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Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war!" Wake up the mighty men! Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up, Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, "I am strong". Joel 3:9-10

In all of the history of mankind, war has always played a massive part, as it is living proof that mankind does not know the way to peace. At this very moment, there are 32 ongoing conflicts in the world. They range from drug wars, terrorist insurgencies, ethnic conflicts, and civil wars, as well as full-blown wars of aggression such as between Russia and Ukraine and her proxies. At the same time, China is threatening to invade Taiwan, plus she has also made direct threats to Japan, the Philippines, Australia, Nepal, and India.

Amongst all of this, we have Iran furiously preparing its nuclear weapons program to wipe out and destroy the State of Israel. The planned destruction of the Jewish State of Israel has been at the very top of her political agenda for decades, and she steadily is gaining many friends for her cause. She has already won over the terrorist entities of Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and the Syrian government of President Assad, while Jordan for the time being, is still taking a neutral stance. The Houthi government in Yemen however is fully on board with Iran. It is also more than possible that Iran may be able to persuade Egypt and Ethiopia to join her in collecting some of the spoils of ISRAEL, although at the time of this writing, this is still a work in progress.

Even though the recent news is full of the incredible prospects of the Abraham Accords, with Saudi Arabia and the State of Israel both speaking of the possibility of establishing a mutually beneficial partnership between the two former enemy nations. There is even talk about seven other Arab nations being motivated to follow suit. Could this mean that world peace may be breaking out after all?

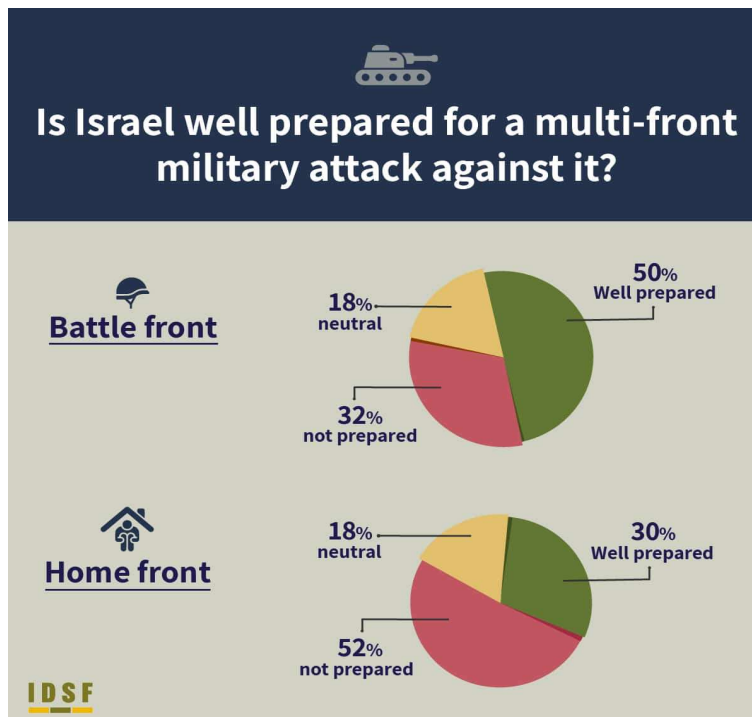
However, before we break out in shrieks of joy and jubilation, remember, the Word in **Jeremiah 6:14**: **"Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace.**

In this context, it is sadly true that Israel must at all times prepare for the defence of the nation in case of an attack by her enemies. The Israeli Defence Security Forum (IDSF), has done several surveys among the Israeli public. Most of these were carried out in 2022.



You will notice from the above slide that the answer rather depends upon who you ask. The Arab citizens view the threat differently.

The common expectation is that the State of Israel is facing a multi-front attack from her assorted enemies acting in unison. The Battlefront represents the opinions of the service personnel in the IDF and the IAF, with 50% expressing their view that Israel is well prepared. Whereas, 32% feel the nation is not well prepared against such an attack.

