



Praying for Israel!
Updates from Daniel & Amber and Martin & Norma!



Thursday, September 6, 2012

Dear Friends of Israel:

I love that we have a God who communicates to us in our dreams. All through the Word of God, we find our Lord communicating in dreams and visions to protect and secure His inheritance in the earth. ***Amber and Daniel Pierce*** share two dreams in the first portion of this report. Please continue to pray for the situation in Israel, and that violence and lawlessness will not erupt. Also, allow the Lord to quicken you to the ways He is empowering you to withstand your enemies. Don't resist the Holy Spirit speaking through you to declare His heart and mind to change the atmosphere around you, as well as the nations.

The second portion of this email is a **Prayer Update from Israel** from ***Martin and Norma Sarvis***. Once again, they provide key insights and focuses to help you pray for Israel at this time. Please be sure to read through the whole email so you don't miss everything that is being shared!

Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

An Update from Daniel and Amber Pierce

September 5, 2012

In the last letter that we wrote I shared two dreams that God had given me in April. I also had another one that I had not yet shared. In this dream, we were in the Galilee region and Syria had begun to shoot rockets into that region also. On every rocket that was launched, there was a spirit of lawlessness attached to it and the peace that exists now, was no more. There was looting and stealing and it became unsafe to even walk down the street to the convenience store. God was giving us strategies to walk through the danger. So, there was not only an issue of trying to stay safe from the rockets, but also, lawlessness had taken over, causing crime to be an issue in that region of Israel.

While we were in the United States this summer, I had another dream that I feel connects to all of these dreams concerning Israel and the Middle East. In this dream I was in the Global Spheres Center preparing to put Lily down for a nap and I was planning to visit with different people in the offices. Once I got Lily to sleep, I realized that one of the doors would not lock

and I felt it was insecure. Every time I would lock the door it would unlock. Over and over I would lock it and it would come unlocked until the door flew open. There was a woman who appeared to be a witch, who immediately began to bind me in curses right at the door. All of these curses were surrounding me to the point that I could not speak or move and my biggest concern was Lily's safety. I tried to call out to Jesus and break the curses but I couldn't speak.

After struggling for a while I realized that I could blow. I began to gently blow from my mouth and just my breath caused her to fall down. In this dream I realized that I had a new weapon of breath that created a powerful wind. As I asked the Lord about this dream, He showed me its connection to Israel and how so many enemies are encircling her with curses. God showed me the power in the wind to carry any harmful thing away. It reminds me of what I wrote about in our last letter, that the power of life and death is in our tongues. We do believe that chemical weapons will cause a threat to Israel. I have seen it three times in dreams. But we believe that wind is the strategy.

I've been studying in the book of Micah and everything that the Lord promised to Israel. A promise from the Lord in Micah 5:5-9 is that *"He will deliver us from the Assyrians when they invade our land and march across our borders. The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, which mauls and mangles as it goes, and no one can rescue. Your hand will be lifted up in triumph over your enemies, and all your foes will be destroyed."* God is calling Israel to stand alone before Him, as He defends us. We will see the hand of God so heavy over Israel in this coming war that no one will be able to doubt that our deliverance wasn't by His supernatural protection.

Blessings,



Daniel, Amber, and Lily Pierce

Also you can connect with us on our Facebook page, Daniel and Amber Pierce. Some of you connected with us and it has been so encouraging for us. We go through some seasons that we feel isolated so any connection that we can make with you is great!

We appreciate your prayer and giving for Israel. You may donate by clicking [HERE](#) (and noting Pierce Support in Israel in the comment line) or by calling **1 (940) 382-7231**.

Prayer Update From Israel (September 6, 2012)



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1. LIONS AND HONEY

“From the eater came something to eat/From the strong came something sweet”

(Judges 14:14).

