

## Touch Not My Anointed - Presentation

(Slide - Touch Not My Anointed)



This is the third of three presentations that I am giving with the goal of helping you to understand the day we live in. The first presentation focused on signs that are now being given that indicate we are entering that period of time when the earth must go through birth pangs as God seeks to bring forth mature sons and daughters after the image of Christ, who will be qualified to rule and reign with Him during the thousand year period known as the Millennial reign of Christ.

The second presentation focused on the topic of anointing as a symbol of power to accomplish either the will of God, or the will of man. We saw that God has an anointing portrayed in the oil of crushed olives being poured over the head of a man, and the world has its alternate anointing typified by black oil, or petroleum. We looked at the topic of walking in the power of the Spirit versus walking in the power of the natural man. And we saw that the power God bestows upon men and women comes only to those who have submitted themselves to God's work of breaking the power of the flesh over their lives, while the power the world offers allows the flesh to remain un-dealt with, and consequently the world's path to power leaves men and women in the bondage of sin.

This third presentation will look at one more topic that is critical to

understanding what God is doing in this hour, and why we are seeing so much focus upon the Middle East, centered upon Israel and her Arab neighbors. We will also look at why it is difficult for nations like the U.S. to intervene in Israel's affairs, and why nations invite judgment upon themselves if they act in an unrighteous way in their dealings with Israel. Understanding these things has tremendous bearing upon anyone who lives in the U.S., for we will certainly see consequences for those things being done even at this hour.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

**Zechariah 2:8-10**

**For thus says Yahweh of hosts..., "He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple (or pupil) of His eye... Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," declares Yahweh.**

There is one nation above all nations that Yahweh declares that He is watching most intently. It is the nation whose holy men wrote the Old Testament. It is the nation of Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob. It is the nation of King David and King Solomon. It is the nation of the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, of Elijah and Elisha. It is the nation of Mary and Joseph, and the nation in which the Son of God was born. It is the nation from which the original twelve apostles, including Peter, James and John, all were born into. It is also the nation of the apostle Paul who wrote nearly half of the New Testament of the Bible.

For thousands of years God has had His eye upon this nation which we call Israel, and He still watches over this nation with great jealousy, to protect her and to fulfill every word of prophecy spoken of her. In this hour Yahweh is watching intently over Israel and He is weighing every action of the nations that touch her in any way

To understand those things I will share with you, you must have a background concerning the nation of Israel and the land she possesses.

(Slide - Abraham's Journey)



In the Old Testament we read of Yahweh calling forth a man by the name of Abraham from the land of Mesopotamia in about 2100 B.C.. God by His own sovereign election chose this man to be the father of a nation that would exist to make known His presence to the world. The descendants of Abraham would in effect be God's ambassadors, and Yahweh would entrust to them His laws and call them to keep many observances that would be used as parables to reveal His character and His plan for the redemption of mankind. God made promises to Abraham and to his descendants, and one of these promises concerned the land that Yahweh would give to them as a perpetual dwelling place throughout their generations.

**Genesis 11:31**

**Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and settled there.**

These three presentations I am starting out with are part of a larger set of presentations that I have titled "PARABLES." In these first presentations we have seen over and over how God uses natural occurrences to convey messages. He gives signs in sun and moon and stars and on the earth. He also has given us many parables through the pages of Scripture. My hope is that as you observe these things I am sharing with you that you will begin to start looking beyond the physical occurrences to discern the spiritual message that God is seeking to bring forth.

Even this story of God calling forth a family out of Ur of the Chaldees to inherit a land they had never seen, contains many deep spiritual truths. One parable contained here is observed in the life of Abraham's father. God called Terah to follow Him to the land of Canaan. Yet Terah only went as far as Haran. We are not told why Terah stopped there, but we know that he fell short of following God completely. So after Terah died in Haran, God then appeared to Abraham and gave him the same call. Abraham followed God all the way, and because of his obedience and faith, he is the one honored today as the father of faith, and the father of the nation of Israel. Abraham is called the friend of God, and it is his name that is honored by billions of people today.

There is a message in the life of Terah. It is not sufficient to follow God half way. We must follow God all the way if we are to inherit the promises He has spoken to us. Today, most Christians cannot even name Abraham's father. As I think of this event I am reminded of the words of Christ.

### **Revelation 3:11**

**I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.**

Before God, Abraham has received tremendous honor. This honor could have been Terah's had he followed God all the way with a whole heart. In the same way I have seen many men and women fall short of the call God had on their lives. Many reasons could be given: they may have grown weary of following God, they may have been daunted by the fears to be faced, they could have become discouraged by the difficulty of the journey God was leading them on, they might have given into doubts and unbelief. Whatever the reason, all who fail to follow God to the end of the journey He has called them unto will forfeit tremendous reward, and the crown that could have been theirs will be offered to another.

God made a promise to Abraham and to his descendants that the land that He led him to would be given to them as their own possession.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Genesis 13:14-17

Yahweh said to Abram..., "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered. Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you."

It is important that we understand how Israel came to be in the land in which they now dwell. They did not choose the land for themselves. They did not capture it by their own strength. The land has become theirs due to a promise that Yahweh gave to Abraham. It was God's will that the descendants of Abraham should occupy this land, and God chose its location and its borders.

