Israel/Iran Face Off: Second Horse of the Apocalypse About to Run

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"Her tears are on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies."

Lamentations 1:2



Ever since Israel became a nation, she has tended to put her confidence in man rather than seek the help of her Maker; by seeking the help and protection from the nations around her, and in every case it has proved to be a grave mistake.

Jehu was one of the kings of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. He went on a mission to cement his friendship with the Assyrian Emperor in an act of abject appearament. This has been recorded for posterity on the "Rosetta Stone" monument in the British Museum. (See illustration below)



It ended in tears, as the Assyrian Empire subsequently invaded the Northern Kingdom of Israel on three separate occasions taking the surviving population into captivity to Assyria. Judah also made the same mistake several times. When the Babylonian Empire loomed large, she went to Egypt for help, and this ended very poorly for them as well. The Emperor Nebuchadnezzar invaded and destroyed Solomon's glorious Temple and took the people captive to Babylon.

After 70 years of captivity, some fifty thousand Jews were permitted to return to the land of Israel. After some centuries had passed, they were to meet their next challenge. In the days of Antiochus Epiphanes and the Maccabees, they suffered heinous oppression by the Greek Seleucid Empire. Under pressure from the Greeks, they made the mistake of seeking the help of Rome, and as history is our witness, this too ended in sorrow and misery when the Roman army burnt down the Temple, and razed it down to the ground. Psalm 137 records this event as follows:

By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept When we remembered Zion.

We hung our harps
Upon the willows in the midst of it.
For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song,
And those who plundered us requested mirth,
Saying "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How shall we sing the LORD's song
In a foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget it's skill
If I do not remember you,
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth—
If I do not exalt Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.

Remember, O LORD against the sons of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who said, "Raze it, raze it, To its very foundation!" Psalm 137:1-7

One million Jews were crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem in 70 AD. From there followed the Bar Kokhba revolt [132-135 AD], which led to the total obliteration of the Jewish nation. The succession of Jewish revolts made it imperative for the empire not just to defeat the Jews, but to make an object lesson of them, to humiliate and break them and totally deprive them of military capability. The Romans destroyed the Jewish state by burning down the Holy Temple, the synagogues, schools, houses of study and libraries. They tortured and executed teachers and scribes and enslaved and exiled sixty thousand able-bodied men of the survivors. They ploughed Jerusalem over, wiped out many Jewish villages off the map and replaced it with a gentile population. They changed the name of Jerusalem to Palestina and Jews were told never to return on pain of death.

At the end of the reign of Hadrian, when Rome was through with them, the Jews were ruthlessly crushed and demilitarized, a limping, bleeding emblem of the futility of war against the power of the empire. No other ancient people were so thoroughly defeated and humiliated as the Jews were by Rome, and with such tragic consequences.

PREPARE FOR WAR!

Without question the greatest miracle of the 20th century is to see the house of Judah arise from the ashes of the Holocaust, with the people planted afresh in the land of Israel after an absence of some 19 centuries!

Yet, it seems every generation is fated to make the same mistake as previous generations. Today we see the modern State of Israel facing an existential threat in the form of Iran and her terrorist allies.



'Just one wrong move': Iranian newspaper shows Israeli targets all lined up

The Tehran Times front page has hundreds of points marked in red under the headline "Just one wrong move!"

By Batya Jerenberg, World Israel News

Here is an excerpt from the article, published on Dec 15, 2021:

"Iran's premier English-language newspaper published Wednesday a map of Israel showing hundreds of points throughout the country where it could strike if Israel attacks it, under the headline "Just one wrong move!"

The threatening headline is followed by a clear warning, with the opening line, "An intensification of the Israeli military threats against Iran seems to suggest that the Zionist regime has forgotten that Iran is more than capable of hitting them from anywhere.

The article ends with a warning given in 2013 by their leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who said that while Israel was "threatening to strike militarily...they must know that if they make a mistake, the Islamic Republic will destroy Tel Aviv and Haifa."

In 2012 the Iranian government formally laid out the legal and religious justification for the destruction of Israel and the slaughter of its people. The doctrine includes wiping out Israeli assets and Jewish people worldwide; calling Israel a danger to Islam. See the document below for details:

The Iranian Leadership's Continuing Declarations of Intent to Destroy Israel - 2012

In August of the same year, the commander of the Revolutionary Guards, Brig. Gen. Seyyed Mehdi Farahi, stated that the Safir missile, which is capable of transporting a satellite into space, can easily be launched parallel to the earth's orbit. Thus, it will be transformed into an intercontinental ballistic missile. Western analysts did not believe this would happen until 2015!

