

The Currency of the Kingdom is Faith!

The book of Hebrews is just that, it is the Gospel to the Jews, and Hebrews 11 is known as the great chapter on faith. ***“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”*** -(Hebrews 11:6). The preponderance of Bible scholarship suggests that the Apostle Paul wrote the book of Hebrews. He left his signature on the book of Hebrews through his writing style and especially his salutation. The salutation of a written personal letter; however, in the case of Hebrews, the name of Paul does not appear. That said, we know with near certainty that Paul was the author of the book of Hebrews. Virtually, all of Paul’s Epistles end with a salutation. Most of you that have written letters use terms such as: Kind Regards, Many Thanks, All The Best, Thanks for Everything, Many Thanks, and of course, you always have the trusty Sincerely. The Apostle Paul’s salutations goes like this: ***“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all”*** or ***‘Grace be with you in Jesus Christ’*** or ***‘Grace be with you’***.

Every Epistle of the Apostle Paul ends with the salutation form like these above with only slight word arrangement variation, but always you find the word ***“Grace”***. Paul couldn't put his own name to the book of Hebrews because of his association with unclean Gentiles which had made him an outcast among his own people. Hebrews has thirteen (13) chapters, three-hundred and three (303) verses, and six-thousand and nine-hundred and thirteen (6,913) words. Paul’s writing style is unique, it reflects a man of education; it’s obvious that whoever wrote the book, is really trying to get the Jew to see that the Son (Jesus Christ) is better than everything. Even the location of Hebrews in the Canon speaks to the Jewish link it with the Epistles of James, Peter, and John, epistles written specifically to the Jews. There is so much in the book of Hebrews that exalt its message, but I don’t want to get side-tracked here from my intended subject. I had a course on the pastoral books of Hebrews, James, Peter and John in seminary, and most pastors recognize Hebrews 11 as the famous chapter on Faith.

Remember, Hebrews 11:1 says; ***“NOW faith IS the SUBSTANCE of things HOPED for and the EVIDENCE of things NOT seen...”*** It didn’t say THEN, faith was... NOR did it say, LATER, faith WILL BE... it says ***NOW FAITH IS...*** this goes to show that faith is in the present tense.

That same Scripture says faith is a SUBSTANCE, which means faith is TANGIBLE... it has value, it has worth... That is why Jesus said... ***“O ye of LITTLE faith, why do you doubt?”*** - (Matthew 8:26). And he could say something different about the Centurion... ***“I have never seen such GREAT faith in Israel...”*** -(Luke 7:9). And He could also say, ***“O FAITHLESS and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you?”*** -(Matthew 17:17).

That same Scripture goes to say, faith is the EVIDENCE of things NOT seen... This is like an irony. How can what you haven’t seen have any evidence? But then in the Kingdom, BELIEVING is SEEING as over against the world’s concept of SEEING is BELIEVING. In this day and age seeing does not always lead to believing. In conclusion, I will say, if you cannot believe

it, then, you cannot receive it. With the computer even video can be “photo-shopped” as faked. How much is your faith worth?

God provides us huge amounts of evidence proof, if we would just believe it. But there comes a point where we have to, sooner or later, make that leap of faith. My eBook ***“The Inspired Word of God: Mathematically Proven True!”*** offers thousands of examples where God’s “Signature or Covenant Word/Number” confirms the identity of its True Author. In my spare time, (while waiting for the Rapture) I’m working on Volume 2.

I learned an important lesson three decades ago. It had to do with a major tenant of the Bible. I held the view that “seeing is believing”, in that order; however, in God’s Economy, it is the other way around! In God’s Kingdom, “BELIEVING is SEEING” as against the world’s concept of “SEEING is BELIEVING”. How many of you have made this statement, *“I will believe it when I see it?”* Permit me to explain this finer point of God’s Word. God says, you believe, and I will show you more truth! It came as a decade-long struggle with the concept of the 6-day Creation versus the 13.5-billion year science tenet. Once I got past that difficult obstacle, it has been mostly clear sailing since. What I don’t understand, I have learned to accept on Faith and not to expect an immediate answer or explanation. I don’t question God’s Word. God in His due time will reveal understanding.

Do you grasp what I am saying here? Faith is far more important than most readers of the Bible fully understand. The word **“faith”** occurs **243X** in 231 verses. It is found **34X** in Paul’s Epistle to the Romans; and **31X** in Hebrews. The danger about which the inspired writer warned us springs from the sin of unbelief. The antidote for this dread poison is faith. First of all a brief description of faith is given in verses 1-3. The word translated “substance” is ***hupostasis***; it could also be translated “essence” or “confidence.” It is modified by the phrase ***“of things hoped for.”*** Its best meaning seems to be that faith is that which underlies the inheritance which believers expect to receive. Secondly, the writer declares that faith is the evidence which gives proof of the existence of the unseen world. Some lexical and grammatical explanation will help the reader here.

Faith

New Testament

It is a Noun: πίστις (***pistis***), (Strong’s <G4102>), ***pistis*** means “belief, trust, confidence,” though it can also mean “faithfulness.”

(1) Faith can refer to the act of believing. The New Testament speaks about faith in God -(Mark 11:22; 1st Thessalonians 1:8; 1st Peter 1:21; Hebrews 6:1) and faith in Jesus -(Acts 3:16; 20:21; 24:24; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 1:15; Colossians 1:4; 1st Timothy 3:13). It also simply speaks about “faith” with the unspoken object being understood as Jesus Christ -(Romans 1:8; 1st Corinthians 2:5; 15:14, 17). In the gospels, Jesus heals people as an affirmation of their faith and a visual aid of the spiritual healing they experience -(Matthew 8:10; 9:2; 15:28; Mark 5:34; 10:52; Luke 18:42). In other instances he reprimands people for their lack of faith -(Matthew 17:20; Mark 4:40; Luke 8:25).

A major theme in Romans and Galatians is that believers are justified by faith and not by works -(Romans 3:28, 30; 4:5, 11, 12, 13, 16; 5:1, 2; 9:30-32; 10:6; Galatians 2:16; 3:8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 22, 24; 5:5; see also Philippians 3:9). Paul shows the proper relationship between faith and works. Righteousness is received by faith from first to last -(Romans 1:17). At the same time, true faith produces obedience -(Romans 1:5; 16:26; see also Galatians. 5:6; 1st Thessalonians 1:3; 1st Timothy 1:5; Titus 1:1; 1st Peter 1:5). This is well in line with the exhortation of James that true, saving faith is demonstrated by action -(James 2:14, 17, 18, 20). Reflecting these truths, a Reformation saying is that salvation is by faith alone, but not by a faith that is alone.

In one sense, to have faith is equivalent to being a Christian. Paul affirms that “those who are of faith are children of Abraham” -(Galatians 3:7). Every Christian is saved by grace through faith as a gift from God, and not as the result of anything they do -(Ephesians 2:8). Christ dwells in the hearts of believers through faith -(Ephesians 3:17). Faith gives believers the assurance that they can approach God -(Hebrews 10:22) and is the means by which God gets them to the finish line of their salvation -(1st Peter 1:5). Faith is part of the armor of God that protects believers against the enemy -(Ephesians 6:16; 1st Thessalonians 5:8). Christians are people who **“live by faith, not by sight”** -(2nd Corinthians 5:7). The writer of Hebrews defines faith as **“being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see”** -(Hebrews 11:1) and follows with a list of Old Testament saints who lived that way. Jesus is the author and perfecter of your faith - (Hebrews 12:26).

However, the degree of faith can vary from believer to believer. Faith can be weak -(Romans 14:1), it can be possessed in differing measures -(Romans. 12:3, 6), and it can grow -(2nd Corinthians 10:15; 2nd Thessalonians 1:3). Faith can be tested and needs to be strengthened in the face of trials -(1st Thessalonians 3:2, 5, 6, 7, 10). Faith can be renounced, abandoned, or destroyed -(1st Timothy 1:19; 6:10, 21; 2nd Timothy 2:18; Revelation. 2:13). The testing of faith results in perseverance -(James 1:3).

(2) **pistis** can also refer to Christian doctrine or collection of beliefs -(James 2:17; Philippians 1:27; 1st Timothy 1:13; Titus 2:2; Jude 3). The word can also refer to the Christian religion as in Paul’s exhortation to the Corinthian Christians to **“stand firm in the faith”** -(1st Corinthians 16:13; see also Acts 13:8; 14:22; 2nd Corinthians 13:5; Galatians 1:23; Philippians 1:25; Colossians 2:7; 1st Timothy 3:9; 4:1, 6; 2nd Timothy 4:7; Titus 3:15). As the gospel is preached in the early days of the church, a number of priests become obedient to the faith -(Acts 6:7), and churches are strengthened in the faith -(Acts 16:5). There is **“one hope, one faith, one baptism”** -(Ephesians 4:5), and Jesus gives various people in service to the church to build it towards unity in the faith -(vs. 3). Christians belong to the **“household of faith”** -(Galatians 6:10). The Christian faith rests on the resurrection of Christ and has no validity without it -(1st Corinthians 15:14, 17).

(3) **pistis** can also denote a conviction or certainty of belief. Jesus says that if someone tells a mountain to be thrown into the sea and has faith that it will happen, then it will -(Mark 11:23). Paul calls this aspect of faith one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit -(1st Corinthians 12:9; see also

13:2). Similarly, *pistis* can refer to an assurance or proof. God has given assurance that He will send Jesus back to judge the world by raising Him from the dead -(Acts 17:31).

(4) Finally, *pistis* can mean “faithfulness” or “trustworthiness.” Jesus demonstrates with the Pharisees for neglecting justice, mercy and faithfulness -(Matthew 23:2). A lack of trusting in people does not nullify the faithfulness of God -(Romans 3:3). Scholars debate whether *pistis* in Romans 3:22 means “*faith in Jesus*” or “*the faithfulness of Jesus.*” Slaves are to show good faith -(show that they can be trusted) to their masters -(Titus 2:10). Persecution will call for the faithfulness of the saints -(Revelation 13:10) and will require endurance to be faithful to Jesus -(Revelation 14:12). Faithfulness is an aspect of the fruit of the Spirit, which is to mark all believers -(Galatians 5:22).

I trust that I have not bored you with all this information. But there is a caveat here that I must share with you relative to my eBook: ***‘The Inspired Word of God: Mathematically Proven True!’***. These three words [Faith, Faithful, Faithfulness] occur a total of **434X** or (7 X 62) times. God has placed His “**Heptadic Design Feature**” or Covenant Number “**7**” on the collective family of words here, rather than on the individual words. In my eBook, I have been able to identify **nine** different levels of use or application of this themed Covenant Number “**7**” throughout the entire King James Bible. I may have discovered a **tenth** level. Once I have confirmed it to be so, I will include it in this volume. This is why we can say with confidence the King James Bible is **98.2%** correct; and the remaining **1.8%** is irrelevant as to doctrinal teaching truth since at the Greek or Hebrew text level, we can through computer letter transposition determine the original writer’s intent and actually correct the original Greek or Hebrew.

The book of Hebrews has been called the Fifth Gospel. The first four describe what Jesus Christ once did on earth, while Hebrews describes what He is now doing in heaven. Those who are tempted to go back to Judaism are reminded that apart from Christ's work there is no other way of salvation. If they reject Him, they can expect only judgment -(Hebrews 10:26-27). Even under the old covenant rebellion met with death. How much worse will be the punishment of those who have experienced the grace of God through Christ, yet deliberately reject and disown it -(Hebrews 10:28-31). If people have faith, it means they believe that things hoped for according to God's promises will be achieved and that unseen powers of God are real. Those with faith look beyond what they see. They know that they cannot explain the existence of the world solely by reasoning from the things that can be seen -(Hebrews 11:1-3).

