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(1). "ISRAEL..and the Land of Palestine."  
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Intro:- (1). The battle has been won! Last June 97 mill. in Arab-Egyptian world fought 2.6 Mill. in Land of Israel.. and were devastatingly defeated..armour smashed..left defenceless..cities at mercy of Israel..facing annihilation..which did NOT come. Restraint of Israel at that point amazing. If tide of battle other way...what? Tel Aviv no longer exist.  
(2). Israel won battle. Today stands astride much of land prom. to Abraham..NOT ALL. Holds straits of Tiran that Nasser blockaded after removing UN forces on borders. Her Red Sea port of Elat is free. She stands all across Sinai from whence came her imperishable code of Law..basis for world jurisdiction. Her border goes to Suez Canal..and banks of Jordan. She holds the Golan heights from whence Syria once tormented shores of Galilee..kibbutzim of Israel THE WORLD STOOD ASTOUNDED AS MIRACLE OF 72 hours took place The battle is won..BUT THE PROBLEMS REMAIN. Breathing spell. And Israel will yet be center..focal point of last-day crisis. Other struggles periphery..secondary skirmishes. Jesus said: "LEARN a parable of the fig tree". The budding of Judah into new life presages the end of our Age..2nd adv

I. Thus some vital prophetic questions are bef. us today.

(a). And to und..we need some clear-cut facts well in mind. Tonight..want to propose brief examination of 5 areas. FIRST ONE:- FACT THAT ISRAEL IS BITTERLY HATED.

History has never seen the like...as culminated in recent yrs. Been so fully documented..scarcely need repeat. But per. summed up most completely in this document..(BOOKLET). WHY ALL THIS? Why these flames that started war holocaust? Arabs say Israel State is an incursion into "their" territory from Western lands. Conven. forget much..that Arabs have held land supremely for about 400 yrs. Turks an equal time..1517-1918. BUT ISRAEL BEEN THERE since Josh. conq. land..remained 1500 yrs..until scattered 70 A.D...Now back. Arabic claim is flimsy excuse..totally untenable.

(b). Then why hate? Why this mad blood-lust..implacable, unmerciful desire to commit genocide? This supernat. rage? Old story..Gen. 21:9. Later Gen. 27:41 (Story). Jew-hate born FIRST in heart of progen. of Arabs..Spread to Pharaoh in EGYPT..and to Gentile world. So:- Ps. 79:1-3..83:4.

(c). But not ALL story yet. Why Hitler hate..Russia side with Arabs? BLUNTLY..PLAINLY..Israel CHOSEN OF GOD.. Deut. 7:6. To prod. Bible, Messiah, King. That rouses jealousy. Secondly:- Natural man HATES GOD AND WHAT HE DOES. Seeks to break..destroy. Nowonder godless Russia hates God's people..plans..purposes. And always will. Hate to stay/

ISRAEL IS HATED. And in passing let ev true X'n und. this.. If live for God..His purposes..hate come your way too..Jesus said two things.."Woe unto you when all men speak well of you". "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you..falsely, for my sake"

II. Now look at second vital fact..THE NATION OF ISRAEL CANNOT BE ELIMINATED. - IN SPIRIT OF HATE - ANTI SEMITIC RAGE

(a). Cannot be said of any other. Did Nasser forget this when began his infamous attempt? How much history did he know? Or forget? At least 3 massive attempts at genocide..complete destruc. of nation of Israel are recorded. 1. Pharaoh..Exod. 1:15-16. 2. Haman..Esther 3:6. 3. Hitler. 6 million..failed.

(b). So..despite ravings and threatenings of this new Dictator Nasser...allies...his wicked scheme failed. Pharaoh drowned, Haman hanged, Hitler poisoned and shot in suicide pact with his mistress..I WAIT TO SEE FATE OF NASSER.

(c). Israel cannot be destroyed..for three reasons.

1. The people. Dedicated..(RD "Masada shall never fall again). Trained, fit, brilliant..led by keen tacticians.."Sabras"..desert bush. Fighting for all they own..families..homes..sing-ing into battle.."He that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." 2. Cause. Life or death. Win or die. No alternati 3. Promises of God...Gen. 12:2-3//.Jer. 31:36...33:25-26..Zech. 14:9, 11 ISRAEL CANNOT BE DESTROYED. Nasser's Hundo What Mean to us? God has demonstrated again..in apostate age..truth of infallible Word. The promises are true! Believe them? God not dead or even asleep. He holds His own..X'n..you too. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes. That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, ~~I will not~~ I'll never, no never, no never forsake." Praise God!

III. We move on to third great FACT. WHO OWNS LAND OF PALESTINE

(a). Very pertinent question..demands an answer. Has Israel right to hold by conquest..or must she give it all back? U.N. refused cenmor or blame Israel for war..BUT <sup>Israel demands</sup> ~~wanted to ask~~ Israel return conquered lands..which Israel will NOT do..except for poss. of a compromise part thereof. How foolish to give back Gaza strip..long a thorn in her side..Or Sharm el Shiek..straits of Tiran..Or Golan heights dominating Galilee. NO.

(b). But has she any right to keep them? Conquest enough? Or shd. Russia give up Poland, Czecho-slav..Hungary..E.Germany? China give up Manchuria..Mongolia? How determine? IT CAN BE DONE..ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF! Bible not just theology

It declares title deeds of nations..Acts 17:24-26..And Israel deeply involved..Deut. 32:8. U.N. will not set Israel's future boundaries..God will!

