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Prophetic Importance of Egypt Today

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Other than Israel, Egypt is the most important nation referenced in the Bible, over twice as many times as Babylon. It was in Egypt where the descendants of Jacob and Abraham multiplied into a nation in a span of four hundred years. In the past month events currently happening in Egypt have consumed a large percentage of time on television and radio devoted to world news.

Egypt is a nation in land area about the size of Texas, with a population of 80 million, 99 percent Arabic stock, descendants of Esau. The religion of the population is 94 percent Muslim (mostly Sunni), with less than 5 percent Coptic Christians. The average family income is probably less than \$100 a month, with 60 percent spent for food just to feed family members. Due to the decline in the value of the American dollar and an increasing world food shortage, food prices in Egypt increased by 36 percent this winter. This factor, along with increasing Islamic propaganda to overthrow the present political system headed

by Mubarak, resulted in the current political turmoil. Much of the population was incited to rioting by notices on the Internet and the fact that 65 million of the 80 million population have cell phones. The issues that incited Egyptians to suddenly run amok, as well as large populations in Tunisia, Jordan, Yemen, and other Muslim nations, could also cause massive revolutions in Asia, Africa, and South America.

Andrew Gavin Marshall, associate in the Center for Global Government, noted in an article titled "Are We Witnessing the Start of a Global Revolution": "For the first time in history all of humanity is politically interactive. . . . This political energy and emotional frustration is just waiting to be triggered by a cause, by a faith, or a hatred."

Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security advisor during the Carter administration, stated: "To put it bluntly: in earlier Times, it was easier to control one million people than to physically kill one million people. Today it is infinitely easier to kill one million people than to control one million people."

Both of the above stress the fact that instant communications can be used to create worldwide revolutions as was used in Egypt. Some believe that such revolutions may sweep the world. The sea is used in the Bible as indicative of restless humanity. Jesus said in Luke 21:25 of the time of His coming: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring."

I have been to Egypt many times since the Yom Kippur War of 1972. Although for the most part the citizens have been friends, the Muslim Brotherhood has remained active through its related agencies like al-Qaeda. A tour group I led missed the massacre of sixty-nine tourists at Luxor at Queen Hatshepsut's tomb by ten days; another time, by just one day when German tourists were killed at the Cairo Museum; and another time, when a Grecian tour was attacked near the Great Pyramid. We usually were given a military escort, but the problem was that we didn't know if the soldiers were for us or against us. My

book *The Great Pyramid: Prophecy in Stone* has been used by Egyptian guides as a source book in taking tourists through the Great Pyramid. This book is now being revised and reprinted.

The presence of an Israel in the midst of Islam is an embarrassment and a religious affront to every Muslim nation. A coalition of Muslim nations has now attempted to destroy Israel four different times without success. In World War II Hitler formed an alliance with the Muslim Brotherhood, resulting in the murder of over 6 million Jews in Germany. The same Muslim Brotherhood today sends *jihadists* into the world to bomb, pillage, and murder innocent citizens of other nations. The Muslim Brotherhood financed and planned the 9/11 destruction of the Twin Towers, killing over 3,000 Americans. It is the intent of this Islamic conspiracy to form a caliphate, a union of all Muslim nations into one empire, which would include the United States. Even a solid alliance of all Middle East Muslim nations would make possible a united attack against Israel, and the U.S. and the European Union would not dare interfere or come to Israel's assistance. This is indicated in Zechariah 14:1-2: "Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city."

According to Zechariah 13:8-9, only one-third of Israel will escape; two-thirds will die. Jesus indicated that only those who flee immediately, without even going back into their homes for a prayer shawl or a bagel, will escape. And where will the one-third go? As I prove conclusively in *Petra in History and Prophecy*, the one-third will flee to Petra in southern Jordan, a few miles inside Jordan's borders, south of the Dead Sea. Petra is near the old city of Bosra on the King's Highway (read Isaiah 63).

It is more than strange that two Muslim caliphate conferences were held in Chicago in 2010:

"There is, from the 28th to the 30th of this month, a conference being held by the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the American Islamic College on "Islam and Muslims in America" in Chicago. It is a summit of Islamic supremacists at the highest levels of national and international power. Notice how all of these Islamic organizations and groups all share the same goal, worldwide. This conference appears to be the penultimate chapter, a decidedly evil moment, in American history.

"The fox is in the hen-house. Here we see, up close, just how deeply the US government has been infiltrated by the stealth jihadists. The panel discussions give us a true picture of their agenda—*The Role of the OIC & The scope for its relations with American Muslims, American Foreign Policy & The Muslim World, and Islam in the American Context.*

"Unindicted co-conspirators, Hamas-linked, Muslim Brotherhood fronts like CAIR and ISNA pow wow with Muslim Congressmen and with people at senior levels of the White House, the State Department and the largest Islamic supremacist body in the world, the OIC (Organization of the Islamic Conference). . . .