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. -(Ephesians 2:8-10).

In their natural state, all people are spiritually dead because of sin. Nothing they do can bring them back to life, because no matter how much good they try to do, they are still sinners. This is true of Jews and Gentiles alike. In body and mind they are under the control of Satan, and consequently are rebellious against God -(Ephesians 2:1-3). If you doubt that for even a

moment, then you need to explain the insanity of our world today. Such rebels do not deserve God's love, but God loves them nevertheless. God does for sinners what they cannot do themselves. He gives them new life, and He does this on the basis of Christ's death and resurrection. By God's grace, Christ not only died to bear the penalty of human sin, but He rose to glorious life in the heavenly world so that repentant sinners can have a glorious new life in Him -(Ephesians 2:4-7).

This salvation is entirely God's work. Sinners cannot save themselves. Through faith they can only turn to God in their helplessness, and humbly accept the salvation that God offers. Good works cannot earn them salvation, but once they are saved their lives should be full of good works. When God gives people a new life, they must live a new life -(Ephesians 2:8-10).

Notice also that Ephesians 2:8 does not say that faith saves us. It says ***“through faith.”*** Faith is simply a means to an end. The preposition ***“through”*** is the Greek preposition ***“dia,”*** which we will recognize in English words such as diameter (measurement by means of going through the middle), diagnosis (a conclusion achieved by looking through knowledge we have gathered), and other words with dia- as a prefix. The Greek dia has the idea of what one must go through to get to arrive elsewhere—the channel used to get somewhere.

Faith in and of itself has not power to save us. Faith is simply the channel through which one goes to find grace, God's power working in man. What happens if you stop in the channel, and trust in the channel to get you to the other end? Well, just take a trip to England and visit the Channel Tunnel between England and France. If you could, enter a few steps into the Channel Tunnel and stop there. Then trust the Channel to take you to France. The Channel Tunnel is a means to get to France, but it in and by itself has not power to get you there.

Thus it goes for those who somehow think that faith in and of itself will save a man. ***“Through (by means of) faith”*** we are saved, by grace. Grace does the actual liberating; faith is simply the channel through which grace—God's power—can flow.

Note carefully, if you have problem with understanding Ephesians 2:8-10, you need to look into your upbringing in religious matters. I would bet that you have been brought up in a religious system of works-righteousness. Such systems teach you have to merit God's gift, you have to do this, do that, following a strict order of rules and regulations. Religious systems of the works-righteousness system place an individual under a system of fear, guilt, and obligation. Individuals that come out of works-righteousness systems of faith have difficulty understanding Paul's teachings on faith and grace. Throwing the chains off of such systems of works-righteousness off your back can be a struggle. Only a thorough understanding of the Gospel will enable you to unlearn that which has acted like a vice grip on your faith. Paul's Epistles are the basis of the Christian message since the days of Pentecost, that is to say, during the dispensation of Grace or the Age of the Church. With Christ Jesus all those ***“dos”*** are ***“done”***!

Paul explains this idea very well in his letters: 1st Corinthians 9:17; Ephesians 1:10; 3:2; and Colossians 1:25. Paul says in Ephesians 3:2 that, ***“If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:”*** For centuries there had been bitterness and tension between Jews and Gentiles, mainly because of the way proud Jews looked down on Gentiles. Jews had circumcision as the sign that they were God's people; Gentiles did not. Because they were not God's people, Gentiles enjoyed none of Israel's privileges through the covenants and promises. They had no hope for a Messiah and no knowledge of God -(Ephesians 2:11-12). The Jews, having been chosen to receive God's law, considered themselves close to God but viewed the Gentiles far from Him. They did not even allow Gentiles into the holiest part of the temple. It was as if a solid wall separated the two. But Christ, through His death, broke down this wall, abolished the offensive law and commandments, destroyed the hatred and made peace -(Ephesians 2:13-16).

No longer are the 'near' Jews more privileged than the 'far off' Gentiles. In Christ there is no longer a distinction between Jews and Gentiles, for all who believe are God's people. All have equal status as citizens of God's heavenly city, all are members of his family, and all come into his presence through the one Spirit -(Ephesians 2:17-19). The new temple in which God dwells is not a building like the old Jewish temple. It is a spiritual dwelling place. Apostles and prophets form the foundation, other believers form the main building, and all is built around and built into Christ -(Ephesians 2:20-22).

God's wisdom and love displayed -(Ephesians 3:1-21) It was because Paul had taken the Gospel to the Gentiles that he was imprisoned in the first place -(Acts 21:27-36). Yet he feels humbled to think that God should graciously choose him for such a noble work -(Ephesians 3:1-2). As a Jew he was once proud of his belief that only Jews were God's people. Even if some of the 'far off' Gentiles believed in God, they were still not God's covenant people in the sense that Jews were. Now God's special revelation shows Paul clearly that no longer is this so. Jewish and Gentile believers are united in one body, the church, and as God's people they share equally in all God's blessings -(Ephesians 3-6).

Paul believes that only by God's grace could one as unworthy as he be given the work of taking the Gospel to the Gentiles. He believes also that only by God's power will he be fruitful in that work -(Ephesians 3:7-8). God's plan of uniting all believers in one church in and through Christ displays to people and to angels His great wisdom -(Ephesians 3:9-11). This encourages Christians in their everyday lives, for if God is so wise and powerful, they know that they can enter into His presence at all times without fear or doubt. They therefore should not be discouraged, as some in Ephesus were when they heard that their apostle was in prison -(Ephesians 3:12-13).

The one to whom Paul prays is the Father of all who believe, whether Jews or Gentiles. This one is the true Father. Everything in the universe has its origin in him. Even earthly fathers and their families exist only because there is a heavenly Father and his family -(Ephesians 3:14-15). Paul asks this heavenly Father that those who are his children might be strengthened inwardly through allowing the Spirit of Christ within them to control them. As they understand

more of Christ's love, they will grow to be more like Him in their lives -(Ephesians 3:16-19). They should not think that this goal is too high to reach, for God is able to do far more than they think possible -(Ephesians 3:20-21).

Again, those who have been raised in the atmosphere of works-righteousness see God as a Judge, a Taskmaster, rather than to understand His nature as a loving father, desiring an intimate relationship between the Father and His children. This works-righteousness mentality becomes like an insurmountable wall of partition. I understand this distortion of how God has been presented by many churches and denominations. The book of Acts provides us how the Gospel of Christ was passed down to the Apostle Paul. Paul's ministry is a major portion of the New Testament and his planting of churches.

The Epistles of Paul contain most of the doctrine the Christian faith is built upon, especially in relationship to salvation. The Pauline Epistles expound on the doctrines of sanctification, justification, redemption, and reconciliation. The Pauline Epistles contain significant teachings on difficult theological issues such as election, predestination, foreknowledge, the deity/humanity of Christ, God's ongoing relationship with Israel, and the Judgment Seat of Christ. The Epistles of Paul also get very practical in how the church should function, containing teaching on spiritual gifts, qualifications of church leaders, the role of women in ministry, and the relationship between law and grace in the life of a Christian.

The Apostle Paul wrote 13 letters bearing his signature; and most scholars believe he also wrote the letter to the Hebrews that are included in the canon of Scripture. Paul's Epistles include Romans, 1st Corinthians, 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1st Thessalonians, 2nd Thessalonians, 1st Timothy, 2nd Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

In my eleven years of college and seminary education, I have studied all the different schools of theology. I am familiar with all the different views offered by real scholars as well as those who consider themselves as pseudo-experts, many who cherry-pick Scripture to support their strange points of view. But at the end of the day, the Apostle Paul is the one Christ Jesus chose to address the message for the Church. Since world events are getting volatile in virtually every facet of life, people are beginning to become unglued, as they say. I am here today to tell you, it is not a time for those of little faith. Rather, it might be better called, as Hal Lindsey named his book *'Combat Faith'* for finding inner peace and stability requires a new dimension of faith far beyond Positive Thinking and the Positive Confession. This is true of the Prosperity gospel as well.

The Bible is like an exquisite fine-cut DeBeers diamond, and God has provided us many ways in His Divine Hologram design of studying the Sacred Word. Of the many facets of enriching our understanding of God and His Message, the "concept, theme, or idea" is developed through Typology. There are some three hundred examples of the concept of "Deliverance Before Judgment" that strengthens one's faith in these matters. Collectively these examples build a solid foundation for your confidence that the Pre-Tribulation, Pre-Millennial "Rapture" of the born-again believer is true. I show this in these three studies.

32-part series on Deliverance Before Judgment
23-part series on The Biblical Theme of the Bride
19-part series on The Pre-Tribulation Truth

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We are moving deeper into an increasing volatile time, just before the Lord intervenes in the chaos of the world. The next event on the prophecy watch calendar will be the fulfillment of Isaiah 17:1-2: ***“The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.”*** Liberal church leaders will try to refute this as a forthcoming prophecy but they have nothing to refute its coming. Those who have had any Bible history try to base their view on this prophecy of the destruction of Damascus was fulfilled by Tiglath-Pileser III in 732 B.C. and again in 728-727 B.C.. Damascus has been recognized as the longest existent city in history. But what we need to remember is that it has never been a ***“ruinous heap”***. The same Assyrian campaign that took Damascus also reached down into the northern part of Moab and took the cities of Aroer. (The Septuagint, however, reads ***“her cities,”*** that is, the cities under the control of Damascus, not Aroer.) The Bible mentions three cities called Aroer: one in Judah -(1st Samuel 30:28), one in Moab -(Joshua 12:2) and one in Ammon -(Joshua 13:25). If the cities in Moab and Ammon are meant, this would fit the situation after Tiglath-Pileser III partially depopulated the area.

Isaiah 17 is an oracle concerning Damascus that was only partially fulfilled when the Assyrians conquered Aram in 732 B.C. and 10 years later conquered the breakaway Northern Kingdom of Israel. The point is that Damascus was never completely destroyed in the manner which the text states. It's the portion of Isaiah 17 that were not fulfilled that concern us today, and the most obvious one is the fact that Damascus has never been reduced to a heap of ruins. Although the city has been conquered several times it has yet to be destroyed like the prophecy of Isaiah 17:1-2 requires.

Damascus has proved to be a most resilient city. It was conquered by the Israelites (1000 B.C.), the Assyrians (732 B.C.), the Babylonians (606 B.C.), the Persians (530 B.C.), the Greeks (330 B.C.), the Nabateans (85 B.C.), the Romans (63 B.C.), the Byzantines (634 A.D.), the Mamelukes (1250 A.D.) and the Ottoman Turks (1516 A.D.). But the city itself has always survived and is now claimed to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world with a 5,000 year history. Its current population, or was, is close to 2 million, yet Isaiah 17:1-2 indicates that it will one day cease to exist.

Ever since the Syrian civil war began in 2011 students of prophecy have been looking for the complete fulfillment of Isaiah 17. Several times in the 4 years since then it has appeared as if the destruction of Damascus was imminent, but each time the city was spared. This article

will explain why it is that Damascus and Syria is the fuse for the Ezekiel 38/39 War and World War III. Every single day, the news reports become more and more ominous.

