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“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. 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. 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. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in the Lord of hosts, their God.’ 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.

“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. 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. It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. —ZECHARIAH 12:2-9

In January 2001 President Bill Clinton almost accomplished the feat of giving half of Jerusalem to the Palestine Liberation Organization. Arab sources show that Clinton's far-reaching offer to the PLO involved an extraordinary new development: It gave the PLO almost everything it wanted, including 98 percent of the territory of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, all of East Jerusalem except for the Jewish and Armenian quarters, Palestinian sovereignty over the Temple Mount, conceding only the right of Jews to pray there, and a compensation fund of \$30 billion.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat landed at Andrews Air Force Base then met with the ambassadors of Saudi Arabia and Egypt at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. They promised to back him if he agreed to the Clinton plan and warned him that he would receive no backing if he reverted to war. Following his summit with the two Arab leaders, Arafat left the hotel for his meeting with Clinton at the White House. It was clear there were only two possible answers he could give: yes or no. Arafat was late returning to the meeting and things were not going as Clinton had planned. The president cautioned Arafat: "It's five minutes to midnight, Mr. Chairman, and you are about to lose the only opportunity that your people will ever get to solve their problem on satisfactory ground by not being able to make a decision. . . . The Israelis accepted."¹ Arafat had a check on the table and a pen at hand to sign the agreement. He walked out of the meeting clearly rejecting Clinton's offer. Why? Arafat was not satisfied with a portion; he wanted the whole pie—all of Jerusalem, all of Israel.

This was the only U.S. foreign policy decision made regarding the Middle East in the year 2001. Was it merely coincidence that eight months later, on September 11, 2001, America faced the worst attack on the mainland in its history? Was it an indication that God had lifted his hand of protection from America—a curse for trying to barter away Jerusalem?

In 2009 two men entered into a clandestine agreement to deliver the West Bank and most of Jerusalem into the hands of the Palestinians by 2012. Unnamed sources have identified the two men as President Barack Obama and Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah. Why would the president of the United States abandon America's most reliable ally in the Middle East? The answer:

Obama relayed a pledge to Saudi King Abdullah that he would take any measure to ensure an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Jerusalem over the next 18 months. They said Obama relayed the pledge to Abdullah during the president's trip to Riyadh in June 2009, about four months after he assumed office, in exchange for Abdullah's help to arrange for the end of the Taliban war in Afghanistan.²

A high-level military source in Jerusalem told me that after Israel destroys Iran's nuclear program, the Arab world would demand Israel's land as an appeasement offering. He said that President Obama would accommodate them with the support of the Quartet (the U.S., UN, EU, and Russia.)

It seems that Obama's policy toward the Saudis and Israel was established in January 2009, on the heels of his inauguration. The president sent Richard Holbrook, a special envoy, to Saudi Arabia to urge the king to assist with the effort to secure a withdrawal from Afghanistan and to insure Israel's flyover rights. In other words, Obama is willing to sell Israel down the river in exchange for King Abdullah reducing the funds given to the Taliban in Afghanistan. The Saudis would deny this, of course, (plausible deniability) should Israel bomb Iran's nuclear sites.

Abdullah, smelling an opportunity to wrest control of Jerusalem and the West Bank from the Israelis, tied his assistance directly to Washington's adoption of the Saudi plan for an Arab-Israeli settlement. The proposal calls for Israel's withdrawal to 1967 borders, a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, and the right of return for Palestinian refugees to Israel.

The president's Cairo speech followed his visit to Saudi Arabia for an audience with King Abdullah. During his initial meeting with the monarch in April 2009, the president bowed to the Saudi king, an unprecedented move by a U.S. head of state. While in Saudi Arabia in June 2009, the king presented Obama with a weighty gold chain representative of the highest honor bestowed.