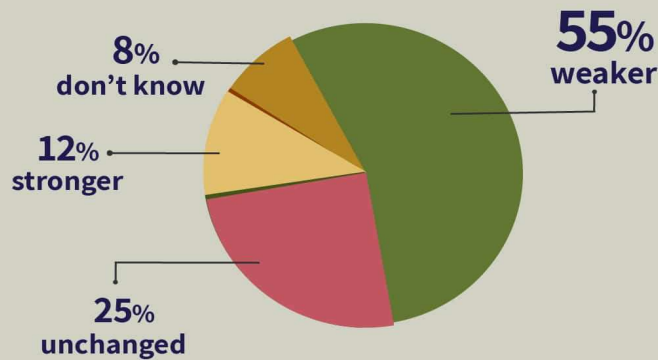


The Home front represents the civilian population. Here the figures are much more pessimistic, as only 30% feel the nation is well prepared. It follows from this that 70% of the nation is not entirely confident the nation is well prepared. 52% of the people surveyed think that the nation is not ready or prepared.

The next survey is of particular interest, as it asks a question from a different aspect, as it speaks of the nation's social resilience in comparison with the past.



In comparison to the past – what is the state of Israel’s social resilience today?



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The answer is by no means encouraging, as a full 55% feel that Israel’s social resilience is weaker. Remember the context here is in the case of Israel suffering an attack on many fronts simultaneously! This is a really bad statistic especially since it’s a year old, and it does not in any way take into account the huge division over the Judicial review, which has been tearing the nation apart for the past year. The nation has seldom been this divided, and we all know what the Bible has to say about a house that is divided.

The scenes of daily protests with hundreds of thousands of Israeli citizens attacking the newly elected government of Israel have been unprecedented. For sure, none of this has escaped the notice of Israel’s enemies. They are gloating over Israel’s public embarrassment. All of this is happening with Israel’s enemies at the gate, they are also inside the gate! The world even got to hear of the unprecedented case of official reservists of the IDF refusing to report for duty. The protests are hardly losing their momentum, even though Prime Minister Netanyahu has withdrawn his proposal for the time being. It has become public knowledge that behind the scenes a coup was being planned by a former Prime Minister of Israel Mr. Ehud Barak, and his wealthy associates. With all the chaos going on, below is another slide of that same survey, which asks the intriguing question of.....



Have you considered leaving Israel due to the security situation?

✈ DEPARTURES		
	Have considered/ are considering	Haven't considered
Respondents	* 29%	* 70%
Right	19%	81%
Left	42%	58%
Arabs	47%	53%

*Irrelevant 1%

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Amazing! 29% of respondents answered that they have considered or are considering leaving the country because of the security situation. How many more would be added to that number if the same survey was carried out today in 2023, after all the chaos in the streets?

Iran has every intention of becoming a nuclear-armed nation and when they have a nuclear bomb assembled and ready to go, Iran has made it very clear that they want to wipe Israel "off the map".

Tel Aviv is the Target

Once Iran has a nuclear bomb, a primary target is Tel Aviv. This is where much of Israel's high-tech and military sector is located. A nuclear bomb sent there would devastate the nation and completely cripple their ability to defend or retaliate.



Now listen to these words from Jeremiah, in the light of a "nuclear blast" happening in Tel Aviv:

*Shout to Judah, and broadcast to Jerusalem! Tell them to sound the alarm throughout the land: Run for your lives! Flee to the fortified cities!" Raise a signal flag as a warning for Jerusalem. **Flee now! Do not delay!"** For I am bringing terrible destruction upon you from the north."* Jeremiah 4:5-6

*The time is coming when the LORD will say to the people of Jerusalem, "My dear people, a **BURNING WIND** is blowing in from the desert, and it's not a gentle breeze useful for winnowing grain. It is a **ROARING BLAST** sent by me! Now I will pronounce your destruction!"* Jeremiah 4:11-12

War Brewing on the USA/NATO Front:

It seems that the Deep state actors who pull the strings of the US Government want to start WW3 with Russia, on purpose. They have crossed many red lines with Russia, which has shown remarkable restraint.

NordStream 2 Pipeline Explosion



It was Seymour Hersh who broke the story that it was [America that blew up the Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline](#). Under cover of a "training exercise", USA naval divers set the charges on the pipeline, and then months later, the charges were remotely exploded. The pipeline carried natural gas from Russia to Germany.

