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King Abdullah in Ramallah: Regional peace dependent on two-states at '67 lines

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Jordanian King Abdullah meets with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah, in the West Bank March 28, 2022.

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Jordan's King Abdullah pushed back at Israeli attempts to normalize ties with the Arab world prior to ending its conflict with the Palestinians by making a rare visit to Ramallah on Monday, the same day that Israel hosted four Arab foreign

ministers in the Negev.

"His Majesty underlined that security and stability cannot be achieved in the region without reaching just and comprehensive peace on the basis of the two-state solution, which guarantees the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the 4 June 1967 lines with East Jerusalem as its capital," the Royal Hashemite Court said in a statement after the monarch's meeting with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

"The King emphasized the importance of giving the Palestinian cause the required international momentum, to avoid having it eclipsed by other recent crises," the court stated. The international community often speaks of the importance of two states, but there is currently no peace process. Abdullah and Abbas also discussed the importance of preventing an outbreak of violence next month, during the Passover, Easter and Ramadan holidays. Violence at that same time last year led to the outbreak of an 11-day Gaza war in May, known as Operation Guardian of the Walls.

Jordan, which made peace with Israel in 1994, opted not to attend the Negev Summit that included foreign ministers from the US and Egypt, which signed a peace treaty with the Jewish state in 1979. Foreign ministers from three of the four Abraham Accord countries that normalized ties with Israel in 2020 – the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Morocco – did participate in the summit.



Foreign Minister Yair Lapid and Jordanian King Abdullah II, March 10, 2022. (credit: FOREIGN MINISTRY)

The king's Ramallah visit had been planned prior to the announcement of the Negev Summit. The two simultaneous events provided contrasting images, one of Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid with four regional dignitaries and the other of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas with one neighboring leader. It gave the appearance of regional support tilting toward Israel and away from the Palestinians.

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Jordan has a large Palestinian population, for whom the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is personal, and Amman has a special custodial relationship to Jerusalem's Temple Mount, known to Muslims as al-Haram al-Sharif.

The king spoke with Abbas about "efforts to preserve the historic and legal status quo of Jerusalem, and safeguard its Islamic and Christian holy sites, under the Hashemite Custodianship," the Hashemite Court said.

The two men also spoke about Israeli unilateral actions, such as settlement construction that both Abdullah and Abbas oppose.

The Hashemite monarch arrived in Ramallah with an entourage of dignitaries, including Crown Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah II, Prime Minister Bisher Khasawneh, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi, Director of the Office of His Majesty Jafar Hassan, General Intelligence Department Director Maj.-Gen. Ahmad Husni and the head of Jordan's Representative Office to Palestine Mohammad Abu Wandil.

Earlier in the day, PA Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh spoke out against the Negev Summit, according to statements published by the Palestine News Agency WAFA.

"Arab normalization meetings without ending the Israeli occupation of Palestine are just an illusion, a mirage and a free reward for Israel," he said.

"Israel is ignoring the causes of our people, half of whom are under occupation and the other half in refugee camps, in exile and the diaspora," Shtayyeh said. "Despite Israel's attempts to ignore our rights, expand its colonial settlements, set up checkpoints, kill and arrest us, and destroy any chance of peace with us, we have never been more determined to confront this Israeli machine that is destroying our land, people, and sanctities."

Prophecy And Increased Knowledge

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Are you afraid? Do you listen to the network news and find many reasons to stay in your home and bury your head in useless pursuits? Many people are addicted to watching the news and are very scared because of what they hear. Instead of reporting news, it seems reporters are geared to instill fear. People deal with fear in various ways, such as playing video games, partying, YouTube videos with low moral value, and much more. By throwing themselves into such activities, they hope to drive the trouble out of their minds. Instead of turning to God for answers, people turn to the world. The world has no answers, but God does.

God has given Biblical prophecy, but the mindset of most Christians is that it's too confusing. I agree that you can't understand it unless you study. When you study, it's important to let go of ancient interpretations and study it with knowledge of today. Daniel was given an amazing prophecy of the end times but was told,

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (**Daniel 12:3**).

