

**News and Current Events :: ISRAEL at WAR!****ISRAEL at WAR! - posted by IsaiahSix3, on: 2008/12/29 9:09**

Just in the past week I have read both "The Late Great Planet Earth" and a book by John Hagee called "Jerusalem Countdown". Both of them spell out so clearly what will be going on with Israel in the "last days." So, what I'm seeing in the news right now is startling!

Does anyone have any thoughts or insights about this to share? I see that Israel is always made out (by the media) to be the bad guy, even though they put up with terrorism for years without reacting... defending themselves now is viewed by most of the world as aggression. One of the things both books pointed out is that the world is going to turn against Israel so that they will basically be on their own. I can see that happening soon.

**Re: ISRAEL at WAR! - posted by enid, on: 2008/12/29 9:31**

Rather than looking at books, even though they can be helpful, let's look at what scripture says.

In Matt 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, it speaks about the abomination of desolation, or, as it says more specifically in Luke 21v20, 'But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.'

When it says Jerusalem, I don't know if that refers just to Jerusalem itself, or the land of Israel as a whole.

But I guess it would be hard to surround the city and not get retaliation from the rest of the country.

Unless there is no 'rest of the country' left to retaliate.

But, however we view it, as Jesus said Himself 'But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled ...'

And yes, you are right, Israel is always made to look like the bad guy.

But then, they have always had enemies for one reason or another.

Either for God's correction for when they have forsaken Him, see Deut 27 and 28, or simply because they are God's people.

That's enough from me.

**Re: ISRAEL at WAR! - posted by Kolombian (), on: 2008/12/29 10:02**

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?view=article&aid=23567>

Here I post a link to one message of Art Katz, a Jewish preacher who God used to talk about Israel situation and how it is a reflect of our modern Christianity. You should take a look to this short message, and will be good also that you read more about what God says about, through brother Katz preachings.

Hope it will be of much clarity to you,

Lovingly

Karen

**Re: - posted by davym (), on: 2008/12/29 10:53**

More war. Man's inhumanity towards man. Satan destroying the hearts of men for eternity.

The current situation in Gaza is the result of simmerings for a number of weeks. As I see it, Iran are the instigators here. It is they who fund and supply the majority of weapons to Hamas i.e. rockets that are fired out of Gaza into nearby Israeli towns.

Hamas have complete sway in Gaza and the sad thing is that they were elected. It must be remembered though that the Palestinian people are taught to hate Israel from birth. They don't realise that Hamas simply uses them to forward it's agenda of getting rid of Israel. The constant anti-Israeli propaganda mixed with Islamic fundamentalism serves to entrench hatred and maintain Hamas' hold on the territory.

Iran in turn simply uses Hamas to further its own deeper anti-semitic ideology. Unsettling the Israel-Palestinian conflict works in their favour as it takes the eyes of the West off their ongoing nuclear programme. The credit crunch has no doubt weakened the West also, making a US invasion of Iran extremely unlikely.

Russia is also spouting anti-West rhetoric and supplying weapons to Iran. Putin has already amended the Russian constitution so that he can return to power and rule for a period of up to 12 years! Let's not forget that he controls most of Europe's gas supplies.

It's all one big picture which corresponds with Biblical prophecy although it remains to be seen how things will eventually play out.

What a joy to be saved and to be able to rest in Christ remembering that God is in control of all. We must draw close to Him and pray for all those caught up in conflict.

**Israel Reminds Foes That It Has Teeth , on: 2008/12/29 11:25**

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Mark Heller, a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University, said that that energy reflected the deep feeling among average Israelis that the country had to regain its deterrent capacity.

“There has been a nagging sense of uncertainty in the last couple years of whether anyone is really afraid of Israel anymore,” he said. “The concern is that in the past — perhaps a mythical past — people didn’t mess with Israel because they were afraid of the consequences. Now the region is filled with provocative rhetoric about Israel the paper tiger. This operation is an attempt to re-establish the perception that if you provoke or attack you are going to pay a disproportionate price.”

([http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/29/world/middleeast/29assess.html?\\_r1&hp](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/29/world/middleeast/29assess.html?_r1&hp)) Complete article

**Re: ISRAEL at WAR! - posted by RobertW (), on: 2008/12/29 11:53**

Israel has not known real and lasting peace since it was first recognized as a nation in the 40's. The environment has always been hostile. I would caution reading too much into it especially through Lindsey and Hagee's materials. Lindsey has gone to great lengths to keep us on a cliff hanger thinking the world was about to end as we know it for decades.