Abraham did not immediately take possession of the land. God was not ready to dispossess the people of the land, for their sin had not yet come to its fulness where God would bring a final judgment on them. Abraham lived there as a stranger in the land, as did his son Isaac, and Isaac's son Jacob. Jacob, whose name was changed by God to Israel then had 12 sons, and God led them to travel to Egypt where they became slaves to the Egyptians while at the same time growing into a great multitude of people. 430 years later God brought the descendants of Abraham up out of Egypt under the leadership of Moses and Moses led them to the edge of the land promised to Abraham. Yahweh told Moses precisely what the borders of their land would be.

(Slide - Israel's Borders)



Numbers 34:1-12

Then Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel and say to them, "When you enter the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance, even the land of Canaan according to its borders.

3 "Your southern sector shall extend from the wilderness of Zin along the side of Edom, and your southern border shall extend from the end of the Salt Sea eastward.

4 "Then your border shall turn direction from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim and continue to Zin, and its termination shall be to the south of Kadesh-barnea; and it shall reach Hazaraddar and continue to Azmon.

5 "The border shall turn direction from Azmon to the brook of Egypt, and its termination shall be at the sea.

6 "As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea, that is, its coastline; this shall be your west border.

7 "And this shall be your north border: you shall draw your border line from the Great Sea to Mount Hor.

8 "You shall draw a line from Mount Hor to the Lebo-hamath, and the termination of the border shall be at Zedad;

9 and the border shall proceed to Ziphron, and its termination shall be at Hazar-enan. This shall be your north border.

10 "For your eastern border you shall also draw a line from Hazar-enan to Shepham,

11 and the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of

Ain; and the border shall go down and reach to the slope on the east side of the Sea of Chinnereth.

12 "And the border shall go down to the Jordan and its termination shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to its borders all around."

I want you to see that the land that God gave to Israel, and the borders that God established, are much larger than the current state of Israel today. Israel's land actually includes much of Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, as well as a portion of land in the Negev that is contested by Egypt.

Notice the areas that have the dashed lines around them. These are the areas where we hear about the greatest conflicts taking place today, and these are the areas that the Arab nations want Israel to immediately give back to Arab control. These areas are The Gaza Strip, The West Bank, and the Golan Heights.

Notice that all of these "contested" areas lie within the borders that God gave to Israel. God set the Western border of Israel as the Great Sea, or the Mediterranean Sea, so we know that the Gaza Strip is actually part of Israel's land.

The West Bank is all west of the Jordan River, and it was this river that God set as Israel's western border between the Sea of Chinnereth and the Dead Sea, or Salt Sea. The Palestinians want Israel to give up all of this territory, but God gave it to Abraham and his descendants forever.

Then there is the Golan Heights. This area is also well within the borders God established for Israel.



## (Slide - Israel Today)



America has placed herself right in the midst of this struggle over Israel's land. The United States has sought for decades to be the peace broker in this land. President Nixon and his secretary of State Henry Kissinger, sought to bring peace between Israel and her neighbors. So did President Carter with his Camp David Accords. Then there was President Reagan, President Bush, President Clinton, and now the second President Bush, who have all sought to be the peace brokers for the region.

As we saw in the last presentation, "Black Oil Anointing", America is not an unbiased arbiter in this matter. America desperately needs Arab oil, and so she has sought to placate the Arab nations by strenuously urging Israel time after time to give portions of her land back to Arab control.

At the same time, America tells Israel that she will protect her from her enemies, and she seeks to make Israel rely heavily upon America's ability to deliver her from the threats of those who want to destroy her. Yet God wants His people to look to Him alone as their protector. He has reproved Israel and her leaders many times before because they have put their confidence in the ability of others to save her. And have no doubt, God will remove all supports that Israel is leaning upon until they only have Him to lean upon. If this means that God must humble America to the point that Israel will never again put her confidence in this nation as her protector, then God will humble America.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Zechariah 12:2-10

"Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around... It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it... I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn."

I want to show you that the first part of this prophecy is being fulfilled, and surely the latter part of this prophecy will be fulfilled soon. A day is soon coming when Israel will mourn as for an only son, they will weep bitterly when their eyes are opened to see that they crucified their Messiah. He was pierced for their sins, and all Israel will repent and be healed.

But first we read that there would be nations who try to carry the burden of Israel, and all who carry this "burden will be severely injured."

What is this prophecy speaking of? It is speaking of the very thing America has been attempting to do. America has presented herself as the Nation that can heal the afflictions of Israel. Every American President for the past 30 years has sought to bring peace to Israel, but there has been no peace. This is also spoken of in Scripture.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Jeremiah 8:11

“They heal the brokenness of the daughter of My people superficially, Saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ But there is no peace.”

America has sought to do that which God has said that only He can do. No nation can bring peace to the land of Israel. Every nation that tries to lift this burden will be severely injured. For God has said,

Jeremiah 30:10-17

O'Fear not, O Jacob My servant,' declares Yahweh, 'And do not be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar and your offspring from the land of their captivity. And Jacob will return and will be quiet and at ease, and no one will make him afraid. 'For I am with you,' declares Yahweh, "to save you; For I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, only I will not destroy you completely. But I will chasten you justly and will by no means leave you unpunished.' For thus says Yahweh, 'Your wound is incurable and your injury is serious. There is no one to plead your cause; no healing for your sore, no recovery for you. All your lovers have forgotten you, they do not seek you; for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the punishment of a cruel one, because your iniquity is great and your sins are numerous. Why do you cry out over your injury? Your pain is incurable. Because your iniquity is great and your sins are numerous, I have done these things to you. Therefore all who devour you will be devoured; and all your adversaries, every one of them, will go into captivity; And those who plunder you will be for plunder, and all who prey upon you I will give for prey. For I will restore you to health and I will heal you of your wounds,' declares Yahweh, 'Because they have called you an outcast, saying: "It is Zion; no one cares for her.'"

