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DANCING AROUND THE GOLDEN CALF - Part I

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THE 2006 INVASION OF GAZA

Watching the newscasts shows us that something wrong is going on in the Middle East. First the attack of Hamas militants, killing several Israeli soldiers and then kidnapping one and hiding him in Gaza. Then the response by Israel, with a massive military response reaching deep into Gaza. Neither side is backing down, nor is the blood that is flowing from civilians, who have to die, because of the hate between Jews and Palestinians. People are asking, "Is peace possible, can some kind of compromise be worked out?" Sadly, the answer is NO!

HEZBOLLAH ATTACKS ISRAEL

The ground attack by Hezbollah fighters in the second week of July, 2006, followed by rocket attacks came as a surprise to most people in the world. A small fire in the Middle East suddenly grew larger threatening to engulf the whole region in a major war. As I write this newsletter, we do not know if this will be a limited war, like so many times before in the Middle East, or if we have seen the opening salvo of World War III.

MUSLIMS DO NOT VALUE LIFE

It is very difficult for a nation based on the Old Testament morals and values to fight a nation which values a religious movement over a human being. **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei**, an Islamic mullah and the supreme leader of Iran, is sitting safe and secure in his compound in Tehran, with air conditioning and all the comforts money can buy while commanding his followers to sacrifice their lives and attack Israel, the United States and all other nations in the world who do not hold to Muslim teaching. The leader of Hezbollah is another Islamic mullah by the name of **Sheik Hassan Nasrallah**, who is in hiding and telling his followers to "go and die for the cause."

The United States encountered fanatical fighters in World War II, when Japanese soldiers chose to die rather than surrender. There were also kamikaze pilots, the original suicide bombers, who blew themselves up when they flew their airplanes directly into American warships. In the Korean War, U.S. soldiers encountered hundreds of thousands of Chinese soldiers, who were herded toward the American lines. Against this massive horde, they used machine guns, cannons and strafing from fighter bombers, but could not stem the tide. The Chinese ran toward death without hesitation and were able to overrun the front lines because of their sheer numbers. The dead bodies of

all the Chinese were piled up by the tens of thousands, but it did not matter to the Chinese military leadership; these men were expendable and were given no human value. The United States encountered the same thing in the Vietnam War as the communist leaders forced their soldiers to run against a deadly barrage of fire until the Americans either ran out of ammunition or they were overrun by the Viet Cong because they could not kill them fast enough.

This is what U.S. soldiers are facing in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is what Israel is also facing in Gaza and in Lebanon.

WHO ARE THE LEADERS IN THIS NEW WAR?

There are a number of leaders in this deadly conflict: First there is God himself, who told the children of Israel long ago that if they sinned and left him, they would be kicked out from the land. The second player is the Devil, who is constantly stirring up the Jews and Palestinians; enticing the Jews to develop the State of Israel and at the same time filling the Palestinians with hate. It's a double win for the Devil when Jews and Palestinians kill each other as those who are not saved end up going to hell. God is determined to resist the Jewish effort to establish Israel and bring peace to the region without His Messiah and Son, Jesus Christ. When will this terrible conflict end? There will be a temporary period of peace when the Antichrist begins to rule the world, but that will not last, final peace will arrive only when Jesus Christ comes back in His full glory and takes dominion over the entire world.

Revelation chapter 19

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

There are two major denominations in Islam, **Sunnis** and **Shiites**, and they in turn are split into

many different factions. I want to set forth some basic definitions, so that we who are living in the West can understand the underlying power in Islamic nations. If we use Christianity as an example, we know that Christians are split into two major groups, **Catholics** (Roman, Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Anglican and Episcopal churches) and **Protestants** (Lutherans, Baptists, Pentecostals, Presbyterians, etc). In much the same way that there has been friction and sometimes war between Catholics and Protestants (i.e. North Ireland), so it is between the Sunnis and Shiites.

SHIITES (From the Infoplease Encyclopedia)

"Shiites are the second largest branch of Islam, Shiites currently account for 10% - 15% of all Muslims. Shiite Islam originated as a political movement supporting Ali (cousin and son-in-law of Muhammad, the Prophet of Islam) as the rightful leader of the Islamic state. The legitimacy of this claim, as initially envisioned by Ali's supporters, was based on Muhammad's alleged designation of Ali as his successor, Ali's righteousness, and tribal customs, given his close relation to the Prophet. Ali's right passed with his death in 661 to his son Hasan, who chose not to claim it, and after Hasan's death, to Husayn, Ali's younger son. The evolution into a religious formulation is believed to have been initiated with the martyrdom of Husayn in 680 at Karbala (today in Iraq), a traumatic event still observed with fervor in today's Shiite world on the 10th of the month of Muharram of the Muslim lunar year.

