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Is Russia Behind Hamas' Assault on Israel?

Israel's life or death battle against Hamas in the Gaza over the last week represents much more than just a local war. The outcome of this particular conflict may well determine what Israel's other, larger enemies will do. Among these larger enemies are, Iran and Russia. All the world is watching to see how deep Israel's resolve will be to overcome the Iranian backed Hamas organization this time. The following article from my blog seeks to explore the possibility of Russian involvement behind Hamas and their future plans for the invasion and conquest of Israel, according to Bible prophecy:

Is Russia behind Hama's assault on Israel? The simple answer, based on what the Bible indicates about Russia's plans against Israel is: **Yes!** Former UN Ambassador, John Bolton, has stated that Hamas is firing so many rockets into Israel from Gaza to provoke them into a confrontation with Hamas in order to distract Israel from Iran's nuclear weapons development. This makes perfect sense!

Russia and Iran are allies! I do not believe Iran will make any moves toward Israel however, without Russia's ok. The nations around Israel have a dark history of extreme anti-Semitism. Israel will never have real and lasting peace until the return of the Prince of Peace: the Lord Jesus Christ!

But we are seeing much today that lead us to believe that His return is certainly drawing near. The nations, growing more anti-Christ each day, are determined to hinder Israel in every way possible.

Isaiah predicts the end of those nations that will come against Israel in the latter days! America, through the Obama Administration, is certainly not working for Israel's protection. They do not take the rocket (or missile) attacks on Israel as a serious provocation and reason for Israel's move now to destroy Hamas. America is now under judgment for this! God will destroy those nations that seek to hurt Israel. Unfortunately, the U.S. is now in that category!

An example of God's judgment on anti-Israel nations: In Isaiah 17:1, the Lord clearly predicts the utter destruction of the city of Damascus, the capital of Syria: "***The oracle concerning Damascus. 'Behold, Damascus is about to be removed from being a city And will become a fallen ruin.' (Isaiah 17:1, NASB)*** This prediction may indicate that Israel will retaliate against Syria for a future attack against

them, perhaps through a nuclear strike. The prophecy shows a sudden, even over-night, obliteration of this large and ancient city which has never before been completely destroyed.

Isaiah, and many other Old Testament prophets clearly predict how God will treat the nations that seek Israel's detriment and destruction. Isaiah stated in 741 B.C. how God would respond to the enemy-nations of Israel in the latter days:

Alas, the uproar of many peoples Who roar like the roaring of the seas, And the rumbling of nations Who rush on like the rumbling of mighty waters! The nations rumble on like the rumbling of many waters, But He will rebuke them and they will flee far away, And be chased like chaff in the mountains before the wind, Or like whirling dust before a gale.

At evening time, behold, there is terror! Before morning they are no more. Such will be the portion of those who plunder us And the lot of those who pillage (rob) us. (Isaiah 17:12-14, NIV)

Jesus Christ dearly loved, and loves, the nation of Israel. God will not allow His covenant people to be destroyed. Russia will one day make its move against Israel! It is moving in that direction today! (Ezekiel 38:7-8) Putin is certainly working closely with Iran and other Islamic countries that hate the Jewish people!

It is a fundamental doctrine of Islam to hate Israel and the Jews! The Christians in Iraq are now being robbed and exiled with their property being confiscated by the Islamic ISIS! God sees this and will not allow this to go unanswered! This is why the Bible is so clear that it would be during just such times as these that the Lord Jesus Christ would return. He will come in the clouds to rapture His church to heaven. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) There will follow seven years of great tribulation upon the earth for their abuse of God and His people. Then, Jesus will return with His church to the earth at least seven years after the rapture to establish His Millennial Kingdom, with Jerusalem as His capital. (Zechariah 14:16). It is time to stop living as an enemy of the Lord Jesus Christ and of His people Israel and the Church! Judgment is coming! Time is rapidly running out!

The Lord will return! But He has also already come to die on the cross for the sins of the world; that is, for you! He died for all! (1 Timothy 2:4-6) He died and rose again so that the Muslim, the Hindu, the Buddhist, the Mormon, the Jehovah's Witness, the Atheist, the selfish, and the sorrowful, and all **who are lost and in sin** can come out of their false and unbiblical beliefs and come to faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. ***"But as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name!" (John 1:12, KJV)***

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Anti-Semitism In The Church

Anti-Semitism is on the rise world-wide. A growing number of Church groups, such as the Presbyterian Church in the USA, are divesting themselves from Israel, and are joining with the movement of Christian-Palestinians against Israel. But several well known Christian theologians have laid some ground work for the anti-Semitism taking hold in the Church today. Three examples of this anti-Semitic attitude in the Church are found in Augustine, Martin Luther, and John Calvin.

