

Nuclear Weapons and Flying Scrolls in Scriptures

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The Unholy Woman of Zechariah

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Missile launch

megilah

Michael Rood explains this passage of scriptures with convincing style.

“What is the situation with the woman who is so evil that they put her in a basket with a lead lid on it?”

Historically, we know that many of the “writings” of the prophets were done by the scribes of the Sanhedrin, the ruling elders of Israel. We do not know for certain whether the Tekoa shepherd, Amos, knew how to read or write. But we do know that he received revelation and went up to Jerusalem and appeared before the elders with the proclamation, “Thus saith YHWH.” His revelation was written down by the Temple scribes. When the words of Amos came to pass, his words were preserved as the Word of Yahweh. The opening of the scroll of Amos reads:

The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Yisra’el , two years before the earthquake.

How do we know that Amos spoke these words two years before the earthquake? Because it was formally recorded in the records of Israel after the earthquake took place. Amos may have given the coming earthquake as the sign that his words were from Yahweh, we don’t know. Not everything that Amos said was written – just the specifics of the revelation. A prophet could be considered a nut case until his prophecy came to pass. Isaiah’s words were accurately recorded by the scribes of the Sanhedrin, but that didn’t account for much in his day. The political and religious world hated his words so intensely that they took him outside the city walls of Jerusalem and ripped his living body in half with a rusty lumberjack saw. But when his words came to pass, they all knew that a prophet had been in their midst. His words are still preserved for us today.

Zechariah spoke things contrary to political and religious correctness and they took him out of the city and crushed his skull with a huge rock. But when the smoke of God’s judgment cleared, they knew a prophet had been in their midst. We have the words of men who we call prophets because scribes wrote down their unwelcome words and kept them safely until they were either confirmed or refuted by reality. When these men were threatened with death, they

refused to recant. The prophet's words for their day and time were precisely fulfilled, and their revelation of things concerning the last days, is just as sure.

Zechariah may have appeared before the Sanhedrin several times with a revelation from the Almighty. His words are not recorded in a time-blocked sequence of events. There may have been years between his appearances before the elders of Israel. But one thing is certain; when they had heard enough – they killed him. Zechariah speaks of a great war in the last days. A war in which the nations of the Earth will begin to shake uncontrollably over the events that are about to transpire. Israel will be brought to the brink of destruction. There will appear to be no hope for the salvation of the nation. But at the last dying gasp, the Almighty will reveal his hand from the heavens and fight for Israel. All of the nations of the world will know that He has delivered His people from destruction and they will know that Yahweh is the Elohim of Israel. Before that day comes, there will be a progression of events that will bring the players into the battle theatre. Zechariah saw a vision, a revelation that has not had an historical context until just this year. In chapter five, verse one, in King James of England's authorized version of the translation of the Hebrew Scriptures we read: Zech 5:1 Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying (sc)roll.

The word "roll" was from the Hebrew word "megillah" and it is. A megillah is a singular scroll "such as the megillah of Esther. It is a small volume and does not require megillot" two scrolls, which are necessary for a larger volume, such as the Torah. We have a long history of what a scroll looks like. It is a cylinder that is several times longer than its diameter. It has neither a chocolate frosting or a salmon and cream cheese filling; it is just a cylinder that is doing something very unusual to Zechariah's way of thinking, 2,500 years before airplanes were invented; it is flying. Let's watch the picture develop. 2 And he said unto me, "What seest thou?" I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. KJV My translation:

2 And the angel that was showing me these things said,
What do you see? I see a flying scroll in the sky; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. KJV

The cubit used in the land of Israel through the time of Solomon is the measurement commonly referred to as "the royal Egyptian cubit" which is 20.62 British inches. The intact gates of Gezer and Beth-Horon measure out to the perfect 20.62 inch cubit. This measurement may more properly be referred to as "the sacred cubit" as it was used in the building of the Great Pyramid of Giza.

The 20 cubit length of this megillah is twice the 10 breadth, which would make this look more like a soup can, than a scroll. But if the 10 cubit breadth is describing the circumference, such as the 12 cubit circumference of the brazen pillars of Solomon's Temple – then we have the dimensions of a traditional megillah. Translating these dimensions into a standard measurement for the United States:

I see a flying scroll; 34.3 feet long, and 5.5 feet in diameter.