*"The Shiite focus on the person of the Imam made the community susceptible to division on the issue of succession. The early **Shiites**, a recognized, if often persecuted, opposition to the central government,*

soon divided into several factions. The majority of the **Shiites** today are Twelve-Imam **Shiites** (notably in **Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, India, and Pakistan**). Others are Zaydis (in Yemen), and the Ismailis (in India, Pakistan, Syria, and Yemen). The central belief of Twelve-Imam **Shiites** is the occultation (or disappearance from view) of the 12th Imam. The 12th Imam is considered to be the only legitimate and just ruler, and therefore no political action taken in his absence can be fruitful. While this position has provided Shiite clerics with the means to survive an often hostile environment, the need for an alternative formulation capable of framing political militancy has fostered activist movements within the Shiite tradition, occasionally leading to dissidence.

"The religious authority of the Shiite clerics is derived from their role as deputies of the absent 12th Imam; they are as such the recipients of the khums religious tax, a source of substantial economic autonomy. Shiite clerics are often referred to as mullahs and mujtahids. The most prominent clerical position is that of *marja al-taqlid*. The Shiite clergy does not, however, have a formal hierarchy. The honorific *ayat Allah* or *ayatollah* is a modern title that does not correspond to any established religious function."¹

SUNNIS Quote from Wikipedia)

"Sunni Muslims are the largest denomination of Islam. They are referred to as **Ahl ul-Sunna**, the folks of the tradition. The word Sunni comes from the word *sunna*, which means the tradition of the Prophet of Islam Muhammad. Sunnis are also referred to as *Ahl ul-Sunna wa-l-Jama'ah* (people of tradition and

congregation) which is meant to imply that the Sunnis are united. Sunni means follower of the *sunna* of the Prophet, with some details."²

SUNNIS, by Tore Kjeilen, *Encyclopedia of the Orient*

"Main group in Islam, making up 90% of the religion's adherents. Has been dominating almost continuously since 661, when the Shi'is departed from the main fold (the Kharijis left in 658). Sunni Islam claims to be the continuation of the Islam as it was defined through the revelations given to Muhammad and his life, a claim which is substantiated through the fact that Shi'i Islam for a number of decades had very little following and had no real, formal organization. As for the theology, Sunni Islam represents no more of a continuation of Islam than the other orientations.

"Hence one should be careful about thinking of Sunni Islam as mainstream Islam, and clearly refrain from calling it "orthodox". None of the 3 orientations of Islam coming out of the schisms of the 7th century can do no less than trace their origins back to the very first Muslim societies, and for the bystander none of the orientations must be deemed as inferior to the others.

"Sunni Islam has its name from its identification with the importance of the *Sunna* (the examples from the hadiths), which earlier than in Shi'i Islam was established as a central element in Islam, and central to understanding the full truth in the religion. There was a need to establishing a law, called *Shari'a* (for which the hadiths served as a central source), as Sunni Islam was the religious orientation of the rulers, while the Shi'is did not establish administrative organizations for yet a long time to come.

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<http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/society/A0844916.html>

² <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunni>

“The actual theological and ritual differences between Sunni and Shi'i Islam, came over a couple of centuries with development. For a long time, Sunni Islam was defined from Shi'i Islam by its adherence to the Caliph as the leader of the Muslim world. But there are many small and some large differences between Sunni and the other orientations, in all aspects of the religion. Sunni and Shi'i Islam share only three core doctrines, oneness of God, the belief in the revelations of Muhammad, and the belief in resurrection on the Day of Judgment.

“Sunni Islam has a different set of hadiths from Shi'i Islam. Sunni Islam puts far more importance into the hajj to Mecca, while Shi'i Islam has some other very important pilgrimages as well. Sunni Islam revere Ali, but does not hold him up as the only true continuation of the tradition from Muhammad, and has no emphasis on him bringing on a divine light from the Prophet.”³

WAHHABISM

This is the least well-known Islamic group in the West but it is the most sophisticated and deadly. Its power center is located in Saudi Arabia, where it is the state religion. Saudi's do not like to work hard and they don't have to because billions of dollars are flowing into the country every month. Hundreds of thousands of Phillipino's and Pakistanis are working in the Saudi kingdom as domestic workers. Many of the women are abused and used as sex slaves. There are tens of thousands of young women who have been imported from Eastern European nations to work as whores and live a terrible life. Few of them ever make it back alive to their native nations. Even though tens of thousands of white collar workers from

³ <http://lexicorient.com>

the west are building up their economy and infrastructure, foreigners are not allowed to bring in Bibles and Christian literature, and worship services are either restricted or totally suppressed.

The Wahhabi leadership is like a serpent, it strikes where it can. **Osama bin Laden's** family is from Yemen, but work and live in Saudi Arabia where they are involved in construction. The Saudi's are officially fighting terror on the side of the United States, but money is secretly dispersed to the al-Qaeda network, a CIA operation which began in 1982 for use against the Soviets in Afghanistan.



