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Early Foundations:

Our Alliance was originally established in England in 1925. During the Nazi era, some of our European affiliates were decimated. The remaining groups worked together to fund the escape of many fellow Jews.

This life saving work was officially recognized by Great Britain. Our earliest leaders were honored i.e. Sir Lawrence Levinson was knighted by royal decree and Harcourt Samuel was given the "Order of the British Empire" (OBE).

In 1976, the IMJA, in conjunction with two other founding charities established the Ebenezer Home in Haifa, Israel. This institution continues today and the IMJA annually helps fund its operation. It is home to 30 individuals, without regard to original nationality, race or religion. Food, clothing, medical care and transportation are provided. About a hundred people can be seen at some of its social events and there is always a waiting list to become a resident.

of geopolitical landscape.

We are approaching an historical climax, and we can be aware of the players and results. Yet, it seems all speculations can be considered as plausible, except the one that says the Bible is true and its Author is fully in charge. It brings to mind the old adage: "There is none so blind as those who will not see."

Where is our voice in the worldwide media? Who is able or willing to sound an alarm about the importance of being on God's side in the conduct of foreign policy? Perhaps, Bible believing leaders are only allowed voice, so long as they speak of Biblical kindness and generosity.

Let us begin to pray that leaders among the believers would be allowed to speak up. As the prophets of old, they will most likely be unpopular, and probably risk their famous careers. Nevertheless, the Lord has previously raised up such people of insight and courage to warn our nation.

Getting on God's side is a wise thing for our country to do. Petitioning our Lord in prayer to raise up wise spokespersons would seem like the least we could do. Patriotism and godliness can coincide, so why should we be ashamed to say so?

In Messiah,

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CHOOSING SIDES

For a long time, Middle East foreign policy has been an inscrutable mystery. So-called diplomats in many major countries attempt to manipulate what will happen. Even people who are not Bible believers sense a big catastrophe is coming, but strive to push oncoming events into the distant future.

Without the Holy Scriptures, prognosticators indulge in wishful thinking. Unfortunately, many well-meaning Bible students interpret prophecies as world wide events, when really, the story line is mostly Middle Eastern. If people would base their predictions on a Jewish/Israeli centered drama, foretold by God, many things would fall into place.

During the 1970s, it was speculated the common market was going to be the ten- nation confederacy mentioned in Biblical prophecy. However, this theory faded as European economic activity has expanded, particularly since the fall of the Soviet Union.

There is a Middle eastern confederacy identified in Psalm 83. It is Israel-centered and could be the key for which everyone is looking. The seeming perplexity may be a lot simpler than people may realize.

If only the United States and other nations would embrace a Biblical perspective, it could help in decision making. It is important to be on God's side, and doing our part. Let us examine Psalm 83 and consider it as a key to unfolding events.

The first three verses tell of the enemies of the Jewish people, who have craftfully consulted in alliance together:

Keep not thou silence, O God: Do not hold thy peace and do not be still, O God. For lo, your enemies make a tumult, and those who hate you have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel

What We Do

Israel Support:

- Home for the elderly
- Humanitarian aid of goods from local warehouses
- Unwed mothers and widows
- Civil Rights Defense for Messianic Jews in Israel
- Jerusalem Headquarters utilized by Ethiopian Jewish Believers

Among the nations:

- Fostering the growth of New Testament Messianic Congregations (now numbering 750, including 120 in Israel).
- Small Ministries—Poor Countries: In many countries fund raising is not a practical possibility, especially for Jewish work. These works are volunteer efforts where even small amounts go a long way. It is our fervent wish to do what we can to facilitate Jews and Gentiles worshipping our Lord together.

Witness:

- Jewish outreach and evangelism
- New Testament Jewish roots
- Jews & Gentiles in joint worship

National Alliances

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Holland
- Israel
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Russia
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United States
- Uruguay

against your people and consulted against your hidden ones.

