# The Blessed Hope!

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

### Diamond & Nugget #216

### Why The Rapture Occurs Before the Revealing of the Antichrist!

1"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, <sup>2</sup>That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. <sup>3</sup>Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition: 4Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped: so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: <sup>9</sup>Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." -(2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:1-12)

The Church is taken out of the way first, and then the Man of Sin, the Antichrist is revealed. We have discussed in length there are two different words, one that deals with the "Departure" (physical) and the other falling away from the faith. For reference you can read Dr. Tommy Ice's paper on this at the link here below:

pre-trib.org

https://www.pre-trib.org/pretribfiles/pdfs/lce-TheDepartureIn2Thess2-3.pdf

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<u>THE "DEPARTURE IN 2 THESSALONIANS 2:3 - Pre-Trib</u> Dr. Ice's paper is everything you need to know that we will be taken out before Daniel 9:27 is fulfilled. It is centered in the dates of COP28 and so we have an approximate date.

Dr. Andy Woods wrote a book on this very topic, 'The Falling Away: Spiritual Departure or Physical Rapture' in 2018.



Section Commander of the Gaza Fence: "The obstacle is built so that even a fox cannot pass it." They Let It Happen. The Hamas Attack Was Allowed to Close the Book on Palestine.

By <u>General Herzl Halevi</u> and <u>Dr. Paul Craig Roberts</u> Global Research, October 13, 2023

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"Something here doesn't add up to me!!! This is a mystery that I can't find an answer to.

I happen to know how things work in Gaza and on the border. I was the commander of the Kerem Shalom sector (Rafih), I was in charge of the Kissuf sector, I know the perimeter fence very well, I know how the army works there. I was in the Shatti refugee camp in Gaza, I was in charge of the Jibaliya refugee camp, I would make ambushes on the fence and deep in the area. I met Gazans, ate and breathed Gaza."

#### The obstacle is built so that even a fox cannot pass it:

Set alerts according to 3 levels of pressure. She must alert when she is cut. There are 24/7 forces that are responsible for arriving within a few minutes, if not seconds, to the point where there is an alert in the fence. Every day do at least one penetration practice. Each subdivision has a standby squad whose role is to increase the force in an emergency situation. Observations scattered along the border cover every inch of it. The female observers are champions in identification. They don't miss. They detect movement even before it even approaches the obstacle – day and night.

At problematic points (dead areas) they place a tank with observation and detection capabilities, and a terrifying firepower. In some cases snipers are deployed in the field.

Every day before dawn there is a "dawn alert" procedure. At this hour all the forces are awake (in this case also the hour when hundreds of terrorists entered Israel). The night shift alternates with the day shift. The commander of each force inspects the axis to make sure there were no infiltrations during the night. Trackers that move on the axis know how to recognize traces. They know who crossed the fence, how much and even when.

Each scenario has a clear procedure. For example, a procedure for infiltrating terrorists, a procedure for taking hostages. Everything is written in blood and has been proving itself for years.

There are several other layers of security that this is not the place to talk about. In short, we are talking about an obstacle that proves itself for years and years.

So how the hell does a Palestinian tractor move towards the fence without anyone reacting to it?

How did the tractor manage to sabotage the fence for a long hour and open access to Israel without anyone reacting to it?

How did hundreds of terrorists and civilians cross the barrier without anyone on our side lifting a finger?

How did terrorists arrive on foot and in vehicles, armed from head to toe, to dozens of Israeli settlements, without any reaction from our side?

How did hundreds of terrorists stay in Israeli territory for long hours, shoot hundreds of Israelis, loot property, without there being even a single reaction on our side?

How did it happen that hundreds of terrorists kidnapped dozens of Israelis, surprised soldiers, officers when they were not ready, and kidnapped them to Gaza, without anyone stopping them?

How is it that one bullet was not fired?

How did all this happen under our noses?

Where did an entire division go?

Where did 3 brigades go?

Who swallowed 9 battalions?

What happened to 36 companies?

Where did an entire regular infantry brigade go that usually outnumbers the elite?

Where were all the reserve battalions that augment the regular army?

Where did thousands of soldiers go???

Someone here needs to provide explanations!!"

In view of this description of the security barrier, this statement by the Israeli General Halevi admitting the failure of the Israeli Defense Force to protect Israel from Hamas is obviously intended as a cover-up for the fact that the attack was allowed in order to close the book on Palestine.

Since 1947 the world has done nothing to stop Israel's absorption of Palestine, so naturally Israel expects no opposition this time. It looks like this is a miscalculation by Israel. See this.

### "The Cat is Out of the Bag". Hamas is a Partner

Of relevance to the analysis of Dr. Paul Craig Roberts.

In March 2019, Prime Minister Netanyahu confirmed his alliance with Hamas in a recorded statement to Likud Party Knesset members:

"Anyone who wants to thwart the establishment of a Palestinian state has to **support bolstering Hamas and transferring money to Hamas**. This is part of our strategy – to isolate the Palestinians in Gaza from the Palestinians in the West Bank." (quoted in Haaretz, October 9, 2023)

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Most people are not interested in what goes down in Gaza; however, what occurs there will inevitably cast shadows over their lives. It is not due to ignorance but rather everyone is so busy on their own treadmill of existence, working, raising families, buried in the race of financial making ends meet every month.

The map below is of the Gaza area that borders with Egypt, Gaza is a coastal strip of land that lay on ancient trading and maritime routes along the Mediterranean shore. Held by the Ottoman Empire until 1917, it passed from British to Egyptian to Israeli military rule over the last century and is now a fenced-in enclave inhabited by over 2 million Palestinians.

Here are some of the major milestones in its recent history.

1948 - End of British rule

As British colonial rule came to an end in Palestine in the late 1940s, violence intensified between Jews and Arabs, culminating in war between the newly created State of Israel and its Arab neighbors in May 1948.

