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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

If this first one doesn't get you looking up ... !

Exit United States

By Matt Ward

The United States of America, under the leadership of President Barack Hussein Obama, has effectively abdicated all real current and future leadership within the Middle East arena. Worse still, this abdication of power and influence will knowingly benefit a growing key strategic enemy of America, Vladimir Putin's Russia.

This almost complete U.S. capitulation has been solidified by the recent signing of the tenuous Syrian ceasefire agreement, on September 9, 2016.

This deal is an affront to U.S. regional power and a betrayal of key US allies within Syria. Under the terms of the now signed agreement the rebels in Syria, more specifically rebels in the Aleppo region, are abandoned by the United States. No wonder John Kerry and Barack Obama were so intent on keeping this deal a secret during the G20, if at all possible.

These rebels now find themselves caught between a rock and a hard place; they are caught between the recent Turkish-Russian rapprochement agreement and this new US-Russian deal, leaving them out in the cold and entirely exposed.

Russia and Turkey are quickly moving to assume complete control of the entire region. The Russian reaction to this now signed deal has been swift. They have immediately demanded that the United States dissolve the joint War Room that they currently operate from the Jordanian capital of Amman.

All US-Western anti-Assad and anti-IS operations run out of this center. Russia and Turkey want America gone from the region and they want the U.S. out as soon as possible. President Barack Obama, true to past form, is acquiescing; in fact it would seem that he can't move fast enough for them.

The implications of the closure of this U.S. Cent-Com Forward Command are huge for Israel, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE. Officers from each of these countries currently play large and active roles in the Amman command; they are active in the decision making process.

If this command post closes, and every indication is that it will, these countries will effectively be frozen out of all decision making and intelligence gathering related to the Syrian battlefield, and more widely—the Middle Eastern theatre in the general.

It is a typical Russian, old cold-war era strategy of divide and conquer, and Obama has fallen for it hook, line and sinker.

The signing of this U.S.-Russian agreement and the potential closure of this forward command center would not simply be a betrayal of friends and allies on the ground in Syria, but the active betrayal of important allies in the region itself. It would leave these allies, especially Israel and Saudi Arabia each very much more isolated against a significantly more unified and now aggressive bloc of enemies; Russia, Turkey and Iran. Israel firmly believes that the demand to close this U.S. Forward Command Center is the precursor to a much wider and more aggressive Russian-Turkish take over in Syria.

The closure of U.S. Cent-Com Forward Command Center would also mean the rapid destruction of the anti-Assad rebels in Southern Syria who are backed by Israel and Saudi Arabia, and by implication therefore the United States. Russia and Turkey will quickly wipe them out in order to ensure continued long term stability for **Russia's puppet regime in Damascus**, headed by Assad, and to protect Turkish territorial claims in the area.

It is becoming increasingly clear that Obama and the United States no longer have any influence or power in Syria or in the wider Middle East. Putin and Turkey's Erdogan now hold all the cards. It will be these two men, Putin and Erdogan, Russia and Turkey side by side, that will chart the course and the future of the Middle East, not the United States, not Europe, certainly not little Israel.

When reading and considering Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, and the Gog - Magog war which it describes in such detail, who can continue to seriously doubt the veracity of Scripture? The alliances depicted by the prophet Ezekiel nearly 3,000 years ago have come together in our time and in our day alone. It is worth noting that in the entirety of history, these alliances have never existed as they do today. The prophecy cannot be in reference to any other time but our time.

This alliance of nations is solidifying and they are actively seeking to alienate and isolate Israel.

Countries that are in loose alliance with Israel, including Saudi Arabia, are being divided. The informal Israeli-Saudi understanding that has existed over the past few years is being systematically undermined and destroyed, leaving each partner very much alone in a hostile Middle East.

The situation will rapidly reach the point that if there was to be a wider Middle East take over by Russia, Iran and Turkey (as we know there will be), these countries will be unable to do anything about it.

This is perhaps why, in Ezekiel, the prophet describes a country called "Dedan," (modern day Saudi Arabia) voicing only a lame complaint over a huge Middle Eastern invasion which so obviously stands in opposition to its modern day interests,

"Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?'" (Ezekiel 38:13)

Is it because Saudi Arabia has become so completely isolated by this point, against such a great horde, that a process of isolation which has now begun and is moving apace, effectively nothing they can do to challenge the Russian-led invasion but voice such a weak and pathetic protestation?: "...have you

come to take a plunder?"

The present day actions of Russia and the United States in the Middle East are rapidly making that an imminent prophetic future a modern day reality.

