

# *The Blessed Hope!*

***“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)***

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## **The House of Rothschild's Who Colonized Palestine to Create Israel**

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The \$6 billion dollar fiasco is somewhat reminiscent of the Afghanistan incompetence. Of the five hostages released by Iran, 3 are Iranian-Americans and two are Americans (unnamed). The US released 3 Iranian prisoners in the exchange and temporarily lifted the sanctions imposed on the globe including South Korea which was holding the money out of fear of US retaliation for doing business with Iran. The reasoning provided by the White House was to attempt to woo and reconcile Iran – away from Russia.

Now the DC hawks want more sanctions imposed on Iran or a bombing spree. Guess that ‘friendship’ didn’t last long. To date, there are over 13,000 sanctions imposed on Russia by the U.S. and roughly 3500 against Iran. While the mechanisms show the U.S. sanctions against Russia have had little to no effect, this form of punishment continues to be levied on half the globe.

The U.S. is not content imposing sanctions on its prominent enemies; it must also sanction those countries, entities, or persons in any country across the globe for crossing the union sanction line drawn in the proverbial sand. If it sounds like elementary school – that’s because it is!

The \$6 billion held by South Korea was actually a trade deal gone sour. South Korea purchased oil and goods from Iran for \$6 billion – but when the U.S. threatened ‘punishment’ Korea got cold feet so their payment for the received goods sat in a Korean Bank. Iran delivered – South Korea did not. In other words, South Korea was afraid of U.S. retribution if they fulfilled on their contractual obligation to Iran.

Russia took notice of the sudden odd wooing of the U.S. on Iran. Fallback? BRICS. With the expansion of a New World under the BRICS that didn’t exactly match or kowtow to the World Economic Forum, wooing was considered a good blackmail. Except it didn’t turn out the way the U.S. Intel agencies expected. Dang!

Now our 17 Intel agencies are in tete-a-tete with MI6 and others to figure out how to explain to the public how it was possible to have zero surveillance chatter regarding the 9-11 Israel Towers debacle. Maybe they did, and like the chatter from 9-11 – they chose to ignore it. Or maybe they decided to use the situation to their benefit – a justifiable incitement of WWII. A Military PAYOUT!

The Ukraine counteroffensive an abject failure, winter on the horizon, the war would stagnate. Fresh Fodder needed – Israel.

In May 2023, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) had a meeting about the threat surrounding Israel's neighbors including; Syria, Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon. The discussion centered on Operation Shield and Arrow: May 9th, Israel assassinated 3 'suspected leaders of the Palestine Jihad', while also killing 10 civilians. Gaza retaliated and fired rockets into Israel. Israel killed 8 more Palestinians. More rockets and the death toll on Palestinians hit 33. May 13th, Egypt negotiated a ceasefire.

Mr. Patel: First of all, our systems are very, very sophisticated. So we are trying to predict where the threat will land. And if it is going to be landed in an unpopulated area like sea or, you know, desert, or places that people are not living there, then we are not wasting any interceptors.

The discussion wasn't about 'if' an attack was forthcoming – but 'when it could be anticipated'. Israel's Iron Dome and other interceptors were discussed as the best in the world! As Patel assures his panelist, Dr. Karako, that Israel has the best military, best weapons, best Intel and best defenses, they reveal their assurance that they are more than capable of repelling any attack. ANY.

In addition to Gaza, The West Bank of Palestine is ruled by the Palestine Authority, which Israel considers more of a threat than Gaza's HAMAS. Illegal settlement camps, unprovoked raids, and militant decay have embroiled the two from ever finding a peaceful solution. At risk are the Holy Sights.

The Holy Sites are a tourist hotspot that generate upwards of \$7.5 billion in revenue annually. Israel claims these sites and the revenue belong to them – 100%. Despite Israel's GDP reaching \$564 billion, or \$58,000 per capita, the U.S. continues to send Israel \$3.2 billion annually - buying their alliance. 93% of Israeli land is owned by the State and the Jewish National Fund. The majority of land held by JNF was subsequently transferred to the Israel Land Administration in the 1960's. Like the UK, Israel's land is leased to homeowners.

However, in the UK, the land belongs to the Queen/King. In Israel it belongs to 'the government'. A secular government that has no interest in Holy sites other than for their monetary value.

As a comparison, the GDP per capita in Palestine is on par with Ukraine – which is the lowest in all Europe. And this is where the disparaging racism is born. Palestine is India's Dalit. The refuse. The River People who were targeted in the U.S. during the Depression. Their children stolen and sold as orphans to wealthy elites.

### **HISTORY:**

In 1906, the Greek Orthodox Sursock family sold 90,000 acres of land in Palestine to Baron Edmond de Rothschild:

*“Because the villagers paid tithes to the Sursock family in Beirut for the right to work the agricultural lands in the villages, they were deemed tenant farmers by the British Mandate authorities in Palestine, and the right of the Sursock family to sell the land to the JNF was upheld by the authorities.”*

The Jezreel Valley in Northern Palestine, which the Sursock's transferred to Rothschild, was considered the most fertile land in Israel. After the purchase, Edmond Rothschild began creating Jewish Settlements – which Rothschild owned. By 1948 the Rothschild's owned the vast majority of Palestine including factories, schools, settlements, hospitals, etc... And the Palestine Arabs who were granted the status of 'tenant farmers' were evicted and 25 of their villages depopulated.

It is always an adventure when digging into historical research – made even more difficult by edited, rewritten versions of history.

If in fact the Rothschild's own Palestine/Israel, then Netanyahu's audacious grandiose actions make more sense as he attempts to cover the errors of allowing destruction to the precious land of The House of Rothschild - his Master. A hawk by nature, Netanyahu is trying to save his image and power. He takes his orders from the Rothschild's.

Just as Zelensky and Poroshenko took their orders from Soros. Zelensky failed Soros – and will likely be punished as Ukraine becomes obscure - in comparison to the Head Master – Lord Rothschild saving his precious secular Israel will not bode well for Netanyahu. In his eyes - Netanyahu's fatal error will wreak havoc and damage his colony - Israel.

## **Three World Wars to Usher in a One World Religion The Illuminati Plan for 3 World Wars**

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The infamous Albert Pike Letter to Mazzini known as; The Illuminati Plan for 3 World Wars, was allegedly written by Albert Pike in 1871. The letter outlines a plan to foment three world wars in an attempt to take over the world.

It is claimed that the letter was on display in the British Museum Library until 1977. But the British Museum denies this claim. Some suggest that the use of the word Nazism in 1871 proves that the letter is a fraud. And others say the same about Zionism. But Zionism existed back then.

Zionism was made official in the late 1800s as a non-religious nationalist movement arguing that the bible was proof that Jews had a lawful claim to the land of Palestine. An area that was currently inhabited by a population that has lived there, relatively peacefully, for centuries. Around the alleged writing of this Albert Pike letter, Jews began immigrating to Palestine with the intention of someday creating a state of Israel. Which didn't happen until 1948 after World War II and the creation of the United Nations.

Albert Pike joined the fraternal Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1840. By 1859 he was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite's Southern Jurisdiction and remained Sovereign Grand Commander for the rest of his life. He was definitely aware of Zionism, and if this Illuminati plan is true, then his use of the word Nazi is plausible. Either way, the letter is worth a read. And the closer we get to the end game, the more accurate this letter appears to be.

### **The Illuminati Plan for 3 World Wars:**

The First World War must be brought about in order to overthrow the Czars in Russia and make that country a fortress of atheistic Communism. The divergences caused by agents of the Illuminati between the British and Germanic Empires will be used to foment this war. After the war, Communism will be used to destroy other governments and weaken the religions.

The Second World War must be fomented by taking advantage of the differences between the Fascists and the political Zionists. This war must be brought about so that Nazism is destroyed and political Zionism is strong enough to institute a sovereign state of Israel in Palestine.

During the Second World War, International Communism must become strong enough to balance Christendom, which would be restrained and held in check until the time when we would need it for the final social cataclysm.

The Third World War must be fomented by taking advantage of the differences caused by the agents of the Illuminati between the political Zionists and the leaders of Islam. The war must be conducted in such a way that Islam and political Zionism mutually destroy each other.

Meanwhile the other nations, once more divided on this issue will be constrained to fight to the point of complete physical, moral, spiritual and economic exhaustion. We shall unleash the Nihilists and the atheists, and we shall provoke a formidable social

cataclysm which in all its horror will show clearly to the nations the effect of absolute atheism, origin of savagery and of the most bloody turmoil.

Then everywhere, the citizens, obliged to defend themselves against the world minority of revolutionaries, will exterminate those destroyers of civilization, and the multitude, disillusioned with Christianity, whose deistic spirits will from that moment be without compass or direction, anxious for an ideal, but without knowing where to render its adoration, will receive the true light through the universal manifestation of the pure doctrine of Lucifer, brought finally out in the public view. This manifestation will result from the general reactionary movement which will follow the destruction of Christianity and atheism, both conquered and exterminated at the same time.

Whoever wrote this letter had the vision to see where this is all going. By manipulating our beliefs and emotions, mankind has been herded into these wars like cattle to the slaughter. Emotions are running at an all-time high today. Best to breathe deep and get centered.