Tens of thousands of Palestinians took refuge in Gaza after fleeing or being driven from their homes. The invading Egyptian army had seized a narrow coastal strip 25 miles (40 km) long, which ran from the Sinai to just south of Ashkelon. The influx of refugees saw Gaza's population triple to around 200,000.

1950s & 1960s - Egyptian military rule

Egypt held the Gaza Strip for two decades under a military governor, allowing Palestinians to work and study in Egypt. Armed Palestinian "fedayeen," many of them refugees, mounted attacks into Israel, drawing reprisals.

The United Nations set up a refugee agency, UNRWA, which today provides services for 1.6 million registered Palestine refugees in Gaza, as well as for Palestinians in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and the West Bank.



1967 - War and Israeli military occupation

Israel captured the Gaza Strip in the 1967 Middle East war. An Israeli census that year put Gaza's population at 394,000, at least 60% of them refugees.

With the Egyptians gone, many Gazan workers took jobs in the agriculture, construction and services industries inside Israel, to which they could gain easy access at that time.

Israeli troops remained to administer the territory and to guard the settlements that Israel built in the following decades. These became a source of growing Palestinian resentment.

#### 1987 - First Palestinian uprising. Hamas formed

Twenty years after the 1967 war, Palestinians launched their first intifada, or uprising. It began in December 1987 after a traffic accident in which an Israeli truck crashed into a vehicle carrying Palestinian workers in Gaza's Jabalya refugee camp, killing four. Stonethrowing protests, strikes and shutdowns followed.

Seizing the angry mood, the Egypt-based Muslim Brotherhood created an armed Palestinian branch, Hamas, with its power base in Gaza. Hamas, dedicated to Israel's destruction and restoration of Islamic rule in what it saw as occupied Palestine, became a rival to Yasser Arafat's secular Fatah party that led the Palestine Liberation Organization.

#### 1993 - The Oslo Accords, and Palestinian semi-autonomy

Israel and the Palestinians signed an historic peace accord in 1993 that led to the creation of the Palestinian Authority. Under the interim deal, Palestinians were first given limited control in Gaza, and Jericho in the West Bank. Arafat returned to Gaza after decades in exile. The Oslo Accords were negotiated through a back-channel by Prince Charles of Wales with Yasser Arafat in Oslo, Norway. Arafat at the last moment backed off signing the Oslo Accords due to his fear for his position as leader of the PLO would be at risk if he put his signature on the Accords, he balked.

The Oslo Accords in my opinion will resurface as Prince Charles prepares to sign (confirm) the Treaty with the Many of Daniel 9:27. Charles has done more to build trust and respect with the leadership of the PLO than any leader in the world. The Daniel 9:27 prophecy dominates the geo-politics more so than the rest of the COP28 agenda of Sustainable Development SDRs. I can think of nothing more convincing to the world to accept Prince Charles of Wales as the Messiah than by (pulling off) achieving an agreement that would bring "peace and safety", even if it fails during the first half of the Tribulation. Charles has already been vetted by the Jewish rabbinical system to meet the requirements of being their Messiah! I have covered the Oslo Accords issue for 34 years and believe this will be Prince Charles coup de grâce moment. As the calendar winds down to the COP28 event, we can anticipate our Departure as I noted on page 1!

The Oslo process gave the newly created Palestinian Authority some autonomy and envisaged statehood after five years. But that never happened. Israel accused the Palestinians of reneging on security agreements, and Palestinians were angered by continued Israeli settlement building.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad carried out bombings to try to derail the peace process, leading Israel to impose more restrictions on movement of Palestinians out of Gaza.

Hamas also picked up on growing Palestinian criticisms of corruption, nepotism and economic mismanagement by Arafat's inner circle.

#### 2000 - Second Palestinian intifada

In 2000, Israeli-Palestinian relations sank to a new low with the outbreak of the second Palestinian intifada. It ushered in a period of suicide bombings and shooting attacks by Palestinians, and Israeli air strikes, demolitions, no-go zones and curfews.

One casualty was Gaza International Airport, a symbol of thwarted Palestinian hopes for economic independence and the Palestinians' only direct link to the outside world that was not controlled by Israel or Egypt. Opened in 1998, Israel deemed it a security threat and destroyed its radar antenna and runway a few months after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States.

Another casualty was Gaza's fishing industry, a source of income for tens of thousands. Gaza's fishing zone was reduced by Israel, a restriction it said was necessary to stop boats smuggling weapons.

#### 2005 - Israel evacuates its Gaza settlements

In August 2005 Israel evacuated all its troops and settlers from Gaza, which was by then completely fenced off from the outside world by Israel.

Palestinians tore down the abandoned buildings and infrastructure for scrap. The settlements' removal led to greater freedom of movement within Gaza, and a "tunnel economy" boomed as armed groups, smugglers and entrepreneurs quickly dug scores of tunnels into Egypt.

But the pullout also removed settlement factories, greenhouses and workshops that had employed some Gazans.

#### 2006 - Isolation under Hamas

In 2006, Hamas scored a surprise victory in Palestinian parliamentary elections and then seized full control of Gaza, overthrowing forces loyal to Arafat's successor, President Mahmoud Abbas.

Much of the international community cut aid to the Palestinians in Hamas-controlled areas because they regarded Hamas as a terrorist organization.

Israel stopped tens of thousands of Palestinian workers from entering the country, cutting off an important source of income. Israeli air strikes crippled Gaza's only electrical power plant, causing widespread blackouts. Citing security concerns, Israel and Egypt also imposed tighter restrictions on the movement of people and goods through the Gaza crossings.

Ambitious Hamas plans to refocus Gaza's economy east, away from Israel, foundered before they even started.

Viewing Hamas as a threat, Egypt's military-backed leader Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, who took power in 2014, closed the border with Gaza and blew up most of the tunnels. Once again isolated, Gaza's economy went into reverse.

### Conflict cycle

Gaza's economy has suffered repeatedly in the cycle of conflict, attack and retaliation between Israel and Palestinian militant groups.