How has Obama's pledge to King Abdullah affected the U.S. relationship with Israel? Detrimentially! Since cuddling up to the king, the Obama

administration has denied almost every Israeli plea for weapons assistance. Decisions by the George H. Bush administration to supply attack helicopters, air transports, bunker-buster air bombs, and Hellfire air-to-ground missiles have been delayed. Perhaps this also explains Obama's treatment of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during his visit to the White House in March 2010.

The Obama administration seems to be treating Israel as a property to be bartered—or perhaps more accurately—to be betrayed for the sake of expediency. Our president claims to be a Christian but obviously has not read his Bible. Israel is God's possession, and in the words of the prophet Malachi: "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me!" (Malachi 3:8). In the next verse he defines what happens to those who persist in robbing God: "You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, *Even* this whole nation" (Malachi 3:9).

About 1465 B.C. two other men—one a king the other a prophet—stood on an outcropping of rock looking out over the valley below. The smell of blood and burned animals from their sacrifices to Baal permeated the air around them. On the plain below, stretching as far as the eye could see, were the children of Israel, miraculously delivered from Egypt.

Frightened to death of them, King Balak had hired his best diviner, Balaam, to curse Israel. Amazingly, the only words that would come from Balaam's mouth were words of blessing. No matter how hard the false prophet tried, he could not curse Israel.

For forty years God had seasoned the younger generation of the children of Israel in the desert of adversity. Now all the older, unbelieving generation that He had rescued from the hands of Pharaoh had died—except for Joshua, Caleb, and Moses. God took Moses to the top of Mount Pisgah and showed him all the land He was giving the Israelites. It was a land flowing with milk and honey, the land of blessing. He assured Moses that His people were now in the hands of a capable leader, Joshua, who would lead the fight against the inhabitants of Canaan and possess all He had given them.

When Balak, the king of Moab, heard the stories of how the Amorites and King Bashan had fallen before the onslaught of the children of Israel, he determined that it must have been by magic. Balak concluded that if he were

to defeat this ragtag army, he would need a magic spell stronger than the one the Israelites had used for their victories. He immediately sent an envoy to recruit the greatest magician in his realm, Balaam. Balak's battle strategy was to have Balaam curse the armies of Israel. Now the two men stood, heads together, trying to determine how best to curse God's chosen people.

When Balak had sent for Balaam, something interesting happened. God warned Balaam not to proceed with the plan to curse the Israelites, so Balaam refused to go to Balak. When Balak sent princes to plead with Balaam to come, God told Balaam he could go, but he should only speak what He told him to speak. However, when Balaam got up the next morning and went with the princes, God was angry with him because his motivation was not to obey God but to gain wealth. Balaam thought he could act like he was obeying God, and when he got to Balak he could curse Israel and become a rich man. God saw the wickedness in Balaam's heart and sent an angel to stop him.

As Balaam set out with the princes, his donkey saw the Angel of the Lord, sword drawn, in the path. Frightened, she veered off into the field. Balaam struck the donkey and she returned to the path, where she saw the Angel again and lurched into a boulder. Balaam's foot was crushed, and he struck the donkey again. At that point she collapsed in the road at the feet of the Angel, and spoke to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" (Numbers 22:30).

When Balaam answered no, the Angel of the Lord revealed himself to Balaam and said, "Go with the men: but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak" (Numbers 22:35).

Once in the presence of Balak, Balaam joined him in making a sacrifice to Baal. Obviously, his heart was not after God! He then went aside to a solitary place hoping to hear the curse that he was to pronounce upon the Israelites. God met him and put a word in his mouth, but it was not the word King Balak wanted to hear:

*"How shall I curse whom God has not cursed?
And how shall I denounce whom the Lord has not
denounced?"*

*For from the top of the rocks I see him,
And from the hills I behold him;
There! A people dwelling alone,
Not reckoning itself among the nations.*

*“Who can count the dust of Jacob,
Or number one-fourth of Israel?
Let me die the death of the righteous,
And let my end be like his!”*

