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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

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## Locusts Swarms Cover 13 Countries; Expected to be 8,000 Times Larger Than Last Year By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz June 9, 2020

The swarms of locusts that covered Africa last year returned, pushing several nations into a food crisis. But just like pre-Exodus Egypt suffered waves of plagues that left the land barren, unseasonal rains generated an extra and unexpected generation of grasshoppers that experts believe could be 8,000 times larger than what has already been seen.

Officials issued warnings that the current wave of locusts that has been swarming over parts of Africa, Asia, and the Middle East since last December will probably continue for the rest of the year. According to a new report from the International Rescue Committee, a new round of hatching could result in swarms that are 8,000 times larger than swarms earlier this year. The locusts normally live for three months but unseasonal rains have led to massive breeding and multiple generations, prolonging the season in which the locusts normally swarm. Erratic weather systems have aided the spread of the swarms.

The current mega-swarm, the worst in many decades, originated in Yemen but now threatens 13 countries including Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, India, Uganda, Pakistan, and southern Iran. The infestation threatens the food security of some 40 million people, many of whom are already in danger of starvation. Somalia, which is expected to be the hardest hit, could see 50%-70% losses of some crops. The country's farms and pastures were previously hit by drought in 2017 and 2019, followed by flooding. In Kenya, at least 173,000 acres of land were infested in January, making it the country's worst locust event in 70 years. The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) senior locust forecasting officer Keith Cressman said a 37-mile-long and 24-mile-wide swarm was spotted in northern Kenya that month.

The World Bank estimated that an uncontained outbreak could result in damages and losses of up to \$8.5 billion by the end of this year. Ethiopia is expected to be the worst hit.

The situation is being exacerbated by political unrest in some of the countries. Officials fear that the civil war in Yemen will prevent monitoring that could prevent an additional breakout. The Guardian described one instance in which a locust-control helicopter nearly sparked a border war by accidentally crossing into South Sudan from Kenya.

Conversely, India and Pakistan have set aside their animosity, at least to a small degree, in order to cooperate in fighting the locusts.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization has called the locust outbreak, caused in part by climate change, “an unprecedented threat” to food security and livelihoods.

“Swarms are often tens of square kilometers in size,” the FAO explained. The FAO warned that a swarm of just one square kilometer eats the same amount of food in one day as 35,000 people. “A swarm the size of Bamako (Mali) or Niamey (Niger) can consume what half the population of either country would eat in a single day.”

The swarms also can travel 93 miles a day making efforts to control an outbreak even more difficult. Officials warned that further rains in the region could lead to an even larger outbreak. Coronavirus pandemic restrictions prevent many farmers from going out to their fields to battle the swarms. In addition, the pandemic has slowed the delivery of vital pesticides and equipment from other countries. Many field officers have been prevented from tracking and reporting on the infestation due to restrictions.

A wave of locusts swept through East Africa last year, returning again in 2020 in swarms estimated to be 20 times larger. The current infestation is described as the worst in 70 years. This wave very much resembles the Biblical plague in this respect, coming as part of a wave of catastrophes that left the land of Egypt bereft of any food.

## Jews Worldwide Now Moving to Israel in Unprecedented Drove

By David Sidman June 18, 2020 , 10:49 am

New immigrants from North America arrive on a special “Aliyah Flight” on behalf of Nefesh B’Nefesh organization, at Ben Gurion airport

The latest forecast from Jerusalem says that Israel is expecting 90,000 Jews from the diaspora to emigrate to Israel by the end of 2021. The process of Jewish people worldwide naturalizing in Israel is called ‘Aliyah’. Aliyah Integration Minister Pnina Tamano-Shata said on Wednesday that the latest estimates reveal that 90,000 Jews worldwide (Olim) will move to Israel from around the world in the next 18 months reports the JPost.

Meanwhile, Nefesh b’ Nefesh, a non-profit organization that facilitates the Aliyah process, reported that more American Jews applied to immigrate to Israel or inquired about it in May than in any single month over the last two decades.

The organization experienced nearly double the amount of Aliyah applications in May 2020 than in the same month last year. More than 800 households applied to make Aliyah online, compared to just 424 in May 2019.

