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The Ultimate Revenge of Benjamin Netanyahu

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Nero Caesar, the last Roman emperor of the Claudian dynasty, is particularly known for his cruelty and the insane burning of Rome, while playing the lyre and watching from his palace. In the end, the Senate and part of the Gaul army initiated a rebellion and forced him to flee, and shortly after, at age 30, he committed suicide (68 AD). More than 2000 years later, Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime minister and 'Nero Caesar' of Israel, is teaching a unique lesson of how to destroy his country in revenge on his 'humiliation' of being accused for corruption. To accomplish his 'vendetta', Netanyahu designed a lavish plan to demolish the judicial system that prosecuted him and eradicate his trial. At first, he established a coalition to win the elections by joining his Likud party with the religious parties as well as with two parties of extremist settlers in Judea and Samaria (that exploited his personal distress), promising each of them excessive budgets and high-rank positions in the government. Then he nominated a Likud party companion (Yariv Levin), attorney in profession and obsessive against the Israeli Supreme Court, to be the Minister of Justice. Levin immediately appointed Simcha Rothman, a far-right religious member of the Zionism party, as chair of the Constitution, Law, and Justice Committee, with strong motivation to enact radical changes in the legal system, mostly minimization of the authority of the Supreme Court to control governmental decisions. Importantly, in the lack of Constitution in Israel, a major function of this court is to protect citizens' rights against an abusing government. In passing a legislative cancellation of the over-ruling authority of the Supreme Court, the door for corrupted nominations and dismissal of Netanyahu's trial, has been opened. This first legislative step incited enormous demonstrations all over Israel with harsh consequences on the economy, security, and social infrastructure, which after more than nine months did not halt the legal revolution. The next legislative steps are now under process beginning with the replacement of the law 'gatekeepers', of the government and the various legislative committees, to enable easy confirmation of any decision. Evidently, this step leads to excretion of Netanyahu's trial and encourages corruption of Knesset members. While Netanyahu's intentions are clear, the arising question is what are the reasons of all coalition members to support blindly these steps, while ignoring the damages to Israel.

REASONS

Hatred of the Ashkenazi Jews by the Mizrachi (Sepharadic) Jews

Since the population of Israel is composed of a large variety of tribes from all over the world, the immigrants from mostly the Arabic countries and the Maghreb (Morocco, Algeria, Tunis), named *Mizrachi* Jews, have suffered years from cultural inferiority and social inconsideration compared to the Ashkenazi Jews arriving earlier from Europe. Many of the *Mizrachi* immigrants sustained an 'inferiority complex' that was constantly utilized by certain party leaders to fuel their hatred and direct their votes in the elections. In the recent elections Netanyahu exploited

this deep frustration to establish a bloc of parties riding this 'horse' by their joining to his Likud party;

The Impact of Arrogance and Ego of the Mizrachi Jews

Despite their social and cultural inferiority, the *Mizrachi* Jews have an exaggerated ego and a hot temper. These characteristics explain their willingness to use every means to defeat the liberal Ashkenazi opponents, while ignoring the devastating consequences to Israel. A suitable example of such kind of personality is that of president Arduan, whose blown-up arrogance and religious approach finally weakened the economy and social infrastructure of Turkey (ref. 1). Following the last elections in Israel, many of the new coalition members found themselves in the Knesset, often at high-rank positions, which raised uncontrolled aspirations and opportunistic tendencies. In gratitude, these politically '*nouveau riche*' individuals raise hands blindly for any of Netanyahu's whims.

The Enhanced Sway of the Religious Parties (ref. 2)

Approximately one third of the Israeli population is comprised of religious people (orthodox, conservative, hasidic, light), of whom many are not employed, and spend their time in studying the Torah. By joining Netanyahu's Likud party, they constructed a strong bloc, that together with the Judea and Samaria West Bank settlers was sufficient to win the last elections (64 mandates out of 120 in the Knesset). Their support of Netanyahu's Likud party was accompanied by vast financial expenses to compensate for their lack of economic productivity. These people obey blindly their Rabbis, whose instructions are to support Netanyahu. In having 5-7 children on average per family, the growing religious population would definitely change the demographic situation in Israel in the near future, as well as further increase the pressure on the working, tax-paying population, that also serves in the army at ages 18-21 and in the reserves thereafter.