[If you can comprehend what Greg Reese's was speaking about in his Reese Report you will begin to get the picture of what Helenea Glass is saying in the opening article on page 1. Albert Pike's revolutionary movement began in Europe with Giuseppe Mazzini who passed the torch of the movement to Albert Pike. What began as the Bavarian Illuminati led by Jesuit Adam Weishaupt's plan to control the world in 1770.

Control Freaks — The Rothschild's have been in control of the world for a very long time, their tentacles reaching into many aspects of our daily lives, as is documented in the following article.

However, before we jump to the timeline, let's read this invaluable introduction which will help us to clearly understand who the Rothschild's are as opposed to who they claim to be.

**Definition of Zionism: an organization of so called Jews whose goal is to create a nation for Jews.**

**Definition of Judaism: Jews collectively who practice a religion based on the Torah and the Talmud.**





Rothschild Mansion Just one of a multitude of Rothschild Palaces

The Rothschild's "claim" that they are Jewish, when in fact they are Khazars. They are from a country called Khazaria, which occupied the land locked between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea which is now predominantly occupied by Georgia.

The reason the Rothschild's claim to be Jewish is that the Khazars under the instruction of the King, converted to the Jewish faith in (or about) 740 A.D., but of course that did not include converting their Asiatic Mongolian genes to the genes of the Jewish people.

*'The Thirteenth Tribe'*

85 – 90% of Jews are Khazars

You will find that approximately 85 – 90% of people in the world today who call themselves Jews are actually Khazars, or as they like to be known, Ashkenazi Jews.

These people knowingly lie to the world with their claims that the land of Israel is theirs by birthright, when in actual fact their real homeland is over 800 miles away in Georgia.

Let's Pretend We ARE the chosen people!

So, next time you hear an Israeli Prime Minister bleating about the so-called persecution of the Jews, consider this; every Prime Minister of Israel has been an Ashkenazi Jew.

Therefore when all these Prime Ministers have curried favor with the West for their re-establishment of a Jewish homeland, they have knowingly and deliberately lied to you, as they were never from that region, and they well know it, because it is they who call themselves Ashkenazi Jews.

*'The Synagogue of Satan: The Secret History of Jewish World Domination'.*

The Book of Revelation, Chapter 2, Verse 9, states the following which would appear to be about these Ashkenazi Jews:

***"I know thy works, and tribulation and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."*** (Revelation 2:9) Jesus Christ says in Revelation 3:9 what he has in store for the Ashkenazi Jews. ***"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."***

The wealthiest bloodline in the world, bar none, and the leader of the Ashkenazi Jews in the world today, is the Rothschild family. As you will see in the timeline, the Rothschild's have obtained this position through lies, manipulation and murder.

Their bloodline extends into the Royal Families of Europe, and the following family names: Astor; Bundy; Collins; DuPont; Freeman; Kennedy; Morgan; Oppenheimer; Rockefeller; Sassoon; Schiff; Taft; and Van Duyn.

However, these are not the only bloodlines to worry about.

These 13 Families Rule the World: The Shadow Forces Behind the NWO

You are probably aware of the centuries old practice undertaken by many Ashkenazi Jews whereby they would change their name, in order for them to appear part of the dominant race of the country in which they lived, so as they could obtain influential positions in that country, which they would then exploit to serve their real masters elsewhere.

There is plenty of evidence to prove the Rothschild's continue that deceptive tradition.

Furthermore the Rothschild's are known to sire many children secretly that they can put into positions of power when required.

This started with the very first man who took the name Rothschild, who had a secret sixth son.

Finally, remember the world is a diverse place, I could if I wanted change my name to Rothschild, or any of the names listed above, and that would not make me part of this family any more than converting to Judaism in 740 A.D. will make these Ashkenazi's Jewish.

### **Do not judge a book by its “cover alone”**

Please, therefore, do not automatically assume someone you see with the name Rothschild or any of the names listed above are part of the Rothschild criminal network. Furthermore and most importantly, the majority of Ashkenazi Jews are innocent and not part of this network.

Check the facts out for yourself first, this article is designed to inform people who the enemy is, not single out people of a particular race or people with a particular surname, which may have nothing to do with this Rothschild criminal network.

1743: Mayer Amschel Bauer, an Ashkenazi Jew, is born in Frankfurt, Germany, the son of Moses Amschel Bauer, a money lender and the proprietor of a counting house.

Moses Amschel Bauer places a red sign above the entrance door to his counting house. This sign is a red hexagram (which geometrically and numerically translates into the number **666**) which under Rothschild instruction will end up on the Israeli flag some two centuries later.

1753: Gutle Schnaper, an Ashkenazi Jew (future wife of Mayer Amschel Bauer), born to respected merchant, Wolf Salomon Schnaper.

1760: During this decade Mayer Amschel Bauer works for a bank owned by the Oppenheims' in Hanover, Germany.

He is highly successful and becomes a junior partner. Whilst working at the bank he becomes acquainted with one General von Estorff.



**The Red Hexagram**



Following his father's death, Bauer returns to Frankfurt to take over his father's business. Bauer recognizes the significance of the red hexagram and changes his name from Bauer to Rothschild, after the red hexagram or sign signifying **666** hanging over the entrance door ("Rot," is German for, "Red," "Schild," is German for, "Shield").

Now Mayer Amschel Rothschild, he discovers that General von Estorff is now attached to the court of Prince William IX of Hesse-Hanau, one of the richest royal houses in Europe, which gained its' wealth by the hiring out of Hessian soldiers to foreign countries for vast profits (a practice that continues today in the form of exporting, "peacekeeping," troops throughout the world).

He therefore makes the General's re-acquaintance on the pretext of selling him valuable coins and trinkets at discounted prices. As he plans, Rothschild is subsequently introduced to Prince William himself who is more than pleased with discounted prices he charges for his rare coins and trinkets, and Rothschild offers him a bonus for any other business the Prince can direct his way.

Rothschild subsequently becomes close associates with Prince William, and ends up doing business with him and members of the court. He soon discovers that loaning money to governments and royalty is more profitable than loaning to individuals, as the loans are bigger and are secured by the nation's taxes.

1769: Mayer Amschel Rothschild is given permission by Prince William to hang a sign on the front of his business premises declaring that he is, "M. A. Rothschild, by appointment court factor to his serene highness, Prince William of Hanau."

1770: Mayer Amschel Rothschild draws up plans for the creation of the Illuminati and entrusts Ashkenazi Jew, Adam Weishaupt, a Crypto-Jew who was outwardly Roman Catholic, with its organization and development.

The Illuminati is to be based upon the teachings of the Talmud, which is in turn, the teachings of Rabbinical Jews. It was to be called the Illuminati as this is a Luciferian term which means, keepers of the light.

To keep this brief but not losing its meaning, we have this thread line that began in 1770 bringing us to this day from:

Rothschild – Weishaupt – Mazzini – Pike

Correction to a statement I made in Blessed Hope #214. Pg. 15 I stated:

**The timing of the Hamas invasion leading up to the COP28 is suspicious for many reasons mentioned in Blessed Hope #213 and in the remarks by David Icke that suggest the potential of a global psy-op being conducted to deceive the whole world. The globalists would have not allowed this to happen because of the upcoming event to take place in Dubai from November 30th , through December 12th . I forgot to include: "unless they wanted it to happen!"**

I hope that readers understand what I have been pointing out the past few segments relative to the war that broke out on October 7<sup>th</sup> have massive signs of a trap emanating from the globalists larger agenda to gain control of the whole world, and to usher in the New World Order and the Antichrist's Beast System of Prince Charles and his Jesuit-controlled Vatican / Rothschild cabal.】

## **Pope Francis Met With the Leaders of the Major Christian Religions and Ecumenical Bodies at the "Together" Celebration in Rome**

***"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army." — (Revelation 9:19)***

Prophecy tells us that the beast is gathering "together" an army to wage war against the truth, against God, and against His people. Pope Francis invited people to a great ecumenical gathering called "Together," in which Protestants, Catholics, and Orthodox joined one another for prayer and worship and to get on the path to unity. This historic gathering took place on September 30, 2023, in Rome. [1] Pope Francis is working to unite all Christians together into one body. This is being done, which will fulfill Rome's ultimate objective - to repudiate the Constitution and promote papal falsehoods.



*"When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that*

*the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near"* (Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 451).

Here we see Pope Francis and Protestantism working together to usher in religious unity throughout the world. According to prophecy, this is exactly what will happen in the final days of human history.

***"And he [Protestant America] exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast [Rome]."***—(Revelation 13:12)

Hundreds of leaders from churches from all around the world came to Vatican City to pay homage to the man of sin. Rome's concept of "together" is not designed to seek God's will by searching the Scriptures, repentance, heart-searching confession, and putting away sin. No. These gatherings are designed to cover up and eliminate centuries-old doctrinal divisions between Protestants and Catholics. Their purpose is to obtain a mere external unity, not a unity in the truth. They came to pray, worship, and hear the Pope's message.

