

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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Could these be Iranian Nuclear Bombs?

Israelis Say They'll Attack Iran If US Eases Sanctions

TEL AVIV: On Monday, January 26th, 2021, Israel has said openly that it will attack Iran if the U.S eases sanctions against the Shiite regime and agrees to go back to the nuclear agreement the Jewish state claims is *“the biggest hoax in recent history.”*

“Israel needs to know — and fast — whether Washington plans to stop Iran’s race to the bomb or take some action to do this,” a source told Breaking Defense. Bibi is waging his war of propaganda words again.

Israeli intelligence is closely watching the Iranian nuclear facilities. *“The people who need to know are updated by the hour”* the source said.

Israel allegedly attacked another Iranian target in Syria on January 21 and such attacks are likely to continue. *“This pressure will continue and grow, as a preparation for a direct attack on targets in Iran,”* the Israeli source here added.

Ministers of the Likud Party said earlier this week that the new U.S. administration must not “appease” Iran, and warned Tehran that the Jewish state will not tolerate its military presence in Syria or accept its plans to build a nuclear bomb.

One of the more direct warnings came from Likud minister Tzachi Hanegbi , part of Bibi Netanyahu’s inner circle. He said Israel could attack Iran’s nuclear program if the United States rejoined the nuclear deal.

“If the United States government rejoins the nuclear deal — and that seems to be the stated policy as of now — the practical result will be that Israel will again be alone against Iran. By the end of the deal Iran will have received a green light from the world, including the United States, to continue with its nuclear weapons program,” Hanegbi said in an interview with Israel Kan news channel.

A top Israeli expert on Iran and the Arab world, Mordechai Kedar, told Breaking Defense that he is sure Washington will ignore all the Israel requests. “The new administration will do everything to bring Iran back into the family of nations, without really understand their real goals.”

Kedar added that this will cause great fears in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states. Israel will be left alone to act in open and covert actions against the Iranian nuclear program.

Kedar explained the Iranian motivation: *“They saw what happened to Libya and Muammar Gaddafi after he stopped his nuclear program while at the same time, they see how the world gently treats North Korea now that is has a bomb. The lesson for Teheran is very clear.”*

Now that Biden is president, Netanyahu is slated to convene a series of discussions on Iran with various bodies including the National Security Council, Defense Ministry, Foreign Ministry, Israel Defense Forces and Mossad, Hebrew media reported.

According to Channel 12, the key theme of those discussions will be Israel not allowing Iran to get nuclear weapons. Biden has said he has the same goal. His comments came just a day after Biden’s nominee for secretary of state Antony Blinken pledged to senators at his confirmation hearing that he would engage with Israel and its Arab allies before reentering the JCPOA. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s ambassador to the US Ron Dermer had called on Biden to do just that several weeks earlier. The clock is accelerating now to the countdown of the Ezekiel 38/39 war! The Rothschild’s are

putting on a full-court press for Joe Biden to deliver the Iranian Bank into the Rothschild camp, which President Trump did not come through on for the House of Rothschild!

Biden has made clear that a JCPOA return is his goal, but that he will only agree to do so if Iran returns to compliance with the deal first. Biden has argued that while he would like to address Iran's ballistic missile program and regional hegemony, the most pressing issue is its nuclear program, and must be dealt with first. Blinken said Tuesday that an Iran with a nuclear weapon in addition to its other destabilizing tactics is more dangerous than an Iran without a nuclear weapon that is wreaking havoc on the region.

Blinken said the deal had been working and that Iran only started violating it — most recently by enriching its uranium to 20% purity — after former president Donald Trump left the agreement and imposed sanctions against Tehran.

Opponents of the deal argue that it only delayed an Iranian nuclear program but would not have prevented Tehran from gaining nuclear capabilities, and that the regime's cavalier conduct in the region since the deal was signed proved that it is not a country that can be trusted.

In recent months Iran has signaled that it wants the end of the sanctions and has begun enriching uranium to a level of 20%, in violation of its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). At the same time, Iran has emphasized that its action is reversible, and stands ready to return to its obligations if the United States returns to the agreement and lifts sanctions.

All the experts here in the U.S. agree that any concession to Tehran will only accelerate this country's race to the bomb.

“Look at the North Korean example. The same will happen in Iran”, the sources said. Iran has several objectives, says Yossi Kuperwasser, former director general of the Israel Ministry of Strategic Affairs and head of the research division of IDF Military Intelligence. The first is shortening the period needed to achieve adequate amounts of enriched uranium to a level higher than 90% for producing a nuclear explosive device. Iran currently has 4.5% enriched material that, if enriched further, will be sufficient for more than two nuclear explosive devices. The time it takes Iran to obtain the amount of uranium required for one device from the moment it decides to do so (“breakout”) is about two months, but if the enrichment to 20% is carried out only by the 1,000 centrifuges operating in the deep underground facility at Fordo, as the Iranians have done so far, it will take longer. *“The Iranians recently installed cascades (sets) of advanced centrifuges at the underground facility in Natanz, and if 20% enrichment is also conducted there, the time needed to stockpile the material will be shortened,”* he says in a comprehensive paper he wrote for the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, a think tank here.

“Enriching uranium to a level of 20% is a move with no immediate risk of a strong reaction from the United States after the bluster of Tehran's implied threats that did not

materialize into a violent Iranian response against the Americans on the anniversary of the assassination of Qassem Suleimani. In this respect, the Iranian measure is intended to help divert public attention from the regime's caution, which reflects recognition of its weakness and recoils from widespread confrontation with the United States, in light of U.S. warnings," Kuperwasser writes.

The fourth and most important goal is to make it clear to incoming President Biden that his best option is to return quickly to the JCPOA.

The initial international response to the move has been slack. More attention is given to Iran's hijacking of a South Korean tanker. Iran hopes to get Seoul to release frozen Iranian funds.

"For now, Iran will be happy to take that safe bet on the way to a toothless nuclear agreement that will give them not only one nuclear bomb but a large arsenal of nuclear weapons in a decade – without suffering militarily or economically. The declared willingness of Iran to return to the agreement testifies to its preferences." Kuperwasser says.

What's the right response? Send clear and unambiguous signals to Iran that any attempt to move towards the acquiring of enough enriched uranium for the production of nuclear weapons will be met harshly, with *"all options on the table."* At the same time, economic pressure must continue to compel Iran to accept a new agreement that would scrupulously prevent any possibility of its stockpiling nuclear weapons. It must include full oversight everywhere and at all times, the lifting of restrictions on the duration of the agreement, the demolition of the enrichment facility in Fordo, and the inclusion of ballistic missiles in the deal. Now, how will the Biden administration react?

As a candidate for president in 2016, Donald Trump pledged to stop wasting American blood and treasure on wars in West Asia. During his time in office, Trump instead further trapped the United States in the region and inflamed divisions to the point where a minor incident might quickly spiral out of control and lead to a major war. President Trump was under Rothschild pressure to attack Iran in order to deliver the Iranian National Bank to the House of Rothschild, which controls 189 national central banks, all but three or four remaining independent.

