



VoydPhil News

VoydPhil Was Attacked

On January 2nd, VoydPhil experienced a cyber attack from terrorists. At precisely 8:00pm, 80+ individuals attempted to bring down the VoydPhil page on Facebook. 63 of those succeeded in the task. The page was flooded with 100s of posts—all calling for the death and destruction of Israel, the Jews, and myself. Also many direct messages were sent to my wife's and mine personal Facebook accounts. There were also "friend" requests, which would allow the attackers to gain access to more private information. All of the attacking individuals came from within Gaza, the West Bank, and some of the surrounding Arab countries.

To counteract the assault, the VoydPhil page was locked down so that clean up of the unwanted postings could be done and changes made to how open the page would be. As of now, only those from Canada and USA can get to the page, plus posting to it can only be done in reply to a post that I have initiated. Members can no longer upload photos or post new messages. We hope to have it more open again.

VoydPhil has the attention of those that wish to harm The Lord's work. Please pray for our protection.

Helping to Fill the Void in God's People

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Second Plague—Frogs

Part 1

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Paper Routes and Ponds

Some time ago, my oldest son wanted to get a paper route. That, of course, meant that I was up with him to help with the deliveries. On one particular warm Spring morning, while walking in the pitch black, I had a startling encounter. I took a step and felt a firm, but squashing, under the force of my boot. In a surprisingly quick nimble move, I shifted my weight to the opposite foot. Looking down I witnessed a fairly sizeable frog hopping from under my foot to find shelter in the nearby bush.

That instance led me to think about what it must have been like during the second plague of Egypt – the plague of frogs. Imagine, if you will, attempting to live in the following environment; **Exodus 8:3(NIV) The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs.** No matter where you went or what you did, frogs where there. You couldn't take a step with out having one under your foot. And there weren't just a few, there was countless numbers of them. Compare the above verse with the one from the aftermath; **Exodus 8:14 They were piled into heaps, and the land reeked of them.** There were so many frogs that the Egyptians had to pile them into heaps.

Although, my almost frog fatal incident was in no way close to a stroll across Egypt during the first half of **Exodus 8**. It did give me a very real and personal experience to compare with the sec-

ond plague upon Egypt. Still to this day I can feel the sensation of the poor unsuspecting amphibian compressing beneath me. This brings up an obvious question about Pharaoh; why did he make the statement in **Exodus 8:10?** Moses gave Pharaoh the choice in **Exodus 8:9** of when he wanted the plague of frogs to be removed. Pharaoh answered, **"Take them away, tomorrow"** Even though just about any and every living thing was a representation of a god to the Egyptians, I think it wouldn't take very long to become quite annoyed with the bulgy eyed, web-footers.

My family and I enjoy camping and try to have at least one trip a year living in a tent for a week. One such trip I invited my nephew to tag along. While I was checking in, he and my oldest son – the same one that had the paper route – went to investigate the small pond near by. They found a frog and my son was able to catch him. After a short examination of the creature, my nephew suggested that they "toss" him back into the pond. My son misunderstood and reared back, throwing like he was the center fielder trying to stop the winning run from advancing to home. The frog's legs were flailing wildly as it soars through the air before splashing into the center of the pond. Although I instructed my boy on the proper way of placing a frog back into its habitat and making a point of my disappointment in his mistreatment of one of God's creations, I can't help but to think that I would do the very same act towards a flood of frogs if I was an Egyptian.

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Israel News

Bombs, Rockets, And PCs

Although rockets may not be flying every day—there have been times that they have—I wanted to look up when the last time a rocket was launched in to Israel. I didn't have to look too far in to the past to see when that was. Only two hours ago from the time I wrote this, there was on J-Post a new report of a Kassam rocket landing in the Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council. So this threat is still very real and very fresh. But there is a new weapon in terror; and it is just as real and can be just as destructive. Perhaps not in lives and property, but in other ways.

Yuli Edelstein, the Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Minister of Israel said, "The cyber war against Israel is very real. It's an attack on its companies and its people."

Over the past several weeks there has been a back and forth war

waging not in the skies and streets with rockets and bombs, but on PCs, computer servers and over the internet. Bringing down companies on both sides of the borders as large as the Safra Children's Hospital, Abu Dhabi Stock Exchange, UAE's Central Bank, Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, El Al (the international airline of Israel) and publicizing tens of thousand of credit information of Israeli citizens.

A group within Israel calling themselves simply "IDF Team" has claimed responsibility to the retaliatory attacks back towards Arab groups; one of which is OpFreePalestine.

With more being dependent upon computers and the internet, it is no surprise that a cyber war is at hand. It could be frightening to think what might happen if the enemies of Israel gained control. Fortunately, only The Lord is truly in control of all. Amen.

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"When we all pray to God, we have more help from the Heavens, more success"

Eli Yishai
Interior Minister

Born: 26 Dec 1962

Upcoming Holidays

Holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the date listed.

Tu B'shvat

(New Year for Trees)
15 Shvat
February 8, 2012 (Wed)

Purim

14 Adar II 5771
Mar 8
Thr

Pesach

15 Nisan, - 22 Nisan
April 7—April 26
Sat—Tue

Yom HaShoah

(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
27 Nisan
April 19
Thr

Yom HaZikaron

(Israel's Memorial Day)
4 Iyyar
April 25
Wed

Yom HaAtzmaut

(Israel's Independence Day)
5 Iyyar
April 26
Thr

Lag B'Omer

18 Iyyar
May 10
Thr

Shavuot

18 Iyyar
May 27
Sun

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Church or Synagogue
Youth Group
Torah or Bible study
Classroom
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Seder
Sukkot

Bringing Jews and Christians closer together
Understanding the Christian or Jew
Jewish Holidays
And others

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