For a long season beginning at AD 70 when Titus captured Jerusalem and crucified a million Jews, burned the city with fire, and destroyed the Temple so that not one stone remained upon another - until the year 1947 Israel ceased to be a nation. God had to severely punish His children because of their great sins, and their rejection of their Messiah. Yet He never forsook them.

His eye has always been upon them, and He has now gathered them back into their own land again.

The Scriptures had to be fulfilled:

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Amos 9:13-15

Behold, days are coming," declares Yahweh, "When... I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit. I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them," says Yahweh your God.

In 1947 the United Nations issued a Resolution for a Jewish state to be created in Palestine. Since then Israel has faced great opposition from her Arab neighbors who vowed to destroy her and drive her people into the sea. Yet despite several wars against tremendous odds, Israel has decidedly won each conflict and expanded her borders with each war. In 1967 she nearly doubled her size during the 6 days war. In 1973 she was again faced with conflict during the Yom Kippur war, the end result being that she took possession of the West Bank of the Jordan, Jerusalem and the Wailing Wall. God has said that they would not be rooted out from their land again, and despite billions of dollars of Soviet military assistance, and the combined military of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and other Arab nations, Israel has stood firm and prevailed.

Israel has known constant threats, and the hatred of many nations who want to destroy her. Only God can bring peace to her borders, and peace to the hearts of His people. Those who try to lift Israel, and to carry this burden will be severely injured, for God wants all men to know that they cannot bring peace to Israel, and He does not want Israel to look to man for her salvation.

Yet America has convinced Israel that she can be Israel's deliverer from her enemies all around. Time after time she has convinced Israel's leaders to sit down at bargaining tables while one peace proposal after another has been set forth. Yet every attempt has failed.

And America has sought her own desire in these attempts, for she has encouraged Israel to give away her territory, not because it is the righteous thing to do, but because America wants the oil that the Arab nations control.

(Slide - President Bush and Saudi Prince Abdullah)



The Arab nations, having failed to destroy Israel through military power, are seeking to take away her land through political means. The Arab nations are exerting pressure on the United States to take away Israel's land piece by piece, and to give it back to the Arabs. Because the United States is dependent upon Arab oil, she has been using her influence to convince the Israelites to give up land for peace.

This is an unrighteous bargain, for God has given the land to the descendants of Abraham by a promise, as we have already seen. The 21 Arab nations in the region occupy over 99.5% of the land in the Middle East yet they continually are pressing for Israel to give up the small area of land that she possesses.

When America continually acts as a pawn of the Arab nations in seeking to coerce Israel into giving up her land, she is setting herself up for judgment. The Word of God clearly declares that God will in the last days judge the nations that have acted to divide up the land He promised to the descendants of Abraham throughout all their generations.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Joel 3:1-2

"For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations, and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; *and they have divided up My land.*"

Are we not now seeing the fortunes, or the welfare, of Judah and Jerusalem restored by Yahweh? Yes! And God has said that He will enter into judgment with all the nations who have divided up His land. God says the land is His. It belongs to Him and to whomever He chooses to give it. He gave His land to Abraham by a promise, and to Abraham's descendants. Yet many nations have sought to divide up the land of Israel. Foremost among them is America, and consequently she will be foremost in judgment.

God is testifying that He will judge any nation that touches the apple of His eye. He is always watching over Israel, and it is a perilous thing for any nation to seek to take away that which God has promised to her.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Deuteronomy 19:14

"You shall not move your neighbor's boundary mark, which the ancestors have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that Yahweh your God gives you to possess.

Deuteronomy 27:17

"Cursed is he who moves his neighbor's boundary mark.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'"

Hosea 5:10

The princes of Judah have become like those who move a boundary; on them I will pour out My wrath like water.

As you read this last verse, I want to suggest to you that there is a double meaning in the phrase, "I will pour out My wrath like water." As we have already seen in the previous two presentations, God has been using hurricanes, and floods as a means of judgment. He first did so with the flood of Noah's day, and He continues to use this as a form of judgment today.

Throughout Scripture God has repeatedly testified that it is a very evil act in His sight to move a neighbor's boundary mark. How much greater an evil is it when the boundary belongs to the land He calls "My land?"

It is an act of tremendous pride and arrogance for any person to reach out their hand to make changes to that which God has established. Yet this nation that is so proud of its military and political power, its great wealth and advanced technology, has lost its fear of God. The people of Israel whom Yahweh has called back to occupy the land He promised to them, and the people He has testified will never be uprooted from their land again, America's leaders are seeking to uproot in order to please those who control the oil that our nation runs on.

(Slide - Israel gives up land)



In a stunning “coincidence” the week before America saw hundreds of thousands of people displaced from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, Israel had agreed to remove a number of her people from areas of her land that America had urged her to give to the Palestinians. The newspapers and television showed pictures of Israeli families abandoning their homes, their land, and that which they had labored on for many years. Some of the Israelis were removed forcibly by the Israeli Defense Forces, because the nations had convinced Israel’s leaders that this was what was required in order for her to have peace.