The new administration in Washington has a fundamental choice to make. It can embrace the failed policies of the Trump administration and continue down the path of disdain for international cooperation and international law—a contempt powerfully evident in the United States' decision in 2018 to unilaterally withdraw from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, commonly known as the Iran nuclear deal, that had been signed by Iran, China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the European Union just three years earlier. Or the new administration can shed the failed assumptions of the past and seek to promote peace and comity in the region.

President Joe Biden may believe he can choose a better path by ending Trump's failed policy of "maximum pressure" and returning to the deal his predecessor abandoned, but only the Messiah can solve the issue.. If Biden does, Iran will likewise return to full implementation of its commitments under the nuclear deal. But if Washington instead insists on extracting concessions, then this or any other opportunity will be lost. It is my opinion the Biden/Harris team will provoke the Russian/Iran alliance into a retaliation of an Israeli nuke attack on Damascus, mentioned in Isaiah 17:1-2. The Iranian parliament declaration on January 3rd, 2021, noted in BH#45, was a clear message to the world. Its stated purpose is to destroy the Zionist State of Israel.

Some Western policymakers and analysts continue to speak of "containing" Iran. But they would do well to remember that as a powerful player in the region, Iran has legitimate security concerns, rights, and interests—just as any other nation does. They must recognize those concerns rather than subscribe to the tired delusion that Iran should not enjoy the same rights as every other sovereign nation. They have always made it abundantly clear that they will respond positively to any initiative for regional dialogue advanced in good faith.

The last two decades of U.S. military involvement in the region have caused untold damage while achieving little. According to the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, the wars that followed the 9/11 attacks have directly claimed at least 800,000 lives—and indirectly, many more. Since 2001, at least 37 million people in the region have been forced from their homes.

Thanks to U.S. invasions and arms sales, Iran's neighborhood has become the most militarized region in the world. Saudi Arabia, a country with a native population of only 27 million, is the world's top arms importer, mainly buying from the United States. The United Arab Emirates (UAE), another leading purchaser of U.S. weapons, has no more than 1.5 million citizens but is the eighth-largest arms buyer on the planet. These countries have used the weapons they have bought to rain death and destruction on civilians in Yemen who have been Iran's proxies in the region, and the White House gave them first a green light, under President Barack Obama, and then carte blanche, under Trump, to do so.

During the Trump presidency, Washington took its predilection for conflict directly to Iran's door. Last January, the United States assassinated General Qasem Soleimani, making an already fraught situation in a region plagued by terrorist violence all the more unstable. The murder removed a leading commander in the fight to push the so-called Islamic State (or ISIS) and other militant groups back from Iraq and Syria—and it added an unforgivable crime to the already long register of U.S. transgressions against Iran.

Pressure against Iran has time and again produced the exact opposite of its intended result. There is a Satanic element of this war, in which Satan has emboldened both sides of the conflict. The United States cannot easily undo the damage its actions have caused. But a new administration can address one major blunder of its predecessor, and that is Trump's withdrawal in 2018 from the Iran nuclear deal. It has been my view it

did not really matter who was in the White House, this has all the markings of the End Times! The U.S. president tried to torpedo a major multilateral diplomatic achievement and then initiated a campaign of blunt economic warfare targeting the Iranian people, in effect punishing Iran for its adherence to a UN-endorsed agreement. The sanctions that the Trump administration imposed and re-imposed have made it nearly impossible for Iran to import even the items required to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. But these hardships have not forced us to surrender, nor have they collapsed our economy or changed our strategic calculus. It was President Obama who stacked the cards for the inevitable outcome. This was evidence of a supernatural orchestrated set of events.

Rather, pressure against Iran has time and again produced—and will always produce—the exact opposite of its intended result. In 2005, for instance, the United States and its allies demanded that Iran relinquish the right to enrich uranium and unjustly imposed sanctions through the UN Security Council. Despite that economic pressure, between 2005 and 2012, Iran increased its number of centrifuges from 200 to 20,000 and produced more than 17,000 pounds (8.5 tons) of enriched uranium of 3.67 percent concentration and more than 440 pounds of 20 percent enriched uranium. Similarly, the Trump administration’s campaign of “maximum pressure” has coincided with the expansion of Iranian stockpile of low-enriched uranium from 660 to 8,800 pounds and the upgrading of its centrifuges from the older IR-1 models to the more powerful IR-6.

The United States’ jettisoning the nuclear deal did prove one thing—that the signature of Iran’s foreign minister carries more weight than that of the all-powerful U.S. president. Even Obama failed to prevent the U.S. Congress from passing a ten-year extension of the Iran Sanctions Act, in clear violation of the very deal his administration negotiated. Trump’s disregard for U.S. obligations—flouting not just the nuclear deal but a UN Security Council resolution endorsing the deal—reinforced the impression that the United States is an unreliable partner.

So yes, Iran has significantly increased its nuclear capabilities since May 2019—but it has done so in full conformity with paragraph 36 of the nuclear agreement, which allows Iran to “cease performing its commitments” under the deal should another signatory stop performing its own. If the new U.S. administration hopes to alter the current trajectory, it needs to promptly change course. Reciprocity is usually validated even in geo-political ways as it is with raising your own children.

The incoming Biden administration can still salvage the nuclear agreement, but only if it can muster the genuine political will in Washington to demonstrate that the United States is ready to be a real partner in collective efforts. The administration should begin by unconditionally removing, with full effect, all sanctions imposed, re-imposed, or relabeled since Trump took office. In turn, Iran would reverse all the remedial measures it has taken in the wake of Trump’s withdrawal from the nuclear deal. The remaining signatories to the deal could then decide whether the United States should be allowed to reclaim the seat at the table that it abandoned in 2018. International agreements are not revolving doors, after all, and it is not an automatic right to return to a negotiated agreement—and enjoy its privileges—after one simply leaves on a whim.

That return to the table will be jeopardized if Washington or its EU allies demand new terms for a deal that was already carefully constructed through years of negotiations. Let us be clear on this point: all the parties to the nuclear agreement (including the United States) agreed to limit its scope to nuclear issues for very pragmatic reasons. We carefully negotiated timelines for the restrictions the deal imposed, and Iran agreed to forego many economic benefits resulting from the deal because of those timelines. Iran's defense and regional policies were not up for discussion, because the West was not prepared to abandon its interference in our region, which has caused such turmoil for decades; nor was the United States—or France or the United Kingdom, for that matter—ready to limit its lucrative arms sales, which have fueled conflict and drained the resources of our region. As part of the nuclear negotiations, Iran accepted five- and eight-year limitations on defense and missile procurements respectively. The bargains—and indeed sacrifices—we made to secure the deal cannot be undone; not now, not ever. There cannot be any renegotiations. The United States cannot insist that “what’s mine is mine and what’s yours is negotiable” and expect to have its way with Iran. Unfortunately, the U.S. has not always been trustworthy.

Separate from the nuclear issue, Iran has always been willing to discuss the problems plaguing the region. But the peoples of the region, not outsiders, must resolve these issues. Neither the United States nor its European allies have the prerogative to lead or sponsor future talks. Rather, the Persian Gulf region needs an inclusive regional mechanism to encourage diplomacy and cooperation and to lower the risk of miscalculation and conflict.