It's important to remember in all of this that as far as Isaiah 17 is concerned it's not enough for the Assad government to be deposed. For Isaiah's prophecy to be fulfilled, Damascus has to become an uninhabitable ruin. We are once again at a point where it looks as if the Assad government is about to fall. But just this week Iran alerted the world to look for "major events" in Syria in the days to come. This has been interpreted as an announcement that a large scale intervention by Iran on Syria's behalf is coming soon. Iran has apparently been persuaded that, without direct Iranian military involvement, its ally could go under at any moment.

It also appears likely that a significant deployment of Iranian troops will soon be airlifted to Syria to bolster the disheartened Assad forces. Reports out of Lebanon indicate that up to 15,000 Iranian troops are already in Syria. The Iranian troops were believed to be wearing Syrian uniforms and we have no idea of the true number of Iranian troops in Syria. The history of Israeli-Syrian relations is overflowing with conflict, both direct and by proxy on the part of Syria. Given that is true, especially at this time when Israel is already feeling threatened - and rightly so - by Tehran's nuclear weapons program, Syria has selected the worst imaginable moment to "cross a red line" with Israel.

Damascus' predicted fate is distinct from either of these cities or perhaps any other. Its buildings and streets will not just be deserted, but they will be left as a "heap of ruins." I am not aware of a case in modern times of that happening to any city. There are cities that have been wiped out by tsunamis, or even volcanic explosions, but they have been rebuilt and not left as heaps of ruins. The real estate still has value to former inhabitants and with a concerted effort they can achieve reconstruction of the city soon enough.

Nevertheless, Hiroshima and Nagasaki may provide the best case for how Damascus' complete destruction and abandonment is likely to happen. A nuclear bomb with a larger yield or a series of bombs with smaller yields could turn an entire city into a heap of ruins. This is quite feasible in Damascus' case since it is small, only approximately 40 square miles in area. If a ground burst attack is used instead of an air burst, the lingering radioactive fallout would keep people from coming back to rebuild and re-inhabit it.

Israel has long had an arsenal of nuclear bombs and is also a frequent target of attacks from Syria (and the terrorist organization Hezbollah in Lebanon). In fact, Israel has already been in several major wars with Syria between 1948 and 1973. It presently has 200 nukes aimed at Iran!

More Importantly, Israel also has the will to use these weapons. Because Israel's enemies are so numerous and able to overrun the tiny nation so easily, Israel has adopted a nuclear policy called ***"The Samson Option."*** The name comes from the famously strong judge of Israel who took his own life by knocking out the support pillars of the temple he was in to

avenge himself on his enemies around him. According to this policy, Israel would nuke the cities of her enemies if she was overrun or about to be defeated. Hitting the leadership of Syria at Damascus would be part of this retaliatory attack.

The idea of Damascus' doom coming from a war with Israel is not surprisingly indicated by several plain verses. Isaiah 17 continues by describing what happens along with Damascus' destruction. In this prophesied event, northern Israel ("Ephraim" as opposed to the southern Kingdom of Judah) is named as taking damage and casualties, although comparatively less than Damascus (Damascus loses the kingdom, but Israel loses only the fortress). War is never completely one-sided. If Israel is prompted to attack Damascus, they will certainly suffer casualties in the process. Going further in the prophecy we can see that, as has usually been the case, Syria will not be acting alone against Israel. ***"The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts. And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean. And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim. Yet gleanings shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel."*** -(Isaiah 17:3-6).

Middle East Bible prophecy is ready to be fulfilled. But let's recap the points of the preceding sections of this article:

1. Prophecy points to the end of Damascus through at least one or possibly two nuclear weapons, such as Israel, the archenemy of Syria, has been building and testing for several decades.
2. Other Arab/Muslim capital cities are also destroyed following a joint attack by Syria and other Arab nations around Israel, per Psalm 83.
3. Before Damascus is destroyed, Psalm 83 describes an alliance of Israel's neighbors bent on wiping out Israel and all memory of her.
4. Taking on a nuclear power like Israel is suicidal until nuclear parity is achieved. One bomb or nuke is not enough when you're provoking a country with missile defense and a capable nuclear arsenal.

While many again were not paying attention or choosing to care about what was happening in the Middle East, the refugees fleeing from Syria were starting to flood Europe and then to our hemisphere and change the way of life for many. They became pawns in the hands of the globalists desiring to enslave all of humanity. Who is responsible for this chaos? The Vatican, and the Jesuits used their cover of a false faith through the use of their financial arm, the House of Rothschild to turn the world upside down through immigrant invasion as a pretext to a better life, but only finding resentment of host countries. Empire change had taken on a new strategy. You see the idea of empire is as old as the Bible. But in centuries past it came through brute force. The following article was originally published in the June 2019 edition of *"Future of Freedom"*.

For most of history, seizing another country or territory was a straightforward proposition. You assembled an army and ordered it to invade. Combat determined the victor. The toll in death and suffering was usually horrific, but it was all done in the open. That is how Alexander overran Persia and how countless conquerors since have bent weaker nations to their will. Invasion is the old-fashioned way.

When the United States joined the race for empire at the end of the 19th century that was the tactic it used. It sent a large expeditionary force to the Philippines to crush an independence movement, ultimately killing some 200,000 Filipinos. At the other end of the carnage spectrum, it seized Guam without the loss of a single life and Puerto Rico with few casualties. Every time, though, U.S. victory was the result of superior military power. In the few cases when the United States failed, as in its attempt to defend a client regime by suppressing Augusto Cesar Sandino's nationalist rebellion in Nicaragua during the 1920s and 30s, the failure was also the product of military confrontation. For the United States, as for all warlike nations, military power has traditionally been the decisive factor determining whether it wins or loses its campaigns to capture or subdue other countries. World War II was the climax of that bloody history.

After that war, however, something important changed. The United States no longer felt free to land troops on every foreign shore that was ruled by a government it disliked or considered threatening. Suddenly there was a new constraint: the Red Army. If American troops invaded a country and overthrew its government, the Soviets might respond in kind. Combat between American and Soviet forces could easily escalate into nuclear holocaust, so it had to be avoided at all costs. Yet during the Cold War, the United States remained determined to shape the world according to its liking — perhaps more determined than ever. The United States needed a new weapon. The search led to covert action.

During World War II the United States used a covert agency, the Office of Strategic Services, to carry out clandestine actions across Europe and Asia. As soon as the war ended, to the shock of many OSS agents, Harry Truman abolished it. He believed there was no need for such an agency during peacetime. In 1947 he changed his mind and signed the National Security Act, under which the Central Intelligence Agency was established. That marked the beginning of a new era. Covert action replaced overt action as the principal means of projecting American power around the world.

Truman later insisted that he had intended the CIA to serve as a kind of private global news service. *"It was not intended as a 'Cloak & Dagger Outfit!'"* he wrote. *"It was intended merely as a center for keeping the President informed on what was going on in the world ... [not] to act as a spy organization. That was never the intention when it was organized."* Nonetheless he did not hesitate to use the new CIA for covert action. Its first major campaign, aimed at influencing the 1948 Italian election to ensure that pro-American Christian Democrats would defeat their Communist rivals, was vast in scale and ultimately successful — setting the pattern for CIA

intervention in every Italian election for the next two decades. Yet Truman drew the line at covert action to overthrow governments.

The CIA's covert-action chief, Allen Dulles, twice proposed such projects. In both cases, the target he chose was a government that had inflicted harm on corporations that he and his brother, John Foster Dulles, had represented during their years as partners at the globally powerful Wall Street law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell. In 1952 he proposed that the CIA overthrow President Jacobo Arbenz of Guatemala, whose government was carrying out land reform that affected the interests of United Fruit. By one account, State Department officials "hit the roof" when they heard his proposal, and the diplomat David Bruce told him that the Department "disapproves of the entire deal." Then Dulles proposed an operation to overthrow Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh of Iran, who had nationalized his country's oil industry. Secretary of State Dean Acheson flatly rejected it.

White House resistance to covert regime-change operations dissolved when Dwight Eisenhower succeeded Truman at the beginning of 1953. Part of the new administration's enthusiasm came from Allen Dulles, Washington's most relentless advocate of such operations, whom Eisenhower named to head the CIA. The fact that he named Dulles's brother as secretary of State ensured that covert operations would have all the necessary diplomatic cover from the State Department. During the Dulles brothers' long careers at Sullivan & Cromwell, they had not only learned the techniques of covert regime change but practiced them. They were masters at marshaling hidden power in the service of their corporate clients overseas. Now they could do the same with all the worldwide resources of the CIA.

It was not only the Dulles brothers, however, who brought the United States into the regime-change era in the early 1950s. Eisenhower himself was a fervent advocate of covert action. Officially his defense and security policy, which he called the "New Look," rested on two foundations, a smaller army and an increased nuclear arsenal. In reality, the "New Look" had a third foundation: covert action. Eisenhower may have been the last president to believe that no one would ever discover what he sent the CIA to do. With a soldier's commitment to keeping secrets, he never admitted that he had ordered covert regime-change operations, much less explained why he favored them. He would, however, have had at least two reasons.

Since Eisenhower had commanded Allied forces in Europe during World War II, he was aware of the role that covert operations such as breaking Nazi codes had played in the war victory — something few other people knew at the time. That would have given him an appreciation for how important and effective such operations could be. His second reason was even more powerful. In Europe he had had the grim responsibility of sending thousands of young men out to die. That must have weighed on him. He saw covert action as a kind of peace project. After all, if the CIA could overthrow a government with the loss of just a few lives, wasn't that preferable to war? Like most Americans, Eisenhower saw a world of threats. He also understood that the threat of nuclear war made overt invasions all but unthinkable. Covert action was his answer. Within a year and a half of his inauguration, the CIA had deposed the

governments of both Guatemala and Iran. It went on to other regime-change operations from Albania to Cuba to Indonesia. Successive presidents followed his lead.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, the United States was once again free to launch direct military invasions. When it found a leader it didn't like — such as Saddam Hussein or Muammar Qaddafi — it deposed him not through covert action, but by returning to the approach it had used before World War II: the force of arms. Covert efforts to overthrow governments have hardly ceased, as any Iranian or Venezuelan could attest. The era when covert action was America's principal weapon in world affairs, however, is over. That makes this a good time to look back.

Books about the Cold War heyday of covert action era are a mini-genre. Lindsey A. O'Rourke's contribution is especially valuable. Unlike many other books built around accounts of CIA plots, *Covert Regime Change* takes a scholarly and quantitative approach. It provides charts, graphs, and data sets. Meticulous analysis makes this not the quickest read of any book on the subject, but certainly one of the best informed. Chapters on the disastrous effort to overthrow communist rule in Eastern Europe, which cost the lives of hundreds of deceived partisans, and on the covert-action aspects of America's doomed campaign in Vietnam are especially trenchant.