(Slide - Katrina, New Orleans)



The same day that the evacuation of Gaza was completed Hurricane Katrina formed over the Bahamas.

21 settlements in Gaza were abandoned, by political agreement. Approximately 8,500 Israelis in Gaza were forced to leave. The forced removal occurred the week of August 18, 2005. The next week the residents of New Orleans were urged to leave the city as Hurricane Katrina approached. Hundreds of thousands never returned to the city. It is very costly to touch God's anointed and to move the boundary markers God has established, and to divide up the Land of Israel.

What was America's role in this? Read this excerpt from a news article dated approximately 2 years before this event.

On February 1, 2003 the Associated Press reported the following:

(Slide - AP Quote)

Powell: Bush to be more involved in  
Israeli-Palestinian conflict

By The Associated Press 2/1/03

WASHINGTON - U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said Friday that *President George Bush will become more deeply involved in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict than he was in his first two years in the White House.*

Powell said that the conflict was the most pressing problem in the Middle East.

Powell also told the Palestinians that "they cannot get a state by using violence" and warned that they must install a new leadership.

Appearing before a national conference of Americans interested in U.S. foreign policy, *Powell said the administration would resume its pursuit of a settlement* now that Israel had concluded its elections.

He said he had talked by telephone to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who won a new term this week, and that the Bush administration would use the roadmap devised in partnership with the European Union, Russia and the United Nations.

*It aims to create a Palestinian state by the year 2005 carved out of land that Israel has held for more than 35 years...*

[end excerpt, highlighting added]

God said He would enter into judgment with the nations that have divided His land. Note here that America was acting in partnership with the European Union, Russia and the United Nations. Yet America assumed a primary role, and the United Nations is located on American soil.

Please note that the date of this article is the SAME day that the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster occurred!!!

(Slide - Space Shuttle Columbia Patch)



I want to show you the profound sign that God has given concerning America's folly in seeking to lift this burden, and bring peace to Israel by dividing up her land. The folly is not just America's, but Israel's also, for Yahweh wants His chosen people to look to Him as their deliverer, and not rely upon the strength of man, not even the strength of a nation that boasts of being the world's last superpower.

The members of every shuttle mission design a patch that they all wear, and this insignia is also painted onto the shuttle before it blasts off. This is the Mission patch for the Space Shuttle Columbia crew, the crew that all perished as the space shuttle disintegrated as it reentered the atmosphere on February 1, 2003.

According to NASA's website, this is the meaning of the symbols on this Mission patch.

The central element of the patch is the microgravity symbol, mg, flowing into

the rays of the astronaut symbol. The mission inclination is portrayed by the 39 degree angle of the astronaut symbol to the Earth's horizon. The sunrise is representative of the numerous experiments that are the dawn of a new era for continued microgravity research on the International Space Station and beyond. The breadth of science conducted on this mission will have widespread benefits to life on Earth and our continued exploration of space illustrated by the Earth and stars. The constellation Columba (the dove) was chosen to symbolize peace on Earth and the Space Shuttle Columbia. The seven stars also represent the mission crew members and honor the original astronauts who paved the way to make research in space possible. The Israeli flag is adjacent to the name of the payload specialist who is the first person from that country to fly on the Space Shuttle.

Notice particularly the constellation Columba and the Israeli flag.

(Slide - Columba)



The symbolism here is extraordinary. Here we have an American space shuttle carrying the first Israel astronaut to go into space, and they have chosen the symbol of the constellation Columba, a dove bearing an olive branch, which is a universal sign of peace. The message is that America has pictured herself as Israel's healer, who can bring peace to her land, and Israel has gone along for the ride.

Remember the two scriptures we have looked at previously.

(Slide - Key Scriptures)

Jeremiah 8:11

“They heal the brokenness of the daughter of My people superficially, Saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ But there is no peace.”

Zechariah 12:2-3

“Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around... It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured.”

America has attempted to lift up Israel on her shoulders and to bring her peace. But there has been no peace. All who lift this burden will be severely injured.

Yet this is only the beginning of the symbolism. There is much more.

(Slide - Debris over Palestine Texas)



This is a picture that appeared in the media at the time of the Columbia disaster. Notice that Palestine is prominently pictured. The first debris from the space shuttle was found in the town of Palestine, Texas. George Bush is also from Texas, and he was the one who had just given his Secretary of State a mandate to bring about a peace settlement in the land of Palestine, and as part of that settlement he proposed to take land away from Israel, land that God had given to Abraham and his descendants forever, and to create a Palestinian State out of this land.

(Slide - Path of Disintegration)



America's error in this was two-fold. She thought she could do that which God said only He could accomplish, and she applied pressure to Israel to give up her land, thereby changing the boundary markers set by God.



(Slide - Lady Columbia)



There is more symbolism in this event that brings forth a further message that God has given to the nations. This is seen in the name of the space shuttle that was destroyed.

On an official government website, the following information concerning this name is found:

Columbia, the oldest orbiter in the Shuttle fleet, is named after the Boston, Massachusetts based sloop captained by American Robert Gray. On May **11**, 1792, Gray and his crew maneuvered the Columbia past the dangerous sandbar at the mouth of a river extending more than 1,000 miles through what is today south-eastern British Columbia, Canada, and the Washington-Oregon border. The river was later named after the ship. Gray also led Columbia and its crew on the first American circumnavigation of the globe, carrying a cargo of otter skins to Canton, China, and then returning to Boston.

