

Is Oil Catastrophe Fulfillment of Genesis Prophecy?

Video suggests biblical tie with U.S. treatment of Israel, rig explosion

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: I agree with the many Bible teachers who warn that the curse of Genesis 12 is something that all world leaders should consider before they think of extorting, bribing or otherwise exerting pressure on Israel to give up land that was given to them by God. This author and Bill Koenig (and others) have done a good job documenting how “natural disasters” often occur to nations at the same time they are cursing the Jews. Those who plan to push Israel into the sea will find their plans fall upon their own heads.

Psalm 7:13-16 – He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; he makes His arrows into fiery shafts. Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood. He made a pit and dug it out, and has fallen into the ditch which he made. His trouble shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown. (NKJ)

Psalm 57:5-6 – Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be above all the earth. They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down; they have dug a pit before me; into the midst of it they themselves have fallen. Selah (NKJ)

Proverbs 26:27 – Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him. (NKJ)

Is there a spiritual, biblical connection to the BP oil catastrophe?

A new [video on YouTube](#) is suggesting a possible link to the disaster due to America's recent treatment of Israel, and at least one well-known Bible analyst, Hal Lindsey, thinks there's a valid correlation.

The video was produced and posted today by Carl Gallups of the [Hickory Hammock Baptist Church](#) in Milton, Fla., and is embedded here:

“April the 19th, Israel celebrates its independence in 2010,” Gallups says in narration on the video. “On April the 19th, Fox News reports that the U.S. will no longer automatically support Israel in the United Nations. The next day, on April the 20th, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explodes. Coincidence? Or the hand and judgment of God?”

The minister cites an ancient promise God made to Abraham, the patriarch of the 12 tribes of Israel, one tribe of which is Judah from which the Jews derive their name.

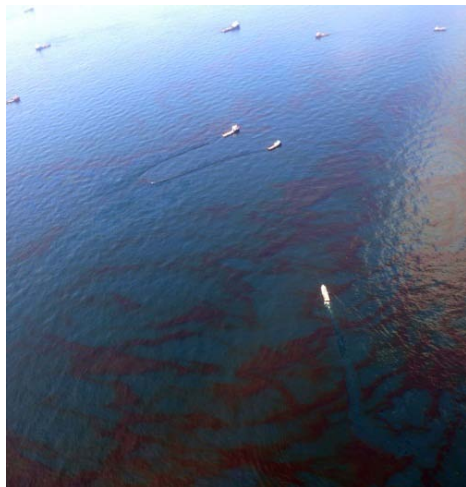
In the Book of Genesis, God told him, “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse” ([Genesis 12:2-3, New International Version](#))

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The video displays a screenshot of a [Fox News story titled, “Obama and Israel: Showdown at the U.N.?”](#)

Its first sentence reads: “The Obama administration is reportedly signaling another major shift in policy towards one of its staunchest allies, Israel, and this shift could change the way it votes at the Security Council. The change would mean an end to the U.S.’ use of its veto

Gallups says while he was preparing his radio show, he wondered what else happened in the time frame of the rig explosion, to see if there was any connection to anything biblical at all.



He found the Fox News article dated April 19, and said what’s significant about the date is that it’s Israel’s Independence Day this year.

Although Israel’s original declaration took place May 14, 1948, the [annual celebration actually floats from year to year in Israel, based on the lunar-based Hebrew calendar, and took place on April 19, 2010.](#)

Upon realizing the date connection, “I looked at that and chills went up and down my spine,” he told WND. “That’s when I knew there was a correlation. To me, I just immediately felt a spiritual connection to it. If you have a spiritual perception at all, it really hits you hard.”

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Referring to Israel as a “prophetic signpost,” Gallups said, “It seems to me we’re turning our back on Israel, and that’s a very dangerous biblical or spiritual place to be.”



Gallups is not alone with the sentiment America could be under a curse from God.

“I believe this is evidence that when you turn your back on Israel, especially when you’ve been a supporter, you’re gonna see judgments come from God,” said Hal Lindsey, author of “The Late Great Planet Earth.”

“It’s finally reaching the point where God is removing His protection from us,” he said. “I believe we back away from being a friend to Israel at our peril. We need to come back to be a supporter of one who is so important in God’s plan.”

Regarding the oil spill specifically, Lindsey said, “I think that this disaster is just one of many disasters. Our country is falling apart economically. The current government is overturning our constitutional republic, turning it into a socialist country. That’s about as big a curse as you can get. We just have one catastrophe after another and then we have this big wake-up call in the gulf.”

Lindsey, who at age 80 is still active [analyzing Bible prophecy on his website](#), said in preparation for his programs, he studies current world events, taking note of calamities.

“It used to be you’d have to hunt for things, but now it’s a matter of sorting out which one you’re gonna use. There are just so many catastrophes and disasters,” he said. “That’s a not a popular view to take, by the way, as critics will say, ‘There they go again.’ No one wants to address true judgment from God.”

WND asked Lindsey if he thought we’re now in the “end time” spoken of in the Bible before the return of Jesus Christ to Earth.

“I think the prophecies are written that they encourage us to look for Christ’s return,” he said. “It’s written so that it’s imminent, that it could come at any time.”

“This is not an ordinary time,” Lindsey continued. “I certainly thought that He would come sooner ... but the scenario and pattern about what Bible prophecy has predicted is here. I’ve never said I know when He’s going to come, but I believe we’re in the general time.”

When Hurricane Katrina devastated the U.S. Gulf Coast in 2005, there was similar talk about [possible divine retribution thrust upon America for its support of the Gaza evacuation in Israel](#).

“Katrina is a consequence of the destruction of [Gaza’s] Gush Katif [slate of Jewish communities] with America’s urging and encouragement,” Rabbi Avraham Shmuel Lewin, executive director of the Rabbinic Congress for Peace, told WND. “The U.S. should have discouraged Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon from implementing the Gaza evacuation rather than pushing for it and pressuring Israel into concessions.”

Gallups, meanwhile, is frustrated with YouTube, for [freezing the hit counter for his video at 309 views](#), within a half-hour of its posting. He says the company often does this to his videos, if they have a theme even remotely critical of Obama.

“It is probably going viral,” Gallups explains on the YouTube page. “It will probably be at *false low* counts for *days*. You Tube will not tell me why our videos suffer from this anomaly. Our other popular vids took three or four days to start moving with any sense of ‘believability.’”

He also told WND, “I’ve gotten notes from several posters trying to upload it to Facebook. They get a warning or denial saying the content is abusive, request denied. I can’t imagine what kind of content in that video would be abusive.”