ISRAEL & BOSNIA (YUGOSLAVIA) IN PROPHECY DEC 95

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These notes, composed from 2013 on, are based on taped lectures given between 1977 and 1997 by Dr. Ernest L. Martin, Ph.D., formerly the Head of Theology for the Worldwide Church of God; he resigned in January 1974 because of his unresolved doctrinal issues with the administration. Sadly Dr. Martin died in January 2002, a great loss to the world and to those who seek Biblical truth.

There has been unrest and forms of civil war going on in the area of Bosnia which used to be called Yugoslavia for the last 500 years. This friction occurred due to the introduction by the Turks of Islam, but they have latterly retreated to the South East corner of Europe, but still the Balkans, the mountainous district where there are Croats, Roman Catholics, Muslims and Serbs, all warring with each other. North East of this area are Serbs, Orthodox Christians and others.

All 'Christians' are at loggerheads with each other. Muslims do not accept Christ and are unhappy with those who do not share their views.

The United Nations might be able to keep a lid on the situation with a form of 'peace' keeping activities, but if they leave, the situation will undoubtedly revert to simmering civil war which is the worst kind of war there is.

The 1st World War started in this region with the loss of 40 million lives, and the 2nd World War also started as a result of conflicts of interest in this area with the loss of 50 million lives. Extensions of these ancient rivalries will likely continue as they are unlikely to move away from each other far enough to cease hostilities.

Peace is an attitude of mind which is hard enough to maintain within our own selves, as we witness the war in our own members.

Romans 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

This internal conflict spreads out from us, and involves others if we are not diligent. The disagreements between people lead to warring attitudes, these lead to factions warring, and then to nations warring.

At this moment, there is little or no incentive for people with divergent views to make any attempt to reconcile them. Human nature finds it all too easy

to hang on to divisive ideas. A change can only come from God, no human effort can bring it about.

Attitudes have to change in this world, and they are going to. There is coming a false type of millennium which will not last, but there will be a revision of the way nations deal with each other as they re-evaluate the global situation. Sunni Arabs, Muslims, Jews, Christians are all divided by deep seated religious factions within themselves as well as against others of differing faith. Even the Jews are divided by differing concepts of Mosaic principles that separate them.

All these different groups have an interest in Jerusalem as part of their heritage as they understand it. Mohammed left on his horse, went to heaven, then returned to earth, and now those who follow Islam worship a meteorite idol in the area.

Since the time of David and Solomon, and the building of the Temple in Jerusalem the Jews have more than a vested interest in the area. Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox Christians, Christians, Muslims, Jews, all have their mental swords drawn against each other. The whole area is ripe for civil war, but there is a change of attitude coming out of Jerusalem, and the ripples will spread out like they do with a pebble thrown into a still lake, not just locally, but globally, perhaps even reaching to China and Japan.

What have I had to do to become a Christian? All I had to do was to respond to the switch God flipped in my mind so that I could believe in Christ, understand that the Bible is His word, repent, and understand who I really am, an actual member of the Family of God.

But even that response is not mine, it is God who is working in the minds of those who believe, and we are His Workmanship. It is God who is working on His Plan that He put in place before the world began.

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

The Bible is full of repetitions for emphasis.

John 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. 66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

Interesting that despite many miracles and proofs that Christ was indeed the Son of God, was indeed our Creator in the flesh, many gave up following and hearing Jesus preaching, and left Him. It takes a miracle from God to keep going in the face of unbelief, lack of faith, and the entanglement we all have with the matters of this life.

Those of us who are 'the called' find ourselves separated from everyone else in the world, and from our family and friends because of what we believe and know. Being a follower of Christ is not an easy thing, but what an opportunity!

People will have to come to the place where they can see they are wrong, and are willing to admit it. That situation can only come about with new understanding, and that is part of what is going to happen as 'knowledge is increased' as it foretells in Daniel. God changes attitudes, and He is going to start in Jerusalem, and this will lead to a temporary peace as events unfold.

B Genesis 10 gives the names of the children born to Noah's three sons after the flood, who gave rise to all the peoples extant on this earth to this day. Japheth which means 'enlarged' gave rise mostly to the brown and yellow peoples of whom there are more all over the earth than any other of the descendents of Noah's sons.

There are many prophecies regarding the area of the Balkans, and of areas settled by Javan which is greater than just Greece. The King James Version translates Javan as Greeks on occasion, but when they left the area of Babylon and Shinar the region of Babylon they spread out, first to Europe. They then migrated to the Northern Mediterranean, then Eastwards. They also headed West and settled in many other areas other than Greece such as Spain and France. In fact they went into all the world. But Javan became attached to the Balkans area.

In the book of Daniel, chapter 10 introduces a section called by the Archangel Gabriel "The Scripture of Truth" in chapters 11, and 12. Daniel was unable to understand the prophecy for three weeks. But it is clear that the whole prophecy was for the end time.

Dan 10:14 Daniel was told what shall happen to Israel in the latter days.

Chapter 11:2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all:

and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia (this = Javan).

The translators used the word in this way as they understood this to mean Alexander the Great. If Alexander the Great is mentioned, he was only a type of the head of the worldwide Babylonian System which will exist until the return of Christ.

Daniel 11:3-19 The first king, is the king of 'Javan'. The king of the North. He will cover the area of the Balkans, which includes Turkey, Iraq, Iran or Persia, is where this will happen.

Daniel 11:20 the second king.

Daniel 11:21 the third king.

Iran in Isaiah 40-45 is going to be involved with Israel.

The world has become so small that everyone has to be involved to attempt to keep the peace. But there is not going to be any peace until attitudes change. The Elijah to come will preach a change of attitude, and God will cause many to have a mind change. Peace and harmony will be the result.

Not one of us understands how this is going to come about. God just has not made His scriptures plain to everyone. People thought for many years that Christ was crucified on the Mount of Olives.

The last six chapters of Zechariah were written by Jeremiah, and they were attached to Zechariah over a hundred years later as is revealed in Matthew 27:1-10. Jeremiah was the 'axial' prophet who introduced a 'new age' when the Messiah would be on the earth. In this prophecy Javan is mentioned.

Zechariah 9:

where Javan is mentioned but translated Greece.

Numbers 24: The last of Balaam's prophecies, mention Chittim.

Zechariah Chapters 9, 10, and 11 are also prophesying the second coming of Christ. Chapters 12, 13 and 14 are one long prophecy, these should all be read regularly to keep us in mind of what is coming, as it is so clear what it is talking about. Chapter 14 is the most important. Christ's feet will

touch the Mount of Olives, and the Mount will split in two. That has not happened yet.

This change of attitude is not going to happen in the U.S., or Rome, or anywhere else. It is going to happen in and around Jerusalem just prior to the second coming of Christ, and this will reach out into the Balkans area.

Muslims are idolators worshipping a meteorite, and a man. Christians are also idolators with their idols, pictures of Christ, the crucifix etc., People will come to see that all religions are wrong, and they are also going to realize that the way nations are run are conducive to chaos and war and wanting to change that.

There is going to be a renewed civil war which will destroy the temporary peace.

Keep your eyes open to Jerusalem and what is going on in the Balkans area, because this is where it is all going to happen.