Pope Francis expressed the following in his address to the ecumenical gathering:

*"Together. Like the early Christian community on the Day of Pentecost. Like one flock, loved and gathered by one Shepherd, Jesus. Like the great crowd in the Book of Revelation we are here, brothers and sisters 'from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages' (Rev 7:9), from different communities and countries, daughters and sons of the same Father, inspired by the Spirit received in baptism, and called to the same hope."* [2]

*"With great affection, I greet the Heads of Churches, the leaders and delegations of the different Christian traditions and all of you, especially the young people: thank you for coming to pray for us and with us, in Rome ... let us walk together, not only Catholics, but all Christians, all of the baptized, the whole People of God, because only the whole can be the unity of all."* [2]

Below is the complete list [3] of participants representing Protestants, Evangelicals, Pentecostals, Orthodox, Jesuits, and all those who attended the ecumenical event in Rome.

Alpha International  
Basisgemeinde Deutschland  
Bose Community  
Centre Orthodoxe de Chambésy  
Ceras Project  
Community of Chemin Neuf  
Church of Sweden  
Commission of Bishops' Conferences in the European Union,

Community of Grandchamp  
 Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe  
 Conference of European Churches  
 Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life  
 Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity  
 Focolari  
 Fondacio  
 French Conference of Religious  
 French Protestant Federation (SDA Affiliated)  
 German Evangelical Alliance (SDA Affiliated) Center for Faith & Society  
 Community of Jahu  
 Global Christian Forum (SDA Affiliated)  
 Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Exarchate Europe  
 International Young Catholic Students  
 JC2033  
 Jesuits French Province  
 Justice & Peace Europe  
 L'Arche in France  
 Community of L'Emmanuel  
 Ligue pour la Lecture de la Bible  
 Lutheran Church of Estonia  
 Methodist Church UK  
 Laudato Si' Movement  
 Old Catholic Church Utrecht Synod  
 Pontifical Missionary Works in Lebanon  
 Sant'Egidio  
 Sisters of St Andrew  
 Synod Secretariat  
 Taizé  
 Together for Europe (SDA Affiliated)  
 Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church France  
 Uniting Protestant Church of France  
 Working Group of Christian Churches in Germany (SDA Affiliated)  
 World Council of Churches (SDA Affiliated)  
 World Lutheran Federation  
 World Methodist Council  
 Catholic Association for Ecumenism Netherlands  
 Catholic Youth Service Universities Austria  
 Catholic Youth Service France  
 Catholic Youth Service Hungary  
 Catholic Youth Service Poland  
 Catholic Youth Service Portugal  
 Catholic Youth Service Slovenia  
 Catholic Youth Service Spain  
 Catholic Youth Service Switzerland  
 The Vicariate of Rome

Confederation of Italian Evangelical Churches  
The Waldensian Church  
The Methodist Church  
The Anglican Centre  
Rumanian Orthodox Church  
Serbian Orthodox Church  
Faith and Light  
The Episcopalian Church  
Azione Cattolica  
Associazione Guide e Scouts Cattolici Italiani  
Movimento Adulti Scout Cattolici Italiani  
Caritas Roma  
Centro Astalli  
Centro Pro Unione  
Federation of Evangelical Churches in Italy (FCEI) (SDA Affiliated)  
Jesuit Refugee Service  
Missionaries of Africa  
Partners of the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking  
Pietre Vive  
Pontifical Gregorian University  
Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies  
Sisters of Charity of St Jeanne Antide  
Talitha Kum International  
The Clewer Initiative

***"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."*** –(Revelation 16:16)

What is going on in the Protestant world today? Can we not see with our own eyes that this gathering together is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy? As Protestants turn back to join together with the "mother church" in Rome, it will soon bring us to the greatest crisis this world has ever seen.

*"When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result"*

Protestantism and Rome are working hand in hand for a closer and more intimate cooperation. Religious ecumenism seems to be the top priority for world leaders. What the world fails to see is that when all the churches begin to unite into one, these efforts to bring peace and harmony will result in tyranny and persecution. Pope Francis is creating a religious and political climate that will bring about the final scenes of earth's history. Everyone seems to believe that the Pope's ecumenical worship services are being done in order to make the world a safer and better place. What is actually being

done is that the final scenes depicted in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy is coming to pass.

Because we are living in dangerous times, we thank God for Revelation and for the Blessed Hope of the Lord's soon coming. God's prophetic word has warned us of man's futile schemes and attempts at converting and uniting the world into one ecumenical body. But we know the end of such plans. The coming of the Lord is the only hope this world has. May we obey God's commands and carry this final warning to all the world, and then Christ will come and put an end to sin and heal the universe.

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## **Ezekiel Chapter 39** **(Prophecy as History Told in Advance!)**

**39:1** ***“Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:”***

This verse begins the second half of the two chapters (Ezekiel 38-39), which present an apocalyptic account of a future invasion of Israel by a coalition of armies led by Gog. Ezekiel 38 deals with the composition, motives and defeat of Gog's armies by God's intervention. Ezekiel 39:1-8 also describes Gog's fall, but the subsequent verses present the aftermath of this failed invasion. Like Ezekiel 38, this chapter begins with opening formulas commonly found in Ezekiel.

**39:2** ***“And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:”***

There is a compression in Ezekiel 38:3-16 of references to God's role in bringing Gog to Israel from the far north where Gog and most of his allies are from (see vv. 2-6). The phrase, *“mountains of Israel,”* appears in Ezekiel from different perspectives: a place of God's judgment against Israel for their idolatry -(e.g., 6:2f) and a place where God would bring back his people to restore them -(34:13f; 36:1ff.). Here, God would finally display his power and holiness to the watching world -(see 38:16, 23).

**39:3** ***“And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.”***

Referring to the way in which right-handed warriors use bow and arrows, the Lord metaphorically prophesied the defeat of Gog's forces. Bows and arrows stand for military might and capabilities. Similarly, in Psalm 76:3 the psalmist sings the praises of



God Who has disarmed the bows and arrows arrayed against Jerusalem; in Jeremiah. 49:35 the prophet prophesies that the “bow” of Elam will be broken.

**39:4 “Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.”**

Gog’s vast number of troops -(see 38:9) would not prevail against the Lord. Their fallen bodies would become the source of food for carrion-eating animals. Verses 17-20 expand this matter.

**39:5 “Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.”**

There would be no safe haven for Gog’s troops. Death would occur on the mountains of Israel (v. 4) and on the open plain. God’s own spoken words are a form of oath-taking that the matter is assured. **“Lord God”**.

**39:6 “And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.”**

Burning Sulphur/brimstone is mentioned in Ezekiel 38:22. Here the word for fire, is a more common term that could apply to lightning as well -(cf. Genesis 19:24; Exodus 9:23).

**“Magog”** -(see comments on 38:2). Coastlands/isles refer to lands bordering or islands in the Mediterranean Sea -(Ezekiel 26:15, 18; 27:3, 6f). The point seems to be that God’s destruction of Gog would spread to the lands from which the armies of Gog came.

**39:7 “So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.”**

Similar emphasis to the holiness of God is found in 38:16, 23. Also in Ezekiel 36:20-23, the concern for the holiness of God’s name/reputation motivates God to promise to bring his people back from captivity. His defeat of Gog would have an impact upon both his people and the nations. The language of *“knowing”* God is a variation of the recognition formula that is found throughout Ezekiel.

**39:8 “Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken.”**

The tone is one of urgent warning. This defeat of Gog would happen. Ezekiel 7 is filled with similar language of the coming day of the Lord’s judgment of Judah. It happened as prophesied. So too would this day of Gog’s judgment. When I was doing my seminary work, I had a schedule conflict because I was signed up for two Old Testament courses in Ezekiel and Isaiah in the same semester. I only needed one but was taking extra courses for future graduate studies. The professor was Dr. John Oswalt and his classes always were so full, and I could not fit it in my schedule, and ended up taking another teacher for Ezekiel. The importance of Ezekiel is huge and to focus on chapters 38 and 39 detracts from the Book’s content and overarching message.

**39:9-10** *“And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years: <sup>10</sup>So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.”*

The next two verses describe the plundering of Gog's fallen forces. However literally or symbolically an interpreter understands Ezekiel 38-39, Ezekiel must be viewed from the perspective of his times. Most ancient weaponry was made of or incorporated wood into their construction: bows, arrows, spears, spear throwers, clubs, chariots, sword/knife handles and shields. That the wood from these implements would provide seven years of fuel emphasizes the vast number of troops fallen in battle. The use of “seven” in the number of weapons and the length of years they provided Israel's fuel connote completeness and also refer to a sabbatical rest given to the trees and forests of Israel. The would-be plunderer would be plundered instead.

**39:11** *“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog.”*

Verses 11-16 envision the massive work of the burial parties who after Gog's defeat would be employed for years. The bodies of the dead would be buried in an area to the east of a sea (Mediterranean?) and given a new name to commemorate the vast numbers of the dead. This area or valley would be dedicated to those killed in the battle. The official name would be the “Valley of Hamon Gog” (the Hordes of Gog).

**39:12** *“And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.”*

Another instance of the number seven. It communicates the idea that the job of purifying the land would be accomplished. The dead bodies of the invaders must be taken care of before the people could resume their normal lives free from ceremonial pollution caused by the dead.

**39:13** *“Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.”*

The whole population would be involved in the task. This would reinforce to them that God had acted on their behalf to save them from disaster. A new holiday would be added to the religious calendar.

**39:14** *“And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.”*

Even with the entire population employed in the task, the job of burying the dead would require a contingent of people to continue. These burial squads would canvass the land for the dead.