Other sailing ships have further enhanced the luster of the name Columbia. The first U.S. Navy ship to circle the globe bore that title, as did the command module for Apollo **11**, the first lunar landing mission.

On a more directly patriotic note, "Columbia" is considered to be the feminine personification of the United States.

This picture should be familiar to you as it is the picture that appears before every movie produced by Columbia Pictures.

This is Lady Columbia, and she is a symbol of the nation of America. This is why our nation's capital is also called "The District of Columbia." Columbia represents the U.S.A..

What does it symbolize then when we see Columbia disintegrating? It is a parable that God has given. He is revealing that all who seek to lift up Israel will be severely injured, and in the case of America, a rapid disintegration will occur. It has been prophesied by many in the church that God is testifying that great judgments are coming to America that will include the collapse of her economy, the inability of her military to fend off foreign attacks, and some have even prophesied of nuclear attacks on American soil. It has been prophesied that this nation that boasts of being the world's last superpower, and who in her pride has thought that she could carry Israel's burden on her shoulders, will be reduced to the status of a third world country.

I believe that this event also is a sign from God of dire things to come. Yet God confirms all things through more than one witness.

(Slide - Columbia Glacier)



As I was studying this event back in 2003, and seeking God as to its meaning, He led me to a second witness that is speaking the same message.

### Alaska's Speedy Columbia Glacier On Likely Disintegration Course

Alaska's Columbia Glacier, heralded as the world's speediest glacier, appears to be on a course to disintegrate and evolve into a spectacular fjord rivaling Glacier Bay in the coming years, according to a University of Colorado at Boulder researcher.

The glacier continues to move at speeds of up to 34 meters a day, a snail's pace to most but astoundingly swift to glaciologists, said Tad Pfeffer, a fellow of CU-Boulder's Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research. Descending from the Chugach Mountains into Prince Williams Sound near Valdez, the Columbia Glacier has retreated about 12 kilometers since 1982 and thinned significantly in that time.

"The glacier is calving icebergs into Prince Williams Sound much faster than it is accumulating new snow," said Pfeffer, also an associate professor in civil, environmental and architectural engineering. *"It is spending its capital, in effect. The glacier either will retreat rapidly up the fjord or thin rapidly and essentially disintegrate in an abrupt event..."*

The Columbia Glacier is expected to eventually retreat as far as 25 kilometers up the glacial valley to a point equal to sea level. "It should be quite a spectacular sight in the not too distant future," said Pfeffer. "We intend to follow the process very closely..."

Pfeffer predicted the Columbia Glacier may well be transformed into a large fjord within 50 years and perhaps in less than a decade. "We don't know

enough about the physics of tidewater glaciers yet," he said. "But I think we may be seeing tour boats where the glacier is presently sitting in the not too distant future." [Source: University of Colorado at Boulder]

What a parallel is seen in these words that the Columbia glacier "*is spending its capital*" and may "*essentially disintegrate in an abrupt event.*" America has already begun a sharp decline in capital.

The disintegration of this glacier being related to the Exxon Valdez disaster of 1989 and causing continuing problems to the shipping of oil is one more witness of America's judgment being related to her insatiable appetite for oil. America's leaders have placed economic concerns above all else. America has determined that the oil must flow, and she is willing to place a lust for trade and prosperity above integrity and righteousness.

This glacier is also a picture of the United States. For many years it was expanding faster than any other glacier in the world. Around 1980, however, it began a tremendous reversal, and has begun to shrink faster than any other glacier in the world. This article I quoted is several years old. The disintegration has only sped up since then. A more recent article states the following:

The glacier is now discharging into Prince William Sound nearly 2 cubic miles of ice annually, the equivalent of 100,000 ships packed with ice, each 500 feet long.

America spiritually is typified as Babylon today. The ancient empire of Babylon was judged by God because it became arrogant and it reached out its hand to touch Israel in ways God did not want her to do. King Nebuchadnezzar was the ruler of Babylon when Judah and Jerusalem were taken captive and deported to Babylon. He was proud and boasted of Babylon the Great that he had created by his own might and strength, not giving glory to God, and so God judged Nebuchadnezzar.

America controls the very land today in which ancient Babylon was situated. It is in the land of Iraq, and as America controls Iraq and has established a military presence there, this makes President Bush the ruler of Babylon, and spiritually he is exactly that. He boasts of America's might and power, and he too is working to remove Israelites from their land. As you consider the strange significance of all the symbolism relating to the space shuttle Columbia disaster, it is perhaps no coincidence that the following verse speaks of the following judgment on Babylon.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Jeremiah 51:9

We would have healed Babylon,  
But she is not healed.

Forsake her, and let us go everyone to his own country;  
For her judgment reaches to heaven and is lifted up to the skies.

Incredibly, it was determined that the cause of the destruction of the space shuttle Columbia was a piece of foam striking a heat shield and loosening it. The greatest piece of technology produced by the world's greatest superpower was destroyed by a piece of foam.

The reason God has given these signs is so that those who have eyes to see might understand the days we are entering into. All these signs are declaring that great judgment is coming to America, and she will experience a rapid disintegration.

