

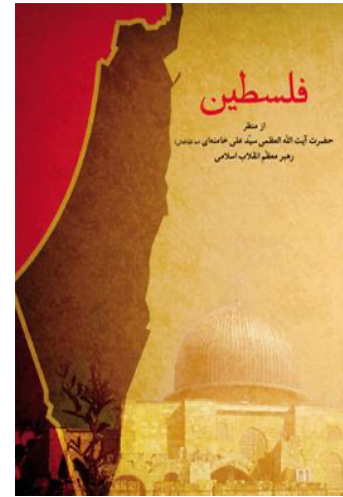


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A. Recent Events

1. October 7, 2023 - The war officially started on October 7, 2023. Since that day, rocket sirens have sounded every single day in Israel.
2. In the initial attack, 1,200 people were killed and 240 were taken hostage.
3. We have seen a major invasion into Gaza by Israel.
4. There have been some retaliatory attacks by Israel on Hamas and Hezbollah launch sites outside Israel.
5. March 25, 2024 – The UN voted to condemn Israel's invasion of Gaza with the US abstaining.
6. April 19, 2024 - The most significant retaliatory attack by Israel was made on Iran in the most antisemitic area called Isfahan. Electrical, communication and radar guidance systems were targeted.
7. We now know that the US and Turkey were given 72 hours notice of Israel's attack on Iran.
8. Airspace over Israel, Iraq, and Iran was closed to commercial aircraft shortly before the attack.
9. President Biden, SOS Blinken, VP Harris, Senator Schumer, and many world leaders have spoken out against Israel.
10. It seems to me that there is a growing rift between Israel and her allies—including the United States.

B. Statement by PM Netanyahu



Addressing a 2015 UN General Assembly meeting in New York, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held up a copy of this book and said it was a "400-page screed detailing [the Ayatollah's] plan to destroy the state of Israel."

"We will be victorious in this war against Israel. The United States won't come after us militarily. And once we have the bomb, Israel won't come after us militarily. We will bring death to the United States and death to Israel...May Allah be glorified."

- The Current Ayatollah of Iran, *Palestine* (Pictured)

Source: A condensed 104-page paperback (online) all-English version is entitled on the front cover as: "Palestine: Selected Statements by Ayatollah Khamenei About Palestine" but on its Title Page the title is slightly revised as: "The Most Important Problem of the Islamic World: Selected Statements by Ayatollah Khamenei About Palestine", ISBN 978-964-2951-40-6; published by: "Moasseseh Pajoohehi Farhangi Enqlab Eslami". Cf. Chapter 3 "Responsibilities," second paragraph, line 8 for the quote.

POINT: This conflict is not new.

C. Prophecy Fulfilled

1. Israel is seemingly going at it alone now.

What do you do when those who are considered your best friends abandon you in your greatest time of need? Unless you're an atheist, you turn to God knowing that all human resources have been exhausted. Most of us, at one point or another, have found ourselves alone feeling as if we had dwindling support. It usually didn't impact whether or not we lived to see another day. But in the case of Israel being forced to go it alone, it may be the best thing that ever happened to the Jewish homeland because now it demands that God enter the picture. Predictable news came the other day that the UN Security Council had voted for an immediate (long term, possibly permanent) ceasefire to take place. As it relates to the Gaza war, no one was surprised because it was for what they've been clamoring for all along. But when the US decided to abstain and not veto the decision, that was when we knew that we had officially been abandoned by those who promised they'd never do so. The abandonment of Israel by every nation was predicted thousands of years ago by the Jewish prophet Zechariah who starts out his last chapter detailing exactly how that final battle will come down. And while we may not be there yet, the sides are being taken as, one by one, all of our reliable allies are evaporating faster than a drop of water on a hot stove. Israel has no choice; we are now fighting this battle without the nations' support but we are far from alone because if God is by our side what chance does anyone really stand?

- Joel Rosenberg "All Israel News"

Zechariah 12:3, NASB95 -³ “It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy [burdensome] stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And [then] all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.”

Islam believes that as allies move away from Israel, then they are on the verge of conquering the whole earth. They believe their “12 imam is at the door” and their messiah will soon arrive. [SOURCE: For a general overview and subsequent media links, cf., <https://sunnah.com/abudawud/38>.]

“Do we delude ourselves with the thought that we gained our own prosperity; that we gained our own peace? Not at all, it's God who gave it to us.” - Abraham Lincoln (second inaugural address)

NOTE: The US recognized Israel's *right to exist* by US President Harry Truman (D), 11 minutes after it was given *it's right to exist* on May 14, 1948.

Genesis 12:3, NASB95 -³ And I will bless those who bless you (Israel), And the one who curses you I will curse.

POINT ❶: I support cautioning Israel of the *optics* of its invasion into Gaza and the high death count. I also support showing no signs of backing away from our greatest ally in the Middle East—Israel.

POINT ❷: I am NOT anti-Palestinian. I am anti extremist-Islam and antisemitic positions.

POINT ❸: I would support a Palestinian state—as long as it's not in Israel. (“From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.” - PA)

POINT ❹: If we minimize our support of Israel, we do so at our peril.

2. We cannot continue to “divide up the land” of Israel.

POINT: The US appeasement policy in the Middle East and the many “land for peace” treaties have all failed. We should not have divided up the small land Israel has.

Joel 3:2, NLT -² *I will gather the armies of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat (ie., decision). There I will judge them for harming my people, my special possession, for scattering my people among the nations, and for dividing up my land.*

3. I believe things will get worse—not better.

2 Timothy 3:1–13, NASB95 -¹ But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God... ¹³ But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

D. What Lies Ahead

1. Obviously, all eyes are on the Middle East. *It's not good there.*
2. The real battle for Israel will be to the North with Hezbollah.
3. CBDs (Central Bank digital currency; a cashless system) on the horizons (now active in Australia)
4. On May 29, 2024, there will be a vote in the WHO basically giving the WHO power over the US (and all UN countries) during a world pandemic like COVID. Biden plans to call it an *accord* (and not a *treaty*) and thus, bypassing a vote by the US Senate. Full implementation would not take place until 2030.

E. Hope During Difficult Times

1. God is with us right now.

John 14:18–20, NASB95 -¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ “After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ “In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

2. God does not want you to fear these last days.

Matthew 24:33, NASB95 -³³ *so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.*

3. God does want us to do something in these last days.

Luke 19:13, KJV -¹³ *And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.*