Any War In Israel Just Might Mean The Beginning Of The End Of The World

On the morning of October 7, just a few weeks ago, at 6:30 AM local time, Israel was viciously attacked again by Hamas, a terrorist political organization from Gaza in a sneak attack. It caught Israel off-guard. Thousands of armed Hamas fighters invaded Southern Israel and slaughtered 1300 innocent unarmed Israeli civilians; men, women, and children, and took 200+ hostages back with them to Gaza.

At least 40 babies were beheaded in front of their parents, and many Israeli women paraded through the streets and were raped.

At an all-night music Festival in the desert, the Hamas fighters murdered many of the attendees as they fled from their automatic weapons.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his country, "Israel is at war!" The next day the Israeli government declared war on Hamas and pledged to annihilate the government of Hamas.

But Hamas to Israel's East and Hezbollah to the north in Lebanon, both supported by Iran, have pledged to exterminate not the just the government of Israel, but the people of Israel themselves. Hamas has only one agenda, and that is to destroy Israel and murder all Jews, just like Hitler.

Iran, the country encouraging death to Israel and the United States, is being supported by the Biden administration. Many people don't know it, but we have been giving money to Iran, and they are using that money to encourage other nations, such as Hamas and Hezbollah, to fight Israel and the United States.

Iran has sponsored many terrorist groups that have killed Americans before. For some reason, our government will not take a stand against Iran, perhaps assuming that our money can buy their friendship.

We are saying we support Israel on one hand, and then we are giving Israel's enemies money on the other hand.

Today, much of the world today is against Israel, including the United Nations and many Americans. We have representatives in Congress who feel that Israel is at fault and are agreeing with Hamas. Like many of the Arab world, more of the leaders of our government today are turning against Israel.

On many of our exclusive college campuses, students are supporting the Palestinian cause and chanting the words that Palestine belongs to Palestinians and not the Jews. They are chanting, "From the river to the sea." Which calls for the eradication of the

nation of Israel! There is a difference between a political organization like Hamas and the Palestinian people.

Hitler Of the Nazi party tried to exterminate all the Jewish people, and many other nations Have had political parties in the past that have been against the Jews. Not just the Arabs!

People all over the world throughout the centuries have hated the Jews because they remind people that there is an Almighty God, and mankind does not want to be reminded that there is a God.

What is different, and scary to me about this war is, that President Biden has deployed two of our aircraft carriers to the Mediterranean and has put 2000 US troops in a heightened state of readiness for possible deployment to the Middle East.

This war just may expand beyond these two nations, and if it does, God himself may get involved.

Biden has told Iran not to get involved. But will they listen? Hezbollah is firing rockets in the north of Israel, and Israel is firing rockets back at them. Syria has fired rockets from the East. And Israel continues to fire back at them.

Israel has said they are going to do a ground invasion of Gaza, and other nations have threatened Israel that if they do, they will come to support Hamas and the Palestinian people.

Israel wants to see regime change. They are not against the Palestinian people! Israel wants to survive as a nation, but the political parties of various governments do not believe that Israel has a right to exist at all.

Remember that Jesus cautioned us to beware of the doctrines of political parties in Matthew 16:6, and Samuel warned us of the potential misuse of human government leadership. 1 Samuel 8:11-18. All nations are doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past, and as Samuel warned us, the people will pay the cost of the mistakes of the government of men.

In most of the wars that Israel has fought, public opinion usually turns against Israel and the world sides with Israel's enemies. Even during World War II our government knew about the existence of the Nazi political party extermination camps, but we did nothing about them.

Today, we are in a very serious situation. With our government support, Iran is close to developing a nuclear weapon, and they say, that when they develop one, they are going to use it on Israel. If they attack Israel, I believe, despite what our government may have done in the past, this administration may attack Iran.

If Iran is attacked, other nations that support Iran, like Russia and China, may become involved, as well as other Arab countries against Israel.

This war, this time, has the possibility of becoming a world war. This war has set the stage...

We are at the point of possible Armageddon!

This war in Israel, may not be the final war, but it is a sign that the world is being setup for the coming of the Lord.

I want to make sure you are aware of what I see in the Word of God and what I believe it has to say about these recent events.

Ever since the death of Jesus, Christians have talked about the end of the world, but what happened on October 7 is a game-changer that makes things that are happening now more likely that the end of the world will occur in the next few years.

Today, I hope to make it clear to you that we need to take this war and life seriously. Anything can happen overnight,

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Let me show you something in scripture:

Ex 4:22–23 (ESV) — 22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, 23 and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.'

You better know this, God will protect Israel. He will protect Israel because he considers the Jews his firstborn!

Let me say, "Israel is God's firstborn son. Don't mess with Israel"

We, as Christians, are children of God also, but we are <u>not</u> his firstborn. We have been adopted as his children. Now get this...God will protect Israel even if he must do it by himself!

The Israel that is over there today is a creation of the hand of God. Let me repeat: The Israel that is at war today, is a creation of the hand of God!

Ex 8:16–19 (ESV) — 16 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the

land of Egypt.' "17 And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. 18 The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

I don't care what you want to say about that nation. You may say they don't have a right to exist. You may say that they are not the same Jews. You may say what you want to say about them, but here's what God has to say:

Eze 37:21–22 (ESV) — 21 then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. 22 And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms.