"Attending from the White House is Rashad Hussain, Special Envoy of the White House to the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). After naming him, Barack Hussein Obama boasted that Rashad Hussain was a *hafiz* who had committed the Koran to memory. Further, Rashad Hussain, special White House official, has a history of participation in events connected with the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood, as well as support for Brotherhood causes, once having called prosecution of the U.S. leader of a Palestinian terrorist organization one of many "politically motivated persecutions." (AtlasShrugs2000.typepad.com, 9/23/10).

"The radical Islamist group Hizb ut-Tahrir America (HTA) will host a conference in Chicago on July 11 to hype the virtues of an Islamic state ruled according to the strictest interpretation of Islamic law. The group launched an online social media campaign to promote the event; one that serves as a prime example of how extremists are able to expose the mainstream to their ideology.

"HTA is part of a worldwide organization, Hizb ut-Tahrir (HT), which works towards the establishment of an Islamic state (Khalifah) in a Muslim country. Once a government and a military have been installed, it intends to spread Islam to the rest of the world. HT condones violence against Western troops in Muslim countries and advocates the eradication of Israel, but has so far maintained a non-violent approach to its objectives" (countercultureconservative.wordpress.com, 6/22/10).

According to the AtlasShrugs article, Congressman Ellison, a Muslim, attended the September 23 caliphate conference in Chicago, and was paid \$13,500 by the Muslim American Society to fulfill a Muslim lifetime requirement to visit Mecca.

According to a February 10, 2011, DEBKA report, a very reliable source, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, while discussing with President Obama his failure to back Mubarak while approving of the Muslim Brotherhood plan, got so angry at our president that he had a heart attack. If Saudi Arabia cuts off our oil, this nation has a real problem. Also, according to a January 30, 2011, Newmax report, billionaire Donald Trump is threatening to run for president because under President Obama, the United States has become the laughingstock of the world.

While the United States is threatened with a crippling oil crisis and the president follows an insane global warming policy based on drastic reduction of local production of oil plus a scheme to shut off foreign oil imports, gasoline has risen in cost again to over three dollars a gallon. In 2005 geologists re-

ported the discovery of an oil pool under the Rocky Mountains eight times greater than all the oil in Saudi Arabia, enough to provide U.S. needs for the next two thousand years. There are also vast oil pools in Alaska that have never been touched. If these oil sources were developed, 25 cents a gallon could be added for new energy developments and still keep the price per gallon below two dollars. Think what this would mean to the U.S. economy as well as tens of thousands of new jobs. The present situation in Egypt and the Middle East could further drive up the cost of gasoline to ten dollars a gallon and put additional millions of Americans out of work.

The prophecy of Isaiah regarding Egypt may well apply to what is happening today: "The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts" (Isaiah 19:1-4).

At the writing of this article, the decision as to the government that will rule Egypt has not been determined. It is possible and likely that it will be someone appointed by the Muslim Brotherhood. This could quickly lead to another war with Israel in which Israel will have no option but to use nuclear weapons. This would lead to the fulfillment of Ezekiel 29:10-12: "Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia. No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries."

We read in Isaiah 19:15 when revolution occurs in Egypt there will be no work for the people. The 80 million population of Egypt lives within two miles of the Nile River, because 95 percent of Egypt is desert where only a half inch of rain falls each year. President Obama may take this occasion to open unlimited Muslim immigration. Quoting from a OneNewsNow.com report dated February 7, 2011: "An Israeli author and expert on the Middle East is warning Americans that Islamic immigrants could possibly flood the U.S. as a result of the

events taking place in Egypt.

"Israel National News recently reported that the Obama administration has decided to allow Islamic professor Tariq Ramadan to enter the United States. Ramadan, an Egyptian who currently lives in Switzerland, is a leading member of Europe's Muslim Brotherhood branch and is the grandson of the movement's founder. He was invited to teach at the University of Notre Dame in 2004, but the Bush administration revoked his visa because of donations he made to a blacklisted charity.

"However, the Obama administration has now decided to lift the ban and possibly allow Ramadan and Adam Habib, another Muslim professor, onto U.S. soil.

"I'm sure you've heard many times that Washington, DC, is now flooded with Muslims in very high positions in the U.S. administration, and these Muslims already control the gates,' notes Avi Lipkin, an Israeli scholar and author who has traveled throughout the U.S. to warn Americans about the threat of Islam. "The floodgates are open. The Muslims are coming in in tremendous numbers into the U.S."

"But he warns that the floodgates will only get worse when illegal aliens gain their amnesty.

"What we will be seeing, I'm afraid, will be an amnesty for the illegal immigrants in America,' Lipkin laments. 'Once the amnesty takes place for the Latin Americans, then they will get ready for the next wave of illegals, which will be the tens of millions of Muslims who are going to be flooding into the U.S., especially Egyptians and Palestinians.'