We should stay focused on our own homes and churches, etc. There is little other than prayer we can do for the mideast. Lots of things are at play here. There are Christians also in Gaza we need to pray for.

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2)

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/29 12:11**

Isaiah 62:6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; 7 And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

All these events are ultimately happening and will continue to happen until this word be fulfilled.

**Re: - posted by IsaiahSix3, on: 2008/12/29 22:30**

What has frightened me during the study of Islam is learning the depths of EVIL in which Islam is rooted. I really never understood how much (or WHY) they hate us until now. They are so deceived and so full of hate and murder. It is just scary... a very, very scary world we are living in right now. I don't understand it all, but it just FEELS prophetic to me. I have a sense that we are going to see something happen with this current Israeli/Gaza conflict soon that will clearly fulfill some of these prophecies about Israel in the last days.... that all Christians are going to see it happening and know what it really means.

**- - posted by TroyorTakoda (), on: 2009/1/7 9:09**

**Re: ISRAEL at WAR! - posted by ravenmolehil, on: 2009/1/7 10:33**

Psalm 83

**Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2009/1/7 10:35**

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

- Psalm 122:6 (KJV)

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

May those who love you be secure."

- Psalm 122:6 (NIV)

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**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2009/1/7 11:49**

How about we pray that terrorists would stop shooting rockets into Israel. Or that they would denounce the total destruction of Israel? Or what about praying for safety for the people and children in Israel being terrified by the constant attacks? Or how about we stand with Israel instead of against Israel, unlike most every other nation on Earth.

Everything that is happening in Israel will turn for God's glory. I stand with the Lord.

**Re: - posted by broclint (), on: 2009/1/7 12:28**

Amen to Psalm 83 and Chris and Micah. edited

**Re: 'peace be on them' - posted by savannah, on: 2009/1/7 13:47**

Joh 17:9,10 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

Rev. 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev. 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Gal. 4:22-26 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegor

y: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels

Rom 2:28,29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Gal 3:28 & Col 3:11 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Gal 6:14-16 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Exo 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn

Christ Himself is God's Israel and all those who are in Him.

Christ is His Beloved, Only Begotten Firstborn Son. Matt. 3:17, Mark 1:11, Mark 9:7, 2 Pet. 1:17

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

It has been and is, Christ and those in Christ from Genesis to the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Gal. 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

1 Pet. 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

1 Cor. 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

1 John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**Re: , on: 2009/1/7 14:45**

Quote:

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Amen.

About five months ago I was standing on the edge of the Mediterranean at a beach near Ashdod, Israel. Ashdod is one

of the cities that Hamas has been firing rockets into. And a few days before we went to the Mediterranean we visited an IDF tank base. And now some of those soldiers that we met are out there fighting to protect Israelis who live in cities like Ashdod. And a Christian Jewish guy who gave the use of his apartment for my brother and some other guys while we were in Rehovot, he is also out there, risking his life to protect Israel.

On my first Shabbat in Israel we met and fellowshiped with other believers on a kibbutz (community farm), and just outside the building we met was a bomb shelter, ready to provide protection in case of an attack. We went through Tiberius and saw the damage from the attacks from Hezbollah a couple years ago. We would drive through towns and see bomb shelters between apartment complexes.

This is the reality of Israeli life.

I never rode a bus, but I walked past them and thought about the many times that a suicide bomber has climbed on board, and been surrounded by Jewish women and children, and still detonated his deadly weapons and wrought horrific destruction.

And yet these people keep living their lives. They have to. But there's always the possibility of terrorism.

A few years ago a documentary was produced on Islam and terrorism. If you've never studied Islam and their holy jihad, I recommend looking up this documentary on youtube. Here is the first part, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMLJJE DDDGc> - warning, some of the images and videos played are quite graphic. But we need to be aware of these things when we consider the conflict in the Middle East. Also, this is a 'secular production', but it does have Christians on there like Walid Shoebat, who used to be a Palestinian terrorist.

And brother Troy, if you do read this post, I'm just sharing a bit of my heart on this topic as well as personal experience. I just received an email from Michael Brown that addresses anti-Gaza protests. I'm sharing it for you to consider and pray over.  
<http://voiceofrevolution.askdrbrown.org/2009/01/07/the-hollow-sound-of-anti-israel-protests/>

The Muslims are a people who also need God. When I watched 'Obsession' I wept for the children who are being indoctrinated with such hate against other human beings. It's tragic, really tragic how deceived these people are. They need prayer, and Israel needs our prayer.

