

Good Old-Fashioned “Fire and Brimstone” A Pre-Passover Message

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“So says my L-rd HaShem: Because of what Edom did when I took revenge on the house of Judah and they were guilty and took revenge on them. Therefore, so says my L-rd HaShem: I shall stretch forth My hand upon Edom, and I shall cut off from her both man and beast, and I shall lay it waste from the south (hint, hint)... And I shall lay My revenge upon Edom by the hand of My people Israel, and they will do to Edom according to My wrath and according to My fury, and they will know my vengeance, says my L-rd HaShem.

So says my L-rd HaShem: Because the Philistines acted with vengeance and took revenge with [the] disdain of [their] soul to destroy for the hatred of old. Therefore, so says my L-rd HaShem: Behold I stretch forth My hand upon the Philistines... and destroy the survivors on the seacoast. And I shall wreak great acts of vengeance with rebukes of fury, and they will know that I am HaShem when I lay My vengeance upon them.” Ezekiel 25:12-17

Good old-fashioned “fire and brimstone.” We don't hear much of this type of talk any more. It is so politically incorrect. Yet, no one has ever accused the Biblical prophets of ever being sensitive to political correctness. After all, what's the point? A prophet is supposed to be a messenger of Heaven. The prophet's job was to serve as a moral compass to both the nation of Israel and to the nations of the world. In these times when political correctness has been elevated to an obligation and the violation of it leads to outright social ostracization, maybe we should consider ourselves lucky that we no longer have any prophets.

The Biblical story of the eating of the forbidden fruit from the Tree of Knowledge Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden has been keenly understood within the secret circles of those who have maintained the prophetic traditions (the true Kabbalists). The fruit of the Tree of Knowledge infected Adam, Eve and the rest of humanity in our source of knowledge, our minds. The results of eating the forbidden fruit is that the human mind has become split, with that part which makes us psychic, intuitive and clairvoyant becoming sorely repressed and pushed down ever so hard into that domain which we call the unconscious.

Whereas before the sin all humanity intuitively recognized and knew the difference good and evil; afterward, good and evil became blended and confused. They were no longer clearly distinguishable. As such each individual did what was right in their own eyes and did what made sense to the individual regardless of its impact on the surrounding environment. Political correctness was born as the idea about what is thought to be right instead of the deep intuitive knowledge of what actually is right. How interesting is it that the concept of political correctness is a direct byproduct of the forbidden fruit of the Tree of Knowledge and the fall that occurred long ago in Eden.

Today we live in a society that it so out of touch with the natural world, both inside us and surround us, that we have totally lost any contact with the reality of how things actually are in the real world. We only see things in the way we want to and not how they really are. This is a very well documented

psychological fact. We look out upon our world and our lives and define everything as how we think things ought to be. While we look about and try to change everything around us, to mold it into that image which we find politically correct, we fail to realize the damage we cause by our interference into that which we have no business in trying to change.

Natural law has ordained the way the natural world operates. We fail to remember or to pay attention that we human beings are also part of this natural order and that we too operate in accordance to certain parameters that have been ordained by the Higher Hand that made natural law. But for me to even suggest this contradicts modern sensibilities and makes me so ever politically incorrect. How terrible it is of me to try to remind people of the truths that they deny. How terrible it is of me to try to get people to open their eyes and to see reality as opposed to standing with closed eyes, and thinking their inner imagination is actually the real world. Yes, I must be very politically incorrect in that I say these unpopular things. Then again, I ask myself would I rather be found acceptable in the eyes of mortal man or in the Eyes of Immortal G-d? If I have to choose between the two I hope that my choice would be obvious, even if that means that I may face ostracization for my being candid and blunt about uncomfortable topics.

