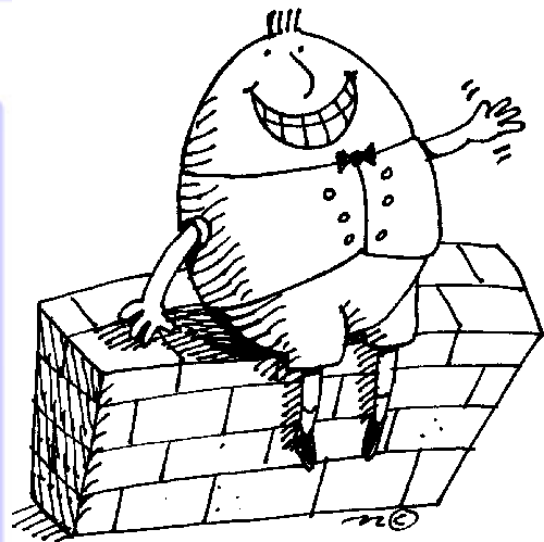


The Best Laid Plans of Humpty Dumpty

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Is it not amazing how Heaven interacts with us on a daily basis? This is not true only on the individual scale; it is even more so on the national and international scales. I am continually amazed by leaders in politics and the economy, rich and powerful individuals who have never understood the sentiments of the Scottish poet Robert Burns who wrote, “the best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry.”



Our scientists experiment upon mice and watch their movements; they often intervene to thwart the plans of mice to see how they will react. Human plans on the national and global scale seem to be thwarted in the same way as are the plans of mice. Who then is the “great scientist” whose “hand” is over all mankind to manipulate and control our destinies? Need this question be answered?

We read the Bible and are taught how G-d in Heaven is in control and that it is He who directs the affairs of mankind. We look today to our world body politic and see so much political control and personal helplessness. Some believe that we are either living in a “police state dictatorship” of heading towards one. With cameras popping up all over the place, some are beginning to ask whether everyone is now being watched by “big brother.”

Are we becoming enslaved to our governments as were the ancient Hebrews in Egypt? Some will say, yes; others will say that we have long been enslaved. Yet, in the end, being powerless as an individual, what can anyone do about it anyway? Whether one is a slave to credit cards, debt or merely a comfortable technologically based lifestyle, a slave is a slave, just as much as the ancient Hebrews were slaves in Egypt. In the end, a slave is a slave, regardless of who is the master.

The ancient Hebrew slaves in Egypt were set free by no power of their own. It was prophesied that this would happen. It took 210 years for the prophecy to be fulfilled, yet, in the end, it was

fulfilled, with devastating consequences for the “masters” who held the slaves imprisoned. Prophecy is a funny thing. Like the words of Robert Burns, the mice can build and man can destroy; man can build and G-d can destroy. In the end we should ask ourselves if we are truly men or just mice.

Biblical prophecy did not conclude with the Exodus from Egypt; that was only the beginning. Prophecies spoken over a thousand years foretold of the destruction of Jerusalem, not once, but twice. Prophecy foretold of a long exile from the Holy Land and also spoke of a return to the land, with a promise of no further exiles. Prophecies are a funny thing. In spite of however much one wishes to deny them and dismiss the Bible as a whole, the prophecies still keep coming to pass. Whether or not their fulfillments are recognized or acknowledged is another matter. Yet, regardless of whether or not one acknowledges the fulfillment of prophecy it still comes to pass. It seems to have a life of its own, its own agenda; and it seems that the “best laid plans of mice and men” cannot stand before the power of the fulfillment of prophecy.

Yes, “big brother” may be watching us. “Big brother” may be watching you right now reading this essay. Yet, who is watching “big brother”? Is there not the “Big Father in Heaven”? Prophecy states that “Big Father” is watching “big brother” and that “Big Father” does not like what He sees. Prophecy states that “Big Father” is going to topple “big brother” today, just like He did long ago to ancient Egypt. Prophecy is a funny thing. It has an excellent track record of coming true. When prophecy was fulfilled in the past, it came true with roaring devastating power and destruction.

When prophecy is fulfilled today and in the near future why would we expect any less a dramatic fulfillment? Ancient “big brother” Egypt was totally decimated; its political and economic leaders were stripped of their power and wealth in almost an instant. Prophecy says that it is destined to happen again to our modern “big brother.” It is a shame that Las Vegas gamblers will not take a bet on the fulfillment of prophecies about the destruction of our modern “big brother.” For only the ones who bet on the fulfillment of prophecy will win big. All others will lose big time, just as they did in ancient Egypt.

The great plan of world leaders to form the perfect society for the next century is well under way. These men of power are no fools. They are to be respected, even feared. They are powerful and they are smart, at least to a point. They are well aware of the prophecies and the track record of prophetic fulfillment. They know that they stand little chance to thwart the Hand of G-d. Yet, however small their odds they still believe that they can delay prophecy and possibly hold back the Divine Hand, not repeating the mistakes of past “big brothers.” Our modern leaders really do believe that they can delay the course of natural events prophesied so long ago. They really do not grasp what the poet Burns said. Their best laid plans, with all their security cameras, internet surveillance, economic and cultural enslavements will not save them from being dashed in a proverbial moment.

“Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall; Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the kings’ horses and all the kings’ men couldn’t put Humpty together again.” Remember this children’s nursery rhyme? Maybe instead of bewailing the fate of Humpty Dumpty we should replace his name with that of “big brother.” For once he falls, he will not rise again. He will be shattered forever. Only one

question is left for us to ask; what will cause Humpty Dumpty to fall off his wall? What course of events will lead to the downfall of “big brother”? To answer this, we need turn back to the Bible. Our answer is to be found in ancient Egypt and Pharaoh. Just as Pharaoh made mistakes and was toppled by them, so too will “big brother.”

I do not wish to comment on specific current events or the agendas of political leaders. Nothing that I would say would matter; nothing that I would say would be heard by anyone that could do anything. Today, we are politically powerless. There is nothing that we can mortally do to change the course of political affairs as they are presently unfolding. Yet, just because there is nothing that we can do, does not mean that there is nothing that will be done. Yes, something very, very big will be done to stop “big brother’s” unstoppable steamroller. But it will not be done by us. “Big Father” is in charge and He is rolling up His proverbial sleeves to get His proverbial Hands dirty again with human affairs, just like He did in ancient Egypt.

A long time ago, the prophet Zecharia (12:1-3) wrote, “The burden of the word of HaShem concerning Israel. The saying of HaShem, who stretched forth the Heavens, and laid the foundation of the earth, and formed the spirit of man within him: Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of staggering for all the peoples round about, and upon Judah also shall it fall to be in the siege against Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will make Jerusalem a stone of burden for all the peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be sorely wounded; and all the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it.”

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall (Jerusalem); Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the kings’ horses and all the kings’ men couldn’t put Humpty together again. “Big Father” has an agenda all his own and the best laid plans of mice who think that they are men can do nothing other than go awry. Like poor old Humpty Dumpty the mice of men, the leaders of power and wealth will soon find themselves falling off their mighty wall, even as did Pharaoh in ancient Egypt. No one was able to rebuild ancient Egypt and no one will be able to rebuild what soon will topple in our days.

Societal degradation and disintegration does not happen overnight. When Heaven so ordains to destroy a civilization, He does not do so with fire and brimstone in the fashion of Sodom. Indeed, the way Sodom was destroyed was an isolated incident, never seen repeated in the Bible. Yet, since the days of Sodom numerous other empires were destroyed by the Hand of Heaven. Each time, each empire fell to what appeared to be natural occurrences and wars. G-d does not have to intervene supernaturally to destroy a civilization worthy of Divine wrath. Heaven merely uses the forces of nature and allows nature to take its course.

Heaven first strikes at a nation’s psychology, then its economy and finally at its government. This is how it was in ancient Egypt and Heaven still acts like this today. Today, we see a crumbling of the general psychology of western nations. Step one of destruction is well under way. There is always fear of economic collapse and disaster. Step two is just around the corner. As for the fall of government; a single act of terrorism can enact both steps two and three simultaneously. Certainly we know that the dangers of terrorism have not been eradicated, or even lessened. Terrorism is a festering problem, a growing cancer. It might very well be the force that pushes Humpty Dumpty off his fall and into the abyss. Pharaoh had his plagues and so do we.

G-d's Hand works in strange ways. We are totally oblivious to the fulfillment of prophecy all around us. Over fifteen hundred years ago our Sages (in B.T. Yoma 10a) recorded a warning that in the end of days there would be the great final war between the powers of Edom and Paras. In Torah tradition, dating back to Biblical times, Edom was Rome (Europe), which today includes its historical descendant, the United States. Paras (Persia) is Iran. For over fifteen hundred years there has never been a fear of war between these two powers. And now, the war is barreling down upon us. Modern tensions are a sure sign of the "end of days" and a terrible destruction of modern civilizations similar to the destruction of ancient Egypt. The war will come. It will not be avoided. Heaven has so ordained this. When Humpty Dumpty (the West) falls, no one will be able to put the pieces back together.

As for the winner? The prophecy has an interesting twist to who will win this war, why and for how long. Now, is not the time to discuss such things. That would be putting the proverbial cart before the horse. For right now, let us realize that however much our societies try to avoid this war, their appeasements are only making matters much worse. Try as they may to safeguard their "big brother" society, nonetheless, "Big Father" has other plans and "big brother" is not meant survive the long haul. In spite of all the kings' horses and all the kings' men, no one will put Humpty Dumpty together again.

In ancient times, Pharaoh did not learn his lesson. His shortsightedness and arrogance led to the destruction of his nation. King Solomon said long ago, "there is nothing new under the sun." Who today is wiser than ancient Pharaoh? Who today listens to the wisdom of King Solomon? Who today is willing to pay heed to the warnings of prophecy? Who today is Humpty Dumpty?

Yes, "big brother" is growing ever stronger and his grip is growing ever tighter. Yet, do not fear! Ancient Pharaoh did the same. "Big Father" has His ways of curtailing the power of "big brother." It is nothing you or I can do or should do. Big Father is the One truly in control. He uses the forces of nature as His tools. Like in ancient Egypt, prophecy foretells for us that our civilization is about to succumb to, what in the eyes of the pundits, will be explained as a series of unfortunate coincidental events of a disastrous nature. "Big brother" always likes to spin things in his direction. Well, so does "Big Father." I do not think it will take too much guess work to figure out who will win in the end.

Yes, Humpty Dumpty will soon fall off his wall. Maybe it is a good idea to move away from "the wall" and not be caught in the crash.