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PALESTINE

Sputters all over

United Nations'

Conferences

THE Focal point of eruptions breaking out all over the world — especially in all United Nations Organization Conferences, so far — and especially between Russia and Britain — is PALESTINE!

This ancient holy land holds the answer to World PEACE — or WORLD WAR III!

It all started from a jealousy of two women over one man.

Here's what's back of the whole explosive situation — the plain truth, dripping with mystery, suspense, intriguing interest.

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GREETINGS, Friends:

AS soon as World War II was over, we were, going to enjoy **WORLD PEACE**—prosperity, plenty, **HAPPINESS!**

But one almost wonders whether the war is **OVER!** Strife in **CHINA**, threatening large-scale civil war! Strife in **JAVA**. Europe impoverished, hungry, wretched and cold. Diplomatic strife, jockeying for advantageous position, even between the **BIG THREE** of the United Nations! The world tense and jittery in fear of the new **ATOMIC POWER**, and now conceded **CERTAINTY** of a world war III with weapons that can wipe human life from the earth! **NEVER** has there been such uncertainty, such **FEAR** for the future.—**NEVER** has the world been in such a **HOPELESS** condition as **NOW!**

Hub of World Trouble

Yet perhaps the focal point of all these eruptions breaking out over the world is the new flare-up in **PALESTINE!** Again Palestine is a **POWDER-KEG**, loaded this time with **ATOMIC** explosives. Once again the Holy Land **TREMbles** under Jewish-Arab strife, and new riots in which many have been killed and injured. Again that little strip of historic land along the eastern shores of the Mediterranean has been plastered all over the front pages, and has become one of the chief objects of discussion at the recent allied conference in Washington.

On October 21, the British requested the United States to **SHARE** in the responsibility of the Palestine mandate by setting up a joint Anglo-American committee of **INQUIRY** into the world's most vexing problem.

That seemed to set off the explosive. By the 1st of November, an outburst of sabotage and shootings, attributed by the British to Jewish elements, had killed at least five men, and cut Palestine's railways at 50 places from extreme north to south. Instantly the British army clamped restrictions on inter-city traffic in the Holy Land. Then came new **ARAB** protests against any rise in Jewish immigration.

By November 5th a precautionary dusk-to-dark curfew was in force at Palestine trouble-spots. By November 8th, Arab mobs were charging into the Jewish quarter of Zanzur, west of Tripoli in North Africa, killing 30 Jews including children in a **NEW OUTBURST** of rioting in **THIS** region which has slain altogether more than 100 Jews.

Meanwhile Mr. Attlee had come to Washington for the important conferences with President Truman, and on November 10th, it was announced from London, the United States and Great Britain had agreed upon creation of a JOINT committee to deal with the question of Jewish immigration in Palestine. This question of Jewish immigration into Palestine is the CRUX of the whole trouble. The ARABS are stoutly resisting any further Jewish immigration. But the world leaders face a huge problem in providing for the hundreds of thousands of homeless and displaced European Jews. WHERE are they to GO? London estimates that 265,000 Jewish refugees in the British and American occupation zones of Europe want to go to Palestine.

U. S. Burdens Self with Palestine

November 13th, it was OFFICIALLY announced the United States had accepted the British request to share in the Palestine Jewish-Arab responsibility by forming the joint committee of inquiry and examination. The same day the Jewish national council in Palestine called a GENERAL STRIKE of Palestine Jews to protest new British proposals for settlement of the problem.

The boiling over of this PALESTINE problem was by this time followed by OTHER dangerous outbursts which threaten world peace. On the 11th of November, Pandit Nehru, next to Gandhi the most influential Hindu in all India, declared in a speech in Bombay it was India's duty to REVOLT. Then the next day, the 12th, along came the EGYPTIAN Prime Minister with a demand for complete INDEPENDENCE from Britain, including the withdrawal of British troops from Egypt.

Yes, the whole ARAB WORLD is IN REVOLT—and THEY MEAN BUSINESS. This past Spring the entire Moslem world became UNITED in a new league, uniting for action THREE HUNDRED MILLION MOSLAMS—stretching from INDIA, thru Palestine and Egypt across most of North Africa.