Russian Black Sea Naval Headquarters Destroyed



[Two French-supplied "SCALP" cruise missiles slammed into Russia's Black Sea Naval Headquarters in Crimea](#) last week. Several high-ranking Russian military officers were reportedly killed and the building in Sevastopol "split in half."

There is fury in Moscow, with leading Russian government officials publicly saying **"It's time for an ultimatum to the West."**

What might that ultimatum be? How many red lines must the USA/NATO cross before Moscow strikes back militarily?

No Longer a Proxy War

The war between Russia and Ukraine is no longer a "proxy" war between these two nation-states. [Hal Turner recently reported that a German army tank member was caught operating an army tank in the Russian territory](#) of Crimea. Thus, the actual army of Germany has now been caught waging actual war against Russia inside the official Russian territory, Zaporozhye. That is DIRECT engagement between the parties and not proxy.

Medvedev's Ominous Warning



[Former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev Vladimir Putin's right-hand man has issued a chilling threat to NATO](#) as the alliance continues to support Ukraine.

Dmitri Medvedev - Russia's former president and Putin's staunch ally - took to Telegram to threaten NATO following the delivery of US Abrams tanks to Ukraine

He said: **"It seems that Russia is being left with less and less choice other than a direct conflict with NATO on the ground."**

Meanwhile, Western governments are rushing air defence systems to Ukraine in anticipation of another wave of Russian missile strikes on Ukrainian electrical power utility facilities, bridges, and other vital infrastructure as Eastern Europe moves into the colder fall season.

War Brewing on the Israeli Front

Another very serious factor is that the world's defense industries are preparing for a Direct Energy War, and the U.S. is the front-runner at the moment. Israel too is well upfront of the pack and hopes to have her own Laser Guided Weapon ready cum mid-2024. The point is that it is not operative now, and her enemies know this fact, as it has been publicized. With this weapon in service, Israel will be able to repulse hundreds of rockets and missiles at the same time, whilst a dozen of these weapons would make her virtually impervious to missile or multiple drone attacks. Without this weapon, she is in a very vulnerable position, as her enemies have already let it be known that they plan to totally overwhelm her defenses by sending thousands of missiles and drones all at once in great waves.

The nation is in serious trouble. Truth to tell she is experiencing the worst crisis of her 75-year existence as an independent state. She desperately needs our prayers – more than that she needs; **"A MIRACLE!"**

PRAYER TARGETS:

Scripture: *This is what the LORD says to the people of Judah and Jerusalem. "Plow up the hard ground of your hearts! Do not waste your good seed among thorns. O people of Judah and Jerusalem, surrender your pride and power. Change your hearts before the LORD or my anger will burn like an unquenchable fire because of all your sins. Jeremiah 4:3-4*

Prayer: Abba, we pray that a great wave of repentance would flow down from the heavens and hit the hearts of our Jewish brethren. Iran is a GREAT THREAT to them! May they TURN to you, may they CRY OUT to you, may they LOOK to you, Yeshua, for their deliverance! We ask for your mercy, your grace, your deliverance, and your protection for the land and people of Israel! We cry out and we ask for A MIRACLE!

Scripture: *You who have escaped the sword, get away! Do not stand still! Remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come to your mind! Jeremiah 51:50*

Scripture: *For out of the north, a nation comes against her, which shall make her land desolate. And no one shall dwell therein. They shall move, they shall depart, both man and beast. In those days and in that time, says the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; with continual weeping, they shall come and seek the LORD their God. They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces toward it, saying, "Come, let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that will not be forgotten." Jeremiah 50:3-5*

Prayer: Abba, we see the signs of war brewing against Israel. But we also see the signs of war brewing against NATO and the USA. The USA has done so many things to provoke Russia into a Third World War. We have destroyed the Nordstream pipeline. We have blown up Russia's Black Sea Naval Headquarters. It is only a matter of time before Russia attacks the USA with a military strike. Abba, we ask for your mercy, we ask for your grace. We ask that you warn and protect your remnant people. May we stay hidden under the Wings of the Almighty. Please come Yeshua! Come quickly and save your people! In Yeshua's name, amen and amen.