### Biblical perspective

The current Aliya surge seems to be what the prophet Jeremiah spoke about in chapter 31 passage 13: *And there is hope for your future —declares Hashem: Your children shall return to their country. (Jeremiah 31:13)*

The Israel Bible elaborates on this excerpt saying: “In this moving passage, God speaks directly to the matriarch Rachel, who is known in Jewish tradition as having a special role in the redemption of her children, the Jewish people, and their return to Israel. According to Jewish tradition, when her father Laban gave her sister Leah to Yaakov in marriage in her stead, Rachel revealed to Leah a secret sign she had made with Yaakov in order to spare Leah from embarrassment. Because of Rachel’s unparalleled selflessness and love for her sister, it is Rachel’s prayers, tears and cries for compassion to her children that are heard by God more than any other biblical figure. God promises Rachel that those tears are not for naught, but rather “There is a reward for your labor” (verse 16) and “your children shall return to their country.” In a moving example of symbolism, this verse is often sung with emotion at Ben Gurion Airport as new Jewish immigrants arrive in Israel.”

What's causing the sudden surge?

"With the combination of corona, financial instability, widespread unrest and antisemitism, Jews are shaken to their core for the first time and are looking for alternative places to live" says Josh Wander, founder of the Bring them Home organization which educates Jews on the spiritual importance of making Aliyah."What better place to live than their ancestral homeland in Israel."

"There are those out there who say that 'this too shall pass' and I constantly remind them that during the plagues in Egypt, the goal of the plagues was to send a message to the Egyptians which unfortunately – they didn't receive well" he adds. "It's possible that the riots will die down and they'll fix the economy (although I don't see that happening). But even if that does happen, the divine message for people to return is there."

Echoing Wander's sentiments, spokesman for the Jewish community of Hebron Rabbi Yishai Fleisher released an "invitation" for Jews worldwide to move back to Israel hinting that the comfort they enjoyed in America could be coming to an end.

## Raging

By Daymond Duck June 21

Know that this article is not really about the Coronavirus, the economy, religion, better government, etc.

This article is about end-of-the-age signs of a raging spiritual war: pestilence, violence, the coming global economic collapse, freedom of religion versus one-world religion (the Global Ethic), nationalism versus one-world government, etc.

The crises that the world have experienced since the beginning of 2020 have been orchestrated by or used by globalists that want the U.S. to submit to their coveted New World Order (NWO).

They are setting the stage for the fulfillment of Tribulation-Period Bible prophecy.

They are the kinds of things that Jesus said would happen before the generation that sees the return of Israel passes away (perhaps 70-80 years): clear evidence that human history is in the last hours of the last days called the Church Age (Matt. 24:32-34).

It is time to seriously ask if the birth pangs have started, because we are having worldwide deception (fake news; fake numbers on Coronavirus; social media censorship), worldwide pestilence (coronavirus), worldwide riots and demonstrations, worldwide economic problems, a famine of Biblical proportions looming in Africa, and more.

Caving to the NWO scheme will not make the world better, but it will bring in a time of tribulation worse than anything that has ever happened before (Matt.24:21).

Here are some of those signs (examples of things God told us to look for):

**One**, on June 3, 2020, it was reported that the World Economic Forum (WEF) is calling upon the nations to use the Coronavirus Crisis to reset (change) every aspect of society (government, education, working conditions, income, etc.).

The WEF also asked world leaders to do three things: 1) Make the stock market more fair, 2) Use investments (global taxes; politicians call taxes investments) to advance global goals (use taxes to control our education and lives), and 3) Support the public good (a phrase that Pope Francis uses instead of world

government).

**Two**, the globalists are trying to bring down Pres. Trump for many reasons, but the two biggest reasons may be his opposition to the NWO (world government) and his support for Israel (because they want to force Israel into their NWO).

After warning the NWO's International Criminal Court (ICC; an established NWO world court that the U.S. and Israel refuse to recognize) that there would be consequences if the court didn't call off its illegal investigation of the U.S. and its allies, including Israel, for war crimes, Trump has acted against their ignoring him.

On June 11, 2020, Trump blocked the world court officials and their families from entering the U.S. and having access to their property in the U.S.

