

# Newsbytes EXTRA

## The Third Watch

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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

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## Northern Exposure

Jim Fletcher

Of all the threats to Israel these days (and there are many!), perhaps the most troublesome is the continual efforts by Hezbollah to foment violence.

The terror group’s ultimate aim of course is to defeat Israel. I insist on maintaining that, from the Bible, this won’t happen. But it doesn’t mean harassment and violence isn’t a problem for Jews living in their ancient land.

When the PLO lurched into Lebanon in the 1970s, after being expelled from Jordan by King Hussein in 1970, Arafat’s terror group began a long, slow slide into strife in the region. Even after Israel smashed the PLO during its invasion of Lebanon in 1982, Hezbollah later emerged and continues to this day as a terrorist organization funded by Iran. In 2006, a major war emerged between Hezbollah and Israel; it wasn’t prosecuted as well as it could have been from the Israelis. Prime Minister Ehud Olmert seemed to be in over his head.

Over the years, Hezbollah has stockpiled an enormous supply of rockets, all aimed at Israel’s breadbasket, in the great fertile plain that leads to Tel Aviv.

In a report from Israel, we can glean some interesting tidbits from the ongoing conflict in Lebanon. An Iranian news channel interviewed Wafiq Safa, head of Hezbollah’s “liason and coordination unit.” Safa said that he didn’t know if a major conflict was imminent, but he did cite Israel’s internal struggles, both political and religious. It’s clear Hezbollah is monitoring all this closely.

Interestingly, Hezbollah is trying to curry favor all over Lebanon, even reaching out to the Sunni population in the north. However, those people, weary of the thugs, are rejecting the overtures. Good for them.

For the moment, there are plenty of small conflicts. This week, a Lebanese tractor operator crossed over into Israeli territory and ruined an earthen mound the IDF had built. It then crossed back.

Now, here is the true “bombshell” news: Najib Mikati, Lebanon’s interim prime minister, has said that a peace agreement with Israel could come about through negotiations with the Arab League. As has been stated, this is unprecedented. This comes at the same time the Saudis are willing to talk, as well.

Lebanon’s government has been destabilized (not big surprise; the terrorists have created these conditions for 40 years). European and Arab countries willing to provide aid are losing patience with the Lebanese. Two weeks ago, there was a shooting at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut.

It is troubling that the Lebanese army is building a road parallel to the Blue Line border, too close to IDF installations to be comfortable in Israel. This is in the Shebba Farms area, long a contentious spot for both countries. Lebanon is keen on seeing Israel’s imposing Merkava tanks leave the area. (I saw these gargantuan tanks during my May trip to Israel.)

As you might expect, various Palestinian terror groups have installed themselves in the conflict. The coordinating force is Fatah, but a particularly radical Islamist group, Usbat al-Ansar, is spreading evil ideology in the region. This of course is the foundation of all the violence in the Middle East the past two generations: stoking of violence and incitement, hatred for Jews and even rival Islamist groups.

You must remember that the community of Arab clans in the region operate little differently from those 1,000 years ago. Western powers that involved themselves in the region due to oil supplies, have never taken the steps to put down these Hatfield-andMcCoys conflicts.

The result is long-term radicalism, whether it’s Usbat al-Ansar in Lebanon, or the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, the issue is complex. It is made moreso because there is an unwillingness on the part of nations and diplomats to forcing the terrorists to stand down.

In the meantime, a lot of innocent people on both sides continue to suffer.

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# Israel...at War

By Hal Lindsey

The great earthquake of the Ezekiel 38 war has NOT begun. But we are in the midst of a major foreshock. In the last few hours, Hamas fired thousands of missiles from Gaza into Israel. They targeted Israeli civilians. Hamas soldiers broke through checkpoints and bulldozed parts of the border fence. Their army attacked Israeli neighborhoods in border towns, randomly killing and randomly taking hostages.

But this did not originate with Hamas. A peace agreement with Saudi Arabia seemed close just a few days ago. But the Saudis cannot make peace with Israel now because they cannot seem to be taking the side of Jews against Muslims. The reason Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations have been willing to cooperate with Israel is their common enemy, Iran. So, who benefits with peace set aside? Iran.