The Social and Cultural Background of Most New Members in the Knesset

Most of the new coalition members in the Knesset arose from medium or lower-class layers, and obviously, their promotion to powerful positions was on the condition of total obedience. Most of them, of *Mizrachi* origin, hate the liberal parties, follow blindly their leaders and Netanyahu's whims, are aware to their power to nominate associates or family members to various jobs (Nepotism), and use their duties to gain political power and personal wealth (corruption).

The Increased Power of the Judea and Samaria Settlers

After four unsuccessful attempts to establish a government, Netanyahu added the two small parties of right-wing extremists (living in Judea and Samaria) and together with the religious parties, succeeded to collect 64 mandates that were sufficient to establish a coalition. For their support, he appointed several of these extremists as ministers and deputies, with particular irritating nominations of their leaders to high-impact governmental positions (e.g., Bezalel Smotrich - minister of the Treasury, and Itamar Ben-Gvir - minister of the National Security of Israel). Regrettably, these two individuals have no professional training for their duties, and their nominations seem like 'letting the cats secure the whipped cream'.

The Rising Control of the 'Qohelet Forum'[1] in the Government

The 'Qohelet Forum' is composed of numerous members from a variety of professions including lawyers, academicians, media advisors, and officials. Yariv Levin, is their highest representative in the government and together with Simcha Rothman, the head of the Constitution, Law, and Justice Committee, is determined to complete the legal revolution. Both obey the instructions of the Qohelet leadership with ancillary intentions to the legal revolution to shed over Israel a religious way of life. Noteworthy, the chaotic situation is being exploited by several coalition members, who ignore the destructive situation in Israel while striving to accomplish personal desires of power and wealth.

Fear

Total obedience that resembles that in Romania during the tyranny of Nicolae Ceausescu is compulsory in the Likud party. Any disobedient member with a different perspective is rejected from the coalition. The fear of being expelled from the party and government (losing their good life) overcomes any national patriotism, and so they are all 'obedient soldiers'.

DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES

1. The loss of balance between the judicial arm (especially the Supreme Court) and the legislative arm (Knesset) with eradication of the control over false governmental decisions leads to a surge of corruption, which has already begun.
2. The loss of judicial control transforms Israel from a liberal democracy into a dictatorship, where Netanyahu and his close companions are able to implement any decision on their mind. Yariv Levin, the current deputy to the prime minister and eventual successor of Netanyahu is not an independent objective mind but the main representative of the 'Qohelet Forum' in the government. Under the unexperienced Levin as prime minister, Israel would most likely deteriorate further into a total chaos.
3. Upon the establishment of a dictatorship, the religious population might unite to become the largest party in the next elections and so extremists in the new government might continue their plan to constitute a 'Halacha State' and rebuild the Jewish temple at its original site. This means demolition of the Al-Aqsa mosk built by the Muslims on the site of the Jewish temple, which no doubt, will incite a world war. Unbelievably, these Jewish fanatics have already imported red-skin cows to be sacrificed at the gate of the renovated temple (following a 2000 old tradition).
4. Many liberal high-tech Israelis, medical doctors, scientists, air-force pilots and cyber experts already announced their relocation due to their unwillingness to live and raise families under a dictatorship[2]. This would most likely destroy all aspects of the Israeli

[1] The Qohelet Forum (established in 2012 by Prof. Moshe Koppel from Bar-Ilan University) advertises its policy as a conservative, libertarian, right-wing, non-profit Israeli 'Think Tank' aiming at weakening the power of the Supreme Court and its ability to overhaul decisions of the legislators in the Knesset (ref. 3). Most issues raised in the current Judicial Reform (Legal Revolution) led by Yariv Levin and Simcha Rothman have been dictated by the Qohelet Forum. Further contemplation raises questions as to their hidden intentions, and why is it so important for them to make these changes. It seems that the official declarations conceal further intentions related most likely to the establishment of a 'Halacha state'.

[2] Strong impact declaration of the pilots, air-force officers, and cyber volunteers, who quit service due to the legal revolution: 'We are ready to serve our country, but not a dictator'.

society, as the economy will further deteriorate along with decline of the international 'credit rating' of Israel, investments in Israel will cease, and the remaining population (mostly religious) will be unable to survive economically as well as withstand outside pressures, terror and attacks.

5. From social and cultural viewpoints, the pluralism and toleration of Israeli Arabs, LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender), and other minorities (Druze, Arameans, Armenians, Assyrians, Circassians, Samaritans), will fade away under the pressure of the religious extremists and thus expedite further immigration of Israeli citizens.

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