Iran has long advocated creating a forum for regional dialogue—from the time of UN Security Council Resolution 598 in 1987 to the Hormuz Peace Endeavor, also known as HOPE, which Iran presented to the UN General Assembly in 2019. Within such a forum, countries can address anxieties with confidence-building measures, resolve grievances through dialogue, and engage in mutually beneficial efforts to solve shared problems and safeguard collective interests. HOPE is not a blueprint for the future—any permanent arrangement has to be arrived at collectively by all regional powers. But the proposal reflects Iran's aspiration for a strong, stable, peaceful, and prosperous community of countries, free from the impositions of regional or global hegemony.

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HOPE's framework is built upon universally recognized principles. These include respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity. The participating states would pledge to show respect for one another's historical, religious, and national symbols and to avoid intervening in one another's internal or external affairs. Within what has been dubbed the “Hormuz Community,” states would commit to settling disputes peacefully and eschew participating in coalitions or alliances against one another. In October 2019, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani wrote letters to all the Hormuz Community states—Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE—to officially invite them to join the initiative. That invitation is still on the table.

For HOPE or indeed any similar endeavor to succeed, regional states—and outside powers—must accept certain realities. These begin with the fact that the region's future can and must be decided only by its peoples. Any other approach is bound to produce failure. To this end, the West should abandon its policy of patronage and blind support for the bad behavior of regional clients in the name of contending with an illusory Iranian threat. All littoral states of the Persian Gulf, without exception, must be included in any regional endeavor, and both regional and outside actors must recognize and respect the legitimate national rights, interests, and security concerns of all.

Westerners, and especially Americans, need to modify their understanding of Iran and the region if they are to avoid the mistakes they have made chronically in the past. They must observe and respect the sensitivities of the peoples of the region, particularly regarding their national dignity, independence, and achievements.

Those living in the region are capable of addressing their own problems, provided that outsiders do not act as spoilers for short-term dividends or to abet the agendas of unscrupulous clients. During the past four years, the region, sadly, came very close to catastrophe several times. Iran has exhibited strategic restraint throughout this period. But Iranians are running out of patience, as legislation its parliament passed in December clearly indicates: the new law requires Iran to boost uranium enrichment and limit UN inspections if sanctions are not removed by February.

The window of opportunity for the new U.S. administration will not remain open forever. The initiative squarely rests with Washington. The Biden administration's first step ought to be to seek to redress—rather than attempt to exploit—Trump's dangerous legacy of maximum failure. It can begin by removing all sanctions imposed since Trump assumed office and seek to reenter and abide by the 2015 nuclear deal without altering its painstakingly negotiated terms. Doing so allegedly opens new possibilities for peace and stability in the region.

Iran warned the Biden administration on Tuesday that it will not have an indefinite time period to rejoin the 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers.

Iran also said it expects Washington to swiftly lift crippling economic sanctions that former President Donald Trump imposed on the country after pulling America out of the atomic accord in 2018, as part of what he called maximum pressure against Iran.

Trump had previously cited Iran's ballistic missile program among other issues in withdrawing from the accord. And when the Trump administration increased sanctions, Iran gradually and publicly abandoned the deal's limits on its nuclear development. The fact is that mutual distrust is Satanically fomented.

The remarks Tuesday by Iran's Cabinet spokesman Ali Rabiei are part of pressure that Tehran is trying to exert on the U.S. as it seeks to increase its leverage and get the Biden administration to quickly return to the deal.

President Joe Biden has moved swiftly to dismantle Trump's legacy by signing a series of executive actions that reverse course on a wide range of issues, including climate change and immigration. Though Biden has pledged to return to the nuclear deal, Rabiei said there has yet to be any communication between Iran and Biden on the subject.

“The U.S. will not have all the time in the world,” Rabiei said. “We are waiting for the official announcement of their stance as well as the lifting of sanctions.”

In the meantime, he added that Iran would take a step further away from the nuclear deal by imposing a “restriction” on inspections by the U.N. nuclear watchdog in late February. Iran knows this action will result in delay with the EU members of the original P5+1 group, buying more time to enrich its stock of bomb-making material.

In December, Iran's parliament approved a law under which part of the inspections that the deal had provided for would be suspended in February if European signatories to the 2015 nuclear deal do not offer relief from oil and banking sanctions. The sanctions have hurt Iran's economy.

“The window of opportunity will not be open forever, either for the U.S. or the European members of the nuclear deal to fulfill their commitments,” Rabiei added.

Tensions between Tehran and Washington have steadily increased. During Trump's final days as president, Tehran seized a South Korean oil tanker and begun enriching uranium closer to weapons-grade levels, while the U.S. has sent B-52 bombers, the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier and a nuclear submarine into the region.

Iran has also increased its military drills, including firing cruise missiles as part of a naval drill in the Gulf of Oman this month. Despite keeping the pressure on, Iran does exercise discretion and actions, real or implied, are conducted with chess-like moves.

Iran has missile capability of up to 2,000 kilometers (1,250 miles), far enough to reach its archenemy Israel and U.S. military bases in the region. Last January, after the U.S. killed a top Iranian general in Baghdad, Tehran retaliated by firing a barrage of ballistic missiles at two Iraqi bases housing U.S. troops, resulting in brain concussion injuries to dozens of American soldiers.

In a separate development Tuesday, Iranian state TV said Iran successfully tested sophisticated technology for light-based data transfer — known in science as entanglement-based secure quantum cryptography — at a distance of 1.6 kilometer (1 mile) in the capital, Tehran. The technology is expected to allow for a secure way of sharing secret information between remote users. The country's nuclear department chief, Ali Akbar Salehi, said Iranian experts embarked on the encryption technology, which only a few in the world have mastered so far, in 2018 and hope to use it in satellite communications by 2025.

Such a sophisticated example serves as a reminder, Iran is not a country that can be taken or regarded as weak or ineffective. Israel is confronted by a formidable opponent that keeps its leaders awake at all hours of the night.

Occasionally Iran announces technological achievements that cannot be independently verified. As the state of events ratchet up almost on a weekly basis, no one can really dismiss Iran's threat of capabilities. Iran is not a third-world country.

Israel's army chief said Tuesday he had ordered that plans be drawn up to counter Iran's nuclear capabilities, in the event of a political decision to target the Islamic republic. Folks get ready to experience the **"Harpazo"**. It may have seem like we were Inching forward but we have never been as close as we are right now. I am of the view that U.S. believers will not be filing their April 15th volunteer tax returns in 2021.

Chief of Staff General Aviv Kochavi said he had instructed the military *"to prepare several operational plans in addition to existing ones... throughout the coming year"*.

"The power to initiate them lies with the political echelon," he noted, referring to Israel's government. *"However, the offensive options need to be prepared, ready and on the table,"* he added.

Iran, Israel's arch foe, agreed in 2015 a deal on its nuclear program with Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States.

