. Well, I had one such moment lately and I wish to share it. It concerns the prophetic words of Revelation 11:1- 2 ...

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshippers there. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.”

Positively, the specific command is to measure the Temple, its altar and its worshippers. Negatively, the command is also precise --- the outer court is *not* to be included in the measuring for “it has been given to the Gentiles.” Then the famous words of Zechariah 12: 3 are remembered as fulfilling this End-Time prophecy --- words also quoted by Jesus concerning the last days of this evil Age (Lk 21:24) --- outside the Temple and its altar will be trampled by the Gentile nations for 42 months. God has promised to make Jerusalem “a trodden stone” by all the Gentile peoples of the earth where she will be “utterly mocked” (Zech. 12:3 LXX).

Why did this suddenly grab my attention? Well, this sounds like a "two state solution", the very thing the governments of the world are pressuring for right now!

Jewish and Gentile jurisdiction on the Temple mount together! We know the Islamic mosque on the Dome of the Rock stands where the Second Temple of Solomon stood before the Romans smashed it. So how can there be a Third Jewish Temple to be “measured” with its “altar” and “worshippers” there on the Holy Mount? How can they exist in peace side by side with the Gentile peoples in the “outer” precincts?

Hmm. I seem to recall reading the prophets foretelling that the Man of Sin (the Anti-Christ, Daniel’s “Little Horn”, the “Beast”, “the Lawless one”, “the Assyrian” are just some of his designations) will have a penchant for brokering a covenant of peace in the Middle East. He will be able to solve what the world’s leaders so far have not been able to solve in all their machinations... an initial peaceful solution for two nation-states, Israel and Palestine.

This event, the covenant of peace, will cause the world to “wonder after the Beast” and to adore his political and religious genius and to cry, “Peace! Peace! At last.” Jesus warned this will be an undeniable sign of the Great Tribulation being launched upon the inhabitants of the world. How close are we to starting the countdown?

I am not being sensational to report what is common knowledge, namely, that the Jews are making serious preparations to rebuild their Third Temple. Many of the great stones are pre-fabricated. Already cut! And the Temple furniture ... such as the Golden Candlestick, the brass (bronze) lathe, the Table of the Presence, and even the ark ... is ready. (These facts can be verified by a simple Google search.) But with the Temple site being so

venerated by Moslems it will never be surrendered to Israel for them to build their new temple without world war erupting. The Mosque on the Rock is Islam's third holiest of sites.

Enter the current push by the United Nations for "a two state solution". How long and hard has this solution been worked on by the world's nations! How many Camp David's have we had?

Just in the last few weeks the Papacy has declared its official support for a Palestinian State to stand alongside Israel. Indeed, as I write this very day the Senate in the United States has just legislated that Jerusalem is *not* the capital of Israel! Yes, you read this right. Jerusalem is *not* the capital of Israel [only]! And the recent United Nations vote for official Palestinian State recognition fell short by just one vote, yes, one vote! It was with the *proviso* that Israel come to this "solution" herself 'voluntarily'(!) otherwise it will be legislated upon her. How close is this?

It seems to me the Moslem mosque on the Dome of the Rock will stand alongside a rebuilt Jewish Temple and the world will rejoice that peace has come at last and they will revel initially in their two-state man-made solution.

Hence the reason Revelation 11: 1-2 screams out to get our undivided attention. It says there will be a "two state solution"... one jurisdiction for the Jews and one jurisdiction for the Gentiles. To the Jews this will be an imposition, a trampling, an utter mocking of God's holy

Mount and City, a desecration and defiance of their God-bequeathed heritage.

But it is clear God will punish those who "divide" His land (Joel 3:2). The proposed two-state solution is an attempt to "divide" the holy Land. Zechariah goes on to prophesy that God will strike this Gentile tramping and mocking with a judgment causing "madness" and "astonishment" (Zech. 12:5).

