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**We rejoice knowing the God has a plan for today! He is in control and He will provide.**

**We are living in a day and time when there are so many indicators of the End Times. But, we should not jump to any conclusions about any particular event.**

**Just because the end is *near*, does not mean the end is *here*.**

**We should live prayerfully, carefully, and watchfully because any day could be the day in which Jesus returns to call His Church home.**

**Today we need your financial assistance -- particularly as we are in the slow months of summer -- to enable World Prophetic Ministry to continue to share comfort, confidence, and compassion to a restless, confused, and weary world.**

**Until He returns,**

*Ed Hindson*

## The Great American Divide



America is in serious trouble! The social, political, and spiritual divide in our society is greater than it has ever been. Already ravaged by the coronavirus pandemic, now the streets of our nation are being taken over by a combination of peaceful demonstrations, extremist agitators, social anarchists, and opportunistic looters. The chaos playing out on television and social media has exposed the deep divide in the empty soul of the nation.

America has been deliberately and progressively turning its back on God for the past 50 years. Now, it is more obvious than ever, and no one seems to really know what to do about it.

Twenty-seven centuries ago, the prophet Isaiah

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# Iran Leader Uses Nazi Phrase in Call for Israel's Destruction

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran Ali Khamenei published an antisemitic poster on last month, evoking Nazi Germany's "final solution" that destroyed European Jewry, in order to advance Tehran's quest to abolish Israel. The poster's language reads: "Palestine will be free. The final solution. Resistance is referendum."

Khamenei also wrote, "First, I would like to highlight the magnitude of the tragedy of the occupation of Palestine and the formation of the Zionist cancerous tumor in that country, Among crimes against humanity in recent times, there is no crime that equals this crime in terms of scope and gravity... Today, the resistance front is moving with increasing power and hope, while the front of oppression, unbelief and arrogance is growing more hopeless and powerless by the day. Today the 'invincible' Zionist army is forced to retreat against resisting people in Lebanon and Gaza."

Khamenei also inferred Iranian support of Palestinian fighters, both politically and militarily. He wrote, "Iran realized Palestinian fighters' only problem was lack of access to weapons. With divine guidance and assistance, we planned and the balance of power has been transformed in Palestine, and today Gaza can stand against the aggression of the Zionist enemy and defeat it."

Iran has systematically been equipping various factions throughout the Middle East with military supplies and training.

Khamenei displayed the antisemitic poster in English, Farsi and Arabic on his official homepage. The picture shows a conquered Jerusalem with photos of the late Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corp Quds Force leader Qassem Soleimani.



The US and the EU classified Soleimani as a leading international terrorist. A US drone strike killed the Quds Force leader in January. He was responsible for the murder of over 600 US military personnel as well as Israelis. The

poster was released from Khamenei's office to celebrate Quds Day, the annual Iranian regime rally calling for Israel's destruction.

Iran's regime is considered the top state sponsor of antisemitism and Holocaust denial according to national director Jonathan Greenblatt of the Anti-Defamation League.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo responded to Khamenei on Twitter, calling his remarks "disgusting and hateful anti-Semitic remarks."

"We know Khamenei's vile rhetoric does not represent the Iranian people's tradition of tolerance," Pompeo added.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responded on Friday saying, "Those that threaten Israel with extermination put themselves in similar danger."

Similarly, Israel's Alternate Prime Minister and Defense Minister Benny Gantz responded to the threats Friday afternoon writing on his Facebook account, "The State of Israel has

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# Iran and Israel Engaged in Cyber Warfare

The simmering cyber conflict between Iran and Israel reached a boiling point as the two enemies have been attempting to quietly take down critical infrastructure that security analysts dub something of an electronic cold war. “The fact that Iran is behaving so aggressively, and trying to disrupt critical services in Israel, is very disturbing,” David Kennedy, founder/CEO of TrustedSec, and a former hacker for the NSA and U.S. Marine Corps has stated.

Iran fired the first shot by purporting to cyberattack water installations – including tanks, pumps, and pipelines in Israel – raising the alarm among national security and cyber experts over the vulnerability of critical infrastructure. While some slight damage to

water valves and control systems did take place, according to Haaretz, ultimately there was no persistent damage to the water supply. Then on May 9, the Bandar Abbas port terminal in the south of Iran was suddenly crippled, and shipping traffic was suspended for days. Israel was behind the retaliatory strike back which successfully inflicted severe damage without causing casualties. Israel was attempting to show Iran that it would not allow them to attack their infrastructure without retaliation.