This means that Iran now has the ICBM missiles to deliver destruction on Israel, and will soon will have the nuclear warheads for those missiles. For more facts on Iran's nuclear and missile capabilities, visit:

https://www.iranwatch.org/

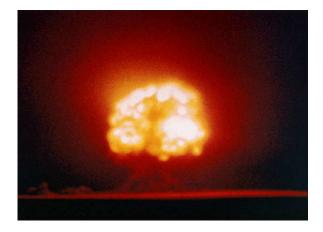
60% of the Jewish population is concentrated in three cities: Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. Alireza Forghani, a high-ranking strategic analyst, has proposed that Iran could target these three cities with Shahab-3 ballistic missiles, killing all the inhabitants.

Forghani suggests that Iran's Sejil missile, which has a two-stage rocket with a trajectory and speed that makes it impossible to intercept, proposes that Iran should target the Israeli Rafael nuclear plant, the main nuclear engineering centre of Israel. For more information on Iran's missile development see the link below:

Watch Out For Iran's Ballistic Missile Development

He also proposes that the Sejil missile could be used against the Eilun nuclear plant; another Israeli reactor in Nebrin; and the Dimona reactor in the nuclear research centre in Neqeb, the most critical reactor in Israel because it produces 90 percent uranium for Israel's nuclear weapons. Other targets, according to Forghani, include airports and air force bases such as Selot Mikha airbase, which contains Jericho ballistic missiles, as well as Tel Nof Air base where aircraft carrying nuclear weapons are based.

Finally, he says that the Shahab 3 and Ghadr missiles can target urban settlements until the Israelis are wiped out. **He claims that Israel could be destroyed in less than nine minutes!**



This time the threat is especially lethal: the latest news, as of Dec 17, 2021, is this:

<u>US sees Iran Nuclear Breakout Time as Really Short: Senior Official</u>

Reliable intelligence reports converged around this date, implying that Iran is weeks away from producing weapons grade uranium, and it is thought that come the end of January, or early February, the Iranians may be ready to produce their first batch of nuclear bombs! We can be sure that the Iranians are sprinting as fast as they can towards the nuclear finish line!

On December 26, this news headline carried the brash boast of Iran:

<u>Iran Threatens to "Liberate" Jerusalem, Blow Up Their Nuclear</u> Reactor



Meanwhile, on September 30, Hamas, organized a conference in Gaza City whose theme was "Post Liberation" Israel: (**Note**: We can only assume that the conference was allowed to go forward with the US unspoken, but tacit approval. This is yet another sign of what side of the looming Middle East war the US is on: NOT Israel's!)

Hamas-sponsored Conference Examines 'Post-Liberation' Israel



On Sept. 30, 2021, senior officials from Hamas and other Palestinian factions attended a Hamas-funded conference discussing the administration of "Palestine" after its "liberation" from Israel.

The conference, titled "**Promise of the Hereafter — Post-Liberation Palestine,"** was funded by Hamas and sponsored by Hamas leader in Gaza Yahya Sinwar. It was organized by the Promise of the Hereafter Institute, established in 2014. Dr. Issam Adwan, chairman of the conference's preparatory committee and former head of Hamas's department of refugee affairs, said that the conference's recommendations would be presented to the Hamas leadership.

In a statement to the conference delivered by Hamas political bureau member Kamal Abu Aoun, Sinwar stated that "we are sponsoring this conference because it is in line with our assessment that victory is nigh" and that "the full liberation of Palestine from the sea to the river" is "the heart of Hamas's strategic vision."

"Prepare the future administration of a Palestinian State," scheduled to take power after the destruction of Israel. The conference defined what would be the fate of the Jews who would survive the war. The Jewish soldiers; the conference decided, would all be killed! Non-combatant Jews would be allowed to leave Palestine, but educated and economically useful Jews would have to remain to be enslaved to become 'third class tolerated' residents, known as "dhimmis," in order to ensure their skills be used to rebuild the new Palestinian State.

THE SECOND HORSE OF THE ACOPALYPSE IS ABOUT TO RUN!