Poor Jerusalem! Just as the prophet predicted, Zion has become "as trembling door posts" to the people round about her and is like "a trodden stone" of the Gentile nations who "utterly mock" her (Zech. 12: 2-3 LXX). It has become fashionable to squeeze Israel more and more. Friends and allies are increasingly cool towards her. Israel is at rapid pace becoming more and more isolated and hemmed.

Poor Israel! Such a tiny, tiny nation barely 270 miles long, and about 75 miles wide, with Arab (Palestinian) enclaves pocketed throughout and surrounded by a billion Muslims whose aim it is to wipe her out of existence.

Yet as the prophets foretold long ago, God would draw His ancient covenant people back to their native homeland. As I write there is a large influx of Jews streaming back to Israel from France, indeed all of Europe, the Ukraine and Russia for they can sense these winds of hostility blowing more threateningly. When Hitler ruled in Germany Europe's population

was approximately 3% Jewish. Today it is less than 0.2%!

President Obama and many of his Democratic party boycotted the recent speech by Israeli Prime Minister B.B. Netanyahu to the combined Houses. No previous President of the United States of America would have done this to the closest ally of the United States.

Netanyahu was asked about Israel's 'homeland security'. He said that the President of the USA is rightly concerned to secure the borders and protect the homeland against terrorists. "Every day the President may well ask, 'Is the United States safe?' But when I wake up in the morning I ask my wife concerning Israel, 'Are we still here?'"

The United Nations has struggled for decades to solve "the Palestinian problem". The UN is now within a whisker of legislating that Israel accept "the two-state solution" or it will be forced upon them by the governments of the world!

Current events in the Middle East are crying out for the predicted "covenant of peace". (Of course, the prophets also tell us that mid-way through this "solution" the Anti-Christ will double-cross Israel and "break" his covenant with them. It is at this point the warning of Jesus to those who are in Judea in those days must not enter their houses and gather their goods, but flee hastily for their very survival. At this point there will be a fearful holocaust launched against the Jews, in one final Satanic

burst of pure hatred, designed to wipe out those who will cry out for their Messiah to come and save them in the Name of the LORD (Matt. 23: 39). Yes, Satan hates the prophecy of Jesus' Second Coming, his *Parousia* and is not going to stop short (again) of an attempt at total annihilation of every Jew to stop their Messianic invitation!

The other amazing current development, is that for the first time in history the national alliances the prophets speak of at the end times are now clearly forming ... specifically, Iran and Russia to the north and the Sunni Arabs and Egypt (note Russia's increasing alienation from the G-8 Summit talks ... Putin was not even there! He is supporting Iran). Turkey is about to become very active too, as the prophets foretell. Hallelujah! We should be lifting up our heads for our redemption draws near and we are going to see our King Jesus. The call to his disciples is to prepare and get ready to inherit His Kingdom and to rule with him over the governments of this world.

Just before his crucifixion Jesus told his disciples he was leaving them. In order to inform and to comfort them Jesus explained why he fore-warned them: "And now I have told you before it comes to pass, so that when it does take place you may believe" (John 14: 29). When we see prophecies unfolding before our very eyes it increases our faith in "the spirit of prophecy which is the spirit of Jesus" (Rev. 19:10).

Watching the promised props fall into place on the world's stage fills me with increased faith in the

prophetic word of Jesus as we approach the end of this evil age. King Jesus is about to enter centre stage of history and rule as this world's rightful King and Lord Messiah! The Stone that is supernaturally cut out is about to fall and crush the colossus of Daniel's vision, and "the times of the Gentiles" will have been fulfilled.

Are you aware that for the first time in human history all of the prophetic signposts are aligning *at the same time*? God announced long ago that Jerusalem would be "a trodden stone" and that all the Gentile nations would trample upon her and "utterly mock" Zion (Zech. 12:3)? Watch this space and 'the two state solution' unfold before your very eyes. Measure the Temple and its altar and those who worship there! But leave the outer precincts for the unbelieving Gentile nations. Jerusalem will be trampled, but for a limited time, just as Zechariah and Jesus (Lk. 21:24) who read him have prophesied!