I have seen many a flying scroll with these dimensions. Let's go on:

3 Then said he unto me, this is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth. KJV
The term "earth" is usually from "eretz", which can and often does refer only to eretz Israel, the land of Israel. Context alone determines its usage, and sometimes the context is indecisive. I rendered it:

3 Then he said, "This flying scroll is the curse that will afflict the entire land of Israel.
Then the angel qualifies the reason for its existence:

Every one that steals and every one that swears falsely by my name will be destroyed by it.
4And I will bring it forth, says YHWH Tzavaot.

Those who carry the name of the Holy One of Israel for their own personal glory and agenda; those who say that they speak for the Almighty but only speak their own desires, are swearing falsely in His name. Those who say, "the Lord told me" and the LORD never told them anything" those are the individuals who will be destroyed by this curse that will inflict at least the entire land of Israel, and perhaps on a global scale. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of false prophets who steal God's words "one from another". They say they have a word from the Lord, but it is the same word that the false prophet who heads their denomination has been mouthing for the last 60 years. Those who steal and swear falsely in His name will be destroyed by this flying scroll that will afflict the entire land, and YHWH will bring it forth. This flying scroll that you see, will completely consume the timbers and stones of the house of the thief, and he that swears falsely by my name."

This is one bad megillah! Any idea of what kind of flying scroll might have that kind of destructive capacity in our day and time?

5 Then the angel said, "Look up and see what this flying scroll is." 6 And I responded, "What is it?" MIV

This is a treasure. The angel is actually going to give us more detail about this destructive device.

And he said, "This is an ephah that goeth forth." He said moreover, "This is their resemblance through all the earth." 7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. KJV

Aha! This is where we got the picture of a woman in a basket; from an English translation of ephah. When we measure out an ephah of corn at the market, we use a basket that will contain an ephah measure of product. We know what a peck of apples looks like – whether it is in the old wooden basket with wire handles, or in a white paper sack with nylon handles. A peck, like an ephah, is a measurement; it is a container. But this is a container that flies! It is a

flying container that is 34.3 feet long and it is 5.5 feet in diameter and it is going to destroy all of those who are outside of God's will in the land of Israel. The angel said furthermore, these destructive devices all look the same, everywhere on the face of the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. 8 And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. KJV

Aha! Aha! Here is the woman who is so evil that they put her in a basket with a lead lid on it; and here is the answer.

I am going to replace the word "woman" with the word "fire".

OK, let's find out what it says in Hebrew.

It is the word "aisha".

It is a fire offering!

"Aisha – fire offering" and "Isha – woman" are the same consonants in Hebrew – the context determines the meaning. The Karaites in the middle ages who developed the Masoretic text, used the vowel point that interpreted this word as "woman" because they too had no idea of its prophetic significance. A fire offering in a flying container that incinerates buildings throughout Israel did not make any sense a thousand years ago, but neither did an evil woman in a lead lidded basket! For over 1,000 years, every translation of the Hebrew Scriptures on the planet has been derived from the same Karaite Masorah with the same dot under the Aleph; a dot that did not exist in the original text. From that same text, every translation, in every language has been resultant.

For centuries, men had followed each other's translations and completely missed the point of Zechariah's vision.

The Word still goes forth from Zion.

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8 And he said, "This fire that you see being put in the container, is an evil fire offering."

Then he secured the fire offering in the container and put the lead mass in the opening.

The container in which this mass of lead and fire offering is placed is 34.3 feet long and 5.5 feet in diameter. It flies. It will completely consume the homes of the disobedient in the land of Yisra'el, including all of the wood and the stones. This fire offering is evil and it is encased in lead. That, my friends, is a missile with a nuclear warhead poised to strike the land of Israel. Swallow hard.

Non-critical masses of U-235 uranium or other fissionable materials are encased in lead to protect friendly personnel from contamination before detonation. When the warhead is

activated, a controlled explosion propels the non-critical masses together to reach critical mass. That creates the evil fire that produces a holocaust; a burnt offering of everything in the path of the fireball. Moments later, the vacuum left from the departing fireball sucks the smoke and debris back into the void, and a pillar of fire and smoke shoots up into the stratosphere, darkening the sun, moon, and stars.