Yet I want to give two more prominent signs that are foretelling the same thing.

(Slide - Twin Towers, 911)



On September 11, 2001 the United States experienced a tremendous attack that was unprecedented in her history. Yet each attack was filled with symbolism and foretells of a great judgment to come. The most prominent attack on that day was the destruction of the two 110 story World Trade Towers in Manhattan.

There is much that is symbolic in this attack, including the address of the towers on the corners of Church Street and Liberty Street. Tragically, the church has become just as caught up in the sins of this nation as those outside the church. She is pursuing wealth, and is focused on trade and personal consumption as much as the world, and when God sends judgment He says that He will begin at His own house. He will judge the church first, and then the world.

**I Peter 4:17-18**

**For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner?**

But in this presentation I want to continue to focus upon national events, and particularly those that relate to America's actions toward Israel. America is all

about world trade and consumption. America's economy dwarfs all other national economies of the world, and the World Trade Towers stood as symbols of America's economic might.

America's wealth is what gives her "standing" in the world, and symbolically these two towers represented America's legs. Her trade is what causes her to tower higher than all other nations in the world. Yet on 9/11 America's legs were cut down.

This represents a severe judgment upon America's economic might. In one day her judgments will come, and she will go from a very elevated position among the nations of the world, to a very lowly position.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Revelation 18:8-11

"For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong. And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more..."

It is due to the unrighteousness of her trade that God must judge America. America has made many ungodly decisions in pursuit of wealth, and these decisions have even reached so far as to seek to alter the boundaries of Israel to maintain a source of cheap oil and to prolong her prosperity.

Yet there was another symbolic judgment on 911.



(Slide - 911, The Pentagon)



The pending disintegration of America will also include a reduction of the nation's military might. I believe we will see this more clearly in the next sign that we will look at.

(Slide - Jessica Lynch)



In the hours when support for the war in Iraq was waning, a story was sought to give America a hero in Iraq and to deflect some of the criticism of the war. It has since come out that almost none of the initial story was true.

[From a CBS New Report by David Martin]  
Jessica's testimony before Congress

A couple days after her rescue, The Washington Post had reported that before she was captured by the Iraqis she "fought fiercely and shot several enemy soldiers...firing her weapon until she ran out of ammunition" According to the Post account, which was based on anonymous sources citing battlefield reports, Lynch kept firing "even after she sustained multiple gunshot wounds." By her own account, none of that happened. She never fired her weapon and was knocked unconscious when her vehicle crashed, waking up hours later in an Iraqi hospital. As she put it in her testimony today, the story depicted her as "the little girl Rambo from the hills of West Virginia who went down fighting. It was not true." She blamed the media for perpetuating the myth. "They should have found out the facts before they spread the word like wildfire."

(Slide - Lynch Home in Palestine)



But aside from the propagandizing of this event, what is true is that this story was in the news for weeks and was on the front pages of newspapers all over America. One thing you may not have noticed in all of the stories is that Jessica Lynch's hometown is Palestine, West Virginia.

This is not the first time God has used a person's physical circumstances and even their injuries to deliver a prophetic message. A number of instances from Scripture could be cited, including the following:

I Kings 20:35-43

I Kings 11:29-31

It came about at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Now Ahijah had clothed himself with a new cloak; and both of them were alone in the field. Then Ahijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him and tore it into twelve pieces. He said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, "Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes..."

God also spoke through the sign of Jessica Lynch, and the entire nation witnessed the event, though most failed to discern the sign.

(Slide - Jessica's Name)

JESSICA f *English* This name was first used in this form by Shakespeare in his play 'The Merchant of Venice', where it belongs to the daughter of Shylock. Shakespeare probably based it on the biblical name *Iscah* meaning "YAHWEH beholds" in Hebrew, a minor character in Genesis.

(Source: [www.behindthename.com](http://www.behindthename.com))

So we see that Jessica is from a town named Palestine, and her name means "Yahweh beholds." We have already looked at Scriptures that state that Yahweh's eye is always upon His people and He is watching over them continuously.

Jessica's injuries tell a prophetic story of what is to come to America. Jessica shattered both of her legs, and in this we see a parallel to the World Trade Center destruction. In all of the photos of Jessica immediately after her rescue, she is shown lying down. Even so, America will be laid low.

Jessica Lynch also fractured her left arm, and this also has a correlation from 9-11, for on this date the Pentagon, the seat of America's military power, was struck. However, whereas the symbols of her economy received a double hit, her military received but a single hit.

(Slide - Saddam's Parade Ground)



The arm is symbolic of military power, and during the war in Iraq a frequent picture that has been displayed is Saddam's military parade grounds. Either end of this parade ground is marked by a massive entryway that is formed by an arm reaching out of the ground holding a sword. On either side of the road one of these massive arms arises and the swords meet in the center. This is symbolic of Saddam's military power. It is perhaps not a coincidence that the word armament has been shortened to arm, and the media often speaks of an "arms race". They are referring to a race to achieve military superiority. So the very word "arms" speaks of military power. That Jessica had one of her arms broken speaks of a judgment coming to America's military, though it will not be as complete as the judgment to her economic might.

The right arm is typically the arm used for attack, while the left arm is used for defense, and it would have been the arm to hold the shield in ancient days of warfare. That Jessica's left arm was the one broken speaks of America's diminished ability to shield herself from the attacks of others. On 9-11 this was first demonstrated, but even more severe attacks are coming which America will not be able to ward off. She will still be able to strike back, but her immunity from attack within her own borders will be removed.