O'Rourke identifies three kinds of covert operations that are aimed at securing perceived friends in power and keeping perceived enemies out: offensive operations to overthrow governments, preventive operations aimed at preserving the status quo, and hegemonic operations aimed at keeping a foreign nation subservient. From 1947 to 1989, by her count, the United States launched 64 covert regime-change operations, while using the overt tool — war — just six times. She traces the motivations behind these operations, the means by which they were carried out, and their effects. Her text is based on meticulous analysis of individual operations. Some other books about covert action are rip-roaring yarns. This one injects a dose of rigorous analysis into a debate that is often based on emotion. That rigor lends credence to her conclusions:

- When policymakers want to conduct an operation that they know violates international norms, they simply conduct it covertly to hide their involvement.
- Covert missions typically have lower potential costs than their overt counterparts, but they are also less likely to succeed.
- Can interveners acquire reliable allies by covertly overthrowing foreign governments? Overall, I find the answer is no. Covert regime changes seldom worked out as intended.
- The new leader's opponents often accused him of being a U.S. puppet and, in some cases, even took up arms against the regime. In fact, approximately half of the governments that came to power in a U.S.-backed covert regime change during the Cold War were later violently removed from power.
- States targeted in a covert regime-change operation appear less likely to be democratic afterward and more likely to experience civil war, adverse regime changes, or human-rights abuses

- Covert regime changes can have disastrous consequences for civilians within the target states. Countries that were targeted by the United States for a covert regime change during the Cold War were more likely to experience a civil war or an episode of mass killing afterward.
- Even nominally successful covert regime changes — where U.S.-backed forces came to power — seldom delivered on their promise to improve interstate relations.

Although these conclusions are not new, they have rarely if ever been presented as the result of such persuasive statistical evidence. Yet even this evidence seems unlikely to force a reassessment of covert action as a way to influence or depose governments. It is an American “addiction.” The reasons are many and varied, but one of the simplest is that covert action seems so easy. Changing an unfriendly country’s behavior through diplomacy is a long, complex, multi-faceted project. It takes careful thought and planning. Often it requires compromise. Sending the CIA to overthrow a “bad guy” is far more tempting. It’s the cheap and easy way out. History shows that it often produces terrible results for both the target country and the United States. To a military and security elite as contemptuous of history as America’s, however, that is no obstacle.

Although covert regime-change operations remain a major part of American foreign policy, they are not as effective as they once were. The first victims of CIA overthrows, Prime Minister Mossadegh and President Arbenz, did not understand the tools the CIA had at its disposal and so were easy targets. They were also democratic, meaning that they allowed open societies in which the press, political parties, and civic groups functioned freely — making them easy for the CIA to penetrate. Later generations of leaders learned from their ignorance. They paid closer attention to their own security, and imposed tightly controlled regimes in which there were few independent power centers that the CIA could manipulate.

If Eisenhower could come back to life, he would see the havoc that his regime-change operations wreaked. After his overthrow of Mossadegh, Iran fell under royal dictatorship that lasted a quarter-century and was followed by decades of rule by repressive mullahs who have worked relentlessly to undermine American interests around the world. The operation he ordered in Guatemala led to a civil war that killed 200,000 people, turning a promising young democracy into a charnel house and inflicting a blow on Central America from which it has never recovered. His campaign against Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba of the Congo, which included the fabrication of a poison kit in a CIA laboratory, helped turn that country into one of the most violent places on Earth.

How would Eisenhower respond to the long-term disasters that followed his covert action victories? He might well have come up with a highly convincing way to excuse himself. It’s now clear, he could argue, that covert action to overthrow governments usually has terrible long-term results — but that was not clear in the 1950s. Eisenhower had no way of knowing that even covert regime-change operations that seem successful at the time could have devastating results decades later.

We today, however, do know that. The careful analysis that is at the center of Covert Regime Change makes clearer than ever that when America sets out to change the world covertly, it usually does more harm than good — to itself as well as others. O'Rourke contributes to the growing body of literature that clearly explains this sad fact of geopolitics. The intellectual leadership for a national movement against regime-change operations — overt or covert — is coalescing. The next step is to take this growing body of knowledge into the political arena. Washington remains the province of those who believe not only that the United States should try to reconfigure the world into an immense American sphere of influence, but that that is an achievable goal. In the Beltway morass of pro-intervention think tanks, members of Congress, and op-ed columnists, America's role in the world is usually not up for debate. Now, as a presidential campaign unfolds and intriguing new currents surge through the American body politic, is an ideal moment for that debate to re-emerge. If it does, we may be surprised to see how many voters are ready to abandon the dogma of regime change and wonder, with George Washington, "Why quit our own to stand upon foreign ground?"

What the above article fails to identify is the link between the Vatican and the CIA. The papacy lost both its supremacy and its temporal power (its sovereign territory) in 1798. While it has not since regained its supremacy, it did regain its own temporal power in 1800 when a new pope ruled over the Papal States. It lost its territory again in 1809, and regained it again after 1815. As to its ability to exercise authority of the two keys of power, i.e., religious and political, [see Papal crest below] by use of the CIA as an instrument sympathetic to Vatican causes, has slowly but steadily has been gaining back its temporal power through the Rothschild' central banks. The Vatican has been joined at the hip with the House of Rothschild. This was done by the Vatican commissioning the House of Rothschild to be the Vatican's "Fiduciary" Agent.

Since 1947, the CIA has facilitated the Vatican's recovering of its lost temporal power. Nation after nation underwent regime change by the installation of a Rothschild Central Bank. The Vatican and the House of Rothschild are co-conspirators and partners-in-crime. Since 1798, the Vatican has been at war in re-capturing those nations that escaped the control of Rome by creation of a secular government. You can argue that the Vatican does not have an army, but you would be only partially correct. It has had an unconventional army in the form of the Jesuits. Not all Jesuits wear the clerical collar but all Jesuit-educated Roman Catholics are obliged to serve in any capacity role possible to overthrow those countries that are independent of the Vatican. This is why the Bible refers to Rome as "**Mystery, Babylon the Great**" -(Revelation 17:5). Jesuit-Georgetown University School of Foreign Service is Rome's liaison between Rome and the Pentagon/State Department, achieving the goals of Rome. This is revealed in *'Vietnam Why Did We Go? The shocking Story of the Catholic "Church's" Role in Starting the Vietnam War'* by Avro Manhattan. Rome was retaliating against the Buddhists that drove the Catholic French out of Vietnam in 1954. Jesuit-Georgetown was pushing the "domino theory" that Communism had to be stopped in Vietnam in order to keep other countries from falling into the clutches of the thumb of the "Iron Curtain" or Russia/China. The United States military was the invisible military that served the greater agenda of the Vatican! The 58,000+

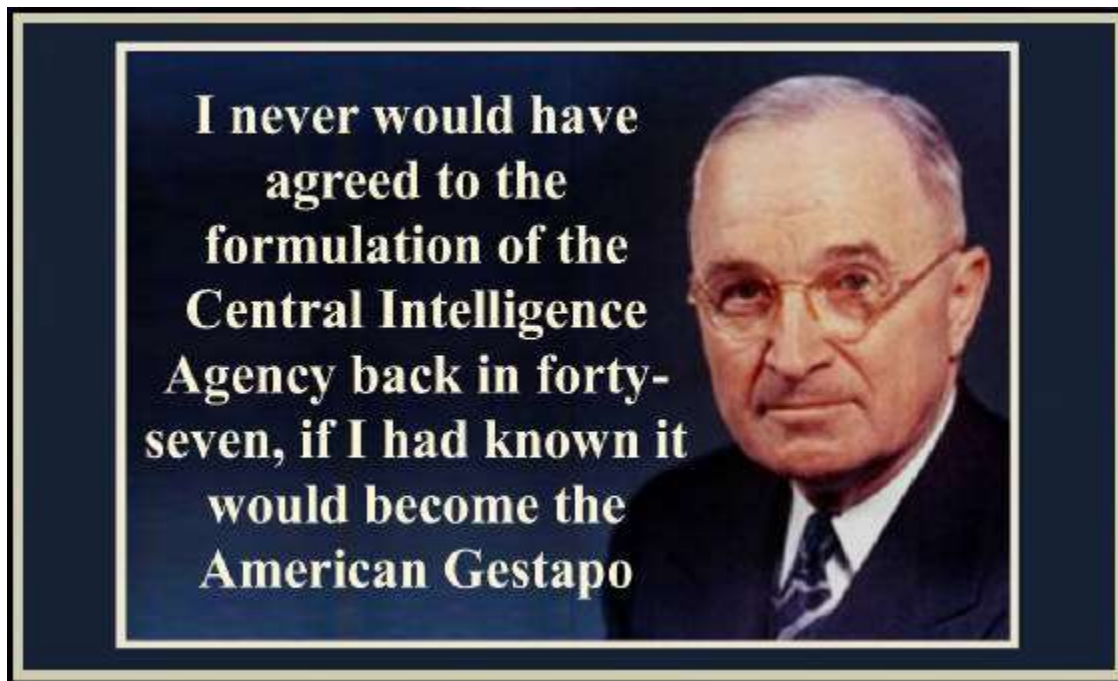
Americans did not die fighting Communism in Viet Nam as painted by the U.S. government and media, it was fighting for the pope of Rome. It was common knowledge that this was Cardinal "Spelly's War". If you doubt this simply do an internet search on the phrase: "Spelly's War." It was a nickname for the war in Vietnam, based on the support for the war by influential Jesuit and U.S. cardinal Francis Spellman. As a political entity, the Holy See casts a large shadow in the world's politics.



Since 1947, the CIA has done the bidding of the Vatican in the overthrow of regimes around the world. Both have held bitter hatred for Russia. All we need to do is look at all the CIA directors that were Jesuit-trained or were devout Roman Catholics. CIA directors yield tremendous power both in foreign policy and military planning. The Roman Catholic Church, of course, is one of the most anti-communist organizations in the world. The Marxist doctrine of atheism threatens Catholic theology, and its equality threatens the Church's strict tradition of hierarchy and authoritarianism. When Hitler invaded Communist Russia, the Vatican openly approved. Jesuit Michael Serafian wrote: *"It cannot be denied that [Pope] Pius XII's closest advisors for some time regarded Hitler's armored divisions as the right hand of God."*

In 1947, Pope Pius XII was more than willing to allow black money to flow through his Vatican Bank. The Truman Administration already had funneled more than \$350 million to the Holy See for economic relief and political payments. The pope used these funds to reactivate the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), which had been dismantled under the reign of Mussolini, and to establish twenty thousand CDP cells throughout Italy. The Holy Father also obtained an additional \$30 million from Truman's aid package to create Catholic Action, an organization to generate propaganda against the Communists. Criminal activity and corruption has long since

been part of the Vatican Bank. Money laundering from drug cartels, child trafficking, corrupt dictators, political leaders, sale of black market oil, around the world has made a mockery of the Roman Catholic Institution. Today, the three largest commodities in the world: 1. Oil, 2. Gas, and 3. Drugs in that order. The laundering of drug money became so great that the Vatican Bank could not hide the fact and the CIA was forced to enlist major global banks to launder the billions of illicit drug profits. The drugs from Afghanistan pass through US and UK military aircraft bypassing normal customs channels throughout the world.

