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The Ultimate Unholy Alliance: Pope Francis and Erdogan Conspire to Control Jerusalem

May 22 BY GERI UNGUREAN

Pope Francis and Turkey’s Erdogan are coming together in hopes of controlling Jerusalem. They both despise Donald Trump, and they are further fulfilling a Bible Prophecy:

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it” (Zechariah 12: 2-3).

“So Esau went unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives that he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Avraham’s son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife.” Genesis 28:9 (The Israel Bible™)

A meeting on Monday between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Pope Francis may have grave implications for Jerusalem as both leaders appear to be building an agenda based upon their joint opposition to US President Donald Trump’s recognition of the city as Israel’s capital.

The meeting, which took place at the Vatican, was already significant in that it was the first visit by a Turkish head of state since diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Turkey were established in 1960. However, a statement released by the Vatican says that both leaders also used the occasion to discuss the “the status of Jerusalem, highlighting the need to promote peace and stability in the region (Middle East) through dialogue and negotiation, with respect for human rights and international law.”

Both Erdogan and Pope Francis are opposed to U.S. President Donald Trump’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Erdogan responded to the move by calling for an emergency meeting of the OIC. The summit, held in Istanbul, declared “East Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine” and called upon “all countries to recognize the State of Palestine and East Jerusalem as its occupied capital.”

The OIC also declared Trump’s decision “null and void legally” and “a deliberate undermining of all peace efforts” that would give impetus to “extremism and terrorism.”

Erdogan, who spoke by phone with the pope at the time expressing his concerns over Jerusalem, called upon the Vatican in Monday’s meeting to help Turkey and the Muslim world “preserve Jerusalem’s status.”

“We need to work together to preserve Jerusalem’s status,” he said to Pope Francis. “The messages you will convey to the Catholic world on this are important,” Erdogan said, emphasizing that both leaders had agreed to continue joint efforts.

Turkey currently holds the presidency of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), a coalition of 57 Muslim states. Islam is currently the second largest religion in the world with 1.6 billion followers, and an alliance between Catholicism, which has 1.2 billion adherents worldwide could very well make a formidable force for advancing an anti-Israel agenda concerning Jerusalem. Moreover, Though the Vatican has enormous influence internationally, it has no military. This deficiency could be offset by an alliance with Turkey which has the largest military in the region.

Prolific end-of-days author and educator, Rabbi Pinchas Winston noted that an alliance between Catholicism and Islam was predicted as an essential step in the process of Moshiach (Messiah). Rabbi Winston referenced a work that goes into detail on the process of the Messianic Redemption called, Kol Hatur (Cry of the Turtle Dove). It was written in the 18th century by Hillel Rivlin of Shklov, a close disciple of Rabbi Elijah ben Solomon Zalman, the leading rabbi of the generation known as the Vilna Gaon.

“This meeting doesn’t make sense historically or logically since Islam and Catholicism have been at war for a millennium,” Rabbi Winston told Breaking Israel News. “It especially doesn’t make sense since they fought over Jerusalem throughout the Middle Ages during the Crusades.”

“But since we are in the age of Geula (Redemption), they are coming together, precisely as described by the Vilna Gaon.”

Rabbi Winston explained that the coming of Moshiach primarily consists of two stages. The return to Israel takes place during the first stage with Moshiach ben Yosef (Messiah from the house of Joseph) and the second stage by Moshiach ben David (Messiah from the house of David).

“Moshach ben Yosef and Moshiach ben David are described as the shor (bull) and the chamor (donkey) for Moshiach on the side of kedusha (holiness),” he noted. “Their counterparts are Esau and Ishmael who are the shor and chamor from the side of tumah (impurity).”

“Just as the two Messiahs will appear in the end-of-days, Esau, which is represented by the Catholic Church and Ishmael, which is represented by Islam will appear together in the End-of-Days.”

Despite their conflict with each other over the timespan of approximately 1,500 years, Ishmael and Esau actually forged an alliance almost 4,000 years ago when the latter married the daughter of the former.

So Esau went unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives that he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Avraham’s son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife. Genesis 28:9

Rabbi Winston explained that this unlikely union consisting of two opposing forces will be facilitated by the erev rav (mixed multitude), largely consisting of liberal, left-wing Jews.

“The function of the erev rav is to bring together Esav and Ishmael,” he added. “Today, they are the people who object to Israel’s connection to Jerusalem. The liberal left should object to Islamic values but they are connecting with Islam and bringing together East and West.”

“The Vilna Gaon said that in the end-of-days, there will be a large number of Jews who will take up the cause of Esau and Ishmael at the gates of Jerusalem.”

