Showdown in September!
Israel, PA to face off at UN over Palestinian statehood

By David Parsons

Israeli officials are gearing up for an intense diplomatic battle in New York in September over the Palestinian Authority’s defiant bid to secure full membership in the United Nations at its annual Opening Assembly. Both parties have been making their respective cases to world leaders and the results could have huge implications for Israel and the entire region for years to come.

After months of uncertainty over exactly what the Palestinians would be demanding, PA officials finally confirmed in mid-August that they will be making a request for admittance into the United Nations as a member state.

The petition for recognition of Palestinian sovereignty within the pre-1967 lines is to be formally presented to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on September 20, just as the world body convenes to begin its autumn session. PA leaders expect Ban to then submit the request to the Security Council, where they claim to already have the support of most members but must wait to see if the United States blocks the measure with its veto power.

The decision came after weeks of intense internal debate among senior PA figures, who were reportedly split over whether to seek maximal demands or step back a bit to ease pressure from Washington and other quarters. But PA chairman Mahmoud Abbas is now set to personally table the “historic initiative” and let the chips fall where they may.

Israel adamantly opposes the Palestinian move, saying a unilateral declaration of independence would breach all prior agreements signed by the two sides and the accepted international framework for resolving the conflict, as well as deal a serious blow to the peace process.

In recent months, Jerusalem has been lobbying world leaders to resist the PA effort to bypass direct talks, and a number of Western democracies have publicly pledged to oppose the move. The Obama administration privately warned PA officials that such a measure would be met with a US veto in the Security Council and that other consequences may follow. But Abbas has refused to give ground.

Diplomatic dance
The Palestinian decision to forge ahead with its unilateral plans at the UN marks a clear failure for American diplomacy. For months now, the Obama administration has tried to persuade Abbas to abandon the move and return to direct negotiations with Israel. Washington’s strategy was to combine warnings of a breakdown in bilateral relations with the incentive of concessions extracted from Israel.

In his May 19 speech at the State Department, US President Barack Obama surprised Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu with his call for resuming talks based on the pre-1967 lines, a long-standing PA demand. But Obama’s blunt handling of the Israeli premier had little impact on the Palestinians, who only began asking for more.

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The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem was founded in 1980 as an act of comfort and solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people in their claim to Jerusalem.

Today, the Christian Embassy stands at the forefront of a growing mainstream movement of Christians worldwide who share a love and concern for Israel and an understanding of the biblical significance of the modern ingathering of Jews to the land of their forefathers.

From our headquarters in Jerusalem and through our branches and representatives in over 80 nations, we seek to challenge the Church to take up its scriptural responsibilities towards the Jewish people, to remind Israel of the wonderful promises made to her in the Bible, and to be a source of practical assistance to all the people of the Land of Israel.

The ICEJ is a non-denominational faith ministry, supported by the voluntary contributions of our members and friends across the globe. We invite you to join with us as we minister to Israel and the Jewish people worldwide by using the enclosed response slip to make your donation to the ongoing work and witness of the ICEJ.

Dear friends

Israelis are currently preoccupied with two major developments.

First, September promises another tense diplomatic showdown for Israel. The prophet Ezekiel said that Israel is “taken up by the lips of talkers and is slandered by the people” (36:3). Gaping mouths worldwide will talk of the need for more Israeli concessions to secure peace in the Middle East. World leaders will gather at the United Nations in New York this month and question the right of Jews to live in the Land of Israel. An international consensus is poised to push Israel back to the perilous pre-1967 lines and recognise a Palestinian state.

In response, the International Christian Embassy has activated our national branches to work within their respective countries for fairer treatment of Israel. We are already receiving reports back of encouraging meetings with elected officials and diplomatic envoys.

Secondly, tens of thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets in recent weeks to protest the rising costs of living. The demand for “social justice” started on Facebook when several “friends” called for a boycott of cottage cheese to protest the surging prices on dairy products. Then, 26 year-old Dafne Leef used social networking to invite others to her meager tent protest to call for lower rents for housing. She quickly found out many were in the same predicament. The nationwide protests have been notably peaceful, unlike other regional demonstrations this year, but the complaints over the widening social gap in Israel is genuine. The difference between rich and poor in Israel is greater than even the poorest countries in Europe, according to the daily Ha’aretz. Israel does boast a thriving economy driven by innovation and high-tech start-ups. But far too many ‘have-nots’ are being left behind.

