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Psal'm 119:105

Habakkuk 2:2 [NET] The LORD responded: "Write down this message! Record it legibly on tablets, so the one who announces it may read it easily. 3 For the message is a witness to what is decreed: it gives reliable testimony about how matters will turn out. Even if the message is not fulfilled right away, wait patiently; for it will certainly come to pass – it will not arrive late.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

The INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY was held on Thursday, September 21st this year the theme was: **"PEACE AND SAFETY!"** (Originally it was held on the third Tuesday of September, but was changed by the United Nations on the 28th September 2001 after the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers in New York to 21 September).

This year "Peace & Safety Day" fell on ROSH HASHANAH (Jewish New Year) for the first time.

UN: The theme for 2017 is "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All."

The theme honours the spirit of **TOGETHER**, a global initiative that promotes respect, safety and dignity for everyone forced to flee their homes and those leaving in search of a better life. **TOGETHER** unites the organizations of the United Nations System, the 193 Member States of the United Nations, the private sector, civil society, academic institutions and individual citizens in a *global partnership* in support of diversity, non-discrimination and acceptance of refugees and migrants. It was initiated during the United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants on 19 September 2016.

Instead of "Peace, Respect, Safety and Dignity" the United Nations Assembly were mortified by a school-boy quarrel between two representatives of **Nuclear-armed nations threatening to annihilate the other!**

1 Thessalonians 5:3 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.

This has caused a stir among many Fundamentalist Christian evangelists who lean toward **ASTROLOGY** and see a message in the **ZODIAC**! According to many, on the 23rd September, **Jupiter** was in the "womb" of Virgo - "the virgin" - and related this to **Revelation Chapter 12**.

Most of these prognosticators expected a calamity on that day – and weren't disappointed! There had been a most remarkable **solar eclipse** that traversed the USA from West to East. Then followed a series of record-breaking **Hurricanes** which sprang up in *the wake of the eclipse* obliterating many homes and/or lifestyles of those unfortunate **Caribbean Island** dwellers in their path.

The Southern Coastal States of the USA were experiencing the wrath of other hurricanes which caused **\$billions of damage** and wrecked vital infrastructure!

LABOUR PAINS – NOT BIRTH

Some expected the **Return of Christ** at the end of the month **30th September** – **Yom Kippur** on the Jewish

Calendar. [Apparently, the **new moon** will appear at the feet of the *woman* around that time. *Moon = Israel?*].

Admittedly, Jesus said *"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars – and on the earth distress of nations with perplexity."* [Luke 21:25] These all are signs of the ONE big event – **THE RETURN OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**. But Jesus also said: *"All these are the beginnings of sorrows!"* [Matt. 24:8].

The message of the Apostle Paul was *"When they shall say (Gr. 'lego' = 'discuss') 'Peace and Safety' Then sudden destruction shall come upon them, following the labour pains before the birth"!*

This is the new year **5778** on the Jewish Calendar. It is a **Jubilee Year** and may prove to be the year for *"the times of restitution of all things, which God spoke by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."* Acts 3:21

The article below confirms the consolidation of *"the King of the North"* as mentioned in the September edition.

IRAN BUILD-UP IN S. SYRIA - AFTER IDF DRILL

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Iran, Syria and Hizballah sharpened their responses to the large-scale Israeli military war game against a potential Hizballah invasion when, on Tuesday, Sept. 12, the drill began its second week with a simulated 30km-deep thrust into S. Lebanon - up to the Awali River.

Lebanese sources claimed that on Monday, Syria had fired S-200 missiles against two Israeli F-15 fighter bombers flying over the southern Lebanese port town of Sidon - but missed their targets. The Syrian missiles, they claimed, had been fired from "an air defence base in southern Syria."

If this episode actually happened, it would be a game-changer, in that for the first time, Syria would have launched missiles from one of its bases against purported Israel warplanes flying over Lebanon.

Syrian military sources are moreover reporting an onrush of Iranian officers, troops and military advisers to southern Syria. DEBKAFfile's military sources confirm that these reports are partially correct. An Iranian military build-up indeed appears to be taking place on Syria's borders with Jordan and Israel, in response to Israel's mock thrust into Lebanon.

But they are moving in on areas outside the de-escalation zones which are manned by Russian officers. Their tactic therefore is to entrench themselves in other parts of the south-eastern Syria so that Russian, Iranian, Syrian and Hizballah forces form a continuous, impermeable line along Syria's borders with Israel and Jordan.

THE BIBLICAL CASE FOR AN ARAB WAR

Beside SOT's frequent reference to **Daniel Ch. 11:40-45 & 12:1-3**, which foretell the conflict which brings *"the King of the North"* into Saudi Arabia, Egypt and finally into **Israel**, the words of **Balaam** [Numbers 24:17-24]; and **Joel 2 & 3; Zechariah 12 & 14; Revelation 14: 14-20; 16:12-21** and many other passages foretell this event!

If we believe the words of Amos 3:7 "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. 8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" then every fearful event in this present age has a prophecy related to it in the pages of the Holy Scriptures.

THE SECOND BOOK OF EZRA

2 Ezdras has been a controversial book. It is very explicit in some of its prophetic statements. The writer makes no claims for himself other than his unvetted genealogy, in which he includes "son of Ahijah, son of Phinehas, son of Eli, son of Amariah." The scribes who wrote **Ezra (Book One)** omitted mention of this fornicator and his father, Eli.

