

The Bible in the News – Death To Israel

This is the cry of many of the nations surrounding Israel, nations like Iran, Syria, Gaza and other Arab and Muslim peoples. Their aim is to push the Jews from their land and into the sea. Iran is said to be supplying arms to those who support this cause and the recent rocket fire, mainly from Gaza, into Israel, is just one example of this. The truce brokered by the president of Egypt has given some temporary relief from the bombardment from either side. Will the truce last? The Bible tells us No!

Since 1948, when the nation of modern Israel was established, it has been constantly under attack from surrounding nations. There have been several concerted efforts to destroy Israel, so far none have succeeded. Does this mean those nations around Israel have finished their attacks? Clearly not. We learn from Psalm 83 that these nations *"have taken crafty counsel against thy people"* and have said *"Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance"*. This is still their object with respect to Israel.



Destruction in the Middle East

It is interesting to note that the Psalm goes on to identify them; *"they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee"* (Israel) and there follows a list of nations which today are mostly Arab and Muslim nations surrounding Israel.

Will this confederacy of nations ever succeed in destroying Israel? Let us see what the prophet Zechariah says: *"I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city (Jerusalem) shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city."* A time is coming when this confederacy will have the upper hand and cause great destruction in Israel. So will this be the death to Israel?

Let us see what Zechariah goes on to say: *"Then shall the LORD go forth and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain*

shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south. And you shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal...and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee." Zech. 14:2 -5

Although the Arab and Muslim nations will make this final attack on Israel and succeed in defeating and capturing them, this will culminate in the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Mount of Olives in fulfilment of the promise of the angels to the disciples: *"two men stood by the disciples in white apparel; which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:10 - 11.*

When will this happen? We are not told, but as Jesus warns us *" Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when you think not." Luke. 12:40*

Are you ready for the return of the Lord?

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe."

We need God as our "strong tower" that we run unto. Consider the words of Psalm 144:2-8

"My lovingkindness and my fortress, my high tower and my deliverer, my shield and the One in whom I take refuge."

While men's hearts are failing them for fear of what is coming upon the earth, we know what to expect: the return of Jesus Christ. His return will see a much greater political and physical earthquake than has ever been witnessed in the history of mankind:

*"And in that day His feet will stand on
the Mount of Olives,
Which faces Jerusalem on the east.
And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,
From east to west,
Making a very large valley;
Half of the mountain shall move toward the north
And half of it toward the south.
Then you shall flee through My mountain valley,
For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal.
Thus the LORD my God will come,
And all the saints with You. "*
Zechariah 14:3-5

This will be a time of unsurpassed turmoil, but the end result will be the establishment of the kingdom of God. So in this time of trouble let us remember the words of Psalm 46:1:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."