In Deuteronomy, the poor are presented as a moral test for the social health of the nation. “For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, you shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.” (Deuteronomy 15:11)

While governments can and should play a role in relieving poverty, it will always remain the responsibility of the godly to open our hands to the poor. This has been a core calling of our ministry since the Christian Embassy was founded 30 years ago. Your support has made it possible for us to comfort and aid countless lives. And we need your help to continue this Christian witness of love and concern for all Israel.

Yours in Jesus,

Jürgen Bühler
(Interim) Executive Director

Word From Jerusalem

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Meantime, Netanyahu concluded the only way to guarantee a US veto in the Security Council was to give Obama further inducements to offer the Palestinians if they would come back to the negotiating table.

Netanyahu quietly offered to accept the 1967 lines as a framework for talks, but conditioned it on the Palestinians also recognising Israel as a Jewish state. The package deal was based on Obama’s subsequent speech before the AIPAC Policy Conference in which he clarified that talks over future borders needed to take into account “realities on the ground” – a euphemism for large Jewish settlement blocs that Israel hopes to retain in any final agreement.

Obama’s AIPAC address also included a key assurance glaringly missing from the State Department speech – that Israel should be accepted as a Jewish state, a formula which would effectively negate the Palestinian claim to a right of return for millions of refugees.

Israel’s flexibility was not reciprocated by the Palestinians, however. Abbas made clear in a recent New York Times opinion column that his goal in this diplomatic confrontation is to use a favourable UN resolution as a springboard for an intensified international legal campaign against Israel, thus deepening the conflict rather than resolving it.

Meantime, Netanyahu has warned Western leaders that a UN vote in favour of statehood would harden the Palestinian position for years to come and make it extremely difficult to negotiate a peace agreement.

The veteran Israeli leader hopes his recent flexibility has ensured a US veto of a Palestinian statehood resolution in the UN Security Council. This would leave the PA with the next-best option of requesting General Assembly acceptance of “Palestine” as a non-member state, with borders along the pre-1967 lines and Jerusalem as its capital.

While non-binding, such a result would bolster the legitimacy of Palestinian territorial claims against Israel, among other effects. Yet at the same time, the PA could also find its relations with Washington in the deep freeze for the foreseeable future, while handing Israel the validation it needs to take unilateral actions of its own.

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Appeal for Action

Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs has approached the ICEJ leadership in Jerusalem to urgently seek our help with the upcoming vote on Palestinian statehood at the UN. Israel considers this a serious threat to its international standing and the prospects for peace.

This bid for Palestinian statehood is expected to receive wide support at the UN, but every nation that votes against it or abstains will mark a victory for Israel. This is a true moral test of world leaders in our time.

We are therefore urging all Christians to join us in this battle by approaching your respective government leaders so that your country will not back a reckless petition for a Palestinian state. Please make every effort to do so.

Israel is counting on us!
Over recent weeks, I have been meditating on some passages in the book of Daniel concerning the prophet’s amazing experiences during special times of fasting and prayer.

In the prayer of Daniel in chapter 9, he sought the Lord for the specific fulfilment of the promise to return his people back to the land of Israel from their exile in Babylon. Two years later, however, Daniel prayed in chapter 10 for “understanding, wisdom and truth” (Daniel 10:1, 12). While in the first instance an angel arrived “swiftly” to answer Daniel’s petitions (Daniel 9:21), the second time his earnest prayers continued on for three weeks without any apparent answer. Finally, the angel of God arrived and informed him that while his petition was heard on the very first day, “the prince of the Kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days” (Daniel 10:13). When the angel finally did arrive, he did so in order “to tell what is noted in the scripture of truth” (10:21).

Put simply, Daniel was engaged in a battle for truth. Powerful demonic principalities tried to keep God’s messenger from reaching Daniel to give him understanding of the future. But it was Daniel’s perseverance in prayer and fasting which enabled the messenger of truth to complete his mission.

Daniel’s experience teaches us an important lesson: For truth to win out, we need to pray. It also teaches us that the battle for truth is taking place in the heavens. The Book of Revelation further tells us that in the last days, powerful lying spirits will be released in order to deceive world leaders into battle against Israel (Revelation 16:12-16). Even today, we see that powerful lies and slanders are being created in order to endanger Israel and undermine its very right to exist. At
this time, there are three major challenges confronting Israel and each one of them has to do with truth.