This brands the author as honest, unashamed to write the **truth** of the matter, not caring what reflexion this carries.

The angel who allegedly spoke to him was **Uriel** who is not mentioned as an angel in the Old Testament, but in the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, we have this extract:

URIEL, one of the four angels of the Presence first mentioned in I Enoch 9:1. Together with Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael he addressed a prayer to God requesting Him to bring to an end the rule of violence and bloodshed which the Nephilim had brought to the earth. In His reply God charged Uriel with announcing to Noah the "end of all flesh" which would be brought about by the flood.... In the Kabbalah (including the Zohar), these angels of the Presence are identified with the four holy beasts which Ezekiel saw in the Merkabah and the figure of Uriel with that of the eagle, and sometimes with that of the lion.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

In Chapter 6, Ezra plies this question – for which every generation has sought the answer:

7 I answered and said, "What will be the dividing of the times? Or when will be the end of the first age and the beginning of the age that follows?"

8 He said to me, "From Abraham to Isaac, because from him were born Jacob and Esau, for Jacob's hand held Esau's heel from the beginning. 9 Now Esau is the end of this age, and Jacob is the beginning of the age that follows. 10 The beginning of a person is the hand, and the end of a person is the heel; seek for nothing else, Ezra, between the heel and the hand, Ezra!"

Previous generations may have had difficulty understanding this answer, but to those who have followed the history of the past 100 years or the latter part thereof, will have little difficulty in recognizing its implications, especially in regard to Jerusalem.

The descendants of Esau and their other progenitor, Ishmael, are the main cause of the Middle East conflicts that are to culminate in *the Battle of Armageddon* and *the Great Earthquake* which will bring the **End of the Age** and **Christ's Return!**

EZDRAS CHAPTER 6

20 When the seal is placed upon the age that is about to pass away, then I will show these signs: the books shall be opened before the face of the firmament, and all shall see my judgment together. 22 Sown places shall suddenly

appear unsown, and full storehouses shall suddenly be found to be empty; 23 the trumpet shall sound aloud, and when all hear it, they shall suddenly be terrified. 24 At that time friends shall make war on friends like enemies, the earth and those who inhabit it shall be terrified, and the springs of the fountains shall stand still, so that for three hours they shall not flow.

25 "It shall be that whoever remains after all that I have foretold to you shall be saved and shall see my salvation and the end of my world. 26 And they shall see those who were taken up, who from their birth have not tasted death; and the heart of the earth's inhabitants shall be changed and converted to a different spirit. 27 For evil shall be blotted out, and deceit shall be quenched; 28 faithfulness shall flourish, and corruption shall be overcome, and the truth, which has been so long without fruit, shall be revealed."

Ch.16:1 Woe to you, Babylon and Asia [Turkey]! Woe to you, Egypt and Syria! 2 Bind on sackcloth and cloth of goats' hair, and wail for your children, and lament for them; for your destruction is at hand.

GERMANY'S MORTAL WOUND HEALED!

Revelation 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Ranging from the ecology-liberal spectrum of the German establishment, through the social democrat and conservative milieus all the way to the nationalist circles of the AfD, there is an overarching consensus in the demand for significant arms buildup of **the Bundeswehr**. "**The German armed forces**" are **"to be reformed,"** so that their "intervention readiness includes being operational for missions of the highest intensity," according to the AfD election program.

"For years," the Bundeswehr has been suffering "under the rigorous austerity dictate of conservative politicians," writes the Chair of the SPD Bundestag's Parliamentary Group, Thomas Oppermann. "**Therefore, a sustained increase in the defense budget is necessary. Without a doubt, we, in Germany, need a powerful and operational Bundeswehr,**" declared the top candidate for the Greens, Özdemir, cautiously but openly to his party's clientele, some of whom had been engaged in the peace movement. "Our arms expenditures should be oriented on our needs." The FDP also calls for "a modern Bundeswehr with mission-oriented structures, capable of both alliance and national defense, as well as international missions." **The Chancellor, herself, formulated the demand for a massive arms buildup for the conservative parties.**

EU - Means of Influencing

"A strong **Germany**, in the long run, can only be found in an operational Europe," predicts Özdemir.

The FDP election program observes, "the European Union needs a European Army."

The National Variation: The AfD deviates from this view, rejecting "the creation of an EU army," as well as every other standardization of the EU's foreign policy.

"Germany needs a national security strategy." *The national variation* for the realization of **imperial aspirations** could be effective, if the EU is no longer available, as **Berlin's means for exercising global power**. As was demonstrated, yesterday, by the AfD's electoral success, there is already a

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significant basis for Germany to embark on a national path. The AfD's racist policies, occasionally reassessing **the Nazi-period** are revealing the social forces that would benefit.

Of the vast influx of Muslim invaders into Europe from the Levant and Africa, a minority who, like the minority in Myanmar, committed murder, rape, theft and other criminal activities, are **creating a resurgence of national aggression**, witnessed by the election of 93 AfD members to the Bundestag **and** the proposal of the EU army! When this smoldering fire finally flares, it will augment the conflagration in the East, and there meet its ultimate judgment by decree of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

"Even so, Come! Lord Jesus." YBIC, Arthur Wright