When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see". Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. Revelation 6:3-4

This is terrible news for Israel, as well as for the rest of the world, as it seems now that the **SECOND SEAL OF THE Book of Revelation** is about to be opened by one of the living creatures.

This threat from Iran has been building for the last forty years, which began when the radical Mullah's of Iran announced their religious goal and fanatical intent for the destruction of Israel. All this time the State of Israel has rested secure in the belief that her favourite ally and super power friend; the United States of America, would step in to protect her.

Alas, for those able to see; for quite some time now, ever since the onset of President Hussein Obama's first term in office there have been signs that things may not be that certain. The Biden administration does not look like they are going to be there for Israel if war breaks out—just look at what happened in Afghanistan with so many Americans "left behind" in the botched pull out.

IS THE BIDEN ADMINITRATION AT WAR WITH US?

Imam Ali Ibn Abi-Tlib (the prophet's cousin and son-in-law), prophesied that in the end times and just before the return of the Mahdi, the Ultimate Saviour, a "tall black man will assume the reins of government in the West." Commanding "the strongest army on earth," the new ruler in the West will carry "a clear sign" from the third Imam, whose name was Hussein Ibn Ali. "Shiites should have no doubt THAT HE IS WITH US!"

In a curious coincidence, Obama's first and second names—Barack Hussein—mean, "the blessing of Hussein," in Arabic and Persian. His family name, Obama, written in the Persian alphabet, reads O Ba Ma, which means "HE IS WITH US".

Thus, in this prophecy, we have a double witness that Obama is a Muslim, or at the very least one who supports the Shiite Muslim cause, which means he is totally on Iran's side.

This, in turn, makes him the enemy of Israel! All of his actions since his election to his first and second terms of office confirm this fact. The uncomfortable truth for Israel is that President Biden was the former Vice President to Obama.

It is quite possible that it is Obama who is behind the scenes pulling the strings in the Biden puppet presidency. If this is so, then **Israel today is facing a U.S. government that is hostile to her! This reminds me of a prophecy in Isaiah:**

"Manasseh shall devour Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh; together they shall be against Judah." Isaiah 9:21

This Scripture is confirmed by the Prophet Zechariah:

"Then I cut in two my other staff, Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel." Zechariah 11:14

Just two weeks ago, the U.S. State Department <u>denied an Israeli request to fast-track the shipment of two tanker aircraft that Israel ordered</u>, These tanker aircraft are desperately needed for a potential military strike against Iran should Iran's nuclear plan move ahead.

In October, Israeli Defence Ministry sources said that senior Israel Air Force officers requested that the delivery of four KC-46 tanker aircraft from the U.S. be expedited, asking that two of them be brought to Israel immediately. The U.S. State Department approved the possible sale of up to eight KC-46 tanker aircraft for an estimated cost of \$2.4 billion last March 2021. Israel was supposed to acquire two of the Boeing aircraft by late 2023.

These more advanced tankers are to replace Israel's Ram tanker aircraft, which are needed for long range missions and are close to 60 years old. Israel's fleet of Ram airplanes are ex-civilian aircraft modified for military use including aircraft refuelling for fighter jets. The new KC-46 tankers have the capacity to refuel jets with 1200 gallons of fuel per minute. The aircraft also features wing air refuelling pods enabling three jets to be refuelling simultaneously within 3 to 4 minutes. This kind of refuelling tanker would be crucial for a military strike on Iran's nuclear infrastructure. In view of the dire threat Israel faces right now, this denial by the United States, while they have several dozen brand new KC-46's standing idle on the runway of one of the US airbases, is tantamount to an act of war by the United States!

If ever Israel needed our concerted prayers the TIME IS NOW!

Prayer Targets:

- Pray for the leaders of Israel both civilian and military, that they wake up to the
 mortal danger the nation is in. Some of the key people in the Israeli government
 still cannot believe that the U.S. will not help them this time around.
- Pray that Mr Hertzog, the President of Israel, will come to understand the danger that the nation is in. Pray that he will call for a National Day of fasting and prayer.
- Pray that Yehovah will change the minds of the officials in the State Department to make available those vital KC-46 tanker aircrafts and send them to Israel!

- Pray that all the war moves of the Iranians and their terrorist allies in Hezbollah, Hamas and Syria will become known to the Israelis and that they will take action to do swift counter-measures!
- Pray that Yehovah will send help to His besieged nation Israel!
- Pray that all those millions who pray for Israel around the world increase the intensity of their prayers and intercession for Israel!