1. **The Flotilla Lie**
The ‘Gaza flotilla’ movement, which thankfully lost significant momentum this summer, represents a public relations assault on Israel’s legitimate arms embargo on the Gaza Strip. The flotilla organisers have blamed Israel for causing a “humanitarian crisis” in Gaza. The truth is so much aid reaches Gaza each month that local merchants complain it is driving down prices. The naval blockade is not about punishing the people of Gaza, but preventing Hamas and other terror militias from acquiring weapons to kill Israelis.

2. **The Durban Lie**
The upcoming Durban III conference, due to be held in New York in September, was originally planned as a summit to combat racism and xenophobia. But the previous two UN racism conferences (held in Durban in 2001, and Geneva in 2009), both turned into hate-fests against Israel. The agenda is simply to portray Israel as a racist, apartheid state and, as such, the central obstacle to world peace. Yet the truth is that Israel is the only free, democratic nation in the Middle East. (Note that the ICEJ will be taking part in a rally in New York against the Durban III conference in September.)

3. **The Statehood Lie**
This coming September will also see the Palestinian Authority attempt to bring a unilateral declaration of Palestinian Statehood to a vote in the United Nations General Assembly. This vote is being presented as an essential step for peace in the Middle East, when in reality it will simply reward the Palestinian Authority’s refusal to negotiate with Israel, its persistent support of terrorism, and its rejection of Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish state. In fact, the Israeli government warns that not only would such a vote contradict previous agreements and harm future negotiations, but it could provide the pretext for the launch of another Palestinian intifada. This has become a major diplomatic issue and a matter for urgent prayer.

I strongly sense that this is a crucial time for us to be on our knees for Israel. The urgency of the moment calls for a special time of prayer and fasting. Please gather your churches and your friends, your prayer groups and Bible study classes, in order to pray with us on these important matters.

It is interesting to note that the Jewish people are currently in a season of introspection and fasting which culminates in the “Days of Awe” – the period between Rosh Hashana in late September and Yom Kippur in early October. This long, dry season began on Tish B’Av – a day of mourning associated with the destruction of the First and Second Temples, and a day when the Jewish people traditionally cry out to God to save them and heal their land.

So again, please stand with us during this unique time of battling for truth and praying for the peace of Jerusalem.

May the Lord bless you out of Zion,

Dr. Jürgen Bühler
ICEJ Executive Director (interim)

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**Prayer Points**

1. **For Israel (Psalm 79:9-10)**
   - Pray for Israel to have favour and success in opposing the reckless Palestinian bid for statehood at the UN in September.
   - Pray that the Netanyahu government and Israeli public would be able to quickly agree on and implement affordable and effective solutions to the sharp rise in the costs of living in Israel.
   - Pray for protection for the nation as new acts of terrorism are being launched by Israel's enemies.

2. **For the World (Psalm 2:10-12)**
   - Pray that the world leaders will have the courage to oppose the ongoing Palestinian efforts to achieve statehood at the UN in September without Israel's consent and in violation of existing agreements.
   - Pray that God would frustrate any efforts to isolate or delegitimize Israel in the international arena through diplomatic initiatives, boycotts, flotillas and other provocative tactics.
   - Pray for the lies about Israel to be exposed and for the truth to prevail, especially in the actions of the UN General Assembly.

3. **For the Ministry of the ICEJ (Psalm 90:17)**
   - Pray that preparations for the 2011 Feast of Tabernacles will run smoothly for all the Embassy staff, invited speakers, volunteers and pilgrims. Pray that provision will come for all those planning to attend the Feast and that there will be a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our gathering.
   - Pray that key staff needs in the Jerusalem headquarters will be filled quickly by qualified persons of godly character.
   - Pray for consistent support for the work of ICEJ and our various humanitarian projects.
Gavriela is a new Jewish immigrant from Argentina. She made aliya together with her daughter, not knowing where they would go or what they would do. But she knew she belonged in Israel and was determined to get here.

Thanks to the organisation Katef l'katef (Shoulder-to-Shoulder), she is very hopeful that the decision will lead to a brighter future.

“They really are a shoulder to lean on”, Gavriela assured with a smile.

Shoulder-to-Shoulder was originally founded to help new immigrant families with little means to adjust to life in Israel. More recently, it has expanded its charitable outreach to also help Israeli-born families escape the cycle of poverty. Based on a unique mentoring program, the organisation has created an innovative model for lifting the underprivileged back into the mainstream of society.

“When we first started with Shoulder-to-Shoulder, the Christian Embassy was one of the first to support us”, recalled Yehuda Am-Shalem, director of the organisation. “We started out by helping five families and today we work with over a hundred.”