NUMBERS 23:8-10

Balak was livid. How dare this mere mortal praise Israel rather than curse them as he had ordered? Balaam replied: “Must I not take heed to speak what the Lord has put in my mouth?” (Numbers 23:12). Balak offered a second round of sacrifices to Baal while Balaam waited for the word of the Lord to curse Israel. Again, only blessing poured from his mouth:

*“God is not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”*

*“Look, a people rises like a lioness,
And lifts itself up like a lion;
It shall not lie down until it devours the prey,
And drinks the blood of the slain.”*

NUMBERS 23:19, 24

Before heading home from his failed attempt to curse the children of Israel, Balaam took his last look at the camp of the Israelites. He proclaimed:

*“How lovely are your tents, O Jacob!
Your dwellings, O Israel!
Like valleys that stretch out,*

*Like gardens by the riverside,
Like aloes planted by the Lord,
Like cedars beside the waters.*

*He shall pour water from his buckets,
And his seed shall be in many waters.*

*“His king shall be higher than Agag,
And his kingdom shall be exalted.*

*“God brings him out of Egypt;
He has strength like a wild ox;
He shall consume the nations, his enemies;
He shall break their bones.
And pierce them with his arrows.*

*‘He bows down, he lies down as a lion;
And as a lion, who shall rouse him?’*

*“Blessed is he who blesses you,
And cursed is he who curses you.”*

NUMBERS 24:5-9

Balaam could very well have ended his association with Balak by saying, “I should have listened to the donkey!”

Cursed is an overview of how nations have come against Israel and attempted to curse her from the beginning of her existence. Yet, like the Phoenix, she has risen from the ashes each time. Not one ruler who ordered the destruction of Jerusalem survived. Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem in 586 B.C. and was doomed to live as a beast of the field for seven, terrifying years. He was restored to sanity when he recognized the God of the Israelites (Daniel 4:34,37). His kingdom of Babylon was conquered by Cyrus the Great, a friend to the Jews, who allowed them to rebuild their Temple.

In 332 B.C. Alexander the Great captured Jerusalem. His empire fragmented after his death, and the Ptolemy’s of Egypt and then the Seleucids of Syria ruled over Jerusalem. The Jews, horrified by the desecration of the

Temple under the Seleucid ruler, Antiochus IV, staged a revolt and regained independence under the Hasmonean dynasty. It lasted for one hundred years, until Pompey established Roman rule in the city.

The nations who ransacked, burned, leveled, and tried to obliterate the Jewish people are rife with devastation. We have only to examine history to ascertain that the remnants of those once great empires are now dust and ashes. The Holy Roman Empire collapsed after destroying the Temple and leveling Jerusalem.

The British, who ruled over Palestine and Jerusalem following World War I, bragged that the sun never set on the British Empire. Indeed, one-fifth of the world's population was under its rule. However, after turning away Jews from both Britain and Palestine when they fled Hitler's gas chambers, and after arming Arabs to fight against them in Palestine, it quickly began to disintegrate. Great Britain today is comprised of just fourteen territories, consisting of a number of islands. Gone are the days when the empire stretched from India to Canada and from Australia to Africa.

Today Jerusalem continues to stand as a testimony to the determination and courage of the Jewish people. Our question is: Does America stand with or against Jerusalem and the nation of Israel?

During the decades since President Harry Truman's recognition of the rebirth of the State of Israel, America has been a sound ally. When that alliance was threatened during President Ronald Reagan's term in office, I challenged U.S. National Security Advisor Robert C. McFarlane at the White House regarding the status of Jerusalem. His response was: "Jerusalem must remain undivided but its final status should be determined through negotiations." I countered Mr. McFarland. "God doesn't negotiate; the status of Jerusalem has already been determined by the Bible, and it's not negotiable." Thankfully, President Reagan later changed his attitude toward Israel and Jerusalem.

The Persian Gulf War was the chink in the armor of American support. I was in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Israel during the conflict and saw firsthand that Israel would be called upon to pay the appeasement price for the support of the Arab League during the war against Saddam Hussein.

