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A biblical, prophetic look at current events for those who have a heart to pray for our nation.

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NETANYAHU TO MEET WITH OBAMA

Binyamin Netanyahu told the Cabinet Sunday he will meet with Barack Obama this week and added that the Palestinian Authority will fail to win full recognition from the United Nations. He said the meeting with the president will take place after he addresses the United Nations General Assembly.

Obama's promise to veto any United Nations Security Council motion to recommend full membership status of the Palestinian Authority has reearned him some lost Jewish support, according to recent polls. A high-profile meeting with the Prime Minister, in an atmosphere different from previous tense meetings, might help Obama bounce back a bit from record-breaking lows in popularity, although the economic situation in the United States is voters' main worry.

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Pray that America stands strong beside Israel as 'Ruth', and puts its entire weight behind stopping this bid for statehood completely . . . without condition, but remaining close friends and allies and standing in covenant relationship one with the other. Pray that a genuine love and friendship come by His Spirit upon America toward Israel in her time of need for a true ally.

Pray for Prime Minister Netanyahu to be strong! Pray that God will fill him with His strength and courage to continue to stand, and when he has done all to stand. Prayer for him right now is vital. He must not compromise. He said when he was running for Prime Minister, that "he had learned his lesson" from giving away Hebron. May God remind him of this statement and fill him with strength to stand courageous under fire; that He will set a guard over his heart and his mouth.

"Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be afraid of them. For it is YHWH your Elohim who is going with you. He does not fail you nor forsake you." (Deut. 31:6)

"But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you, or to go back from following after you. For wherever you go, I go; and wherever you stop over, I stop over. Your people is my people, and your Elohim is my Elohim." (Ruth 1:16)

PALESTINIANS TO SEEK FULL U.N. MEMBERSHIP SEPT. 23

The Second event will be on September 23rd, the move by the Palestinian Authority to go before the UN Security Council and propose the creation of a Palestinian State in Judea and Samaria, with East Jerusalem to become its Capital.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said he will pursue a full United Nations membership bid [during a speech Friday](#) that was likely meant to both make the case for membership and manage domestic expectations.

Israel is a sovereign nation, and the nations of the world are seeking to forcibly impose the division of the land in order to create a new Muslim nation that will be "Jew Free," according to the PA. No Jew will be allowed to reside in the new Palestinian State, nor in East Jerusalem.

Such a move if passed would force Israel to remove over 300,000 Israeli's from their homes, schools, business, farms, synagogues, and way of life in Judea and Samaria. In Jerusalem it would be that over 100,000 plus Jewish people would become homeless and have to be relocated.

Incredibly, it is likely that only one vote in the Security Council stands between Israel and this becoming a reality - A veto by the United States. Russia and China has already confirmed they will vote for this abomination. (Contributors: [CNN](#), Barry and Linda Battlestein, Capitol Hill Prayer Partners)

Ask our Heavenly Father to strengthen the hands of those who stand in faith with God's Holy Word and promises to Israel. Ask the Lord to open the spiritual eyes of those national leaders that would allow a rogue group of people to declare an illegitimate state in the U.N. without God's establishing hand.

"Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah." "It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be torn to pieces. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it." (Zechariah 12:2-3)

PM Netanyahu's Remarks at the Start of the Weekly Cabinet - Released by The Embassy of Israel; Washington, D.C.

Following are Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's remarks at the start of the [weekly Cabinet meeting \(Sunday\), 18.9.11](#):

Friends,

"This week I will leave for the US. On Wednesday, I will meet with U.S. President Barack Obama and other world leaders and afterwards I will address the U.N. General Assembly. The U.N. is not a place where Israel wins praise, but I think that it is important that I go there in order to represent both the State of Israel and the truth - and the truth is that Israel wants peace and the truth is that the Palestinians are doing everything to torpedo direct peace negotiations.

They have ignored every proposal that I have made, both in my 14.6.09 Bar-Ilan speech and in my 24.5.11 speech to the U.S. Congress.

They have avoided coming to direct negotiations after this Government made an unprecedented decision to freeze new construction in the communities. For ten months, they simply were unwilling to come and negotiate. They need to understand that, despite their current attempt to again overturn the negotiations by going to the U.N., peace will be achieved only through direct negotiations.

Their attempt to be accepted as a member of the U.N. will fail. The Palestinians' attempt to be accepted as a member of the U.N. is what they declared - one year ago - as their objective; this is what Abu Mazen recently declared as a goal. This attempt will fail. It will fail because it must go through the U.N. Security Council. Decisions that are binding on UN members pass through the Security Council. I am convinced that the activity of the U.S., which is deeply cooperating with us, as well as the activity of other governments with which we are also cooperating, will result in the failure of this attempt.