**39:15** ***“And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.”***

Some of the burial squads would act as spotters to mark the location of human remains, others as gravediggers to take the remains to the designated valley for official burial. Such a task could take an extended period of time. The suggestion of the text up to this point implies that the dead have been radiated from a nuclear incident.

**39:16** ***“And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.”***

Again, the argument is that the location is Jerusalem. The primary argument is that ***“Hamonah,”*** which is a feminine form of the Hebrew word for “multitude”), is an echo of Ezekiel 7:12ff. There the word “multitude” is found three times and refers to the “hordes” of sinning multitudes of people in Jerusalem. There is a certain sense of completeness that the place where God’s name had been so badly ill-respected would be the place where Gog’s hordes were defeated and buried. The cleansing of the city then prepared the way for Ezekiel 40-48 and the vision of not only a new Temple in Jerusalem but also a new name for it, *Yahweh-Shamma* *“The Lord is there”* ([48:35](#)).

**39:17** ***“And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.”***

Verses 17-20 take the defeat of Gog’s hordes one step beyond the organized burial parties. Despite the best efforts to systematically locate, move and bury the dead, there would be too much work. Ezekiel was asked to call out to the carrion-eating birds and animals to finish the job. This is first mentioned in v. 4 and is expanded here.

The language for this invitation comes from the sacrificial system. In a grotesque parody, Ezekiel describes this call as one great big sacrifice, but instead of animals, dead soldiers would be the sacrifices. Keep in mind that vv. 17-20 is meant to be read as a literary cartoon, and realism may be sacrificed for rhetorical effect.

**39:18** ***“Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.”***

The parody continues with an appeal to these creatures; they could have the pick of humanity. Bashan was well-known for its herds grazing on its fertile fields. For instance, Amos refers to a class of wicked women as “cows of Bashan” -(Amos 4:1).

**39:19** ***“And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.”***

In one more gross caricature not only would there be “quality” but there would also be quantity of blood and flesh for the scavenging creatures to eat and drink.

**39:20 “Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.”**

A pattern of paired items is seen in vv. 17-20: v. 17, birds and animals, flesh and blood; vs. 18, mighty men and princes, rams and lambs, goats and bulls; vs. 19, eat and drink; and vs. 20, horses and riders, mighty men and soldiers. The land of Israel is called “my table,” another crude metaphor when speaking of the place where a great human carnage had taken place.

Throughout vv. 17-20, there is created a sense of emotional dissonance: on the one hand is the language of a great sacrificial feast such as enjoyed by Israel in seasons of celebration (e.g., Nehemiah 8:12), but on the other hand is the gruesome imagery of human flesh and blood being the main course! Ezekiel’s intention is not to glorify what would happen to Gog, but in fact, to make us feel the horror of the event. People were going to die in unbelievable numbers.

**39:21 “And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.”**

Verses 21-28 summarize and give final interpretation to the apocalyptic vision of Gog. This section reviews the messages of both judgment and restoration communicated faithfully to the people throughout Ezekiel’s prophetic ministry. It is a synopsis of the entire Book.

God’s “glory” in Ezekiel has been the display of his power and might as revealed in the opening chapters -(cf. 1:28; 3:23; 8:4). In the defeat of Gog’s mighty forces, the might of God would be revealed to be massive and beyond human calculation. All the world would learn a lesson about Israel’s God, a theme that reoccurs in Ezekiel 38-39 (38:16, 23; 39:27). The punishment/judgment refers to the defeat of Gog due to the covetous and cruel nature of Gog’s motives for invading a peaceful land (cf. 38:10-13).

**39:22 “So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.”**

God was not only concerned about an increased depth of knowledge of Himself among the nations but also about his own people’s spiritual understanding -(cf. 39:7, 13).

**39:23 “And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.”**

A summary of much of Ezekiel’s own prophetic ministry of warning about the coming Babylonian conquests of Judah and giving it a proper interpretation from God’s point of view -(cf. 20:32-38; 36:17-21). The phrase “*hid I my face*” expresses God’s attitude of rejection of his own people because of their sinfulness -(cf. Isaiah 54:8; Jeremiah 33:5). As it turned out, this turning away was but for a moment.

**39:24 “According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.”**

In chapter after chapter, Ezekiel sets forth God’s prosecution of Israel. They were rebellious -(Ezekiel 2). They were idolatrous -(Ezekiel 8). They were ungrateful of God’s

blessings -(Ezekiel 16). Their kings were ungodly and unfaithful -(Ezekiel 17 and 19). They trusted in their own abilities to deal with other nations -(Ezekiel 23).

**39:25** *“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;”*

Even from the beginning of his prophetic ministry, Ezekiel had spoken of God’s eventual deliverance of the people from captivity -(cf. 11:17-20). At the heart of God’s saving acts is concern for the true knowledge of his character. One of those aspects is his zeal/jealousy for being recognized as the only true God -(cf. Exodus 34:14).

**39:26** *“After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.”*

“Disgrace,” was the proper attitude that Judah should have had toward their behavior. Their spiritual adultery in Ezekiel 16, in particular, focuses on shame as the result of their behavior -(vv. 52, 54, 56). But now God was looking forward to a new day when they would have learned their lessons and become a changed people.

**39:27** *“When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies’ lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;”*

More reemphasis of familiar themes in Ezekiel. For example, God’s promise to gather his people is found throughout the Book -(cf. 11:17; 16:37; 20:34, 41; 28:25; 34:13; 36:24; 37:21).

**39:28** *“Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.”*

*“Then will they know that I am the Lord their God”* is the recognition formula found often in Ezekiel -(e.g., 6:7, 10, 14; see comments on 5:13).

**39:29** *“Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.”*

Twice earlier in this section, God mentions his earlier recourse of hiding his face (vv. 23f). Now this posture would be changed. His “about face” would result in blessing for Israel. The mention of the Spirit recalls God’s promise given in 36:27 and 37:14. His own divine presence would reside again with his people. This anticipates the divine glory returning in Ezekiel 43.

“The house of Israel” is Ezekiel’s frequent reference to the Hebrew people of either the northern kingdom of Israel or the southern kingdom of Judah. So often the phrase in Ezekiel is associated with their sinful ways -(e.g., 6:11; 8:6), but now they would become recipients of God’s Holy Spirit -(cf. Joel 2:28-32).

Just as John’s visions of the awful plagues and judgments bring a sense of horror to us as we read the Book of Revelation, so should these two chapters. There should be no sense of jubilation or triumphalism over the death of sinners, even over the death of the



likes of Gog's hordes. Such apocalyptic images in Scripture should cause the believer to work harder for the gospel while it is yet the spiritual day of grace.

### **The Last Great Battle (Chapters. 38-39) Not Just Yet!**

The people have returned to their land, but "after many days" they will once more be invaded from the north by an alliance of shadowy, far-off powers, yet Yahweh's splendor, greatness, and holiness will be manifested in the comprehensive annihilation of these invaders, and from that day forward Israel will truly know Yahweh as their God. At 4:45 AM, Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, I awakened to a reminder in explaining how this war with the Palestinians is merely the run-up phase to the larger war which is just around the corner so to speak. The background of the two previous segments is very important but Israel will experience a brief interlude of peace before God initiates the **"Hooks in the Jaws"** of Demon Gog. When the Palestinians are defeated and destroyed, a false sense of "peace and security" will prevail for a short time.

That summary of the "plot" of chapters. 38-39 begins to open up some of the issues it raises.

First, is it eschatological? That is a confusing word with many meanings. The point is illustrated if we rephrase the question to *"Is it about the end?"*; to which the answer is, *"It depends what you mean by the end."* In one sense Ezekiel 38-39 talks about the end only in the sense Amos does. What is different about Ezekiel 38-39 is its much more detailed account of the last great battle. It is envisaging a decisive break in history; the powers of evil are finally defeated and Israel finally comes to recognize Yahweh God. On the other hand, it is expecting ordinary earthly history to go on *"from that day forward"* (39:22). The end is not followed by nothing, or by heaven, or by something unimaginable.

Second, is it apocalyptic? That is another confusing word with many meanings. In modern parlance *"apocalyptic"* suggests a coming crisis characterized by all-out war, the collapse of social structures, and perhaps cosmic upheaval; one can see a parallel with part of the scenario in Ezekiel 38-39, though here the upheaval is the backcloth to a positive portrayal of a restoration of fortunes. As a literary form, an apocalypse is a revelation like those in Daniel and Revelation; Ezekiel 38-39 is no more an apocalypse than other sections of Ezekiel — indeed, less so than some of them. As theology, apocalyptic emphasizes themes such as the battle between good and evil, the importance of God's acts rather than human acts, the prospect of resurrection, and the role of angels in mediating between earth and heaven, and it often works out a timetable of events which are to pass in connection with the end; Ezekiel no more emphasizes those than many other books. As rhetoric, apocalyptic uses vivid imagery, elements of myth, neo-Babylonian astronomy, and other material combining these into a portrait which to the modern reader may seem esoteric and bizarre; that is true of Ezekiel 38-39. As a sociological phenomenon, apocalyptic assures people who are powerless or oppressed that this is not the ultimate or final reality and that a moment



will come when they are freed and find power; this fits Ezekiel 38-39, but it also fits, e.g., Second Isaiah.