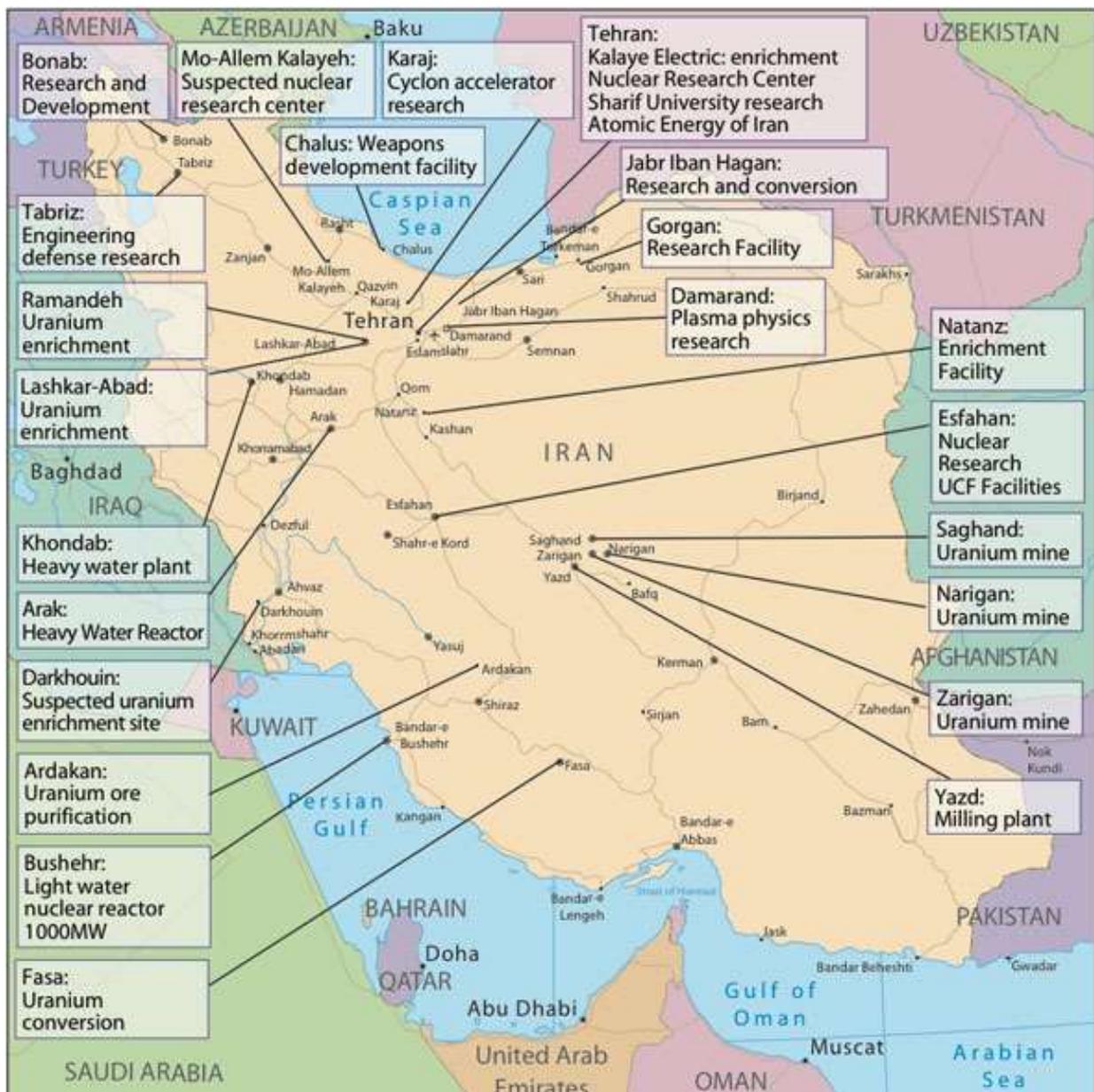
The accord offered sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on Tehran's nuclear ambitions and guarantees it would not seek an atomic bomb. Iran maintains it has only pursued a civilian nuclear energy program.

Israel always opposed the deal and in 2018 then US president Donald Trump unilaterally pulled Washington out of it and re-imposed crippling sanctions in a "maximum pressure" campaign against Tehran.

In response, Iran has stepped back from key nuclear commitments, leaving the deal hanging by a thread, even as new US President Joe Biden's administration has signaled it wants to salvage the agreement. Israeli authorities openly fear this eventuality.

"Any agreement that resembles the 2015 agreement is a bad thing, both strategically and operationally," Kochavi said, addressing a meeting organized by the Institute of National Security Studies. *"Pressure on Iran must continue -- Iran must not have the capacity to develop a nuclear bomb,"* he added. The army chief also said Israel had hit 500 targets in the Middle East last year.

The Jewish state has undertaken air and missile strikes against Syria since the latter's civil war began in 2011, targeting Iranian forces and troops from the Lebanese movement Hezbollah deployed in support of Damascus. The map below shows the depth of Iran's nuclear program.



"Regarding the northern front, Iran is not displaying any intention of withdrawing," said Kochavi, referring to Lebanese and Syrian territory.

"Our operations are destined to continue to prevent this (Iran's) deployment from continuing," he added. Iran's client states forces Israel to be mindful of what is happening in its own back yard.

A top Iranian official Wednesday said arch-foe Israel was waging a "psychological war" after the Jewish state's army said new "offensive options" were being drawn up in case they were needed against the Islamic republic.

Mahmoud Vaezi, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's chief of staff, also vowed his country was ready and willing to defend itself. *"We have no intention of going to war, but we are serious about defending the country,"* he said.

Israel, supposedly a close U.S. ally, accuses Iran of seeking to build a nuclear bomb, a charge Tehran denies. The Jewish state also frequently targets Iran-backed militant groups in Lebanon, Syria and the Gaza Strip.

I noted before that Israel's military chief General Aviv Kochavi said Tuesday he had ordered new plans be drawn up this year to counter Iran's nuclear capabilities, in case political leaders decided to target the country.

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Iran's Vaezi shot back on Wednesday that *"they are conducting a psychological war."*

Responding to a question on the sidelines of a council of ministers meeting, he charged that Israel has *"practically no plans, no capacity"*.

Iran's recent military man oeuvres, testing missiles and drones, Vaezi added, showed that *"our armed forces are trained"* to defend Iran.

Iran's military spokesman Abdolfazl Shekarchi warned against Israeli *"threats towards Iranian nuclear installations and missile bases,"* which he said were based on "illusions" conjured by the Jewish state, in an interview published on state TV's website.

Kochavi's remarks came nearly a week after the inauguration of U.S. President Joe Biden, who has signaled he wants to return to dialogue with Iran.

His predecessor Donald Trump had unilaterally withdrawn Washington in 2018 from a nuclear deal Tehran had struck with major world powers.

Biden's team has argued Iran must first return to strict compliance with its nuclear commitments under the 2015 deal with world powers.

Tehran has demanded an *"unconditional" lifting of punishing sanctions first, and called on Washington to stop seeking to "extract concessions"*.

Israel rejects the original nuclear deal, and Kochavi reiterated its view that *"any agreement that resembles the 2015 agreement is a bad thing, both strategically and operationally"*.

"Pressure on Iran must continue -- Iran must not have the capacity to develop a nuclear bomb," Bibi Netanyahu has repeated several times. If you were Bibi Netanyahu, which route would you take?