As early as the days of Augustine (c. 354-430 A.D.), the Church gave way to the biblical error, Replacement Theology. As the Roman Catholic Church gained in power in the latter years of the Roman Empire, it began to see itself as the fulfillment of the glorious promises of the Old Testament prophets to Israel. Instead of seeing Israel in the Bible as referring to the chosen Jewish nation, the Church began to assert itself as the genuine Israel and the Christian Church as world conquerors and builders of the Kingdom of God. Prophecies concerning the future kingdom on Earth with Jerusalem as its capital, began to be interpreted as referring to the Church. The Roman Catholicism, as it was developing in the first four centuries, increasingly adopted the view that the Church was the promised kingdom, Rome was the new Jerusalem, and the Pope was Christ reigning on earth.

Many of the Reformers also continued this Replacement understanding of the Church as being the true Israel. The result of this was a seething disdain toward the Jews as being a people whom God rejected for their rejecting Jesus Christ. Often the Church, whether Catholic or Reformed/Protestant, were responsible for promoting or tolerating harsh persecution of the Jews. Below are some examples of anti-Semitism from well known Replacement theologians:

St. Augustine (c. 354-430 A.D.)
Confessions, 12.14



How hateful to me are the enemies of your Scripture! How I wish that you would slay them (the Jews) with your two-edged sword, so that there should be none to oppose your word! Gladly would I have them die to themselves and live to you!

Martin Luther – (1483-1546)
On The Jews and Their Lies - 1543

What then shall we Christians do with this damned, rejected race of Jews? Since they live among us and we know about their lying and blasphemy and cursing, we can not tolerate them if we do not wish to share in their lies, curses, and blasphemy. In this way we cannot quench the inextinguishable fire of divine rage nor convert the Jews. We must prayerfully and reverentially practice a merciful severity. Perhaps we may save a few from the fire and flames [of hell]. We must not seek vengeance. They are surely being punished a thousand times more than we might wish them. Let me give you my honest advice.



First, their synagogues should be set on fire, and whatever does not burn up should be covered or spread over with dirt so that no one may ever be able to see a cinder or stone of it. And this ought to be done for the honor of God and of Christianity in order that God may see that we are Christians, and that we have not wittingly tolerated or approved of such public lying, cursing, and blaspheming of His Son and His Christians.

Secondly, their homes should likewise be broken down and destroyed. For they perpetrate the same things there that they do in their synagogues. For this reason they ought to be put under one roof or in a stable, like gypsies, in order that they may realize that they are not masters in our land, as they boast, but miserable captives, as they complain of incessantly before God with bitter wailing.

Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer-books and Talmuds in which such idolatry, lies, cursing, and blasphemy are taught.

Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more...

Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews. For they have no business in the rural districts since they are not nobles, nor officials, nor merchants, nor the like. Let them stay at home...If you princes and nobles do not close the road legally to such exploiters, then some troop ought to ride against them, for they will learn from this pamphlet what the Jews are and how to handle them and that they ought not to be protected. You ought not, you cannot protect them, unless in the eyes of God you want to share all their abomination...

To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden - the Jews...

Let the government deal with them in this respect, as I have suggested. But whether the government acts or not, let everyone at least be guided by his own conscience and form for himself a definition or image of a Jew. When you lay eyes on or think of a Jew you must say to yourself: Alas, that mouth which I there behold has cursed and execrated and maligned every Saturday my dear Lord Jesus Christ, who has redeemed me with his precious blood; in addition, it prayed and pleaded before God that I, my wife and children, and all Christians might be stabbed to death and perish miserably. And he himself would gladly do this if he were able, in order to appropriate our goods...

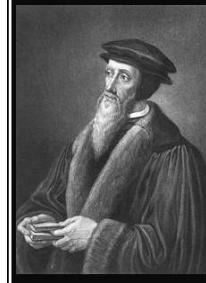
Such a desperate, thoroughly evil, poisonous, and devilish lot are these Jews, who for these fourteen hundred years have been and still are our plague, our pestilence, and our misfortune.