Saudi intelligence operations are in reality a Wahhabi organization, whose sole aim is destabilizing western governments and working for the establishment of an Islamic takeover of the Western nations. Saudi intelligence operatives work with Iranian intelligence, which is making Iraq unstable. It also supports Hezbollah, the Muslim Brotherhood, and all kinds of other radical Islamic groups in the world. Wherever there is some kind of radical work of Islamic extremism, there is a money trail leading back to Saudi Arabia. The Al-Qaeda operatives who carried out the 9/11 attack in the United States were bankrolled from Saudi Arabia. Millions of dollars are spent every year to build mosques all over the world and propagate Islam to people in the West.

President Bush knows all this and so do leaders in Congress but they do not dare to speak about it since we are totally dependent on oil from Saudi Arabia.

Let me now quote from Wikipedia:

WAHHABISM

“Wahhabism is a Sunni fundamenta-list Islamic movement,

named after Muhammad ibn Abd al Wahhab (1703–1792). It is the dominant form of Islam in Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Many members of the movement object to the term 'Wahhabism'. The Wahhabis claim to hold to the way of the "Salaf as-Salih", the 'pious predecessors' as earlier propagated mainly by Ibn Taymiyya, his students Ibn Al Qayyim, and later by Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahab and his followers."

Beliefs

"Wahhabism accepts the Qur'an and hadith as fundamental texts, interpreted upon the understanding of the first three generations of Islam. It also accepts various commentaries including Ibn Abd al-Wahhab's book called Kitab al-Tawhid ("Book of Monotheism"), and the works of the earlier scholar Ibn Taymiyya (1263–1328).

"Wahhabis do not follow any specific maddhab (method or school of jurisprudence), but claim to interpret the words of the prophet Muhammad directly, using the four maddhab for reference. However, they are often associated with the Hanbali maddhab. Wahhabi theology advocates a puritanical and legalistic stance in matters of faith and religious practice.

"Wahhabists see their role as a movement to restore Islam from what they perceive to be innovations, superstitions, deviances, heresies and idolatries. There are many practices that they believe are contrary to Islam, such as:

- Invoking of any prophet, Sufi saint, or angel in prayer, other than God alone (Wahhabists believe these practices are polytheistic in nature).
- Visiting the graves of Sufi saints or prophets and asking the dead for help

- Celebrating annual feasts for Sufi saints
- Wearing of charms, and believing in their healing power
- Practicing magic, or going to sorcerers or witches to seek healing
- Innovation in matters of religion (e.g. new methods of worship)

Early History of Wahhabism

Wahhabism in Saudi Arabia was founded in the 1700's by Muhammad ibn Abd al Wahab, an Arabian cleric who had come to believe that Sunni Islam was being gradually corrupted by innovations (bidah), many of which were countenanced by the Islamic mystical movement called Sufism, which was indeed the case in Arabia at the time of Ibn Abd al Wahab. Abd al Wahab discovered the works of the early Muslim thinker Ibn Taymiyya and started preaching a reformation of Islam based on Ibn Taymiyya's ideas. He was repudiated by his father and brother, who were both clerics, and expelled from his home village in Najd, in central Arabia.

Al-Wahhab then moved to the Najdi town of Diriya and formed an alliance with the Saudi chieftain Muhammad bin Saud. Bin Saud made Wahhabism the official interpretation of Islam in the First Saudi State. Al Wahhab gave religious legitimacy to Ibn Saud's career of conquest. Ibn Saud was also backed up by the British Empire who sought to weaken the Ottoman Empire.

In 1801, the Saudis attacked the Iraqi city of Kerbala and sacked the shrine of Imam Husayn. In 1803, Saudis conquered Mecca and Medina and destroyed various shrines, such as the shrine built over the tomb of Fatima Zahra, the daughter of Muhammad. They also wanted to dismantle Muhammad's shrine as well but abandoned their plan.

This led to a great loss of all historical locations in the Arabian Peninsula; in a matter of months, a great part of Islamic historical heritage was reduced to rubble. The Saudis held the two cities until 1817, until they were retaken by Mohammed Ali Pasha, acting on behalf of the Ottomans. In 1818, the Ottoman forces invaded Najd, captured the Saudi capital of Diriyah and the Saudi emir Abdullah bin Saud. He and his chief lieutenants were taken to Istanbul and beheaded. However, this did not end Wahhabism in Najd. The House of Saud returned to power in the Second Saudi State in 1824. The state lasted until 1899, when it was overthrown by the Emir of Hayel, Mohammed Ibn Rasheed. However, Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud reconquered Riyadh in 1902 and after a number of other conquests, founded the modern Saudi state, Saudi Arabia in 1932.

Modern Spread of Wahhabism

In 1924 the Wahhabi al-Saud dynasty conquered Mecca and Medina, the Muslim holy cities. This gave them control of the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage, and the opportunity to preach their version of Islam to the assembled pilgrims. However, Wahhabism was a minor current within Islam until the discovery of oil in Arabia, in 1938. Vast oil revenues gave an immense impetus to the spread of Wahhabism. Saudi laypeople, government officials and clerics have donated many tens of millions to create religious schools, newspapers and outreach organizations.