The word "knowledge" is "da'at" in Hebrew and means "knowledge, perception, skill and discernment, understanding, wisdom." In other words, what Daniel was shown would make no sense to him, but as time went on, this prophecy (and indeed, all prophecy) would make more sense. Daniel wanted to know more.

"And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?" (**Daniel 12:8**).

He was very concerned about what he had been shown. Remember, Daniel was Jewish and had heard some disturbing things concerning the entire world, but mostly about Israel. We all need to be concerned about Israel. The answer that was given to Daniel wasn't what he wanted to hear.

"And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (**Daniel 12:9-10**).

Brothers and sisters, we are nearing "*the time of the end*," but too many Christians don't even try to understand prophecy. Have you studied the book of Daniel? Have you studied Revelation? Have you studied any Biblical prophecy? If not, you should, and if you do, then use increased knowledge to gain understanding.

Until a few years ago, things that happened miles away could only be known after time had passed. If a large earthquake happened in Japan, it would take time for the news to reach people in distant lands. But now, we can watch on-the-spot live news coverage. As the war between Russia and Ukraine continues, there's live coverage of it all. I have an App on my cellphone that sends an alert every time rockets are shot at Israel. Sadly, it goes off way too often.

When Scripture tells us that there will be two witnesses in the streets of Jerusalem during the final week of History, and that the whole world will see them lying dead in the street, people of yesterday just didn't understand how. Truly, knowledge is increasing, and we need to apply it to our understanding of

prophecy. It seems that knowledge of Biblical prophecy is stuck in the Dark Ages. Praise God, there are a few knowledgeable men who share their insights.

When Scripture was first written by men inspired by the Holy Spirit, the weapons of war included horses, spears, and swords. When Isaiah penned the prophecy in Isaiah 17 regarding the destruction of Damascus, the weapons of war were very primitive.

"The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid" (**Isaiah 17:1-2**).

I can understand why those who have read it through the years were confused. Damascus, Syria, is an ancient city, and there have been many wars fought there, but none have left it a ruinous heap. How could soldiers on horseback with swords and arrows totally destroy this large city? Maybe they could have set fire to it? The ancient people wouldn't have known about airplanes flying over with bombs. You see, updating the understanding of prophecy based on modern knowledge can make it more understandable.

The news media is a good thing but also a bad thing. Instead of simply reporting news, they choose a side and give a biased report slanted to make their chosen "hero" look good. Today, Russia is the bad guy, and Ukraine is the good guy. The truth is that both are led by humans who fail. The images of the destruction that Russia is causing in Ukraine are truly sickening. On the other hand, do you remember a few years back, when Hunter Biden was paid millions of dollars by the Ukrainian government to basically do nothing?

Friends, use discernment when placing your loyalties. The tragedy in Ukraine can also be the catalyst for evangelism. Does that make headlines on the nightly news? There are many Christians who are working hard to provide food and shelter to those who have lost their homes in this war. Another overlooked aspect of the war is that Israel has rescued hundreds of orphans and displaced people. I'm certain that when the fighting ends, there will be many stories of God's mighty hand at work. Never lose sight of the fact that God is eternal, and nothing that happens surprises Him. His desire is that everyone looks to Him for salvation.

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else" (**Isaiah 45:22**).

The greatest tragedy is when a person dies without asking for salvation through Jesus Christ. Use knowledge of prophecy to witness to the lost.

Don't be afraid to study prophecy. The Apostle Peter tells us just how important it is. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: knowing this first that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (**2 Peter 1:19-21**).

Peter had been speaking about his experiences with Jesus whose birth, life, and death were the subject of many prophecies. Had the religious leaders understood those prophecies, they would have recognized Jesus as their Messiah. They chose blindness and ignorance. The miraculous things Jesus did should have been evidence that He was the Messiah, but understanding prophecy should have clinched it. Today the world is getting darker, but God's light outshines the darkness.

Peter said that Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Jeremiah, and all of the other prophets of God didn't make up the prophecies but were inspired by the Holy Spirit. They were given a look into the future and described it as best they could with their knowledge of the time. Today, we've gained knowledge, and that should make the study of prophecy come into focus.