His sanctions protect all U.S. military personnel, all Israeli military personnel, and others from the rulings of the corrupt officials at the court.

**Three**, concerning apostasy, false teaching and world religion, God gave all (all not part) of the Promised Land to Israel and his descendants in their generation forever (Gen 17:7-8, 21; 28:13).

On June 11, 2020, it was reported that the World Council of Churches sent a letter to the EU asking it to punish Israel, if Israel annexes part of Judea and Samaria.

**Four**, on June 8, 2020, it was reported that the George Floyd family, with the help of a family legal team, sent a letter to the UN (notice a letter to the UN wannabe world government) on June 3 asking for help to disarm the police in the U.S.

Their legal team wants UN (wannabe world government) support to help them:

- Stop the police from getting military equipment and military-type training.
- Stop the police from being trained in de-escalation techniques (reducing conflict, controlling crowds, removing agitators, etc.).
- Get independent prosecutions and autopsies in police killings that violate the law.

They presented these same issues to Congress on June 10, 2020.

According to Tucker Carlson, in the U.S., police killed 10 black men and 20 white men in the last year.

For whatever it is worth, if anything, the Minneapolis Police Chief (the man over Derek Chauvin who is charged with killing George Floyd) is a black man.

**Five**, on June 8, 2020, it was reported that Nancy Pelosi and more than 200 co-sponsors in the Democrat Party unveiled the "Justice in Policing Act 2020."

Many knelt in silence for 8 min. and 46 seconds in honor of Floyd (the length of time Derek Chauvin had his knee on Floyd's neck) when they presented the bill.

They want to make it easier to sue the police for misconduct.

They want to prohibit no-knock warrants (warrants issued by judges that authorize the police to enter a

property without prior notice).

Pres. Trump said they want to defund the police, but Nancy Pelosi said defunding the police is the prerogative of local governments.

Nevertheless, several Democrats have called for the police to be defunded, and Pres. Trump said it will not happen (Jesus said iniquity, lawlessness, will abound; Matt. 24:12).

But before I continue, and someone misunderstands me, I am not anti-black.

I know black people in my hometown and surrounding communities that set a Christian example that I wish every person of every race lived up to.

I never ask anyone to support my ministry financially, and the only church that does it regularly is a congregation of black people that has never been asked to do it, and they have voluntarily sent a love offering every month for years.

During the Great Depression, a black family who had children of their own to feed, shared food they had grown and canned with my grandparents (and their children; my dad and uncles) to get them through the winter.

There are good citizens in every race, bad citizens in every race, mistreated citizens in every race, everyone sins, and everyone is loved by God.

I trust some black people I know more than I trust some white people I know; and as far as I am concerned, one of our national treasures is a black lady named Dr. Alveda King (niece of Dr. Martin Luther King).

I am trying to warn you that this crisis is about the black vote in the next election and the NWO (world government), not racism.

People are spending hundreds of millions of dollars to weaken the U.S. and bring in the NWO.

If they succeed, according to the Book of Revelation, about 2/3 of those on earth will die (many black) in the 7-year Tribulation Period that follows the Rapture.

If black lives matter to the Democrats, why did so many Democrat Governors and Mayors order the police to stand down while Antifa and others looted and burned black businesses, injured, and killed black citizens, black police, etc.?

If black lives matter to the Democrats, why didn't these officials order the police to protect the black people? Why do they want to defund the police who protect the black people? Shouldn't the lives and businesses of black people be protected too?

I saw a video that says 94% of the black people that are killed are killed by black people (and a lot, not all, of this is occurring in cities that are run by Democrats who seemingly aren't doing anything to protect black lives).

In Seattle, Washington, Antifa and Black Lives Matter have occupied a 6-block area, a small number have been seen in the streets with high-powered assault rifles; they have threatened to burn down buildings; I have seen reports that they are extorting money from people and businesses; citizens have called the police for help; some people have complained that they have not been allowed to enter their own homes;

the police were ordered to evacuate the area; and at the time of this writing, the Democrat governor and Democrat mayor are praising Antifa and Black Lives Matter (who are not worthy to clean the shoes of some of the black people they have robbed and injured).