Before 2023, some of the worst fighting was in 2014, when Hamas and other groups launched rockets at heartland cities in Israel. Israel carried out air strikes and artillery bombardment that devastated neighborhoods in Gaza. More than 2,100 Palestinians were killed, mostly civilians. Israel put the number of its dead at 67 soldiers and six civilians.

### 2023 - Surprise attack

While Israel was led to believe it was containing a war-weary Hamas by providing economic incentives to Gazan workers, the group's fighters were being trained and drilled in secret.

On Oct.7, Hamas gunmen launched a surprise attack on Israel, rampaging through towns, killing hundreds, and taking dozens of hostages back to Gaza. Israel took revenge, hammering Gaza with air strikes and razing entire districts in some of the worst blood-letting in the 75 years of conflict.

In Blessed Hope #214 and #215, we looked at the overlay of Ezekiel 38 and 39 which is unfolding in the near short term of history. In doing so, I took out of the greater context of Ezekiel to focus on what is believed to be the larger war of greater significance. In doing so it would have seemed to overlook what precedes the big war where God proves that He is the God of Israel and delivers Israel from the forces of Satan. The Ezekiel scenario is the whole enchilada but masks or hides the run-up phase that resulted in getting the world in a lather of fear and confusion. Regardless of what we know to date, that is as who did or did not know what, there is a Biblical discourse that framed the event itself. We can find order in God's unfolding plan of the End Days!

This war between the Palestinians and Israel is the prelude to the much larger conflict that will unfold in Ezekiel 38 and 39 as Israel annihilates the Gaza State. The Bible tells us much about Gaza, found **19X** times in 18 verses. This is where "word" studies provide essential details in the background of the Gaza strip. Gaza has no chance of winning its war with Israel regardless of what the world might believe or think, and notwithstanding whatever the strength of the Muslim and Arab world might really be.

We can see that Damascus in Amos 1:3; 1:5; 3:12; and 5:27. The destruction of Damascus spoken of in Isaiah 17:1 is what we should be anticipating to occur.

The Bible tells us a lot about Damascus and is found **60X** times in 55 verses and as early as in Genesis. Historically, Damascus has been untouched or destroyed throughout its nearly 10,000 years of existence. Isaiah 17:1 states: "The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap." -(Isaiah 17:1) This passage was a future prophecy, and yet is told as history in advance. God revealed a great deal about the End Times and so Isaiah 17:1 and Isaiah 66:8, besides prediction of key events are there for proving Who it is that wants the woke generations to awaken from their slumber before judgment falls on the world. If you doubt that, then go and read John 3:16-18 again as a refresher passage.

"Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:" –(Amos 1:3)

In seven powerful messages, God pronounces judgment on nations surrounding Israel. He knew their thoughts and their sins, and He was concerned about them. They thought they had their own gods, but Yahweh is not just the God of Israel. He is Lord over all nations, and his power reaches everywhere. The nations of the world once knew God, but they revolted against Him, putting themselves on the throne and exalting their own wisdom instead of seeking God's wisdom -(Romans 1:18-23). Though they did not acknowledge Him, He is the One True God, and they were all accountable to Him. Because of their sin, they deserved his judgment.

In each case, there is a call to listen to what the Lord says. Then the judgment on each nation is introduced with the statement "For three transgressions [rebellious sins]... and for four, I will not turn away the punishment." This was a way of emphasizing the fact that every nation mentioned had willfully gone beyond the limits of the patience of the Lord in their sins. God's word would not change. Punishment must come. It should be noted also that the nations around Israel recognized that oppressing the poor, lying, cheating, murdering, committing adultery and disturbing the dead were wrong.

In each case, God gives the reason for judgment and then the condemnation. He begins on Israel's northeast with Damascus, the most serious threat to Israel at the time. Then he goes to the Philistine city of Gaza on its southwest and Tyre on its northwest, then to nations related to Israel: Edom on the south, Ammon on the west, Moab on the southeast and Judah directly south. Only after condemning these surrounding countries, does Amos give the Lord's message of judgment on Israel. This approach was undoubtedly wise. If he had started his message by giving judgment on Israel, they might have scoffed or turned their backs on him. But they would have agreed that all their neighbors deserved God's judgment. Then, having said, "Yes, they need it!" to all the others, they put themselves in a corner, for they too were just as guilty of transgressions. They too were willful rebels against God, stirring up his wrath and deserving his punishment. This is an important point to remember as there is plenty of

guilt to go round! Blood is on the hands of all parties to this matter. Choosing sides merely complicates understanding God's Plan. Yes God has a plan and that is to wake you all up and realize God's patience has run out! You are the focus of God's Plan; He has given you the choice of your own destiny! He has provided an abundance of what God is doing to open your eyes.

Damascus is located on a main trade route in a fertile, well-watered plain; and was prosperous and proud. During the times of Elisha and Jehu, Damascus caused Israel much trouble. However, just before the time of Jeroboam II, the Assyrians under Adadnirari III (in 805-802 B.C.) and Shalmaneser IV (in 797 B.C.) conquered Damascus. Soon after, Assyria fell into hard times where defeats and a series of bubonic plagues wore them down and broke up the empire. Egypt was also weak at this time, so Jeroboam II and Uzziah, by vigorous action, were able to regain control of most of the territory and trade routes once controlled by Solomon. Jeroboam for a time controlled both Hamath and Damascus -(cf. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 14:23-27). But the cruelty of the Syrians of Damascus was not forgotten -(see 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 10:32f; 13:3-7 for what Hazael and his son Ben-Hadad III did). Their punishment was irrevocable.

The iron threshing sledges were instruments of savage torture. When Damascus attacked Gilead (the territory of Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh), they were ruthless -(cf. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 8:12; 10:32f; 13:3, 7). War is always full of atrocities, but God does not consider war an excuse for torture. Threshing was done to wheat, not to people. God wants us to treat people with respect even though they are enemies; for example, the Law required, "If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. If you see the donkey of him that hates you lying under his burden, and would forbear to help him, you shall surely help with him" -(Exodus 23:4f).

