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A tornado over a mile in diameter swept through the town of Greensburg,

Kansas yesterday, killing around nine people and leaving behind co

<u>mplete</u> <u>devastation</u>

. The town had a population of around 1400 people, and its a

miracle more weren't killed, for there are just a few buildings left

standing. President Bush has declared Kiowa County an major

disaster zone,

and meteorologists are

expecting more severe weather to come...

Quote: "US President George W Bush has declared parts of

Kansas a disaster area and has pledged federal aid for reconstruction.

"I'm confident this community will be rebuilt, to the extent

we can help, we will. "The most important

thing now is for our citizens to ask

for the

good Lord to comfort those who were hurt," the president said

after attending church in Washington on Sunday. Kansas Senator Pat Roberts,

who toured the devastated region, said: "It is

no understatement or

overstatement to say

this town has been wiped off the face of the

Earth."

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Kansas. It hasn't been

the first time that a US town has been almost completely destroyed.

We only

need look back to August 2005, when

Hurricane Katrina devastated the city of

New

Orleans

. Back then it was believed this

disaster was a

result of US policy towards Israel in supporting the division

of God's land and the disengagement from Gaza. Yesterday's disaster came

only days after the US had published a new

eight month peace plan

for the Middle East, which would have seen Hamas gaining a

greater foothold in Judea and Samaria. Whether or not the two events are

linked, I can't tell, but I know that God blesses the

nations that bless Israel and curses the nation

that curses Israel (Genesis 12:3). My friend

Sam Jennings was asked in our Bible study once, what about believers caught

up in these terrible disasters. Are they being punished? He

said no, they will take it as a test of their faith.

The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out

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of trials, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement
(2nd Peter 2:9). We couldn't separate the two groups, but the Lord knows
how, just as He delivered Lot from Sodom and Noah
from the flood. So also He
will deliver us from
the coming judgement of this wicked world. I remember
watching the New Orleans disaster on television, and thinking its almost
apocalyptic. Sooner or later it will be.

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