



Being an Xtreme Christian to change nations like Jehoshaphat, the king of Nineveh, Esther and Daniel did require an offensive strategy of “prayer and fasting”.

Let’s examine 4 quick examples from the Bible and then let’s examine 4 20th Century examples of how nations were changed by these 2-fold spiritual weapons:

Jehoshaphat: In **2 Chronicles 20:1-30** an army from Moab, Ammon and Mount Seir was marching to destroy Judah. Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, turned to God... **“Jehoshaphat... proclaims a fast throughout all Judah (v. 3).”** Corporate prayer and fasting for God to change the outcome of a war that affected a nation! **“So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD (v. 4).”** They received an immediate prophetic answer from God through Jahaziel, of encouragement and strategy. The people responded with praise and worship, which continued with singing when facing the invaders. No physical weapons were brought to the battle (v. 22-30). The invading army destroyed itself, with no survivors. It took the people of Judah three days to gather up all the spoils as they praised God in thanksgiving! Surrounding nations heard of this event and feared ever coming against Judah, leaving the nation in peace for a time.

God says, **“if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14**

Esther: The entire Jewish race was on the verge of destruction by decree of the Persian emperor. This would have been a major victory for satan to destroy the race that Jesus needed to come from. Esther, her cousin Mordecai and all the Jews in the capital (Shushan) gathered together for three days of prayer and fasting. The decree was totally reversed, Esther and Mordecai were elevated and the Jews across the empire were saved.

King of Nineveh: Jonah (reluctantly) went to Nineveh (Gentile capital of Assyria) to advise them that God had judged them and would destroy them. **“Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown” Jonah 3:4.** This city was idolatrous and cruel. The king ordered everyone including all the livestock to fast, be covered in sackcloth, turn from evil and violence (Jonah 3:5-9). **“Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it” (v.10).** The city remained safe and prosperous for about 150 years.

Daniel: **“in the first year of his (Darius) reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet (Jeremiah 29:10), that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.” Daniel 9:2-3** Daniel humbled himself, prayed, sought God’s face, interceded on behalf of his people sins and renounced and turned from those sins. Fulfilling Jeremiah’s prophecy, Israel was restored to their lands, through one man’s warfare!

These weapons worked then and they still work today! I've already discussed in my book about Carlos Annacondia changing Argentina, Rees Howells' spiritual war on Nazism so let's look at some testimonies from the world renowned leader Derek Prince from his book "Shaping History through Prayer and Fasting" (Recommended study to obtain greater insight into these spiritual weapons.)

WW II: After the greatest retreat in British history, Derek Prince (in military service in North Africa), guided by the Holy Spirit prayed "Lord, give us leaders such that it will be for your glory to give us victory through them". The course of the war changed at El Alamein in North Africa for the Allies, preventing the Nazis from invading and occupying the Jews in Palestine, setting in motion a turning point in history against this evil threat from the whole world!

Nation of Israel: Just prior to the re-establishment of the State of Israel, after almost 2000 years, on May 14, 1948, the surrounding Islamic countries declared war on it "their intention to annihilate the newborn Jewish state and to sweep the Jews into the sea" (Pg. 77). 150,000 Jews with minimal arms and equipment and no military force were suddenly surrounded by nations of 50 million with well equipped trained armies! Derek and Lydia Prince were living in Jerusalem at the time and after praying to stand with God's Word, Lydia spoke, "Lord, paralyze the Arabs!" The Israeli defense force had a command post in the Prince's back yard and commented to the Prince's that during battles when they were vastly outgunned and outnumbered 10 to 1, the Arabs "seem powerless... it's as if they are paralyzed"(Pg. 79). Israel went on to defeat Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt and their backers in many wars and battles.

Russia: In 1953 Stalin, dictator of Russia planned "a systematic purge against Russian Jews" (Pg. 80). Derek Prince and a group in London, England were led by God to pray and fast on behalf of the Russian Jews for 1 day! Within 2 weeks Stalin died. 16 doctors had tried to save him, but in vain. Similar to the death of Herod by an angel in **Acts 12**, the course of history was changed in Russia. The new leader, Khrushchev, "denounced Stalin as a cruel and unjust persecutor of the Russian people" (Pg. 82) and the purge of Russian Jews didn't happen!

Kenya: Derek and Lydia Prince were living in Kenya at the time of its independence from Britain in 1963. Political experts expected bloody internal wars, similar to the Congo's independence in 1960. God led them at a conference to pray for Kenya. The entire group prayed together out loud in unison and finished together. A vision was shared of red, fierce horses led by a "very black man" heading to Kenya being turned away to the north (Pg. 86). A bloody revolution broke out in Zanzibar and a revolutionary movement spread from the army of Tanzania to the Kenyan army. The new president of Kenya put down the revolution and the communist attempt to take over the country. The coup failed in Kenya but was successful in the nation to the north, Somalia. The prophetic vision was fulfilled! Kenya today is a peaceful, democratic nation. Somalia today is an Islamic state that breeds and exports terrorism.

There are many examples that can be brought to bear like the Presidents of the United States proclaiming a national day of solemn humiliation, prayer and fasting in 1798 against war with France, again in 1815 for the war with Britain and again by Lincoln 3 times for the Civil War. We all know the outcomes of these wars!

If people are disobedient (aka rebellious) to Him (His Word) then their house, cities, lands and nations suffer under hardships and cruelty. Examine the Biblical history of Israel and look around the world today at non-Christian majority nations to testify to this fact. When people turn to Him in humility, prayer and fasting, things change as we see in our few examples... rulers and governments can be replaced or their hearts changed. The efforts of multitudes in unity or just the one righteous going to God shapes nations! As with Rees Howells (he was in Wales doing warfare against Nazism in Continental Europe/Africa) and Derek Prince (he was in England doing warfare against Russia's leader), you don't need to be standing in the nation that needs change! Let God be your guide in prayer and fasting... follow His direction and strategy.

A good guide is the "IF/THEN" strategy of God's own Words in **2 Chronicles 7:14**... 1. IF My people who are called 2. Humble themselves 3. Pray 4. Seek My Face 5. Turn from wickedness THEN 1. I will hear from heaven 2. Forgive their sin 3. Heal their land

Good Hunting!