



**Dear Precious Friend,**

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## **When the Enemy Takes Notice**

Greece and Cyprus are coming into alignment with Israel for the first time in 2,000 years! The enemy has taken notice. Greece/Cyprus were antisemitic nations, but through the prayers of the saints, antisemitism is decreasing very rapidly, whereas it's increasing in the rest of Europe and other parts of the world. The enemy has lifted up his head because he notices that the natural and spiritual highway of the Apostle Paul between Israel, Cyprus and Greece is being rebuilt.

As you may know, Islamic Turkey has crossed into Greek and Cypriot waters with a research ship, warships and submarines claiming territory and in order to force Greece-Cyprus to retreat from not only protecting their own exclusive economic zones, but to stop the plan with Israel to build the largest natural gas pipeline in the world! The pipeline will go from Israel to Cyprus to Greece and onward through Italy into western Europe. These are exactly the footsteps of the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul! God is showing us that “to the Jew first and to the Greek” (*Romans 1:16*) has a literal application as well as a spiritual one which promises to be a huge blessing in this region. The Lord desires to bless this region by bringing Greece, Cyprus, the rest of this Mediterranean region and Europe into right alignment to bless Israel and as promised, to be blessed of the Lord in return. That’s God’s heart. That’s God’s intention. That’s God’s pattern.

The Book of Nehemiah is very relevant to our day and to what's happening right now in the Eastern Mediterranean. It is clearly laid out in this Book what happens when we begin to carry out God's purposes in obedient love, especially in connection to Israel. I expected the enemy to attack Greece and Cyprus because you cannot come into the purposes of God, you cannot come into the alignment of God, you cannot begin to favor Israel and not have strong retaliation from the enemy. You cannot be friends with Israel and not enter into the same battles that Israel is fighting in these end times.

In the Book of Nehemiah, we see that the wall of Jerusalem was broken down by the enemies of God. The Lord had already positioned Nehemiah as the cupbearer of the Persian King to receive the favor of the king to rebuild the wall. He had positioned Esther. He had positioned Daniel. He had positioned Joseph. He sets people in the right position for the right time when He is about to move. Today the walls here in the Bible lands have been broken down in the Spirit and in the natural because of wrong theology, wrong teaching, idolatry, because Greece and Cyprus were on the wrong side. Now that they have become allies with Israel, the Lord wants to build this spiritual and natural pipeline, to bless the region and maintain the powerful synergy that has already begun and bring revival. The enemy has taken notice.

*“But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, ‘What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?’” Nehemiah 2:19*

Beloved, this is the same voice and the same lies of the enemy who has seen that the Lord is rising up across the Mediterranean to build and to bless.

Nehemiah answers the enemies of God like this:

*“The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem.” Nehemiah 2:20*

Beloved, the spirit of Islam wants to thwart the revival that will once again declare the Son of God in this Bible region. The fires of God will begin to burn again before the coming of the Lord and the enemy wants to put these fires out before they are even ignited.

When Nehemiah and his people continue building the wall, the enemy begins to mock the plan of God and tries to tear it down:

*“But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we built the wall, he was wrath, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.” Nehemiah 4:1*

Nehemiah prays and gets the wisdom of God: Set a watch against the enemies day and night! Beloved, a watch needs to be set up day and night in this region in preparation for a great move of God's Spirit!

Not only does Nehemiah get the wisdom of the Lord to set a watch, but he also gets the strategy for how the people are to work! They are to have a tool in one hand and a weapon in the other and a trumpet of warning and worship. Spiritually speaking, we are to have a weapon of war in one hand, and a tool to build God's Kingdom in the other. And we are to blow the trumpet! *Nehemiah 4:16-20*

Nehemiah also tells the people to lodge within Jerusalem during the night. They are not to leave the city but to be a guard to those that labor by day or night. We too are to guard the work, guard one another day and night. We're not to get comfortable while the battle is raging.

*“So neither I, my brethren, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me took off our clothes, except that everyone took them off for washing.” Nehemiah 4:23*

The builders didn't take off their clothes, put on their pajamas to sleep comfortably in their own beds. Like the Shulamite in the Song of Solomon, "I slept but my heart was awake," we are to constantly be seeking the face of the Lord in our hearts, to be attentive to His voice and to follow Him. It is time to be vigilant! God is doing a great work, even during the present shaking in Israel. He's doing a great work in the Eastern Med. He is joining Jews and Greeks together for the first time in modern history and the enemy has taken notice! He wants to stop the work even before it begins!

God wants His glory to fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. He wants His name to be glorified in the Eastern Med. We're facing an enemy right now who is trying to break up the unity and the peace that is being forged in the Mediterranean. We are believing God for a great victory and for the 'Highway of the Apostle Paul' to be completed in our day before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray with us dear friend.

### **Good News from the Bible lands:**

We continue to host our local zoom prayer-bible study in Greek and also our Power Line Prayer for Israel, Cyprus, Greece with intercessors from Israel, Greece, Germany, America and other nations who carry a burden for this region. Please let us know if you are interested in interceding with us on zoom.

Our landlady who was in a deep depression on strong medication has been released through prayer and the word of God! We are so grateful!

We have shared the gospel, prayed and ministered everywhere we are led of the Lord and have given out many New Testaments. A Greek man gave his life to the Lord right on Mt. Olympus! While I was sharing with a young waiter in a cafe on the seaside, God prompted me to share His name, Emmanuel, with him. It turned out to be the name of our waiter! He was shocked! We left him with a NT. Our spiritual son, D, is reading the NT, growing and changing in the Lord. A few of his co-workers also have received the NT and are reading it!

Thank you so much for your love, prayers and support! We are a team, a family, one body, His Bride! How very much I love and appreciate you! Please stay in touch!

Shalom and Agape,

***Greta***

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