In verse four, the enemies seek to cut off Israel from being a nation. In has long been the desire of Arab nations to drive the Jewish people into the sea. Over the centuries, there have even been concerted attempts to change the name identification of the Jewish homeland. If the name and identity of Israel can be eliminated, God will have been discredited, which has been the Serpent's motive since the Garden of Eden. Verse four says:

Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel be no more in remembrance.

In the ensuing verses the identities of Israel's ancient entities are identified. The first three are in verse 5 and 6:

For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against you: The tabernacles of Edom and the Ishmaelites; of Moab and the Hagar-eneg.

Edom is located in the area currently known as Southern Jordan. It is the primary location of the Biblical settlement of the descendants of Esau, Jacob's twin brother. To some extent, the Edomites migrated westward into present-day Israel, with populations in both areas. The loss of Esau's birthright to brother Jacob is still not considered legitimate by the Arabs.

Moab, north of Edom, lies within the current borders of Jordan and (roughly speaking), within the present Palestinian Authority. Moab was the son of Lot's eldest daughter, who had engaged in sexual relations with her father. This was hardly a basis for a group of descendants to supersede Israel.

The Hagarenes were Ishmaelites (descendants of Hagar, Ishmael's mother), who settled in Egypt. (This distinguishes them from other Ishmaelites, who lived primarily in Saudi Arabia.) Verse 7 refers to Gebal, who were mariners off the coast of Lebanon, as were the Palestinian inhabitants of Tyre. Ammon was in the northernmost portion of present day Jordan and Amalek was a continuing adversary of Israel, who God said to blot out forever (Deuteronomy 25:19).

Over time, the name "Assur" morphed into "Assyria," comprised of the area roughly covering Syria and Iraq, which is mentioned in verse 8. Midian is the area across the Red Sea in Saudi Arabia, which is indicated in verse 9:

Gebal and Ammon and Amalek; the Philistine with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have helped the children of Lot. Do unto them as unto the Midianites...

The remaining verses of Psalm 83 tell of the loss and destruction that will be visited upon these tribes, which are in the form of nation states today. The modern-day term "Palestine" comes from the ancient Hebrew word "Philashtim." The Philistines were non-semetic seafarers in present-day Gaza.

Verses 12 – 18 of Psalm 83 express the extent of God's disdain for those who have made trouble for Israel in the past:

Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As fire burns wood, and as a flame sets the mountains on fire, so persecute them with your tempest, and make them afraid afraid with your storm. Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek your name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and troubled forever, yes, let them be put to shame and perish: that men may know that you, whose name alone is Jehovah, are the most high over all the earth.

These peoples had a vested interest in wanting to accept the Koran. They didn't want a secondary place in things or to pay for their past transgressions. However, God is not mocked; nor is His memory short.

The proven military and technological weakness of the Arab nations has been proven time and time again. They must gain the cooperation and support of the more advanced secularized nations. They found it in the modern-day Palestinian cause.

If the Bible isn't an issue, then political correctness can rally man-made sympathies for displaced persons, poverty, etc. It is both a form of blind injustice and a great spiritual delusion that causes the world to find Israel at fault, for attempting to survive and provide for its common defense. Nevertheless, the Palestinian cause has provided a catalyst for cohesion among Arab states, who otherwise don't get along.

In Psalm 83, there seems to be a summary of Middle East dynamics. As history turns out, there is a confederacy united in determination to eliminate Israel. Amazingly, this was foretold approximately 3,000 years ago. An infinite variety of events could have turned in another direction to prevent such a configuration

Foreign Translations

The Fig Tree Blossoms is a primary book about our Movement translated into Hebrew, Russian and now Spanish. It is a 30 year old classic and explains why accepting a Jewish Messiah, foretold by Jewish Prophets in a Jewish Land is a very Jewish thing to do. Distributions of the Holy Scriptures are available in 17 languages:

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