



THE U.N. "PALESTINE" VOTE 251658240
THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS DRAWS NEAR!

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On Tuesday (Sept 13), representatives of 193 countries came together for the opening of the 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly, in Manhattan, NY. Of the 168 items on their agenda, one is guaranteed to dominate the 15-day event: Item #36 – **“The question of Palestine.”**

When that number comes up on September 20, the nations will make a decision that secure their place in the **Valley of Jehoshaphat**. For during the course of the proceedings, each one will be called upon to vote for, or against, recognizing a Palestinian state.

The United Nations will vote on ripping the Biblical heartland “legally” out of the hands of the Jewish people and giving it the Muslim Arabs – the vast majority of whom have been raised on a rich diet of hate against Israel.

Recognizing a Palestinian state means voting for the “permanent” division of God’s land.

The motivation behind a pro-Palestinian resolution is hardly a heartfelt desire to give the “poor Palestinians” a state of their own. Rather it is a rabid anti-Semitism; a hatred of Israel and a desire to see her destroyed, and /or a hatred of God and rejection of His Word.

God’s warning is very clear: “For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations. **They have divided up My land.**” (Joel 3:1-2)

Officials in Jerusalem believe the “Palestinians” will secure an automatic majority due to the guaranteed support of the 116 “non-aligned” states,” which tend to vote as a bloc and promote joint interests. With just 12 more “yes” votes, “Palestine” will secure a two-thirds majority.

The universal recognition of “Palestine” as a state in its own right will be an indictment of the Jewish people; it will be the world’s rejection and dismissal of Israel’s claims to its God-given inheritance; and it will be an accusation that the Jews have usurped another people’s land.

Despite having personally flown to various countries in recent months, appealing to leaders to reject the unilateral Palestinian move, PM Benjamin Netanyahu now appears to be bracing for what looks like the inevitable outcome.

Israel hopes that a good number of states will refuse to endorse the unilateral Palestinian move and thus render the UN decision illegitimate. EU foreign affairs chief, Catherine Ashton has the EU supports a Palestinian state by negotiations – not unilaterally. That’s also the position of the US.

Officials in Brussels have worked to establish a united front of EU states that would vote against the motion, or at least the abstain from voting. But Europe is divided. It seems **few, if any, nations will vote “no.” More are likely to abstain.**

THE HOLY BIBLE CONTAINS THE TITLE DEED TO THE HOLY LAND:

Genesis 12:1-3, 6-8; 13:14-17; 15:7, 17-20; 17:7-8; 24:7; 26:2-4; 28:12-15; 35:10-12; 39:9-15. Exodus 6:2-4; 6-8; 32:13; 33:1-2. Leviticus 20:23-24; Numbers 33:50-54; 34:1-2; Deuteronomy 1:6-8; 11:11-12; Joshua 21:43-45; 1 Chronicles 16:14-19; 2 Samuel 7:10; Isaiah 14:1; Jeremiah 23:8; Ezekiel 28:25-26; 34:13-14; 36:24; 37:14, 21; Amos 9:14-15.

Israel stands almost alone on the world stage, but the judgment on this anti-Covenant event has already been determined and will soon come to pass. The United Nations will bring judgment on itself. It was foreseen thousands of years ago by the prophet of Israel who declared:

“God has a day of vengeance for the controversy of Zion.”

(Isaiah 34:8)

And the prophet Joel describes the **valley of Jehoshaphat** (the valley on the east of Jerusalem) as the winepress of His wrath into which He will gather the nations.

“Proclaim this among the nations: ‘Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weak say, “I am strong.” ‘Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O YHWH. Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

‘Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow — for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of YHWH is near in the valley of decision.’ The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness. YHWH also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem. The heavens and earth will shake; but **YHWH will be a shelter for His people**, and the strength of the children of Israel.” (Joel 3: 1-2, 9-16)

It’s coming! In the Great Tribulation – the Hour of Trial is that coming on the whole world (Revelation 3:10)

For the believer today, Y’shua has given His wonderful promise.

“God has not destined us to *suffer His* wrath, but to receive salvation through our Master, Y’shua the Messiah, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build up one another.” (1 Thessalonians 5:9-11) **AMEN!**

PALESTINIANS DIVIDED

Sept 12/11. Several Palestinian factions voiced differing opinions on the Palestinian statehood bid at the UN, with both Hamas and Islamic Jihad representatives distancing themselves from the planned vote. Hamas officials said the Palestinian Authority's push to achieve recognition in the UN has nothing to do with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

THE PALESTINIAN BID IS AT PRESENT CONFUSED

Even at this late stage, a US campaign to avert the UN vote, is being backed by Saudi Arabia, Europe and Egypt. And Mahmoud Abbas is evidently having second thoughts, and may not appeal to the Security Council, but may settle only with the General Assembly. Or he may cancel the bid, under the pressures bearing down on him. Already the Palestinian Authority is running short of money, as the Arab financial aid has fallen far shorter than promised. (The

Arab nations know full well that the Palestinian Authority is highly corrupt as it was under Arafat, and they are unwilling to continue to feed that corruption).

The World Bank has declared the Palestinians are not ready for a state. And certainly with the Palestinians so divided, a viable state is a vain wish.

US sources report that the US President has refused to talk to Abbas for the past eight months owing to his refusal to join Israel for direct peace talks.

And now with the US threatening to cut off aid to the Palestinian Authority if the UN bid goes ahead, it is not going to be all joy for Abbas and Co, even if the General Assembly votes overwhelmingly for a Palestinian state.

Israel Foreign Minister, Avigdor Lieberman says Israel will not tolerate one-sided moves by PA, adds there is no more room for goodwill gestures as they are 'taken for granted, seen as sign of weakness'

He warned on Wednesday that a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state would have "dire consequences." Lieberman asks: "Can anyone guarantee that Hamas will not take over Judea and Samaria the way they did in Gaza?"

If the Oslo accord is abrogated, and Israel does not support a unilateral "Palestinian state," it would be very hard for it to survive even if financial support poured in from the world.

Lieberman stressed that **Israel will not simply abide by a unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood:** "I hope common sense will prevail and we reach a point of modus Vivendi, which will also allow for negotiations."

**LET US PRAY, LIKE DAVID,
ACCORDING TO PSALM 55:9
FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME.**

**“Confuse *them*, O Lord, divide their tongues,
for I have seen violence and strife in the city.”**

May the enemies of the LORD be divided, and their evil agendas shattered!

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