Another significant injury that Jessica sustained is a fracture to her lumbar spine. The backbone represents the courage and resolve of a person or nation. We speak of someone who is bold and courageous as having a lot of backbone. We also speak of someone who stands fast in the face of adversity as having steel in their backbone. Conversely, a coward or person of weak resolve is spoken as spineless, or as having a yellow streak down their back. This injury to Jessica's spine represents a breaking of America's boldness and resolve as a result of fears that will assail her. Even as Jessica will require a lengthy amount of time to recuperate, so too America will enter a period where she will have to "lie low" for a while, and not exert herself in world affairs.

(Slide - Palestinian State Quote)

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) October 15, 2007 -- The time has come for establishing a Palestinian state and it's in the interest of the U.S. to do so, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Monday in one of her most forceful statements yet on the issue.

The comments from Rice, after a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, suggested that the Bush administration is determined to try to bridge the wide gaps between Israel and the Palestinians ahead of a U.S.-hosted Mideast conference...

Standing next to Abbas, Rice defined Palestinian statehood as a U.S. interest.

"Frankly, it's time for the establishment of a Palestinian state," Rice said.

"I wanted to say in my own voice to be able to say to as many people as possible that the United States sees the establishment of a Palestinian state and a two-state solution as absolutely essential for the future, not just of Palestinians and Israelis but also for the Middle East and indeed to American interests," she said. "That's really a message that I think only I can deliver."

On October 15, 2007 Condoleezza Rice met with Palestinian and Israeli leaders and announced that there remained but a small window of opportunity to create a Palestinian State in the Middle East. This state is to be formed from land taken from Israel. Condoleezza Rice stated that it was in "American interests" to form such a state. The reason it is in America's interests is that taking land from Israel serves to placate the Arab nations that surround Israel, nations whose oil resources America covets.

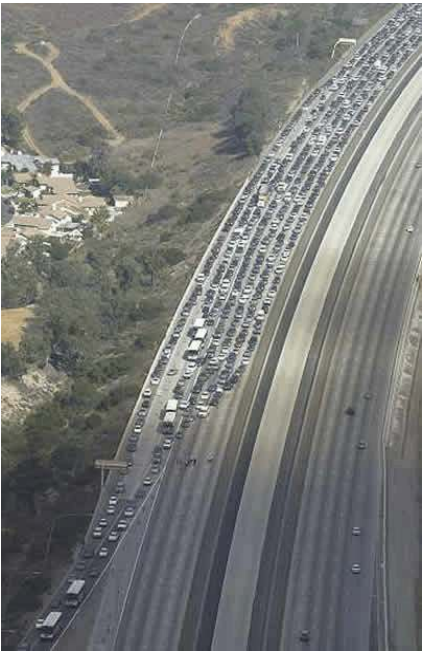
Once more, a very startling disaster overtook America immediately after she announced her intent to reach out her hand and involve herself in the affairs of God's chosen people.

(Slide - California Fires)



On Sunday October 21, 2007, multiple wildfires erupted in Southern California. In the words of California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, these fires were the product of “the perfect storm,” as California had experienced her driest year in 200 years of record keeping, and the fires were fanned by dry Santa Anna winds blowing across the southwest deserts. Some winds reached 100 MPH, and for a period of several days fire crews were completely helpless against the raging inferno. Approximately 2,000 homes were destroyed, with hundreds more being damaged.

(Slide - Comparison of New Orleans, San Diego)



Left

: Traffic Fleeing San Diego  
Above: Traffic Fleeing New Orleans

In another parallel to the events of New Orleans and hurricane Katrina, a large percentage of the population of one of America's largest cities was forced to evacuate and flee from the approaching fire storm. At its peak, nearly a million residents of San Diego were forced to leave their homes, making this the largest evacuation ever in the history of California.



(Slide - Qualcomm Stadium)



In another striking parallel, a shelter of last resort was set-up in a large sports arena in San Diego. Nearly 12,000 people found shelter in Qualcomm Stadium, the arena where the San Diego Chargers host their home football games.

Whenever America puts her hand to bring about political actions that will result in Israeli's being dispossessed from their land, a disaster strikes the nation where America's own citizens are forced to flee from their homes, and thousands of homes are destroyed. It is estimated that the damage from the fires in California will exceed one billion dollars.

I would also add here, that even as the disaster that struck New Orleans brought a judgment on America's unrighteous pursuit of oil, as well as being a judgment upon immorality, so too this disaster in California is due to more than one cause.

The timing of the event, and the evacuation of the population reveal its link to America's presumption in seeking to create a Palestinian state from land Yahweh gave to Abraham and his descendants. New Orleans was about to host Southern Decadence just prior to Hurricane Katrina striking, and many details relating to Katrina and Rita revealed that God was bringing a judgment on immorality. Southern California is also an area renowned for its immorality. Hollywood is located in the Los Angeles area, and it was affected by the fires. Some television programs had to be relocated being filmed, or temporarily halted due to the smoke from the fires.

Just this last year a new television program that was a product of Hollywood aired, and has been renewed for a second season. This series is called "Californication." As its name implies, its major theme is fornication, and the show boasts of the sexual immorality present in the state of California. As with New Orleans, when an area begins to flaunt their immorality in the face of God, treating their sin with no shame, but rather boasting about them, then God will bring judgment to the area.