(c). Now see specific statements re land of Israel..1. God gave

- it to Abraham... Gen. 13:14, 15, 17. Title deeds there.
2. BUT..both Israelites and Arabs descend from Abraham! So both claim it.
3. Moreover..in the case of the birth of both Ishmael and Esau..progen of Arabic races..THEY WERE FIRSTBORN..and thus prime heirs of Abraham. The BIRTHRIGHT was theirs.
4. BUT AGAIN..two events took place..of utmost importance. In case of Ishmael..Gen. 21:10..Gal. 4:30. Lost out. In case of Esau..well known..Gen. 25:29-34. Sold out. Confirmed again in Heb.12:16-17. Esau tried reverse his decision..and found it impossible..JACOB, ISRAEL had the birthright..and still does. She OWNS THE LAND BY DIVINE RIGHT..ETERNAL DECREE.

And may God teach us that He plans for us a birthright.. a reward at His Judgment Seat. May we be wise enough not to lose out through evil behaviour..or sell out for our mess of pottage..some flesh-satisfaction world offers.

IV. Fourth fact is the Israel is in great dilemma.

(a). It's a triple one..and very serious indeed.

FIRST:- What is Israel to do with the Arabs?

Thus far..Arabs at Nazareth area..elected to stay in Israel Ack. rule of land..farmers..prosperous. Others fled into Jordan rather than ack. Israel..Unspeakable squalor of refugee camps. Doing NOTHING very effectively. Welfare... BUT NOW...great mass of Arabs in newly taken areas..and wholly hostile. Most difficult matter. c/f Gen. 27:41 "And Esau HATED JACOB"..still does. Of Ishmael..Gen. 16:12 "He will be a wild man..his hand against every man."

Unsociable..explosive..vindictive. True. DILEMMA ONE.

(b).SECOND:- What do with city of Jerusalem?

Israel now has whole city..new and old..(except one part) U.N. unanim. asked Israel to relinquish old part to U.N. to hold as international city. At 1st partition Israel agreed to this..Arabs refused. Now matter on other foot and Israel says will never leave Jerusalem again. True? Here is proph..Rev. 11:1-2. Diff. to und..but some facts clear..1. Going to be a Third Temple. with Israel worshipping there. 2. Israel only possess partially as to its immed. surroundings. 3. There is coming period of 42 mths..3½ yrs in which holy city under Gentile domination while Israel has a place for building Temple..worshipping there. If these things true..then ISRAEL WILL NOT CONTINUE TO HOLD ALL OF OLD JERUSALEM. Per. do some bargaining.."Give us our old Temple area..sacred..and U.N. govern city." Israel is bargaining today..for Arab recog..and TEMPLE AREA



(c). THIRD:- "What do with Temple area?"... 3 Moslem mosques there..BUT ISRAEL STOPPED AT WAILING WALL! Amazing fact! Long at west wall..now stopped here. Why? (clipping). What strange situation! NOW:- Israel clearly owns that area..I Chron.21:18-26. Last legal transaction. Recorded..claimed after earthquake. There Sol. built 1st Temple..II Chron 3:1..Today plans drawn ..Report of stone being shipped from Indiana..for Temple Yet priests demur..delay.."wait until Messiah comes..gives.." AND THE DILEMMA: Israel has guaranteed holy places of all... BUT..holy to two people..2nd holiest place to Moslem..and yet Israel's third Temple MUST stand there..I Chron. 22:1. What to be done? EARTHQUAKE? It could be!

Dilemmas! And incapable of complete solution until our Lord moves in. Say, isn't that true of all life? Let Him in to every part..first as Saviour..then as Lord. He can. He will!

V. The fifth and last ques..ARE ISRAEL'S TROUBLES ALL OVER?

(a). Scarcely need state answer.."NO". Yet today Israel is jubilant. 1st time in 1900 yrs here flag flies over Jerusalem Country was tense with excitement foll. June's victory.

Jerusalem Post: "Speculators believed that the Messiah would come on Wed, June 14th, Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost), just one week after city fell to Israelis. Calculators now believe He will come on Shavuot in 7 years time, and rebuild the Temple." Leon Uris in "Strike Zion"..said: Read pages 141-2.

(b). True or not? Last war fought? What about continuing Arab hatred? Die down? Or now inflamed more than ever? Latter, of course..AND MESSIAH NOT COMING TO RESCUE ISRAEL YET Instead..some other dark-hued proph. are now pending...

Dan. 12:1 Ahead. Jer 30:7 What cause all this? Conditions NOW prevailing. See:- Dan.11. tells of mighty king of NORTH.. The Antichrist..rising out of Russia..attacking Pal..and TAKING AWAY DAILY SAC..Dan. 11:41...45. Called in Ezek.38:2 "chief prince of Meshech and Tubal". Some day Russia will not only back enemies of Israel with supply of arms..but when that proves again insufficient..RUSSIA WILL MARCH ON ISRAEL. Ominous fact of build up of ships in Mediterranean....

(c). But more. What of future of Temple Area? Israel MUST have it one day. ~~Then~~ Dan. 9:27. 7 yr covenant of wor... p. DAILY SAC. BE RESUMED DESPITE QUALMS OF SO-CALLED HUMANIS... THEN..cut off..stopped..after  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yrs. And antiX set himself up as God..II Thess.2:3-4....Matt. 24:15. TROUBLE INDEED! World worship of AntiX..Rev. 13. Ecumenism supreme!

Conclus:- Someone is coming...anti-X.. BUT SOMEONE COMING TO RESCUE OF ISRAEL...Rev. 19. Some day Israel's troubles be all over. SOON? Soon coming for US..the Church. Ready...? <sup>THES</sup> 2:6-8a