It is this ongoing threat/counter threat war of words that keeps the pot stirring and the inevitable war of Ezekiel 38/39 grows ominously closer by the day.

In what is believed to be a step in normalizing relations with the state of Israel, Saudi Arabia scrubs anti-Semitic and misogynistic passages from its school textbooks. Iran seethes with contempt for Saudi Arabia as it has given Israel access to Saudi airspace!

Israel has experienced being stabbed in the back by an American president – Barack Hussein Obama – and they are taking steps to make sure it won't happen again. In short, Israel warns Biden that if he goes through with re-entering the nuclear deal with Iran, Israel is ready, willing, and able to stage an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities.

Indeed, if not for Iran's aggression, imperialism and terrorism, it is impossible to imagine that so many Arab nations would be abandoning ardent, age-old antagonism, to open unprecedented new economic, cultural, and military relations with the state of Israel.

ISRAEL'S OPTIONS FOR IRAN STRIKE

Ballistic missiles could be Israel's weapon of choice against Iranian nuclear facilities if it decides on a pre-emptive attack and deems air strikes too risky, according to a report by a Washington think-tank

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North Route

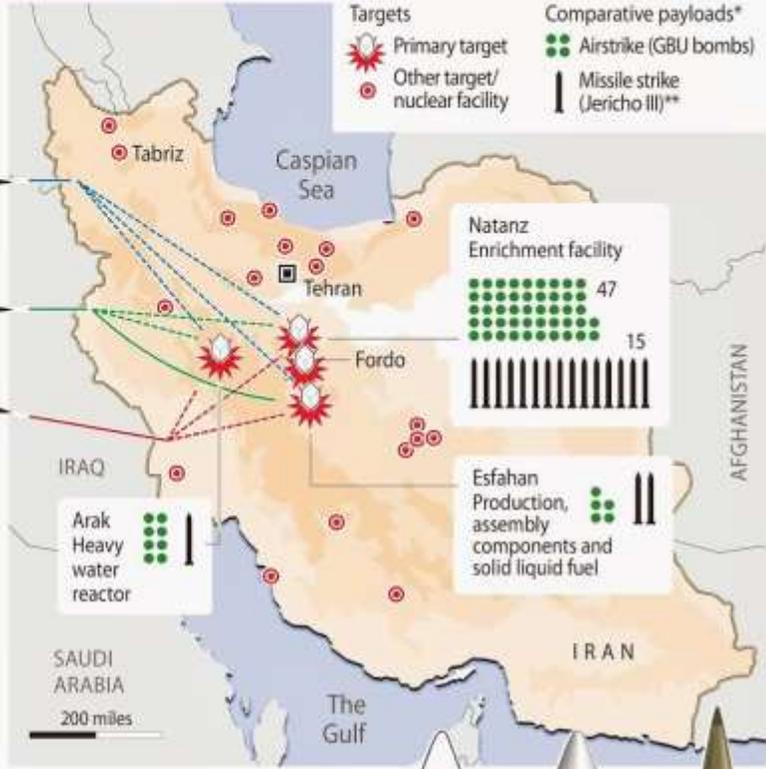
- ▶ Israel has capabilities to pass Syrian radar
- ▶ Actually flying over Turkey would constitute a Turkish-Israeli conspiracy to attack Iran meaning high political risk

Central route

- ▶ Jordan will not accept an Israeli flight through Jordanian airspace to strike Iran
- ▶ High risk politically and operationally due to risk of aircraft interception

South route

- ▶ Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait would object to any violation of airspace
- ▶ Route would create high political risks though the operational risks could be low



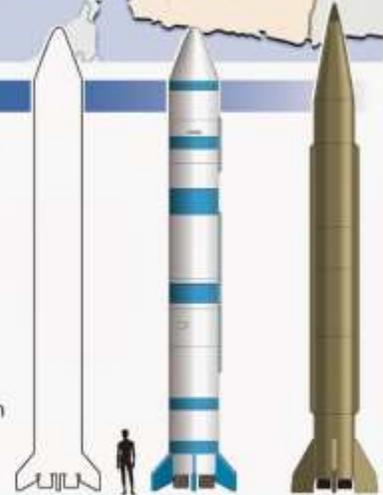
MISSION ALLOCATION

Fighters needed to complete air strike



MISSILE STRIKE

- ▶ Alternative to high risk air strikes
- ▶ Around 30* Jericho III missiles needed in total
- Dangers include:
 - ▶ Risk of other countries being hit if a ballistic missile exchange takes place between Israel and Iran
 - ▶ Possibly escalation to the use of WMDs



Missile	JERICO III	JERICO II	SHAHAB 3
Country	Israel	Israel	Iran
Range	3,000+	900+	800-900+
Status	Developing	Operational	Operational
Note:	Jericho III shape and scale unknown		

Source: Centre for Strategic and International Studies

* Assuming a 5 psi blast damage criteria

** 1,654 lb. warhead

REUTERS

The real war with Israel is Spiritual! This is overlooked by even the best of military intelligence in the world. Unless one has a clear perspective of the Bible, on the Gog-

Magog alliance, the mindset is that peace is achievable. This is simply not so given that the Bible is never wrong and things are not going to change now. Our understanding is always the wild card in the interpretation we choose to believe!



Two weeks ago, a friend of ours back in Pittsburgh called me and asked my view on Bill Salus view of the Psalm 83 War. Our friend had been reading Bill Salus set of books, *'The Now Prophecies'*, *'The Next Prophecies'*, and *'The End Prophecies'*.

Amir Tsarfati, is a Jewish Christian believer, and speaks around the world and has his own ministry "Behold Israel". Amir's analysis of the Middle East is from the perspective from an "on the spot source" since he lives very close to the Jezreel Valley, Often when he is broadcasting a program, you can hear in the background from his window, IDF fighter aircraft taking off. Amir is a reserve officer in the Israeli IDF. At the present time, I recall he has two children in active service in the IDF. He mentioned several months ago his daughter had completed basic training. My mentioning of Amir Tsarfati is to note that he believes the Psalm 83 War occurred at the time of Israel's declaration of statehood in 1948, when all the neighboring Islamic states came against Israel. Even though I agree with Amir Tsarfati, I respect Bill Salus' work and writings as well.

In a May, 2009 program of Dave Reagan of 'Lamb & Lion Ministry', Dave addressed Bill Salus on this very question. I will include his response here, as his view has not changed in the time since.

