

Oil in Israel

I was born in the oil country of Penn. My father was a welder and mechanic for an independent oil company there. So as I grew up I became very aware of the importance of oil. When the 2nd WW began, my father was going to sign up to be a soldier. I can still remember my Mom crying as he told her his decision. He was rejected not because of a physical problem but because of his ability to work in the oil fields. At that time the Bradford sands oil was some of the most coveted oil in the world. At that time a barrel of oil was selling for \$2.99. I can remember as a child of riding around the wealthy section of Bradford and ask my Mom whose houses those mansions belonged to. Her reply was “these are those that made their money in oil.” Money was no object to people in that city. Even though it never got to be a large city, at one time it was a very wealthy one. Kendal Oil, Quaker State Oil and Penzoil had their home in this little city which was about 70 miles from where the first oil well was drilled back in the 1800’s. Since then oil had been the center of our economy. Inflation seemed to rise and fall according to the price of dollars per barrel. For many years the price of oil remained much the same until we hit the 60’s. Oil prices began to rise, our own oil reserves began to fall and we then discovered that there was another almost unlimited source of oil in the Middle East. Soon all the major oil companies began to set up shop there. The cost of oil began to rise and the cost of gasoline went along with it. No longer would we buy gas at a low price. Then as you remember in the 70’s we saw the Middle East countries flex their muscles by

demanding more per barrel. As a result Billions of dollars from our economy began to flow to this country making them more wealthy than we could imagine. Then to make matter worse, they put us in a tight spot and our gas here was rationed. Remember those long lines at the gas stations?

Then their muscles got stronger and we saw the oil rise to \$150 per barrel. Now why am I saying all this? Simply to say that oil is going to make some one rich. One sheik over there had a Mercedes car made of pure silver. The city of Dubai up until a few years ago was just a small city that could barely keep up with the economy. Now because of oil it is one of the most prosperous cities in the world. And why? Oil.

Did you know God told us that Israel would be blessed in the last days? At this present time Israel has to get its natural gas from Russia. It has to import all of its gasoline so billions of dollars are poured into the Russian economy. So what is the problem here? What would happen if Israel could have their own gas and oil? Can you imagine how Russia would respond? So is it possible that Israel can be independent from Russia? Well, let's look into to Bible and see what it says and how it will affects their economy.

God has promised to bless Israel and make it more prosperous than it ever has. Let me show you what the Lord said in Deuteronomy 33 19. "They will summon peoples to the mountain and there offer sacrifices of righteousness; they will feast on the abundance of the

seas, on the treasures hidden in the sand." Let me ask you a question? What is usually found in the seas and in the deserts in the Middle East? Gas and Oil! Did you know part of Deu. 33:19 was fulfilled in Feb. 2009? Here is another report:. "Last month Delek-Noble an energy exploration partnership, announced a massive natural gas discovery off Israel's northern coast. According to reports, they may have enough natural gas to supply Israel's needs for fifteen years. In the energy exploration world it's generally understood that where you find gas, you find oil and vice-versa. Zion Oil and Gas, founded by John Brown received its first onshore exploration license in 2000. Brown came to Israel in the 1980's with the belief that a massive oil discovery for Israel was predicted in the pages of the Bible. With nothing but his Bible and his faith John Brown began his quest for Israel's oil. The company now holds 162,000 acres under license in Northern Israel and is planning to drill its second well next month."

Since God showed us Israel will pull *treasures* out of the sand one can conclude that the next blessing Israel will have very shortly is they are going to locate a massive oil discovery in their sand. I also read that: "The Israeli National Parks Council has granted three major petroleum companies in Israel permission to do exploratory drilling for oil in the Judean Desert Nature Reserve in the Dead Sea region to see if there is a major source of oil in the lowest location on the Earth." It stands to reason that if there is so much oil in Saudi Arabia, that its neighbor Israel must have it some where.

Before John Brown began his exploration, there were many people that invested their money in drilling wells in many places all over Israel, and dozens of them came up dry. So why did they lose their money? They failed to read the hints that God gave in His Word.

Here is another announcement: "An Israeli oil exploration company announced that it had found a huge amount of oil and gas during drilling below the city of Rosh Ha'ayin. Givot Olam Oil Exploration Limited Partnership said that more than 60 percent gas was measured in the drill, indicating the first such find in Israel."

And the reports just keep coming in. Here is an interesting one:

"Israel to become center of new 'oil and gas rush'

A top US energy industry expert believes Israel is going to soon experience an "oil and gas rush" by major Western energy development companies.

Speaking to the Israeli financial newspaper Globes, Fred Zeidman said the recent discovery of a massive natural gas field off Israel's Mediterranean coast had drawn the attention of every major Western energy company.

Israeli companies Delek and Isramco have already tapped the natural gas field, together with British energy giant Noble Energy. Zeidman noted that quite often, "as soon as Noble goes to a place, many other companies follow in its wake."