Salafism and Qutbism

Hassan al-Banna, the Egyptian founder of the Muslim Brotherhood, is said to have been influenced by the Wahhabis. The Muslim Brotherhood also claimed to be purifying and restoring original Islam. When the Muslim Brotherhood was banned in various

Middle Eastern countries, Saudi Arabia gave refuge to Brotherhood exiles. This seems to have set the stage for a mingling of Brotherhood and Wahhabi thought under the aegis of the term Salafism. Rebels against the Saudi state found justification in the thought of Sayyid Qutb, a member of the Brotherhood who spent years in Egyptian jails. Some Wahhabis, or Salafis, rejected what they call Qutbism, as a deviation from true Salafism. Thus there is now a considerable spectrum of religious opinion within Saudi Wahhabism/Salafism, to a great extent divided on the question of whether the Saudi state is to be supported, endured patiently, or violently opposed. The modern day Salafis, deny that Hassan al-Banna or Sayid Qutb were followers of the Salaf, since they upheld the view that it is allowed to overthrow the Muslim leader, and to make "Takfeer" (the act of placing a Muslim out of the fold of Islam, making him a disbeliever) on him based on Major Sins." ⁴

WHAT IS HEZBOLLAH?

Hezbollah can be likened to the French Foreign Legion, which is a combat unit owned and operated by the French government. Hezbollah is owned and operated by the government of Iran and is an extension of the Iranian Army. The super states among the Islamic nations in the world today are Iran (Persia) and Pakistan. Both nations have nuclear weapons and the missiles to deliver them. Pakistan is currently cooperating with the United States, but not because the Pakistani government and its people like the United States, they need to have support in their conflict with India which also has nuclear weapons and missiles to deliver them. If Pakistan did not have to contend with India, it would be lining up

⁴ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wahhabism>

with Iran and supporting its attacks on Israel.

Syria is playing a minor role in supporting Hezbollah but it is not able to dictate its own policies. The reason for this is that Syria is ruled by **Bashar al-Assad** (born 1965), and the son



to the ruthless dictator **Hafiz al-Assad** (died June 10, 2000). Hafiz put down a rebellion by the Muslim Brotherhood in 1982 when they had rallied in the city of Hamah. Syrian security forces attacked the city,

executed some 20,000 men, and destroyed most of the city. Bashar, his second son and a medical doctor in the field of ophthalmology was not trained and ready to become the next dictator of Syria. That all changed when his older brother Basil was killed in an automobile accident in 1994, Hafiz started to groom Bashar to become the next leader of Syria.

The power in Syria is held by a small group of military officers and politicians who are using Bashar as a figurehead. Since Syria is not a strong militarily, it is dominated by the government of Iran. If Israel were to attack Syria, it could take control over it in less than three days. The large Kurdish population in the north that has been courted by Israel for many years and the Syrian military leaders know that they are no match for the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) forces.

I am now going to quote from the **Council on Foreign Relations**, an organization which is operated by the World Government. This organization is not friendly to Christians, and someday in

the future, it will be used by the forces of the Antichrist. I just want the Christian community to know what they say and how they think:

Hezbollah is a Lebanese umbrella organization of radical Islamic Shiite groups and organizations. It opposes the West, seeks to create a Muslim fundamentalist state modeled on Iran, and is a bitter foe of Israel. Hezbollah, whose name means "party of God," is a terrorist group believed responsible for nearly 200 attacks since 1982 that have killed more than 800 people, according to the Terrorism Knowledge Base. Experts say Hezbollah is also a significant force in Lebanon's politics and a major provider of social services, operating schools, hospitals, and agricultural services, for thousands of Lebanese Shiites. It also operates the al-Manar satellite television channel and broadcast station.

What are Hezbollah's origins?

Hezbollah was founded in 1982 in response to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and subsumed members of the 1980s coalition of groups known as Islamic Jihad. It has close links to Iran and Syria.

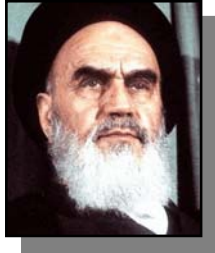
Who are Hezbollah's leaders?

Sheikh **Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah** is considered the group's spiritual leader. **Imad Favez Mugniyah** is



considered the key planner of Hezbollah's worldwide terrorist operations. During the Lebanese civil war in the 1970s, experts say Mugniyah trained with al-Fatah. When the Palestine Liberation Organization and al-Fatah were expelled from Lebanon by Israeli forces in 1982, Mugniyah joined the newly formed Hezbollah and quickly rose to a senior position in the organization. Hassan

Nasrallah is Hezbollah's senior political leader. Nasrallah was originally a military commander, but his military and religious credentials – he studied in centers of Shiite theology in Iran and Iraq – quickly elevated him to leadership within the group. Experts say he took advantage of rivalries within Hezbollah and the favor of the head of Iran's theocratic government, **Ayatollah Ruhollah Musavi Khomeini**, to become the group's secretary general in 1992, a position he still holds.