"Well yes David, it is intriguing that Israel's most observable opponents over the last 60 years since the restoration of the nation are not enlisted in the Ezekiel 38 nine member consortia of nations. This has puzzled the scholar a lot recently. These are the very

nations that border Israel through which the Russian invasion would be trespassing into to get into Israel to invade. So of course why are they now listed? And of course what we are referring to are Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and what has evolved out of those entities are Hezbollah, Hamas, Palestinians, and other terrorist entities could be included in that list. Three-thousand years ago oddly enough, a prophecy that has not found its final fulfillment, Psalm 83 issued by Asaph the Seer enlist all of these specific populations that we are talking about there are ten of them in total. In my book I have gone through and traced who they are because when Asaph wrote this prophecy he was speaking in vernacular of his time he was talking about the Edomites and Philistians and Tyrians from Tyre. Well you, know, who could he have been talking about and it turns out he appears to have been talking about the Palestinian refugees, the Hamas, the Hezbollah, he talks about Assyria which would encompass Syria and part of Northern Iraq. He talks about the Hagarines which Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum and myself subscribe to being Hagar was the matriarch, a matriarch of Egypt she mothered Ishmael for Abraham so we look at them as the Egyptians. Ismaelites we look at them as the Saudi Arabians and I, though out the book I weave in these connections of who these people are through the research I have done. And they are absent from the Ezekiel 38 invasion. So I was intrigued by Psalm 83 and of course the theme of the book is Psalm 83, and I talk about how this, and the Psalm talks about these ten populations coming together with one consent and in an attempt to destroy the nation of Israel that the name Israel would be remembered no more. So I look at that as and most scholars agree has not been fulfilled yet, so I look at that as a forthcoming event in light of the way we see the stage setting over in the Middle East presently. It answers the questions, why aren't those nations included in Ezekiel 38 and 39 and so, and then I get into how God deals with that battle. We will probably be talking little about that in the interview as well through the exceedingly great army of Ezekiel 37:10 which I believe the Israeli Defense Forces will fulfill that prophecy. So they are not listed in Ezekiel 38 and 39, but they are listed in Psalm 83, and so I make a distinction between the two. Now when the Israeli Defense Forces defeat, I call it the Israeli Conquest in the book, and I call these nations of Psalm 83 the inner circle.”

As you can see from Bill Salus reply to Dave Reagan we have a complete difference of opinion between Amir Tsarfati and Bill Salus, both are respected Bible prophecy scholars in their own right. Now if that is not enough to think about, then we can add a few more. There are many Jewish rabbis who hold the view a war between China and the U.S. will occur first before the Ezekiel 38-39 War. I have a rabbi friend in Rochester, NY who holds this view and is in the process of relocating his family to Israel, pending completion of his new apartment near Jerusalem.

I did an article a few years ago on the Ezekiel 38-39 scenario based upon my analysis of the KJV Bible and the Hebrew Masoretic text. I noted that the two chapters is talking “one” war but from two different perspectives. Given the closeness of the Iranian “breakout”, the term used by geo-political analysts studying the Middle East conflict, we are really just talking weeks away now; and that said, I suppose a bit of review might be appropriate and will be helpful to anyone not familiar with this war.

Keep in mind, one of the most important lessons found in the book of Ezekiel is why God orchestrates this event. God is very unhappy with how the Jews have defamed God's, Holy Name, His "everything" from as far back as the time God "chose" them to be a special people with a specific end as we find in the larger scope of the Bible. They deluded themselves into thinking and their believing they could do no wrong that would merit God's Cosmic justice.

Now if anyone wants to debate this, I suggest they read Ezekiel 20 and tally up the times God says why He is bringing this six-millennia authority struggle event to a close! Five times God says, ***"I am doing this for My Name's Sake!"*** Ezekiel 20:9, 14, 22, 44, and 36:22. In fact, this phrase, or words to this effect, we find it **145X** in 135 verses from Genesis to Revelation.

Keep fresh in your memory that Iran has 25 million Christians among its almost 83 million citizens. Hence, Jesus' promise of Revelation 3:10 is as valid for Iran's 25 million Christians as it is for you and me. It applies to ALL Christians around the world: ***"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."***

There are two Biblically prophesied wars before the last return of the Lord Jesus Christ. These are:

1. Gog and Magog war and
2. The Armageddon battle

There are broad differences between these two battles. Important differences between Gog and Magog war and the Armageddon battle include:

1. Gog and Magog war will take place in the Mountains of Israel while Armageddon battle will be in the valley of Megiddo.
2. The Armageddon battle involves all world nations while Gog and Magog war involves only selected nations led by Russia.
3. China is not in the Gog and Magog war but in the Armageddon battle.
4. Antichrist is taking part in the Armageddon battle but not seen anywhere in the Gog and Magog battle.
5. Jesus Christ stands on the Mount Olives at the end of Armageddon battle but nowhere do we see Jesus Christ appearing physically to the world in the Gog and Magog war.

(These are just but five important differences)

Another broad difference between the two battles is in their prophetic timings.

The Armageddon battle happens in the end of the age when Jesus Christ returns to judge the world; and for the Millennial Reign but which is the Gog and Magog war happening?

Prophetic Timing of Gog and Magog war

Ezekiel who prophesies the Gog and Magog war (Russia with a great multitude coming against Israel) gives us the prophetic timing of the war. In His prophecy, Ezekiel reveals a lot for us to know the time of the war.

When is the Gog and Magog war happening?

1. In the latter years

Ezekiel 38:8: “After many days you shall be visited: in the latter years you shall come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.”

The latter years are the end years to the return of Jesus Christ. Latter years are different from the End Times. End Times speak of a time while latter years get specific to the end years.

2. In the latter days

Ezekiel goes from speaking of years to days

Ezekiel 38:16: “And you shall come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.”

Ezekiel specifies that the Gog and Magog war will take place in the end years in the end days.

3. When Israel has been re-gathered and given their father’s land

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Ezekiel prophesied Israel’s re-gathering and being given their father’s land before the Gog and Magog war.

Israel was re-gathered and given their father's (Abraham) land on May 15th 1948. It is when the Mountains of Israel stopped being desolate (in waste) and are inhabited.

“...to turn your hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations,” -(Ezekiel 38:12)

Ezekiel prophesied the Gog and Magog war to take place after Israel is re-gathered and given their father's land which is after May 15th 1948. After Israel's re-birth we are yet to see this war. See Israel's rebirth prophecy of Isaiah 66:8. ***“Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.”*** Such a miraculous event has never been heard or seen in this age. However, something even more unusual will take place. A nation will be born in a day. Zion will bring forth children--that is, an entire nation that calls Zion, “Mother.”

4. When Israel dwell safely

Ezekiel tells us that Israel will be 'dwelling safely' -(Ezekiel 38:8, 11). The word in the original Hebrew for dwelling safely, '**betach**' can have a meaning of feeling safe but not necessarily being safe; a false confidence and security. This term “dwelling safely” has consistently been misunderstood by those unfamiliar with the Hebrew text. Critics argue that Israel is not a land of un-walled cities as their basis.

There is a false feeling of safety in Israel now. It could be reasonably argued that Israel is living more safely today than at any other time in her almost 73 years of Statehood.

5. When Israel is a land of un-walled villages

Ezekiel mentions that Israel will be living in a land of 'un-walled villages' and 'dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'.

Ezekiel 38:11: ***“And you shall say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates.”***

In the ancient times of Ezekiel and throughout history up until 1900 A.D., virtually all villages and cities in Israel had strong walls. Ezekiel had never seen a village or city without defensive walls.

Yet, the Israel of today lives in a land of un-walled villages except for the 400+ miles long wall separating her and portions of the West Bank that helps keep terrorist snipers from shooting into Israel. The vast majority of Israel dwells in un-walled villages (without walls and having neither bars nor gates).