Good old fashioned “fire and brimstone,” is a promise of Heavenly retribution upon those who have gone way beyond the natural boundaries and whose actions have caused so much damage that the suffering they are about to face is rightly deserved and will fall heavily and strong upon their heads. Yet, in our generation where we make every effort to pretend that we all get along, such a message of grave warning is considered damaging to the peace process. Yes, as humanity allegedly strives for peace, a truly noble and desirous aim, at the same time, humanity continues to provoke Heaven by acting in every which way which contradicts the very peace that so many claim they so desperately want.

Today the politically correct fight is against the State of Israel. From around the world, and not just from anti-Semitic Arabs or extremist Muslims, voices cry out against the so-called crimes of the State of Israel. So-called moderate and politically correct voices throughout Europe and the United States echo the hatred and venom found in the mouths of the most religious extremist who hate Israel for their own theological reasons. The majority of these voices of hate surprisingly come forth from the so-called intelligentsia class, made up of university academicians and their kind.

How interesting how history repeats itself, for it was with the voices of the German intelligentsia that provoked and sought to justify the Holocaust. Throughout history, there have always been those who used every means of so-called intelligent rationalization to kill, murder and destroy. If their target was not the Jews, then it was always someone equally different and weak. Yes, the political agendas of the so-called intelligentsia have always poisoned their personalities and their humanity. For many of them they are people of great minds, but with no heart. This is the ultimate imbalance and loss of true humanity. This is the result of the eating of the forbidden fruit from the Tree of Knowledge, Good and Evil.

The same so-called academic voices who can package together a bundle of lies and propaganda and present them in such a logical justifiable fashion are the very ones who are promoting hatred, violence and evil. They claim what they promote is justified and proper, even politically correct, but in the end, all they do is echo the voices of evil and destruction. Today, like a pack of wolves they turn again against the Jews. Yes, western politically correct anti-Israelism is nothing more than outright old fashioned anti-Semitism, the age-old hatred of Jews and Judaism. One can especially see this in those so-called “secular” Jewish intellectuals who turn against Israel. They have only done so because long ago they have turned against Torah, Judaism and ultimately against G-d, whose very existence they deny and mock.

The title “liberal” today has been hijacked. It used to mean something valid and possibly even something good. However, we see that the western liberalism of today has almost nothing to do with

the liberalism espoused fifty and sixty years ago. The term liberal today has become a banner under which almost all anti-American, anti-Christian, anti-Semitic and other non-traditional movements somehow find a haven and home. The title liberal today combined with its other politically correct term "socialism" have become the new battle cries for a cultural war that is radically committed to destroy all the good that western civilization once had.

Is it a coincidence that the voices of so-called progressive change that proclaims liberalism and socialism also include within their wings the voices that call for the destruction of the State of Israel, and also echo the voices that call for the delegitimization of Torah practices. Kosher slaughtering and the performance of ritual circumcision are only two Torah practices presently under legal assault and subject to "progressive liberal" legislation to outlaw them. Yes, this is true. Investigate what is happening now in so-called liberal Europe and you will discover that Europe is as anti-Semitic and Jew hating today as they have always been in the past. And it is these same voices of so-called liberalism that we now have crying out from most every major university here in the United States.

The United States is in terrible danger of becoming Europeanized, with all the worse (and not the best) of what Europe has to offer. And if this is allowed to happen, the the United States will be fundamentally transformed into the very thing that it was established to stand against. Throughout Torah literature the Biblical Edom has always been identified and Europe and thus the prophecies of Edom's demise have always been interpreted to be applicable to anti-Semitic Jew hating Europe. Such a fulfillment can and will happen. European evil has been responsible for the vast majority of evil suffered around the world. This is established history that cannot be denied.

Close to two thousand years ago the European Romans came into the Land of Israel committed a holocaust against the Jews, banished the Jewish people from their ancestral home and even renamed the land. It was the European Romans who changed the name of the land from Israel to Palestine (a reference to ancient Philistines). The Jewish people, even with the existence of the present State of Israel has never recovered from this devastating blow. Centuries later, it was the European Christians who came upon new lands and did to the natives of those lands exactly what their Roman ancestors did previously to the Jews of Israel. Eventually the Europeans came to the shores of what came to be called the Americas. They destroyed the native cultures and peoples here in the same fashion that they destroyed Israel long ago. Nothing new under the sun here.