Where does Hezbollah operate?

Its base is in Lebanon's Shiite-dominated areas, including parts of Beirut, southern Lebanon, and the Bekaa Valley. In addition, U.S. intelligence reports say that Hezbollah cells operate in Europe, Africa, South America, and North America. Despite Israel's 2000 withdrawal from Lebanon, Hezbollah continues to periodically shell Israeli forces in the disputed Shebaa Farms border zone.

Hezbollah has also carried out attacks outside the Middle East. In his September 20, 2001, speech to Congress, President Bush pledged that the U.S.-led war on terror 'will not end until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, stopped, and defeated.' Hezbollah's cells outside the Middle East, its reported involvement in the January 2002 attempt to smuggle a boatload of arms to the Palestinian Authority, and its role in a pair of attacks in Argentina in the early 1990s, imply that it might meet the



president's definition, terrorism experts say. In June 2002, Singapore accused Hezbollah of recruiting Singaporeans in a failed 1990s plot to attack U.S. and Israeli ships in the Singapore Straits. Hezbollah was also among the few terrorist groups that President Bush mentioned by name in his January 2002 State of the Union address.

How big is Hezbollah?

Its core consists of several thousand militants and activists, the U.S. government estimates.

What major attacks is Hezbollah responsible for?

Hezbollah and its affiliates have planned or been linked to a lengthy series of terrorist attacks against the United States, Israel, and other Western targets. These attacks include:

- a series of kidnappings of Westerners in Lebanon, including several Americans, in the 1980s;
- the suicide truck bombings that killed more than 200 U.S. Marines at their barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983;
- the 1985 hijacking of TWA flight 847, which featured the famous footage of the plane's pilot leaning out of the cockpit with a gun to his head;
- two major 1990s attacks on Jewish targets in Argentina—the 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy (killing twenty-nine) and the 1994 bombing of a Jewish community center (killing ninety-five).
- a July 2006 raid on a border post in northern Israel in which two Israeli soldiers were taken captive. The abductions sparked an Israeli military campaign against Lebanon



to which Hezbollah responded by firing rockets across the Lebanese border into Israel.

Does Hezbollah play an active role in the Lebanese politics?

Yes. After the 2005 elections, Hezbollah won eight new seats, giving the group twenty-three seats in the 128-member Lebanese Parliament. In addition, Hezbollah has two ministers in the government, and a third is endorsed by the group.

Hezbollah did not disarm when it entered Lebanese politics, and experts say the group's new political involvement is not an indication that the group is becoming more moderate.”⁵

WHAT DOESN'T THE MEDIA WANT YOU TO KNOW

The current combat in Gaza and Lebanon is not “just happening.” There is a command center located in Iran where Iranian generals and their staff are running the war against Israel. The government of Iran is more than happy for this war, since it has turned attention from the nuclear weapon program in Iran, to the war in Lebanon and Gaza. The Iranian generals know that the Hezbollah fighters are not going to be able to stand up against the Israeli army but they want to bog down the IDF in a prolonged war in Lebanon just as the American forces are tied down in a no-win situation in Iraq and Afghanistan. It will drain manpower and strain the Israeli economy since its armed forces consist of citizen soldiers who are taken away from their jobs to fight Hezbollah.

Furthermore, when casualties increase, it turns the population against its own government, just like what is happening now in the United States. Muslims in the world now number more

than one billion and this *cannon fodder* can be moved into the Middle East and wear down the IDF through sheer numbers.

If Hezbollah is defeated in Lebanon, they will withdraw into Syria. The Iranian leadership does not care if Lebanon and Syria becomes a wasteland and millions of civilians die, their only concern is that Israel is destroyed and Islamic leaders obtain world dominion. If they are driven out of Syria, they will regroup in Iraq, which already is partially destroyed. There are not enough Israeli soldiers to occupy Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. The killing fields have been set up for the Israeli army.

There is also a central command center located in Israel in which the IDF are running the war from their side. They are well aware of the facts that I have brought out so far. If the Israeli casualties increase, they will turn to the “Sampson Option.” That means that nuclear bombs will be dropped on targets in Iran that will not only cripple the Iranian armed forces but also take out the nuclear production centers in Iran. I have laid this out in past newsletters. It is clear that Israel cannot fight and clear the deck in the Middle East and bring about peace!

In order to bring a more clear understanding where we are, and where we are going in the future, let us turn to the only true source on this planet – **The Bible.**

BACK TO THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES -- EXODUS

In order to make some sense in this complicated situation, we have to go back to the very beginning, when Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt.