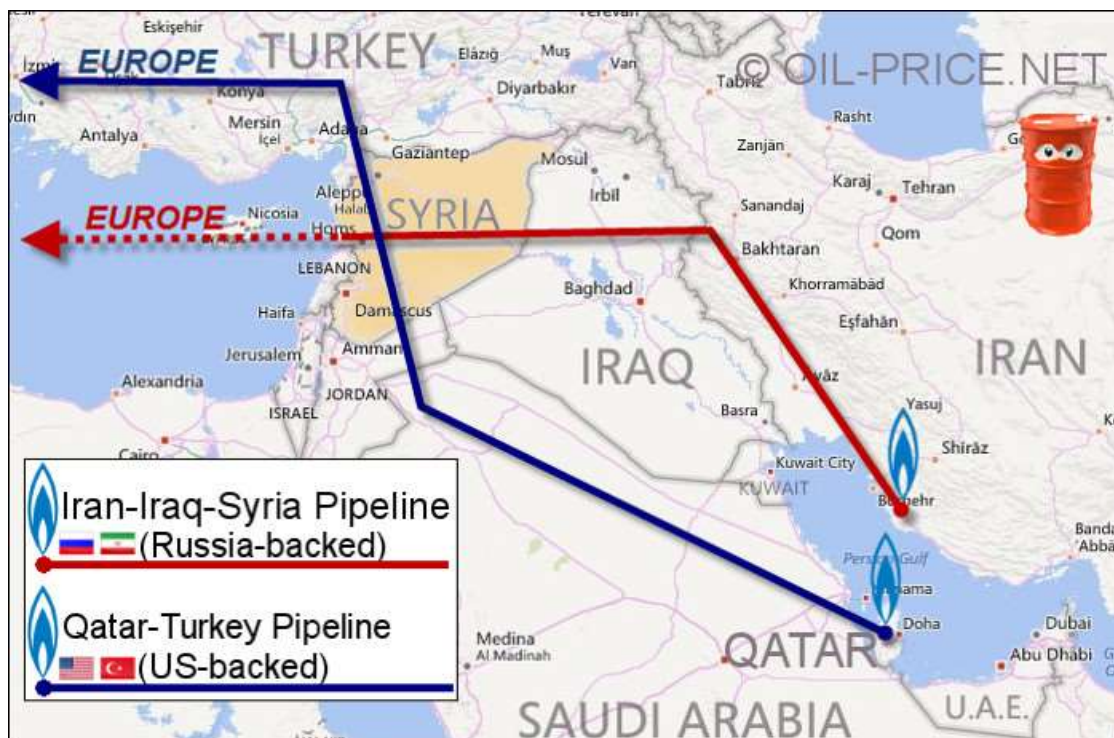


American cardinal Francis Spellman was now called upon to spearhead the Vatican-sponsored campaign to encourage Italian Americans to urge their relatives in the old country to vote against Togliatti and the other Communists. *"The fate of Italy depends upon the forthcoming election and the conflict between Communism and Christianity, between slavery and freedom,"* Spellman wrote in a pamphlet that was distributed in Catholic parishes throughout the United States. The cardinal also arranged to bombard Italy with radio messages from American celebrities such as Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, and Gary Cooper, urging the people to rise up in support of the Christian Democrats in order to check the growth of Communism. I could share volumes of information showing how the Vatican works its century-old agenda of recovering global control. For all intent and purpose the USA has served as the Vatican's army and hammer bringing about regime change around the planet.

Europeans were seeing first-hand what was going on and being directly affected by the growing Syrian war, but what was not brought to the immediate attention of Christians was the role Damascus plays in these final days. Syria has been contested for its geographic location between the Russia/Iran oil pipeline and a competitive pipeline the U.S. wanted to run through Iraq and Turkey. See the map on the next page of the two competing routes that lie at the

center of this war on Syria. Russian President Putin signed an agreement with Syrian President Assad ten years ago to build a pipeline from Iran to transport oil to the Mediterranean Sea. The war in Syria is directly mentioned in the Bible, specifically a sign to watch for in the destruction of Damascus from being a city. It was prophesied to become a ruinous heap.

Some have even suggested that the Isaiah 17:1-2 prophecy started around late September and early October of 2015 as the war grew to reach the capital of Syria. The belief was the prophecy was fulfilled by December of 2015 as the war raged on. If you didn't know it, Damascus has become a ruinous heap. Eight years of civil war has taken a huge toll on the city. The city is no longer functioning. For miles and miles the streets of Damascus hold ruin and rubble, just as foretold in the Bible. Yet, Bashar Assad has continued to control Damascus and it has areas of the city that have remained unscathed. Although Israel has not resorted to the use of a nuclear weapon, that can change depending on the desperation factor.



While we focus on Isaiah 17:1-2, the larger story encompasses the first 14 verses of the chapter. In the larger frame of Isaiah 17, we are provided a picture that is reminiscent of what has occurred over the past eight years of civil war. In the context of Ezekiel 38/39, it seems that Isaiah 17:1-2 is the fuse that precedes the Gog and Magog invasion of Israel. That may have been accelerated by the fact that Israel has declared the Golan Heights as belonging to Israel. With the discovery of the world's largest pool of oil located on the Golan, Syria is not about to acquiesce to Israel's claim regardless of what President Trump has to say that it belongs to Israel. My belief is that we are close to that day when: ***"The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be***

caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever” (1st Thessalonians 4:16–17)—are you ready for His coming for his Bride?



Above: President Putin’s contracted oil pipeline from Iran to southern Europe.



Above: U.S. backed pipeline from Qatar to southern Europe.

These two competing pipelines remain, for the most part, largely on hold as a result of the Syrian civil war, and ISIS attacks to control portions of Syrian. Putin signed his deal with Bashar Assad, according to the Wall Street Journal in July 2011.

The article, *“Iran, Iraq, Syria Sign \$10 Billion Gas-Pipeline Deal,”* reported that a new Middle East pipeline, changing the geopolitical complexion of the region with dire consequences for the Jewish-led West, would run from the Iranian South Pars gas field to Damascus via Iraq territory. That deal was signed in late October of 2012. This deal means more to Russia than it does to Syria. You might ask why? It does not require a Ph.D. to see what is developing.

One answer is natural gas. Specifically, most of the foreign belligerents in the war in Syria are gas-exporting countries with interests in one of the two competing pipeline projects that seek to cross Syrian territory to deliver either Qatari or Iranian gas to Europe. In short, as Iran emerged from international sanctions and its massive gas reserves become available for export, Syria’s gas war began heating up.

In 1989, Qatar and Iran began to develop the South Pars/North Dome field, which is buried 3,000 meters below the floor of the Persian Gulf. With 51 trillion cubic meters of gas and 50 billion cubic meters of liquid condensates, it is the largest natural gas field in the world. Approximately one-third of its riches lie in Iranian waters and two-thirds in Qatari ones.

Since the discovery, Qatar has invested heavily in liquefied natural gas (LNG) plants and terminals that enable it to ship its gas around the world in tankers. Yet liquefaction and shipping increase total costs and, particularly as gas prices have slipped, Qatari gas has remained easily undercut in European markets by cheaper pipeline gas from Russia and elsewhere. And so, in 2009, Qatar proposed to build a pipeline to send its gas northwest via Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Syria to Turkey.

Then, to further convolute Russia’s problem with the competition, came along the Israeli discovery of their own huge oil and natural gas reserves, in the Golan Heights and then the Leviathan field off the coast of Israel and Lebanon. Israel has been in a race against Russia to get its pipeline across the Mediterranean Sea before Russia is able to complete their line with Syria. Israel’s recent discoveries of oil and natural gas has become the bait on the hook of Ezekiel 38:4: ***“And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:”***

Israel announced on December 15, 2014 the discovery of a major offshore gas field, the third to be located in its waters in the past five years, augmenting its newly acquired status as an energy power.

The new field, some 90 miles off Israel’s coast in the eastern Mediterranean, holds at least 3.2 trillion cubic feet (TCF) of gas, according to a 3D seismic survey. Two larger fields,

discovered in 2009 and 2010, have combined reserves of at least 33 trillion cubic feet. These fields are expected to serve the bulk of Israel's gas needs for the coming century. Experts say that further exploration will likely uncover other sizeable fields in Israel's deep offshore waters.

The gas discoveries will have a major impact on Israel's economy and perhaps even on its relations with Arab neighbors. Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, and Egypt are all in urgent need of energy supplies and Israel would be the natural supplier. Israel's proximity would make the gas significantly cheaper than gas they could acquire from any other source.

Then when Israel announced it had discovered the largest pool of oil in the Golan Heights with an incredible depth of 250-meters. It quietly announced that it held reserves with enough natural gas and oil to meet its national needs for 200 years.

It would be difficult politically for Arab governments to import gas from the Jewish state given the current tensions in the area. However, American firms, which are consortium partners with Israeli firms in the gas exploration, have already begun to act as intermediaries between Israel and these potential customers.

Until five years ago, Israel was almost entirely dependent on the import of coal and other energy sources. Offshore natural gas has now become a major, and growing, element in electrical production in Israel and in its industrial sector. Israel did not wait long before it announced its proposed pipeline to southern Europe by way of Cypress.



The proposed Israeli pipeline to Europe by way of Cyprus, Greece, and Italy will offer major competition for Putin's \$10-billion unfinished pipeline, delivering a serious blow to Russia's economy which is energy-based providing Russia 70% of its cash flow.



When President Trump announced that he was going to pull U.S. troops out of Syria in December 2018, he left behind approximately 5,500 U.S. military personnel just across the Euphrates River in Iraq and Jordan as a security blocking effort should Iran try to break the blockage.

Deep state desperation: A false flag is their last remaining option to save themselves from being exposed and destroyed

These were the headlines of Mike Adams, known as the "Health Ranger" on May 28th, 2019. The content reflects the ongoing battle inside the Washington Beltway. The corrupt politicians are running out of ideas to bring down the Trump Presidency. Desperate people do desperate things, even previous presidents. As the Mueller Report was released, and the Democrats desperately look for distractions, the evidence piles up showing how Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton were responsible for the corruption, chicanery and crimes to depose President Trump.

Not many days ago, President Trump ordered the declassification of "bucket five" documents which will show how Obama's FBI and DOJ actively conspired to commit treason against the Trump administration through illegal spying, FISA court fraud, planting spies and more.



This is the beginning of the end for the treasonous, criminal deep state under which America has suffered for far too long, spanning multiple presidential administrations including Obama, Bush and Clinton.

Now, **the deep state finds itself at “maximum desperation,”** and it is going to trigger every last-ditch tactic it still has remaining in order to try to save itself.

This means we are now facing the greatest threat of internal sabotage that America has ever faced in its history, and some of the acts the deep state may be able and willing to carry out to cause maximum chaos include:

- An attempted assassination of President Trump.
- A nuclear “dirty bomb” detonation in a major U.S. city.
- The release of a chemical or biological weapon on U.S. soil.
- The detonation of an EMP weapon to bring down a regional power grid.
- Cyber-attacks on the U.S. power grid to cause mass chaos.
- Invoking international war with Russia, Iran or North Korea (i.e. literally starting World War III).
- Massive false flag shootings, bombings or 9/11-scale attacks on innocent Americans to cause violence and chaos that will be blamed on Trump.

Also, as you know, I [Mike Adams] continue to believe the No. 1 false flag scenario being plotted by the deep state is a massive, coordinated false flag shooting that targets the offices of

a tech giant such as Facebook or Twitter. The purpose of this event would be to blame gun owners, conservatives and Trump supporters while justifying the censorship of all conservatives. Importantly, such an event would be engineered by the corrupt FBI and deep state traitors meet the following conditions:

- 1). Be caught on camera so that footage can be played on national TV and cable news.
- 2). Involve an enormous amount of blood, gore and suffering so that the emotional impact can be seared into the minds of the American public.
- 3). Blamed on a Trump supporter, an InfoWars viewer, a gun owner, NRA member, military veteran, etc., who has a van emblazoned with pro-Trump stickers. Oh wait, they already did that... remember Cesar Sayoc? (And now we never heard about Sayoc, do we? The entire thing was staged for CNN.)

If you are not getting Mike Adams daily reports, you are not very well informed. I suggest that you key up "Natural News", Mike Adams' Health Ranger site and sign up for posts. I have monitored his site going all the way back when he began hosting a web site. I get his posts daily in my E-mail.

