

**It's time for Australia to choose wisely...**





# Where do we stand?

## Less than 5% Chance?



- The Prime Minister Scott Morrison has copped a backlash over the idea of moving Australian Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem from Indonesia, Palestine and other predominantly Muslim countries, as well as the federal Opposition, since he floated the idea the week before last month's crucial Wentworth by-election.
- Senator Payne wouldn't be drawn on when the deal with Australia's northern neighbour will be signed, she did say it couldn't be "conflated" with the embassy issue.
- Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi enforced that **"if Australia insists on moving its embassy to Jerusalem, the signing will be delayed,"**
- Mr Morrison said yesterday he hoped to have the review on the policy finished by Christmas.
- **"Australia 'unlikely' to move Israel embassy after talks with Indonesia"** - In a bid to seal a \$16.5bn trade deal with Indonesia, one of Scott Morrison's ministers has privately revealed the Israel embassy shift has a 'less than 5 per cent' chance of going ahead.
- [‘Claire Bickers’ News Corp Australia Network NOVEMBER 15, 2018]



## Positive News: Australia rejects biased resolutions



- *AUSTRALIA has stood firm in opposing six biased annual resolutions against Israel in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), including three on which it had previously abstained.*
- The government changed its vote to “no” on a resolution calling on Israel to return the Golan Heights to Syria, another ignoring Jewish ties to Jerusalem and a third which places the blame for the lack of peace with the Palestinians solely on Israel.
- All six resolutions still passed overwhelmingly in the UNGA last Thursday.
- [The Australian Jewish News Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 2018]



## Failure of UN General Assembly Resolution on 'Activities of Hamas and other militant groups in Gaza'

- **Australia supported this UN General Assembly Resolution to condemn the egregious and ongoing violent acts of the terrorist organisation Hamas and to restore some balance in the United Nation's consideration of Israeli-Palestinian issues.**
- Hamas and other militant groups' conduct in Gaza is confrontational, violent and provocative.
- They endanger the lives of innocent people and indiscriminately target civilians.
- Hamas' actions are egregious, reprehensible and profoundly against the cause of peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- **Australia condemns Hamas' activities in the strongest possible terms.**
- **While a simple majority of countries voted in favour of the Resolution [Yes 87; No 57; Abstain 33] the failure of the international community to condemn Hamas, a terrorist organisation, with the requisite majority in the UNGA is appalling.**
- [Mirage News Dec 8th 2018]



# Battle for Jerusalem: Zech 12



**12** The burden of the word of the Lord against Israel. Thus says the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: <sup>2</sup> **“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.** <sup>3</sup> **And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.** <sup>4</sup> **In that day,”** says the Lord, **“I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.**

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<sup>5</sup> And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, ‘**The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in the Lord of hosts, their God.**’ <sup>6</sup> In that day **I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—Jerusalem.**

<sup>7</sup> “**The Lord will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah.** <sup>8</sup> In that day the **Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem;** the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David *shall be* like God, like the Angel of the Lord before them. <sup>9</sup> It shall be in that day **that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.**

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<sup>10</sup> “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. <sup>11</sup> In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. <sup>12</sup> And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; <sup>13</sup> the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; <sup>14</sup> all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

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1. God who who created & sustains the universe will do!

a. **“I will” (x 7)** – ‘Jerusalem’ VS ‘All nations’ (WW3)

b. **Only capital city without natural reason!** No port, no harbor, no river, no significant trade route, no natural resources with population > 1M (850K). Jews in Israel 6.5M. World Population = 7.5B.

c. **“Jerusalem” will be:**

- **Cup too strong to drink** → ‘state of drunkenness’
- **Stone too heavy to move** → ‘cut in pieces’
- **Fire too hot to handle!** → ‘being consumed’





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## 2. Nations come against Jerusalem

- a. 'surrounding people' (involved in siege) vs 'all nations' (involved politically)
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> Judah, then siege in Jerusalem – it will serve to further 'unify whole Israel'
- c. Inner conversation of governors of Judah, *"The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in the LORD (YHWH) of hosts, their God" (v.5)*
- d. The LORD's intervention during the sieve: (1) astonishment (confusion); (2) madness; (3) blindness. [EMP?]
- e. Israeli IDF will be mighty like 'David', and 'the Angel of the LORD' before their enemy.



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## 3. Outcome of this war:

- a. **“Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place – Jerusalem” (v.6)** – i.e. ‘times of Gentiles end?’ (Lk 21:24)
- b. **Spirit of grace & supplication** poured out on Jerusalem
- c. **Supernatural revelation of their messiah** (apostle Paul as a type)
- d. **National repentance & the greatest revival** in the history of Israel

***“Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! ... For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?” (Rom 11:13, 14)***



# Nations' Destiny are being Determined

*“For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> 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 also divided up My land.” (Joel 3:1-2)*

**“God’s program is not two state solution.  
It is single Jewish Sovereign State solution.**

**All nations are making their choice now!**

*“Why do the nations rage, and the people plot vain things? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.” (Ps 2:1-3)*



## Remarkable Calamities in US history re: Foreign Policy toward Israel

- **Jimmy Carter (22/03/1979)** – last time the U.S. government refused to veto an anti-Israel UN Security Council resolution (#446), Israel lost tremendous amount of territory. On 28/03 the worst nuclear power plant disaster in U.S. history occurred: The 3 Mile Island nuclear meltdown.
- **George H. W. Bush (30/10/1991)** - Madrid Peace Conference. “...territorial compromise is essential for peace.” At the same time “the Perfect Storm” from north Atlantic turned wrong direction 1000 miles & destroyed Bush’s home in Kennebunkport, Maine. On 23/08/92 - Madrid Peace Conference moved to Washington D.C., and the very next day Hurricane Andrew made landfall in Florida causing \$30 billion damage - worst natural disaster in US history up until that time!