Pope Francis may actually view an Islamic global agenda as being worthy of support. The pope on Monday

presented Erdogan with an “angel of peace” on a bronze medallion, that is seen embracing the northern and southern hemispheres while overcoming a dragon.

“This is the angel of peace who strangles the demon of war,” the pope told Erdogan as he gave him the medallion. “(It is) a symbol of a world based on peace and justice.”

Pope Francis presented Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas with a similar medallion at the Vatican in May 2015. At the time, the pope said that the “angel of peace” was “destroying the bad spirit of war” and praised Abbas for being an “angel of peace.” – source

Pope Francis is an enemy of not only Israel, but of true Evangelical Christians. I am no longer shocked by any of the actions or words from this pope.

Keep praying brethren. Every event simply fulfills more Bible Prophecy and puts us that much closer to the rapture of the church!

Shalom b'Yeshua

MARANATHA!

Half of Syria's Air Defenses Destroyed by Israel in Recent Months

By JNS May 27 Israel Breaking News

“Do not fear them, for it is Hashem your God who will battle for you.” Deuteronomy 3:22 (The Israel Bible™)

An Israeli soldier patrols near the Israel-Syria border in the Golan Heights. Credit: IDF.

Some 50 percent of air-defense batteries belonging to the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad have been destroyed after they fired on Israel Air Force jets in recent months during multiple operations, a senior air-force source said on Wednesday.

The officer was speaking to reporters during an international air conference hosted in Israel, which brought together commanders from 20 foreign air-force establishments to discuss professional and operational matters with the IAF. Participants included the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, Poland, Italy, Brazil, Greece and Romania.

“The risks are all around us—whether it is instability in Syria or in Lebanon, where Hezbollah is a forward [Iranian] division, or Hamas, which gets its support from Iran. Iran is all over, offensively trying to operate against Israel, and we have to weigh and assess the risks constantly as we operate against this aggression,” the senior source stated.

He described Syria as having the most heavily guarded airspace in the world, with the highest number of surface-to-air missile batteries of all kinds scanning the skies.

“And we still have to operate in this strategic arena and still hit targets, and maintain the IAF's air superiority, which is the biggest challenge of the air force,” added the officer.

In recent months, during a number of Israeli airstrikes against aggressive Iranian activity in Syria between

February and May, Syrian air-defense systems fired on Israeli jets “hundreds of times,” the source revealed. “In a single mission, they fired over 100 SAMS [surface-to-air missiles],” he said, referring to the May 10 Israeli operation to strike 50 Iranian targets across Syria in retaliation to Iranian rocket fire on the Golan Heights.

“All of the batteries that fired on the IAF were destroyed. All of them. And this policy will continue. We do not destroy batteries that do not fire on us,” said the source.

During the conference on Wednesday, IAF Commander Maj. Gen. Amikam Norkin held a joint press appearance with counterparts from Italy and the United Kingdom at Tel Nof air base, south of Tel Aviv.

“This [conference] is a part of our cooperation,” said Norkin. “We share operational knowledge, training knowledge, and we talk about how get air superiority as a means to regional stability.”

Lt. Gen. Enzo Vecciarelli, Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force, said holding a dialogue with the IAF was valuable for his personnel. “We appreciate flying together. We enjoy the beauty of your country and the quality of this training machine,” he added.

Air Marshal Stuart Atha, Deputy Commander of Britain’s Royal Air Force, said: “There is no air force with a prouder history than the IAF. This is also an opportunity to celebrate and recognize what we are doing, day to day, as air forces. And, more importantly, to look to the future—at how as air forces we can continue to work together.”

‘Iran has its own aspirations as a regional player’

According to the senior IAF source, “the fight to maintain air superiority is ongoing. We take risks to achieve our missions, and sometimes we pay the price. We understand the strategic context in which we live in, and we learn from our mistakes.”

He described the IAF’s missions of policing the region against the Iranian military buildup, and enforcing Israel’s red lines as requiring “complexity, sensitivity, professionalism and determination.”

“This active defense campaign ... is something we are doing because we have to be actively defending the State of Israel. It requires us to continually monitor and assess the risks in one of the most dangerous and sensitive places in the world. Why is it so dangerous? Every time you operate, there are operational risks. You can hit stuff you did not want to hit or personnel you did not want to hit. We are only trying to prevent offensive measures that are conducted by Iran.”

The source said it was too soon to know how Iran would respond to recent dramatic events in the Middle East, including the mass Israeli strike on its targets in Syria, America’s withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal and other regional developments, such as election results in Iraq.

“Iran needs to work things out with the world, not just with Israel. We are high on the list, but we are not the only one. Iran has its own aspirations as a regional player. It is expanding its physical forces around the region when its economy is crumbling. Does it make sense? Not to me, but that is its long-range decision,” said the officer.