While a black swan event bodes not well for the world, I should note that Israel has a submarine that could destroy entire nations instantly. Kyle Mizokami, writing for *'The National Interest'* wrote this piece below back in 2017, regarding Israel's submarine navy.

"Whatever the missile, a 932-mile range gives it the ability—just barely—to strike the Iranian capital of Tehran, as well as the holy city of Qom, and the northern city of Tabriz, from a position off the coast of Syria. (Iran's pursuit of nuclear arms is likely the main and enduring driver of Israel's second strike capability.) That isn't an ideal firing position, and it's been seventeen years since the missile's first flight, so it's also reasonable to assume that the weapon's range has been extended to the point where it can launch against Tehran and even more Iranian cities from a relatively safe location.

Israel's submarine corps is a tiny force with a big open secret: in all likelihood, it is armed with nuclear weapons. The five Dolphin-class submarines represent an ace in the hole for Israel, the ultimate guarantor of the country's security, ensuring that if attacked with nukes, the tiny nation can strike back in kind.

Israel's first nuclear weapons were completed by the early 1970s, and deployed among both free-fall aircraft bombs and Jericho ballistic missiles. The 1991 Persian Gulf War, which saw Iraqi Scuds and Al Hussein ballistic missiles raining down on Israeli cities, led Tel Aviv to conclude that the country needed a true nuclear triad of air-, land- and sea-based nukes to give the country's nuclear deterrent maximum flexibility—and survivability.

The most survivable arm of the nuclear triad is typically the sea-based one, consisting of nuclear-armed submarines. Submarines can disappear for weeks or even months, taking up a highly classified patrol route while waiting for orders to launch their missiles. This so-called

“second-strike capability” is built on the principle of nuclear deterrence and ensures potential enemies will think twice before attacking, knowing Israel’s submarines will be available to carry out revenge attacks.

The first three submarines were authorized before the Gulf War, in 1988, though it is not clear they were built with nuclear weapons in mind. After years of delays construction began in Germany instead of the United States as originally planned, with German combat systems instead of American ones. Most importantly, the project went ahead with German financing; Berlin reportedly felt obliged to finance two of the submarines, and split the third as lax German nonproliferation enforcement had partly enabled Iraq’s nuclear and chemical weapons program.

The first three submarines, Dolphin, Leviathan and Tekuma, were laid down in the early 1990s, but only entered service between 1999 and 2000. The submarines are 187 feet long, displace 1,720 tons submerged and have an operating depth of 1,148 feet. Sensors include the STN Atlas Elektronik CSU-90-1 sonar suite with the DBSQS-21D active and AN 5039A1 passive sonar systems. The Dolphin class also has PRS-3-15 passive ranging sonar and FAS-3-1 passive flank arrays.



Each has ten torpedo tubes in the bow, six standard 533-millimeter standard diameter tubes and four larger 650-millimeter torpedoes. The larger torpedo tubes are more than two feet wide, and reportedly double as ingress/egress chambers for divers. Armament is a mixture

of German, American and Israeli weapons, including Seahake heavyweight wire-guided torpedoes and Harpoon anti-ship missiles. The authoritative Combat Fleets of the World claims the Dolphin subs may have the Triton fiber-optic guided-weapon system. With a range of more than nine miles, Triton allows submarines the ability to attack helicopters, surface ships and coastal targets.

The four large torpedo tubes are the key to Israel's sea-based deterrent, and without them it's unlikely the country would have nukes on submarines. The large tubes are used not only for laying mines and sending and receiving divers, but also to launch nuclear cruise missiles. In 2000, the U.S. Navy observed a missile launch from off the coast of Sri Lanka that traveled an estimated 932 miles. Exactly what this missile was is a matter of speculation, but the leading candidate is some advanced form of the Popeye missile.

Popeye was originally an air-launched ground-attack missile. Developed in the late 1980s, Popeye originally used a television camera or infrared seeker to deliver a 750-pound warhead to ranges of up to forty-five miles. The United States Air Force bought 154 Popeye missiles to arm B-52 bombers for conventional attacks, renaming them the AGM-142 Raptor. Israel's nuclear deterrent is thought to be based on cruise missile version of Popeye, Popeye Turbo, which has a turbofan engine for long-distance flight.

There is also the possibility the nuclear armament is based on the Gabriel anti-ship missile, and there are also reports that Harpoon missiles were modified to carry nuclear weapons. Nobody appears to know for sure what missile is operational, only that it was observed and that arming them with nuclear weapons is a logical conclusion. The yield of the nuclear warhead on these missiles is unknown, but estimates float around the two-hundred-kiloton mark, which would make them roughly fourteen times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima."

Israel has 200 nuclear missiles aimed at Iran. Iran knows it and Israel knows they know it. On June 30, 2019, Iranian officials said that Israel had a half hour if President Trump even so much as hit a single target in Iran. The warning was not the first, but as the tensions increased this past June, there were many signs indicating that the U.S. was digging in for an attack on Iran or the potentiality of a U.S. response. In the recent shoot down of a Global Hawk RQ-4, we were led to believe that President Trump did not see the downing of the spy drone as sufficient reason to attack Iran. Supposedly, he asked a military general about the loss of human life estimate for a response attack was stated at 150 or so, and the President ordered a stand-down of attack forces ten minutes before the attack was to be launched. I have read reports to this affect; that the President actually was met with a "push-back" by his Joint Chiefs of Staff. The RQ-4 Global Hawk that was downed by a missile on 19 June 2019, a U.S. Navy BAMS-D RQ-4A flying over the Persian Gulf near the Strait of Hormuz was shot down by a 3rd Khordad surface-to-air missile fired from near Garuk, Iran. Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif said that the drone had been in Iranian airspace, while the United States stated that the drone was in international airspace 18 nautical miles (34 km) away from Iran. Early on it was stated to

have cost \$120-million dollars, but several military sources reported it was more like \$250-million.



Regardless of the dollar loss, the incident could have been much worse. The Iranians noted that they could have shot down an Air Force P-8A Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Solution. The P-8A Poseidon is an aircraft designed for long-range anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions; and it was shadowing the RQ-4 drone, while monitoring submarine activities in the Persian Gulf. The P-8A is a derivative of the ubiquitous commercial Boeing 737-800 and has the wings of the 737-900. It is larger than the previous Lockheed P-3.

Iran's leaders are not stupid, and for the time being their bark is louder than their bite. Had Iran knocked a P-8A out of the sky it is likely our greatest fears would have been unleashed. Iran is a country 4-5 times the size of Iraq, and has a population of approximately 80-million. *"If the U.S. attacks us, only half an hour will remain of Israel's lifespan,"* Mojtaba Zolnour, the chairman of the Iranian parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy commission said on Monday. The statement came on the very day that Iran acknowledged it has violated the Joint Comprehensive Agreement (Iran Nuclear Deal) and is now exceeding the amount of Enriched Uranium in its possession beyond the agreed-upon quantity of 300 kilograms.



Since President Trump ordered a “stand-down”, CENTCOM requested additional assets in the way of a squadron of F-22’s that arrived at an airbase in The U.S. has deployed F-22 stealth fighters to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar for the first time, its military said Friday, adding to a buildup of U.S. forces in the Gulf amid tensions with Iran. Five F-22’s arrived on Thursday, June 27, 2019. There were reports of increased activity in and around the Navy Reserve Fleet (mothballed ships) at several U.S. Navy ports. It was reported by the “Millennium Report” that the Army wants to increase the Army size to 500,000 by next year, an increase of about 27,000 men in uniform.

In my article on *“Ezekiel 38/39 – One War But From Two Perspectives”*, the central theme is explicit in that God will supernaturally preserve the State of Israel. This core theme is found **54X** in the book of Ezekiel. Although the United States has been the protector, even its chief advocate at the U.N. Security Council, we all struggle with why the U.S. is nowhere to be found in Ezekiel 38/39. Ezekiel 38:23 hammers home the point: ***“Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.”*** As to why the U.S. is A.W.O.L. [Absent Without Leave] we are perplexed and left scratching our heads over the absence of the U.S. in the coming war.

George Thomas of CBN interviewed Mike Ansari in a recent program; and, he had this to say about the growth of Christianity in Iran. *“Ansari: After almost 40 years of the Islamic regime, the average Iranian is realizing that Islam is bankrupt and Islam is not able to answer their social, daily lives and the dilemmas they are dealing with. Iran is facing a host of crisis, from drug addiction to depression to suicide to sexually transmitted diseases to human trafficking. Unfortunately, Iran is dealing with so many issues and the answers are not found within the state religion.”*

"God is at work in Iran," declared a confident Ansari. "Jesus is building His church, the {Holy} Spirit is transforming lives and the gospel is on the move." The satellite dish receiver brings a variety of Christian ministries and programming to the Iranian people. The picture below of rooftop satellite receivers is a reminder of how God reaches the people in the Muslim world through the airwaves.

As a result Ansari believes Iran's house churches are experiencing explosive growth as scores of Iranians abandon Islam for Christianity.



"According to World Mission, the (underground) church in Iran is one of the fastest growing churches in the world," Ansari wrote in an essay about Iran's house church movement. "Most indigenous Iranian Christian leaders believe the house church movement in Iran is the lifeline of Christianity inside this country."

I regularly have to remind people here in the U.S. that God has millions around the world that have placed their lives and hope into the Hands of Jesus Christ, and their hope is our hope as well. The **"Blessed Hope"** of Titus 2:13 is not ours alone. This growth of Christianity in Iran, China, Nepal, Russia, offers us another reason to believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. American Christians all too often overlook the fact that God has promised other nation's believers that He will keep them out of the Tribulation. It is the Promise of God that He will not abandon anyone who has placed their hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians in the house-church movement may be as large as 20-million Iranians, or nearly a quarter of the population

of Iran. The American Christian church hardly prays for their brothers and sisters around the world who are being persecuted and murdered by Muslims. Christianity around the world is the number one faith group being murdered and persecuted around the world. Missions and the evangelization of the lost around the world was dropped almost a decade ago based upon the idea we have no right to convert others to Christianity. This was a decision made through the World Council of Churches and the mainline Protestant denominations in the U.S.A.

“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” - (Revelation 3:10). Every Iranian Christian, and the rest of us who has placed their faith in those words of our Lord and Saviour are promised deliverance. Here are those same words in the Greek Textus-Receptus, of which more than six thousand copies still exist today dating to the first century A.D.: ***“ὅτι ἐτήρησας τὸν λόγον τῆς ὑπομονῆς μου καὶ γὰρ σε τηρήσω ἐκ τῆς ὥρας τοῦ πειρασμοῦ τῆς μελλούσης ἔρχεσθαι ἐπὶ τῆς οἰκουμένης ὅλης πειράσαι τοὺς κατοικοῦντας ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς”***.

The Greek word (*tereo*), (in **red** of the Greek above) translated **"kept"** or **"keep,"** used twice here, plays into this. This word means ***"to attend to carefully; to maintain; to guard; to hold fast,"*** and the way that it is used indicates reciprocity. The two letter word **ἐκ** to the right above tells us ***"out of"***. Revelation 3:10 is one of last words of Jesus Christ to us. It was a promise of our deliverance before judgment is executed. **Faith is the currency of the Kingdom for all believers.** For me, there is added icing on the cake, as they say, as this Verb is found exactly **70X (7 X 10)** times in the New Testament! Friends, this is better than winning the lottery! Don't let anyone tell you that Jesus Christ never said anything about the Rapture in the Bible! It simply isn't true!