Pres. Trump tweeted that the Seattle politicians should take back the area or he will, but he was told to go back into his bunker under the White House and stay out of local business (a do-nothing, political comeback to the Republican charge that Democrats are keeping Biden in his basement).

The prophet Isaiah said, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil (Isa. 5:20).

There may not be a better example of calling evil good, and good evil than those that condemn our nation's police (including black police, Asian police, Hispanic police, etc.) and heap praise on Antifa and Black Lives Matter who injured scores, killed several, destroyed hundreds of millions of dollars of property, etc.

Derek Chauvin was wrong to put his knee on the neck of George Floyd, and the Democrats are wrong to put their knee on the neck of black people.

The three policemen with Derek Chauvin were wrong for standing around and not helping George Floyd (and they will be prosecuted), and the politicians are wrong for standing around and not helping those that were being robbed and injured (and they won't be prosecuted; this doesn't sound like justice to me).

The politicians are prosecuting the working men, but the politicians are going free.

The politicians are disarming the police that protect their citizens, yet they use some of the taxes they collect from their citizens to pay for security for themselves.

The American and Christian way is to love all people, help the oppressed, and protect them – not rob them, destroy their property and jobs, and keep them down.

The American way is to arm the police and disarm the criminals, not to disarm the police and arm the criminals (what does it say about a political party that wants to take the guns away from honest citizens at the same time they are praising arsonists, looters, oppressors and killers with assault rifles).

Pastor Tom Hughes said in Old Testament times God gave people that ignored Him over to reprobate minds (Rom. 1:28).

He believes that God may be giving people over to reprobate minds today, and the evidence seems to prove that he is right.

**Six**, on June 11, 2020, Life News reported that at least two (and perhaps more) of the fast-tracked Coronavirus vaccines contain cells from aborted fetal tissue.

Some scientists claim that vaccines that use cells from aborted fetal tissue are more effective than vaccines that use non-human cells, but others disagree; and there are at least 10 companies working on vaccines that don't use cells from aborted fetal tissue.

According to the report, in 2018, the Trump administration established a \$20 million fund to assist companies that are working on vaccines that do not use cells from aborted fetal tissue. Christians need to urge their politicians to support the companies that are trying to produce non-human cell vaccines.

On May 28, 2020, the New York State Bar Association called for mandatory vaccinations of all Americans when one is available with no exceptions for religious, philosophical, or personal reasons (they want to

force people to take it).

**Seven**, concerning the Battle of Gog and Magog in the latter years and latter days: on June 7, 2020, it was reported that Iran has drastically increased its stockpile of enriched uranium and has moved closer to its goal of developing nuclear weapons.

Also, on June 7, 2020, it was reported that Iran has amassed about 53,000 Iranian-backed forces (Hezbollah and others disguised in Syrian uniforms) near Syria's border with Israel, and they are preparing to attack Sunni Syrians on the Golan Heights that are friendly with Israel.

To close, a great spiritual war is raging in the world, and major events related to Bible prophecy are happening every day. According to the Book of Revelation, billions of people will die during the Tribulation Period (pestilence, beheading, natural disasters, war, etc.).

The most important thing anyone can do is to believe what the Bible says about Jesus (His virgin birth, sinless life, death, burial, and resurrection), sincerely ask Jesus to forgive their sins, and come into their heart (and as I see it, our raging society is an indication that people are running out of time to get it done).

## North Korea Threatens 'Sensational Event' to End America

FRANCES MARTEL June 22

A statement from North Korea's embassy in Moscow observing the 70th anniversary of the still-ongoing Korean War this weekend threatened a "sensational event" leading to the destruction of the United States.

North Korea routinely threatened nuclear attacks on America for much of the past decade, peaking in intensity around 2016-2017. Pyongyang's communist regime issued many of those threats in the form of videos simulating nuclear attacks on Washington, DC, and other major American cities. Following its most recent nuclear attack in September 2017, however, the United Nations approved of strict sanctions on North Korea that have crippled its economy and apparently limited its ability to threaten free states.