At the San Francisco conference I had a long private interview with the Arab Sheik who has CHARGE of Palestine relations for the Arabian government, Shiek Hafiz Wabba. I learned many things from him, and among them, that the Arabs are now organizing a force large enough to BE HEARD, to INSURE that there is no more immigration of Jews into PALFSTINE. If more Jews are admitted, there will be TROUBLE.

By November 14th, Jewish crowds set fire to government buildings and stoned police in Tel Aviv, the exclusive Jewish city on the Mediterranean coast of Palestine. It was during a 12-hour general strike called in protest against new British proposals to settle the Palestine problem. A com-

plete curfew of all civilians was imposed on Tel Aviv. However, it was a small minority of irresponsible Jewish YOUTH who caused this latest outbreak.

But all this did the ZIONISH movement no good. With Zionists seeking REFUGE for homeless Jews in Palestine from the VIOLENCE of the Nazi forces in Europe, many were shocked to see these Jews themselves resorting to violence after being able to GET INTO Palestine.

Palestine Sputters All Over Conference

But PALESTINE for years has been a powder-keg in world relations, and that powder-keg sputtered all over San Francisco Conference, from the first day. It was injected into just about every press conference I attended. The American Jewish Conference had representatives there IN FORCE, with a very definite program to promote at San Francisco. The object of that program, of course, is the creation of a NEW NATION in the world—a new FREE and democratic Jewish COMMON-WEALTH in Palestine. And while you may not have read or heard much about it, this program was aggressively pressed before every delegate from every one of the 50 United Nations at San Francisco.

And this Jewish national home in PALESTINE is prophesied, too. It is going to take one or two additional broadcasts, and one or two additional articles in The PLAIN TRUTH to give you fully ALL THE FACTS on this very explosive and highly significant situation. And it IS of utmost significance, because prophecy shows the future peace of the WORLD, from here on, is tied up with PALESTINE. And at San Francisco I had access to full and complete information on every phase of the subject. I have secured all the FACTS of the case from representatives of the British government. I have talked with the officials of the governments directly concerned who are personally IN CHARGE of Palestine relations—including, as I said, Shiek Hafiz Wabba, of the Arabian delegation. I have talked with officials from OTHER Moslem nations. And I have talked with Jewish leaders.

This whole explosive situation, dripping with mystery, suspense, intriguing interest, is a pivotal factor in world history FROM HERE. And the whole situation is a modern flare-up which actually springs from an ancient jealous hatred between two women over one man—the eternal triangle!

It has its roots in biblical history thousands of years ago. And it is unfolding before our very eyes, NOW, an important fulfilling of PROPHCY. It involved a cunning Hitler PLOT

against the allies. And the exciting CLIMAX lies ahead, for us to witness.

The answer to it all involves startling developments in Palestine and the Arab world in recent years, and even less-known biblical history and prophecy!

The Statutes in Palestine

Palestine is the most important spot in the world today. It is regarded as the HOLY LAND by a number of DIFFERENT races, and religions. It is the exact geographical CENTER of the land-surface of the earth, and with post-war AIR transportation is destined to become the CAPITAL of the whole world.

In Palestine today are approximately a million Arabs, and 600,000 Jews. Under the Balfour declaration, and through the Zionist movement, the Jewish population there has increased from 55,000 in 1918 to 400,000 in 1938, and some 600,000 today. The Jews have increased until the ratio now is about 6 Jews to each 10 Arabs. Each race demands this land as its own holy and sacred homeland, based upon religious grounds. Great Britain controls it by mandate, and finds herself in a strange and perplexing dilemma—for Britain has made conflicting promises to the Arabs, and to the Jews.

The Eternal Triangle

The whole trouble started with jealousy and hatred between two women over a man.

It was back in the days of Abraham. Sarai, Abram's wife, was without children and barren. To remove her reproach, she induced Abram to have a child by her Egyptian maid, Hagar (Genesis 16:1-3). But "when Hagar saw that she conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes . . . And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled." (verses 4-6).

But the angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to thy mistress . . . and thou shalt bear a son and call his name Ishmael . . . and he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of (margin, to the east of) all his brethren." (Verses 7-16).

Abraham loved Ishmael. When God had promised Abraham the great blessings of the birthright and of the sceptre, "Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with HIM, and with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac." (Gen. 17:18-21).