The later apocalypses develop literary forms which use rhetorical devices to express theological convictions all of which utilize elements we can see in Ezekiel, but that does not make Ezekiel apocalyptic or proto-apocalyptic in the sense that these developments were the inevitable flowering of seeds which are here.

Third, do the chapters come from Ezekiel himself? In many ways the motifs and theology fit those of the rest of the book. They emphasize the initiative of God's sovereignty bringing foreign peoples to their doom (38:3-4). They also look forward to the vindication of God's holiness -(38:16, 23; 39:7, 25, 27). The chapters are concerned for the cleanness of the land and thus for proper burial -(39:11-16). Ezekiel's characteristic phrases appear: the title "*Lord Yahweh*," the address "*mortal*," and the aim that people may "*know that I am Yahweh*." Other motifs such as the hiding of Yahweh's face -(39:23-24, 29) do not appear elsewhere, but this need not work against their coming from Ezekiel; we must allow him to think a new thought. On the other hand, there are pointers to a significantly later perspective than that of the 580s. The prophecy speaks to a situation after the restoration -(38:8, 14). It looks back to prophecy's heyday, in the manner of Zechariah 1:6 -(38:17). It implies a sense that the fulfillment of prophecy has been long delayed -(39:8). Further, attempts to identify a structure in these chapters as a whole have issued in less agreement than with most other sections of the book. Phrases that one might think were structural markers (such as "*Thus says the Lord Yahweh*") do not seem to work as markers. Scenes tumble after one another as in a kaleidoscope. The picture follows a broadly logical sequence, but the corpses of the invading army are pictured first as becoming carrion, then as being properly buried, and then as being carrion again -(39:4-5, 11-16, 17-20).

All that suggests that a number of people who thought like Ezekiel have contributed to these chapters over the decades, but there is no consensus on the distinction between different contributions.

Fourth, whom is it talking about? Most of the specific places appear in Genesis 10 as founders of nations among the immediate descendants of Noah's sons Japheth and Ham (in other words, the non-Semitic peoples), and/or appear in Ezekiel 27:10-14 in the list of peoples with whom Tyre did business. Those two connections suggest two significances of these peoples. Some are figures from prehistoric antiquity with an almost mythical significance. Some are impressive distant contemporary peoples, a number fairly familiar: Persia; Dedan in Arabia; Cush, Put, and Sheba in North Africa; and Tarshish across the Mediterranean.

The only half-known ones (for us, and as far as we know for the prophecy's audience) are in Turkey or the area just to its east and north. Gog has been linked with a seventh-century king in Lydia in Turkey called Gugu. Magog we know only from Genesis 10:2. Meshech and Tubal are tribes in Turkey whom 27:13 tells us were involved in slave trading, which might in part explain their appearance here; in 32:26-28 they lie in shame

in Sheol in the company of Assyria and Elam. Gomer is the Cimmerians, north of the Black Sea, one-time foes of Gog's Lydia but now in frightening alliance with him; Beth-Togarmah is Armenia. Such people are appropriate ones to be designated the contemporary embodiment of the northern enemy who had long been the symbol of threat and destruction for Judah -(see Jeremiah 4-6), partly because that was the direction from which most enemies -(e.g., Assyria and Babylonia) inevitably approached Israel. And if they are in part almost-mythical figures from the past, back from the dead, that adds to the frightening power of the prophecy, like that of modern horror movies.

Fifth, if the prophecy relates to what will happen "*after many days*," might its fulfillment lie in events in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? In his millions-selling book '*The Late Great Planet Earth*', Hal Lindsey sees the invasion of Israel from the north described here as an attack soon to be undertaken by Russia ("chief" in 38:2 is Rosh) from its capital Moscow (Meshek). **After five days of carnage, the escalation is indicative that we are in the War of Gog and Magog, but not just yet. Next comes the "nuking" of Damascus! When that occurs we will have the confirmation to displace any doubt the end is near! Syria entered the conflict on Wednesday when it began firing rockets from the north of the Golan Heights.** I am watching how this unfolds.

One objection to this is that it makes the prophecy quite irrelevant to Old Testament people, whereas one gets the impression it was supposed to speak to them. That is if we look at this prophecy as history being told in advance. Yet, the expectation that Ezekiel 38-39 would be fulfilled in one's own day has repeatedly surfaced through Jewish and Christian history. In the second century B.C. the northern foe was Antiochus Epiphanes, for the Targum it was Rome (cf. also Revelation), for Augustine it was the Goths, and for Luther it was the Turks. This process of re-identification can hardly be faulted in principle. There is enough appeal within the Old Testament itself to similarity of words (e.g., Abram/Abraham — ancestor of a multitude) to make it difficult to object to a linking such as Rosh and Russia. And Ezekiel 38-39 is in Israel's scriptures in the conviction that it has something to say beyond its original context. As other marginalized and disappointed peoples find themselves threatened by overwhelming powers, Ezekiel 38-39 is designed to be their encouragement. God will see that evil does not have the last word, that it overreaches itself and meets its downfall.

The difficulty with an application of the chapters such as Lindsey's is that it is undertaken by the world's greatest power as a way of putting down its rival. It thus works against the spirit of Ezekiel 38-39, which was designed to encourage a small power surrounded by big powers. Citizens of big powers and big churches have to see their danger as being Gog, not Gog's victims. God's promises are given to people who believe that God's face is turned away and who long to see that face again -(cf. 39:23-24, 29), to people who believed that God was fulfilling every promise and find out that things do not work out as they expected -(38:8-9, 11-12, 14). They are promised that God is exercising initiative even when things look the opposite direction, and that God will fulfill promises, will protect, and will defeat.

In 39:23-29 the Gog prophecy fades into the background, indeed virtually disappears from view, and the section provides a resumptive conclusion to chapters. 33-39 which enables the hearers to take stock and draw their breath before the great final vision in chapters. 40-48.

As a closing remark, the Christian world has a huge disconnect for most theologians since they are largely divorced from Hebrew studies, thanks to Rome's stance on the Jewish people during third and fourth century AD. We can find reconciliation in our understanding when we operate using the Hebrew framework of interpretation. I am referring to the **PaRDeS** system. Hebrew understanding is that a text may have upwards of four levels of meaning. It acts like a bridge between epochs of time.

**Pardes** (פרדס) is a theory of Biblical exegesis first advanced by Moses de León. The term, sometimes also rendered **PaRDeS**, means "orchard" or "garden" when taken literally, but is used in this context as a Hebrew abbreviation formed from the initials of the following four approaches:

- **Peshat** (פְּשָׁט) – "surface" ("straight") or the literal (direct) meaning.
- **Remez** (רֵמֵז) – "hints" or the deep (allegoric: hidden or symbolic) meaning beyond just the literal sense. In the version of the New Zohar, Re'iah.
- **Derash** (דְּרָשׁ) – from Hebrew *darash*: "inquire" ("seek") – the comparative (midrashic) meaning, as given through similar occurrences.
- **Sod** (סוד) (pronounced with a long O as in 'lore') – "secret" ("mystery") or the esoteric/mystical meaning, as given through inspiration or revelation.

Each type of *Pardes* interpretation examines the extended meaning of a text. As a general rule, the extended meaning never contradicts the base meaning. The *Peshat* means the plain or contextual meaning of the text. *Remez* is the allegorical meaning. *Derash* includes the metaphorical meaning, and *Sod* represents the hidden or prophetic meaning. There is often considerable overlap, for example when legal understandings of a verse are influenced by mystical interpretations or when a "hint" is determined by comparing a word with other instances of the same word.

It is always a mistake to focus on a specific portion of Scripture without understanding the larger context. In this case the chapters preceding Ezekiel 38 and 39 and following bring depth and breadth to our understanding. In the next segment, I will thresh that out.

## **U.S. Now Admits Israel Was Warned About Hamas Attack Threat...Why Didn't They Stop it?**

The *'Trends Journal'* has reported extensively on Netanyahu's push for judicial reforms in Israel that put the country on the brink of an all-out civil war...Now that's forgotten.  
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Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, House Foreign Affairs head, told reporters today that he is trying to learn how Israel could have missed the major Hamas attack on Saturday

and noted that Egypt did send a warning.

*"We know that Egypt had warned the Israelis three days prior that an event like this could happen,"* he said, according to Politico.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country will continue to carry out revenge attacks in Gaza after an earlier attack by Hamas that killed hundreds in Israel. He said Israel's Air Force will strike any location that houses these fighters and *"turn them into ruins."*

Deaf, Dumb and Blind?

As for Israel being unaware of the Hamas attack, this is Phil Giraldi posted on Facebook:

For what it's worth I just posted this on Facebook together with a picture of Bibi and Biden head to head... Does anyone else remember the comments by Bibi?

Am I the only one who read about a speech given by Netanyahu or someone in his cabinet about a week ago in which he/they in passing referred to a "developing security situation" which rather suggests (to me) that they might have known about developments in Gaza and chose to let it happen so they can wipe Gaza off the map in retaliation and, possibly relying on the U.S. pledge to have Israel's "back," then implicating Iran and attacking that country. I cannot find a link to it, but have a fairly strong recollection of what I read as I thought at the time it would serve as a pretext for another massacre of Palestinians.