Moreover, analysts have also pointed out that Iran’s cyberattack was executed through servers based in the United States and Europe,

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severe challenges in many arenas. Khamenei’s statement that Israel is a ‘cancerous tumor’ illustrates this more than anything. As someone who knows the Iranian issue well, and who has prepared the IDF’s capabilities on the subject, I do not suggest anyone to test us.”

This is yet another example of Iran and its proxies throughout the Middle East calling for the direct destruction of Israel.

Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah gave a speech on the same day as Khamenei on the “struggle with Israel,” in which he

opened with the position that “Israel must be destroyed.”

It is especially significant that Khamenei used the term “Final Solution”, a term used by the Nazi’s throughout World War 2 for the Holocaust, which is somewhat ironic given that Khamenei has denied on several occasions that the Holocaust actually occurred and as recently as last year praised a French philosopher who denied its historicity.

Tensions will remain high in the region as long as rhetoric like this is used.— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray for the safety of Israel and for a de-escalation of tensions in the region.

observed a similar problem in ancient Israel, which was on the brink of disaster because of a lack of leadership.

When the spiritual and moral foundation of society erode, they expose a failure of spiritual and moral leadership. While the prophet spoke specifically to his own generation, his words have a stinging familiarity in our day as well.

Isaiah said: *“For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, takes away...the mighty man and the man of war, the judge and the prophet, and the diviner and the elder; the captain of fifty and the honorable man; the counselor and the skillful artisan...I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. The people will be oppressed, everyone by another and everyone by his neighbor. The child will be insolent toward the elder, and the base toward the honorable”* (Isaiah 3:1-5, NKJV).

Moral outrage over the unnecessary and tragic death of George Floyd, or anyone else for that matter, is certainly understandable. But turning that anger on innocent people who had nothing to do with his tragic death only compounds the problem further. It is still true that two wrongs do not make a right. Yes, we should speak out against racial injustice and call for serious correction in our law enforcement system when needed. But we cannot at the same time excuse the equally horrific acts of wanton injustice to innocent victims of that outrage, including those in law enforcement.

In a society that has largely forgotten God, the basic instincts of those on every side of the divide call out for revenge, retaliation, and destruction. Add to that the agenda of

organizations like Antifa (anti-fascism) which is opposed to the ideologies, groups, and individuals of stable government. Its anarchist policies call for the abolition of law, order, police, military, and democratic governance in general. It is predominately a left-wing political activist group that promotes public protests, digital activism, property damage, harassment, and physical violence (check out their website). Then, toss into the mix passionate, angry, and frustrated young people and you can see the results for yourself on nightly television.

The truly prophetic voices in America have been warning for the past 50 years that unless there is genuine revival in our nation, this would be the inevitable result. Sincere believers have been praying for and calling for such a revival for an entire generation. That time has now come. Perhaps God has pulled back the curtain to reveal our deepest need for repentance, regeneration, and revival on every side.

America is strongest when we pull together and weakest when we pull apart.

More than ever we all need to pray for God’s intervention before it is too late. Believers -- black, white, rich, poor and everybody in between -- need to come together to pray, talk, act, and support one another. America needs healing and it must begin with the heart. Let it begin with you and me. Speaking for God, *the prophet Jeremiah said, “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for me? (32:27). “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know” (33:3).— PNL*

**PRAY:** Pray for Believers to come together to pray, talk, act and support one another. Pray for God’s intervention before it is too late.

# Tensions Rise as Israel Prepares to Annex Sections of West Bank

With Israel weighing whether to annex parts of the West Bank in the coming months, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas announced that his self-governing administration in Ramallah would no longer be bound by existing agreements with the Jewish state, including security cooperation, in what could be the beginning of a violent spiral in the region. Other



Arab leaders have also warned Israel against annexing any West Bank territory, including Jordan's King Abdullah II, who said last week that Israel was on course for a "massive conflict" with his country.