President Donald Trump often says he listens to military generals more than anyone else, and, as the White House prepares to send 1,500 soldiers to the Middle East, that claim is being tested by a Friday letter from the American College of National Security Leaders.

The letter, which is signed by 76 retired generals, admirals, ambassadors, and diplomats, was published Friday morning by War on the Rocks. The letter asks the administration not to pursue war with Iran, mainly for strategic reasons.

“A war with Iran, either by choice or miscalculation, would produce dramatic repercussions in an already destabilized Middle East,” reads the letter, *“and drag the United States into another armed conflict at immense financial, human, and geopolitical cost.”*

“As national security professionals with extensive careers in the U.S. armed forces and diplomatic service, we have witnessed first-hand how quickly disputes can spiral out of control,” the letter says. *“The lack of direct communication between U.S. and Iranian political and military leaders during a time of heightened rhetoric only increases the possibility of a miscalculation resulting in unintended military conflict.”*

Trita Parsi, the president of the National Iranian-American Council, welcomed the letter, calling it a “really big” moment. “Will Trump listen to them or to Bolton, Bibi and the Saudis?” Parsi asked. This without question is the issue.

Given the whistle blower David Elias Goldberg’s release of the Trump War Plan first published in *‘Israel Today’*, which cost him his life, could have been a factor in changing the mind of the President. We have to wait and see, but from where I sit today, it may be an underlying factor in the U.S. being absent from the Ezekiel 38/39 war. I will come back to this point shortly. A few highly regarded web sites like “The Millennium Report” have made it their number one priority to publicize and re-post the story by David Elias Goldberg.

Iran announced on July 1, 2019 that it had reached the enrichment limits of the Obama P5+1 agreement. Keep in mind this treaty was never ratified by the U.S. Congress and was deeply flawed. President Trump recognized this agreement was flawed, and by no means limited Iran’s ability to develop a nuclear weapon. President Obama gave Iran pallets of cash delivered by U.S. C-130 aircraft with close to \$1.5-billion dollars in freshly minted U.S. currency. This This was done as a follow-up after an initial and widely reported \$400 million “ransom” payment, as reported by *‘The Wall Street Journal’*. Make no mistake about it, Iran is no more trustworthy than the Muslim Quran policy that says you can make a false agreement with an adversary and seven years later you can turn around and break it to defeat the countersign party.

Both the Muslims and the Israelis know that in the Quran and in practicing Islam, it is the will of Allah for a Muslim to break any treaty that obstructs the growth of Islam. Also, a treaty may be made to protect Muslims that are in danger for a time. Non-Muslims do not have the respect necessary for a Muslim to honor any word or treaty given to them. However, the appropriate dualism is expected. Telling lies to other Muslims is against Allah’s will. Rules of lying and treaty making are not the same in the practice of Islam for Muslims as for non-Muslims.

On June 17, 2019, the web site ‘Government Slaves.com’ shared a report that stunningly affirmed the danger of leaking plans about the Trump War on Iran. As I suggested above, this leaked news story may have put on hold the forthcoming war with Iran.

Be sure to read through to the end of this report. Because in April Goldberg had warned that the Trump administration was planning a strike on Iran, which would be preceded by a false flag. According to Goldberg this would probably entail “something involving the boats in the Strait of Hormuz.”

This should start ringing alarm bells, especially after the recent alleged Iranian attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman. Goldberg was found dead almost a week before those incidents. Was he killed to prevent him exposing anything further?

White House insider who predicted Iran False Flag, David Goldberg found dead in his New York apartment. Government Slaves – June 17, 2019



David E. Goldberg was found dead in his New York apartment on June 8th. The death is being investigated, but at this time, authorities have given no indication as to the cause of death. He was 59. Friends of Mr. Goldberg were given access to his accounts before his passing. They will be maintaining them, and posting new information as it comes in. At this time, they are reviewing many documents in Mr. Goldberg's possession, some of which appear to be top secret government documents.

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"I'm a friend of David Goldberg. I was asked to share what I know about his death and give everyone a better idea of what's going on. I've known him for nearly a decade, but I'm not going to get into the details of my relationship with him because I want to keep my identity private. I'm going to leave out some of our personal reactions and stick to the facts we know, suffice it to say, we're all devastated by this news and it hit some of us pretty hard — especially considering David seemed afraid for his life in recent months, because of what he was posting on his You Tube channel. We all wish we had done more, but we're not sure there was anything we could do, either.

David passed in the morning on Saturday, June 8th, in his apartment. I got word of his passing from the neighbor who found him. David was found unconscious and not breathing, after the neighbor had stopped by for a planned visit and David didn't answer. The neighbor had a key, opened it, and found David lying on the floor in the main living room area. I was told there was some foam coming from his mouth and his eyes were open when he was found. The neighbor called 911 right away. The neighbor was not trained in CPR but made some attempts to try to revive him.

When the EMTs arrived, the neighbor said there was a group of cops and other law enforcement he couldn't identify. He thought they were detectives. The neighbor was quickly ushered out, asked questions by the cops, and police tape was placed around the apartment. All the tape was removed within about a day and some friends and family members were allowed in to collect things.

It was really hard to get word on David's condition. He was taken to the hospital, but only family members were notified and they were not even in the state. So as friends we were trying to get information but still haven't gotten much. All we know is he was unconscious and likely dead when the EMTs arrived, but we don't know when he was pronounced dead, and there is still no official cause of death. We've asked, but we've gotten no information at all, as to whether there is a criminal investigation, or how the death is being treated. We've also placed some calls to David's known family members, and none have returned the calls. We checked the local media reports, and there was nothing. We eventually placed calls to the local news channels letting them know what happened, but again nothing came of it.

David kept me abreast of things over email, and he told me he had been given some documents he felt could, for certain, get him killed. The documents related to some internal White House memos in which a couple of New York rabbis were meeting with Trump frequently, and the memos talked about the nature of those meetings. I didn't get full details, except that it seems the rabbis were going to deliver for Trump a reelection victory if he did things they were asking. I guess Trump was listening intently, because — well this is what David said to me — because the rabbis had a lot of power, in ways in which they could rig the elections if they needed to. The memos also talked about how Trump's poll numbers were not very good and he could easily lose in 2020, and the White House knew this, and this was part of the reason why Trump was paying so much attention to these rabbis. I guess they just have a lot of control or something, and Trump needed them. David said the documents, if they ever got out, would be very bad for Trump, because there was no way to put a positive spin on them. He said the memos were pretty blunt, and seemed to have been written by a couple of staffers coordinating the meetings.

There were also documents in David's safe that we were able to recover after the cops left. They took a lot of David's stuff without any explanation as to why, but they didn't get the safe, which was a floor safe and it's possible they didn't even know it was there. In fact, we're pretty certain they didn't know it was there, because it is very well hidden.

David was smart and put pretty much everything in that safe that was important. David had also given at least three friends access to his online accounts, and said if something happened to him, to be ready to take over.

The rest of his stuff, which was paper, notes, his computers and phones had some information but nothing like what was in the safe, where he kept all of it. The friends removed everything from his safe, and have made copies of what they could and have those copies in safe places in case anything happens.

There will be some more updates coming. We are talking on a video which will show the documents, and also we have retained a lawyer to go over how best we can present the information David left behind."

— A Friend of D.E.G.

Original source [Israel Today News](#)

WHITE HOUSE INSIDER: War with Iran planned by Trump, to occur in the Fall of 2019

Government Slaves – April 18, 2019

President Donald Trump and his inner circle are planning an extensive invasion of Iran, according to a source working in the White House.

The plan involves a ground invasion and the use of tactical nuclear weapons, in a campaign planned for the Fall of 2019. Iran will be "wiped off the map" according to the source, and the war effort is expected to cost "two and half times the Iraq War."

The war will be promoted by the news media and Trump will go right along with it, after an "expected False Flag pinned on Iran, probably something involving the boats in the Strait of Hormuz." The False Flag is an "integral part of the plan" as Iran has reportedly no desire or intent to start a war, according to the whistleblower.

The war plans have the White House staff "in an excited tizzy" as war-hawks like John Bolton put the "finishing touches" on the planned strike. President Trump initially showed resistance to the plan, but has since jumped on board with enthusiasm, convinced Iran is an "existential threat to Israel" and as such, a war is required to "eliminate them."

Further details have been revealed, including:

- 100 tactical nukes will be used to eliminate the Iranian military.
- 120,000 U.S. ground troops will be used in the invasion.
- France, the U.K., Canada, Saudi Arabia and Israel are expected to join a "coalition" in support of the war.
- CIA assets and counter-intel efforts have been ramped-up over the past year in preparation.
- A "False Flag" is being prepared to be used before the war with Iran.
- Propaganda is being prepped by White House and Israeli counterparts.
- Israel will support the effort and Benjamin Netanyahu was reportedly "smiling ear to ear" during a recent meeting with John Bolton.
- There are concerns Trump's "base" may resist or criticize the efforts, so further propaganda efforts are being made to "shore up support" for the war.
- Expected casualties range between 1.2 Million and 2 Million Iranians and 5,000 US troops.

Due to President Trump's close relationship with Jared Kushner, a sense of "sober import" has been placed on the war effort, which is being as a fulfillment of "Jewish prophecy" within White House circles. Many in the White House strangely believe Jared Kushner is the "Messiah" or Jewish "Moshiach" who cannot attain his "throne" until Iran is wiped out.

The White House source is or was a high level official who has been right about many other things in the past, and their identity has been verified. The Friends of David Elias Goldberg have reposted his videos and information on a new site entitled “Friends of David Goldberg You Tube”.

One of the problems folks have is that when they approach Ezekiel 38/39, they do so with preconceived positions about what it is about and when it will take place, and as a result they unfortunately read into the prophecy conditions that are not actually described by Ezekiel. It is so very important to note what the prophecy does not say specifically to us. We have to be objective students of the Word, we need to be careful about reading into the prophecy, or draw unwarranted conclusions based upon information that is not present. When you stick to the text, a number of questions will come to mind. If you have studied Ezekiel 38/39 it soon becomes apparent there is much we do not know, for example:

- There is no description of Israel’s form of government or spiritual worship. There is no king, high priest, priesthood, temple, or temple sacrifices.
- There is no seven-year covenant of peace mentioned as being in place, or being broken.
- There is no antichrist, false prophet, abomination of desolation, or “Mark” of the Beast.
- While it can be easy to confuse God with the king of the North, there is no specific mention of the king of the North, king of the South, Babylon, Egypt, or the massing of armies at Megiddo.
- There is no Jewish remnant holed up in the area of Bozrah (Petra), or war being waged against the saints.
- There is no direct mention of any of Israel’s immediate neighbors, i.e., Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, or Gaza, or even of adversaries within the midst of Israel such as the Palestinians in the West Bank.
- There is no reference to the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Second Coming, the armies of the invaders being destroyed by the brightness of God or the Messiah, or by the sword from His mouth, or of the people seeing the Messiah whom they have pierced.
- There is no final judgment of the Gentile nations by God or Christ Jesus, the resurrection of the dead, or of Gog, or any other leader of his alliance being cast into the Lake of Fire.

