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PART I



P R O P H E C Y

( 1 )

## IS AMERICA *in* PROPHECY?

*“Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle . . . ”*  
(Habakkuk 1:8b.)

*Is America in prophecy?* While skeptical of attempts by many to link the United States to prophetic interpretations, after many hours of research I am totally convinced that the US can be found in prophetic scriptures, though not mentioned directly by name.

The thread began in the Old Testament with Abraham and his offspring, Isaac and Ishmael. The US has tried to join hands both with Israel, a descendant of Isaac, and Arab countries, descendants of Ishmael:

The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you,” (Genesis 12:1-3 NKJV.)

The United States has endeavored to employ Israel, the tiny democratic state in the midst of a sea of instability in the Middle East, as a firewall in deterring communism, fascism, and terrorism. Its liaison with Arab countries is one of convenience and economics: The mortal enemy of Israel brought a dowry of black gold (oil) to the marriage and uses it still today to intimidate the United States.

The Middle East is home to two-thirds of the world's global oil reserves. OPEC presently accounts for forty percent of the world's oil imports. According to the International Energy Agency, by 2030 that figure is on course to rise to sixty percent. By that time, it is projected the Middle East will supply fifty percent of US oil imports, fifty percent of European imports, eighty percent of China's imports, and ninety percent of Japan's imports.

As Middle Eastern oil flows to the West, arms are shipped in their direction. In fact, the Middle East region is currently the United States' number one client for weapons of war. Even after 9/11, petrodollars earned by countries such as Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Libya have been utilized to sponsor terrorism, produce weapons of mass destruction, and finance a gospel of hatred that is employed to brainwash millions of Islamic youth. America has been unwilling to admit that it is being blackmailed, let alone drawing a firm line in the sand against it. It's time for the US to stand up to these bullies and stop capitulating to blackmail; our future depends on it.

Knowing Islamic fundamentalists are hell-bent on annihilating the tiny country, Israel has developed the fourth largest nuclear arsenal in the world. Israeli leaders are determined that what happened in the Holocaust will never happen again. Israel has reportedly opened her nuclear silos during three Middle East wars, and has targeted cities such as Baghdad, Damascus, Cairo, and even some in the former Soviet Union.

It has long been known that Israel has had nuclear strike capabilities since at least the late 1960s. Today Islamic nations are very close to having a finger poised over the red button as well. It appears at least one

of these nations may have obtained suitcase nuclear bombs paid for by money from oil sales to America. In addition to this, the *Washington Post* reported the following on December 21, 2003:

Documents provided by Iran to UN nuclear inspectors since early November have exposed the outlines of a vast, secret procurement network that successfully acquired thousands of sensitive parts and tools from numerous countries over a 17-year period. . . . While American presidents since Ronald Reagan worried that Iran might seek nuclear weapons, US and allied intelligence agencies were unable to halt Iran's most significant nuclear acquisitions, or even to spot a major nuclear facility under construction until it was essentially completed . . . . Iran's pilot facility, which is now functional, and a much larger uranium-enrichment plant under construction next door are designed to produce enough fissile material to make at least two dozen nuclear bombs each year.<sup>23</sup>

Through these two political—and spiritual—liaisons, the US has stepped into the center of a prophetic storm. She now finds herself trying to accommodate Jew-haters who have refused even to acknowledge the very existence of the State of Israel. The US now has to appease with both bombs and baksheesh (bribes): more than \$400 billion in military equipment and over \$100 billion in aid have been dispatched to various Arab countries.

Liberal politicians and special interest groups continue to propagate a myth that Islam is a peaceful religion, but think about this for a moment: Islam has approximately one billion adherents worldwide. The actual number is probably higher, but one billion is a nice, round number for the sake of argument. Even if 99.9 percent of the Islamic world is completely nonviolent, grave danger still exists. If only one-tenth of one percent of

all Muslims were radical Islamists, that is still a staggering number: it means that one million people are intent on murder and destruction. It took only nineteen hijackers to wreak massive destruction on the United States on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Each one of those men believed he was on a divine assignment from Allah.

The terrorists' war against the US and Israel is rooted in a radical religious doctrine called Islamic fundamentalism, a distorted belief very difficult to comprehend. One reason is that our modern secular world is still conflicted by the relationship between science and religion—which most assume was won by secular science. Suddenly, a religious adversary is attacking secular America. It's no longer just the streets of Jerusalem that are threatened, but those of New York, Washington, Boston, and who knows how many other cities.

In April 2003, while the US was in the midst of the Persian Gulf War, I wrote a book that ultimately became a *New York Times* bestseller, *Beyond Iraq: The Next Move*. In the book, I stated my belief that weapons of mass destruction were in Syria. It took the US almost a year to be willing to admit that. I also stated that compliments of the Syrian government and the Iraqi Embassy in Damascus, money and key Iraqi leaders were being moved through Syria.

