

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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Current Events through a Biblical World View!

DIGITAL ID'S ARE BEING ROLLED OUT GLOBALLY; FROM EUROPE TO ETHIOPIA TO AUSTRALIA

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Here is a collection of news items and social media posts from the last week relating to the rollout of digital identities in various countries. But first, a brief look at who is behind the push to be able to digitally identify every person on Earth.

1. **[Bill Gates' Inclusive Financial Systems](#)**: Gates' goal is to expand access to his digital financial services to people in the lowest-income communities around the globe.

“We work with our partners to support public and private investment in digital payment infrastructure, new regulatory standards, and gender equality initiatives such as digitized government benefit payments, to ensure continued progress toward the promise of financial inclusion,” the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation webpage for its Inclusive Financial Systems states.

2. **['Digital IDs are an effective tool against poverty'](#)**: This is the deceptive title of an article, one of the updates for Gates' Inclusive Financial Systems mentioned above, published by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

“Digital ID systems are one of the three pillars of what's known as digital public infrastructure (DPI); the others are digital payment systems and data exchange systems,” the article stated.

Further reading: **[Western taxpayers are funding the global rollout of the controligarchs' surveillance and control system](#)**, The Exposé

The article goes on to note that Gates is offering his **[Modular Open Source Identity Platform](#)** (“MOSIP”) to all countries so they can build their own national identity systems for free. For free? Really? Nothing is for free. Just because

Gates is not asking for money upfront, it does not mean that he is not taking something in return.

“The original inspiration for MOSIP was India’s national digital ID system, Aadhaar, which launched in 2009. This ambitious effort would eventually enroll over 99% of all Indian adults,” the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation said.

Further reading: [Bill Gates is “inspired” by digital ID and smart farming projects in India](#), The Exposé

3. [Philippines experts weigh in on leveraging fintech, blockchain solutions](#): With insights from industry leaders, the discourse on ‘*Rebuilding Trust in the New Global Digital Economy and Digital Identity*’ highlighted how blockchain offers secure, transparent, and efficient avenues for global trade and financial inclusion. Andrew Chung, Executive Director and Chief Technology Officer of TradeLink, emphasized the need to establish a universal mechanism for digital identity in cross-border transactions. He highlighted the significance of leveraging electronic passports and digital certificates to authenticate people globally.

“We need to find a solution that can be used, no matter where you are, as long as you want to do business with your friends from the Philippines, people in Hong Kong, or other countries,” Chung said.

4. National Digital IDs for refugees in Ethiopia: The Government of Ethiopia, through its [Refugees and Returnees Service](#) (“RRS”) in partnership with the National ID Program (“NIDP”) and the UN Refugees Agency (“UNHCR”) [launched an initiative to include refugees and asylum seekers](#) into the Ethiopian Digital ID system.

The cards, which contain a unique identification number dubbed Fayda, are intended to enable [this category of persons to get access](#) to important social services, according to an announcement by the UNHCR.

5. [Digital wallet use in Greece](#): During March, 105,237 Greek citizens downloaded the Gov.gr Wallet application on their mobile phones. The number of Greeks who have downloaded the digital wallet since its launch in July 2022 is estimated at 1,877,032. The government recently expanded the application’s use making it mandatory for entrance in stadiums as of 9 April.

The [Gov.gr Wallet](#) allows a person to create, store and control their digital documents. Digital ID cards, digital driving licenses, digital disability cards, DYPA digital cards and digital cards are already supported.

The new digital ID card, digital driver’s license, digital disability card, the DYPA digital card and the digital ring card are digital documents issued through Gov.gr

and are fully equal to the paper documents. They are not international travel documents.

6. [Digital ID at center of Europe's data sharing changes](#): The European Digital Identity (“EUDI”) Wallet inches closer to reality.

The Centre of Excellence for Data Sharing and Cloud (CoE DSC), an international initiative for data sharing based in the Netherlands, has published a guide on what the European digital identity will mean for data spaces, including service providers and data sharing initiatives.