While annexation could be months off, the responses from the two leaders who stand to be affected most by any Israeli move underscored just how sensitive the issue is, even after more than 50 years of Israeli control of the territory. The possibility of annexation was included in a power-sharing deal between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former rival, Benny Gantz of the Blue and White party, which ended nearly 500 days of political deadlock.

Although it's not clear which parts of the West Bank Israel would incorporate, the coalition deal allows Netanyahu to bypass his own cabinet and put the issue directly to parliament after July 1—so long as he has the support of the Trump administration. That means Gantz, who is considered a relative moderate, could not veto the move. Even if Gantz's faction opposes annexation, Netanyahu is likely to have a majority for it

in parliament. Israel has controlled the West Bank for over five decades—since fighting a quick and decisive war with its neighbors in

1967. Still, any move to make Israeli rule there official would send shockwaves through the region.

Senior Trump administration officials have indicated that it will be "Israel's decision" on whether to press ahead with annexation, although

recent reports have raised some doubt as to the exact timeline and process expected by Washington. President Trump's Middle East peace plan, released earlier this year, envisions up to 30 percent of the West Bank being incorporated into Israel, including the strategic Jordan Valley. But Netanyahu, now in his fifth term as prime minister, might settle for a smaller area that includes the larger and more populous settlement blocs Israel has built in the territory over the decades.

Already, officials stretching the gamut from the United Nations to the European Union and Arab League, Canada to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, have issued warnings to Israel. Europe is reportedly debating some form of sanctions, including freezing Israel out of joint scientific and educational projects—although member states are still divided on the issue.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh already warned that annexation would force the Palestinian Authority to reconsider every aspect of its relationship with Israel. "Things are going to be really

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which indicates some degree of sophistication. And following the April attempt to harm Israel's water systems, the regime is said to have overinflated the outcome in its press as a means of distraction against the coronavirus pandemic crippling much of the nation's health care system. The gloating prompted Israel to acknowledge that an incident had happened, although it was largely dismissed.

"We are in a state of constant cyber cold war accentuated by regular skirmishes such as the Iranian attack on Israeli water systems and the Israeli response on Iran's main port. Israel does not usually come out of the shadows to execute publicly identified cyber-attacks," Bardin continued. "They did so this time since Iran was chest-thumping over the attack on the Israeli water system, considered critical infrastructure. Israel had to strike back and did so in such a way that shut down the port for ten days."

Things kicked up an extra notch last month, after allegedly Iran-based hackers seemingly infiltrated tens of thousands of unsecured Israeli websites, disabling their functions and blasting threatening videos and messages pertaining to the "crimes against the Palestinians," and "all

we can do is revenge from a cyberattack."

"Thousands of Israeli sites, including sites of major and major companies in the economy, were vandalized following an attack by anti-Israel officials against the Upress hosting company," Bardin explained. "The attack disrupted the company's servers. Instead of the usual content of the sites appears content calling for the destruction of Israel. In addition, the sites ask the users permission to use the camera to take photos."

But where the Iran/Israel cyber conflict goes from here—and whether tensions will continue to rise—remains to be seen. According to Behnam Ben Taleblu, a senior fellow and Iran expert at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), the use of cyber tools for purposes of damage and espionage is consistent with Iran's asymmetric military strategy. "Just like proxy wars, the cyber domain permits Iran to mask its hand and involvement, as well as limit the potential for kinetic blowback and escalation," he explained. "In this regard, Iran's cyber wars have been successful, even if they invite Israel or other states to respond to Iranian aggression using the same or better cyber means."—PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that tensions in the region will subside and that people will be protected from these cyber-attacks.

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ugly if they are going to go do what they are planning to do," he said in a private roundtable for the Middle East Institute.

Looking to push back against Israel, Abbas would likely allow demonstrations and even some small-scale violence against Israel to coalesce. Under that scenario, Palestinian security forces would no longer halt protesters

before they reached the sensitive seam zones between Israeli and Palestinian control. There is even a chance that Abbas would mobilize the members of his Fatah party's long-dormant popular militia, the Tanzim, to take to the streets—a situation that multiple Israeli security officials have described to Foreign Policy as a game-changer. —PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that tensions lesson in the region and that both sides will be able to come to an agreement without violence.