Many new immigrants to Israel need employment training, or even simple instructions on how to open bank accounts or arrange telephone services. Through their unique program, Shoulder-to-Shoulder is there for the olim in very practical ways, giving ICEJ AID the chance to sponsor new immigrant families when they need it the most.

As opposed to plans that rely on welfare payments, Shoulder-to-Shoulder enables families to move from economic dependency to financial independence. Rather than depending on government assistance, Gavriela and her daughter receive training on how to manage their own budget. Her daughter has also been properly prepared for the upcoming school year.
“I didn’t want money”, confessed Gavriela. “I needed practical assistance in going about daily routines in this new land.”

It makes for a process of family stability with minimal expense. Both Gavriela and her daughter speak Hebrew now. The daughter has learned the language especially fast by playing with other children.

“We want to be Israeli! We don’t want to remain immigrants for the rest of our lives”, Gavriela insisted.

The organisation has a holistic approach to the families they sponsor. The program operates by means of centers which are each headed by a family guide responsible for the progress of a family over the ensuing year. The mentor examines the family’s particular needs, identifying its strong and weak points and the main factors preventing it from achieving independence. At the start of the process, the family and the guide together formulate a vision that sets attainable goals for the family.

These goals are based on four main features of daily life for the family, including:

- Quality of life (health, food, clothing, items for the home);
- Proper management (economic recovery, family budget);
- Education (school supplements for children, extracurricular activities, enrichment), and
- Employment (professional training, assistance in finding and qualifying for jobs).

Ella Yosefov is a Shoulder-to-Shoulder guide who meets regularly with seven families. Each one is very different, with differing backgrounds, needs and outlooks.

“I try to focus on the new generation especially”, Ella noted. “They often deal with a serious identity crisis, and at the same time they are the future of Israel.”

The guide and the family develop a year’s work plan together that gradually transfers all responsibility onto the family itself. Each family can also receive free legal advice and other assistance for adjusting to life in Israel. If needed, Shoulder-to-Shoulder provides family and marriage counselling as well. Sometimes, families within the program also help each other, for instance by cooking for one another or babysitting each other’s kids.

To date, 90 percent of the families assisted by Shoulder-to-Shoulder have reached economic independence, with little or no need for state welfare services.

At present, the volunteer group has eight family mentors operating in four cities around the country: Ashdod, Ashkelon, Beersheva and Jerusalem. But they will soon be in need of more family guides, as concerned citizens in other cities across the nation are realising the program’s worth and seek to open local chapters. The Minister for Welfare and Social Services has also met with Shoulder-to-Shoulder representatives and a goal was proposed of expanding the work to 20 cities by the end of 2012.

Thanks to Christian generosity received from all around the world, ICEJ AID was able to prepare gift packages for some 30 new immigrant families through the Shoulder-to-Shoulder program this summer. The arrival packages included duvet covers, towels, toiletries and other household products for everyday use.

Beit Nadav

Over the years, it has become a tradition for pilgrims coming to the Feast of Tabernacles to bring along something extra in their suitcases for ICEJ AID to give to those in need. If you are considering to bring something to bless the people of Israel, here is a list of practical items that usually prove most helpful, preferably if new:

- TOILETRIES: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand creams and body lotions.
- NEW CLOTHES AND ITEMS FOR BABIES: Help us with gift packages for newborns.
- NEW CLOTHES AND TOYS FOR CHILDREN: Gladden some young hearts; socks and underwear are often requested.
- NEW KITCHEN AND BATH TOWELS, SHEETS & PILLOW CASES: These are wonderful gifts for needy families and new immigrants.

(Please keep in mind that we do not take used and second-hand items.)
Disabled Sports Center
Turning Lives Around
BY EMMANUEL MFOUKOU

For various reasons, Israel has an unusually high number of disabled citizens. Around 650,000 people, or almost 10% of the Israeli population, suffer from some degree of physical disability, according to the Israeli Sports Association for the Disabled.

Some were Israeli natives born with a handicap, while others were injured during their service as IDF soldiers during the nation’s many conflicts. Some are random victims of the numerous terrorist attacks launched against innocent civilians over the decades, or of the country’s many road accidents. Still others are disabled immigrants who moved to Israel for the advanced medical treatments it has on offer.

With such a large portion of the population suffering from disabilities it is crucial to have a facility for their rehabilitation. That is the purpose behind the Israel Sports Center for the Disabled in Ramat Gan.