Israel was denied the right to defend herself during the conflict, yet she stood her ground during the war with Hussein. There was no retribution for the SCUDS that rained down on her. No reprisal for the threats of chemical warfare.

According to estimates, Israel paid highly for the privilege of not being permitted to defend her citizens:

The damage caused by the 39 Iraqi Scud missiles that landed in Tel Aviv and Haifa was extensive. Approximately 3,300 apartments and other buildings were affected in the greater Tel Aviv area. Some 1,150 people who were evacuated had to be housed at a dozen hotels at a cost of \$20,000 per night.

Beyond the direct costs of military preparedness and damage to property, the Israeli economy was also hurt by the inability of many Israelis to work under the emergency conditions. The economy functioned at no more than 75 percent of normal capacity during the war, resulting in a net loss to the country of \$3.2 billion.

The biggest cost was in human lives. A total of 74 people died as a consequence of Scud attacks. Two died in direct hits, four from suffocation in gas masks and the rest from heart attacks.³

Following the conflict, Israeli leaders were ordered to Madrid and pressured to give up yet more land for peace. Attending every session at the Royal Palace, I saw the agony and pressure Israel endured—the pressure that ultimately collapsed the government of my friend, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Today, we face the threat of a nuclear Iran. Although the vast majority of world leaders are horrified by this, they all know Israel is the only nation with the courage to stand up to the likes of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Israeli leaders recognize that a nuclear

terror state of Iran would not only threaten their very survival as a nation, but also it would provide an umbrella under which Iran's terror regime could undermine all the sacrifices made by American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would destabilize the entire Persian Gulf region, as well as the rest of the world.

The Jews, however, would suffer unspeakable hell if they ventured to attack Iran's nuclear reactors. Iran would surely retaliate through its proxies Hamas and Hezbollah. Outwardly, the world would unite in a hypocritical rage against Israel, while saluting her behind closed doors for the courage to stand against the modern day Goliath of terrorist nations.

Any peace summit that followed Israel's "impertinent strike" against Iran would doubtless be orchestrated by President Barack Obama. His agenda would be to divide Jerusalem and turn most of Judea and Samaria over to the Arabs and radical Islam. This president has, in fact, barred the words jihadist, Islamist, and Islamic terrorism from his lexicon of official terms. The enemy is now defined as "a loose network of violent extremists."

Columnist Charles Krauthammer explained why this is so detrimental:

The administration's cowardice about identifying those trying to kill us cannot be allowed to pass. It is demoralizing. It trivializes the war between jihadi barbarism and Western decency, and diminishes the memory of those (including thousands of brave Muslims—Iraqi, Pakistani, Afghan and Western) who have died fighting it.⁴

President Obama's actions and his seemingly ambivalent attitude toward Israel could bring an apocalyptic curse upon America.

On September 2, 2010 President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton summoned Prime Minister Netanyahu to Washington for a peace summit. He and his team arrived for negotiations with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. It was the first meeting between the two men in twenty months.

The day before the talks were to begin, Hamas claimed responsibility for the murders of four West Bank settlers, one a pregnant mother of six children. The teacher killed was the mother of an eight-year-old daughter. According to the terrorists responsible, it was but the first of many attempts to halt the peace negotiations. World leaders had little to say about this horrendous attack. It seems the general consensus in the more liberal circles is that if Israelis are murdered it is because they brought it upon themselves.

Conversely, there was a great hue and cry when a security guard whose vehicle was surrounded feared for his life and opened fire with his personal weapon. A Palestinian man was killed. Riots broke out in East Jerusalem and spread to the Temple Mount where Palestinian youths stood on the parapets above the Western Wall and tossed large rocks onto the Jews gathered below for prayer. According to the *Jerusalem Post*:

Ten people were injured, including a 35-year-old Israeli in moderate condition who was stabbed in the back near the Mount of Olives. Police reported that attendees threw stones at officers, vehicles and buses causing injuries and damage, and that a police vehicle and several other vehicles were set alight near Jerusalem's Old City.

