

“Love Boat Seduction”

By Phil Arms – July 2010

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the peoples round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the nations of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zechariah 12:2-3

Over the last thirty-five years I have made forty trips to Israel. I have been blessed by knowing many of Israel's citizens, soldiers and government authorities. In 1998 the Israeli Ministry of Tourism generously presented me with the “Friend of Israel” award for our efforts to promote understanding and goodwill for the nation.

So, I feel qualified to address last month's media assault upon Israel for their desire to protect themselves from criminal elements and weapons being smuggled into Gaza to support Hamas. The Israeli Navy, enforcing their blockade of items coming into the Gaza strip, was forced to board six ships that refused to stop for inspections.

The result of nine dead protesters and many more wounded including several Israeli Commandoes was just what Israel's enemies had hoped for. Video taken during the boarding by the Israelis conclusively show how those aboard the largest of the flotilla attacked the Israeli soldiers as they repelled from helicopters. The protesters used long iron rods, knives and pistols to attack the soldiers, forcing them to return fire in order to save their own lives.

It is important to note that the commandoes boarding the Hamas boats were only going aboard to inspect cargo and their rifles were mere paint guns. They were ordered not to use the side arms they wore. But as these soldiers set foot on the boat's deck they were savaged by Hamas sympathizers. They were beaten with clubs, stabbed, shot at and thrown over a 30 foot deck before they radioed for permission to defend themselves with their pistols. They received permission and the attackers stood down.

Anti-Semitic Media

As soon as the story hit the media, the propaganda of the Jihadists and anti-Israel nations around Israel went to work attempting to convince the world that Israel's forces boarded the ships to massacre innocents, who were simple, unarmed, peace-loving protesters.

Once again, the world did not wait for the facts but immediately used the event to condemn Israel. The United Nations promoted a global condemnation of the blockade. The UN acts as though they are the arbitrators of all things right and wrong in international affairs. However, the UN is the most impotent organization on the planet who cannot even resolve the problems we face in Iran, North Korea or China. Still, they arrogantly orchestrate the nations of the world to speak out in condemnation of Israel while our American President waffles, as usual, in his supposed allegiance to the Jewish Nation.

Israeli Leaders

The Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, three days after the event, addressed the world at a press conference saying, "The ship boarded by our Navy, where our soldiers were assaulted by those aboard was not the Love Boat but a hate boat. Those aboard it were not peace activists but were trained terrorists sent on a mission of malicious intent." The Prime Minister went on to say, "In the eyes of the world Israel is always guilty before proven guilty."

Netanyahu then asked, "What would your nation do if every day rockets rained down on your country's towns and citizens?" This is Israel's reality as Hamas continues to send hundreds of rockets into Israel every month.

Hamas, the Truth

Hamas is an Iranian-backed, anti-Israel terrorist organization that violently and illegally seized control of the Gaza strip killing thousands of their own Palestinian people in the process. Further, the truth is, in spite of what the haters of Israel say, there is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza. If anyone goes without food, shelter or medicine it is because the Hamas government intentionally steals all outside aid that comes into the Gaza. They do so to create desperation in their people so they can be used as propaganda to get the world's sympathy and make Israel look bad.

Israel, incidentally, sends all the food and supplies sent to Gaza into that area but only after they are inspected for weapons.

The United States declared Hamas a terrorist state in 1994 and knows full well they are a brutal regime. It executes political enemies at will and allows the murder of women for the slightest infractions. Hamas's own charter states the reason for their existence is to destroy Israel.

Mr. President!

One cannot help but wonder why our President, from the moment he entered office, has repeatedly failed to stand with America's only longtime ally in the Middle East. He has been to that area to visit numerous Islamic nations but refuses to go to Israel. He reaches out with loving words to the Muslim world but slights and embarrasses Israeli leadership regularly. I suppose we must

remember his early education was in Islamic schools and his own father was a Muslim. The president still demands that terrorists who hate and kill Americans not be called terrorists but rather the more benign “insurgents.”

The Prophets Spoke

Again, I remind you that repeatedly throughout the Old and New Testaments the prophets foretold of a world that with malice, turns against the tiny nations of Israel and gangs up to destroy her. And now as we watch the prophetic crescendo build against Israel, their enemies continue to stoke the fires of hate and anti-Semitism on a global scale.

But woe to all those who lift a hand against the “apple of God’s eye.” They will be severely dealt with by the judgment of God and experience the destruction that they wish to visit upon Israel.

God’s blessings and promises to the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is still in effect. Those who bless Israel, God promises, will be blessed and prosper but those who assault her will be cursed. (Genesis)

Satan promotes his hatred toward the Jews because they were the chosen people who were ultimately used to bring the world the Messiah. Though for a time they corporately rejected Him, God’s Word assures us that one day, all Israel will see Jesus Christ for who He is, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and at that moment will turn to Him for forgiveness and redemption.

It is from Jerusalem that Jesus Christ will assume His position of authority and rule the nations of the world in a millennium of peace, prosperity and love for a world once made with hate and violence.

But First...

Before the Second Coming of Christ, those of us who live in these waning moments of history and who know the Lord Jesus have a mission, a God-given assignment.

First, we are told in Psalms to “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.” That is because when Jerusalem is at peace, the world is at peace. And as the Old Testament prophets foretold, “Jerusalem will be a stumbling block to the world” in the final days. Satan will use Israel as a final catalyst to create world war.

Do not be caught cheering for the wrong side at that moment.

Secondly, we as Christians have a gigantic responsibility in these last days to be aggressively reaching out to those without Christ, leading them to know God’s redemptive love provided through Jesus.

I personally continue to pray for two things. I pray that Christians will see the warfare going on in our world as the spiritual warfare it is. We must believe right to live right.

Lastly, I pray that Christians who are still so caught up in dead religion and feel-good Churchanity will experience a grand and glorious revival. That is certainly this nation’s only hope of survival.

I ask you to join us at Life Reach Ministries whose goal it is to lift high the name of Jesus and to turn hearts to Him.

We could really use your prayers and support at this time. Please make this a matter of importance and act as God's Spirit leads you.

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"Born in other countries, yet believing you could be happy in this, our laws acknowledge, as they should do, your right to join us in society, conforming, as I doubt not you will do, to our established rules. That these rules shall be as equal as prudential considerations will admit, will certainly be the aim of our legislatures, general and particular." --Thomas Jefferson

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