Now the vision makes sense. The precursor to the upcoming war detailed in the 12th chapter, is the development and deployment of nuclear missiles against the land of Israel.

Thermal nuclear war in the land of Israel is going to happen

The angel gives specific details to Zechariah so that we would know the things that must come to pass in the last days. And the Internet will allow the correct translation of "aisha" to cover the world in a moment of time. Knowing that God has told the end from the beginning gives us great confidence that he is the master of time and space, and we can trust Him with our children's lives in the times of trouble ahead.

9 Then I looked up and saw as two fires came out of the container, and the fires caused the wind to lift the container by its "stork like" wings, from the earth into the sky.

Zechariah saw two fires come out of the container that propelled the missile into the sky. A two stage nuclear missile is a very common bird among the nuclear arsenals of the world. India's nuclear missile is a two-stage device (two fires) that is named "Agni" which in Hindi means "fire". The missile that Zechariah was watching has short wings that resemble the wings of a stork. Every missile on the face of the earth has that same feature. I will regress to verse 4 for a moment:

4And I will bring it forth, says YHWH Tzavaot (the LORD of Hosts KJV).

Jewish scientists created each of the three varieties of nuclear warheads on the planet. In fact, it was the lineage of Levi that developed this modern "fire offering" technology. As I say, "If you don't have the Levites up on the Temple mount doing sacrifices, they get into all sorts of weird stuff." They are going to do a fire offering – one way or another. As the Scriptures say in Genesis 49:5

Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

Finally, Zechariah asks a question of the angel that is absolutely critical for our understanding.

10 Then I asked the angel, "Where are they taking the container?" 11 And he said, "To establish a base for it, and set it up in the land of Shinar."

The land of Shinar is present day Iraq! The land of Shinar is present day Iraq!!

During the 1980's, the Iraqis built a nuclear warhead production facility. Israel knew that Iraq would attack at the earliest occasion, so Israel made a pre-emptive strike and bombed the nuclear plant into a pile of rubble. The U.N. and U.S. whined like spoiled two-year-old children because Israel took this situation into their own hands; against the wishes of the New World Order. Iraq knew that it would be impossible to rebuild its nuclear arsenal within striking distance of Israel's fighter/bombers. Soon after, the U.S. media reported that several Iraqi nuclear scientists "defected" to Pakistan. Untold millions of Iraqi dollars also "defected" to Pakistan. The Pakis successfully tested their first nuclear warhead a few years later, and now the Pakis and the Indians are rattling their nuclear sabers as their troops prepare for war.

The front cover of Scientific American magazine

The feature article: "India, Pakistan, and the Bomb". On page eighty-one I found a detailed comparison of India's nuclear missiles to those of Pakistan. A man was depicted at the foot of a Pakistani missile as a scale comparison. The missile appeared to be about 35 feet tall and about five and a half feet in diameter. The Iraqi Scud is only 37 ½ feet long. Both missiles are visually the same dimensions that Zechariah saw by revelation nearly 2,500 years ago. Who can begin to appreciate the God that we serve? I would like to be on His team when the brimstone hits the fan!

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From Michael John Rood www.6001.com Zechariah's Thermonuclear War

When Michael says that Shinar is modern day Iraq, I quickly agreed. But on further investigation I must change that position.

For a good map about the cities I am about to explain to you go to www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/middle_east_and_asia/turkey_se_2002.jpg It was too big to download but it does have the proof that I am showing to you.

Many if not all have agreed that Shinar was in southern Mesopotamia.

I will now quote from "The Exodus Case" by Dr. Lennart Moller published by Scandinavia Publishing House 2002. You can order you copy @ <http://anchorstone.com/newbook.html> \$35 US

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Abram and his family left Ur of the Chaldees on their way towards the land of Canaan. But where was this "Ur of the Chaldees"? A traditional localization of Ur of the Chaldees is eastward of modern Israel, and somewhere between the Euphrates and the Tigris rivers in what is Iraq at present. Archaeological discoveries have pointed out a place in southern Iraq which is called Ur. However it is unlikely that Ur in southern Iraq corresponds to Ur of the Chaldees.

According to the biblical chronology (see chapter 45) Abraham was born in Ur of the Chaldees around 1996B.C., and he left the area of Ur and Haran on his departure to Canaan around 1921 BC.