Three Egged buses were destroyed by stoning near the Western Wall, injuring one of the bus drivers. The buses were missing all of their windows and one had blood splattered on the driver's seat.⁵

Given the disparity in world opinion regarding terror attacks and self-defense, Netanyahu still approached the peace talks uttering words and phrases not heard from him before. He said to Abbas: "I see in you a partner for peace. Together we can lead our people to a historic future that can put an end to claims and to conflict. Now this will not be easy. A true peace, a lasting peace would be achieved only with mutual and painful concessions from both sides."⁶

It seems President Obama is eager to win another unearned Nobel Peace Prize by somehow coercing Israel to kowtow to his peace plan. Israel is being badgered to acknowledge a sovereign Palestinian state on its border with Jerusalem as its capital—a state with an army, air space, and one that can form treaties with Israel's enemies. But what really is the goal of the Obama administration?

This summit was a nod to Obama's supposed pledge to Saudi's King Abdullah to hand the Palestinians East Jerusalem and the West Bank by 2012. After having approved a \$60 billion weapons sale to Israel's Arab neighbors in the region—Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, the UAE, and Qatar, the president offered Israel a quid pro quo of sorts. The deal to the Arab states would include 84 of the latest F-15 jets and dozens of Black Hawk helicopters.

Israel has sought to purchase twenty of the fifth generation stealth F-35I Lightning II fighter jets from Lockheed Martin—a \$2.75 billion outlay. To help fund the purchase by Israel, the acquisition agreement also includes a framework for purchasing parts from Israeli industry worth \$4 billion.

The Arab world wants a twenty-second Islamic state with its capital in Jerusalem for one simple reason: Muslims believe Israel is Arab land occupied by foreigners.

Iran, the bully on the block, is well-positioned to attack Israel with its proxies in Gaza and Lebanon and its close friend, Bashar al-Assad in Syria.

On Friday, September 3, 2010, I participated in a conference call with Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., Michael Oren. The ambassador addressed Israel's concerns about Syria and Lebanon:

The Syrian and Iranian backed Hezbollah poses a very serious threat to the State of Israel. Hezbollah now has four times as many rockets as it did during the 2006 Lebanon War. These rockets are longer range. Every city in Israel is within range right now, including Eilat. They have bigger payloads; they are far more accurate. And we also know that Hezbollah has internalized the lessons of the Goldstone report. In 2006, many of their missiles were basically out in

the open in silos and the Israeli Air Force was able to neutralize a great number of them. Today, those same missiles have been placed under hospitals, homes and schools because Hezbollah knows full well that if we try to defend ourselves against those missiles we will be branded as war criminals. So, Hezbollah and the situation in Southern Lebanon is of great concern to us and we're watching very vigilantly. We know that Hezbollah—in violation of U.N. resolutions—has once again penetrated southern Lebanon and transformed entire villages into armed camps and put in about 15,000 rockets along the Israeli border.⁷

For Obama to think Israel's support for his plan would pacify Iran is completely naïve. It will do just the opposite. Iran—the center of gravity for world terrorism—has made the lives of Jews a living hell on Israel's northern and southern borders through Iran's Hezbollah and Hamas proxies. To allow these terrorists to be a stone's throw from Israel's population center in a Palestinian state would just embolden Iran.

The questions that arose following the summit were myriad:

Was Mr. Netanyahu simply trying to appease President Obama before it becomes necessary to attack Iran?

Would he relinquish the West Bank in order to acquire approval from the Obama administration for a direct strike on Iran's nuclear facilities?

Perhaps for the first time in his political career Netanyahu was walking in the footsteps of those prime ministers before him willing to offer up Jerusalem.