Common European data spaces are the continent's attempt to create a single market for data, ensuring that more data becomes available for use in the economy, society and research.

“Digital Identity (DI) is a key building block for data spaces,” the paper notes.

Data spaces are set to benefit from the EU-wide digital identity which will enable cross-sectoral data sharing and interoperability.

The Centre of Excellence for Data Sharing and Cloud provides an analysis of the upcoming eIDAS 2.0 regulations, which aims to introduce new trust services and regulate the EUDI Wallet for natural persons and the “Organizational Digital Identity Wallet” (ODIW) for legal entities.

7. **Australia Digital Identity Bill**: Tweeting a video yesterday, Russell Broadbent, member of the House of Representatives for Monash, said: “I’ve had a gut full of being told what I can and can’t do, say and think. Now, Australia is fast heading toward a ‘Digital Prison’ where everything will be known about you, leading to dangerous and unprecedented levels of control over your life. Speak up while you still can!”

In his video, he said: *“Just before Easter the Senate rammed through the Digital Identity Bill. No debate, no consultation and no respect for the Australian people or the Parliament ... If the past four years have taught me anything, it’s that our government and governments across the world are increasingly using tyrannical tactics to achieve their goals of increased control over every aspect of our lives.”*

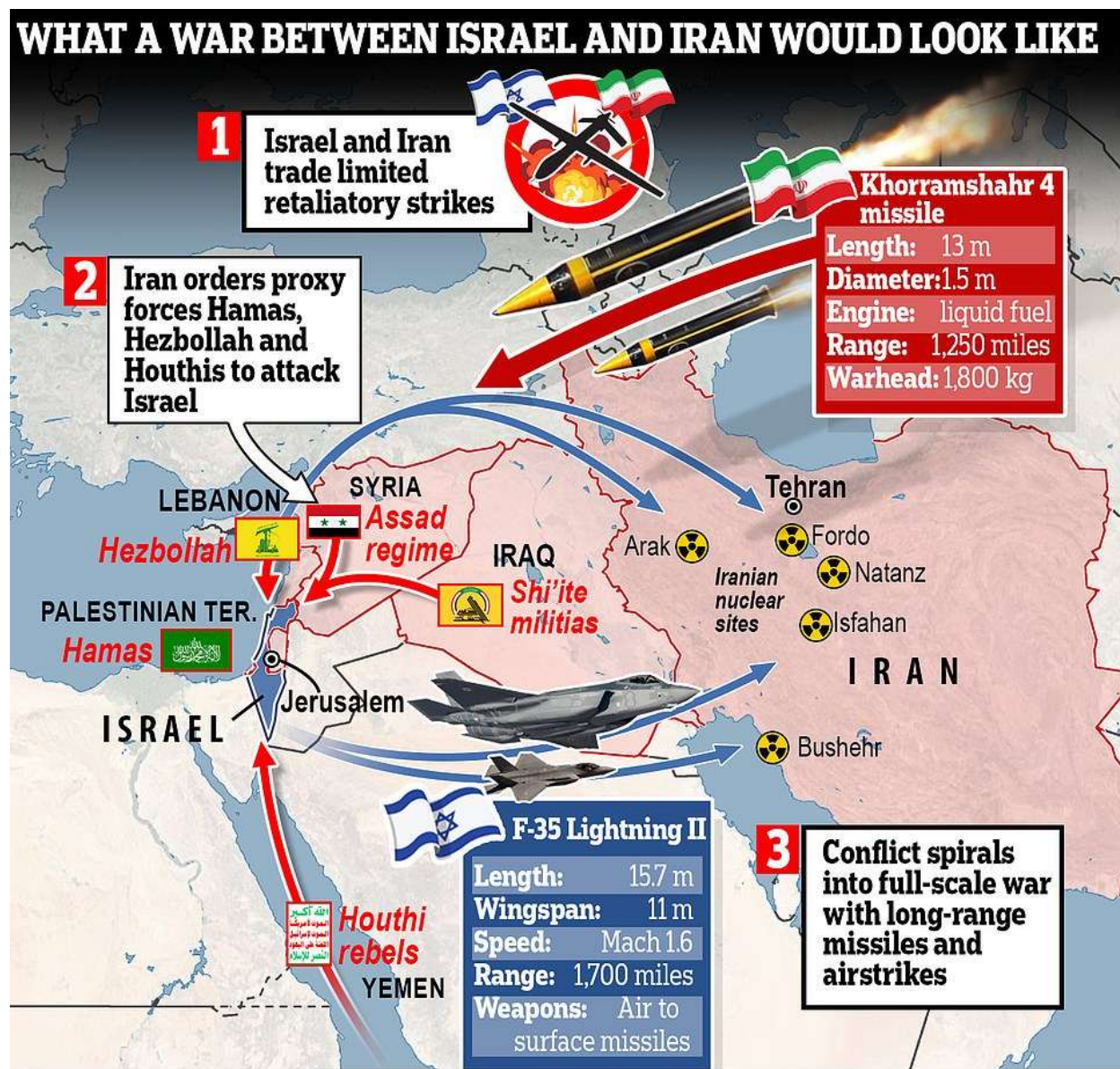
Source: [Russell Broadbent on Twitter](#), 10 April 2024 (3 mins)

