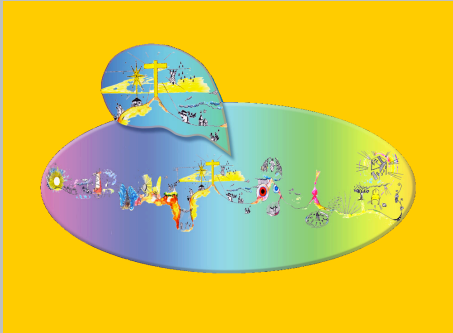


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# LETTER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

## 【PROPHECIES ABOUT EGYPT IN THE BIBLE】

*An oracle concerning Egypt: See, the LORD rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt. The idols of Egypt tremble before him, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt, within them.*

*“I will stir up Egyptian against Egyptian—brother, will fight against brother, city against city, kingdom against kingdom. The Egyptians will lose heart, and I will bring their plans to nothing; they will consult the idols and the spirits of the dead, the mediums and the spiritists. I will hand the Egyptian over to the power of a cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them,” declares the LORD Almighty.*

*.....In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will shudder with fear at the uplifted hand that the LORD Almighty raises against them. And the land of Judah will bring terror to the Egyptians; everyone to whom Judah is mentioned will be terrified, because of what the LORD Almighty is planning against them.*

*In the day five cities in Egypt will speak the language of Canaan and swear allegiance to the LORD Almighty. One of them will be called the City of Destruction.*

*In that day there will be altar to the LORD in the heart of Egypt, and a monument to the LORD at its border. It will be a sign and witness to the LORD Almighty in the land of Egypt. When they cry out to the LORD because of their oppressors, he will send them a saviour and defender, and he will rescue them. So the LORD will make himself known to the Egyptians, and in that day they will acknowledge the LORD. They will worship with sacrifices and grain offerings, they will make vows to the LORD and keep them. The LORD will strike Egypt with a plague; he will strike them and heal them. They will turn to the*

It is reported that a great proportion of the population of many countries live in abject poverty. Many countries around the world are said to be struggling to provide jobs, food and housing for their inhabitants. Even in Egypt, which has been thought to be fairly stable until now, forty percent of the population is reported to live on two dollars a day or less. For three decades after the assassination of former president Anwar Sadat, Egypt has been ruled by Hosni Mubarak's authoritarian regime, during which Mubarak himself has made it alive through six assassination attempts. According to "*Haaretz*" Israel news, most Israelis were either born or immigrated to Egypt during Mubarak's rule. This shows the significance of the stability that Mubarak provided them with, despite all the upheavals that took place in the Middle East over the past three decades. However, now that Mubarak was thrown out following eighteen days of protests in Egypt, the entire region has been enveloped by uncertainty throughout the Middle East and North Africa. A report in "*Haaretz*" published on 13th Feb states: 'History teaches us that after revolutions, it takes a number of years of domestic infighting before the new regime stabilizes. This uncertainty troubles Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu...is afraid of the possibility that Egypt may become an Islamic republic, hostile to Israel - a sort of new Iran but much closer physically. He hopes this doesn't happen and that Egypt will follow Turkey's footsteps, preserving formal ties with Israel, embassies, air connections and trade...The toppling of the regime in Cairo does not alter this strategic logic. The revolutionaries at Tahrir Square were motivated by Egyptian national pride and not by their adoration of the Islamic Revolution in Iran'.

After heavy-handed regimes in Egypt and Tunisia were toppled over, the stern reality is that more than sixteen Arab countries have for the present been experiencing unrest. "*Israel National News*" delivered on 15th Feb. brings us a brief review on what's happening with the Arabs – and the Jews – in the various states in alphabetical order as follows:

**ALGERIA:**

Hundreds of protestors clashed with security forces in the capital city of Algiers over the past few days, demanding the ouster of President Abdelaziz Bouteflika. About 100 have been arrested. Bouteflika has agreed to lift the nearly 20-year-old state of emergency with which the country has been ruled. Algeria's Jewish population can be traced back about 2,600 years, to when the First Temple was destroyed. After Algeria achieved independence from France in 1962, most of the country's 130,000 Jews – who had long suffered from local anti-Semitism – emigrated to France. By the 1990's, most of the remaining Jews had emigrated. In 1994, the rebel Armed Islamic Group declared war on all non-Muslims in the country. The Algiers synagogue was abandoned that year and later became a mosque. Slightly more than 200 Jews remain today in Algeria, mostly in Algiers.