The U.N. also has the General Assembly in which almost any decision can be passed. It is possible to decide there that the sun rises in the west and sets in the east, and this would pass there. But it has neither the same weight nor the same importance. This is not the Palestinians' avowed goal. Even there it is possible that there will be various actions in their regard. We are coordinating our efforts with those of the U.S. and with other important countries, in Europe and beyond.

My U.N. trip will have a double goal. The first goal is to ensure that this move to bypass negotiations does not succeed and is stopped in the Security Council. I think that this is, to a great extent, an achievable objective. The second goal is to address the General Assembly and present our truth and - in my opinion - the general truth, which is our desire for peace. The fact that we are not foreigners in this country, that we have rights in this country that go 'only' 4,000 years, I will say this loud and clear. I will also speak about our intention to achieve peace with our neighbors while ensuring our security. If these were always clear and necessary, they are much more important today, especially now, when the Middle East is undergoing a great upheaval, from Tunisia to Yemen, from Libya to Egypt, Syria and throughout the region, when we do not know what will happen from day to day and how things will go.

At these times, we need a Government and a policy that strongly stand behind our needs in a peace settlement. We are ready to enter into peace negotiations with our Palestinian neighbors, if they so desire. In my opinion, after the dust settles and after everything that is happening at the U.N., in the end, the Palestinians will regain their composure, I hope, and will shelve these moves that are designed to bypass negotiations. They will return to the table in order to achieve peace and security both for us and our neighbors." (Source: The Embassy of Israel; Washington, D.C., [News From Jerusalem](#))

D.C. SENATE BILL: NO BAN ON FUNDING ABORTION

[Advocates for District autonomy and for abortion rights won a partial victory Wednesday when the Senate released a draft](#) D.C. spending bill that does not include a ban on the city using its taxpayer money to fund abortions for low-income women. The 2012 appropriations bill covering the District, as well as the Treasury Department and a host of federal agencies, would prohibit the use of federal money but not the use of city tax funds to pay for abortions and would cut overall federal funding for the city by 6 percent compared with 2011 levels.

The bill was approved by a Senate appropriations subcommittee Wednesday and will be taken up by the full committee Thursday. It could wind up with amendments, on abortion and other D.C. social issues, during full committee markup and whenever it reaches the Senate floor. The House Appropriations panel passed its version of the spending bill in June, including the abortion funding ban and a ban on using federal money (but not local money) to pay for needle-exchange programs. The House bill would cut funds to the city by 10 percent compared with the current level.

The House measure stalled before reaching the chamber floor, however, amid a jurisdictional fight over issues unrelated to the District. It's unclear if the bill will ever reach the House floor on its own, or if it will simply be incorporated into some larger spending agreement later this year.

The abortion ban has been a sore subject in the city since Obama cut a deal with Republicans earlier this year on a 2011 spending resolution that included the prohibition. That sparked outrage among local officials, and Mayor Vincent Gray and several city council members were arrested on Capitol Hill in an act of civil disobedience. (Contributor: [The Washington Post](#))

Pray that, as this bill makes its way through the U.S. Senate, the ban on funding for abortions would be included, as it has already been done in the U.S. House of Representatives. Pray for the life of the unborn in our nation's capital. They need our intercession before our Lord's throne of grace.

"This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." (Dt. 30:19)

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CEREMONY AT GROUND ZERO

No clergy were allowed at the official Ground Zero memorial service on September 11th, but Barack Obama read a part of the 46th Psalm, the same Psalm he referred to in Arizona after the shooting of Congresswoman Giffords. The same secularist news media organization who attacked Texas Governor Rick Perry for appearing at a public prayer meeting in Houston, TX did not have any critical words for Obama's Bible reading in public. But then, maybe they had the inside word that it was an election year.

Religious [leaders had called on Mayor Michael Bloomberg to reverse course](#) and offer clergy a role in the ceremony commemorating the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, but that call was not honored.

Rudy Washington, a deputy mayor in former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's administration, said he's outraged. Mr. Washington had organized an interfaith ceremony at Yankee Stadium shortly after the September 11, 2001, attacks. (Contributors: [Fox News](#), [Religious Freedom Coalition](#))

Our Heavenly Father, knows what dwells within our hearts. He knows when people speak forth to please the world and its interests, and when people speak forth through the empowerment of His Holy Spirit. Those speakers who are without His Holy Spirit evoke no rebuke from the world as there is no power. Speakers with the indwelling Holy Spirit of God make the world tremble in fear, reacting with ridicule and mockery. For this empowerment we praise and exalt His Holy Name, in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Ask the Lord to have His perfect will performed in the days ahead. Ask the Lord to give wisdom to those who are in a position to foster good will in a most challenging time in our history.

