



## 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!

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