We are nearing the time of Jacob's Trouble. That's what Jeremiah called Daniel's 70th week. "Alas! for that day is great so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it" (**Jeremiah 30:7**).

Why is it called the time of Jacob's Trouble? Jacob was the father of 12 sons; each was the head of one of the tribes of Israel. God changed Jacob's name to Israel. Those final seven years (Daniel's 70th week) are about the nation of Israel. Throughout the Old Testament, God's chosen people are referred to as "Jacob" or "Israel." Usually, when the nation is rebelling against their God, they are called Jacob. When the nation is in fellowship with God, they're referred to as Israel. So, by calling that time "Jacob's trouble," we know two things. First, the nation is in rebellion, and also those seven years are about Israel.

Today, many Jewish people from all nations are returning to Israel, but most of them don't believe in God; they aren't in fellowship with Him. Even though the entire world is judged by the wrath of God, the main focus is Israel and bringing them to a covenant relationship with God. One false belief held by some Christians is that Christians have replaced Israel in God's heart. That is absolutely ridiculous. We have our place, and Israel has their place. Not only have we not replaced Israel, but we will be Raptured prior to the start of Daniel's 70th week.

As secular knowledge increases, Biblical knowledge should also increase. We are drawing very close to Daniel's 70th week. Study Revelation and understand what a horrific time those seven years will be. When the Lamb opens the first seal, the end begins. Read Revelation with discernment. Christians have nothing to fear from the horrors of that week. The reason we have nothing to fear is that we will be safely at Home with our Lord. Revelation chapters 2 and 3 contain seven letters which Jesus dictated to the Apostle John. These letters describe the history of Christianity. The first letter, addressed to Ephesus, describes those Christians in the first century who faced much persecution. Unfortunately, they had begun to change their focus from a relationship with Christ to religion.

"I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and has borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted" (**Revelation 2:2-3**). That sounds good, but Jesus sees everything, and has a criticism. "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left they first love" (**Revelation 2:4**). They were turning the joy of salvation into works and religion.

Today we live in the time of the final letter written to Laodicea... the apostate church. What a sad letter it is. Christ is no longer the focus, but many false teachings have entered. The congregation is lukewarm... neither hot nor cold. Jesus says He will spue them out of His mouth. Apparently, the leadership of the congregation has failed. Instead of preaching the pure Gospel, it's watered-down God's truth in order to make it easy for the pew-warmers to hear. We should learn from this, but instead of reading Jesus' prophetic words, we are shutting Him out of our worship and our lives. When was the last time the Gospel was preached from the pulpit in your place of worship? It does make people uncomfortable to think they sin and need to be forgiven.

Jesus isn't wanted inside the Laodicean congregation, but He hasn't given up. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (**Revelation 3:20**).

Don't wait for the pastor to preach the Gospel. You have a Bible, so study and allow the Holy Spirit and increased knowledge of God's truth to guide you. Answer the knock... Jesus wants to come in to your heart.

The first verse of Chapter 4 reads, "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter" (**Revelation 4:1**).

Remember, the history of the church ended in chapter 3. The first words in chapter 4 are, in Greek, "meta tauta," which indicate a sequence of events. First, the Church Age runs its course, then a door is open in Heaven, and the Apostle John (representing Christians) was told to "Come up hither." John is a picture of the Rapture.

Knowledge is so important to understanding all Scripture, but when studying prophecy, knowledge is very important. Use it wisely.

God bless you all,

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Headlines

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Federal Pressure On Big Tech To Censor COVID-19 'Misinformation' Violates Constitution: Lawsuit

The public government campaign to pressure Big Tech platforms such as Twitter to crack down on supposed misinformation violates the U.S. Constitution, according to a new lawsuit. Murthy, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and other Biden administration officials "are not simply colluding with, but instrumentalizing Twitter and other technology companies to effectuate their goal of silencing opinions that diverge from the White House's messaging on COVID-19," it says, adding, "That commandeering transforms the Surgeon General's initiative into government action."

"Gradually, ...Then Suddenly!"