"I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD." -(Amos 1:5)

Breaking the bronze or iron bar that fastened the gates meant breaking down the gates and thus opening the city to destruction by enemies. Defeat would also come to the Valley of Aven (which literally means "vanity," "deceit," "idolatry"), that is, the Beka Valley west of Damascus where Baalbek is located. The northern Aramaens of Beth Eden (probably meaning "house of pleasure") near Haran would also lose their power, and the Syrians (Aramaens) would be taken captive to the land of Kir in the Assyrian province from which they originally came (Amos 9:7). Tiglath-Pileser III fulfilled this (2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 16:9).

"Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch." -(Amos 3:12)

In God's mercy, a remnant would be saved, but it would be a very small remnant. It would be like the two legs or the piece of an ear that a shepherd rescues from the mouth of a lion, just enough to prove to the owner that he did not steal or sell off the

sheep -(cf. Exodus 22:13). Later, Isaiah named his son Shear Jashub, "a remnant will return," not as a promise, but as a warning, "only a remnant will return." The Bible does promise, however, that God will always have a remnant of his people Israel -(cf. Romans 11:1-6).

These wealthy Israelites God was condemning were sitting in Samaria in luxury on the edge of their beds, and now that Jeroboam II had won victories, they even had apartments in Damascus where they could visit and relax on silk cushions and expensive couches. (Or the meaning may be they were relaxing in Samaria on luxurious cushions and couches imported from Damascus.) Spiritual blessings meant nothing to them in their sensual, luxurious self-indulgence. Others take the second part of this verse to be parallel to the first, thus meaning that only a corner of a couch and a piece of a leg of a bed were left because the enemy stripped the wealthy of Samaria of their luxuries. (Without the vowels which were added later, "in Damascus" can be taken as two words meaning "part of a leg.")

### "Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts." -(Amos 5:27)

The third message of judgment continues through chapter 6. Though the times were still prosperous and the people still felt no need for repentance, God wanted them to repent. Thus, this message has both appeals to seek God and terrifying warnings of judgment: only a remnant would be saved; the Day of the Lord would be dark and terrible; security would vanish; the rich would not escape. Amos 5:1-17 has a chiastic structure beginning and ending with a lament and centering in the power of the name of Yahweh God, Who creates and Who destroys!

The events of this past week have been horrible to view from a humanity stand point and serve to bring the world to focus on Israel, and what God is doing in the Middle East. Israel will be victorious and Gaza destroyed for all living there. None of the rest of the Muslim or Arab world has offered to take in the Palestinian people that have been left homeless, without basic necessities. None of these countries are interested in helping Gaza's citizens either. This is likely related to the COP28 agenda, where that part of the world is focused on their piece of the pie in the plans of the Antichrist. The Antichrist plan offers financial incentive to those that signed on to the "Sustainable Development" SDGs. God is using the events to wake up the (woke) generation of narcissists and self-absorbed people in the world who do not believe in the God of the Bible and secular Jews who have lost their spiritual roots of the Bible. These are days for reflection, repentance, and deliverance by a woke generation. Israel today is not a people of the Book!

Russia maintains dialogue both with Israel and Palestine, it is important to maintain a balanced approach in order to participate in the settlement process, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Wednesday.

"We maintain dialogue with the two countries. Of course, one cannot help but condemn acts that cannot be called anything other than terrorism," Peskov told reporters, adding that "it is important for ... [Moscow] to maintain a balanced approach."

Russia must maintain an equal distance, which will give it the right to participate in the settlement process, the official added.

Russia can use its position as a permanent member of the UN Security Council to help resolve the conflict between Israel and Palestine, Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed al-Sudani suggested during a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday.

In his speech at the plenary session of Russian Energy Week in Moscow, the Iraqi leader stressed that "the forces of good should unite" and personally appealed to Putin to propose an initiative for a ceasefire and "real" solution to the "Palestinian problem."

Al-Sudani claimed that the consequences of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are now hard to predict as the Islamic world is "seething" amid the recent escalation.

During the meeting, Putin argued that the conflict in Gaza ultimately stems from the fact that when the state of Israel was created, there was also a promise to establish a sovereign Palestinian state.

"Israel, as we know, was created, but Palestine, as an independent and sovereign state, was never created," Putin said. He added that over the years, Israel has also occupied parts of historically Palestinian territories, mainly with the use of military force.

According to the Russian president, the Palestinian problem is currently "within the heart" of every person in the Middle East, and everything that has happened over the past several decades is perceived as a "manifestation of injustice raised to some incredible degree."

Putin blames U.S. for Middle East violence.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov stated in an interview on Wednesday that Russia can and will continue to play a role in settling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and will maintain dialogue and an "equal distance" with both sides.

Previously, Putin stated that the recent escalation in Gaza, which started with a surprise attack on Israeli territory by Hamas militants on Saturday, was ultimately down to failed U.S. policies in the Middle East.

"[The U.S.] tried to monopolize the peace settlement, but unfortunately paid no attention to searching for compromises that would be acceptable for both parties," the Russian president said. He claimed that Washington had put pressure on both sides in an

attempt to impose its own solutions to the issue, without ever taking into account the core interests of the Palestinian people.

Hamas, a Palestinian militant group which controls much of Gaza, launched 'Operation Al-Aqsa Flood' on Saturday, firing rockets and sending commandos deep into Israeli territory. The Israel Defense Force (IDF) responded by bombing Gaza and cutting off all of its utilities, as Israel made an official declaration of war.

As of Thursday afternoon, Israel had recorded at least 1,300 dead, and 2,900 injured among its citizens. The Palestinian authorities in Gaza have recorded at least 1,200 dead and over 5,000 wounded since the outbreak of hostilities.