The Bible text says that they were on the way to Canaan. We know the destination of the journey since Canaan corresponds to Judea, or the area of present day Israel. They were on the way to Canaan but stayed in Haran. It is known where Haran was situated and still exists today, namely by a subsidiary of the river Euphrates, called the river Balikh.

The place of Haran is marked on modern maps as Harran in southeast Turkey. Haran has been an important town for several thousand years. At one point in time the town was

protected by a fort which had 150 rooms, and a wall round the town which was 5m high, 4 km long with 187 watch towers and 6 great gates. Haran was invaded and destroyed by Mongolians in 1260 AD, but a small village still exists on and beside the remains of the Haran city and fortress.

If Terah and his family were on the way to Canaan and passed by Haran, it is probable that Ur of the Chaldees lay approximately north, north-west or north-east to Haran. Otherwise it would have been a roundabout way to pass Haran on the way to Canaan. In those days it was both necessary and most practical to follow the river when on a journey. The land alongside the rivers was flat, the risk of going astray was small, there was free access to water for humans, animals and cattle, in these often very dry regions.

If one follows the river Balikh to the north about 30km from Haran and then about 8km west, there is a town which today is called Urfa. (Sanliurfa) Could this be Ur of the Chaldees? In "The New Encyclopedia Britannica"(2) the following is noted about the town of Urfa: "The town lies in the fertile plain of Haran, ringed by limestone hills on three sides. Traditions of earliest foundation associate the site with the legendary king Nimrod, and Muslim legend associates the place with Abraham; a cave beneath Urfa's citadel is said to be Abraham's birthplace. The town's modern name is derived from its early Aramaic name Urhai"

The region of Ur of the Chaldees was probably the birthplace not only of Abram, but also of his forefathers. It is worth noting that in the area there are several villages, communities and ruins called "Serug" (Abram great grandfather), "Nahor" (Abram's grandfather), "Terah" (Abram's father) and "Haran" (Abram's brother). In addition the name "Nimrod" is found in the area.

These names have changed down the years. Serug is most likely the same place as the one referred to as "Serugi" in Assyrian documents from around 700 BC and called "Suruc" today. Around 900BC Terah is referred to as "Til-Turahi", which means the ruins of Terah.

The place called Haran (Abram's brother's name) still exist today, situated in south eastern Turkey, about 44 km from Urfa by the roads of today. Some of these places are on the map which shows the surroundings near the border between modern turkey and Syria.

The cave under the town of Urfa's citadel which according to popular tradition was Abram's birthplace, is still regarded as a holy place today.

The city is named Sanliurfa (since 1983), but was earlier named Urfa. Urfa is related to the Hurranean state, and the city is at least from the second millenium BC. Moslems have erected a mosque over the cave, the Crusaders erected a fortress, and there are two columns from an ancient Baal temple, called Nimrod's throne, on top of the mountain. King Abgar Ukkama (9-46AD) was the founder of Christian traditions of this city.

Earlier in the Bible text it is mentioned when the family settled in the area “And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east , that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.” (Gen.11:2)

All the place referred to above should be situated on a plain in an area called Shinar. Is it possible to identify this area today, about 4000 years later?

In south-eastern Turkey just north of the Syrian border (northern Mesopotamia) there is a plain.

The places referred to above are situated in this area, and in the middle of the plain lies the place called Cinar (corresponds to Shinar). It is interesting to note that Cinar is still the name of a town today. There are also other references indicating Shinar to be located in the northern part of Mesopotamia. One reference locates an area called “Sinjar” in the same area as Shinar, suggesting this “Sinjar” to be a fertile area. (from J.N. Postgate(1992) Early Mesopotamia, Routledge, London England) The plain of today is huge and fertile with red soil. A further reference to Ur is made in the tablets of Ebla. In the 1970’s a library containing 17,000 cuneiform tablets from around 2500 BC, was found in Tell Mardikh (south west of Aleppo in Syria) in north western Syria. In this library mention is made of a town called “Ur in the district of Haran” (Biblical Archaeology review, June 1977)

Mr. Moller goes on to explain that the religion of the Chaldees belonging to the Hurrians and the Urartuans had 79 different gods, and this collection of gods was called “Khaldis”. And because there were possibly more than one Ur, that to distinguish the different Ur from each other the Khaldis Ur was said or as we now say it Ur of the Chaldees. Mr. Moller goes on to prove this point beyond my doubts and I suggest that you read the book for yourself.