That could mean an enormous economic boom for Israel and its transformation overnight into a major international energy exporter.

The natural gas field in the Levant Basin (the western Mediterranean) is estimated to hold 122 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas, making it the largest natural gas resource ever found. The area is also believed to contain at least 1.7 billion barrels of recoverable oil.”

Now how do you suppose its neighbors feel about the find? As you can imagine, they are not happy about it. Palestinians will feel they have some claim on this gas. So we must ask if they are doing anything about reclaiming the gas. Well, the answer is no. In 1999, the British company BG found a large field offshore Gaza, enough to provide power to all Palestinians for a decade and more, but this gas has never been developed. Here is a quote from a March 11 article in Abu Dhabi’s newspaper, ‘The National’, written by Dubai-based energy economist Robin M Mills. “For the Israelis to exploit this gas themselves would be illegal under international law, and forbidden by the Oslo Agreement. They might have chosen to ignore the diplomatic consequences, but with the discovery at Tamar they can afford to leave Gaza’s gas lying idle indefinitely.”

So what has led all these companies to invest all their fortunes in Israel? It is the Word of God. As I said earlier, many lost millions of dollars because they did not follow the hints that are in the Word of God. So what are the hints?

There are a number of them and we will consider just a few. Let's start with the Blessing of Asher. Deuteronomy 33:24 "About Asher he said: "Most blessed of sons is Asher; let him be favored by his brothers, and let him bathe his feet in oil." Let's add Moses' comment from Deut. 32:13. He made him ride on the heights of the land and fed him with the fruit of the fields. He nourished him with honey from the rock, and with *oil from the flinty crag*. Deut 33:13-13 "And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD [be] his land, for the **precious things** of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, And for the **precious** fruits [brought forth] by the sun, and for the **precious things** put forth by the moon, And for the chief **things** of the ancient mountains, and for the **precious things** of the lasting hills, And for the **precious things** of the earth and fullness thereof, and [for] the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let [the blessing] come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him [that was] separated from his brethren."

Ok so what does this all mean? Those that chose this line of reasoning seem to be the winner. And this is what their interpretation seems to be. When they read, bounties, chief things and precious things lying deep underground in ancient mountains and primordial hills, they thought what could be more precious than gold under mountains or in the deep underground. So where are those places. Now if you can get your Bibles out and look at the maps in the back, you will find one that shows the area of the 12 tribes. As you find the area of Manessah you will see that it touches the bottom of the tribe of Asher which would be considered the toe. The word in Hebrew for

head is Rosh. That word can mean the upper or higher area. A good example of that could be the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The word for “crown of the head” in Hebrew is LODKOD and it also means highest part of crest. So as you look at the map, it refers directly to the toe of Asher. Again the Hebrew word for foot is REGEL and that means the lower portion of an area. Again we can reference that by saying the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Now if we assume that the precious things and bounty are oil, note that it does mean that it is in the foot of Asher but he dips his foot into the oil. And where was gas found? The northern coast of Israel. And as I said before, generally where there is gas there is oil.

In Genesis 49:22 we read about Joseph lying by a well. We have to realize that the land we are talking about is the land of Joseph which includes Manessah and Asher. Just an interesting note. The word for well here is YIN and means a naturally flowing spring or fountain which is different from the word BE ER which means a cistern. So what can we conclude from this? Something other than water is flowing from an underground source. So that would mean that it is not gold, silver or precious metals. So what is the next conclusion?

Let's add to this the Hebrew words TEHOM and ROVETZET. They are translated “the deep that couches beneath.”

In reading about the depth of these oil and gas wells off the coast of northern Israel, I found that many of those wells have reached almost 20,000 feet. Do you realize that is almost 4 miles deep? Now is it any wonder that so many people that searched for oil and gas in the past

in Israel came up with dry wells? They simply did not go deep enough. I hope that I am not getting too technical but these Hebrew words tell us so much. For example, ROVETZET really means describing an animal that is ready to pounce. Ever see a cat sitting waiting for a mouse? When that mouse appears, the cat pounces. That is the way the oil (if that is what we mean) is described here. I know that many of you have seen pictures of an oil gusher. The pressure was released and oil came gushing out. Someday soon, Israel will see some of those gushers and they will fulfill the prophecy in Joel 3:1 "*In those **days** and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem.*"

I am going to add one more thought. In Ezekiel 38:3- we read, "This is what the Sovereign Lord says, I am against you, O God, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks in our jaws and bring you out with your whole army

Now what do you suppose that hook could be? We do know that Russia has always wanted a southern port. And when they see that Israel has uncovered so much wealth, they will covet it and their resources. Israel's neighbors will be jealous because their oil supply will begin to dwindle and as a result they will join up with the northern kingdoms and mount a war against the Jews which they can not and will not win. So it is my opinion that the newfound oil supply will be the hook that brings them into the land of Israel.