"Meanwhile, the State Department has declared that it no longer considers Ramadan or Habib to be a threat to the United States."

In considering the last four verses of Isaiah 19 that one day there will be peace in the Middle East and Israel will be a blessing to Egypt, Assyria, Arabia, and the Arab world. Therefore, the hope for the United States, Israel, as well as all nations is the final prayer in the Bible: "Even so, come Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:30).

Between the recent takeover of the government by the Egyptian military, which is paid for by the United States, and the return of Jesus to rule all nations with a rod of iron (Revelation 19:15), the role that Egypt will play in the formation of a world government will be of considerable interest to Christians. The successive order of these coming events are already foretold in Isaiah 19, Ezekiel 29, and other prophecies. The unsaved world wonders but we have the more sure Word of prophecy which instructs us to LOOK UP, for our redemption draweth nigh (Like 21:28).

Of added interest is that as this item goes to press, Israel has closed its embassy in Cairo and called Israelis in Cairo home for their own protection. This does not indicate that what is happening in Egypt will lead to peace.

Military Chaplains at Risk

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Chaplains serve an important role in the religious lives of many people. A chaplain is usually a pastor, a priest, an ordained deacon, a rabbi, an imam, or some other member of the clergy. Lay people also serve in chaplaincy positions. The settings for chaplains may be universities, hospitals, prisons, etc. But, it is those chaplains who serve our military personnel that we want to consider here. We will address the consequences of the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," which now allows homosexuals to serve openly in all of the United States' armed services.

One of the main sources of information on military chaplains and how open homosexuality in the armed forces will affect them is **OneNewsNow.com**, which is affiliated with the American Family Association. We will quote from a few of the stories it has posted on the Internet recently.

According to one recent *One News Now* report, "Pentagon leaders preparing to impose open homosexuality on the military are serving notice that discrimination against the deviant lifestyle will not be tolerated. In a recently released memorandum, Defense Secretary Robert Gates directed his policy staff to move ahead carefully, but expeditiously, to end the ban on military service for open homosexuals." Indoctrination training was to have started in February and is expected to be fully implemented by the summer of 2011.

One News Now also reports that the Pentagon plan outlines the personnel, recruiting, and other regulations that must be changed. It will describe three levels of training for the troops, their commanders, and the key administrators, recruiters, and other leaders who will have to help implement the changes. Since Pentagon leaders are preparing to impose open homosexuality on those who protect the U.S. as members of the military, they have served notice that discrimination against the lifestyle will not be tolerated. And that will directly affect those chaplains who staunchly hold to the truths of the Bible regarding homosexuality.

Former U.S. Navy chaplain Gordon Klingenschmitt (booted out of the service in 2007 for praying in Jesus' name) says the Obama Pentagon wants to purge evangelical, Bible-preaching chaplains by giving them an ultimatum: to "reconcile" with homosexual sin, or quit. He also says that many conservative chaplains are going to be persecuted by the Obama administration, which is "forcing these bad policies to punish chaplains who quote the Bible outside of the Sunday chapel."

In a poll conducted by *One News Now*, the question asked was: "How likely is it that, in time, a Christian in the U.S. military will be punished for speaking the truth: that homosexuality is sinful?" Here are the results from over 6,700 responses:

Very likely—94.01%; Somewhat likely—4.28%; Not likely at all—1.71%. Clearly, the respondents believe persecution is practically a foregone fact.

Klingenschmitt has launched a petition campaign aimed at protecting religious expression for military personnel to make the case that since homosexuals are flaunting their sexual lifestyle, Christian troops should also have the right to such things as separate shower facilities, sleeping quarters, and to not be sexually harassed on the job. He says, "We need protection for Christian troops." That is why his organization, *The Pray in Jesus Name Project*, is asking Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC) and Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC) to strengthen laws to give Christians the same right to be open about their religious faith as the homosexuals now have to be open about their aberrant lifestyle.

Another poll posted by *One News Now* asked: "What advice would you give evangelical military Chaplains in this environment?" Here is what the news agency found: "Obey orders from superior officers—3.00%; Obey your conscience—7.19%; Obey scripture—89.82%." It would appear that chaplains that heed Scripture will either be forced out of military service or they will have to voluntarily vacate their ministries. We remember the words of Peter and John when they were told by the religious leaders of their day to stop teaching in the name of Jesus: "... Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19-20). In other words, when it comes to making a choice between man's way and God's way, God is to be obeyed. When chaplains who have been able to minister spiritually to those in the military are gone, we can only guess how that will impact the well-being of our armed forces personnel.

Militant sodomites are extremely aggressive in pursuing their goals, one of which is to make the unbiblical lifestyle fully accepted by society. And they seem to be making a great deal of headway. The Bible warns over and over that approving sodomy is dangerous to a nation and society (see Jude 7).

Christians, please pray diligently for our nation and our military chaplains.

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