In confronting Israel directly in Syria, Iran did “not weigh the risks in the right way,” he continued. “I dare say, I think they will change their strategic decisions. It might take six months or a year ... everything happening together is pushing Iran back. If I stand in Iran, that’s what I see. I have a feeling they are going to change. The question is: Which way? That, I do not know.”

When operating over Gaza, the IAF has developed singular “tunnel-busting” techniques, the source said,

without providing further details.

Meanwhile, the F-35, which entered service in the IAF last year, is proving itself as a game-changing platform in Israel's ongoing missions.

"The F-35 is really a remarkable platform. ... It has many sensors on it which are very important to conducting missions," said the source, especially in areas with dense air defenses. "The first thing it brings is situational awareness."

"The challenges around us are keeping the small F-35 squadron on their toes. They have to move fast," said the source.

Israel has received nine F-35s so far, and is due to receive a total of 50—two squadrons—in the coming years.

"Our operational temp is very high. It is very hard to explain how intense it is, and how unique our air personnel are when they conduct their operations. They need to understand exactly what is going on, and who is shooting at them," he stated.

Throughout this complex era, Israel and Russia have succeeded in avoiding unintended clashes. "The Russians know very well that the IDF hasn't come to attack Russia," said the source.

At the same time, the arrival of advanced Russian radars in the region means that the IAF has to work harder to remain out of sight.

The IAF has learned to fly in "a way, that we won't be noticed," he said. These conditions have "actually made us better. ... Things have developed much faster than we thought they would have."

Written by Yaakov Lappin

Are we inching our way towards the fulfillment of Zechariah 12?

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Jerusalem has been at the very center of religious, historical and geopolitical tensions for a long time. With the recent move of the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, it seems that fuel has once again been added to the fire already consuming the Palestinians with humiliation, or so would the media like us to believe. Some countries have welcomed the US embassy move and some have even announced their subsequent moves in the next few weeks. Honduras, Paraguay, Guatemala, the Czech Republic and Romania have all announced their plans to move forward with a relocation. While much of the world sees this as a defiant move, Israel welcomes the decisions of the few international friends she has. There will be more.

The move of the US embassy, had it been in any other country on the planet would have garnered no interest from anybody. Generally speaking, people don't care where an embassy is located and they agree that it should be in the capital of each respective country. When the capital is Jerusalem, and its legitimacy is questioned, a move becomes a thorn in the flesh of political correctness. The locating or relocating of an embassy really shouldn't be newsworthy, but it seems that lately, anytime Israel or Jerusalem is mentioned, the world gets on edge.

If nothing else, moving the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem shows that this current administration supports Israel AND recognizes Jerusalem as its capital, something that previous US administrations had alluded to at best. The United Nations General Assembly voted 128-9 (35 abstentions) in favor of condemning the upcoming move, even though US ambassador to the UN, Nikki Hailey vowed that the United States would remember those who voted against the move. This was done in the form of an attempt at rendering the “Trump decision” null and void. The 9 countries that voted against it were: Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Togo and the US.

Then came the move to Jerusalem. President Trump chose the symbolic date of May 14, 2018, since Israel was declared a modern nation on May 14, 1948. Palestinian Authority and its close supporters declared that the move was counterproductive to any peace efforts. Simultaneously, Hamas tried to breach the Gaza/Israel border. These people flew kites with explosives over the border and sent terrorists mixed with civilians to cross to Israel. As it turned out, over 75% of the people killed at the border were terrorists. The days leading to the move to Jerusalem were supposed to be the “Palestinian March of Return” coinciding with the date of May 14th, considered by Palestinians as the Nakba or “catastrophe.” The results of the border breach attempt were far from what Hamas expected. There seems to be a “Palestinian narrative fatigue” going around, but don’t worry, the contempt for Israel will return before we know it. How is THIS helping with the peace effort?

As always, the media was extremely helpful in painting a picture promoting and vindicating a false narrative. The National Catholic Reporter boldly wrote that “Emboldened by embassy move, Israel unleashes on Palestinians.” making Israel sound like a murderous state killing harmless peaceful protesters. CNN reported, “The US opens new embassy in Jerusalem as dozens are killed in Gaza.” The article goes on to demonize Israel AND doesn’t show one picture of Palestinian terrorism. It only shows people looking desperate and trying to defend themselves, which is a far cry from reality. A few websites have the integrity to properly report the facts. One such outfit is honestreporting.com and they produced several short videos clearly exposing the lies of Hamas, and the denial of the media.