It is possible the US may soon have to go to war against Syria, a proxy of Iran and a much more dangerous terrorist-harboring state than Iraq. Hopefully that war can be fought through economic and diplomatic means without the loss of American lives. If not, the US—and Israel—will still be forced to shut down the engine of terror in Syria.

Untold numbers of free world troops died because Syria allowed Islamic martyrs to use their country as a pipeline from other Arab states into Iraq to attack the US “infidels.” There is little doubt that Israel will have to go into Iran and take out its nuclear reactor in the same way it did in Iraq. It appears likely, too, that the US will turn a blind eye while Israel does so, and then deny any involvement, as it did in the 1981 attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor.

Israel must be allowed to fight the war against terrorism that it has never fought. Sadly, it will undoubtedly be forced to do so alone. Israel is surrounded by enemies and must be allowed to root out the terrorist organizations that threaten. The war on terrorism will never be won as long as Syria, Lebanon, Gaza, and the Palestinian territories remain points of exportation for suicide bombers. The dissemination of media propaganda that enrages the masses from adjoining Arab countries must also be stopped.

True hope for peace lies in discerning truth and acting on it, not in believing myths propagated by liberal power brokers that incite Jew-hatred. Too many people in the US view the real enemy as “narrow-minded, right-wing, Bible-thumping Christians” who believe in black and white, right and wrong. The same people who see conservative Christians as the enemy often legitimize the acts of cold-blooded murderers as a means to obtain freedom and peace. These apostles of appeasement have raised the hopes of the Islamic fanatics so high that the national security of the United States is now at stake, and equally important, our very freedoms are at risk.

The question is often asked: Why do Islamic fanatics hate us? The answer: They just do! The more important question is this: What is fueling that hatred, and how can the engine of hate be derailed? Bigotry is at the root of it all. It is no coincidence that the World Conference on Racism in Durban, South Africa, turned into a “World Conference on Jew-hatred,” and ended three days before September 11, 2001. Was there a correlation between the US and Israel walking out of the conference, and the events on 9/11?

Many believe the current Palestinian crisis has much to do with the issue of Jew-hatred, and it does. The entire Palestinian crisis can be attributed to two things—refugees and terrorism.

Is there another refugee crisis anywhere on earth that has drawn the world into such a mess? The answer clearly is, “No.” Civilized countries solve refugee crises on their own; conversely, the Arab world has fueled



and fed the Palestinian refugee crisis to exploit Jew-hatred. The attitude is: “Blame the Jews for all problems, just as Hitler did, and we will not be held accountable for our brutality.” Since these “thug-ocracies” are run by the bullet, and not the ballot, someone needs to bear the blame . . . why not the Jews and so-called crusaders. The Liberal Left media contributes mightily to the problem.

The US has done little, if anything, to address this danger that must be stopped. Every possible means available must be used to shut down the Islamic fundamentalists who kill in the name of Allah. Some have even recruited children and used them as suicide bombers, mine sweepers, and decoys.

How did Israel solve its refugee crisis in Europe at the end of the Holocaust? How did it resolve the crisis in Arab countries where Jewish citizens were being killed? It simply took care of its own.

Why did the Arab League turn its back on the very refugees it created? Why did it initiate the myth that Israeli Arabs must have a separate state inside Israel, even though a Palestinian state has never existed? These refugees were told that Egyptian-born billionaire terrorist Yasser Arafat was their “George Washington.” Why?

There is, I believe, a direct correlation between current events in the Middle East and prophecy. I am firmly convinced that President Jimmy Carter unlocked Pandora’s Box in the Middle East; then President Bill Clinton stepped into the ensuing maelstrom. The US began to tolerate subtle anti-Semitism perpetrated in the name of Islam. It is a bigotry presently polluting and poisoning the peace of the world. The war on terrorism cannot be won without a war against such prejudice.

Had the US maintained moral clarity, Iran might have continued to be pro-Western. Iraq might never have gone to war against Ayatollah Khomeini and Iran’s Revolutionary Guard, a war which took the lives of 1.2 million Arabs. The USSR might not have invaded Afghanistan, and America would not have armed and trained thousands of terrorists throughout the Middle East to battle the Soviets. These same US-trained

and armed terrorists—Osama bin Laden’s *al Qaeda* being the most infamous example—have now turned on America. The truth is: America might never have ended up in this mess had it maintained a conservative policy of not negotiating with terrorists.

Rev. W. O. Vaught, Clinton’s pastor while he was governor of Arkansas, and who made more than forty trips to Israel during his lifetime, told Clinton that God would forgive him for mistakes he made while in office:

“Bill, I think you’re going to be President someday. I think you’ll do a good job, but there’s one thing above all you must remember: God will never forgive you if you don’t stand by Israel.”<sup>24</sup>

That quote turned out to be as prophetic for the Clinton presidency as Galatians 6:8:

“For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life,; (Galatians 6:8, NKJV.)