The belligerent statement out of Moscow follows a turbulent week in which the North Koreans bombed a joint liaison office with the South in Kaesong, built exclusively with South Korean money, and have since refused any talks with the leftist government of President Moon Jae-in. Dictator Kim Jong-un has apparently tasked his sister, Kim Yo-jong, with leading the propaganda charge against the South, as Kim has signed her name on several insulting statements targeting Moon.

Russia's TASS news agency reported the statement out of North Korea's outpost in Moscow on Saturday, stating it was sent to the agency directly from the embassy.

"This year, the U.S. military is deploying all sorts of military maneuvers in South Korea and in the areas adjacent to it," the North Korean embassy in Moscow reportedly stated, without specifying what "maneuvers" it was referring to since Seoul and Washington have paused military activities. It instead highlighted its possession of nuclear weapons "which are capable of mercilessly punishing those who dare to raise their hand at it, in whatever corner of the ... planet he may be."

"A new round of the Korean War will add a particularly sensational event to the history of mankind, which will put an end to another empire, whose name is the United States," the statement reportedly concluded.

The warring parties marked the 70th anniversary of the war on Sunday. While active hostilities occurred from 1950 to 1953, neither side – South Korea and America, and North Korea and China – signed a peace

agreement, only an armistice, meaning the war never officially ended. North and South Korean troops still face each other on the Korean border to this day, in the event that hostilities resume.

North Korea has repeatedly threatened nuclear strikes on the United States. In 2017, North Korea's state propaganda arms published multiple videos simulating nuclear attacks on Washington, DC, and San Francisco, California.

"It is self-evident that the DPRK [North Korea] can never stop bolstering up the nuclear deterrent under the grave situation in which no one can guess when a nuclear war may break out due to the U.S. seeking to stifle the DPRK by nukes," a representative North Korean state media article from 2017 read. "The U.S. more persistent moves to launch a nuclear war on the Korean peninsula would precipitate its final doom."

Kim Jong-un signed an agreement with President Donald Trump in 2018 during their first meeting in Singapore vowing to work towards "denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." Neither side defined that term, however, leaving unresolved the fact that Washington traditionally defines it as an end to North Korea's illegal nuclear program, while Pyongyang defines it as the absence of U.S. troops throughout Korea since America is a nuclear power.

As of May, evidence in the form of satellite imagery of nuclear development sites suggests that Kim never attempted to denuclearize and has maintained steady development of his illegal nuclear arsenal.

"There has been no slow down at all that we can detect at present," Joseph Bermudez, the author of a report by the Central for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) published that month, said at the time. "It is part of North Korea's expanding ballistic missile structure and it needs to be addressed at any future North Korean and US discussions." The United Nations reached a similar conclusion in February. Last week, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute published a report estimating that North Korea possesses between 30 and 40 nuclear weapons.

While a specifically nuclear threat from North Korea has not occurred in years, North Korean diplomats made vague threats in December that Pyongyang would send America a "Christmas present" in response to its support for the South. By January, it became clear that the North Koreans did not have anything in mind regarding this "present."

The North Korea-American relationship, as the one between the two Koreas, had been largely quiet on the world stage until this month, when North Korean state media began aggressively objecting to human rights groups in the South sending leaflets across the border with prohibited news on them. North Koreans are allowed to read only state-produced news and media, risking death if exposed to international news, movies, or music. Human rights groups also use water bottles to float necessary goods like rice and other food into North Korea, as its citizens regularly face the threat of famine.

In mid-June, Kim Yo-jong began vocally demanding an end to the leaflet campaigns, referring to them as an extreme insult and threatening violence. After two years of daily calls between the Koreas at the Kaesong liaison office, the North Koreans stopped answering the phone. Moon's government vowed to target and prosecute human rights advocates for sending the leaflets, but it did not stop the North's aggression. Last week, video surfaced of the office exploding into ashes, later confirmed to be a North Korean bombing. South Korea's Unification Minister resigned as a result.

On Monday, North Korean state media announced a reverse leaflet campaign, featuring 12 million communist propaganda leaflets dumped throughout South Korea. "Various equipment and means of distributing leaflets, including over 3,000 balloons of various types capable of scattering leaflets deep inside South Korea, have been prepared," North Korea's state-run Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) asserted. "The time for retaliatory punishment is drawing near."