We are witnessing the final stages in a hostile take-over of Syria. This hostile take-over will continue and ultimately find its conclusion, likely one day soon, in utter destruction on the mountains of Israel at the hand of the Lord God Himself,

"Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured."
(Ezekiel 39:4)

Obama's Final UN Speech Promotes A 'Liberal World Order' And A Palestinian State

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During Barack Obama's eighth and final address to the United Nations he let his true colors show. He staunchly defended globalism, he took several not very subtle shots at Donald Trump, and he boldly declared that Israel "cannot permanently occupy and settle Palestinian land".

That statement about "Palestinian land" was extremely alarming to many, because there are indications that Obama may decide to support a UN Security Council resolution that establishes the parameters for a Palestinian state during his final months in the White House.

Barack Obama has promised to squeeze every ounce of "change" out of the remainder of his term that he possibly can, and his last UN speech showed what is on his heart at this moment.

According to the Washington Post, Obama's final UN address represented "an impassioned plea on behalf of a liberal world order"...

President Obama, in his final speech to the United Nations Tuesday, made an impassioned plea on behalf of a liberal world order that he admitted was under growing threat from wars in the Middle East and rising nationalism at home and in Europe.

Speaking to the U.N. General Assembly for the eighth and last time as president, Obama sought to rise above the conflicts of the moment and outline a future of international cooperation, stressing the importance of the global liberal institutions formed after World War II, including the United Nations.

Barack Obama is a true believer in internationalism. He appears to be completely convinced that the best path forward for humanity involves more integration on all levels - political, economic and even spiritual. Just check out this excerpt from his speech...

"I believe that at this moment we all face a choice," Obama said. "We can choose to press forward with a better model of cooperation and integration or we can retreat into a world sharply divided and ultimately in conflict along age-old lines of nation and tribe and race and religion. I want to suggest to you today that we must go forward and not back."

Obama's obsession with globalism is one of the reasons why he has so much disdain for Donald Trump, and his speech at the United Nations contained quite a few comments that seemed specifically targeted at him. The following comes from CNN...

He painted a dark picture of the future awaiting Americans, and the world, if the forces of "aggressive nationalism" or "crude populism" win out. And he specifically inveighed against building a wall -- a centerpiece of Trump's proposal on border security.

"A nation ringed by walls would only imprison itself," Obama declared to the assembled representatives of the UN's member states.

But even more alarming than his defense of globalism was his wording about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I can't remember any previous president ever using the phrase "Palestinian land" before. Obviously a "two-state solution" is already an inevitable outcome in Obama's mind. Here is the full quote for those that have not seen it yet...

"Surely Israelis and Palestinians will be better off if Palestinians reject incitement and recognize the legitimacy of Israel. But Israel must recognize that it cannot permanently occupy and settle Palestinian land."

To me, this statement is a major red flag.

Could it be possible that Barack Obama plans to stab Israel in the back by supporting a UN Security Council resolution that permanently divides the Holy Land before his time in the White House is done?

On Wednesday, Obama is scheduled to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. As you can see, White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest says that a discussion about a "two-state solution" will be on the agenda...

Obama plans to meet Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday to "discuss the need for genuine advancement of a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the face of deeply troubling trends on the ground," according to White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest.

Barack Obama knows that he only has until January 20th, 2017 to take any action on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

If he supports a UN Security Council resolution formally recognizing a Palestinian state and granting them East Jerusalem as their capital, the next president would not be able to go back and undo that. So this may be a way for Obama to "leave a legacy" in the Middle East, and he may especially be tempted to do this if it looks like Donald Trump could win the election...

A looming Donald Trump presidency would make it more likely for lame-duck US President Barack Obama to support a United Nations Security Council resolution laying down the basic parameters for the creation of Palestinian state, a former top US official said Sunday.

"I suspect that if Trump wins, the president would be more inclined to go for a Security Council resolution to try to do something that binds, creates standards for the future that the next president couldn't undo," Dennis Ross said at a conference on the future of Zionism and the US-Israel relationship. "If Clinton wins, I suspect he [Obama] would be more sensitive to her concerns as to whether this helps or hurt her."

Less than a week ago, I wrote an article about how UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also appears to

want to see movement toward a Palestinian state before his term ends, and he reaffirmed this position very strongly on Tuesday...

Earlier on Tuesday, UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon told the UN General Assembly that the only solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict would be a two-state solution, and that the one-state option would "spell doom" for both sides.