It is fascinating to consider the significance of the tiny ancient symbols being unearthed in Israel over the past year or so. First a tiny bell in Jerusalem’s City of David (see *Prayer Update* 26 July 2011), suggested by archaeologists to be related to the “bells and pomegranates” worn on the robes of ancient Biblical priests; then there was the 1500-year-old “bread stamp” discovered in Acre (*Prayer Update* 16 January 2012) and bearing the image of a menorah. Now the ½ inch seal shown above has been unearthed near Bet Shemesh—a crudely engraved two-legged figure facing-off with a four-legged creature with a long tail. It is the archaeologists themselves who have identified the picture with the Biblical story of Samson as he went down to the Philistine town of *Timnah*, ***“Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand... And after some time, when he returned...he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion. And behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the carcass of the lion. He took some of it in his hands and went along, eating...”*** (Judges 14:5-9). The seal dates to 1200 B.C.—roughly the time of the Judges, and the location where it was found is near to where Samson is thought to have lived and been buried (See: “TAU finds 12th century BCE image of biblical Samson” ,By Ben Hartman: *JPost.com*; 08/15/2012 19:09). ***May the Holy Spirit grant us revelation to see what God is saying as these ancient symbols come to light!***

PLEASE PRAY:

****For power of the Spirit of the LORD to come mightily upon believers so as to do “exploits” in the spiritual warfare which can only intensify in Israel during the coming season. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world!” (I Peter 5:8-9).***

ROARINGS

***For discernment in identifying the roarings!** The Hebrew for “roar” is *sha’ag*. This is what the hostile lion was doing as it “*roared to meet*” Samson. However, it is also what Amos 1:2 says of the LORD, “*YHVH roars from Zion, and utters His voice from Jerusalem.*” Amos 3:8 uses a lion’s roar as a simile for God’s timely release of His word to His prophets and their response—“*Surely the Lord YHVH does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord YHVH has spoken! Who can but prophesy?*”

HONEY

Samson’s eating of the honey found in the Lion brings to mind another passage, I Samuel 14. Jonathan is part of an army pursuing the Philistines, “*And the troops entered the forest and, look, there was a flow of honey...but Jonathan had not heard when his father made the troops swear [to taste no food before nightfall], and he reached with the tip of the staff that was in his hand and dipped it into the honeycomb and brought his hand back to his mouth, and his eyes lit up*” (I Samuel 14:26-27; Trans: Robert Alter, Emphases ours). Psalm 19:8,10 uses this same imagery, “*The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes...more to be desired are they [i.e. the Law, Testimony, Statutes, Commandment, Fear and Judgment of the LORD] than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*” **PLEASE PRAY:** For a hunger after the sweetness of God’s Word—so that *dullness* may come off the eyes of Israeli Believers that they see clearly, even in the smoke of battle. “*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*” (Psalm 119: 105).

2. SUMMER OUT-OF-SEASON RAINS

“*You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, when it was weary*” (Psalm 68:9).

“*So let us know, let us press on to know the LORD. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain...*” (Hosea 6:3).

In Israel the “former rains” fall between mid-October and the early months of the year; “latter rains” fall between the Passover season and mid-May. There is usually no rain at all throughout the summer and well into the fall.

Last Thursday morning a group of believers in a house of prayer in Jerusalem (at which the writers were present) were singing, “***Send your rain, Holy Spirit; Send your rain on Israel...***” That afternoon the following news report entitled “August Surprise” appeared on the internet: “*Northern coastal Israel experienced an extremely rare August event—a significant rain storm. Forecasters Wednesday night had said that there was the possibility of a small drizzle in the north, but Thursday morning’s rain went far beyond the very light rainfall that occasionally happens during the summer months. Residents reported steady rain that lasted for more than a half hour in several areas of the western Galilee...*” (“August Surprise: Heavy Rain in Western Galilee” by David Lev: *Arutz-7 Daily Israel Report*; 8/30/2012 1:58 p.m.).

