



Dear Precious Friend,

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A Clear Pattern in Scripture

In September 2022, I woke up with a vision of fighter jets over me and I knew immediately that they were real Turkish fighter jets and they were over the Aegean. I knew that it was war. I cried out, "Oh my God, it's war! Turkey is fighting in the Aegean!" I often look at the news because I like to know what's going on in this Bible region and everything that I have been reading for the last couple of months has been confirming aggressive warlike threats in the Eastern Mediterranean! We are seeking God, repenting for the sins of the Greek nations and praying AGAINST war.

Erdogan has been bullying the whole Greek and Cypriot region saying things like, "We're going to come in the middle of the night! Remember Smyrna!" He's threatening to repeat history with another invasion and/or genocide of Greeks/Greek Cypriots. I recently read an article by a Turkish analyst that commented after Erdogan said, "We may suddenly come one night," and he says that this is the start of a process similar to the one that preceded the invasion of Cyprus in 1974. He said that military preparations were made and there was information that was amassing against Greek Cyprus for approximately 10 years before the invasion.

At the same time, I got a message from a Cypriot friend who said something that is connected to this. He said that he was talking to his father who was there during the 1974 invasion and also in the 60's. He said that around 1960 when Cyprus became a Republic, it was full of Israelis. Israelis were settling in Cyprus and they stayed until about 1963/64 when Makarios, the President of Cyprus, who was a Greek Orthodox Priest, decided to turn to the “αδέσμευτους/adesmeftous,” those who were not in some kind of an organization (like NATO). Makarios decided for Cyprus to align with Egypt and the smaller nations like Sri Lanka and other places which were Islamic! Suddenly the Israelis began to disappear from Cyprus. They saw what was happening and they fled. He said that after that, things got really bad for Cyprus with Turkey and it ended up in the 1974 invasion.

Beloved, Turkey continues to threaten to take the Greek islands and Cyprus! I believe that we are in a time where we must repent for why God allowed the 1974 invasion. GOD IS RIGHTEOUS! He doesn't just allow a nation to invade another nation without a reason. Remember that God used Assyria against His own beloved people Israel as the rod of His judgement and He uses nations to chastize other nations.

I personally believe that God has been using Turkey as a rod of correction and judgment throughout Greek-Cypriot history. It would be wise for those of us in the Biblelands to examine our hearts and enter into a spirit of repentance. Let's face it honestly: God seriously judged Israel for idolatry. The Greek-Cypriot nations and the Greek Orthodox Church have been at least as idolatrous, and are also teaching replacement theology (that the Ekklesia has replaced natural Israel) which is clearly against the word of God.

So, when God looks at His people – His people being Israel, but His people also being the grafted in Ekklesia – what does He see? He sees of course the remnant that loves Him, but He also sees idolatry in hearts. He sees other gods, other loves. To God, it is like a wife having affairs with other men. That's adultery.

We have a strong and subtle enemy in the Biblelands. Turkey is bullying the Eastern Mediterranean. My Cypriot cousin even said to me, "I believe there is going to be a war and I believe God is going to fight for us because of what Turkey has done with all the genocides." I said to him, "that's true and I believe ultimately God is going to vindicate the Greeks/Cypriots, but what has to happen before this?"

We have the clear pattern in scripture:

When Samuel was judging Israel, the Philistines had heard that the children of Israel had gathered together in Mizpah (I Sam. 7:7). The lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard of it, they were afraid. So, the children of Israel said to Samuel, “Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.”

Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it as a burnt offering to the Lord. We know that that's a picture of Yeshua being offered as a sacrifice for sin.

Samuel cried out to the Lord for Israel and the Lord answered Him. As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the Lord thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and He confused them that they were overcome before Israel. How wonderful and powerful!

But if you go back, Beloved, to verse 3, Samuel is speaking to the house of Israel during the time when the ark was in Kirjath Jearim for 20 years and Israel was mourning and crying out for the presence of the Lord to return. It says that the house of Israel lamented before the Lord. Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you return to the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the Lord, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines."

**"So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and served the Lord only."
(vs. 4)**

This took place before the Lord allowed the Philistines to be defeated and I believe that it's still a pattern for Israel, Cyprus/Greece and every nation! The word says, Sin is a reproach to a nation (Proverbs 14:34). Sin is a reproach to EVERY nation! God cannot bless the sin that has been going on in this region but also all over the world. That's why there has been a shaking going on in Israel, in the Bible nations of the Eastern Med and all over the globe.

Let's turn to God, let Him examine our hearts and let's serve Him alone! Then He will deliver us from the hand of our enemies!

Good News from the Biblelands:

Edessa, Greece

We met our Israeli friends Eli and Keshet in Edessa, a small beautiful village with famous waterfalls near Berea. Many tourists from Israel and the nations visit this stunning place. The Lord met us with several divine appointments with both Israelis and Greeks!

As we walked to the waterfalls, we met a Greek musician and his heart was open to the Lord. After we shared the gospel, he immediately said, "what must I do to be saved?" Sounds familiar? He prayed to receive the Lord, we gave him a Bible and we continued on to the waterfalls where we met several Israelis. I shared my testimony about Yeshua, how He showed me hell and then after repenting, took me up to heaven. One Israeli man was very open and received prayer and the New Testament. He immediately said to his wife, "we are going to read this book!" Hallelujah!

We visited the guesthouse where Eli and Keshet were staying and met the owner who was a God fearing woman. I felt led to begin singing a worship song in Greek. She and the other workers were touched. The owner joined us as we entered into singing and praying together in a circle. She opened her heart to Yeshua and told us how deeply she felt the Lord's presence. Glory to God!

Thessaloniki, Greece

Before Sylvie and I left for Cyprus, we met students on a term overseas from the USA. We shared Yeshua with some of the students. I was led to talk about Israel and Jesus as a Jew and it turned out that without knowing, those I was sharing with were Jewish!

I was also invited to an art show my Israeli friend, D was having in Thessaloniki. I met her last year and keep in touch with her. She is becoming more and more open to hearing about Yeshua. We even were able to share with her Greek friends who were sponsoring her at their art gallery.

A very special divine appointment happened at the airport on our way to Cyprus. An Israeli family was standing on the line in front of us. At first, I felt so tired and didn't want to open up and share but I felt the Lord pressing me strongly to do so. When I shared with one of the adult sons, his father entered into the conversation and it was as if the love of God began to pour like waves into us all. I felt so much love pouring into and out of my heart and they felt it too! It was so strong that I felt that I could give my life for them. There was absolutely no resistance, just love flowing from heaven, from Yeshua as I shared the gospel. I gave them the New Testament and prayed for them and left them in the hands of the Lord. They were deeply touched by the supernatural love of God. Even as I left them to go to another gate, my heart was resounding in that love wave and I knew that I will see them again in glory!

Cyprus

Sylvie and I are in Cyprus where God has flung open an effectual door for us where we are sharing the gospel with Israelis and Greeks! We visited a lone village in the mountains on the border with Turkish occupied Cyprus in the north. We stayed in a small log cabin for 3 weeks and we prayed along the

border a number of times for the situation. We had many divine appointments in the village, with many unto salvation: with locals in their shops and homes, a young man touring a church, an ex-drug addict working in a food truck being saved and delivered, an old man breaking into tears without shame, and so many more. I had a powerful encounter with the priest of the village, even sharing a strong word about repentance in the Greek Orthodox Church! God is moving in this region. Many more testimonies to follow including meeting and sharing with the President of Cyprus!

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying and supporting this work in the Biblelands. Your partnership is producing much fruit for the glory of God! I am so grateful.

Shalom and Agape,

Greta

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