The 128 countries that drafted a resolution to render the decision to move the embassy “null and void,” are enemies of Israel and are not looking for peace in the Middle East. They have become co-conspirators of Hamas. While the resolution from the UN does not carry very much weight on the international scene an will likely not lead to a reversal of the embassy move, it is a symptom of something much deeper; it shows the world’s opinion on Israel. Over 75% of the countries of the world are ready to render the move null and void. They have spoken loud and clear, and the 35 that abstained, have spoken by their silence.

There is an interesting prophecy in the Jewish Scriptures found in the prophet Zechariah 12:1-9. In it, we are told that at some point in future history, the whole world will turn against Israel. “Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah....” “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.

Bible students know that to be true. The day is coming when the whole world will turn against Jerusalem. 128 countries out of 193 is definitely a move in that direction. Somehow, even America will turn against Israel. We understand that even if a country corporately declares its hatred of Israel and the Jewish people, people of good faith do not have to follow suit. During the 30s and 40s, there were people who helped, protected and hid many Jews such as my mother. They were not Jewish, they risked their own lives and took no money to do so. Today, they are known as “Yad Vashem Righteous Gentiles” or “Gentiles Among the Nations.” All seems to indicate that the world is in need of a second generation of “Righteous Gentiles,” and they exist, I have met some of them.

We are indeed a lot closer to a fulfillment of Zechariah 12, but we must be humbly reminded of the end

of that story in verse 9 “And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.”

God will indeed have the final word!

Rodney Howard-Browne Says Those Who Criticize His ‘Holy Laughter’ Revival Are Going To Hell

Kyle Mantyla May 23

Rodney Howard-Browne is a right-wing pastor and radical conspiracy theorist who laid hands upon and prayed over President Trump in the Oval Office last year and who is probably best known for leading a so-called “Holy Laughter” revival in Florida in the 1990s.

Over the course of several weeks, Howard-Browne led multiple church services during which attendees were reportedly so overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit that they collapsed into fits of uncontrollable laughter. Some Christian critics have declared that Howard-Browne’s “revival” was nothing more than heresy and Howard-Browne lashed out at them recently, warning that they are going to hell for blaspheming the Holy Spirit.

During an appearance on Sheila Zilinsky’s podcast yesterday, Howard-Browne was asked how he deals with the “complete jackals” who criticize his Holy Laughter revival and he responded by warning his critics about the unpardonable sin mentioned by Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels.

In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus warns that any sin can be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which Howard-Browne asserted is exactly what his critics are doing.

“That’s a full-blown attack on the Holy Spirit,” he said. “I’m telling you right now, they’re blaspheming the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, ‘Whatever is said against me will be forgiven, whatever is said against my Father will be forgiven, but whatever is said against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, not in this world or the world to come.’”

“Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is when you attribute the work of the Holy Spirit to the work of a demon spirit,” Howard-Browne added. “I feel very sorry for some people because when they cross over into eternity, they are going to realize that they crossed so many lines.”

“Jesus used to baptize in the Holy Spirit,” he said, “so anyone who attacks the Holy Spirit and His movings and His workings are antichrist. They are attacking the very ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ himself.”

The secret is out about the UN’s role in Gaza clashes

By Leah Rosenberg - May 27, 2018

Did you ever wonder how quickly “Palestinian” youth get influenced by radical Islamic ideas? How have so many become involved in the Gaza clashes? Take a look at their education...in U.N. FUNDED SCHOOLS!

Footage from Inside Refugee Camps

An Israeli journalist went inside Gaza and shot clear footage showing how “Palestinian” youth are educated

to take part in these Gaza clashes and riots. But even worse is that UNRWA, United Nations Relief and Works Agency, is responsible. Through their programming, children are learning to violently take over Israel – the land they are falsely taught was taken from them.

Your U.S. Tax Dollars

UNRWA gets U.S. tax payer dollars. MILLIONS every year. And according to the videos of the Israeli journalist, UNRWA is using your money to incite violence and promote such curriculum to the “Palestinian” youth. That means that a United Nations agency is anti-Semitic and allowing hate to circulate instead of using their resources to advance peace. Based on the anti-Israel bias at the U.N., this is not surprising.

But once again, the U.N. denies such allegations.

Rep. Dough Lamborn repeated over and over again how congress must investigate further. UNRWA claims they are a neutral group, yet evidence points otherwise. Lamborn has seen the textbooks. He knows what these UNRWA schools are teaching the youth, and he demands that congress further researches the situation. As he said, “This is incitement to violence. This is poisoning the minds of the next generation...that’s why we needed the Taylor Force Act...That tells the Palestinian Authority ‘don’t take U.S. tax payer dollars and give it to terrorists who are now in prison.’” The PA glorifies violence and death. What UNRWA is doing is supporting that. And denying it.