### Iran's Raisi & Saudi Crown Prince Hold 1st Ever Phone Call Amid Israel-Gaza War

When I first heard about this report from Zero Hedge, I pulled back in surprise. Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MbS) held their **first-ever telephone conversation** late on Wednesday to discuss *"the need to end war crimes against Palestine."* 

State-run news agency Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said MBS stressed the "necessity of adhering to the principles of international humanitarian law and expressed deep concern for the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza and its impact on civilians" and "reaffirmed the kingdom's stance against targeting civilians in any way and the loss of innocent lives."

**MbS doubled down on his support for the Palestinian cause** and his support for "efforts aimed at achieving comprehensive and fair peace that ensures the Palestinian people's legitimate rights."

According to Mohammad Jamshidi, political advisor to the Iranian president, the crown prince warned that failing to recognize Palestinian rights would further inflame the situation, adding that "cooperation between Riyadh and Tehran can contribute effectively and quickly to putting an end to the conflict inside Palestine."

Raisi emphasized that the issue of Palestine "cannot be solved" without giving the Palestinians full rights.

The current situation in Palestine results from "repeated miscalculations by Western countries, led by the US," Raisi said.

"Iran and Saudi Arabia, as major players in the region, can support the oppressed Palestinian people in the current circumstances, which are sensitive circumstances," Raisi added.

Raisi also warned, "the crimes of the occupation and the American green light will cause devastating insecurity for [Israel] and its supporters."



Iran and Saudi Arabia signed a historic Chinese-brokered reconciliation agreement in March this year to end years of regional tension between the two countries.

Several months later, Saudi Arabia entered U.S.-sponsored talks to normalize ties with Israel. While publicly holding on to the Palestinian issue as a condition, Riyadh made major demands in exchange for a deal, including a firm defense treaty with Washington, help developing a nuclear program, and access to more advanced weaponry. That in my view suggests an insidious agenda at work.

But Hamas "Operation Al-Aqsa Flood" and the devastating Israeli response against civilians in the Gaza Strip have seemingly **eroded any hope of the deal being reached**.

According to 'The Cradle' columnist Mohammad Sweidan, Riyadh will now "find it nigh near impossible to abandon the request for Israeli concessions, particularly with Tel Aviv's aggressive bombardment of civilians in the Gaza Strip now a daily occurrence."

When you look at a map of this part of the world, you should be asking, "Why does not Saudi Arabia take the Palestinians under their wings", they were originally to be settled in Jordan when Israel became a state in 1948. The green area in the map below is the nation of Islam. Christians in any of those countries in green are persecuted and abused far more than the Palestinians are by the Jews of Israel. The Palestinians are pawns in the game of thrones; they become a wedge segment to keep the pot churning over the control of key assets of these countries.



King Charles held a private audience with Britain's Chief Rabbi, Sir Ephraim Mirvis, at Buckingham Palace Thursday afternoon.

"At a time when Jews around the world are grieving following the unspeakable evil perpetrated against loved ones in Israel, I want to thank His Majesty King Charles III for expressing in person his deep concern, and his support for the Jewish community,"

Rabbi Mirvis wrote on X (formerly Twitter). "His words of comfort and solidarity give us strength at this dark time."

According to Buckingham Palace, Rabbi Mirvis and King Charles spoke about ways to support interfaith harmony in the UK and their continued hope about a path to peace in Israel and Palestine.

Yesterday, a Palace spokesperson shared "This is a situation His Majesty is extremely concerned about, and he has asked to be kept actively updated. His thoughts and prayers are with all of those suffering, particularly those who have lost loved ones, but also those actively involved as we speak." King Charles also had private conversations with Israel's President Herzog and King Abdullah of Jordan.

Rabbi Mirvis has been chief rabbi of the UK since 2013, and he attended the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla earlier this year. Due to his Shabbat observance, Charles invited Rabbi Mirvis and his wife, Valerie Mirvis, to stay at Clarence House the night before the coronation, so they could walk to Westminster Abbey. Similarly, in September 2022 during a reception with faith leaders following the death of Queen Elizabeth, King Charles moved the time of the event so Rabbi Mirvis could attend. At the time, a source told the 'Jewish Chronicle', "Of all the things the royal staff have to consider, with the crazy schedule the King has at the moment, to move things around"

out of respect for the Chief Rabbi and Shabbat is quite a gesture." This year, King Charles knighted Rabbi Mirvis in his first honors list.



King Charles III receives Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis.

Mirvis was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, one of the UK's highest honors, according to a Friday announcement by the UK cabinet office. reception at Buckingham Palace, London September 16, 2022.

Britain's Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis was be knighted by King Charles III in recognition of his interfaith initiatives, work with the Jewish community, educational programs and other activities.

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"I am enormously honored and deeply humbled by this award," Mirvis said in a statement to UK media. "It will be particularly moving for me to receive this award from his majesty the king in his first year as our monarch."

Mirvis was honored for his Jewish-Muslim community engagement projects; a program bringing together Anglican and Jewish clergy; working toward greater inclusivity in Orthodox Jewish life and opening opportunities for female leadership in the Jewish

community; advocating for Uyghur Muslims; and an LGBTQ education initiative, among other programs.

Mirvis received the honor as part of the king's annual New Year Honours List. The 2023 honors list was the first Charles signed off on, after the death of Queen Elizabeth II in September.



### Pope Francis Declares Klaus Schwab Is 'More Important' Than Jesus Christ

The world has entered dark and stormy times, according to Pope Francis who says humanity must put its faith in World Economic Forum founder Klaus Schwab who is the man with the plan to restore nature to its position of primacy in the world order.

According to Pope Francis, Klaus Schwab has emerged as a "more important figure" than Jesus Christ in the current era because Jesus wants to save souls, and Schwab understands that we need less souls.

Pope Francis' comments have caused a storm in the Vatican, but should we really be surprised by his support for Schwab's Nazi-style eugenics program? As an <u>Agenda Contributor</u> at the WEF, Pope Francis is fluent in blasphemy and is actively working to subvert the church and Christianity in general.

Should we really be surprised that the blasphemous Pope is siding with the globalists? This is the pope who joined forces **with Bill Clinton** last month to announce that humanity must be urgently depopulated to save the planet.