THE EXODUS

Around 1441 B.C., Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, more than 3,400 years ago. After the ten plagues on

⁵ <http://www.cfr.org/publication/9155>

the Egyptians and the miracle at the Red Sea, some three million Israelites were trekking through the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land. But there was a problem, Moses had seen and heard from God, but the people at large did not have a personal relationship with God. They were living and walking in the flesh and their god was the man Moses. When Moses spent more than 40 days with God on the mountain, the people could not take it any longer, they wanted a new god, and they wanted one right then.

And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee

*down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: **Exodus 32:1-9***

Nothing has changed since the days of Moses. For more than 3,400 years, physical descendants of Abraham have been waiting for the promised Messiah and for the restoration of the nation of Israel. When God finally sent the Messiah some 2,000 years ago, the Jewish leadership rejected him and put political pressure on the Roman governor to have him executed.

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is

not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief

priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

Matthew 27:1-25

THE JEWS WANTED A POLITICAL STATE OF ISRAEL

When 42,360 Jews returned from Babylon around 400 B.C. (Ezra 2:64) after having been held in captivity for 70 years, they carried a dream, which was to rebuild Jerusalem. This was God's plan to rebuild the city and the temple. But it was not God's will to restore the political state of Israel. Ezra and Nehemiah understood God's plan and complied with it, but future generations of Jews decided that if God did not restore the State of Israel by sending the Messiah, they were going to do it in their own power. The powerful clan Maccabeus supplied the leadership for a military solution, which ended up with death and destruction, and still no political state of Israel.

"After the death of Mattathias (c. 166 BCE), Judas Maccabeus, the third son, became the leader of the resistance movement. In his first battle he seized the

sword of Apollonius, governor of Samaria, the general leading the opposing army. But he was also a man of faith in the God of his fathers. He saw himself as a charismatic, divinely appointed leader, like Gideon of old. He would pause in his guerrilla tactics to assemble his men to “watch and pray” and to read the Torah (the divinely revealed Law of Moses) together. Judas saw his task as that of the successor of Moses and Joshua. ‘Remember how our fathers were saved at the Red Sea,’ he told his men, ‘when Pharaoh with his forces pursued them’ (**1 Maccabees 4:9**). Then they would blow their trumpets, as in the days of Joshua, and engage the enemy with renewed vigour.

“Moreover, Judas could be as cruel as Joshua was. After the manner of his time and also of his enemies, he was ready to exterminate all the males of a conquered city. Some of his activities are in accord with what today would be called the ‘rules for holy war’ as found scattered in sections of Deuteronomy and as developed in great detail in one of the scrolls from the Dead Sea, written within the century following Judas, and now entitled *The War of the Sons of Light Against the Sons of Darkness*.”⁶

THE JEWS DID NOT LEARN FROM THIS BLOODY DEFEAT

The descendants of Abraham had a hard time understanding just who they were and how God intended to use them on this earth. Many Gentile Christians during the centuries have also not understood God’s plan for the Jewish people. Let me quickly state the purpose and the assignment that God gave to Abraham and his descendents:

1. Abraham was not a Jew! He was born and raised in the city of Ur, which was located in what is today

Iraq. Ur was a city in the south of Iraq, close to the current city of Basra. At this time the Babylonian Empire had not yet come into being, and the people living in this region were called Chaldees. Genesis 11:26-32

2. When God called Abram to leave his native country and travel to the land of Canaan, he was told that he was going to be a blessing to all nations of the earth.

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. Genesis 12:1-4

Later, God spoke to Abraham again and confirmed the calling upon his life and his descendants. It is important to understand what the Bible tells us here. **God is blessing Abraham so that his seed shall be a blessing to all nations on this earth!**

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in

⁶ Encyclopedia Britannica 2006

multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. Genesis 22:15-18

The message from God was that Abraham would become a blessing to all nations on this earth; it can be found in the following Bible verses: Genesis 18:18, 26:4; Acts 3:25; Galatians 3:8.

3. **The Blessing of Abraham is The Messiah** who was going to come and pay for the sins of mankind. Through his death and resurrection, man can be forgiven, born again, and receive eternal life in heaven. There are many references to this in both the Old and New Testament. The clearest teachings we can have on the subject are the sermons that the apostles preached and recorded in the Bible. You will find this in the sermon of the Apostle Peter as recorded in Acts 2:14-41. In the Book of Acts 4:1-20, Peter again proclaims the Gospel.

The most complete teaching on this subject was given by Deacon Stephen when he preached to the Jewish leadership. In this sermon, Stephen traces the history from Abraham all the way up to Jesus, who is the Messiah according to the New Testament. Acts 7:1-60

The Apostle Paul preached a powerful sermon proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) and we find this sermon in Acts 26:1-32.