6. When Israel is prosperous (a wealthy nation)

One reason Russia and her company are coming against Israel is to take spoil and prey, cattle and goods, and to carry away silver and gold.

“To take a spoil, and to take a prey...which have gotten cattle and goods that dwell in the midst of the land. Have you come to take a spoil? Have you gathered your company to take a prey? To carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?” -(Ezekiel 38:12-13)

This means that Israel will be a wealthy (prosperous) nation when this war happens. It is for all intent and purpose the equivalent of the “Silicon Valley” of the U.S. It is headquarters of High Technology today. Haifa is home to Intel's main Israel Development Centre (IDC), as well as a sales and marketing support office. IDC was established in 1974 as Intel's first development center outside the United States for tax purpose reasons.

Ezekiel prophesied of Israel multiplication and prosperity after her re-birth -(Ezekiel 36-37). And Israel is the most blessed nation on earth today with great prosperity.

In addition to her wealth, Israel discovered nearly a decade ago massive reserves of natural gas and oil on the coast of Haifa to both the south and north. The estimates are it has 200 years of reserves.

7. Before the great tribulation period

The great tribulation period is a 7-years period as revealed in Daniel's 70 Weeks prophecy and the last-week of Daniel's 70 weeks.

After the Gog and Magog war, we see those who dwell in the cities of Israel cutting no wood out of the field for fire for 7-years but setting fire with the weapons of Russia and her great company.

“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. 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.” -(Ezekiel 39:9-10)

God's timing is accurate. If God says 7-years, it is seven years!

Ezekiel talks of those who dwell in the cities of Israel. These are not only the Jews but all those who dwell in the cities of Israel (both Jews and non-Jews).

For those who dwell in the cities of Israel to use the Russian and her alliance weapons as firewood means that the war will have ended.

This means that at the end of the war, those who dwell in Israel will start using the weapons as firewood (heat or energy) and the 7-years period will start counting. Therefore the war will end for the 7-years of using the weapons as firewood to start.

Since the great tribulation period is 7-years and in the Gog and Magog war there are 7-years of using the weapons as firewood (heat), this means that the Gog and Magog war does not happen inside the 7-years great tribulation period but happens before the great tribulation. The real question is the time length between events. When we read of such close proximity, we need to be aware that these events do not necessarily need to be in a chronological order, but perhaps concurrently occurring virtually at or about the same time.

The 7-years of the great tribulation period are the last years to the return of Jesus Christ and the last years to the Millennial Reign. Nowhere in the Bible do we see people in the Millennial reign using weapons of the Gog and Magog war as firewood.

The 7-years period of using Gog and Magog war weapons as firewood may possibly be the 7-years of the great tribulation period.

8. Before spiritual awakening of Israel

Israel will be spiritually awakened in this war when they see their God in action and defeating all of Israel's enemies for their sake. This does not mean that Israel will acknowledge Jesus Christ as their savior. In fact, the opposite will be the case.

The Apostle Paul says, ***“For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.”*** -(Romans 11:25).

The fullness of the gentiles will be before the Armageddon battle. It is in the great tribulation period when the last gentile will enter into God's kingdom and the gentiles trampling down Jerusalem will end in the Armageddon battle.

Luke 21:24: ***“And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”***

The Jews will accept Jesus Christ who they pierced as their Messiah at the end of the Armageddon battle.

Zechariah 12:10: ***“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.”***

But before that takes place, Israel is not going to come to faith in Jesus Christ (grace). Israel is still going to be under the Old Testament (under the law) after we are Raptured off this planet.

Therefore, the spiritual awakening of Israel will lead them to resume their Old Testament style of sacrificial system of worship and rebuild the Third Temple. The “stones” are nearby, that you can be positive about. The reason is that after the Gog and Magog war prophecy, Ezekiel prophesies the building of the Third Temple.

Today we know that the Jews are not spiritually awake to their Old Testament style of sacrificial worshiping God. Their Old Testament style of worship had the Temple and the Ark of Covenant.

As said in the Ezekiel prophecy of the Gog and Magog war, the Third Temple cannot be built when the Holy Spirit and the church are still active on the Earth.

As the Third Temple starts to be built and as the Ark of Covenant resurfaces, the church will not be on Earth. It is in the Third Temple where the Antichrist will do abomination; the Abomination of the Desolate.

Before any major change in world history occurs, a major event affecting the Jews happens. This is important but overlooked concept. We are now entering the Age of Aquarius. The **Mazzaroth** transits the Sun every 26,000 years. Almost, that is.

What is the Age of Aquarius, and when does it begin? The Age of Aquarius occurs because of the real motion of the Earth known as the “precession”. Precession is what causes the identity of the Pole Star to change over time. This was discovered in the Great Pyramid. The cycle of precession lasts 25,800 years, and there are 12 constellations of the “**Mazzaroth**” (zodiac). So, roughly every 2,150 years, the Sun’s location appears in front of the background stars – at the time of the March, or vernal, equinox – moves in front of a new zodiacal constellation as seen from Earth. The Age of Aquarius begins at the point when the Sun is no longer in front of the constellation Pisces at the time of the March equinox. At that point – sometimes called the March equinox point, or vernal equinox point – the equinox Sun will be in front of the constellation Aquarius.

For you who might see or think this as something “New Age”, or Astrology, not so fast folks, I remind you that God mentioned the “**Mazzaroth**” in the book of Job. “***Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?***” -(Job 36:22). That word is only found once in the entire Bible, and perhaps it is a hint of the very soon Rapture! Few seem to know or understand the significance of that word “**Mazzaroth**”. It is the Hebrew word for “zodiac”. Many Bible Astronomy advocates are of the view that the planet is entering the Astronomical sign of Aquarius and the Rapture could occur in the next two months! I wrote an eBook on this topic: ***‘The Season of the Rapture: God’s Threefold Witness’***. Few folks are aware or

know that God revealed His Word in three methods: 1. The Gospel in the Stars, 2. The Gospel in Stone, and 3. The Gospel in the Written Word!

It can be found at my archived page at:

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Most Bible teachers will dismiss any significance to the mention of the **“Mazzaroth”** and see it as being astrology, without so much as giving any thought as to what God was saying in Job 38:22 about its deeper message. There is a huge message that most Christians are unfamiliar with. The key point I want you to think about, and that it was God who set the course of the stars and planets. It was God Who wanted relationship with His creation, including you and I. In order to make that meaningful, God delivered the Gospel in three ways to man. Lucifer in his craftiness has obscured the beauty of this Threefold Witness! He Who manifested Himself in human form of Jesus Christ as the Son of Man, The Creator wants us to have relationship and worship Him and trust Him for all of our life’s needs. The Word of God trumpets this message, but man’s religion has corrupted that message.

It seems as if there should be a clear cut answer to these questions. When will the Sun be in front of Aquarius at the time of the March equinox? When will the Age of Aquarius begin? But there are no easy clear cut answers. Various interpretations give different answers to this often-asked question.