8. [Hacker publishes data of almost the entire population of El Salvador](#): On 6 April, a hacker decided to make the personal information of 5.1 million Salvadorans available for free on the dark web: names, dates of birth, phone numbers, residential addresses, email addresses, and unique identity numbers ([Documento Único de Identidad](#) or DUI) numbers. The file includes millions of high-definition photos of Salvadoran citizens. The breach affects the majority of adults in the country.

It has not yet been confirmed whether the stolen data comes from registrations on the [Chivo wallet app](#), the government's electronic wallet introduced with the Bitcoin Law on 7 September 2021 to maintain both Bitcoin and US dollars. However, the suspicion is quite concrete, considering that the leaked information matches the data required for registration on the wallet.

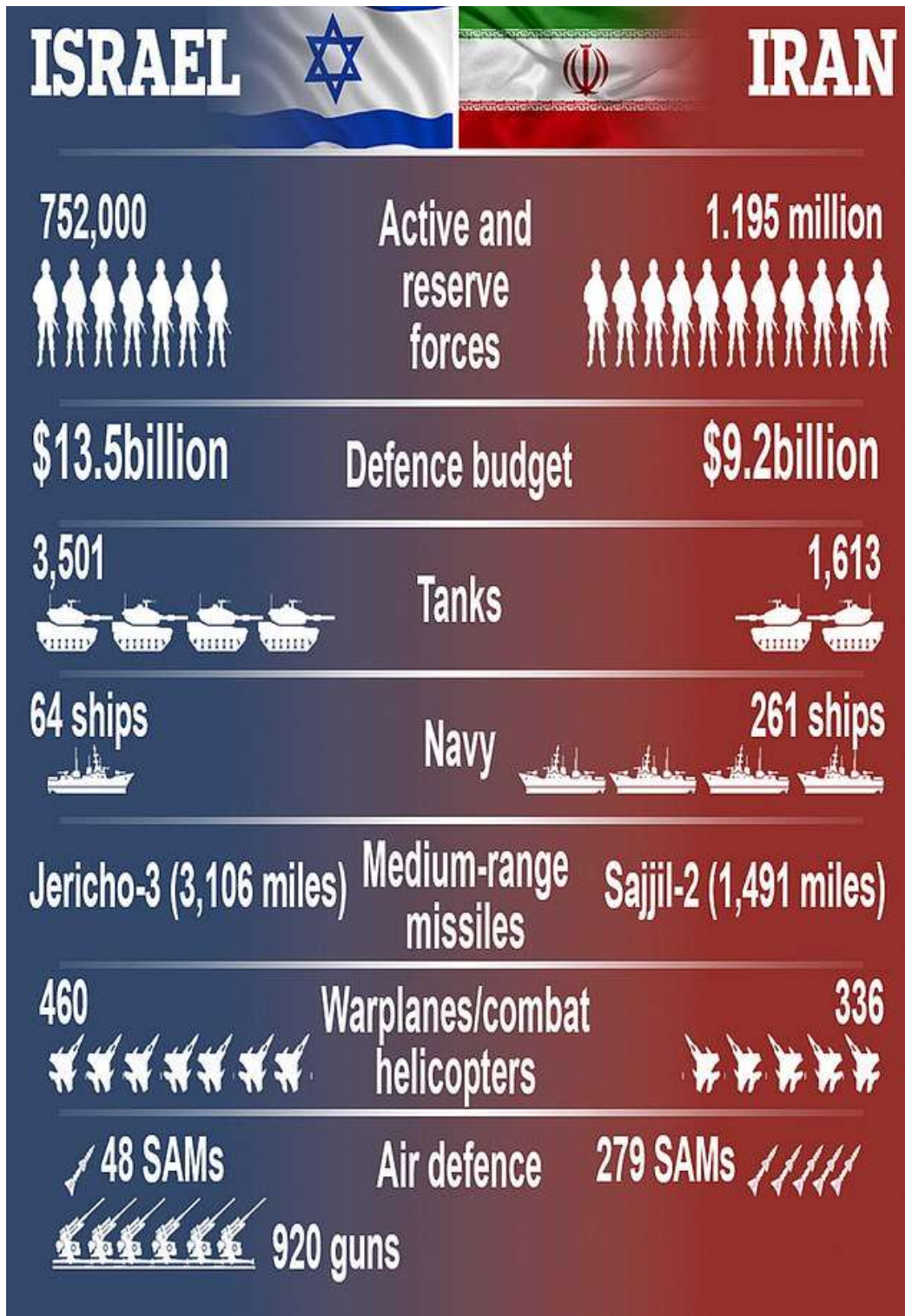
9. A reminder of where it all began: Covid vaccine passports were the precursor to digital IDs as demonstrated in China.

Ezekiel 38 War could be Imminent



The U.S. has moved more forces into the Middle East to prepare for what officials believe could be an 'imminent' strike by Iran on Israel that could spark a full-scale

war. The Pentagon is beefing up its presence in the region and the USS Dwight Eisenhower has been sent into the Red Sea in a warning to Tehran and to protect American personnel should the violence spill over, multiple reports suggest.



U.S. officials fear that hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles could be used in a retaliation for an April 1 strike on a building adjacent to the Iranian embassy in Damascus, Syria. Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei vowed retribution in the wake of the attack, to which Tel-Aviv - yet to take responsibility for the strike on Damascus.