"This is madness. Replacing a two-state solution with a one-state construct would spell doom: denying Palestinians their freedom and rightful future, and pushing Israel further from its vision of a Jewish democracy towards greater global isolation," said Ban.

Of course Barack Obama and Ban Ki-moon are both dead wrong about this.

If the UN Security Council passes a resolution that sets the parameters for a Palestinian state, it would be one of the worst things that they could possibly do, and it would set the stage for a major war in the Middle East.

But the pressure is on, and the world community seems to sense a real opportunity to divide the land of Israel.

Every year, the World Council of Churches observes a "World Week for Peace" during the month of September, and the focus is almost always on the Middle East.

This year, the work of the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum will be highlighted during the "World Week for Peace", and it is an organization that is strongly affiliated with the World Council of Churches. On their website, the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum has just released a poem that declares that "it's time for Palestine". This is how that poem begins...

It's time for Palestine.

It's time for Palestinians and Israelis to share a just peace.

It's time to respect human lives in the land called holy.

It's time for healing to begin in wounded souls.

It's time to end more than 60 years of conflict, oppression and fear.

It's time for freedom from occupation.

It's time for equal rights.

It's time to stop discrimination, segregation and restrictions on movement.

It's time for those who put up walls and fences to build them on their own property.

It's time to stop bulldozing one community's homes and building homes for the other community on land that is not theirs.

It's time to do away with double standards.

Overall, I don't know if I have ever seen such an international push for a Palestinian state like we are seeing right now.

And the man that holds all the power is Barack Obama, because a potential U.S. veto is all that stands in the way of a UN Security Council resolution that divides the land of Israel and establishes a Palestinian state.

At this moment we are in the danger zone. Obama has only four months left to pull the trigger, and Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton have both stated that they do not plan to support such a resolution

once they take office.

So if something is going to happen, it is almost certainly going to be before January 20th, 2017.

It is unclear what Obama is going to do at this point, but it is not exactly comforting that the fate of the land of Israel lies in his hands.

Economic troubles loom: The third leg of the world's intractable depression is yet to come

by Utopia: the Collapse

September 2016 – GLOBAL ECONOMY - The third leg of the world's intractable depression is yet to come. If trade economists at the United Nations are right, the next traumatic episode may entail the greatest debt jubilee in history. It may also prove to be the definitive crisis of globalized capitalism, the demise of the liberal free-market orthodoxies promoted for almost forty years by the Bretton Woods institutions, the OECD, and the Davos fraternity. "Alarm bells have been ringing over the explosion of corporate debt levels in emerging economies, which now exceed \$25 trillion. Damaging deflationary spirals cannot be ruled out," said the annual report of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

We know already that the poisonous side-effect of zero rates and quantitative easing in the US, Europe, and Japan was to flood developing nations with cheap credit, upsetting their internal chemistry and drawing them into a snare. What is less understood is just how destructive this has been. Much of the money was wasted, skewed towards "highly cyclical and rent-based sectors of limited strategic importance for catching up," it said. Worse yet, these countries have imported the deformities of western finance before they are ready to cope with the consequences. This has undermined what UNCTAD calls the "profit-investment nexus" that ultimately drives growth and prosperity.

The extraordinary result is that some countries are slipping backwards, victims of "premature deindustrialization." Many of them have fallen further behind the rich world than they were in 1980 despite opening up their economies and following the global policy script diligently. The middle income trap closed in on Latin America and the non-oil states of the Middle East a long time ago, but now it is beginning to close in such countries as Malaysia and Thailand, and in some respects China. "The benefits of a rushed integration into international financial markets post-2008 are fast evaporating," it said. Yet the suffocating liabilities built up over the QE years remain. UNCTAD says corporate debt in emerging markets has risen from 57pc to 104pc of GDP since the end of 2008, and much of this may have to be written off unless there is a world policy revolution.

"If the global economy were to slow down more sharply, a significant share of developing-country debt incurred since 2008 could become unpayable and exert considerable pressure on the financial system," it said. "There remains a risk of deflationary spirals in which capital flight, currency devaluations and collapsing asset prices would stymie growth and shrink government revenues. As capital begins to flow out, there is now a real danger of entering a third phase of the financial crisis which began in the US housing market in late 2007 before spreading to the European bond market," it said. These are deeply-disturbing assertions. The combined US subprime and 'Alt-A' property exposure before the Lehman crisis was just \$2 trillion, and Greece's debts were trivial. What UNCTAD is talking about is an order of magnitude larger. –Telegraph