As a former intelligence officer, I find it impossible to believe that Israel did not have multiple informants inside Gaza as well as electronic listening devices all along the border wall which would have picked up movements of groups and vehicles. In other words, the whole thing might be a tissue of lies as is often the case. And as is also ALWAYS the case Joe Biden is preparing to send some billions of dollars to poor little Israel to pay for "defending" itself.

Ben Bartee, a Bangkok-based American journalist, **posted on his Substack page** that questioned the Western narrative that the attack on Israel was some kind of a massive intelligence failure.

Global focus has suddenly in a few days been drawn to this matter, and could be a factor to force Israel to back off or seek a quick victory and let the chips fall where they may.



His argument was that Israel's Mossad is one of the *"most powerful intelligence agencies on the planet,"* and its spies are scattered all over the Gaza Strip, which is *"arguably the most heavily surveilled geographic areas on Earth."*

He noted that Israel was divided over Netanyahu's hardline government and judicial overhaul, which brought the country to the brink of civil war. He wrote that it is his belief that Mossad either knew the attack was looming or *"actively facilitated the attack so Israelis 'will rally around the flag for some patriotic Palestinian ass-kicking and their Prime Minister's imminently obvious corruption will be, at least temporarily, forgotten, if not forgiven.'"*

One Israeli official told the BBC that the country's investigation into the intelligence lapse could span for years.

The BBC said it is *"frankly astounding that nobody saw this attack"* coming. *"Or if they did, they failed to act on it,"* the outlet said. *"To prepare for and carry out such a coordinated, complex attack involving the stockpiling and firing of thousands of rockets, right under the noses of the Israelis, must have taken extraordinary levels of operational security by Hamas."*

The *'Trends Journal'* has reported extensively over the past year on Netanyahu's push for judicial reforms in Israel that put the country on the brink of an all-out civil war. Now that's all forgotten.

As our cover this week states: [When All Else Fails, They Take You To War.](#)

## Fact Check: Hamas 'Beheading Babies' Story Based on Weak Evidence

**By Svetlana Ekimenko – Sputnik – 11.10.2023**

Amid the fresh escalation of violence in the Middle East, a story by Israeli i24NEWS reporter Nicole Zedeck from Kfar Aza, in which she reported that Israeli soldiers claimed they had found babies with heads severed by Hamas militants, was seized upon by the Western mainstream press, despite a lack of official confirmation.

The Western mainstream press has yet again dipped into its playbook of hawking unproven claims and peddling what are often false narratives. Gut-wrenching headlines like “Hamas cut the throats of babies,” “An act of sheer evil,” and “Massacre of innocents” were emblazoned across a plethora of media outlets after an Israeli reporter claimed that bodies of babies, including some with their heads cut off, had been stumbled upon by Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers in the Israeli kibbutz of Kfar Aza. Amid the latest spiral of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, an i24NEWS reporter was among the journalists invited to survey the aftermath of the infiltration of southern Israel by Hamas fighters. As IDF soldiers went from house to house removing the bodies of victims in the kibbutz near the Gaza border, the reporter, Nicole Zedeck, said:

*“Talking to some of the soldiers here, they say what they witnessed as they’ve been walking through these communities is bodies of babies with their heads cut off and families gunned down in their beds... We can see some of these soldiers right now, comforting each other.”*

Sputnik fact-checked the media hype around the swirling Hamas “beheadings” story, and found it to be based on weak evidence.

The unverified news of Hamas fighters reportedly beheading 40 Israeli babies swiftly took off on social media platforms, shared and retweeted despite not being verified by any news outlet.

The Israeli military does not have any data confirming the alleged massacre of women, elderly people, and children in Kfar Aza, an army representative told *Sputnik*.

The Israel Defense Forces, alternatively referred to by the Hebrew-language acronym Tzahal, is not in possession of any information regarding allegations that “*Hamas beheaded babies*,” *Turkiye’s Anadolu* news agency reported, after requesting a comment from the IDF. “*We have seen the news, but we do not have any details or confirmation about that*,” an IDF spokesperson was cited as saying.

Palestinian militants based in the Gaza Strip launched an offensive against Israel dubbed Operation Al-Aqsa Flood on October 7, launching thousands of missiles while other groups breached the border and advanced into Israeli territory. The Israel Defense Forces retaliated with airstrikes against the Gaza Strip. The attack prompted Israel to declare a state of war, and put the Gaza Strip under full blockade, cutting off food, gas,



and electricity supplies. Israeli and Palestinian authorities have reported that hundreds of people have died and thousands have been injured in the flare-up.

The Palestinian movement Hamas has also vehemently dismissed reports that Gazan fighters allegedly attacked civilians and killed children during the operation near the Gaza Strip.

*“The [Hamas] movement categorically rejects the false accusations fabricated by certain Western media outlets, most recently of the alleged killings of children, their beheadings and attacks on civilians,”* it stated on its Telegram account. Hamas added that such false claims are *“aimed at covering up war crimes and [Israel’s] genocide against the Palestinian people.”*

The movement noted that it exclusively targets *“[Israel’s] military machine and the security system built [by the Israeli authorities],”* calling on Western media to *“be objective and professional in reporting the latest events around the Gaza Strip.”* Incidentally, the correspondent who eagerly spread the *“Hamas beheaded 40 children”* news, without any images or official statements to buttress them, later retracted her claim, and was quoted in media reports as saying:

*“I just wanted to clarify that I did not tweet 40 babies had been beheaded. I tweeted that foreign media had been told women and children had been decapitated but we had not been shown bodies – which was my response to reports which had gone viral about the 40 babies. I realized the way my tweet was written was too short to explain the full context, so deleted it. My headline of my story references that toddlers were killed.”* However, the reporter’s words fell on deaf ears, as the media frenzy had already caught fire.

There is no shortage of similar instances when the mainstream press has devoured deliberate distortions of facts to fit the Western narrative.

### **Bucha Frame-Up**

Amid Russia’s ongoing special military operation in Ukraine, in early April, 2022, the Kiev regime’s media and social networks published graphic photos and videos of allegedly dead bodies strewn in the streets of Bucha. Russian troops had withdrawn from the Ukrainian town on March 30 as Ukrainian forces shelled it with artillery, tanks, and multiple launch rocket systems. After Ukrainian forces, including the neo-Nazi Azov regiment, entered the city, they did not report any casualties among the locals. On April 2, Ukraine’s National Police, which also entered the town, filmed a video showing the city’s streets and damaged buildings. Shortly after, Kiev claimed that Bucha was full of corpses, accusing Russia of war crimes and providing a video showing numerous alleged bodies lying in the streets – while the previous clip had failed to show any.

Ukrainian authorities blamed the alleged killings on Russia, despite many corpses in the videos wearing white armbands, which may have been considered Russian insignia by Ukrainian troops. Moscow denounced the allegations, with the Russian Ministry of

Defense saying that this was yet another provocation, and stressing that not a single Bucha resident had been harmed by the Russian military while the city was under its control. It underscored that Ukrainian forces shelled the city after Russian troops had already withdrawn from the area. It should be noted that before reports of the mass killings surfaced, the Ukrainian police announced an operation in the settlement to “clear the area of saboteurs and accomplices of Russian troops,” which also raises questions about possible preparations for a false flag operation. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called on the international community to conduct an impartial investigation into the provocation in Bucha. While Moscow demanded that international leaders should not rush to make sweeping accusations, but listen to Russia’s arguments, the Western mainstream media wasted no time in jumping on the graphic footage and peddling the uncorroborated “Bucha massacre” story, while branding Russia as the culprit.

### **Alleged Chemical Attack in Douma, Syria**

On April 7, 2018, a number of NGOs, including the White Helmets, alleged that chemical weapons were used in Douma, Eastern Ghouta, by the Syrian government. Chlorine bombs were allegedly dropped on the city, killing dozens and poisoning many locals, who were rushed to hospitals. Russia dismissed the report as fake news, with its Defense Ministry pointing out that the White Helmets were notorious for spreading falsehoods. On April 9, 2018, Russian military chemists visited the site of the alleged chemical weapons attack in Douma, including the health facility shown in the White Helmets’ footage, but found neither cases of exposure to chemical weapons nor traces of toxic agents. Yet the Donald Trump administration used the frame-up to justify massive US and allied strikes on Syrian government targets.

Both Moscow and Damascus lambasted the U.S. attacks, citing the fact that Syria had joined the OPCW agreement in 2013 and destroyed its chemical stockpiles by 2014.

However, the U.S. narrative was supported by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in its 2019 report. Soon after, both a WikiLeaks release and whistleblower accounts revealed that the organization had suppressed evidence confirming that the Douma incident was a staged provocation.

### **Kuwaiti Incubator Hoax**

The so-called “Kuwaiti incubator hoax” in 1990 was based on unverified reports and a testimony given to the United States Congressional Human Rights Caucus by a 15-year-old girl named Nayirah. She claimed that during the August 1990 invasion, Iraqi soldiers took Kuwaiti babies out of hospital incubators and left them to die. The horrendous story was resorted to by then-U.S. President George H.W. Bush as a rationale behind supporting Kuwait in the 1991 Gulf War against Iraq. However, when the war was over, it turned out that the story lacked any evidence.