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to respond with force to any assault, leaving tensions in the Middle East on a knife-edge. Defense officials on Friday said they are moving 'additional assets to the area', hours after the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem locked down its staff.

The USS Dwight Eisenhower would be able to intercept missiles and drones fired by Iran. The White House on Friday wouldn't go as far as to say that an attack was 'imminent,' instead calling the threat 'viable.' 'We still deem the potential threat by Iran here to be real, to be viable, certainly credible and we're watching it as closely as we can,' White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters Friday.

Kirby added that the U.S. was in 'constant communication with our Israeli counterparts about making sure that they can defend themselves against those kinds of attacks.' He added that 'force posture changes' had been made to ensure the U.S. is 'properly prepared' for any Iranian assault, but declined to go into detail. The NSC spokesperson gave no details on the potential timing of such an attack, amid warnings it could happen within the next 48 hours.

[[At this point in time it is difficult to determine whether the impending conflict alludes to the War with Gog and Magog in Ezekiel 38 or it is a part of smaller conflicts that lead up to the alliance attack with Russia entering the picture. The Russian representative at the UN on Friday said the UN has to prepare for the total surrender of Ukraine in its war with Russia. NATO and the U.S. has failed to turn the tide in this conflict; having spent billions to back a corrupt leader who is determined to destroy his country knowing it is a lost cause.