PLEASE PRAY:

***For the rain of God's Holy Spirit to fall over Israel**

***On the hearts of unbelievers, softening their soil to receive the Truth of Life.**

*** On the Body of Messiah in the Land. Pray that the 'soil' of Believers will soak up the holy rain so as to bring forth good fruit and the blessing of God in all He has called us to do (Hebrews 6:7). Pray for Believers to receive a refreshing and to move out in the fruit and power of the Holy Spirit.**

***For weary Israel (see first Scripture quotation above) to become aware of and "confirmed in the inheritance" which is hers, both in Her Savior and Messiah Yeshua, and in the Land promised her by God through the Fathers.**

***For Israel to "know, and press in to know" the LORD...that "His going forth is as certain as the dawn; and He will come to her like the rain"—even at unexpected times!**

***For strong and plentiful early and late rains in Israel during the coming season.**

3. CALMING ISRAEL

"To Calm Israel, U.S. Offers Ways to Restrain Iran" (Headline of September 2 New York Times article).

"The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with shalom" (Psalm 29:11).

Despite efforts reflected in the title of the *NY Times* article cited above, it has not been a "calming" week for Israel. For all the efforts by Western countries to "isolate" Iran, representatives of 120 countries—including two kings, 27 presidents, many foreign ministers and the Secretary-General of the United Nations—assembled in Tehran last Thursday for the Non-Aligned Movement Conference to hear the Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei rail against the "blood-thirsty Zionist wolves" who control the world's media. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon had been strongly requested by both Israel and the US not to attend the conference lest his presence grant legitimacy to the proceedings hosted by Iran. Whether or not this was ultimately proven true, it must be ceded that in the event, the Secretary-General did at one point courageously deliver a stinging rebuke to the leaders of that nation. In the course of his address to the assembly Ban spoke out against the *"outrageous attempts to deny historical facts, such as the Holocaust. Claiming that another UN member state, Israel, does not have the right to exist, or describing it in racist terms, is not only utterly wrong but undermines the very principles we have all pledged to uphold."* These are strong and precedent-setting words. Unfortunately, most of them were cut from the version of the Secretary-General's speech which made its way into the Iranian media.

Other less-than-calming occurrences this week: * A huge joint US-Israeli military exercise slated for this fall was mysteriously ‘downsized’—with the US sending only 1,500 servicemen instead of the 5,000 troops originally assigned. * Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey warned that a “premature” strike on Iran by Israel could undo the international coalition of countries applying sanctions against Iran, and more disturbingly, *“I don’t want to be accused of trying to influence, nor do I want to be complicit if they choose to do it.”* This seems tantamount to saying that the Chairman will not want to release any assistance from the US military should Israel feel it necessary to attack Iranian nuclear sites before Dempsey deems it necessary. *Meanwhile, last week the International Atomic Energy Agency revealed intelligence reported that Iran has greatly expanded the number of centrifuges installed in an underground enrichment plant. *As the Democratic Party in the US begins its national convention, it was revealed that mention of Jerusalem as being Israel’s capital as found in the 2008 platform has been deleted from the platform for 2012. After strong criticism from many quarters, this was reinstated following three voice-votes at the convention on Wednesday.

PLEASE PRAY:

***That Israel’s leaders hear and move in the wisdom and timing of the Lord.**

***That the Lord grant His ‘calming’ influence on Israel (He is the Prince of our Peace)—at the same time releasing courage necessary for her to make decisions regarding her defense coolly and with integrity.**

Psalm 27 (which many read daily during this season) begins and ends with words which serve as our strength and direction during this time: *“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, Of whom shall I be afraid...though war break out against me, in this I will be confident...Wait in Hope on the LORD. BE STRONG and He will infuse your heart with Courage. And Wait in Hope on the LORD!”