The descendants of Ishmael, then, were to become a GREAT NATION—but a nation of WILD MEN, their hand against every man, every man's hand against them, and they were to plague their brethren, the descendants of Isaac. Bear that in mind.

Arab Decendants of Ishmael

By tracing the names of Ishmael's twelve sons in the Scriptures, we find they settled in the land of ARABIA, and are traced to the ARABS of today.

Isaac had twin sons, Jacob and Esau. Esau, the elder, despised his birthright, and it went to Jacob. Esau was red, and Jacob was white. Esau's descendants are the TURKS today. After selling his birthright,—his title deed to the land of Palestine—Esau regretted it bitterly, and sought to get it back. And later, his descendants, the *Turks*, did get possession of that land during the Times of Israel's national punishment, and they held it from 1517 until 1917.

Jacob's name was changed to ISRAEL, meaning "Overcomer," or "Prevailer with God." He had twelve sons, each of whom became the father of one of the twelve Tribes of Israel.

To really understand the march of prophesied events today—to grasp the true but hidden significance of the present crisis in Palestine—we must identify ALL the races and peoples involved.

For, make no mistake about it, GOD GAVE ABRAHAM AND HIS DESCENDANTS AN ABSOLUTELY BINDING LEGAL TITLE-DEED TO THAT LAND.

The Arabs, descendants of Ishmael, son of Abraham, claim it is theirs.

The Turks claim it because they, too, are descendants of Abraham thru Esau.

And the Jews claim it as descendants of Abraham thru Jacob, or Israel. Who is right? NONE OF THEM! The truth is stranger than fiction! God's promises to Abraham were two-fold—of race and of grace—material, and spiritual. That part of the promises which included material, racial, national blessings are called the BIRTHRIGHT. The other part of the promises, including kings, and spiritual blessings thru Christ, final King of the line, are called the SCEPTRE.

Now the Scriptures plainly and distinctly affirm something very few people realize: namely, that the SCEPTRE shall not depart from JUDAH. (Gen. 49:10), but "The BIRTHRIGHT was Joseph's." (1 Chron. 5:2).

The account of the passing on of the BIRTHRIGHT, showing that it, and not the SCEPTRE, included title-deed to the promised land, is recorded in the 48th chapter of Genesis. There it is plainly shown that LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF PALESTINE BELONGS TO THE DESCENDANTS OF EPHRAIM, SON OF JOSEPH!

The promises of national greatness, wealth and power involved in the BIRTHRIGHT were jointly to Ephraim, whose descendants today are none other than THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS, and Manasseh his brother, whose descendants are THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! The Scepter, including promise of kings, of Christ, and of salvation thru Him, went to JUDAH, of whom the JEWS are descended. But, few realize it today, the Jews are of only ONE TRIBE of Israel--Judah. The Ten Tribes of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL, headed by Ephraim - Manasseh, became LOST, and have been called "the Lost Ten Tribes." Their identity as the British and American people today is thoroughly proved in a special booklet "The United States in Prophecy". You may have a copy of this free, if you will just send your name and address, requesting it.

And so Great Britain is in real fact the BIRTHRIGHT holder, descended from Ephraim the son of Joseph the son of Israel, the rightful legal OWNER of all Palestine, as decreed by Almighty God in His unbreakable covenant with Abraham.

U. S. - Britain are Israel!

The JEWS are descendants of Judah, of which tribe Christ came. *The Jews did, and should now occupy, but you own that portion of the promised land called JUDEA, surrounding Jerusalem.*

The Turks are descendants of ESAU, (also called "Edom" in the prophecies,) and the Arabs are the nation of wild men descended from ISHMAEL. Both the Turks and the Arabs are descended from Abraham, and therefore both races consider the promised land should be theirs. But God gave it to Abraham only thru Isaac and Jacob, and God said, "In ISAAC shall thy seed be called."

Because of sin and rebellion, the House of Israel, headed by Ephraim, was driven out of their own promised land until the end of the 2520 years of Judah's national captivity which came to an end December 9th, 1917. On that very day the Gentile Turk surrendered the land to EPHRAIM-GREAT BRITAIN, to whom it belongs by divine grant from that very day, henceforward forever!