“NO QUESTION” IRAQ HAS TRANSFERRED WEAPONS TO SYRIA

Jan 21, 2003 Agency France-Presse reports: “Israeli Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday there was ‘no question’ Iraq had transferred banned weapons to neighboring Syria.

‘There is no question Iraq has transferred materials to Syria,’ Netanyahu said in an interview with CNN’s ‘Late Edition,’ when asked what information Israel possessed on the alleged transfers.

Asked what weapons Iraq had sent, Netanyahu said: ‘obviously material that is sufficiently important for Iraq to move into Syria, either because it does want this to be found, or because it wants to have (them) in reserve.’

He said this was ‘one of several possibilities: but none are good.’

‘There is obviously some very close cooperation going on between Saddam Hussein and the regime in Damascus,’ he added.

Netanyahu was repeating allegations made by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in December that Israel had information Iraq had recently transferred chemical or biological weapons into Syria to hide them.

Syria dismissed the allegations as 'laughable.'

UN arms experts have been hunting for banned weapons of mass destruction in Iraq since late November, and are due to present a key status report on Iraq's cooperation to the UN Security Council on January 27.

Netanyahu also said it was a question of time before Iraqi President Saddam Hussein developed nuclear weapons.

'We know it is just a question of time before he acquires nuclear weapons, we know he might use those weapons, or use them as an umbrella for al-Qaeda type operations,' he said, referring to the Islamist terror group headed by Osama bin Laden.

We now know in Nov. 2006 that no Nuclear arsenal was found in Iraq. We also now know that Iran and Syria are working together with Hezbollah. We also now know that Hezbollah used rockets to attack Israel in the 2006 Lebanon war supplied by Syria and Iran. So does Syria have nuclear missiles hidden near the Iraqi and Turkish border. It would seem that Yahweh through Amos is telling us yes they do. But no one today believes in scriptures. Do they?

One last note. We have in our society an expression that is said when a man is dealing with a woman. "Be careful, You're playing with fire with her" Interesting isn't it?

In the July 2007 Trumpet Magazine was this editorial. I have added it here for your consideration. Scary stuff!

From the Editor: Iraqi WMD: A Deadly Cover-Up?

By Gerald Flurry July 2007

Conventional wisdom says there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The intelligence community in several countries has been severely criticized for getting it wrong, and the Bush administration especially has been accused of purposefully misleading the American people in order to justify the Iraq war. Few issues have caused more division in this country.

But is the real debate being missed?

Amid all the controversy over this subject, are the real questions being asked and answered?

Evidence shows there may be a deadly cover-up on this subject.

The whole public debate is built on the assumption that no evidence of Iraqi nuclear, biological or chemical weapons was ever found. removing the justification for the invasion of Iraq.

“Dave Gaubatz, however, says that you could not be more wrong”, Britain’s Spectator magazine reported April 21. “Saddam’s wmd did exist. He should know, because he found the sites where he is certain they were stored. And the reason you don’t know about this is that the American administration failed to act on his information, “lost” his classified reports and is now doing everything it can to prevent disclosure of the terrible fact that, through its own incompetence, it allowed Saddam’s wmd to end up in the hands of the very terrorist states against whom it is so controversially at war.”

Before you dismiss this bold claim, consider where it came from. Dave Gaubatz is a counterterrorism specialist and Arabic linguist. He served as an agent in the U.S. Air Force’s Office of Special Investigations for 12 years and worked on assignments in several Middle Eastern countries. In 2003, he was specially selected for a position in Iraq. His assignment was to track down suspected wmd sites, in addition to pinpointing threats to U.S. forces in the area and hunting down Saddam loyalists. Mr. Gaubatz is not some marginal figure, wrote the Spectator. He’s pretty well as near to the horse’s mouth as you can get.

In 2003, Gaubatz found four sites in southern Iraq he is convinced held stockpiles of biological and chemical weapons, not to mention material for a nuclear program and missiles prohibited by the United Nations. What Gaubatz found was backed up by independently gained, agreeing testimony from several Iraqi sources. The four sites were massive, and great care had been taken to hide them: Three were bunkers built underneath the Euphrates river bed, with reinforced concrete walls 5 feet thick.