And this is the pope who informed his flock that "relationships with Jesus are dangerous and harmful." Breaking with centuries of Christian tradition, Francis sparked fears that he is an illegitimate pope with a sinister agenda when he told a crowd of 33,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's Square that "a personal, direct, immediate relationship with Jesus Christ" must be avoided at all costs.

As though that wasn't disturbing enough, Francis followed up by <u>ordering</u> Christians to stop bringing people from other faiths to Jesus and Christianity.

And then he ordered his lackeys in the Vatican to proclaim that Lucifer is the God of the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis is a Satanist hiding in plain sight.

That's right, according to Pope Francis' twisted mind, Lucifer is Jesus Christ's father and the God of the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis' inverted version of Christianity is confusing for many, however the picture becomes clear when you understand who the pontiff is *really* serving.

To quote French presidential candidate Marine Le Pen, Pope Francis is a "<u>globalist</u> <u>bulldog</u>" who is loyal to the New World Order.

WikiLeaks <u>emails</u> taught us that Francis was installed in the Vatican in a globalist coup orchestrated by George Soros, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

And the globalist bulldog wasted no time repaying his globalist masters by repeating disturbing globalist rhetoric at every opportunity.

In 2017, Pope Francis called for a <u>"one world government"</u> and "political authority", arguing that the creation of the one world government is needed to combat issues such as "climate change."

Speaking with Ecuador's El Universo newspaper, the Pope said that the United Nations does not have enough power and must be granted full governmental control "for the good of humanity."

Disturbingly, world religious leaders are also beginning to come together as one to preach from the same hymn sheet, instructing their sheep to accept the components of the New World Order's one world government.

Now, Pope Francis is actively defying Biblical Scripture by working to create a "one world religion."

First Francis shocked the Christian world by hosting Islamic prayers and Quran recitals in the Vatican.

Christians around the world should visit mosques and praise Allah, according to Pope Francis who led by example on his visit to Istanbul by entering the Blue Mosque, taking off his shoes, facing Mecca, and praising the Muslim god.

Then came the pagan ceremony and brazen idol worship on Vatican grounds.

Somebody needs to remind Francis that the Bible says "You shall have no other gods before me." This is expressed in **Exodus 20:3**, **Matthew 4:10**, **Luke 4:8** and elsewhere.

But it's unlikely Francis would be interested. He is more interested in overruling God's word and eradicating Christianity in favor of what he calls "Chrislam."

In case you missed it, world leaders from a diverse collection of communities called for world unity at an inter-religious conference in Kazakhstan last year. According to Francis, "religious pluralism," which is expressly forbidden in the Bible, is an expression of "the wisdom of God's will."

Here is some of the story from the Catholic News Agency:

The interreligious congress in which Pope Francis participated this week in Kazakhstan adopted a declaration calling religious pluralism an expression "of the wisdom of God's will in creation."

The 35-point declaration was "adopted by the majority of the delegates" of the Seventh Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions Sept. 15 in the capital city of Nur-Sultan.

Pope Francis participated in the opening and closing ceremonies of the interreligious summit during his Sept. 13–15 visit to the Central Asian country.

It's not the first time the pope has encouraged humanity to accept the New World Order and all that it entails.

In 2019, Pope Francis signed a <u>historic covenant</u> with leaders of the world's major faiths, pushing us much closer to a one-world religion, one of the major goals of the New World Order.

According to the document produced by Pope Francis and published on the Vatican's <u>official website</u>, all religions must be considered equal, and Islam is as acceptable to God as Christianity.

In reality, the call for global government and one world religion by Pope Francis and other wealthy elites has nothing to do with lifting up impoverished nations or "saving humanity." Such a government would instead guarantee global wealth inequality, global surveillance of the kind promoted by Klaus Schwab's WEF, and a world run by the exact corrupt interests who used the pandemic to consolidate wealth and power worldwide.

### Is Pope Francis the antichrist? [NO but he is the False Prophet!]

From the moment that Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio became pope in 2013, "prophecy experts" took to the airwaves, claiming that the new pope is "Peter the Roman," the fulfillment of the "prophecy of St. Malachy" and that Francis will be the final pope and the end of the world.

According to St. Malachy, an Irish saint who had correctly predicted the past 111 popes ahead of the naming of the 112th pope, "Peter the Roman" would be the antichrist.

Doomsday fans have found ways to link each phrase to a corresponding pope through the centuries. That includes John Paul II, who is associated with phrase No. 110, "From the labor of the sun," because he was born on the day of a solar eclipse and was entombed on the day of a solar eclipse as well. Benedict XVI, No. 111, is supposedly "glory of the olive" because some members of a branch of the monastic order founded by St. Benedict are known as Olivetans.

Then there's No. 112. According to St. Malachy: "In the extreme persecution of the Holy Roman Church, there will sit ... Peter the Roman, who will nourish the sheep in many tribulations; when they are finished, the city of seven hills will be destroyed, and the dreadful judge will judge his people. The end."

So how does "Peter the Roman" link to Pope Francis, who was born in Argentina? His parents were Italian immigrants, from Rome, and his birth name contained the name Peter. One theologian, Michael K. Lake, is quoted as saying that "Catholic and evangelical scholars have dreaded this moment for centuries."

The world is now at a tipping point, with a fierce battle raging for the soul of humanity. The globalists and their technocratic dreams of totalitarian rule threaten to consume humanity and destroy civilization as we know it.

It's clear whose side Francis is on. And we haven't even covered the pedophilia scandal that is rotting the Catholic church from the inside out.

### Pope Francis Met with Muslim COP-28 President to Advance Rome's Climate Message

You know our world is in trouble when top Muslim politicians do the Pope's bidding. It should come as no surprise that this is exactly what is taking place. On October 11, 2023, Pope Francis met with Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, the President of the United Nations Climate Summit (COP28). Al-Jaber also represents the United Arab Emirates as their Special Envoy on Climate Change. He met with the Pope to demonstrate his support for Laudate Deum's worldwide call for action on the climate crisis. In an interview with Vatican News following the Pope's meeting, Dr. Sultan Al Jaber praised Pope Francis' encyclical Laudate Deum.

