

WESTERN WATCHMAN

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“Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” Psalm 127:1.

Genesis 7:1-5: And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou, and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous in this generation ... for yet seven days I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

Revelation 22:17, 20: And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely ... Even so come, Lord Jesus.

Noah, his family and the animals God had commended him to take were in the Ark seven days before the Flood came. Interesting that God welcomed Noah into the Ark by inviting him to “come in.” The same message is true for fallen humanity today, facing future judgment on an unprecedented scale. Jesus said, *Behold I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me: Revelation 3:20.*

ISRAEL IN THE NEWS: TWO OPPOSING FACTIONS EMERGE IN ISLAM – BUT BOTH SEEK ISRAEL’S DESTRUCTION. Amazing how two Islamic factions, both dedicated to the destruction of the State of Israel and its Jewish residents, has begun arguing about how they will share or divide the spoils once the holocaust is complete. These actions have advanced to a point where they are downright hostile toward each other. And neither of these factions has grabbed one square inch of Israeli soil or evicted any of its Jewish citizens they both claim to despise, loathe, detest and hate without a just cause: Matthew 5:21-22.

Just who are these factions who, though Islamic, have a hatred for each other almost as serious as their joint hatred of Israel? To supply a fair answer, one must turn the clock back to the spring of 2010. That is the year U.S. President Obama gave quite a speech to a Muslim audience in Cairo, praising that religious system while denouncing Israel. Advance one year beyond the Cairo conference to the so-called “Arab Spring” of 2011. Beginning in March, uprisings and demonstrations against so-called “old guard” dictatorships, replacing the dictators with ‘democratic’ forms of government were gathering speed. The government in Tunisia fell, and then President Mubarak in Egypt was ousted. Other nations fell as well. Some of the bloodiest uprising occurred against the regime in Libya headed by Colonel Muammar Qaddafi. For a time it appeared the Qaddafi loyalists would hold on to power. Then the United Nations, spearheaded by forces under NATO largely from the good ole’ USA, began serious military action against

the forces under Qaddafi. With this added effort, the end wasn't long in coming and Qaddafi was ousted. Other Arabic nations on the Arabian Peninsula were threatened with similar change. The ongoing bloody uprising in Syria has resulted in at least 9,000 killed in that nation as forces loyal to the Assad regime fight on. Here, insurgents loyal to the so-called Muslim Brotherhood are battling toward ouster of Assad. All these Brotherhood actions have received favor and blessing from the Obama Administration. So, what is the answer to the question provided above?

The factions responsible for the Arab Spring, regardless of the tall tales provided by the American snooze media, are organized and controlled by the Muslim Brotherhood. Largely composed of ultra-fundamentalist Sunni Muslims this faction was organized and alive since the late 1920's and had dealings with Adolf Hitler during World War II. So these people are bad news. As long as Mubarak and Qaddafi were in power influence was minimal, but the Brotherhood never disappeared. Patiently waiting for the right moment, they have, with the ongoing exception of Syria achieved their goals to set up rigid, pro-Shariah regimes in those nations formerly under dictatorship. The opposing faction, the ayatollah-friendly Shiite regime of Iran, led by Grand Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and puppet President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, is partly responsible for the bloodshed in Syria and wants Assad to retain power. Iran is responsible not only for supplying Assad, but also Hezbollah in Lebanon and a Shiite-friendly government in Iraq, now that American ground forces are gone. Iran has had very cozy relationships with both Russia and China, not only receiving weapons and technology from Russia, but also maintaining a market to sell oil to China. So in spite of the wordy so-called sanctions the Obama administration has for Iran blended with some hollow saber-rattling, Iran remains content to threaten the United States with all it has should either the USA or Israel attempt to remove Iran's highly advanced nuclear program.

In summary you have an Arab-led consortium of nations called the Muslim Brotherhood working toward strict Shariah law and supported *de facto* by the United States under Obama and the European socialist wimps incapable of stopping the Islamic invasion of their own nations. Opposing this is the Shiite empire of Iran, supporting Syria, Iraq and Hezbollah and supported by Russia and China. If this isn't a powder keg ready to blow, I don't know what is. God the Father has the final say on when, how and what ultimately transpires in this volatile, muddled and messed-up area known as the Middle East.

Finally, two more bits. According to *Arutz Sheva* news service (Israel National News), the so-called "Land Day" protests ended relatively quietly, with only one protester killed and thirty injured in violent acts against Israeli police and IDF forces in such places as Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Gaza region. Also, Dr. Steve Carol of Middle East Radio Forum (KKXT-960 Radio, Phoenix) spent much of the April 1 program detailing the Obama Administration's efforts to share secrets with the Iranians concerning an impending Israeli attack against Iran's nuclear facilities. One can hope that the information secreted to the Iranians was bogus or indeterminate regarding Israel's true intentions when an attack is launched. Given the Obama administration's shabby treatment of Israeli leadership since 2008, one would expect that PM Netanyahu has had

it with Obama and in effect has said, “Here, Barack is our plan to attack Iran. You da Man! Go for it!”

With war imminent and American church-goers asleep in the slumber of Warrenlandia, God is moving on the Middle East front. Are you ready for what He has in store, and what the consequences of these actions are: Matthew 24:44, Luke 21:36, John 14:1-4?

RETURN TO THE WORD OF GOD #37: NOW OR NEVER. THE FORGOTTEN CHAPTERS: NOAH ACCEPTS GOD’S INVITATION. Ever been invited to a party? Of course you have. And the host or hostess concluded with, “you are welcome to come and have a great time.” Doubtless few of us would ignore such an invitation.

With the beginning of judgment only a few days or weeks away, God Himself invited Noah and all he had, including the birds and animals, to come into the Ark. This was no haphazard rounding up of a large quantity of animals preparing for the next stop on the circus circuit. The process was orderly and timely, with all the animals present (seven pairs each of clean animals and birds, and one pair of each unclean animal type) boarding the Ark and finding their designated places. Then of course, Noah and his family came aboard. It is interesting that only Noah and his family was invited to come into the Ark. Why? There were no other righteous people on the planet at that time, save Methuselah who was within days of his 969th year on Earth and subsequently his death. God would not permit a dying person to board the Ark, since the Ark was only for those who would survive the Flood. Methuselah had completed his testimony for God as an expression of God’s long-suffering nature toward fallen man. As detailed in previous newsletters, Methuselah’s prophetic name stated that his death would unleash judgment because “his death will bring” the Flood. Scripture is not clear if Methuselah was in close proximity to the Ark when he died, or in another place far away. Scripture is clear that Noah, his family and the animals were sealed inside the Ark seven days so Methuselah apparently died quietly before the earth-shattering volcanic blasts from below commenced.

At no time since the Flood has the Earth been in greater peril than it is today. For years Jesus has been standing outside the church knocking to come in. Very few sermons are taught about the invitation He provides fallen man today as recorded in the text of Revelation 22. He is inviting man to come. Come where? Come into His loving arms of protection now, and a marvelous eternal destiny later. God is not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance – admit that you cannot save yourself from the coming judgment, and instead place your life into the Hands of He Who alone can save you. Before this year is gone, something may happen that will forever change life as we have known it on this planet. A relationship with the One, Living and True God, exemplified by both Enoch and Noah is needed sooner than later: II Corinthians 6:2.

Next month Lord willing, an examination of the titanic, supernatural forces that brought about the Flood will be considered. Yes, Jesus IS coming soon. Good day.