Netanyahu's nemesis, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, was tapped to head the second round of peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians in Sharm-el-Sheikh—an Egyptian resort town on the Red Sea. There Netanyahu and Abbas were expected to work out the framework for the implementation

of an interim agreement. The demand was that all core issues were to be resolved within the one-year timeline laid out by President Obama.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak jumped into the fray. He first set tongues wagging in March of 2008, when he told *Al-Jazeera* that some Jerusalem neighborhoods might become part of a Palestinian capital. “We can find a formula under which certain neighborhoods, heavily populated Arab neighborhoods, could become, in a peace agreement, part of the Palestinian capital that, of course, will include also the neighboring villages around Jerusalem,” Barak said.⁸

This assertion was not surprising given Barak’s track record. As prime minister he pulled the Israel Defense Forces out of Lebanon, proposed giving the Golan Heights back to Syria, and even offered the late and unlamented Yasser Arafat the Temple Mount. Barak’s “solution” for Jerusalem, as stated again on September 1:

West Jerusalem and 12 Jewish neighborhoods that are home to 200,000 residents will be ours. The Arab neighborhoods in which close to a quarter million Palestinians live will be theirs. There will be a special regime in place along with agreed upon arrangements in the Old City, the Mount of Olives, and the City of David.⁹

According to Barak, a special regime would be put in place along with agreed-upon arrangements in the Old City, the Mount of Olives and the City of David. In the negotiations between Netanyahu and Abbas (or Abu Mazen as he was known when he helped orchestrate the Munich Massacre), the Palestinian leader would be paid handsomely for his participation, and in turn will furtively fill the pockets of his Palestinian cabinet and legislators with U.S. tax-payer dollars.

Having experienced Arab rule in part of Jerusalem prior to 1967, why would Ehud Barak again want to subject the Jewish people and Christians worldwide to such indignity? Obama’s plan would place East Jerusalem, the home of Christianity and of the Holy Sites sacred to two billion Christians,

under Palestinian control. Like Bethlehem, the Christians who live there would be driven out and *Shariah* law would be imposed.

Israeli prime ministers have allowed themselves to be dragged from one bargaining table to another and have been forced to give up land for a peace that has never materialized. The only thing the Jewish people received from the Palestinians has been two *intifadas*, terrorist attacks too numerous to recount, civilians maimed and slaughtered, and the disdain of the world at large.

The view within Liberal Left Washington that all Americans agree on the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is totally erroneous. The idea that the U.S. will counter radical Islam and extremism in the Islamic world by resolving the Palestinian issue is ludicrous. There is immense anger in the Arab world because of perceived U.S. favoritism toward Israel and that will not be resolved by a signature on a piece of paper.

Mr. Obama seemingly thinks that the way to demonstrate his resolve is for the U.S. to drag or push Israel towards the creation of a Palestinian state—either by bribing the nation or blackmailing it. The president clearly has his work cut out for him, and not with Mr. Netanyahu.

On September 7, just days after the meeting in Washington, Abbas revealed his true feelings in an interview with Al-Quds when he rejected Netanyahu's demand that Israel be recognized as a Jewish state by the Palestinians:

We're not talking about a Jewish state and we won't talk about one. For us, there is the state of Israel and we won't recognize Israel as a Jewish state.¹⁰

On that same day, Hamas fired a rocket into Israel. Fortunately, no one was injured. A Hamas spokesman told Arab language newspaper *Al-Hayat* that the group intends to continue its attacks on settlers because they are "legitimate targets".¹¹

Jerusalem has been a bone in the throat of the world for centuries. Many have tried to wrest it from the hands of the Jewish people. International leaders think they can play a tune and Israel will respond like a cobra in

the basket of a snake charmer. There is no fear of being bitten. Let them beware the venom of the cobra. It is deadly. If America touches prophecy—Jerusalem—a curse will come upon America and upon President Obama as decreed in Genesis 12:3:

I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him
who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall
be blessed.

The ancient prophet Zachariah cried out, “I will make Jerusalem a cup that will send all the surrounding people reeling ... an immovable rock for all nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.” It might be wise for those determined to divide the City of David, the Zion of old, to carefully consider the cost.