As we rush towards our World War 3 rendezvous with destiny, aided and abetted by politicians placed in power by globalist billionaires hellbent on the destruction of our way of life, so they own everything and you own nothing, I can't help but ponder who is to blame and could we have avoided this dystopian outcome. The United States has been going bankrupt gradually for the last fifty years, both financially, intellectually, and morally.

Massive Texas Wildfire Spreads To America's Largest Army Base

The Texas Wildfire Incident Response System (TWIRS) said the "Crittenburg Complex Fire" had burned more than 33,175 acres as of 11:50 local time. TWIRS shows multiple wildfires are burning on the northeastern edge of Fort Hood.

Rand Report Prescribed US Provocations Against Russia & Predicted Kremlin Retaliation In Ukraine

According to a 2019 Rand report titled "Overextending and Unbalancing Russia", the US goal is to undermine Russia just as it did the Soviet Union in the cold war. Rather than "trying to stay ahead" or

trying to improve the US domestically or in international relations, the emphasis is on efforts and actions to undermine the designated adversary Russia.

Putin not seen ready to compromise ahead of peace talks

First bilateral talks in more than two weeks arranged after call between Erdogan and Putin; 160,000 people still trapped in Mariupol, mayor says; Russians turn effort towards separatist areas

Hamas: The next war will be a ‘turning point in the conflict’

Arouri claimed that in May of 2021, Hamas was prepared for a war that could have gone on for many months, and added that if Israel continues its “aggression” today, Hamas will be ready for a comprehensive confrontation. He further claimed that the next confrontation against Israel would have “a wider popular scope” and that it “would be a turning point in the history of the conflict with the occupation.”

Mines drift near coast of Turkey amid Ukraine-Russia war

It is unclear who placed the mines and how they ended up near Turkey. The mine is the latest found in the Black Sea near the coast of Turkey. On Saturday, a mine was found near the Bosphorus Strait. Turkish authorities withdrew the mine and Turkish Defense Minister stated that the mine was of an “old type.”

America is dismantling the pillars of its own empire – Saudi editor to ‘Post’

The Saudi-US relationship is in the throes of a crisis. As a Saudi who went to college in the US, loves America and wants to see it strong, I am increasingly disturbed by the unreality of the American discussion about the subject, which often fails to acknowledge just how deep and serious the rift has grown.

A ‘mini-NATO’ for the Middle East won’t be stopped by terror – analysis

Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, the foreign ministers of four Arab states – Bahrain, Egypt, Morocco and the United Arab Emirates – and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken gathered in Sde Boker on Sunday evening, launching the Negev Summit. The summit was meant to show a united front between the countries for regional prosperity and stability, and against Iran, which threatens all the participating countries.

ADL defends Ukraine’s Nazis

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was established in 1913 to fight anti-Semitism, so it was shocking when, earlier this month, the organization came out in defense of the openly Nazi elements operating in Ukraine.

Blinken condemns Jewish “violence” as Arabs murder Jews

Secretary of State Anthony Blinken made many remarks that showed a disturbing level of cognitive dissonance, describing a political perspective that contradicted the events taking place around him.

6.0 magnitude earthquake in Ecuador destroy houses, hospitals

Authorities reported that a powerful earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale struck Ecuador's coastal province of Esmeraldas, causing damage to homes, hospitals, and public buildings. The earthquake struck at 11.28 p.m. on Saturday night at a depth of 10 km and 11.79 km from the city of Esmeraldas, according to the country's Geophysical Institute, which was quoted by Xinhua on Sunday.

Russian and Ukrainian negotiators poisoned during peace talks

The Wall Street Journal reported Russian businessman Roman Abramovich, Ukrainian lawmaker Rustem Umerov and another member of the Ukrainian delegation developed poisoning symptoms

after peace talks in the Ukrainian capital city of Kyiv. People familiar with the matter told the Wall Street Journal that after the peace talks, Abramovich and the two Ukrainian delegation members developed symptoms including red eyes, and tearing and peeling of the skin on their faces and hands — all of which are consistent with poisoning by chemical weapons.

Russia says US declared ‘total war’ on it

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Friday that the U.S. and other western nations have declared “total war” against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine. “A real hybrid war, total war was declared on us,” Lavrov said, as the Associated Press reported.