**[As has been the case in all wars, the first victim is truth.]** I remember the Gulf of Tonkin incident that proved later to be untrue, led to the invasion of Vietnam and the loss of 58,212 young American lives in a war that we had no business being there in the

first place. Let's never forget that the U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt allowed Pearl Harbor to take place. The public did not learn the truth until the 1990's. Then the government wonders why we do not trust government. They think the public is stupid!]

### **White House backtracks on Biden's 'beheaded babies' claim**

The Israeli military says it is unable to "officially" substantiate the heinous allegation

President Joe Biden speaks at the White House in Washington, DC, October 11, 2023. © AP / Susan Walsh

U.S. officials have backtracked after President Joe Biden claimed to have seen "*confirmed pictures*" of Palestinian militants "*beheading children*" in Israel, explaining that he had seen no images and was merely relaying claims from the Israeli government and media reports.

While Biden declared in an address to Jewish leaders on Wednesday that he was shocked by photos depicting brutal acts against Israeli babies, a White House spokesperson later told the Washington Post that officials were unaware of the pictures the president claimed to have seen. They added that they had no independent confirmation of reports that children were beheaded during a Hamas attack on Israel last weekend, despite Biden's claim of having seen "*confirmed*" images.

*"The president based his comments about the alleged atrocities on the claims from [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu's spokesman and media reports from Israel,"* the Post reported, citing the White House.

Asked about the claim by The Intercept, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said it could not "*confirm it officially*," but stressed that "*you can assume it happened and believe the report.*"

*"Women, children, toddlers, and elderly were brutally butchered in an ISIS way of action and we are aware of the heinous acts Hamas is capable of,"* an IDF spokesperson told the outlet.

A number of similar allegations have made the rounds following the surprise attack by Palestinian armed groups last Saturday, including claims that fighters had raped Israeli women. Biden also echoed those charges earlier this week, saying that women had been "*raped, assaulted [and] paraded as trophies.*" The accusation also remains unverified, with the Los Angeles Times appending an editor's note to a recent [op-ed](#) noting that "*such reports have not been substantiated.*"

The IDF has launched waves of airstrikes on Gaza in retaliation for the Hamas-led assault, pounding residential areas and leveling entire apartment blocks in some raids. According to local officials, around 1,200 people have been killed in Israel since Saturday, and at least 1,100 in Gaza, where more than 5,000 were also reported wounded. Israel's long-standing blockade on Gaza has also been tightened in recent

days, after the government declared a “*complete siege*” to halt the flow of food, fuel, and medicine into the densely populated territory.

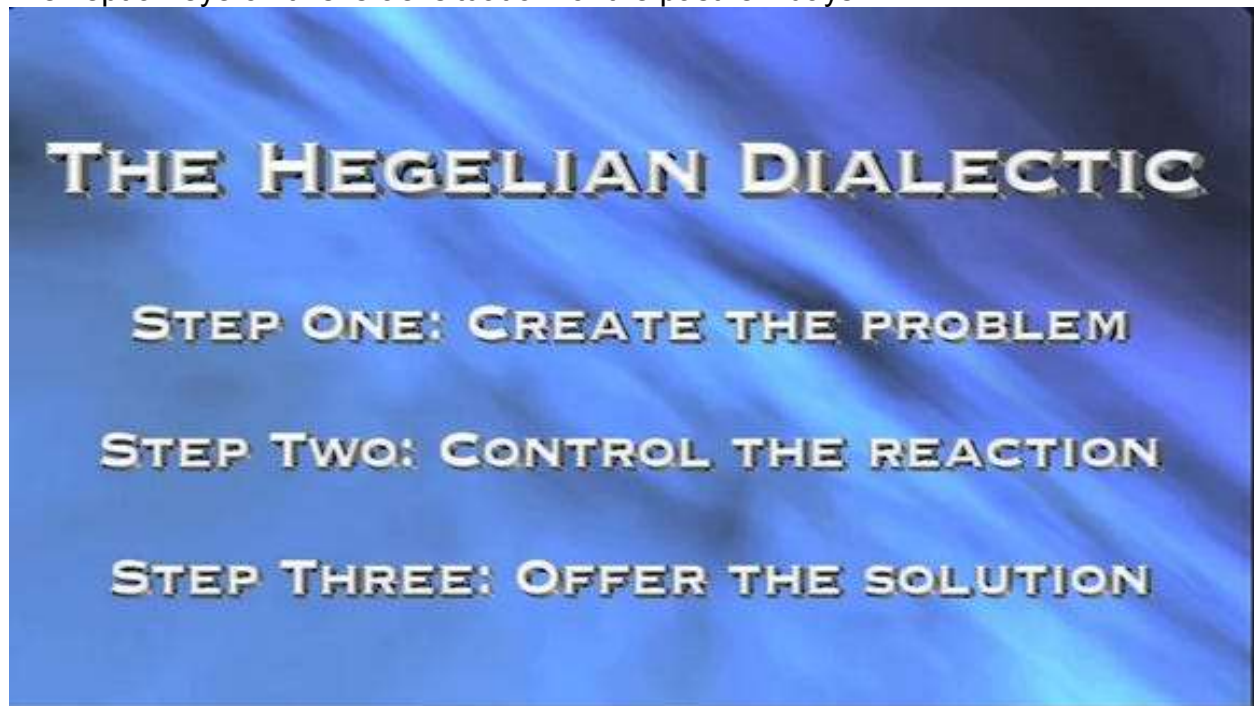
### **Israel/Hamas War: Problem–Reaction–Solution**

#### **The Hegelian Dialectic Process: The Devil's Most Powerful Tool**

“The operational history of The Order can only be understood within a framework of the Hegelian dialectic process. Quite simply, this is the notion that conflict creates history. From this axiom, it follows that controlled conflict can create a predetermined history...” - A Sinister Force Behind Historical Conflicts, Global Agendas, Revolutions and World Wars

**By SOVEREIGN BRAH**

I’ve kept an eye on this Israel situation for the past few days.



Here’s what I’ve learned, & here are my blunt & honest thoughts:

1. Israel chose to ignore intelligence from Egyptian officials about a major attack coming from Hamas.
2. Multiple former IDF soldiers & Israeli intelligence personnel have come forward online and said there’s a zero percent chance Israel was unaware of this attack beforehand or couldn’t have prevented it.
3. We just watched unsophisticated terrorists on hang gliders soar into one of the most heavily-defended & surveilled countries on the planet.

4. Within 48 hours of the attack, we're now suddenly seeing enormous support for an American war with Iran and the genocide of the Palestinian people.

I'm witnessing American pastors and formerly level-headed influencers in our world completely lose their minds and call for genocide.

It's unsurprising, but insane to watch.

If the events of the past three years have taught me anything, it's that when people get whipped into an emotional frenzy, critical thinking completely goes out the window.

People become highly suggestible and will rush to extremely dangerous conclusions without thinking about the consequences.

I think this is what we're all witnessing with this situation in Israel.

I'm reminded of Pearl Harbor and 9/11.

In both scenarios, the American government received intelligence in advance of the attacks, but chose not to prevent the attacks.

Why?

The American government was willing to sacrifice the lives of American citizens in order to advance its geopolitical goals.

Pearl Harbor gave the justification to enter WWII.

9/11 gave justification to invade the Middle East & drastically expand the American military industrial complex & our surveillance apparatus.

They were brutal & extremely traumatic events for the American public to witness. The emotional trauma caused people to get whipped into an emotional frenzy.

America wanted ONE THING in response to these attacks:

The blood of our enemies.

I see the same psyop playing out now.

People are whipped into a frenzied bloodlust.

In their frenzied bloodlust, people are overlooking some SERIOUSLY important facts here, notably:

1. The fact that none of this adds up,

2. Innocent civilians are being threatened with genocide, and

3. Escalated violence in the Middle East and a war with Iran both risk \*\*\*the rest of the planet getting dragged into WWII.\*\*\*

What happened in Israel this weekend was obviously gut-wrenching and awful to witness, but I do not trust Israel's so-called "intelligence failure", nor do I trust the snakes in Washington calling for war with Iran, & I sure as hell no longer trust any of the emotionally-frenzied influencers calling for explicit genocide of innocent civilians.

This was a defining moment in history, similar to Pearl Harbor, 9/11, COVID, the beginning of the Ukraine war, etc, and a lot of people just got played.

Hard.

People responded by going full mask-off, exposing themselves as reckless & incapable of exercising sound judgment in moments of chaos and heightened emotion.

And we're now at the brink of WWII because of it.

This is all worth noting.

There's a high likelihood that there will be more chaos throughout the rest of this decade.

There will be more psychological operations.

There will be more moments in time in which cooler heads ought to prevail, but people will get whipped into an emotional frenzy instead.

Keep your wits about you, & be cautious in whom you allow yourself to be influenced by.

Recognize that governments & intelligence agencies spend enormous resources waging psychological operations on social media nonstop when stuff like this goes down.

Remember that when chaos is at its peak, history shows there is ALMOST ALWAYS a hidden agenda being played out, & that hidden agenda is ALWAYS designed to prey on our base emotions to facilitate a desired end result.

Pray for world peace tonight.