**BAHRAIN:**

Thousands of people are marching in the streets today, demanding the regime's ousting. At least two protestors have been killed and three police officers hurt. The small island kingdom (population 1.25 million) has been ruled by the Al Khalifa royal family for nearly two centuries, since 1820.

After World War II, riots were focused against the middle-class Jewish community. By 1948, most of Bahrain Jewry abandoned its properties and evacuated to Bombay, India and later to Israel and the United Kingdom. As of 2008, 37 Jews remained in the country; the issue of compensation was never settled. In 2008, King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa called on the Jews who emigrated to return.

**EGYPT:**

Unrest continues despite the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak on Friday. Banks and the stock market remain closed, while the army attempts to take control until elections are able to be arranged.

In 1956, the Egyptian government issued a proclamation stating that "all Jews are Zionists and enemies of the state" and threatened them with expulsion. As a result, half of Egypt's 50,000 Jews left, and 1,000 were imprisoned. After the 1967 war, nearly all Egyptian Jewish men aged 17-60 were either thrown out of the country or incarcerated and tortured. Fewer than 100 Jews remain in Egypt today.

**IRAN:** Tens of thousands of anti-Ahmadinejad demonstrators marched in downtown Tehran on Monday.

The Parliament Speaker blamed the United States and Israel for the protests. Opposition activists continue to call for more demonstrations, in which security forces have fired tear gas; dozens of people have been arrested, and two opposition leaders have been placed under house arrest.

“The parliament condemns the Zionist, American, anti-revolutionary and anti-national action of the misled seditionists,” Speaker Ali Larijani said during a parliament session.

Jews in Iran, formerly known as Persia, date back 4,000 years. In 1948, the population numbered close to 150,000, and at the time of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, the number was 80,000. From then on, Jewish emigration increased dramatically. Estimates of today’s population range from 20,000 to 35,000. Iran’s Jewish community, the largest among Muslim countries, is officially recognized as a religious minority group and as such is allocated one seat in the Iranian Parliament. Tehran has 11 functioning synagogues.

#### **IRAQ:**

Though Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki’s regime does not appear to be in imminent danger, thousands of people have rallied in recent days and weeks across the country, protesting poverty, high unemployment, and shortages of food, electricity and water. Al-Maliki has announced a 50% cut in his \$350,000 salary and that he would not run for a third term in 2014. Iraqi Jewry dates back at least 2,600 years, and numbered around 120,000 in 1948. Nearly all the Jews left because of persecution following Israel’s War of Independence, and today fewer than 100 Jews remain.

#### **TUNISIA:**

The future of Tunisia is still in doubt, following the fleeing of longtime President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali as a result of the December unrest that sparked the protests across the Middle East. The EU’s top foreign policy official, Catherine Ashton, met yesterday with various leaders in an attempt to shape a policy for governing the country. In 1941, Tunisia was home to roughly 100,000 Jews, and a year later became the only Arab country to come under direct Nazi occupation during World War II. The Nazis forced Jews to wear the yellow Star of David, confiscated property, and sent some 5,700 Jews to forced labor camps, where 150 died in the camps or the bombings. In the 1950’s, anti-Semitism and other forms of persecution led to the departure of tens of thousands of Jews; each person was allowed to leave with approximately \$5 of their own money. As of now, 700 Jews live in the city of Tunis and 1,000 on the island of Djerba.

*Amidst the Arab demands for the restitution of Arab refugees from the 1948 war, it is largely forgotten that around that time, more than 870,000 Jews lived in the various Arab countries. In many cases, they were persecuted politically and physically, and their property was confiscated; some 600,000 Jews found refuge in the State of Israel. Their material claims for their lost assets have never been seriously considered.*

According to “*israel today Magazine*”, when the demonstration first began in Cairo on 25th Jan. they were significantly led by a large group of students with a list of specific demands. Mubarak subsequently agreed to most of their demands; that this should be his last term in office and that he would not establish a dictatorial dynasty with his son taking over next. Thus, the uprising should have died down there and then. However, according to an anonymous Christian source in Cairo, something changed in the uprising after the first few days, after Mubarak had already agreed to most of the reforms demanded by the original protestors. He said, ‘What is happening right now is a conspiracy to topple Mubarak from outside the country’. The following is an excerpt from the magazine: “Only a few people (hundreds?) are still there from the original protesters,” he noted. “They have been slowly replaced by other highly organized groups that all carry the same model of cell phones and have the same blankets.” There are even reports that these groups may not be Egyptians at all, with some eye witnesses saying they clearly do not speak Arabic with an Egyptian accent or in the local dialect. “This is typical of the Muslim Brotherhood, and everybody on the streets of Cairo knows this. We heard people on the streets saying that the plot to take over the country is now clear,” revealed the source. “The escalation of violence...is because of this. Egyptians who love Egypt, the millions that took to the streets yesterday, want this to end.” The West is afraid of the “Arab street” and is only being fed in that approach by the mainstream media. After all, violence and revolution make a much better story than compliance and smooth reform.’... This man reported that over a million people had gathered last week in Cairo expressing acceptance of Mubarak’s proposed reforms and dialogue regarding the