But WHAT A MIXUP has been caused-- all because men do not understand the BIBLE! The Scriptures show that the ten tribed House of Israel was to LOSE its national identity, and be thought of as a Gentile nation until these very last days and so Ephraim-Great Britain, supposing herself to be Gentile, supposing the JEWS to be Israel (instead of the House of JUDAH, as they are always called in the Bible), made the famous Balfour declaration trying to give Palestine to the Jews! And the Jews, thinking they are birthright Israel, have been emigrating back there at the rate

of 40,000 to 70,000 a year. This was necessary to fulfill the prophecies saying Judah would be in Jerusalem and the land of Judah during this world war (See *Joi* 3:1-13; *Zech.* 12:2, 4, 6-7; and 14:14).

God Gave It to Britain!

But now once again let us come back to the jealousy aroused between Sarah and Hagar, mothers respectively of Isaac (Great Britain) and Ishmael (Arabs).

Abraham wanted Ishmael to inherit the birthright, which included possession of the land. So did Hagar.

But Sarah demanded this blessing for her son. "And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. Wherefore she said unto Abraham "Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. . . And God said unto Abraham. . ."hearken unto her voice for IN ISAAC shall thy seed be called." (Gen. 21:9-12).

Naturally Hagar resented having her son rejected from this great BIRTHRIGHT. And so, just as the Turks, children of Esau, have fought to gain and to hold this promised land, so have the ARABS, descendants of Ishmael. Although God denied this inheritance of Ishmael, the Arabs today consider that Palestine belongs to them.

There are more Arabs in Palestine than any other nationality. To them it is HOLY LAND, the same as to the Jews. They are perfectly willing to FIGHT for it.

The Jews think they are birthright Israel, and believe this land belongs by God's birthright to them. And "silly dove" Ephraim (Hos. 7:11), not realizing that SHE is really the birthright tribe of the House of Israel—the nation that GOD has decreed shall OWN Palestine after December 9, 1917—is blindly trying to build a national home for the Jews in this land, and at the same time blundering into a contradictory pledge to establish it as a home for the Arabs!

But in spite of all this blundering and misunderstanding, GOD IS SEEING TO IT THAT EPHRAIM ENGLAND HAS AND RETAINS ACTUAL POSSESSION OF THE LAND!! God promised it to Abraham, thru Isaac, Jacob, and Ephraim—unconditionally—and GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

In the 14th Chapter of Zechariah, the first four verses, it is prophesied that finally ALL NATIONS shall be gathered against Jerusalem to battle. Half of the city shall be captured. And finally, at Armageddon, 70 miles northeast of Jerusalem, JESUS CHRIST WILL RETURN TO THIS EARTH, "And His feet shall stand in that

day upon the Mount of Olives" (verse 4). And the Jews will then be at Jerusalem (verse 14).

The 11th chapter of Daniel shows Hitler (or his successor) will be the one who captures half of the city of Jerusalem. The false prophet will be there with him (Rev. 19:20)—and they will attempt to establish the palace and capital there, after having taken Egypt, wresting the Suez Canal from Britain (Dan. 11:41-42). The horrible END of these two men is told in Rev. 19:20.

The time of God's JUDGMENTS against the sins of modern civilization is AT HAND. The DAY OF THE LORD, with its terrible PLAGUES, is upon us!

END of the war in Europe does not mean world PEACE—YET! No, rather, men will now proceed with their own ways, actually contrary to the ways of Almighty God, and in their mere human strength, to try to produce WORLD PEACE. They will leave GOD out of their plans and efforts. And they will only plunge the world into a continually more hopeless CONFUSION. World War III will come, with newly invented engines of destruction that will render this present war insignificant by comparison.

We shall come to the place where humanity would be annihilated from the earth by its own destructive hand, if the Eternal God did not intervene. But step in and intervene, in HIS time and way. He will! He will visit horrible supernatural judgements upon erring, sinning mankind in punishment—to bring the world to its senses and save it from itself!

At the final grand climax He will *again* send Jesus Christ to this earth—in Person, and in all the power and glory of the Creator GOD! He will take over as KING of kings and LORD of lords—ruling ALL NATIONS. He, and He ALONE, shall bring us PEACE.

And then, as I've read to you so many times, "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and the people shall flow unto it."

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain to the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his path: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nations shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4:1-3).