This attack was planned, funded, and equipped by Iran. That's why I consider it a precursor to the war prophesied in Ezekiel 38 and 39 — a war led by Russia and Iran. And make no mistake, Russia is tied to this. Just last month, Iran's Minister of Defense said, "Russia and Iran have significantly broadened the range of their cooperation over the past few years. In particular, I would like to note regional affairs, such as the joint war on terrorism and extremism." How is that for ironic? These are the words of the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism.

If you find it hard to believe that the orders came from Iran, consider this. A few days before the attack began, a billboard went up in Iran's capital city of Tehran. The billboard says, "The liberation operation 'Storming of Al-Aqsa' has started." Al-Aqsa refers to the oldest mosque on the Temple Mount. It irks Iran's mullahs that Jews have ultimate jurisdiction over what Islam claims to be its third holiest site.

Shortly after the attack, Iran's Revolutionary Guard posted on X (previously Twitter), "We Told You We Would Come for You." That's a terrorist organization taking credit for its work! And this is definitely a war of terror. These people are shooting schoolgirls on the streets. They are kidnapping whole families including children and the elderly. Their missiles target civilian neighborhoods and other civilian locations with no connection to the military. These are terrorists fighting a war of terror!

Israel has been standing as a buffer between us and radical Islamic terrorists for decades. If Israel doesn't stop them now, Iranian terror will continue to spread in the Middle East and around the world. Never forget that Iran considers Israel the little Satan and the United States the big Satan. We are a target, too. And, ironically, we are helping to fund these attacks on our friends and eventually on ourselves. We keep releasing money to Iran and Iran keeps using it in its campaign of terror around the world.

After the attack began, the US State Department's Office for Palestinian Affairs put up a post on Twitter urging all sides to "refrain from violence and retaliatory attacks." After receiving heavy criticism, they removed the tweet. But their knee-jerk reaction was that Israel should allow their citizens to be pummeled without responding. That shows the kind of thinking in the State Department's entrenched bureaucracy, also known as the deep state.

The Palestinian attack has been especially egregious, easily qualifying as a series of horrible war crimes. How will the world respond?

And how will you respond? Christians should remember that this did not catch God by surprise. His plan continues. He's taking care of you, and His offer of salvation remains open to everyone.

## **Globalists open second front in World War III: Attack on Israel activates 'zero hour' around the world, and America is not immune**

In the realm of geopolitical events, things are almost never as they appear.

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The messaging being sent by the media is no longer mere "news." What we receive from them are carefully crafted narratives meant to advance certain agendas. The same event, in fact, can carry multiple narratives often diametrically opposed to each other because the narratives are tailored to specific audiences and loaded with explosive words and images meant to trigger emotions in those audiences depending on their prior conditioning.

And the devastating attack on Israel Friday night was no exception.

The "what" cannot be debated – over 600 Israeli citizens were slaughtered and more than 2,000 injured in a brazen and brutal attack by Hamas terrorists. More than 100 other Israelis, including an Israeli military general, were captured and are being held as hostages.

But the "why" and the "how" – as in why now and how did they get away with it – will be less understood by the average American who's more interested in who

wins the Packers' game this Sunday or how long Taylor Swift will retain her latest boyfriend.

While few realize it, what happened in Israel on the night of Friday, October 6, is an earthquake in terms of the impact on global stability, mostly because of the timing. The events of October 6 cannot be analyzed and properly understood separate from all that has been going on over the last 18 months between the US/NATO and their vassal states and Russia/China and their vassal states. The attack on Israel (a vassal state of the US/NATO) by Hamas (a vassal state of Iran which is a vassal state of Russia/China) opens up a second front in the escalating World War III scenario being advanced by the globalists for reasons I've provided in previous articles, the most recent of which was posted September 25 as "The Four D's of Digitization, Dehumanization, Destruction and Depopulation."