And He said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.' (Luke 16:15)

HOUSE REPUBLICANS PLACE RENEWED FOCUS ON THE CONSTITUTION

The United States Constitution was signed at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 224 years ago tomorrow on September 17, 1787. Christian Coalition of America has, during the month of September, been urging Americans to celebrate Constitution Day in homes and other locations all across America tomorrow.

In honor of Constitution Day being celebrated all over America tomorrow, the nearly 180-member Republican Study Committee (RSC) in the United States House of Representatives looked back at how House Republicans have placed a renewed focus on the United States Constitution this year.

For example, at the beginning of the 112th Congress -- controlled by the Republican Party after the huge Tea Party victory in last November's elections -- the Constitution was read aloud on the House floor [1] for the first time in history. (Contributors: Capitol Hill Prayer Partners, [Christian Coalition of America](#))

Pray to the Father for the rule of law to once again be brought out into the light and established so that "sketchy" legislation will not even be allowed to hit the floor of our House of Congress. Ask the Lord for continued enlightenment and direction going forward, so that we never again slip back into vague or questionable interpretations of The Constitution. This is an amazing document and blessing from the inspiration of the Lord. It was established in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, and promote the general welfare of our country.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed." (Psalm 103:2, 6)

SENATE PANEL PROHIBITS IRAN LOANS

The U.S. Senate Banking Committee on September 8 passed an amendment to the U.S. Export Import Bank Reauthorization Bill by voice vote that would prohibit the Export Import Bank from providing loans or guarantees to companies doing certain prohibited business in Iran. "As long as Iran continues on her march toward nuclear weapons, we will continue to expand and enhance our efforts to stall and thwart her achievement," said Sen. Robert Menendez, who offered the legislation with Sen. Mark Kirk (R-IL). Kirk echoed his statement. "This amendment ensures that taxpayer dollars will not help the Iranian government avoid sanctions for building nuclear weapons," said Kirk. A similar amendment is included in the House version of the legislation now being considered. ([Senate Banking Committee](#), [AIPAC](#))

Thank the Lord, for the Senators in this committee standing against the nuclear threat of an avowed enemy of Israel and the U.S. Pray that all transactions with this country that will hasten their ability to make nuclear weapons will be brought out into the open and stopped. Thank the Lord, for watching over Israel and over the U.S.

"Give heed to me, O Lord, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me." (Jeremiah 18:19)

U.S. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM COULD SHUT DOWN

Ten years ago the Religious Freedom Coalition worked to pass H.R. 1856, the International Religious Freedom Act which created the United States Commission on Religious Freedom (USCIRF). The bill had a ten year sunset, which means the commission's time will expire unless there is a reauthorization. Congressman Frank Wolf, along with Foreign Affairs Chairman Ros-Lehtinen and Ranking Member Berman, introduced a bill focusing solely on the reauthorization and reform of USCIRF. The bill passed this week, but now faces a Senate vote. Please ask your Senators to extend the life of the commission. (Contributor: [Religious Freedom Coalition](#))

Pray for our Father's helping hand in having this bill pass the Senate and become law. Acknowledge and repent for the failure of allowing our religious freedoms to be steadily taken away due to our negligence. Ask the Lord to intervene with His wisdom in the moving of various senators to support the extension of this commission for religious freedom.

"Why are you cast down , O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God." (Psalm 43:5)

JUDICIARY NEWS

School Board seeks to appeal prayer ruling - Members of the Indian River School Board in Selbyville, Delaware, bowed their heads for a moment of silence at the start of this week's board meeting -- a departure from their typical practice of joining in a board-member-led prayer.

Then they made a unanimous decision to seek U.S. Supreme Court review of the recent Third District Court of Appeals ruling that the district's policy of opening board meetings with a prayer -- often a Christian one -- was unconstitutional. (Contributor: [DelMarVaNow.com](#))

Obama Justice Department Ups the Ante in Religious Freedom Case - Every once in a while a court case comes along that could have profound ramifications for our liberty. Many times, everyone knows about these cases. Sometimes they do not. Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. EEOC could be one of those cases. The Obama Administration's Department of Justice raised the stakes in a religious employment case that will be heard at the U.S. Supreme Court in the upcoming term. Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. EEOC is a lawsuit in which a church-run school, which believes that all teachers have an impact in the religious upbringing of their students, INTERCESSORS FOR AMERICA | Post Office Box 915, Purcellville, VA 20134 | [GetAmericaPraying.com](#)
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sought to have the "ministerial exception" applied to employment decisions regarding the school's teachers. The ministerial exception limits government involvement in religious employment decisions. A panel for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the existence of a "ministerial exception," but held that the teacher's leading her students in prayer several times per day and teaching a religion class four times per week was not enough religious activity to warrant the application of the exception. . . The Obama Administration Justice Department has turned this case into a direct attack on the most basic of religious freedoms. (Contributors: [U.S. Supreme Court](#), [NC Register](#))