The Center was founded in 1960, but its story goes back much further and is linked directly to Ludwig Guttmann, a German-Jewish doctor who is considered the father of the modern Paralympics movement.

In 1939, Dr. Guttmann fled Nazi Germany for England. While working there with patients suffering from spinal injuries, he discovered the importance of sports in the rehabilitation process. This discovery led him to set up games for the paralyzed in 1948. Over the ensuing years, these developed into the Paralympics, which were first held in 1960 alongside the Olympic Games in Rome.

Israel’s first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, learned of Guttmann’s work early on and invited him to Israel in 1949 in order to seek his advice on how to rehabilitate soldiers severely injured during the War of Independence. Guttmann’s first suggestion was to start a sports program, claiming it had been extremely helpful in providing motivation for the wounded from World War II.

In 1956, Israel was drawn into a second war in Sinai. In addition, a large number of Israeli children were born with polio in those years. Thus, the growing demand led to the creation of just such a sports program for the disabled.

What started out as a very small initiative in 1960 has since developed into one of the largest facilities for disabled athletes in the world, currently serving more than 2,000 members. Today, between 70-to-80% of all medals that Israelis have won in the Paralympics since 1960 have been carried home by athletes connected to the Israel Sports Center for the Disabled in Ramat Gan.

Boaz Kremer, the newly appointed director of ISCD, is currently ranked number 14 on the list of the world’s best wheelchair tennis players. He also holds the silver medal in tennis doubles from the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, and is currently preparing for the upcoming Paralympic Games in London next summer.

Kremer insists that the first goal of the center is to better integrate people with disabilities into Israeli society.

“We have more than 60 years of experience in the field and have learned that there is a very strong link between sports participation and social integration”, he explained. “Many of us have used sports as a platform for gaining self-confidence and becoming productive members of society, instead of a burden.”
Kremer is a stunning example of what the center can do for people with physical disabilities. A graduate of the medical school at Tel Aviv University, he is married and the father of a young daughter.

“As much as we are happy to see our members win sport events, we are even happier to see our people succeed in society. That in itself is more important than the athletic side”, he said.

He is especially proud of the unique model that the center has become.

“It’s like nothing else in the world”, he enthused. “I know many international athletes that I have met on tours, and all of them envy us for having such a sport center.”

One of the many people who have recovered from serious life blows thanks to the sports center is Asael Shabo. In 2002, when he was only eight years old, a Palestinian terrorist broke into his family’s house in the settlement of Itamar and killed his mother and three of his brothers. Asael managed to survive the attack but lost his right leg.

During his time in hospital, he was invited to the center and after only a couple of swimming lessons developed a love for the sport. Ten years later, Asael is one of the best disabled swimmers in the world, currently holding the Israeli record for 50 meters freestyle. He is aiming to participate in the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janiero.

A couple years ago, Asael also developed an interest in wheelchair basketball, and discipline and hard training have landed him a spot on the Israeli national basketball team.

Today, Asael lives with his father in Kedumim, in the Shomron, and spends a large part of his time practicing both swimming and basketball at the center near Tel Aviv.

When asked what the center has meant to him, Asael explained: “After the attack it was very hard for the surviving family to relate to one another... The center encouraged me during those hard times and helped me become wiser, to become an adult. The sports do something good for the body and the mind, which makes you smarter. You grow both physically and mentally.”

Despite the tremendous impact the center has had on many disabled athletes in Israel, it receives no government funding and is thus struggling financially. Around half of the budget is raised within Israel and the rest from donors worldwide. Kramer was grateful that Christians are becoming very strong advocates of the center, and noted in particular the sponsorship provided by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem over the past seven years.

Please join with us in continuing this worthy program to assist and uplift Israel’s disabled. Give to ICEJ AID today at www.icej.org/
Christian Friends of Yad Vashem, created in partnership with the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, recently hosted a special Christian Leadership Conference in Jerusalem for training in Holocaust education and combating the resurgence of anti-Semitism.

Some 25 Christian leaders from 11 countries came for the 10-day event, which included an array of seminars at Yad Vashem as well as a tour of biblical and other sites in Israel. Besides traversing the Holy Land, the attendees also engaged with Holocaust survivors.

The conference sought to take already accomplished Christian leaders and enhance their knowledge base on the Nazi genocide against the Jews, as well as their ability to address moral and historical issues related to the tragic legacy of Christian anti-Semitism.

Indeed, the pastors and other church leaders returned to their various home countries acknowledging that they had been inspired to spread what they had learned with clarity and passion.