The Vatican News published the following:

- Vatican News: "Pope Francis has recently released the apostolic exhortation Laudate Deum: a cry of alarm before it's too late to contain the consequences of the climate crisis. What are your thoughts on this document?"
- Sultan Al Jaber: "We welcome the Pope's urgent call for increased climate action. We share his hope 'that COP28 will allow for a decisive acceleration of energy transition.' COP28 will be a COP of action. It needs to be. Our Presidency is fully committed to doing all we can to unite the Parties, to ensure inclusivity, to drive clear commitments and action, and to deliver ambitious climate action for people around the globe. In my meeting with His Holiness, I underlined the UAE's appreciation for his unwavering advocacy for positive climate action to advance human progress." [1]
- Vatican News: "Mr. President, can you briefly outline the objectives of the upcoming COP in Dubai?"
- Sultan Al Jaber: "The COP28 Presidency has developed its Action Agenda with four key pillars: Fast-tracking a just and orderly energy transition, fixing climate finance, focusing on people, nature, lives and livelihoods, and underpinning everything with full inclusivity. It is time to unite the world and act together to deliver actionable solutions to the climate crisis." [1]

In the book of Revelation, a power is presented that is cunning and will play a role in imposing itself in the affairs of the nations. This beast will forge alliances with politicians, economists, bankers, and business leaders. It will also unite politics and religions and bring the churches under her control. Indeed, God's word makes it abundantly clear that during these last days, this same power will be plotting to rule the world:

### "And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." – (Revelation 13:7)

Pope Francis makes it very difficult for people not to apply this verse to Rome because he is leading out in uniting the entire world to save the planet, even as the souls of men and women perish in sin. Pope Francis is creating an unholy alliance with the Muslim, Christian, and secular worlds to impose a totalitarian globalist system of governance. This is the heart of Laudate Deum and serves as the framework for Rome's New World Order.

We must resist Laudato Si', Laudate Deum, Fratelli Tutti, and every draconian measure designed to chart a new course for the planet. Many of these political shifts are being orchestrated by the Vatican, which is pulling the strings from behind the scenes. The problem is that such efforts will lead to the establishment of a global Marxist-Socialist political system, described in Revelation 13, which will result in the loss of civil and religious liberties as well as our Judeo-Christian and Protestant heritage.

The real reason for the rise in man-made and natural disasters in the last days is due to the fact that these are the signs of the end, signaling that Jesus will return again. Transgression, not CO2, is the true cause of the destructive weather patterns.

## Saudi Arabia shelves Israel peace deal – Reuters The Kingdom reportedly put the US-brokered normalization plan on ice over Israel's bombardment of Gaza

Saudi Arabia has suspended plans to normalize relations with Israel amid the latter's ongoing war with Palestinian Hamas militants, Reuters reported on Friday. Backed by the US, the deal would have been a diplomatic coup for Washington and a strategic blow to Iran.

Prior to Hamas' surprise attack on Israel on Saturday, Saudi Arabia and Israel were drawing close to a deal that would have seen the Sunni kingdom recognize the Jewish state, with Saudi Arabia gaining a defense pact with the US and more advanced American weapons in exchange, although the White House stressed that the precise terms had yet to be worked out.

With Israeli warplanes continually bombing Gaza since Saturday and an invasion of the Palestinian enclave reportedly imminent, Saudi officials paused the deal to avoid setting off a wave of anger across the Muslim world, Reuters reported, citing two sources close to Riyadh.

### Saudi Arabia expresses 'unwavering' support for Palestine

The sources stressed that the deal is not permanently scrapped, but that Riyadh will likely require any future agreement to include significant concessions to the Palestinians from the Israeli side.

Nearly 2,000 people, including 583 children, have been killed in Israeli airstrikes on Gaza, according to the latest figures from the Palestinian Health Ministry. More than 1,300 Israelis have died since Saturday, and more than 100 are believed to be in Hamas captivity in Gaza.

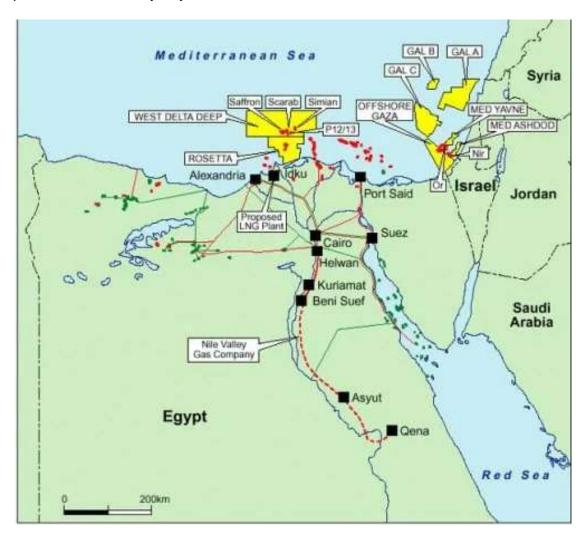
Israel's heavy-handed response, including its imposition of a total siege on Gaza, has brought the country's Muslim neighbors closer together. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi spoke by phone on Wednesday, their first conversation since the two geopolitical rivals re-established diplomatic ties in a Chinese-brokered deal in March.

Iranian state media said that the pair discussed the "need to end war crimes against Palestine," while Saudi state media said that the prince promised to make "all possible efforts...to stop the ongoing escalation."

Iran bitterly opposed the planned normalization deal, which would have seen its two primary regional opponents drawn closer together, with one entering a formal alliance with the U.S. Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has also warned the entire Arab world against normalizing relations with the "Zionist regime" in Israel.

Less than a week before Hamas' attack, Khamenei called Israel a "cancer" that will "God willing, be eradicated by the hands of the Palestinian people and the resistance forces throughout the region."