I have read and heard many stories about the Jews which agree with this judgment of Christ, namely, how they have poisoned wells, made assassinations, kidnapped children, as related before. I have heard that one Jew sent another Jew, and this by means of a Christian, a pot of blood, together with a barrel of wine, in which when drunk empty, a dead Jew was found. There are many other similar stories. For their kidnapping of children they have often been burned at the stake or banished (as we already heard). I am well aware that they deny all of this. However, it all coincides with the judgment of Christ which declares that they are venomous, bitter, vindictive, tricky serpents, assassins, and children of the devil, who sting and work harm stealthily wherever they cannot do it openly. For this reason, I would like to see them where there are no Christians. The Turks and other heathen do not tolerate what we Christians endure from these venomous serpents and young devils...next to the devil, a Christian has no more bitter and galling foe than a Jew. There is no other to whom we accord as many benefactions and from whom we suffer as much as we do from these base children of the devil, this brood of vipers.
(Translated by Martin H. Bertram, "On The Jews and Their Lies, Luther's Works, Volume 47"; Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1971.)

John Calvin -- 1509-1564

A Response To Questions and Objections of a Certain Jew

Their [the Jews] rotten and unbending stiffness deserves that they be oppressed unendingly and without measure or end and that they die in their misery without the pity of anyone.



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(John Calvin)

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Excerpt from "Ad Quaelstiones et Objecta Juuei Cuiusdam Responsio," by John Calvin; The Jew in Christian Theology, Gerhard Falk, McFarland and Company, Inc., Jefferson, NC and London, 1931. (<http://www.yashanet.com/library/fathers.htm>)

Many argue that the anti-Semitic views of such ancient theologians was simply reflective of their times. But their general pre-deterministic and covenant theological approach to understanding God and His purpose in history is the real reason that they generally arrive at this Replacement position regarding Israel. Naturally, when theologians promote the idea of Replacement theology, and as with any who hold to this view, there is always going to be a tendency to resent the Jews at some level.

The Bible predicts the rise of anti-Semitic fervor in the latter days. Since the End Times technically had their beginning from the establishment of the Church Age, the rise of Mohammad's new religion of Islam, in 610 A.D. is yet another example of zealous anti-Semitism predicted for the latter days. Growing numbers of nations are seeing the sudden rise of anti-Semitic sentiment and prejudice and even violence against Jews. Jeremiah predicts the future rise of hatred and war against Israel and the Jews when he states: ***"Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it."*** (***Jeremiah 30:7***) Zechariah speaks of a global hatred and focused disdain against the nation of Israel in the latter days which will be caused by their fear of Israel: ***"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.' And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."*** (***Zechariah 12:2-3***)

Jesus foretold how the Jews will be hunted down and Israel will be the target of wicked nations set on their destruction. (see Matthew 24:16-20) Revelation Chapters 12 and 13 explain how in the latter times there will be an attack of the Jews by Satan through his marked people (666) in the tribulation and by means of the Beast and the False Prophet. And Ezekiel 38 describes how Russia and key Islamic nations will also attack Israel in the latter days. This will be the result of long harbored animosity and jealousy toward the Jews. They will believe that great wealth, and perhaps even world domination will be theirs if they only conquer Israel. The growing philosophy of the latter day mind seeking a world without God will determine to resolve all conflicts and achieve global peace only after the Jews are removed from the earth. Hitler's Third Reich and ultimate world domination of a new world order under the Arian "super-race" was to be realized only on the basis of a world without the Jew!

Anti-Semitism is always a mark of Satan! The Mark of the Beast in the Great Tribulation period, which he will require of all who will follow him, will represent a manifest hatred and destructive purpose of systematic destruction of the Jews! But it will fail! Hitler, Hezbollah, Hamas along with all the minions of Hell together

will only be a "drop in the bucket" (Isaiah 4:15) to almighty God Who will laugh at them (Psalm 2:4) as He brings them to complete and everlasting judgment. Zechariah details the horrible consequences that God will bring upon those who seek Israel's destruction in the latter days:

Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth. It will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another. Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance. So also like this plague will be the plague on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey and all the cattle that will be in those camps. (Zechariah 14:12-15)

This is why believers need always to keep before them the real prospect of the any-moment return of the Lord Jesus Christ to rapture His Church to heaven. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) This is the doctrine of a sound pre-millennial theology which is based upon a literal and not a spiritual interpretation of the Bible. This approach to understanding Bible prophecy always maintains a plain and literal interpretation of prophecy. Replacement Theology that is so dangerous to the welfare of Israel comes out of a spiritualized interpretation of prophecy. This spiritualized interpretation sees "Israel" and interprets it as "Church," this view reads "Kingdom" and interprets it as "Church." Often, the coming of Christ is interpreted as the Church establishing God's Kingdom rule on the earth. In reality, this is not all that different than the Muslim ideal of Islam's establishment of a global Caliphate.