“There was no doubt, with so much effort having gone into hiding these constructions, that something very important was buried there.” Gaubatz said.

Iraqi informants “explained in detail why wmds were in these areas and asked the U.S. to remove them,” he said. “Much of this material had been buried in the concrete bunkers and in the sewage pipe system. There were also missile imprints in the area and signs of chemical activity gas masks, decontamination kits, atropine needles. The Iraqis and my team had no doubt at all that wmds were hidden there.” Also, the medical records of Gaubatz and his team showed that they had been exposed to high levels of radiation at these sites.

When Gaubatz reported his findings to the Iraq Study Group, he was told it lacked the manpower and equipment to break into and examine the underground sites.

The U.S. might not have had the manpower and equipment, but Iraq and Syria did. Gaubatz later found out from Iraqi, cia and British intelligence that the wmd had been excavated by Iraqis and Syrians, with Russia’s help, and transferred to Syria. “The worst-case scenario has now come about,” the Spectator wrote. “Saddam’s nuclear, biological and chemical material is in the hands of a rogue terrorist state and one with close links to Iran.”

Mr. Gaubatz and several other people, including two congressmen, have tried to have the claims investigated, but the Defense Department and cia refuse to provide information. On top of that, all 60 of the classified intelligence reports Gaubatz submitted back in 2003 went missing.

The Spectator explained why the issue is such a political hot potato: “The Republicans won’t touch this because it would reveal the incompetence of the Bush administration in failing to neutralize the danger of Iraqi wmd. The Democrats won’t touch it because it would show President Bush was right to invade Iraq in the first place. It is an axis of embarrassment.

There is a lot there to be embarrassed about!

Intelligence and terrorism expert John Loftus goes further. “Saddam’s nuclear research, scientists and equipment, he says, have all been relocated to Syria, where U.S. satellite intelligence confirms that uranium centrifuges are now operating in a country which is not supposed to have any nuclear program. There is now a nuclear axis, he says, between Iran, Syria and North Korea” (ibid.; emphasis mine).

Loftus says, “With a little technical advice from Beijing, Syria is now enriching the uranium, Iran is making the missiles, North Korea is testing the warheads, and the White House is hiding its head in the sand.

Of course, the media establishment is also hiding its head in the sand. Back in 2004, when Syrian-sourced wmd were found in terrorists’ hands in Jordan, some terrorist experts believed there was evidence this wmd originated in Iraq.

I wrote about this in the June 2004 Trumpet: “[W]here is most of the media focusing? It would seem that they are focusing on finding stockpiles of wmd only in Iraq.” That is a dangerously shallow view. And surely many in the media know this.

“Are some in the media withholding this Jordanian story so that their political candidate can win the U.S. election? Are they sacrificing the country’s welfare on the altar of politics?”

What if the terrorists had been caught in New York City or Washington or Los Angeles with 20 tons of chemicals? Those 20 tons of chemicals could go a long way toward wrecking the economies of America, Britain or Israel if they were used against our nations. This is a story that goes far beyond politics or even one or two nations. It’s a world crisis of the greatest magnitude!

“The media has been screaming about no wmd ever since Saddam Hussein was toppled. Now we find 20 tons and they go shamefully, shamefully quiet! How can we even describe such a disgusting failure to seek the truth (which is supposedly why they exist)? Has most of the media totally lost sight of the bigger issues; the life-and-death issues of nations? Three years later, the same questions need to be asked!

In general, the media have not wanted to know Gaubatz’s story. His claims have mostly gone unreported. Last year, the New York Times wrote him off as a wmd fanatic.

As the Spectator commented, “Of course, we don’t know whether any of this is true. But given Dave Gaubatz’s testimony, shouldn’t someone be trying to find out? Or will we still be intoning, “there were no wmds in Iraq” when the Islamic bomb goes off?

For the White House, admitting there could be wmd in the hands of Syria or Iran would mean having to take action to prevent them from being used. Perhaps going along with the party line that there were no wmd in the first place is an easier alternative than the embarrassment of admitting that those wmd's could now be in the hands of an enemy more unpredictable and dangerous than Saddam Hussein's Iran.

The United States has demonstrated over and over that it lacks the will to deal with the fountainhead of terrorism.