The plot thickens as they say!



Discovered in 2000, there are extensive gas reserves off the Gaza coastline:

It should be noted that 60 percent of the gas reserves along the Gaza-Israel coastline belong to Palestine.

The BG Group drilled two wells in 2000: Gaza Marine-1 and Gaza Marine-2. Reserves are estimated by British Gas to be of the order of 1.4 trillion cubic feet, valued at approximately 4 billion dollars. These are the figures made public by British Gas. The size of Palestine's gas reserves could be much larger.

Who Owns the Gas Fields?

The issue of sovereignty over Gaza's gas fields is crucial. From a legal standpoint, the gas reserves belong to Palestine.

The death of Yasser Arafat, the election of the Hamas government and the ruin of the Palestinian Authority have enabled Israel to establish de facto control over Gaza's offshore gas reserves.

British Gas (BG Group) has been dealing with the Tel Aviv government. In turn, the Hamas government has been bypassed in regards to exploration and development rights over the gas fields.

In 2006, British Gas "was close to signing a deal to pump the gas to Egypt." (Times, May, 23, 2007). According to reports, British Prime Minister Tony Blair intervened on behalf of Israel with a view to shunting the agreement with Egypt.

The military occupation of Gaza is intent upon transferring the sovereignty of the gas fields to Israel in violation of international law."

### Hamas was created by Israeli and US intelligence services to counteract Yasser Arafat, Ron Paul explains

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The recent terror attack on Israel by Hamas is a senseless tragedy that we can already see is going to have lasting repercussions on world affairs, especially in the Middle East. Why, then, did the United States and Israel itself <u>create Hamas</u> back in the 1970s?

Before Hamas was what it is today, it was just a fringe group of Palestinian Muslims with no real power. Today, Hamas rules Gaza with an iron fist, and all because of the U.S. and Israel, according to former congressman and presidential candidate Ron Paul.

Former Israeli officials like Brig. Gen. Yitzhak Segev, who served in the Israeli military in the 1980s, fully admit to this. Segev told a *New York Times* reporter that he helped finance the Palestinian Islamist movement as a "counterweight" to the secularists and leftists of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and the Fatah party, which was led by Yasser Arafat.

Arafat himself famously referred to Hamas as "a creature of Israel," and Segev agrees, having taken money from the Israeli government to create this terrorist group in the first place.

"The Israeli government gave me a budget," Segev confessed about what happened. "And the military government gives to the mosques."

Former Israeli religious affairs official Aver Cohen, who worked in Gaza for more than 20 years, told the *Wall Street Journal* back in 2009 that he, too, played a direct role in the creation of Hamas.



"Hamas, to my great regret, is Israel's creation," Cohen is quoted as saying.

(Related: Ron Paul has always been rejected from Big Politics for his unpopular, but oftentimes correct, viewpoints that contradict the established order of things.)

### Israel and the U.S. are the biggest funders, creators and exporters of terror worldwide

Back in the mid-1980s, Cohen wrote an official report to his superiors warning them not to deploy this divide-and-conquer plot in the Occupied Territories, which as we can now see is being used as an excuse for Israel to go in and basically gut Gaza.

"I suggest focusing our efforts on finding ways to break up this monster before this reality jumps in our face," Cohen wrote in his letter.

Cohen was ignored, of course. And now, decades later, Hamas has become a scapegoat for Israel to wage full-scale war on not just the Palestinians living in Gaza, but also the big dog: Iran.

"Hamas was encouraged and really started by Israel and the United States to counteract Yasser Arafat," Paul stated in a congressional testimony from a while back that you can watch below:

None of this is really all that shocking when considering the U.S., which has long acted as Israel's military arm, is notorious for funding and sparking the creation of new terrorist groups that are then used to destabilize nations as a pretext for more war.

"Many of the terrorist groups currently in existence have been influenced or supported in some way by the United States," Revolver explains.

"This often happens when the U.S. is involved in funding wars or supporting certain groups labeled as 'rebels.' As time passes, these same 'rebels' we once supported often become our sworn enemies, perpetuating the cycle of endless forever wars."

### Land invasion of Gaza begins Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Late Friday evening Amir Tsarfati, a Messianic Jew and Bible prophecy teacher delivered an address from his home in the Valley of Megiddo announcing the invasion of the Gaza by 360,000 Israeli reservists activated to launch invasion land invasion of Gaza. Link to his post can be viewed at this link:

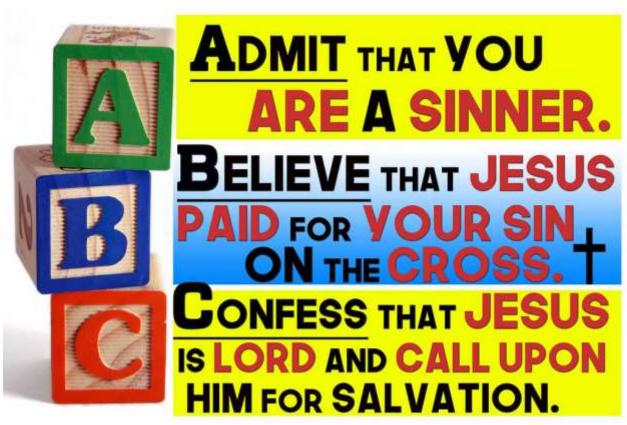
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EAEo5VRGM4

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. Russia has defense treaty agreements with Syria. The COP28 meetings are still on schedule and the calendar dates below are baked into the cake. Believers worldwide will be Raptured out of here just before or at least prior to when Prince Charles makes his rare appearance that will usher in the Great Tribulation of Daniel 9:27. Hanukkah, 2023 offers another possible Rapture date in this time frame!

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

Hanukkah 12/7/23 – 12/15/23 COP28 Begins November 30<sup>th</sup> as of 10/16/23 – 45 Days Days to end COP28 December 12<sup>th</sup> as of 10/16/23 – 57 days

Praise God!



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

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