When Victoria Nuland resigned her position at the State Department a month ago, it was a sign of the proverbial 'nail in the coffin' for U.S. defeat backing the Zelensky regime. Victoria Nuland had lost a decade+ long effort to break the bonds between Ukraine and Russia. This defeat will be seen as the spark that will have led to World War III.

My perspective is that Putin and his alliance with Syria and Iran will become front and center the primary focus of his attention and coalesce into the larger purview of the Gog and Magog War described in Ezekiel 38 and 39. The words of Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz swiftly replied on social media site X that 'if Iran attacks from its territory, Israel will respond and attack Iran'. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to respond with force to any assault by Iran, leaving tensions in the Middle East on a knife-edge. We have to remember

that Israel has long-held as its “Samson” Option as far back as the late 1980s. The current state of coexistence and conflict should cause concern of what is coming in the days, and weeks ahead. The Bible tells us the outcome of what we are witness to! -Pastor Bob]]

Turkey DENIES U.S. Permission to Use Airspace to Attack Iran

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The country of Turkey has DENIED permission to the U.S., to use Turkish air space to attack Iran. Turkey joins Kuwait, Qatar, and other Middle East nations in telling the US they cannot use wither bases or air space for any Iran attack.

Our "allies" seem to have finally had enough of our excusing any and every transgression perpetrated by Israel.

Israel's struggle for survival is not solely a regional conflict; it is a battle between civilization and those who think international law, human rights and the rules of war are a Western joke. Since the founding of the Islamic Republic of Iran in 1979, its rulers have been calling for "*Death to America*" – now also demanded in Dearborn, Michigan.

Israel is facing military consequences for its bombing of Iran's Embassy Compound in Damascus, Syria. The Israeli attack was, as a matter of fact and law, an *"Act of War."* The bombing of Iran's Embassy compound violated the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic relations, to which most of the world adheres.

The consequences Israel now faces is being hit back militarily, by Iran which has a formidable missile force, and equally formidable drone force. Either the U.S. or Israel want there to be any consequences, but the real world doesn't work that way.

The U.S., at first, told Iran that, as long as no U.S. facilities were targeted, the U.S. *"would not interfere."* That position quickly went out the window and today, the U.S. *"will defend Israel."*

The U.S. has moved substantial naval assets closer to the Israeli coastline, and has moved an aircraft carrier strike group into the northern part of the Red Sea. Publicly, the U.S. is pledging to intercept as many Iranian missiles as is feasible to do.

The U.S. has been speaking with the governments of countries where U.S. bases are located, and those discussions have gone absolutely nowhere. The U.S. is being repeatedly DENIED permission to use those countries for any attacks upon Iran.

The denial of permission from Qatar was especially serious; that's where the largest U.S. base in all of the Middle East is located. The refusal of permission has severely undercut U.S. ability to project force in the region.

The U.S. is openly frustrated that *"allies"* are denying permission. For some reason, the U.S. fails to see that Israel threw the first punch, and now Israel is going to get punched back.

Why the U.S. is in such denial is anyone's guess, but the countries which are denying permission realize quite clearly what their decisions are creating: A situation where "big brother USA" cannot defend the little bully, Israel.

Most of my former colleagues in the Intelligence Community have told me as of Friday night, they expect Iran to unleash a missile and drone barrage upon Israel, to hit Israeli government (military) assets.

They also tell me they expect the attack to begin THIS WEEKEND.

For its part, Israel has blustered they will counter-attack. IF they choose to do so, it will only escalate the situation.

Now that the USA is being militarily hamstrung by its "allies" perhaps the Israelis may become more amenable to getting along with neighbors . . . after they get punched back, by Iran.

The little Bully Israel seems set to get a bloody nose.

[[Iran has reportedly readied more than 100 cruise missiles as part of an 'imminent' strike on Israel after the U.S. moved more forces into the Middle East over fears an attack could spark a full-scale war.

