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The Writing on the Wall

Part One

The prophet Yeshayahu (54,17):

*No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that **accuses** you.*

This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from Me, declares the Lord.

Kohelet 3,16:

And I saw something else under the sun:

In the place of judgment (courts) wickedness was there (corrupt judges)

in the place of justice, wickedness was there (personal interest).

The Writing on the Wall, as recorded in the book of Daniel, chapter five.

Belshazzar, last of the Babylonian empire kings, was the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar, destroyer of the first Temple who exiled the aristocracy of Yerushalayim and its Torah scholars and took back with him to Babylon many of the Temple's exquisite vessels.

Belshazzar hosted a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles, and ordered the use of the gold and silver goblets that were taken from the Temple. Suddenly the form of a human hand appeared out of nowhere and wrote on the wall in Hebrew letters:

"mene, mene, tekel, upharsim".

None of those present could understand their meaning, until Daniel, the Jewish exile, was summoned to aid in deciphering the message.

Daniel came and immediately said to the king:

Belshazzar, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from His temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in His hand your life and all your ways. Therefore, He sent the hand that wrote the inscription. This is what these words mean:

Mene Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

Upharsim: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

That very night, Belshazzar was murdered and Cyrus the Persian and Darius the Mede took over to reign the former kingdom of

Babylon.

In our time... Karim Asad Ahmad Khan, Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, this week advised the court to issue arrest warrants against Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defense Minister Gallant of Israel and, on the side of Hamas, warrants for the arch murderers Yahya Sinwar, Mohammed Deif, and Ismail Haniyeh.

Karim Khan made it clear that not only is he evil but also stupid by equating the leaders of the Jewish State with the Nazis of Hamas, a brutal terrorist organization that perpetrated the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust.

Some European countries have already declared that if the ICC accepts the prosecutor's recommendation, they will implement the arrest warrants; and other nations are joining suit.

This evil development linked together with the announcements of Ireland, Spain and Norway that they will recognize a Palestinian state, with more European nations expected to follow, corroborates what is common knowledge – that Christian Europe is suffering from a terminal illness called Judenhass.

Under the circumstances, if the learned judges of the ICC would look to the ceiling they would see handwriting in Russian Cyrillic, the words: “*mene, mene, tekel, upharsim*” which mean:

HaShem has numbered the days of your reign (Europe) and brought them to an end.

You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

Your nations will be divided.

And why in Cyrillic? Because the players are already in position, with Russia's announcement this week that they are training their troops in tactical atomic warfare or any one of

HaShem's unlimited methods of dealing with those who would harm His nation, Am Yisrael.

Part Two

What's with the US in their grotesque maneuvers to undermine the security of Israel while appearing to be our staunchest ally?

It has been my experience in many areas that that which is open, obvious, logical and up front is never the real story. The true intentions of devious men and countries are to be found where the light of day never shines.

I submit:

There is a four-way scramble between the region's Moslem nations for the leadership of the Middle East.

- Arab Egypt with its 110 million subjects and the largest army in the area.
- Non-Arab Turkey with one foot in Asia and the other in Europe.
- Shi'ite Iran as apart from the others which are Sunni Moslems.
- Saudi Arabia, the cradle of Islam.

Each has a claim, but none has the absolute ability to wear the crown.

But, lo and behold, the tiny country of Jewish Israel with our 7 million Jews is the winner take all! We are the area's star. The most advanced nation according to any criteria, satisfaction of its citizens, high tech, freedom, democratic institutions, medicine, start-ups, nuclear advancement, Nobel prize winners; just about everything, as we leave all the rest behind in the dust.

I would not be surprised if there is covert collaboration between nations to diminish the role of Israel among the

family of nations. This could help explain why the US is obviously trying to prevent our total victory in Gaza.

Just a Thought!

Shabbat Shalom,

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