Barely a month into his first term, President Clinton received a wake-up call from bin Laden’s organization. On February 26, 1993, a truck bomb exploded in the underground parking garage of the World Trade Center in New York City. While this first WTC attack went relatively unnoticed, in it were seeds of the eventual September 11 attacks, and not only at the same location. The actual aim of the bombing was to topple the towers and kill as many as 250,000 people—seven individuals died.<sup>25</sup> If the attack had been successful, we would be commemorating February 26, 1993, rather than September 11, 2001. But, because our president at the time was more occupied with implementing his economic program than keeping Americans safe, US security forces paid little attention to the bombing.

As the author of *Losing bin Laden*, Richard Minter, said about Clinton's inability to deal with bin Laden throughout his presidency:

In 1993, bin Laden was a small-time funder of militant Muslim terrorists in Sudan, Yemen, and Afghanistan. By the end of 2000, Clinton's last year in office, bin Laden's network was operating in more than fifty-five countries and already responsible for the deaths of thousands (including fifty-five Americans)....

Clinton was tested by historic, global conflict, the first phase of America's war on terror. He was president when bin Laden declared war on America. He had many chances to defeat bin Laden; he simply did not take them. If, in the wake of the 1998 embassy bombings, Clinton had rallied the public and the Congress to fight bin Laden and smash terrorism, he might have been the Winston Churchill of his generation. But, instead, he chose the role of Neville Chamberlain (whose appeasements of Hitler in Munich in 1938 are credited with paving the way to the Nazi invasion of Poland that began World War II the next year).<sup>26</sup>

The 1993 WTC bombing had been planned and organized by Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman who said:

The obligation of Allah is upon us to wage Jihad for the sake of Allah. It is one of the obligations which we must undoubtedly fulfill... and we conquer the lands of the infidels and we spread Islam by calling the infidels to Allah and if they stand in our way, then we wage Jihad for the sake of Allah.<sup>27</sup>

The FBI eventually found forty-seven boxes of Rahman's terrorist literature. In an unbelievable fit of moral blindness, the agents marked the tops of the boxes, "Irrelevant religious stuff." It seems the very reason for the attacks and failing to connect them to the worldwide Islamic fundamentalist movement that had fueled it was totally dismissed.

In October 1993, the same year as the first World Trade Center attack, US troops had been sent on a humanitarian mission to Mogadishu, Somalia. Two Blackhawk helicopters were shot down and a roughly twenty-hour firefight ensued in which nineteen US soldiers and over a thousand Somalis were killed. Shortly after the massacre, President Clinton made the decision to pull out of Somalia. Evidence was later found that the Somalis who shot down the helicopters had received training from bin Laden's forces. Those same mercenaries had become adept at bringing down advance Soviet helicopters in Afghanistan with rocket-propelled grenades. Bin Laden eventually admitted his significant involvement in Somalia, although in a supporting role, and considered it a glorious victory for Islamists.<sup>28</sup>

The United States is still the mightiest nation on earth and has long been a partaker of God's blessings. During the past few decades, America has seen her culture polluted, attempted to dethrone God, and defiled her heroes. Bible-believing Americans have been demonized as bigots and extremists. God has been taken out of schools, courts, and town squares, and some have even tried to remove Him from the Pledge of Allegiance—"one nation, under God." The same moral compromise infecting our domestic policy has also tainted our foreign policy: the US sends foreign aid annually to such terrorist-harboring countries as Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan, West Bank/Gaza, Indonesia, and Somalia.

If Americans do not wake up to the truth, the US political machine will continue on a collision course with prophecy. Many believe there is nothing we can do about it; that if it is foretold, it must come to pass. However, we could be missing the true point of prophecy. The Bible doesn't tell us what the future holds so that we can sit back and let disaster

strike; but rather so that we can take any necessary actions to make sure we are on the prophetic side of blessing. In the Old Testament God often warned His people of impending disaster—not just so they would know it was coming, but to give an opportunity for repentance and restoration. It is up to God-fearing Americans willing to step out and make a difference to keep our country headed in the right direction in both domestic and foreign policy.

This is also why in 1981 I accepted an invitation from President Reagan’s staff to attend a high-level briefing with US generals and admirals over the sale of AWAC planes to Saudi Arabia. I challenged them regarding that decision, warning that those planes could eventually end up in the hands of Islamic fundamentalists thereby posing a major threat to US and Israeli security. When I inserted a scripture into my short speech, I was asked, “What does God know about foreign policy?”

I replied, “He *is* foreign policy!”

Do we truly think we can move our government forward without His guidance? Our forefathers certainly didn’t!