THIS WEEK’S TORAH PORTION:

From ancient times there has been a weekly portion (*Parashah*) from the first five books of Moses (The *Torah*) and an ending (*Haftarah*) from the Prophets read on the Sabbath in synagogues around the world. This portion is given a Hebrew name drawn from the opening words of the Torah passage. An illustration of this practice appears to have been recorded in Luke 4:16 where Yeshua (Jesus) arrived in the synagogue in Nazareth and was asked to read the portion (Isaiah 61) from the Prophets. We have found that in perusing these weekly readings, not only are we provided opportunity to identify in the context of God’s Word with millions of Jewish people around the world, but very often the Holy Spirit will illumine specific passages pertinent that week in our intercession for the Land and people of Israel. All texts are those of English translations of the Scriptures.

The Torah and Haftarah portions for this week 2-8 September is called *Ki-Tavo*—“When you come in (to the Land)”:

TORAH: Deuteronomy 26:1—29:9
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 60:1-22

In this week's Torah Portion, Israel is given further instructions to those of Deuteronomy 11:29-32. Upon entering the land, she must travel to the two mountains outside Shechem (Modern-day *Nablus*). This was near to the place where God appeared to and spoke with Abram when first he entered Canaan (Genesis 12:7). Israel must now return there and verbalize what actions will bring Israel blessing in the Land—and those which will result in curses. Curses for specific sins are listed in 27:14-26. Then come the promises of blessings for obedience to God's commandments in 28:1-15. The curses for disobedience begin in 28:15 and continue through verse 68. This is one of the most terrifying passages in the Bible; by choosing to be outside of God's protection, one opens one's self to horrors—***“Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore you shall serve your enemies...”*** (vs. 47). Tragically, much of the history of Israel may be traced in her choosing to walk out from beneath the “joy and gladness and abundance” offered her, eventually turning down the epitome of these in the rejection of her Messiah, and wandering for centuries in the nations. Yet there is an “everlasting love” which has kept watch over the centuries of her wanderings, continuing to “draw her in lovingkindness”, even as she labored under a curse. We believe that those years are drawing to an end. **This week's *Haftarah* from Isaiah 60 heralds her awakening! --An awakening which heralds light and hope to the gentile nations as well.**

Deuteronomy 27:15-26.** *“And all the people shall answer and say, ‘AMEN!’* Twelve times the people are called to say this word. Yet, its meaning is much deeper than a mere ‘period’ at the end of a prayer. In Hebrew “amen” is made up of three letters which happen also to form the root for the Hebrew words for *faith, faithfulness, belief, and to believe*. To say “Amen!” means, ***“I have faith in this”; “I believe this to be true” (*Emet*, the word for “truth” is itself etymologically related to this root). Believing God's pronouncements regarding the sins listed in these verses, and affirming them to be true would bring life to those who obediently spoke them out. *“For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”* (Romans 10:10).

***Isaiah 60:14.** *“Also the sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing to you, and all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; And they shall call you The City of the YHVH, ZION of the Holy One of Israel.”* It is significant that the most virulent of Israel's present enemies who refuse to utilize the name given by God to Jacob—the offspring of Abraham's covenant-son Isaac). Rather than *Israel*, they derisively utilize the name *Zion* (“the Zionist entity”). Neither will the deity they serve allow them to call on the name of YHVH. This passage reveals that one day they will have discerned the light of Truth—and bow to the Holy One over all the earth, who chose to eternally associate himself with the three names they despised—Yehovah, Zion and Israel.

***Isaiah 60:18-20.** *“Violence* (Hebrew: *hamas*) *shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Yeshu'ah* (Salvation) *and your gates Tehi'lah* (Praise). *The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, and your God*

your glory. Your sun shall no longer go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself; For the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.” “ ‘For I,’ says the LORD, ‘will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst’” (Zechariah 2:5).

***Isaiah 60:21.** *“Also your people shall all be righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified.”* It is righteousness that exalts a nation. The final securing of Israel’s inheritance back in the Land is their having come into righteousness. *“He made Him who knew no sin, to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness in Him”* (II Cor 5:21).



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[The readings for next week September 9-15 are called *Nitsavim* “You Stand (today before the LORD your God)” : TORAH: Deuteronomy 29:10—30:20; HAFTARAH: Isaiah 61:10—63:9]

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