Military officials briefed on the matter told both ABC News and CNN that the U.S. has observed Iran readying at least 100 cruise missiles, indicating they could be ready to attack.

ABC also reported that a large number of drones that could be used in an attack on Israel have also been readied by the nation.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, warned Wednesday that Israel 'must be punished and will be punished', days after one of his advisers said Israeli embassies are 'no longer safe'.

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'Out of an abundance of caution, U.S. government employees and their family members are restricted from personal travel outside the greater Tel Aviv, ... Jerusalem, and Be'er Sheva areas until further notice,' the security alert read.

Iran enjoys a heavy advantage in terms of sheer manpower, boasting a collective active and reserve military of roughly 1.2 million troops as well as thousands upon thousands of artillery systems.

Israel meanwhile has around 750,000 active and military personnel at its disposal - but hundreds of thousands of these are already engaged in operations in and around Gaza, while others maintain a presence in the north to ward off border attacks from Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Though Israel is outnumbered, it is by no means outgunned - the IDF boasts more than 3,000 tanks in its ranks, roughly double the number thought to be in service in Iran.

The Washington Post reported Thursday that senior Pentagon officials were frustrated that the U.S. did not get a heads up from Israel before conducting an airstrike on the Iranian site.

Which side is the U.S. on? President Joe Biden's legacy, especially after surrendering Afghanistan to the Taliban in 2021, will be "Biden, friend of the Terrorists."

Iran, on the way to having nuclear bombs, has provided support to terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and the Houthis, all of which have vowed to annihilate Israel. Hezbollah, based in Lebanon, boasts an arsenal of an estimated 150,000 missiles, many precision-guided, aimed at Israel's population. Meanwhile, Hamas has demonstrated its willingness to commit a genocide, launching more than 12,000 indiscriminate rocket attacks just since October at civilian targets in Israel, a country the size of New Jersey.

Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei has outlined his vision for Israel's demise in his book, Palestine, a 416-page "*guide to destroying Israel*," and railing against "*The Great Satan*," the United States. This is not a hypothetical scenario; it is a meticulously planned campaign of annihilation.

While the O'Biden administration is threatening to withhold life-saving arms from Israel, the O'Biden administration just rewarded both of its chief attackers, Iran and Qatar.

The O'Biden administration just actually invited Hamas's main funder, Qatar, to operate a planned pier in Gaza to bring in humanitarian aid. All of it will certainly end up with Hamas, not Gazan civilians -- and, one can imagine what else Qatar will allow in, from heavy weapons to more terrorists.

Israel is currently facing a multi-front war for its survival, with Qatar, Iran and Iran's proxies, which are encircling Israel, leading the charge. The gravity of this

aggression cannot be overstated: not just for the existence of Israel, but also for that of the U.S., Europe and the West.

To prevent Israel's adversaries from escalating – which, of course, is what they do when they receive U.S. support, the O'Biden Administration needs to show Israel and other U.S. allies unwavering support – just as the U.S. did this week with Japan.

If the Biden administration abandons Israel now, it would not only betray an ally, it would seriously jeopardize the entire region and the Free World. The O'Biden actions, statements on Israel reflect a seriously confused administration policy which emboldens our adversaries. The administration foreign policy is dangerous and unsettling. –Pastor Bob]]

Blessings,

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The **A B C**'s of Salvation

A Admit that you sin.



Your sin separates you from God and keeps you from Heaven. Every sin must be punished. Your punishment for sin is Hell.

Romans 3:10 • Revelation 21:8

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death...

Romans 6:23a

B Believe in Jesus.



Jesus Christ, God's own Son, came to die for your sins. His death on the cross can replace your death in Hell. He only asks that you believe Him.

John 3:16 • 2 Corinthians 5:21 • Isaiah 53:5-6

...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23b

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

Romans 5:8

C Choose to allow Jesus to save you.



God is waiting for you to receive His gift of salvation. If you ask Him, God will remove your sin and give you a home in Heaven!

John 14:1-2 • Titus 3:5-7 • John 1:12

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:10

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13