Replacement Theology maintains a supremacist mindset. This growing movement today is found among those who are promoting "Christian-Palestinianism," and finds adherents among some well known "evangelicals." Replacement Theology tends to take Israel's blessings for the Church and then to give the curses to Israel. (See more on the growing heresy of "Christian Palestinianism" among Replacement evangelicals like Hank Hanegraaff, R.C. Sproul, Lynne Hybels, and others at <http://www.thebereancall.org/content/chrislam-christian-palestinianism-0>)

However, according to a plain and literal dispensational and pre-millennial interpretation of the Bible, Israel and the Church are always maintained as distinct in God's prophetic purpose. This approach to interpreting prophecy makes the predictions of Scripture far more clear and understandable. According to dispensation and pre-millennial interpretation of the Bible, when the prophets referred to Israel, they meant Israel. When the Bible refers to the Church, it refers, not to the nation of Israel, or to the future Kingdom, but to the present-day Body of Christ made up of both Jews and Gentiles and which will grow and witness the gospel of Jesus Christ until He comes in the clouds to catch us away to heaven. (Ephesians 3)

After the Church is caught away, then God's prophetic time-clock for Israel will begin again. It will count down the seven last years for Israel's struggle against its enemies according to the prophecy of Daniel. (Daniel 9:24-27) During this seven year period called the Great Tribulation, the Antichrist will rise to power and seek to destroy the Jews and establish a new world order. (Revelation 6-19) At the conclusion of this time, the Lord will return with His Church, to establish His thousand year rule on earth. A dispensational, pre-millennial interpretation of Scripture enables us to understand the Bible in this exciting and edifying way. (Please see my

book, God's Unfolding Purpose and Unfailing Power for more on the dispensational, pre-millennial interpretation of the Bible)

Chrislam on the Rise! Bringing A "Common Word" Without A Common God

You may never have heard about Chrislam. But Chrislam represents a developing movement among some Islamic and a growing number of Christian leaders, such as Rick Warren, David Neff (editor in chief of Christianity Today [1985-2013]), Leith Anderson (president of the National Association of Evangelicals), Bill Hybels, Robert Schuller and Fuller Theological Seminary. These and many more Christian leaders have signed onto the document produced by a number of Islamic leaders called: "A Common Word Between Us and You." "A Common Word Between Us and You" is an open letter dated 13 October 2007, from leaders of the Islamic religion to leaders of the Christian religion.

This document basically invites Christians to agree with Muslims that the god of Islam and the God of the Bible are really identical. The organization that is sponsoring this movement toward Chrislam is the liberal Yale University School of Religion. The "Common Word" document was given a happy and lengthy response by over 300 Christian leaders through their own document: "A Common Word Christian Response." This "Christian Response" represents a profound and biblically forbidden capitulation to a religion that denies Jesus Christ, the cross and the resurrection. That fact is that American Christianity has gotten lukewarm. Many Christian leaders desire to please man more than God. As we will see, these "Christians" are surrendering the "***faith once for all delivered to the saints!***" (***Jude 1:3***) to the religion of Mohammad. (See this document at, <http://faith.yale.edu/common-word/common-word-christian-response>)

The Islamic "A Common Word Between You and Us," is an invitation for (gullible) Christians to join with Muslims on two points: First, that we should worship God as One. Muslims, however deny the Trinity outright! So, while this statement sounds agreeable, it actually DENIES one of the fundamentals of the Christian faith: the biblical doctrine of the Trinity. Second, "A Common Word" states that we should agree that God requires that we should love our neighbor. Yet the Quran commands that all unbelievers should be subjugated to Islam, or killed, especially Christians and Jews, if they do not convert to Islam:

Qur'an 9:29 - Fight against Christians and Jews "until they pay the tribute readily, being brought low.