Ukrainian President Zelensky has already come out with a statement in support of Israel while implying that Russia was responsible for the Hamas attack. We don't know if that's true but Zelensky said it so that makes it true for the faction of people who believe Ukraine's war with Russia is completely just and defensive in nature.

The media tells us that Hamas launched a sneak attack on Israel and caught the IDF napping.

Excuse me, but there is simply no way the Israeli Defense Forces – the most technologically modern, most adept, most highly trained security force in the world – did not see this attack coming. For them to be caught off guard is inconceivable.

We're told they were totally surprised. Even on the 50th anniversary of the last massive attack on Israel, the Yom Kippur War of October 7, 1973, they were not prepared for an attack from their arch enemy? They left their border unmanned and unprotected, and it was breached in 29 different places, including in some areas right next to an international music festival where tourists from other countries were partying literally within yards of a dangerous Gaza border? Please. I'm not buying it.

Nor is former IDF intelligence officer Efrat Fenigson buying into this narrative. Watch what she has to say in a post to the platform X.

<https://x.com/marcfriedrich7/status/1710752764039397487?s=20>

Let this be an object lesson for all of us, in America and elsewhere.

In my book, *Stealth Invasion*, I referred to Muslim Brotherhood documents which prophesied about a “zero-hour event.” Zero hour can be any event that sets off panic and chaos among the masses, and at this point the Islamic terrorists all join hands to attack the infidel, whether that be Jews in Israel or Christians in the West. All the terror cells get activated.

Since around 1990, the United States has imported more than 3 million Muslims to America, mostly through legal channels associated with the Office of Refugee Resettlement and other avenues where Muslims can come here on religious visas, visa lottery programs and countless other visa programs. Refugees are set on a path to full citizenship within five years.

I’m not saying all of them are anti-American. But if even 10 percent of them are, we’ve got a problem very similar to Israel’s.

Sources of mine in Sterling Heights, Michigan, reported seeing fireworks coming from a site on 15 Mile Road where a mega-mosque is under construction. The mosque is not even open for business, yet the property owners used the site to express their celebratory emotions and feelings of giddiness over the news coming out of Israel.

Hundreds of miles away in Tampa, Florida, I was informed of a pro-Hamas rally, also expressing jubilation over Israelis being killed. Muslims also rallied in support of Hamas terrorists in America’s largest cities, New York City, Los Angeles, Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Muslims are also celebrating in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran and Turkey (a NATO member), among other places. This single event in Israel has triggered them and they will launch more attacks on Jews and Christians around the world.

So it would be a mistake to view what happened in Israel as something “over there.”

It can and will happen here. In the U.S. and many European countries, the hordes are not standing at the gates, they’re inside the gates, waiting for their zero-hour event. This may be it.

The Israelis were not prepared for what happened Friday night. They’d grown too comfortable, too prosperous, too lazy, and maybe some had just grown too tired and weary of standing on alert all the time with their weapons at the ready. It can be exhausting being on watch 24/7.

Perhaps they got lulled into a false sense of security, placing too much faith in their government to save them from such attacks. When the chips are down, the government will not be there to save us. Not in Israel and not in America, Britain, Germany, Italy or France.

Just when you feel you are dwelling in safety and security, then like a thief, Satan will send his minions to attack you in the most vicious way possible.

Be aware. World War III is bulldozing its way into our reality. What happened in Israel on the night of October 6 widens the war and draws in the Muslim world. They now have a stake in the outcome of the war. Israel has a stake. Many of the evangelical Christians in the West who were against funding Ukraine's war with Russia will now feel they have a stake in this new front being opened in the Middle East.

We should expect a third front to open soon. Perhaps a Chinese blockade of Taiwan? Serbia attacking Kosovo?

All of this will add up to global war and millions of new combatants being drafted into duty on both sides. Americans, are you prepared to offer up your sons and daughters to the military-industrial complex?

If not, then you'd better wise up and refuse to be played by the script writers in the globalist war games.

The violence is coming soon to a nation, state, city, and/or community near you.

Why? Because, at this point, both sides want it. They've been manipulated into mutual hatred and they're taking the bait.

Will you be caught off guard like those Israelis?