outstanding issues. And he said similar demonstrations had been held around the country. Over the weekend, the Mubarak government further complied with protestor demands when the old corrupt leaders of the president's party all resigned. "The cry of the people of Egypt is being totally ignored by the international news media," he said, questioning, "Is this on purpose?"... Israeli officials are furious at the way the US and Europe are handling the situation. "I think the Americans still don't realize the extent of the catastrophe into which they have pushed the Middle East"... Likud lawmaker...said that Obama should also be learning from the mistakes in Iraq, where an American-style democracy has led to a "saturation of terror."

The fact that rebellions or revolutions accompany conspiracies is a well-known historical fact. If the above information is reliable, there comes up the usual suspicion that somebody must be behind the scene, who is ready to step in to the vacuum of power created by the upheaval in Egypt and other countries. The pace at which the Egyptian society has broken down over the past weeks has been breathtaking. Unfathomable huge riots in the streets of major Egyptian cities one after another took place, and now Egypt will never be the same again. When society breaks down there are always the globalists trying to direct events to their benefit, setting up a system that would transfer all wealth into their hands. The following article in "*The American Dream*" issued on 1st Feb. backs up such thoughts: 'Egypt gets so deep in debt that they can no longer function without even more loans, and that gives the IMF, the World Bank and other globalist institutions an extreme amount of leverage over the Egyptian government. Suddenly it becomes next to impossible for the government of Egypt to resist what the globalists want them to do...The global elite want to keep nations very deeply in debt and they want to keep most of the global population trapped in desperate poverty because this gives them control...The wealth that the global elite have already accumulated is absolutely staggering. According to Forbes magazine, the 69 billionaires from 20 different nations that gathered for the World Economic Forum meetings in Davos, Switzerland this year had a combined total net worth of 427 billion dollars. That is an amount larger than the GDP of Israel and the GDP of Egypt combined...Over the decades, the globalists have had so many favorable laws passed and have had so many rules changed that now the game is incredibly rigged in their favor. The monolithic predator corporations and voraciously greedy financial institutions that now dominate our society make it very difficult for anyone else to compete with them...By any measure, the gap between the wealthy and the rest of us is rapidly growing...' This article explicitly suggests that all nations are within those global predators' target next to Egypt.

There are many unfulfilled prophecies about Egypt in the Scripture, one of which quoted at the beginning from Isaiah clearly fits to the present situation. In the context, Egypt was outwardly in alliance with Judah and through internal strife the dynasty was overthrown. Consequently, independent states would be formed under a tyrannical dictator such a king of Assyria (who Isaiah depicts in the following Chapter 20, verse4, '*will lead away stripped and barefoot the Egyptian captives and Cushite exiles, young and old, with buttocks bared—to Egypt's shame*').

However, after hardships this prophecy concludes in a glorious reunion of the nation of Egypt under the allegiance to the Lord, when even the '*City of Destruction*', i.e., Heliopolis "City of the Sun" dedicated to a Sun god, would be one of the many cities that acknowledge the true God. In the following verses, Isaiah further foresees a series of divine intervention to both Egypt and even Assyria, so-called Israel's prominent enemy, that they will turn their hearts towards Him. The prophet Ezekiel also illustrates Egypt's quite long difficult period under the judgment of the Lord, which is a '*time of doom for the nations*' as well, in which '*Cush and Put (Libya), Lydia (northern Africa) and all Arabia, Libya and the people of the covenant land (Jews living in Egypt) will fall by the sword along with Egypt*' (Ez.30:5). Although the seven oracles against Egypt mentioned between Ezekiel 29 and 32 were partially fulfilled by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon in around 580 BCE, they will still await their complete fulfilment. In the midst of chaotic upheavals, one thing certain is, the Lord is sovereign beyond all human conspiracies and God allows godless leaders to ultimately fulfil His purposes to turn the hearts of the nations to Him.