4. The seed of Abraham does not only consist of the physical

descendants of Abraham but of all people who have been born again and received Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour. This is clearly laid out in the New Testament in the following verses: Romans 4:1-18, 9:1-33; Galatians 3:1-29

SUMMARY: MOST OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM PUT THEIR FOCUS ON THE LAND OF CANAAN WHEN THEY SHOULD HAVE KEPT THEIR FOCUS ON THE MESSIAH!

NEITHER HAVE THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT THE LAND OF ISRAEL WITH THE CITY OF JERUSALEM, BUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD RESIDES IN EVERY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN BORN AGAIN!

ESTABLISHING THE POLITICAL STATE OF ISRAEL BY MILITARY FORCE IS NOT OF GOD, BUT OF THE DEVIL! JESUS IS GOING TO ESTABLISH AN EARTHLY KINGDOM, BUT IT WILL NOT COME UNTIL THE COMING OF JESUS AS THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS AS RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION, CHAPTER 20.

THE ANTICHRIST IS GOING TO ESTABLISH HIS EARTHLY KINGDOM AND SIT IN THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM. THUS, THE JEWS HAVE CARVED OUT A PIECE OF THE LAND OF CANAAN AND ARE WAITING FOR THE MESSIAH TO COME AND RECEIVE IT FROM THEM. WHAT THEY HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD IS THAT THE MESSIAH WHO WILL COME TO THEM IS THE DEVIL HIMSELF IN THE FORM OF THE ANTICHRIST!

When Jesus walked on the earth, Jewish political activists tried to take him by force and make him their king. Look at these Bible verses:

Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

John 6:14-15

Jesus made it very clear that his kingdom is not of this world and that he had no mandate from God or desire to drive out the Romans from the land and restore the land of Canaan back to the Jews.

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

John 18:36

THE STATE OF ISRAEL HAS BECOME THE NEW GOLDEN CALF

Eretz Israel (the land of Israel) is the god that most people in Israel worship today. It has become their Golden Calf, and not only are the Israeli people dancing around their Golden Calf, so are many Evangelical and Pentecostal Christians in the world. The driving force behind this movement is as I have stated many times before is the Zionist World Organization, which I have written about in great detail in The Dove magazines. However, what is most frightening is that people just don't understand that it is the Devil who is the prime mover of the Zionist movement, which is the tool being used to bring the coming Antichrist and his world dominion into being. Jesus echoed the same thing:

They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus

saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

John 8:39-45

After His resurrection Jesus made two more references to the condition of Jewish people who had rejected Him as their Messiah. We find these statements in the following verses in the Bible:

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten

days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. Revelation 2:8-11

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Revelation 3:7-9

THE APOSTLES OF JESUS REJECTED JUDAISM

If we as believers in Christ claim that the Bible is the Word of God and the foundation for our faith in Christ, we must then adhere to what is written down in the Bible and stick with it. It is extremely important that each Christian understand that Jesus came to the people of Israel and that His mother was a Jewish woman in the lineage of David. Jesus did not have an earthly father, the Holy Spirit was His father and Joseph was His stepfather. Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-33

All the apostles were Israelis (Hebrew), including the 70 others and the women who followed Jesus, which became the nucleus of the Church of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:11-15). The Apostle Paul was of the tribe of Benjamin and

proclaimed that he was Jewish to the roots. Romans 11:1-8; Philippians 3:1-7

Jesus did all he could to save the Jewish people and bring them into the second covenant. The same holds true for the apostles, but the Jewish leadership and the majority of the people rejected Jesus as Messiah. Here is what the Apostle John states about this:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:1-13

During the first 60 years of the Church of Jesus Christ, the Jewish and Gentile believers in Christ worked hard to reach Jewish people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even though thousands accepted Christ as their Messiah and

were born again, the majority of the people rejected Jesus and opted to remain in their modified version of the First Covenant. This religion is known today as Judaism with its two written works, the Talmud and Cabala. These ungodly Jews think that they are serving the Creator but don't realize that they have created what Jesus called **THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN!**

THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH DID NOT COOPERATE WITH JEWS

Vast numbers of Evangelical and Pentecostal pastors and congregations have never grasped this truth and it is the downfall of the Christian church we see in today's world. When Peter and John were arrested and later interrogated by the Jewish leadership, they did not strike a deal; neither did they offer to co-exist with the Jewish religious system. Instead they boldly confronted the high priest and his rabbis and told them to their faces that **there was no other name under heaven, whereby men could be saved!** There was no compromise, no co-existing, and no co-operation. The Jewish religious system was totally corrupt and the apostolic church had no interest in working with it to further the cause of Judaism or trying to drive out the Romans and establish the State of Israel.

Peter and John stated that the High priest could take it or leave it, that was his choice, but there was no support coming from the apostolic church for the Jewish religious system.

