## Land For Peace Disasters

Israel captured the Gaza strip in 1967 and took control of Jerusalem. June 7, 1967.

In 2005, at the insistence of G.W. Bush, Israel gave back the Gaza Strip. They forfeited their land and thousands of citizens who had built their homes were displaced. The Notice of eviction was issued on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 2005 and by Aug.23<sup>rd</sup> all Israeli citizens had been forcibly removed. On the day the last of the citizens left the Gaza Strip, a tropical depression formed near the Bahamas and on Aug. 25 was upgraded to a hurricane known as Katrina. As a result of Katrina almost one million citizens wept as they left their homes, much like the citizens of the Gaza Strip wept.

Coincidence??? You decide.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1991, the United States announced the planned Madrid Peace Conference where our country led the call for Israel to give up portions of their land for peace. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1991, the Oakland Firestorm started and became the greatest conflagration our nation had seen in this century with thousands of homes destroyed. On October 30, 1991 the peace conference began and again the U.S. insisted that Israel be divided. On the same day, the perfect storm formed over the eastern portion of the US and became the worst storm to hit the U.S. in over 100 years. Pres. George H.W. Bush's home in Maine was damaged.

Coincidence??? You decide.

On Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1991, again at the Madrid Peace Conference, the U.S. led the call for Israel to give up land for peace and on the same day, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1992, Hurricane Andrew, a category 5 with sustained winds of 177 MPH struck southern Florida and demolished everything in its path. Up to then, it was the worst natural disaster to hit the U.S., only to be surpassed by Katrina.

Coincidence??? You decide.

On Feb 26, 1993, an article in the New York Times reported that Secretary of State Warren Christopher was in Israel and one of his objectives was to jump start the Peace Process talks. ( see <u>http://www.nytimes.com/1993/02/26/opinion/maiden-voyage-smooth-sailing.html</u>) On the same day, Feb 26, 1993, terrorist planted a bomb in the parking garage of the World Trade Center resulting in 6 deaths and over 1,000 non-fatal injuries. The plan was for the blast to result in the collapse of the North Tower into the South Tower, collapsing them both. 50,000 people were evacuated from the twin towers.

Coincidence??? You decide.

Jan 16<sup>th</sup>,1994, President Bill Clinton met with Pres. Assad and called on the nation of Israel to leave the Golan Heights, another area that the Lord said belongs to Israel. The very next day, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> 1994, a massive earthquake struck Northridge, California, and caused losses totaling 16.2 billion dollars.

Coincidence??? You decide.

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003 Secretary Colin Powell announced that President Bush would be more involved in the push for a Palestinian state within the borders of Israel. The next day, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, the Space Shuttle Columbia broke up upon re-entry over the state of Texas (Pres. Bush's home state). Among the dead was an astronaut from Israel, Ilan Ramon. The vast majority of the debris fell in Texas. Significant amount fell on and around a city in Texas with the unlikely name: Palestine, Texas.

Coincidence??? You decide.

The list goes on and on, but now to the granddaddy of horrific events. On September 10, 2001, President George W. Bush was putting the finishing touches on a speech where, for the first time, a U.S. President was going to call for a Palestinian state inside the boundaries of modern-day Israel. The speech was for all intents and purposes finished on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2001. The events of the very next day, 9/11, are forever seared into our memories!

Coincidence??? You decide.

As I wrote this, a hurricane was forming off the coast of Georgia. It was reported to be "meandering" off the coast. It is almost as if it is waiting for "orders from on High" to make the next move. Does this have anything to do with the United States decision to back France in the Security Council in the September session. I personally don't know for sure (does anyone really know in advance?) since previously disasters have occurred following the formal actions taken by the parties, not prior to the actions. But once again I'll ask the question:

Coincidence??? You decide.

On December 23, 2016, the United States, under the direction of President Obama, betrayed Israel by refusing to veto a United Nations Security Council that condemned Israeli settlement construction in Jerusalem. It, in essence, placed the Western Wall, a Jewish Holy Site, in Palestine territory. Five days later, on December 28, three earthquakes, each greater than 5.7, struck in the Nevada-California border. Although not much damage was reported, this is a very real example of how God can "divide the land." Was this a warning "shot across the bow?"

Coincidence??? You decide.

Data copied from the book <u>**15 Days In September That Will Change The World</u></u> by Mark Hoffmeister (2015)</u>** 

In August of 2017, members of the Trump Administration were in the middle East discussing a two state solution with members from Israel and Palestine. President Trump sent his son-inlaw, Jared Kushner, to attempt to come to a peace truce. On August 25, 2017 Hurricane Harvey made landfall bringing marked devastation to Corpus Christi and Houston Texas bring a record 53 inches of rain and massive flooding in the area. At the same time, the largest forest fire ever recorded in California was raging out of control. One week later, a category 5 Hurricane (Irma), was taking aim at Florida and it was unknown if it would turn north and go up the east coast of America or if it would go into the Gulf of Mexico and attack the eastern border of Florida. The winds of this hurricane were clocked at 185 MPH making it the highest ever recorded in the Atlantic to date.

Coincidence??? You decide.

In the closing days of September 2018, President Trump announced that the long awaited "Peace Treaty" that has been worked on by Jared Kushner would "soon be announced." Soon thereafter a massive hurricane, (Michael) formed in the Gulf of Mexico and increase in severity as it approached the Florida Panhandle. When it struck Florida on Oct. 10, 2018, it was officially recorded as a Cat. IV hurricane with winds clocked at 155 MPH. (This is only 2 MPH less than a Cat V.) It was recorded as the strongest hurricane in history to strike the Florida panhandle and caused catastrophic damage, literally wiping cities off the map.

Coincidence??? You decide.

These and other examples can be found in the book <u>Eye to Eye</u> – Facing the consequences of **Dividing Israel** by William Koen.

In addition to those listed above, check out the Madrid Fault which lies down the center of the United States. It is "locked and ready." In Joel 3:2, God promises that "if you divide my land I

will divide yours!!" (As I write this, I am aware that our country is severely divided politically. Scripture states that in the end, kingdom will rise against kingdom and nation against nation. These are peoples against people and represent a division of people, not literal land. God states in Joel, that He will divide "your land!" In my interpretation of this, it is referring to earthquake division, not political division.) Former President Obama has already suggested that Israel pull back to the pre 1967 land borders. Joel 3:2 and Zechariah 12:3 are being fulfilled before our very eyes!!! Amos 3:7 tells us that God does nothing without first revealing it to his prophets.

Look up! Our redemption draweth nigh!!

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