The Age of Aquarius from astronomical perspective raises questions that it cannot answer completely. First of all, we give the answer from an astronomical point of view. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) – which in the 20th century assumed the duty of officially naming and defining all things astronomical – created official constellation boundaries in 1930. From the perspective of astronomy, then, the beginning of the Age of Aquarius is based upon IAU constellation boundaries, which astrologers or New Age practitioners might or might not choose to use in their computations.

Getting back to my point that Before any major change in world history occurs, a major event affecting the Jews happens.

Some examples are;

- Before Moses was born, Pharaoh ordered every son born to be cast into the river
- Before the Jews came out of Egypt, all firstborns in Egypt died
- Before Jesus was born, Herod ordered the killing of all young male children
- Before the Jews crossed into their promised land, Jericho fell
- Before Israel was reborn and declared a sovereign state by the UN, World War 2 happened
- Before Jesus Christ returns to save Israel, Armageddon battle will happen

Therefore, before the Rapture and the Great Tribulation there will be a major event happening affecting the Jews as well. I submit it will be the fulfillment of the Ezekiel 38-

39 War. The Isaiah 17:1-2 passage concerning the disappearance of Damascus is in my educated opinion to be the spark that culminates in the Ezekiel 38-39 War.

And in the major events we see four blood moons coinciding with the Jewish feasts; Passover and Sukkot. In a previous Blessed Hope we saw the significance of four blood moons coinciding with Jewish feasts; Passover and Sukkot. Many scholars from many different academic fields of study have put pieces of the puzzle together, and yet few have been able to see the collective Big Picture here. The pieces are found in Scripture itself, Astronomy, the Feasts of the Lord, Egyptian history lore, the Great Pyramid of Giza and its repository of mathematical proofs, astrophysical evidence, patterns, types and shadows, and Biblical archeology that confirms the physical event of the Exodus, which took place at Yom Suph at the southern end of the Red Sea, the Revelation 12 sign, and so much more.

We saw four blood moons coinciding with Jewish feasts in 2014-2015 and the last blood moon on 28th of September, 2015 was at perigee (nearest the earth) meaning it will be a super moon and seen in Jerusalem during the feast of Sukkot while the Jewish people will be dwelling outside in their sukkahs looking up toward the heavens.

According to the Belgian astronomer and mathematical wizard Jean Meeus, who does adhere to the IAU's definitions, the Sun at the March equinox passed from being in front of the constellation Aries to being in front of the constellation Pisces in 68 B.C. Once again, these are the astronomical dates, based on IAU constellation boundaries established in 1930. They are not set in stone! They were guestimates or estimates. Dr. Dale Sides is probably the major voice when it comes to the Gospel in the Stars and how God revealed this incredible message to man about his Creator Who wants a relationship with us. Dale's ministry is called Christological Astronomy. Given the "Threefold Witness" we learn to the extent God went to make His existence known to the Jews and all of humanity. This is where the Jews dropped the ball as they say in becoming God's witness to the world. To be "chosen" by God was a special calling, but the Jews treated it as if it was a license to do as they well pleased.

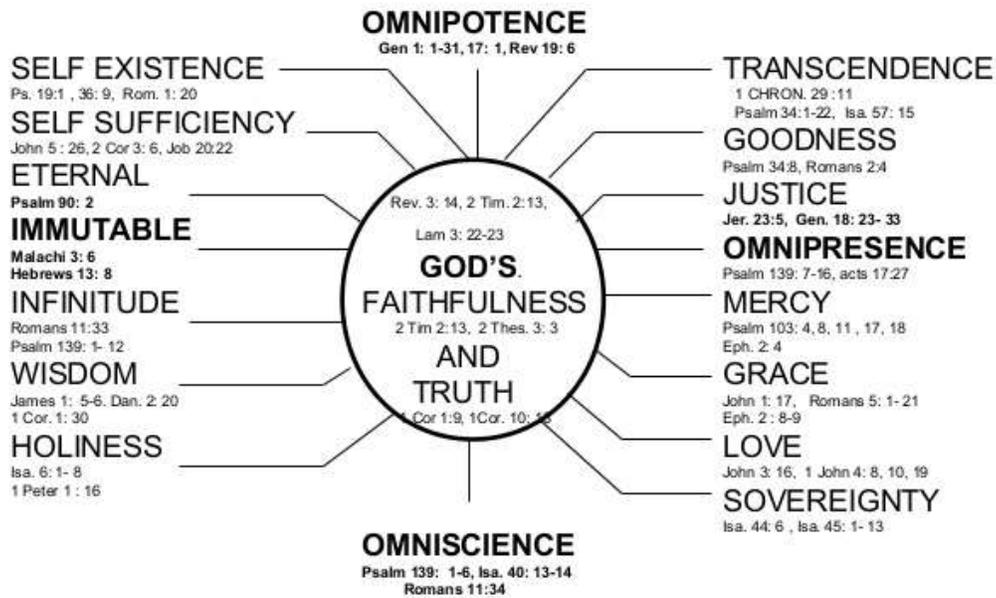
Other interpretations for the beginning of the Age of Aquarius have been offered. The constellations as defined by the IAU are different sizes. Astrologers often like to divide the zodiac into twelve equal sections. For example, the constellation Pisces – as defined by the IAU – spans more than 30-degrees along the ecliptic, or Sun's annual path in front of constellations of the zodiac. Astrologers, though, might disregard the span of the constellation Pisces on the sky's dome, and instead regard it as an astrological age as a precise 30-degree shift of the March equinox in front of the backdrop stars.

Also the 2014-2015 blood moons and solar eclipse happen on the same dates as on 70 A.D. and on the birth of Jesus Christ, thus marking a great timing and season for a major event affecting the Jews and Christians, and changing world history.

Israel, Russia and her alliance have met all the requirements for this war to happen. It is just a matter of God’s timing now. The many indicators confirm it is imminent and foreshadow another Great Event on the horizon of time!

As the Bible says, we are children of the light and not of darkness, therefore we understand the times and seasons. I believe that when Jesus said in Matthew 24:36: **“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”** I hold the view that Jesus was really challenging us to investigate, while knowing the real reason why we would not be able to do so was because of our lack of the mathematical ability to do the needed precise calculations. He gave us enough clues, signs, and marker points to draw together enough for us to know the season because God is the Master Mathematician! In many of my articles and three eBooks, I offer ample evidence to confirm His:

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“The more we know of God, the more unreservedly we will trust Him; the greater our progress in theology, the simpler and more child-like will be our faith.” These are the words of J. Gresham Machen (1881–1937, New Testament scholar and educator in the early 20th century). I cut my teeth on his Greek New Testament in seminary many years ago.

For those with wisdom, let them understand. We will be soon having a Homecoming event unlike any church that I know has ever been held before! We all have the desire to embrace those loved ones and special people in our lives over the years.

As I was writing this, my mind was wandering back to the days when I was traveling extensively in my work, and this was when air travel was a pleasant experience. Flying back home from about an hour from arrival at Greater Pitt Airport, I would watch for the recognizable signs on the ground, I knew how far out from touchdown we would be. It is easy to be distracted by the insanity of our world and the global dystopian agenda underway. These are the days of sorrows the Bible warns and as things become more chaotic, we can find strength in the promises of the Lord. Your faith in God's "Deliverance before Judgment" will see you through this nightmare!

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