Now, here we are centuries later and we have somehow come to believe that all of this is ancient history and that the Europe of today is the ideal model, perfect in almost every way. So perfect is it that its forms should be adopted even by the United States. Israel not only adopts the European model, it was founded on them. Even today, there is talk of having the State of Israel join the European Union. If Israel cannot be destroyed by becoming a full-fledged State of the United States of America, then maybe it can be destroyed by being transformed and absorbed into the greater United States of Europe.

Alas, the foolish plans of the intelligentsia are always trying to concoct new ways to impose their so-called new world order, never admitting to themselves their own hatred and evil. Yes, "fire and brimstone," it is the only answer to those so infected by the forbidden fruit that they cannot see the apocalypse that they are bringing down upon their own heads.

Well, in spite of however politically incorrect it is, let me say that indeed there is a Master in Heaven. Indeed, we are all being watched. Indeed, there will be a great re-balancing. And indeed, those evil "wolves in sheep's clothing" will finally be removed and destroyed. They will be purged out of the Jewish people, they will be removed from out of the State of Israel, and I believe that they will not be allowed to destroy the good that is in the United States.

For although Edom is slated to meet its destiny, still, "the head of Esau lies in the lap of his father Yitzhak in the Cave of Makhpelah." The good in Edom will be spared, because this is part of Divine justice. And as for the rest, let them continue with their plans. We will all soon see how their plans

will come to naught and eventually their own hatred will eat them up from the insides. They will become so absorbed in the problems of their own making that they will soon have no time to plan and move against the righteous.

At this time it is incumbent upon the righteous to get out of the way, to move and relocate to areas of relative safety. Big cities are not going to be areas in which people are going to want to live. This is as applicable to the cities in Israel as it is to everywhere else.

“Fire and Brimstone” is coming. It does not matter if you are or are not ready for it. Your prayers or denials will not and cannot slow it down. The present state of world affairs and the dominant global culture which slaps our Heavenly Father in the face and at the same time rapes our Earthly mother will not continue for long.

Laugh all you want. Deny it all you can. In the end you will see. We all will. Natural law can be bent but it will not be broken without terrible consequences. The present global course is most unnatural. Under the guise of liberalism and socialism it is pursuing all the opposites of what the good in these systems once was. The wolf is devouring the sheep and Heaven is watching and keeping score.

Before we can be given again the opportunity to eat from the fruit of the Tree of Life, we must first vomit out the forbidden fruit from the Tree of Knowledge Good and Evil. We have to change the way we think and correct the erroneous ways through which we look at the world. We must come to recognize evil and instinctively reject it. We must cleanse ourselves from the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical garbage that we allow ourselves to ingest and embrace. Just like the body needs a cleansing in order to become healthy, so too do the mind and heart. Torah does not seek to “brain-wash,” but rather to “brain-cleanse.” Only one who can rise above hate and seek balance and harmony with both Heaven and Earth will be in the right place to avoid the destruction of Edom when it comes. And it will surely come.

Keep your eyes on Heaven. Plant your feet firmly on the ground. Be real! Be practical! Be honest! Serve Heaven by acting righteously towards one another. This transcends all theological differences. Righteousness is what binds us together as human beings, for we are all collectively created in the Image of G-d.

As for the rest, if they chose to be wolves, then like animals they will be hunted down and killed. In the end the sheep will be spared, and only then will they be transformed into lions, never to be bothered again.

I await the fire and brimstone and I do not fear getting burned. Some fire is cleansing, and burns away only the dross, leaving only the finest purest gold. Those who embrace the fire will be purified, those who flee it will be overcome by it and consumed. So much for fire and brimstone. What a fitting message to begin our contemplations of the upcoming Passover holiday; a time of emancipation of slaves and the destruction of their oppressors.