Fire is the great purifying agent. In the Greek the word for fire is "pur" from which we get the words "pure," "purity," "purification," and "pyrotechnics." Nothing cleanses like fire, and God is also sending a message that he will judge the impurity of the people.

(Slide - Rabbis Warn Bush)



Rabbi Meir Druckman



President Bush

A couple weeks after I had completed this presentation, and had spoken of a link between hurricane Katrina and the fires in California, a friend sent me a link to the following news article.

News Article - [www.ynetnews.com](http://www.ynetnews.com) (11-06-07)

Rabbis warn Bush: Annapolis will bring destruction to US

Group of right-wing rabbis writes open letter to US president demanding he cancel Annapolis summit or risk provoking 'wrath of the almighty.' Rabbis assert Katrina disaster a result of America's support of 2005 disengagement, say California fires a warning.

Neta Sela

A fringe group of prominent ultranationalist rabbis issued a harshly-worded letter to United States President George W. Bush earlier this week, warning him that the upcoming Annapolis peace conference would bring destruction upon America.

The rabbis evoke their previous prediction in 2005, when they published an open letter to Bush in the New York Times, demanding the US rescind its support of the disengagement plan.

"We wrote to President Bush, a man who believes in the Bible, to warn him against the terrible danger to which he is exposing his country by hosting such a conference," said Rabbi Meir Druckman, one of signatories to the letter.

"The land of Israel belongs to the people of Israel. God punishes anyone who coerces Israel to give up its land," he said.

"There is no doubt the New Orleans flood from the Katrina hurricane was God's punishment for evicting the settlements," said Druckman, "with hundreds of thousands left homeless, hundreds killed or wounded and billions of dollars sent down the drain – can we really ignore God's hand collecting an eye for an eye?"

The disengagement from Gaza and the northern West Bank was completed August 23rd, 2005 – which was also the date Hurricane Katrina formed over the Bahamas.

"Despite those consequences, yet again we find ourselves facing an initiative to expel Jews from Judea and Samaria and cede their cities to terror organizations. And once again the patrons of the event are President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

"This time the Almighty is warning the US in advance: if the plague of water was not enough now he shall send flames. While hundreds of thousands of families have already fled the terrible fires in California, and we ask you, will you really forge ahead with this malevolent plan?" added Druckman.

The letter was authored by SOS Israel, a right-wing movement which earlier this year distributed citations to IDF soldiers who disobeyed orders and refused to take part in the disengagement.

The rabbis urged Bush's administration to back down from the current direction of the peace process, saying that not an inch of Israeli land should be ceded. "Be merciful to yourselves and the beloved America and its citizens. Lay down the hand you have raised against the Creator in war. Help the people of Israel fight without compromise against the terrorists who rise against it, and then, with a pure heart, you will truly be able to pray: May God bless America," the rabbis said.

Among the rabbis who signed the letter are several leading religious figures, including Rabbis Dov Wolfa, Yekutiel Rap, Gedalia Axelrod as well as the chief rabbi of Kiryat Arba and Hebron, Dov Lior and the son of former Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Yaakov Yosef. [End Article]

It is interesting to note how the news article describes these rabbis. It uses words such as “right wing,” “fringe,” and “ultranationalist.” These are loaded words that evoke an image of men who are radical extremists in their thoughts, words and actions. Even if this description of these men is accurate, it is wrong assume that the concepts they have shared in this letter are the product of ultranationalist thinking, or that it is to be relegated to the beliefs of a fringe group. The entire premise of what these rabbis are sharing can be summed up in one statement that they made in their letter. They wrote: “The land of Israel belongs to the people of Israel. God punishes anyone who coerces Israel to give up its land.”

This statement and belief is neither radical, nor extreme. It is merely agreement with what God has Himself declared through the mouth of His prophets. Yahweh has said that He will enter into judgment with those who have divided up His land. Hurricanes and fires are acts of judgment on the nations. To suggest that there is a correlation between the actions of America in assuming a leadership position in coercing Israel to give up her land to the Palestinians and disasters that occur immediately afterwards resulting in the loss of American homes and property is not an example of the wild imagination of extreme men. It is merely belief that what God has said in His word is true. There are repercussions for any nation that will stretch out its hand against God’s chosen people.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

I Chronicles 16:15-22

Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations, the covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac. He also confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan, as the portion of your inheritance." When they were only a few in number, very few, and strangers in it, and they wandered about from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people, He permitted no man to oppress them, and He reproved kings for their sakes, saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm."

In order to understand the days we live in we need to understand that God holds not only individuals responsible for their actions, but nations as well.

If you were to move your neighbor's boundary marker in order to benefit yourself, God would hold you accountable. The justification that America's Secretary of State has given for creating a Palestinian state is that it is in America's interests. This is a declaration of selfishness. Creating a Palestinian state is not a decision arrived at because it is the righteous, or moral thing to do. It is a decision arrived at in the name of self interest, and a decision that is contrary to Yahweh's own decision.

God will hold nations accountable who seek to alter the boundaries that He has established for the nation of Israel and the descendants of Abraham. God has said that He will enter into judgment with the nations that have divided up His land. We are living in an hour when we are seeing these Scriptures fulfilled.