And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto

the next day: for it was now eventide. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.***

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could

say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

Acts 4:1-21

The question which we must ask today is this, where is the authority coming from when Christian leaders form pacts with Jewish leaders to collect money for the State of Israel and make sure that American lawmakers are voting according to the needs of the political state of Israel? There is no biblical authority or mandate from God; this is a work being done in the flesh by demonic powers which are blinding the Christians to biblical truth.

THE NAKED TRUTH: A PORTION OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IS WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH

THE DEVIL TO BRING THE ANTICHRIST INTO POWER SO HE CAN TAKE CONTROL OVER ISRAEL AND THE WORLD!

WHO ARE THE COLLABORATORS WITH THE ANTICHRIST?

There are thousands upon thousands of pastors who have been deceived by doctrines of devils (1 Timothy 4:1) and they are leading the people in their churches on the path of destruction. The Devil is very sly and he knows very well that if he would develop a political system and an evil leader of it, people in the world would violently reject it. His system of Islam and its many evil national leaders are not well received by the people in Europe and North America. Therefore, he is acting like a cuckoo bird, who lays its eggs in another birds nest, and they have that bird hatch and rear their offspring. Most people have no knowledge of this behavior and to make sure that you understand what I am trying to tell you, here is an excerpt from Encyclopedia Britannica:

“Cuckoo populations have evolved many adaptations that enable them to trick their hosts into rearing their young, the most impressive of which is the production of eggs that resemble those of their host. Cuckoos can produce eggs that are very similar in colour to the eggs of meadow pipits, reed warblers, or pied wagtails. Three different cuckoo genotypes are responsible for the production of these three different egg colours, and thus cuckoos are said to be polymorphic with respect to egg colour. These genotypes are maintained in cuckoo populations because natural selection is continually changing which genotype is favoured. This occurs because after many generations the host species can develop defenses against the cuckoo, such as the ability to discriminate between eggs and eject those that have

only minute differences from their own. (That this ability to reject eggs is evolved is evidenced by the fact that in Iceland, where cuckoos are not indigenous, pied wagtails and meadow pipits will accept cuckoo eggs placed in their nests by researchers). As the gene for this defensive maneuver spreads throughout the host population, cuckoos with genotypes that allow them to produce eggs mimicking the egg colour of a new host are favoured.”⁷

The Devil is just like the cuckoo bird. He is birthing the Antichrist and his political system in the Church of Jesus Christ and using ignorant pastors and Christians alike to protect and make sure that his egg is protected, hatched and reared. Out of this insidious egg will come the Man of Sin, who will reveal himself and turn his wrath on the people that fed and sheltered him. The Apostle Paul prophesied this event would take place 1,950 years ago:

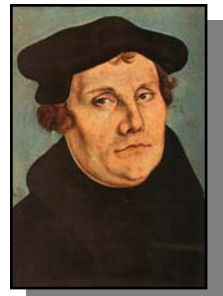
*Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come **a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what*

*withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. **And then shall that Wicked be revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: **Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.** 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

HOW WAS THE DEVIL ABLE TO DECEIVE THE CHURCH?

I now want to piece together historical facts which have, to a great extent, been sanitized in encyclopedias and history books. Since most people living today (2006) do not have access to many historical writings and have a very limited education in secular history let alone the history of the Christian church, I want to write just a brief introduction to give the reader something to stand upon.

THE REFORMATION: This was the work of a German Roman Catholic priest by the name of **Martin Luther** (1483-1546), who broke from the Roman Catholic Church and started a



⁷ Encyclopedia Britannica 2006

reformation which led to the formation of Protestant Churches.

The next important leader for the Protestant movement was **John Calvin**



(1509-1564), who was born in France and became an attorney. During his studies at the University of Paris, he became involved in the Protestant movement, and due to persecution by the French government he fled to

Switzerland where he became the leading theologian of the Protestant churches in Europe.

The main teaching at this time in the Protestant movement was a personal relationship with Christ and the Bible was the final authority. Christians were to live a holy life and be salt and light in the nations where they lived. For the next 300 years, the church of Jesus Christ became the backbone of Germany, England, the Scandinavian nations and the United States. The French revolution led by the Illuminati not only murdered millions of French Protestants known as Huguenots but plunged France into a spiritual darkness that continues to this day.

With the large awakenings and revivals in the United States in the late 1700's and into the 1800's, Christianity was strong, the Bible was the textbook in public schools and all the Ivy League universities began as Christian institutions. Christians were involved in local and national politics, public education and bringing people to a higher moral ground. Prayer to God in the name of Jesus was commonplace in State and Federal political bodies and even in public schools. There was no room for Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and other pagan religions in the public life of the United States, nor were there allegations about discrimination, the American

people simply believed that their nation was a Christian nation and immigrants could take it or leave it. If they didn't want to adapt to this fact, they could go back on the same boat. The Devil did not like this but he could not through brute force destroy the Christian hold on the United States, instead, he chose a very sly attack, convince the Christians to give up all secular institutions and retreat into their churches.

To be continued...

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