Several months later, as part of a small US delegation, I was invited to have lunch with President Reagan and his Cabinet. Sitting next to me was the late Chuck Colson who was making his first visit back to the White House since his Nixon days. I said to Mr. Colson, “I imagine you’re thinking all about the White House strategy that’s going on in this room.” He smiled and said, “Not at all. I’m thinking about one thing . . . eternity!”

His statement really struck me. Sooner or later everyone on this planet—rich and poor; skeptic and religious; president and pauper—will be forced to think about eternity. Can we really plan for the future—of our nation, our world—without considering it? While democracy may have been conceived in Greece, it was not until Bible-believing, God-fearing people joined together to form the United States of America that it has risen to the ideal it has become today. Our governmental structure may not be perfect, but it is the best our world has seen, and all because it

was founded as a system defined by moral clarity, and based upon biblical principles.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.”<sup>29</sup> The US entered the twenty-first century with a terminal case of both. Our nation is in this position primarily because of its alliance with both Israel and the Arab nations. The descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Ishmael, are still in a struggle for dominion; the US has stepped right into the middle of it.

Ancient scriptures have a great deal to say about the two spirits behind this battle. Ishmael was not the son of promise, but the son of a man trying to work the will of God in his own way. God had promised Abraham a son, but his wife Sarah was barren. At her insistence, Abraham took Hagar, her maidservant, and impregnated her. Ishmael was the result of that liaison. A man of faith, Abraham acted in his own wisdom and lust rather than following God’s direction. He justified a foolish action through moral relativism, tradition, and human reasoning. He was trying to secure God’s blessing on his own terms. It was not until some years later when the son of promise, Isaac, was born that Abraham fully realized the gravity of his mistake. Rejecting the “son of human reasoning,” God made a covenant with Isaac, the “son of faith.” Ishmael became the father of the Arab race, and Isaac a patriarch of the Hebrews. The battle continues even today. The Quran teaches conversely that Ishmael, not Isaac, was the son of promise, and that he inherited the land and the title deed to Jerusalem.

The United States today is caught in the same moral dilemma: wanting to “do good” without God, but only making our halls of government secular, amoral, and blind. Instead of looking to God for blessings and prosperity, we look to our own reasoning and logic. For this reason we are willing to trade almost anything to get the black gold—oil—that keeps our economy lubricated.

The majority of Arab countries have believed the same lies spoken

by Hitler to twist the minds of the Germans: that the Jews are the reason for the ills of the world at large. If they were simply annihilated, everyone worldwide would sleep easier. Yet, the US has done little to counteract this vile doctrine. Instead we label as diplomats those who preach hatred and anti-Semitism—terrorist organizations such as the PLO, Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, and others. Through negotiations, Israel is forced to make concessions to an implacably angry Arab world that will never be appeased with a Palestinian state. Only possession of all of Israel will suffice.

While terrorists may wave the Palestinian Authority flag with the cry of “Death to Americans,” we cannot believe that it will suddenly begin to love the US and Israel if statehood is granted.

Dr. Yossef Bodansky and I spent considerable time in Jerusalem discussing this matter. In his book, *The High Cost of Peace*, he states that the Palestinian step-by-step plan to retake Palestine actually came from the experience of the Vietnamese in dealing with the US:

Abu-Iyad detailed how he brought up the question of why the Palestinian armed struggle was considered terrorism whereas the Vietnamese struggle was lauded and supported throughout the West [to the Khmer Rouge]. His host attributed this phenomenon to the different ways the two liberation movements had packaged their goals. The Vietnamese team agreed to sit with the PLO delegation and help them develop a program that would appear flexible and moderate, especially in dealing with the United States, the Vietnamese explained, one must “sacrifice the unimportant if only in order to preserve the essential.”<sup>30</sup>

The book emphasized that the Palestinian Authority must remain committed to its ultimate objective—namely, “the establishment of a

unified democratic state in the entire Palestine”—in the near term, and that it would be politically advantageous to accept transient phases and even short-term solutions. The Vietnamese suggested accepting “the division of the land between two independent states,” without making it clear that this was only an interim phase.

The Hanoi team also introduced the Palestinians to such issues as dealing with the US media and with liberal political circles and institutions. It also provided insight into the power of the Jewish community. Experts in disinformation and psychological warfare assisted the Palestinians in formulating a “moderate political program accepting the establishment of a small Palestine in the Territories.” The result was the “Phase Plan” adopted as the resolution of the twelfth Palestinian National Council in Cairo on June 19, 1974.

We can never win the war on terrorism by appeasing terrorists on the one hand while trying to dislodge them with the other. This is a sure guarantee for another 9/11—or worse. This tide will never be turned without getting to the root of Palestinian hatred for Israel and for the US, and exposing it at the source.