

# A Voice Cries Out: Hostages, Arab Oil, Israel and the U.S.

## -The Real Origin of Ancient Hatreds, and Way to Solution

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**T**HE WORLD NEWS spotlight has focused heavily on the Middle East, the hostage crisis and the Camp David conferences for Middle East peace.

But few know the real origin of this boiling caldron of historic hatreds. Few know that this on-and-off continuing emotional conflict stemmed from a rivalry between two women over one man. It is significant in a manner little realized that present peace efforts involve the United States and the Camp David talks.

Very recently I have had personal conferences with the two Middle East leaders—Prime Minister Menachem Begin in Jerusalem, and President Anwar el-Sadat in Cairo. The vision, courage and willingness of these two leaders to "GIVE" instead of "GET" is a hopeful start in the way toward Middle East and even world peace.

Israel has been willing to "GIVE" back to Egypt the Sinai Peninsula. And President Sadat showed me the architect's rendering of the new \$70 million peace center he plans to build at the base of Mt. Sinai. He invited my participation in this project, symbolic of the way to world peace between nations and religions.

The project at Mt. Sinai is significant, because some 3,500 years ago there was an "eruption" on Mt. Sinai. What "erupted" was the one and only practical and workable formula for world peace!

That formula is simple. It is a way of life. It is the way of "GIVE" as opposed to "GET." And the proposed peace center there epitomizes the way of "GIVE"—cooperate, mutual help, serve, share. "GET" is the way of self-centered covet-



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ing, envy, jealousy and hostile competition leading to strife, violence, war, destruction.

But actually Middle East antagonisms had been implanted in Arab and Israel peoples more than 400 years before the Mt. Sinai "eruption." It's an intriguing story, leading to present activities of concern to us all.

On Mt. Sinai, some 3,500 years ago, the prophet Moses received the tables of stone on which were written the peace formula—the way of life productive of peace—the Ten Commandments. They summarize the principle of outflowing love, the way of "GIVE."

Involved in the Camp David peace talks were heads of three nations, predominant in which are three major religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Religion has been a prime factor in wars throughout history. These three nations have a common ancestor, Abraham. All three religions regard Abraham and Moses as prophets. And therein lies a history of today's vital concern to the lives of us all!

Abraham's wife, Sarah, was barren and childless, considered in those days a severe reproach. Sarah, the biblical narrative states, asked Abraham to give her a son by her maid Hagar. When Hagar became pregnant she despised Sarah. When Sarah treated her harshly she fled. Her son, Ishmael, became the father of 12 "dukes," who were the progenitors of the Arab world of today! Later, the narrative continues, Sarah became the mother of Isaac, progenitor of the 12 tribes of Israel. A jealous

hostility has continued to our day between the Arab world and Israel.

But where does the United States come into the picture? The answer to that question is one of the most exciting, eye-opening revelations of buried and "lost" factual history ever told!

Today the United States and Britain are both deeply involved in this whole controversy. It was the British Balfour Declaration that opened a national home for Jews in Palestine. Now the United States is trying to bring peace to the Middle East. The United States is deeply involved also through the hostage crisis in Islamic Iran.

But where are we, or the British, referred to in the historical narratives or the prophecies of the world's best seller? Theologians do not know. Approximately a third of the entire Bible is prophecy, focusing primarily on events of now—and the very near future. Yet these prophecies have not been understood. They have remained a mystery, or source of wild speculation. The vital key to unlock their clear understanding has been missing.

That vital key is the identity of the United States and British nations in biblical prophecy. Such small nations as Ethiopia, Libya and Egypt are mentioned. How could the United States be overlooked? It isn't! It is explained in a revealing book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. We will present, gratis, to those whose unprejudiced eyes are willing to see, a softcover copy of the astonishing, enlightening book, 230 pages, full-color illustrated, gratis on request, no follow-up. Or, if you prefer, you may buy a distinctive hardcover copy at bookstores.

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