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## IS THERE A SILENT FAMINE SWEEPING THE GLOBE?

A few weeks ago while watching FOX news I was amazed to see where food shortages were occurring in Egypt, Afghani small Gulf States. I immediately thought back to a few years ago when my father was in deep, intercessory prayer. He was with a burden and was uncertain the purpose of the spiritual pressure he was sensing. After praying in the Holy Spirit, he fell on his knees and announced, "The Lord has revealed that there is coming a famine, and it will be especially strong in nations Israel and the Jewish people."

Dad was so persistent concerning the importance of this warning that I asked him to appear on our Manna-Fest telecast warning the Lord had given him. We then told the leaders, especially in the Gulf States and the Arab world, to prepare and stockpile food that would be needed to help their people.

### The Reason for Famine

When one thinks of famine, we think of a traditional famine caused by severe drought and lack of rain. This famine however was birthed not just by a lack of rain, but by something strange and somewhat bizarre. Here are some recent statements:

"From India to North Korea to Pakistan, even in New York City, higher grain prices, fertilizer shortages and rising oil prices are combining to spell hunger for millions in what is being characterized as a global "silent famine."

One of the causes of the famine – bio-fuels or using corn for fuel instead of food!

Recently, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), said bio-fuels "posed a real moral dilemma" and called for a moratorium on using food crops to power cars, trucks, and buses. Jean Ziegler, who is a special reporter for the UN, said, "Producing bio-fuels is a crime against humanity."

What many Americans do not know is according to a report in USA Today and articles written by ABC News, the grain stocks in the United States are now at their lowest levels since World War II. America has stockpiled grain for many years. At times this grain was sold to nations during difficult times. Our stockpiles are going out the door faster than we can make them, in fact 15 times faster than normal.

The reason bio-fuels are to blame is that many U.S. farmers are now using their precious farm land to grow corn used for fuel instead of corn used for food. The government is subsidizing the farmers with 51 cent for every gallon. This has caused severe economic problems that were not anticipated at the beginning of the bio-fuel demand, which was pushed upon us by the environmentalist Washington Politicians.

**Farmers are growing corn for fuel instead of food, thus creating a shortage of needed food corn.**

**The grain shortage is affecting hay. Some horse lovers are selling horses because they can't get hay.**

**The politicians apparently never thought about what to do in case a drought hits the farm belt?**

**The shortage of grains is affecting livestock and cattle farmers.**