“The conference was very effective and very well done. I reflect on it daily”, said American pastor John Henderson in retrospect. “Yad Vashem and ICEJ have fuelled the passion in my heart to continue to speak out for Israel and the Jewish people.”

“Yad Vashem speaks for life – despite the tragic events it stands for”, insisted Johanna Manner from Finland. “Yad Vashem speaks of hope, of choices, of moral values, of the sanctity and value of life.”

Jaakko Happonen, also from Finland, added that “it is in now engrained in me to recognise anti-Semitism and to fight it wherever it pops up”.

“I have returned with a real desire to share my experiences with as many people as I can”, assured Steven Elms from Liverpool, England. “I want to really encourage Christians to understand what happened, particularly the contemporary relevance in light of the dangerous and misunderstood rise of Islam.”

Dr. Susanna Kokkonen, director of Christian Friends of Yad Vashem, said the entire delegation was “so grateful to share the experience with such unique, talented and wonderfully spiritual fellow travellers, who each brought something new to the table. For having such a diverse international group, it was clear their hearts were from the same place.”

“Never have I met such a sincere, dedicated and upright group of Christians and I know they will make a huge difference in their home countries”, added Dr. Ephraim Kaye, director of international seminars at Yad Vashem.

The Christian Desk at Yad Vashem is a crucial part of the ministry of the ICEJ. For more information on becoming a Christian Friend of Yad Vashem, go to: http://int.icej.org/christian-friends-yad-vashem
Sinking Sand

By Malcolm Hedding

There is not one part of the world today that is not in some kind of upheaval. Europe has literally gone bankrupt as one EU country after another has descended into financial chaos. More will follow!

America is drowning in debt and embroiled in two wars.

The Arab world is engulfed in protests as millions attempt to finally break free from totalitarian dictatorships.

And Africa continues to struggle with poverty, war, famine and inept governments.

Then there are the alarming images of London burning, as lawless youths rampage through its streets.

Even Israel has been beset by protesters who have had enough of the outrageously high costs of basic food and housing.

Add to this a nature that is seemingly out of control, ravaging almost every part of the globe.

More sobering is the fact that much of the above is man-made, as misguided socialist policies have promised entitlements to all. The age-old ideas of hard work and discipline are gone. Now everyone is a victim and deserves a ‘free ride’. Politicians have recklessly promised these entitlements without ever thinking about the consequences. Truly we are on sinking sand!

The chaos is everywhere and with it comes great risks! Germany taught us that out of such chaos a strong man arose in the 1930s, through a democratic process, who promised order, hope, prosperity and peace. He turned out to be a tyrant, without equal in human history, and in the end destroyed 53 million lives. Could the global chaos facing the world today produce a similar figure?

Indeed, the world is longing for a leader who will extract it from its ever growing woes.

The economic meltdown threatens everyone. Without a stable financial order, there can be no future for the average citizen. Thus economic stability is the major issue facing the world. In response, economists and politicians are beginning to call for a one world currency and a stronger form of global government. Just last year, Russia’s president presented a global currency coin to the international community! To be sure, he was not playing.

On the other hand, the Bible warns that days of great shaking will beset the world, to remove the flimsy foundations upon which humanity has built its plans and systems. These shakings will also involve the natural elements. Men’s hearts will fail them! The Bible also warns of unprecedented lawlessness. All of this comes because the world is weighted down with sin and rebellion against God.

This same Bible also warns that out of world chaos a global leader will emerge who initially will achieve great success and thereby gain the allegiance of the unsuspecting masses. He will bring the world to ruin just as Hitler did. We would do well to place our feet upon the foundation of God’s Word. Anything less will leave us on sinking sand!

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2011 Feast of Tabernacles

October 13-18

Event Schedule

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
Opening Ceremonies (7:30pm)
International Convention Center Jerusalem

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
Morning Seminars (8:30am)
International Convention Center Jerusalem
Evening Celebration (6:30pm)
Outdoor event at the Ein Gedi Spa (Dead Sea)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
Evening Celebration (7:30pm)
International Convention Center Jerusalem

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
Morning Seminars (8:30am)
Evening Celebration (7:30pm)
International Convention Center Jerusalem

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
Morning Seminars (8:30am)
Evening Celebration (7:30pm)
International Convention Center Jerusalem

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
Morning Seminars (8:30am)
Grand Finale Evening Celebration (7:30pm)
International Convention Center Jerusalem

Please Note* Events, times, locations, and speakers are subject to change

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