*"What else do the Satanic elites need to complete their mission? More conflicts, wars, plandemics, and worldwide economic collapse to reduce the current world to ashes, and out of the ashes, a new order of the ages will rise. The same Hegelian dialectics*



*principles they've used for centuries to conquer one country after another are now used globally, with every government under the control of the Whore of Babylon, the Revived Roman Empire.” - A Staged Russia/Ukraine Conflict Is Part of the Plan To Take Down the Current World Order.*

### **The Father of NASA believed God's Handiwork**

Psalm 19:1 declares the glory of God's work

Werner Von Braun, the Father of NASA, has Psalms 19:1 written on his tombstone. Before his death, through Carol Rosin, Braun claimed that the asteroid and alien threats were FAKE and the LAST CARD to be played by the elite would be the 'alien card.'

***“The heavens are recounting the glory of El, And the atmosphere is telling the work of His hands.”***

### **Former Pentagon official warns via NATO website: West should prepare for NUCLEAR WAR**



A retired United States *Department of Defense* official alerted the Western bloc and urged it to start preparing the [use of nuclear weapons](#) not just in Europe should

Ukraine's war with Russia continue to blow up, but also if the United States' clashes with China escalate in Taiwan.

Former Pentagon official Gregory Weaver, who served as the principal nuclear and missile defense advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, wrote an article published on NATO's website arguing that counter to Moscow's long-standing nuclear doctrine, [Russia may use tactical nuclear weapons](#) either to stave off a battlefield defeat or bring about a swift victory to a conventional conflict, such as that in Ukraine. *"In such a scenario, the Russian military leadership would assume that the West would not respond in kind, for fear that the situation would escalate uncontrollably to a large-scale U.S.-Russia homeland exchange,"* he predicted.

Amid all of this, he pointed out that America should not fear nuclear war, rather, it must embrace it and start prepping. He said NATO should equip its fighter jets and submarines with tactical nuclear weapons to deter a tactical Russian strike, and *"convince Russian leadership that NATO is fully prepared to counter limited nuclear first use with militarily effective nuclear responses of our own."*

Russian President Vladimir Putin's clear nuclear doctrine, which allows for the use of atomic weapons in the event of a first nuclear strike on its territory or infrastructure, or if the existence of the Russian state is threatened by either nuclear or conventional weapons, has not changed since 2010.

Local news website *RT* reported that the doctrine does not make any exception for the use of tactical nuclear weapons, which are far less powerful than the strategic nuclear weapons that NATO and Russia would fire at each other in the event of an all-out exchange. However, Weaver claimed that the Eurasian country would not hesitate to launch an attack on NATO states in Europe, despite clear guidelines. If the U.S. gets busy fighting China over Taiwan, a scenario that he treats as possible without further explanation, the nuclear attack could take place.

In case this happens, he recommended that the intergovernmental military alliance be more precisely deep in its strike capabilities in Europe, form "several modern armored divisions" in the Baltic states and Eastern Europe, and press European members to *"provide more conventional capability,"* while America delivers the weapons.

He concluded: *"The bottom line is that European Allies will have to provide more conventional capability more efficiently, without perceiving the U.S. request to do so as signaling a reduced U.S. commitment to the defense of NATO. And the U.S. needs to provide additional theater nuclear capability. Failing to do both will risk opportunistic aggression in Europe and a war in which NATO will be more reliant on nuclear weapons against an adversary that has a growing theater nuclear advantage."*

*In the wake of the war in Ukraine, [deterring Russian nuclear use](#) is not the place for NATO to take risks. An inability to deter or counter Russian limited theater nuclear use*

*will make both Russian conventional aggression and nuclear escalation against NATO more likely, especially opportunistic aggression by Russia."*

### **Did the Ukraine-Russia war expose America's limited military power?**

After three decades of dominance, observers start to question if the United States is really strong enough to take on Russia and even China in terms of military prowess.

Amid the slow-burning Ukraine's much-hyped counteroffensive, Putin as well as the mainstream media have acknowledged Kyiv's weak armed forces capabilities and this also reflects the power of the country's main sponsor – the United States, when it comes to waging a large-scale war with a [well-equipped enemy such as Russia](#). The same goes for the burgeoning conflict in Taiwan, where China has been showing off its military power via its war drills surrounding the island.

*"Various analytical reports have repeatedly stated that the U.S., despite a mind-boggling annual financial outlay, may have [trouble confronting a major power](#). A number of American experts have warned that Washington's superiority in terms of precision weapons, intelligence and targeting may not be enough when facing a really large enemy as opposed to a third-world country or an insurgent formation," a separate RT report included.*

And despite all the warnings, Washington overestimated its own capabilities and underestimated those of the enemy. As a result, its assistance to Ukraine turned out to be insufficient and weak. Meanwhile, the U.S. and its NATO allies are not ready to provide more aid, since this would greatly weaken their own military power and the nations' economies. (Related: [NATO's ammo shortage worsens due to skyrocketing prices and Ukrainian troops' overconsumption of artillery shells](#).)

Speaking at the UN General Assembly in New York last month, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that Western leaders have become obsessed with inflicting a "strategic defeat" on Russia, and because of this, they have already lost their "[sense of self-preservation](#)."

**When you see and hear that Damascus has been "Nuked" you will know that you only have days before the End! When Isaiah 17:1 is fulfilled, Russia will enter the picture that leads to World War III. It is likely to be the unknown issue here. Will it be before the COP28 event or could it be following the COP28 meetings, which are still on schedule for the set dates below; and the calendar dates below are baked into the cake. Believers worldwide will be Raptured out of here just before or prior to Prince Charles makes his rare appearance that will usher in the Great Tribulation of Daniel 9:27. In the next Blessed Hope #216, we will review and clarify the sticky matter of the revealing of the Man of Sin!**

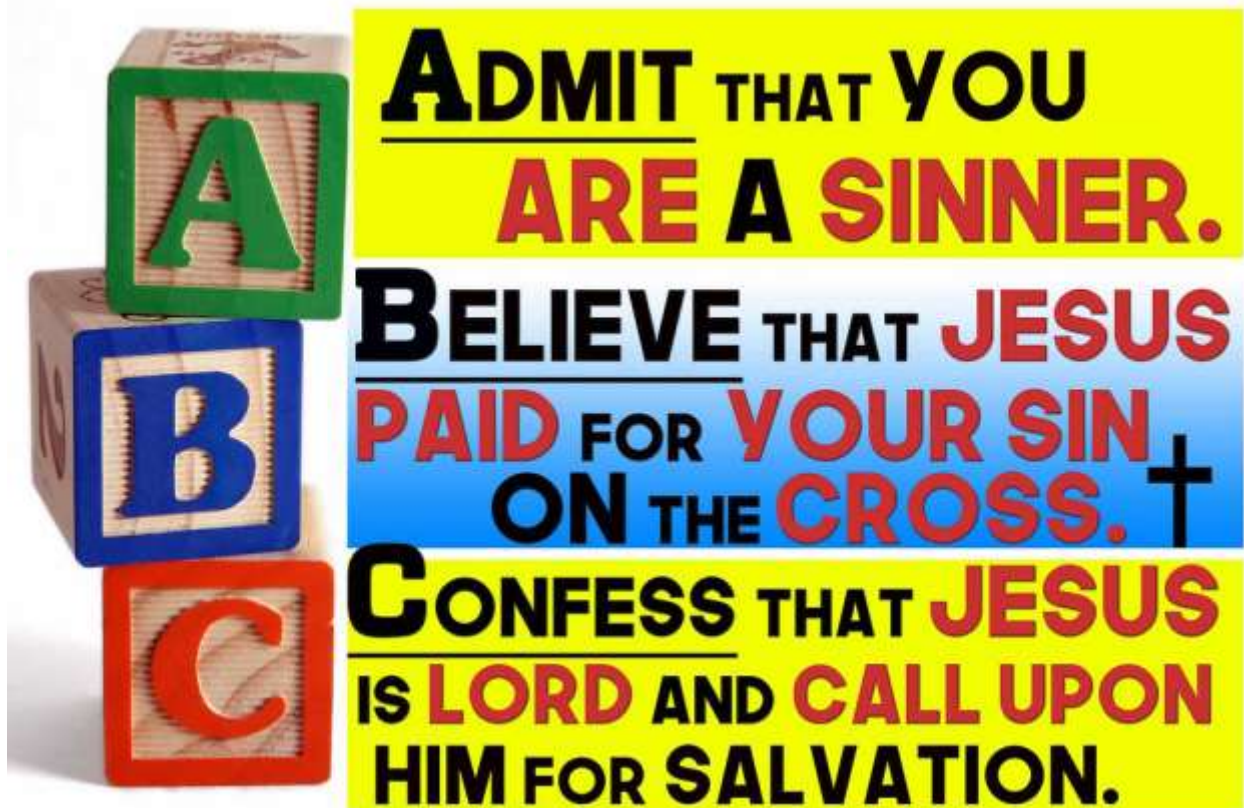
**Numerous prophecy teachers such as Barry Stagner and Jan Markell still deny or discount the idea of Prince Charles as the Antichrist despite all the evidence to**

the contrary. This is due to their misinterpreting the passage that delineates the order of sequence of what takes place and when!

### Count down to 'Confirming the Covenant with the Many'

<p>COP28 November 30<sup>th</sup> as of 10/15/23 – <b>46 Days</b> Days to end COP28 December 12<sup>th</sup> as of 10/15/23 – <b>58 days</b></p>
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Praise God!



Blessings in the Precious Name of Jesus Christ, Lord of lords, and King of kings!

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