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- **Clinton (16/01/94)** - met with Assad (Syria) to discuss the Israel giving up Golan Heights. Within 24 hours Northridge earthquake hit southern California (2<sup>nd</sup> worst natural disaster). 21/01/98 – Clinton refused to meet Netanyahu to pressure Israel. On the same day the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke out.
- **George W. Bush (30/04/2003)** - “the Road Map to Peace” presented to Israeli. Over the next seven days, the U.S. was hit by a staggering 412 tornadoes - the largest tornado cluster ever recorded. In 2005 Bush told Israel to evacuate all of the Jewish settlers out of Gaza which was completed on 23/08/2005. On that same day, “Katrina” started forming over the Bahamas & destroyed the city of New Orleans – the worst natural disaster in US history.



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- **Obama (19/05/2011)** - Obama told Israel to return to the pre-1967 border. Three days later on May 22nd a half-mile wide multiple-vortex tornado ripped through Joplin, Missouri - “the costliest single tornado in U.S. history.”



**23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2016 - UN resolution 2334 – Accelerant!**

*Called upon 'Israel to retreat to pre-1967 ceasefire borderline'*  
& condemned all settlement in West Bank & East Jerusalem  
as having *“no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant violation under international law”*

**Obama (23/12/2016)** - US abstained from veto right,  
thus, indirectly helped pass UN resolution 2334 ('2-state  
solution based on 1967 lines)

Then in order to counter this immediately (1) Republican  
senators introduced bill to move embassy to Jerusalem.  
(2) Deputy National Security Adviser said *'US will veto  
any further UN action against Israel'* – i.e. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan UN  
Paris Conference & 17<sup>th</sup> Jan UN Security Council meeting.  
**Then, (Thank God) President Trump moved US Embassy from  
Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in recognition to Jerusalem being the  
capital city of Israel! (May 2018)**

**Was it enough to secure future blessing of US?**



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## Europe & France's Role

- a. The same resolution was in plan for UN Security Council in France Sept 2015, but US didn't agree, so it was never tabled.
- b. Monday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 – **12 French Ambassadors'** public letter with a *threat of legal warfare* if Israel refuses to sign dotted line. It affirms **'Israel has no right to the land based on biblical text'**.
- c. Actions proposed by 12 French Ambassadors: (1) 'immediate recognition of a Palestinian state (joint declaration with **UK, Spain, Italy and Greece**); (2) immediate suspension of association agreements between EU & Israel; (3) immediate end of economic, scientific and academic cooperation between the EU and Israel; (4) immediate labeling and potential boycotting of all products coming from Jerusalem. i.e. Israel is in tribunal before the world confederation court!
- d. Then on Jan 15 in Paris, 70 nations gathered to discuss 'Israel-Palestinian Conflict'. No further action was taken against Israel.
- e. Thankfully Australia stood in solidarity with Israel.

## What is the future of France? Where is it all going for nations?

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**It is Single Jewish Sovereign State."**

**"Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place – Jerusalem" (v.6)**





## God's Program for Israel's new boarder line (Obad. 17-21)

**15 "For the day of the Lord upon all the nations is near;**

**As you have done, it shall be done to you;  
Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.**

**16 For as you drank on My holy mountain,  
So shall all the nations drink continually;**

**Yes, they shall drink, and swallow,  
And they shall be as though they had never  
been.**

**17 "But on Mount Zion there shall be  
deliverance,**

**And there shall be holiness;**

**The house of Jacob shall possess their  
possessions. (Obadiah 15-17)**

## ISRAEL and the Disputed Territories

- 1948 British Mandate Boundaries
- 1967 Armistice demarcation
- 2005 Gaza Disengagement Line
- International boundary
- National capital
- ★ District (mehoz) centre
- City, town
- ✈ Airport
- District (mehoz) boundary
- Main road
- Secondary road
- Railroad
- Oil pipeline



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**18** The house of Jacob shall be a **fire**,  
And the house of Joseph a **flame**;  
**But** the house of Esau shall be stubble;  
They shall kindle them and devour them,  
And no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau,"

**For** the Lord has spoken.

**19** The South shall possess the mountains of **Esau**,

And the Lowland shall possess **Philistia**.

They shall possess the fields of **Ephraim**

And the fields of **Samaria**.

Benjamin shall possess **Gilead**.

(Obadiah 18-19)

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**20 And the captives of this host of the children of Israel**

**Shall possess the land of the *Canaanites***

**As far as *Zarephath*.**

**The captives of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad**

**Shall possess the *cities of the South*.**

**21 Then saviors shall come to Mount Zion**

**To judge the mountains of Esau,**

**And the kingdom shall be the Lord's.**

**(Obadiah 20-21)**



# Australia's Spiritual Heritage:



- The smallest & newest nation (only 14 y.o. when joined WW1)!
- 400 years of under Islamic rule via Ottoman empire liberated through Beersheba campaign – **basis of Balfour Declaration (1917 Nov 2)**.
- Beersheba was the only source of water in the desert. At the brink of death (3rd day), General William Grant planned audacious charge of ~6km across desert with 800 light horsemen.
- The last cavalry charge in history! Turkish garrison had 28 artillery guns, 9 machine guns, 2 aircraft and 4400 men. The Australians killed 500 hundred Turks and took 1,500 prisoner, while only losing 31 of their own troopers and 70 horses. It was a stunning victory! (C.f. Zech 10:3-4).

# Australia's Spiritual Heritage: 800 Light Horsemen @ Beersheba

The battle of Beersheba was conducted on the same day the British war cabinet formulated Balfour Declaration. Which at the end of WW1 was to establish Jewish homeland.



**"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, ...They have also divided up My land." (Joel 3:1-2)**