**Re: - posted by broclint (), on: 2009/1/7 14:45**

Troy I should hope this is merely a quote and not your stand:

Quote:  
-----"Christians must (as a matter of faith) pray for peace in the Middle East. Premillennialists must pray and work for World War III, so Armageddon will come. They cannot pray for peace."  
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Because that is one of the most ludicrous statements I have read in a long time, not to mention, absolutely false. Premillennialists, post millennialists, or whatever label you want to tag on anyone who is a Christian would have to be insane to work for World War III. About the only people that are that insane are those of the most fanatical brand of Islam like the current president of Iran who believes that if enough chaos is created, their Mahdi will come and put everyone, including Jesus under his authority...a fool's dream.

The situation is this, for the Jews and for the Christians who are hated for the same reason by the same world and the same devil... because we represent the faithfulness of the Word of God:

Psalms 120:7 (NKJV) 7 I am for peace; But when I speak, they are for war.

And Savanah:

Quote:  
-----Christ Himself is God's Israel and all those who are in Him.  
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You have quoted quite a few scriptures to attempt to prove, I suppose, replacement theology, but if you are correct then you have no assurance that God will honor His covenant with the "elect" that replaces those whom He supposedly has forsaken.

The context of the Whole Bible is definitely not in support of that theory and in fact Paul makes it clear in:

Romans 11:25 - 29 (NKJV) 25For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins." 28Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

God can and God will graft them in again, and that is precisely what the regathering and all the troubles are about. The end of their tribulations will be that they recognize Him whom they pierced.

Clint

**Re: - posted by broclint (), on: 2009/1/7 14:49**

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Thank you for the spirit of your post.

I am afraid mine does not come off nearly as well, but I assure my brothers that it is in godly concern as well that they not be deceived.

Clint

**Moderator - posted by TroyorTakoda (), on: 2009/1/7 14:50**

Please delete all of my posts. I am leaving this site.

**Re: , on: 2009/1/7 18:44**

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On the contrary, brother Clint! I've also been blessed by your posts and am grateful for your contributions on the topic. I just haven't time to do much posting and replying.

I'm trying to remember the name of the last featured sermon by Art Katz. I think it would be applicable to the current discussions on Israel. Does anyone remember the title of it?

**Re: Israel Reminds Foes That It Has Teeth - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/1/7 21:58**

Quote:  
-----This operation is an attempt to re-establish the perception that if you provoke or attack you are going to pay a disproportionate price  
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Is this fear not rooted in history? The seven-day war that was fought in 1967 (?) comes to my mind...

ginnyrose

**Re: message by Art Katz - posted by broclint (), on: 2009/1/8 2:24**

Joy,

Thank you for your kind words.

I believe that the message by Art Katz that you referred to was "The Two Judaisms" found (<http://media.sermonindex.net/11/SID11559.mp3>) here.

I do hope Troy will find it in his heart to at least investigate the messages of Art Katz before leaving SI.

I was so gratified to hear him for the first time here and was also grieved that just as I was discovering his messages I heard the news that he had just died. There is so much insight into the Word of God that eclipses all the shallow pat answers regarding the eschatology of Israel... some that many of us were trying to grasp on our own that was made crystal clear.

And I must add for the sake of Savannah and DeepThinker, that if you want real deep and spiritual thinking that does not pander to cliched theological positions, you need to listen to some of his messages.

It seems to me the height of spiritual pride to suppose that we Gentiles who as the Pharisees said to the blind man were "altogether born in sins" to imagine that God, who calls Himself eternally and unchangingly the "God of Israel" and who claims marriage to Israel, and who does not believe in divorce... would permanently cast away Israel.

Clint

**Re: ISRAEL at WAR!, on: 2009/1/10 22:09**

My husband and I were just talking to a friend of ours tonight and she said that some missionary friends of hers have been shut in with God and that they have had some visions of what's coming.

She said they saw military tanks in our country. Someone else got a word that Obama, will not be able to take office because the war will begin just as Obama is about to take office. Makes sense to us because if Israel wanted to have a war they would be better off doing it with President Bush, in office.

I know that you can't believe everything you hear and trust me I don't but it's something to think about. I really sense something is about to break loose soon even if they are wrong. Someone also mentioned that Russia is supplying Iran with uranium.