- I. <u>Listen, God said he would Himself restore Israel as a Nation.</u> After almost 1900 years of not being a nation, He did!
 - A. Think of how impossible this is! After over 2000 years, a dead nation is raised from the dead and born again!
 - B. God spoke of this in Ezekiel 37 when he told him that he would make dry bones live!
 - Eze 37:1–6 (ESV) 1 The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2 And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."
 - 1. God brought Israel back to life!
 - 2. This is nothing. You believe that God can bring you back to life from the dead. You believe that he can raise up rocks to give him glory. Then you need to believe he can raise up a nation, the exact nation he wants to raise up at any time he wants to. Is anything too hard for God?
 - 3. The fact that Israel can even exist after all this time should prove that there is a God!

- C. After the Jews had been scattered all over the face of the earth, Israel was born again on May 14, 1948, when David Ben-Gurion announced the establishment of the Jewish nation to be known as the State of Israel.
 - 1. He declared it, but God did it!
 - 2. In fact, to prove that it was a work of God, all of the Arab nations surrounding Israel attacked them the next day.
 - a. Five nations attacked them... And they lost!
- D. Since its beginning, Israel has been at war with the Arabs in a series of military conflicts.
 - 1. They fought them again in 1956 in the Suez War; they lost, and Israel still stands.
 - 2. They fought them in the 1967 Six-Day War, they lost! Israel still stands.
 - 3. They fought them again in the 1973 Yom Kippur War with a surprise attack on Israel, they lost. Israel still stands.
 - 4. They fought them in 1982 the Lebanon war, and they lost! Israel still stands.
 - 5. They fought them as Hezbollah in 2006 they lost! Israel still stands.
- E. They all claim this is about land. This is not about land! This war is not about land! This war is because people hate what God has done!

Show the map of the Middle East!

F. Ps 2 (ESV) — 1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, 6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." 7 I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the
Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is
quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

G. Why has Israel been so successful? God fights for her!

"Israel is God's firstborn son. Don't mess with Israel"

- H. History has shown us time and time again that there are certain times when God gets involved personally in human affairs and most often in defense of the nation of Israel. You don't believe me?
 - 1. Ask Pharaoh about the plagues God put on the Egyptians
 - 2. Ask the inhabitants of Jericho how God caused their walls to fall down flat
 - 3. Ask the Amorites when Joshua fought against them, and God threw stones down from heaven against them, and let Joshua stop the sun and the moon so Israel could kill more of the enemy.
 - 4. Ask the Midianites when they came against Gideon.
 - 5. Ask the nations that came up against King Jehoshaphat.
 - 6. Ask the Assyrian army when one angel from God fought for Israel one night and killed 185,000 of them.

All those battles were localized. They did not involve multiple nations of the world. But in this current war, there is the potential for different nations all over the world to become involved. You see it all over the news media. Protests are breaking out against Israel everywhere. Including the United States!

But I need to say it again, "Israel is God's firstborn son. Don't mess with Israel"

- I. Then, later, Zachariah prophesied after what Ezekiel said about dry bones and the restoration of Israel...
 - Zec 12:3 (ESV) 3 On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.
 - 1. Here, he clearly states there will come a time when nations of the earth will gather against Israel.
- J. Then God said:

Zec 14:3 (ESV) — 3 Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle.

Zec 14:12–13 (ESV) — 12 And this shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. 13 And on that day a great panic from the Lord shall fall on them, so that each will seize the hand of another, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other.

The world needs to know these scriptures.

The world needs to know, "Israel is God's firstborn son. Don't Mess with Israel!"

Zachariah chapters 12 through 14, had baffled most commentators in the past, and there is a close relationship between these chapters and the book of Revelation. It did not make any sense in the past! But now that Israel is a modern nation, it all makes sense.

The Bible says the Lord will strike all the people that wage war against Jerusalem and their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

Zachariah tells us of a gathering of the nations of the world against the Jews and Jerusalem. It speaks of an invasion of Israel, not just by one nation as it has been in the past, but by multiple nations of the world. When that happens, then the scripture makes sense.

This fight for Israel by the Lord is also spoken of in Ezekiel 37-39, Daniel 11, and Psalm 2. These Scriptures speak of the last days after Israel has been restored as a nation. The kings of the earth unite against God's people, but God will intervene directly, and they will be soundly defeated.

I cannot discuss all of the ramifications and the complications associated with the Scriptures; you will have to pray and study yourself to see what God has to say, but I will reveal to you why I think it is important we pay attention to what's going on in Israel today.

You see, I am concerned about this war in Israel today, because, more than at any other time in history, we are seeing prophetic events occurring that we must not ignore. **Period!**

- II. Here is another reason, and perhaps the most important reason we need to pay attention to what is going on in Israel today. Israel is God's time clock!
 - A. Jesus also spoke of Israel in the latter days being restored.

 Mt 24:32–33 (ESV) 32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.
 - B. Then he follows up with this:

 Mt 24:34 (ESV) 34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.
 - This is letting us know that after Israel has become a nation, this generation will not pass away until it sees the coming of the Lord.
 - 2. There are people who were born in 1948, the same time that Israel was born, and are still alive today! They are 75 years old.
 - a. That generation is still with us, but the time grows short.
 - C. Mt 24:42–44 (ESV) 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master

of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

- 1. If you read the rest of Matthew 24, you will see that many of the things Jesus speaks of have been coming to pass even more rapidly year by year.
- 2. It is time we need to wake up!
- D. Let not your heart be troubled about issues that are going on around you. Focus on obeying God and honoring him.
 - 1. There is not much time left!
 - 2. Overnight, tonight, anyone of those nations can launch an assault on Israel, and God will intervene...
- E. And guess what? It will be too late!

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