Qur'an 9:5 - Kill the nonbelievers wherever you find them.

Qur'an 5:51 - Don't take Jews or Christians for friends. If you do, then Allah will consider you to be one of them.

Further, the Quran, according to its own statements, denies that Jesus is the Son of God, and certainly denies that He is of one essence with the Father as clearly stated in John 1:1, "***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was WITH God, and the Word WAS God.***" Here are only two of many statements from the Quran denying the biblical doctrine of the Son-ship of Jesus Christ:

Sura 5:72-73, 5:75 - "They do blaspheme who say: "God is Christ the son of Mary." They do blaspheme who say: God is one of three in a trinity: for there is no God except one God Allah. If they do not desist from their word of blasphemy, verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them.

Christ the son of Mary was no more than a Messenger; many were the Messengers that passed away before him."

Sura 4:171 - "O People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) an apostle of Allah, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in Allah and His apostles. Say not "Trinity" : desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah. Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is Allah as a Disposer of affairs."

Further, the Quran denies that Jesus even died upon the cross:

...but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but the resemblance of 'Iesa (Jesus) was put over another man (and they killed that man), and those who differ therein are full of doubts. They have no (certain) knowledge, they follow nothing but conjecture. For surely; they killed him not [i.e. 'Iesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)]: (An-Nisa 4:157-158)

In these and many other places, it is evident that the god of the Quran is not the same as the God of the Bible. Yet, many well known Christian leaders were glad to sign on to a document that clearly gives away the biblical God for an in-between definition of deity that is acceptable to the teachings of Mohammad. The Muslim leaders have pulled a fast one on these weak hearted Christians, and they know it! The Chrislam movement is only a step away from Christians fully converting to Islam. (Please see:

http://radicaltruth.net/uploads/NYTimes-Christian_Response_to_Muslims.pdf, and
<http://apprising.org/2012/02/28/john-piper-on-rick-warrens-chrislam/>)

The church is now certainly near the end of the "Laodicean" period predicted in Revelation 3:14-22. The prophet, Isaiah, predicted that Israel's rejection of God would bring dire consequences upon the nation. The same principles apply to the nation of America and the American Church which has sheltered millions of Jews, for God does not change! America, once a Christian nation in principle and practice, has been given over to civil and religious renegades. The leaders of America are saying, "***The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars,***" (Isaiah 9: 10-11) as well as many Christian leaders. But America and the church are being prepared by Satanic teaching to be complacent toward God and His Word. We have chosen to permit sin to reign! Sin reigns in the Whitehouse and the Church-house! While God judges our nation even now, "***the people turneth not unto Him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the Lord of hosts.***" The leaders of America, and the Church in America, once defenders of freedom, religious liberty, biblical morality and truth about God, for the most part have turned us away from God. Christian leaders, once trusted, have capitulated to those who prefer religious and political tyranny over freedom.

We, so-called "Evangelicals," like blind sheep have followed their lead. The influential Christians that have done this consist both of civil and religious leaders in America! "***The honourable, he is the head,***" these are the civil leaders. "***And the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail,***" (Isaiah 9:15), these are the religious, so-called "evangelicals," who now consist of proponents of emerging, contemplative and often New Age Christianity. Turning a blind-eye to the fact that the god of Islam is entirely different from the true God of the

Bible serves to advance their personal agendas! In order to gain position, money and prestige, they have joined forces with the enemies of Jesus Christ. In joining with the Chrislam movement, they are rejecting the God of the Bible. There is no middle ground here! They have agreed by signing their names and entering into "**a covenant with death,**" (*Isaiah 28:18*) with Islamic leaders, who definitely have gotten the upper hand through their "Common Word" letter to Christians. How true were Isaiah's words to Israel, which are a caution to us today: "**For the leaders of this people cause them** (the citizens, and congregations) **to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed** (Hebrew: 'confused, swallowed up')." (*Isaiah 9:16*)

The neglect of the prophetic Word of Scripture by preachers and Christian leaders in America has come at a high price. Those who study Bible prophecy are generally in touch with the reality of the satanic darkness that is coming over the nation and the world in these latter days. Knowing these things, preachers are to sound the alarm! But the Chrislamic prophets have become complacent and compliant with those who deny the biblical God and with those who reject biblical morality today in America. This is because of pride and desire to be noticed and to be important! The people in America and the American church have followed their leaders in their abandonment of Biblical Christianity and have embraced Chrislam! This is truly a "**covenant with death!**" Isaiah said to Israel what the political and religious leaders have done in our own time:

*Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: (*Isaiah 28:15*)*

Ebola, and the Outbreak of Plagues in the Latter Days

Jesus predicted that in the latter days : "**great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.**" (*Luke 21:11*) "**They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.**" (*Revelation 6:8b*)

All indications are that these prophetic markers truly designate our present days as likely being the latter days predicted in the Bible. We are witnessing the arising of new and devastating types of plagues and diseases. When Jesus predicted these times to His disciples, He fully expected and warned them to be aware that these trials will affect them as well. (*Luke 21:11-13*) But the Lord will victoriously use the suffering believers of the last days who are touched by these future trials which are to come upon the wicked, "**And it shall turn to you for a testimony.**" (*Luke 21:13*)

An example of this is found today in Christians who truly love God such as the two Samaritans Purse missionaries, Dr. Kent Brantly and Nurse Nancy Writebol. Who, because they too have contracted the Ebola virus, show us how these plagues can certainly affect Christians as well. However, believers who get these diseases or who are affected by the ravages of God's judgment, whether through pestilence, war or natural disasters do not indicate that God is judging the innocent. These missionaries show that bad things do not hinder those sold out for God and who love people in the name of Jesus Christ. While seeking to render aid to them in the name of Christ, they also run the risk of suffering with them. This is exactly what Jesus did when he came to earth and walked among sinners and healed the sick, and even died for the world of sinners. He

died for us because of the punishment for the sins that we deserved! But He also rose again! The following article from *The Huffington Post*, a decidedly liberal publication, shows the amazing testimony of how the pestilence of Ebola can be used by God through surrendered servants of Christ as a powerful testimony to the lost of the unconquerable love of God through Jesus Christ!

Doctor Infected With Ebola Makes Selfless Gesture To Fellow Patient

The Huffington Post | By Amanda L. Chan

An experimental serum against Ebola virus — enough for one patient — arrived in Liberia yesterday. The problem: There are two U.S. aid workers who are in grave condition after they contracted the virus.

There had to be a choice made about which aid worker would receive the serum — Dr. Kent Brantly, a doctor who was helping patients in the country through the U.S. organization Samaritan's Purse, or Nancy Writebol, who was working through the organization SIM as a hygienist to help decontaminate people entering and leaving the isolation ward at ELWA Hospital.

"Dr. Brantly asked that it be given to Nancy Writebol," Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse, said in a statement. "However, Dr. Brantly received a unit of blood from a 14-year-old boy who had survived Ebola because of Dr. Brantly's care. The young boy and his family wanted to be able to help the doctor that saved his life."



In this March 28, 2014 photo provided by Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), healthcare workers from the organization prepare isolation and treatment areas for their Ebola virus operations in Gueckedou, Guinea. One preacher advocated fasting and prayer to spare people from a virus that usually leads to a horrible death. Some people pray that the Ebola virus stays confined to a rural district. Others are unruffled and say the outbreak will blow over. (Kjell Gunnar Beraas/MSF/AP)



In this 2014 photo provided by the Samaritan's Purse aid organization, Dr. Kent Brantly, left, treats an Ebola patient at the Samaritan's Purse Ebola Case Management Center in Monrovia, Liberia. On Saturday, July 26, 2014, the North Carolina-based aid organization said Brantly tested positive for the disease and was being treated at a hospital in Monrovia. (AP Photo/Samaritan's Purse) |

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa — the worst Ebola outbreak in history — has now killed 729 people, according to figures released on July 31. Deaths were reported in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. Liberia has shut down schools and put out an order for public servants to stay home in efforts to curb spread of the virus, and Sierra Leone is working to place sick patients under quarantine, CBS News reported.

Keep Dr. Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol in your prayers for the days ahead as one or both of them are airlifted to Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. Ask the Lord to heal them. Further, ask the Lord to turn their sacrificial suffering for the Lord into a dynamic and life changing testimony to a world that desperately needs to notice the mighty power of God that is always at work in the world through Jesus Christ. The Lord has a calling for each of us to fulfill as we courageously witness for Jesus Christ and even suffer for His name. Remember that as we wait for the Lord from heaven (Philippians 3:20) we can walk and work for Him in victory, no matter the threat or trial, for He has already overcome the world!

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

(John 16:33)

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