This list of missing points or facts serves as a reminder that God leaves much to the student for study and speculation; God gives us enough to challenge us. Curiosity drives us back to the Word of God. Jesus told us in John 13:19: ***“Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.”*** This passage supports my contention that God has a specific reason for not telling us all the details. ***“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.”*** - (Isaiah 42:9) is another passage that makes the point as well. ***“And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.”*** -(John 14:29). This is a third passage making the point I am suggesting here. The key point of my contention is that God gives us just enough information or data, as a means to validate the central message of the

Scriptures. With all that Scripture gives us, we are akin to Moses when God allowed Moses to see the Promised Land, noted in Numbers 27:12. God told Moses to go up to the mountain top and see what God was giving the Israelites. God gave Moses the satisfaction of seeing what was the fulfillment of all of what Moses had gone through to this point in his life where Moses could now have peace and closure.

I have thought a lot about the issue of the U.S. being A.W.O.L. at perhaps the most critical time in Israel's history in this war with Gog and Magog; and what factor would keep the U.S. out of coming to Israel. Consider the following possibilities, and I can write extensively on what I know about each of these potentials, all of sound credible evidence:

- Financial collapse of the Dollar on the international level as the world reserve currency.
- Sabotage of the national "just-in-time" logistics/transportation network.
- Crushing invasion of illegal aliens funded and supported by the Vatican, House of Rothschild overwhelming the national system infrastructure to collapse.
- Earthquake activity, California, Washington/Oregon, Yellowstone, New Madrid.
- An EMP event, from the Sun, or a military cyber-attack on the national grid.
- Pandemic, biological, chemical, dirty bomb, radiation poisoning, i.e., Ebola.
- A house divided cannot stand, i.e., polarization among activist groups.
- A corrupt "Leftist" government that attempts to marginalize the "Right" through stacking elections with illegal aliens as evidenced by those funding the Southern border invasion.
- A growing Muslim population threatens the host country.
- Unchecked ISIS movement in all 50 states.
- Civil war, breakdown of society along lines of "divide and conquer."
- 5G Mind-control totalitarian A.I. program of Google's Cyber-king Eric Schmidt.
- Government loss of obedience by military.
- An unplanned incident that spirals out of control.
- A pre-emptive strike on the U.S. by Russia, China, and/or N.Korea.
- The Pre-Tribulation Rapture removal of Christians worldwide.

The most important sign for Christians has to be Isaiah 17:1-2. Israel nearly weekly or every few days launches attacks on Iranian targets in and around Damascus. It is only a question of time as to how long it will be before Israel will find itself in a position where it has to nuke Damascus. Amir Tsarfati, of "Behold Israel" web site has an excellent grasp on the Israeli conflict. He is a major in the IDF Reserves, as well as a host of tour groups to Israel, and former mayor of Jericho. He firmly believes the next event in the life of Israel will be Isaiah 17:1-2. From that he teaches the unfolding of the Ezekiel 38/39 war with Gog and Magog. He sees Isaiah 17:1-2 as the so to speak proverbial football "2-minute warning", as a sign for believers to be ready for the Rapture. His understanding of the Scripture, history, Israel's place in the Biblical context, and certainly his recognition that the U.S. is absent adds to our curiosity about the question of "Why".

One of Israel's largest attacks is reported by Syrian sources to have swept across 10 targets across the country early Monday, July 1. They included Damascus Mezza military airport; Iranian and Hezbollah military facilities at Al Kiswa south of Damascus; the base of the Syrian 1st Division; the Syrian military "research" institute at Jumriyah; military facilities at Siniya; and a chain of Hezbollah bases in the Qalamoun Mountains straddling the Syrian - Lebanese frontier, as well as bases in the Homs district.

The attacks were said to have been conducted by Israeli jets from Lebanese air space and naval vessels. Syrian sources reported that four people were killed in the attack and its air defense systems intercepted some of the incoming Israeli missiles. They described powerful explosions and huge fires at Iranian Revolutionary Guards and Hezbollah bases in the Qalamoun Mts. and ambulances streaming to the scene.

DEBKAfile's military sources add that Israel delayed this latest round of attacks on Iranian and Hezbollah positions in Syria to give US and Russian diplomacy a chance to reach understandings on the Syria situation. When their effort ran into the ground last week, the Israeli military was ordered to go forward. A large-scale operation became urgent when Iran and Hezbollah were discovered to be preparing to embark on an operation against Israel, as part of Tehran's campaign against US Middle East allies in retaliation for the Trump administration's sanctions. Israel's wide-ranging strikes on the 1st of July aimed at pre-empting that Iranian-Hezbollah operation before it got off the ground.

The IDF lost an aircraft to an S-200 missile. The aircraft attempted to reach a British airbase on Cyprus but crashed on Cyprus short of reaching the British base. Intel is sketchy but the plane went down after fighter jets conducted numerous bombing runs from Israel into Syria.

There are conflicting reports with some claiming it was an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, but the debris field and scope of the fire at the crash site seem to indicate it was a much larger aircraft . . . like a fighter jet. Twenty-four hours later, it was still unknown the type of aircraft that was hit by a missile. The IDF will likely hold to its position of non-admission of a lost aircraft, nor the type of plane hit. Photos at the crash site offer little for identification purposes.

Now if this has not been enough to assure you of the nearness of the Rapture, then I should share a story that has been sketchy at best, and not been fully made known, if at all.

Russia may have been caught spying off the coast of Alaska. U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and Russian President Vladimir Putin's simultaneous and sudden changes of plans could be a clue that something huge just took place off the coast of Alaska.

Mike Pence made a hasty return from his speaking event in New Hampshire causing much speculation in the press. The reason is probably because of a secret Russian submarine that caught fire off the coast of Alaska killing 14 sailors, the Russian Defense Ministry said.

The Russians claim the submarine was conducting research in international waters. They were very careful to say “international waters”, and they really would like you to believe they were in international waters with their highly secret attack nuclear-powered reconnaissance submarine designed for sensitive missions at great ocean depths conducting some kind of nebulous under water research, measuring sea depths, and not for the purposes of scouting along the Alaskan coast.



It is interesting that the mainstream media around the world is calling this high-tech nuclear-missile-carrying-reconnaissance submarine a “submersible”. We don’t want to scare John Q. Public, after all. Let’s keep them at the malls spending their money.

DEBKAFfile’s military sources said a U.S. submarine intercepted the Russian nuclear sub in American waters opposite Alaska. The Russian sub escorting the nuclear submarine responded with a Balkan 2000 torpedo and scuttled the US vessel. Urgent consultations in both the White House and the Kremlin were taking place on Tuesday night, and if this account is true, then Russia just opened the first volley in the next world war. The term “scuttled” implies the crew evacuated the U.S. submarine. Nothing has been revealed about the U.S. submarine alleged to have been scuttled.

The Losharik pictured above can reportedly dive to depths as deep as 3,300 feet and its primary mission is to investigate and manipulate objects of interest on the seabed. This could include recovery of sensitive objects for intelligence analysis or to prevent other countries from

doing the same, the deployment of sensors or other equipment, or the tapping or cutting of seabed cables supporting military and civilian communications and other networks. The midget submarine is such a concern that U.S. Northern Command mentioned it by name in a 2016 briefing as an example of the kind of “dark targets” that required the development of new underwater detection and monitoring capabilities.

Russian President Vladimir Putin also scrambled over the situation. After all, one cannot have one’s spy missions come to light within the country one is spying on and which one day one intends to obliterate.

Putin cancelled an engagement and headed for the Kremlin to confer with Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and military chiefs, after learning that 14 submariners died in a fire that broke out on a nuclear-powered “experimental submarine in Russian waters.” This account carried in Russian media varies in most respects from the first reports reaching this site and may refer to a separate incident. They report between 14 and 17 members of an AS-12 nuclear powered submarine died of poisonous fumes caused by a fire aboard the vessel. The submarine was described as experimental and unarmed but often used in spy missions. It is unclear how many of the 25 crew survived. Local media suggest four or five are receiving treatment in Severomorsk’s military hospital for poisoning and concussion injuries. Another news account said the majority of the officers died in or on their way to hospital. These reports do not cite the cause of the fire.

Here is what *‘The Commonsense Show’* had to say:

The Russian submarine accident occurred on board the Losharik, one of the Russian Navy’s secretive spy subs. The “accident” also involved a submersible craft that the Losharik had launched, or its larger Delfin-class mothership submarine, the BS-64 Podmoskovye.

According to *‘The Drive’*, “the submarine in question was actually a BS-64, which reportedly serves as the mothership for Losharik. The small nuclear-powered submarine is supposed to ride closer to the mission area underneath the larger BS-64. *“This is where this gets really interesting.”* The Drive went on to say the following:

“...the Russians also describe their special mission submarines, ranging from the deep-diving, nuclear-powered, yet relatively small submarine Losharik to the new Belgorod, presently the world’s longest submarine, as “research” boats. That a mothership submarine carries Losharik ventrally during extended-range missions may be part of the confusion, as well. There is limited information about any of these submarines.”

The Losharik can reportedly dive to depths as deep as 3,300 feet and its primary mission is to investigate and manipulate objects of interest on the seabed. This could include recovery of sensitive objects for intelligence analysis or to prevent other countries from doing the same, the deployment of sensors or other equipment, or the tapping or cutting of seabed cables supporting military and civilian communications and other networks.

In short, this submarine is about retrieving objects from the bottom of the ocean floor or cutting off military and civilian communications. What object(s)? [The] ...source said there are a few possibilities:

- Great mineral deposits (most likely given recent political and military events)
- Retrieving a reportedly lost supersonic torpedo
- A crashed UFO or a Japanese F-35 that crashed recently in waters north of Japan

How was the Russian submarine damaged? Although described as if it could have been a firefight of some sort against an American sub attempting to retrieve the same object(s)[and] whatever was being “retrieved” fought back. The term fire fight is not appropriate in describing what may have taken place. What may be the bigger issue here is the mothership submarine from which it was launched. It is Russia’s newest submarine and a threat to coastal cities.



A key U.S. nuclear weapons document confirms that the Russian government is developing the most powerful nuclear weapon in more than a half century. A leaked copy of the Pentagon’s Nuclear Posture Review states that Russia is developing a “new intercontinental, nuclear-armed undersea autonomous torpedo.”

The existence of the weapon, known as Canyon to the Pentagon and "Ocean Multipurpose System Status-6" to Russia, was first leaked by Russian television in November 2015. A test involving the Sarov-class submarine mothership was leaked in December 2016. The Nuclear Posture Review report, dated January 2018, lists the weapon as part of Russia's underwater nuclear arsenal.

The Canyon is reportedly a very long range autonomous underwater vehicle that has a range of 6,200 miles, a maximum depth of 3,280 feet, and a speed of 100 knots according to claims in leaked Russian documents.

But what really makes Canyon nightmare fuel is the drone torpedo's payload: a 100-megaton thermonuclear weapon. By way of comparison, the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima was 16 kilotons, or the equivalent of 16,000 tons of TNT. The Canyon's nuke would be the equivalent of 100,000,000 tons of TNT. That's twice as powerful as Tsar Bomba, the most powerful thermonuclear weapon ever tested. Dropped on New York City, a 100-megaton bomb would kill 8 million people outright and injure 6 million more. In the case of the Canyon, it would be detonated offshore, creating a tsunami with waves of in excess of 300-ft.

The Canyon is designed to attack coastal areas, destroying cities, naval bases, and ports. The mega-bomb would also generate an artificial tsunami that would surge inland, spreading radioactive contamination with the advancing water. To make matters worse there are reports the warhead is "salted" with the radioactive isotope Cobalt-60. Contaminated areas would be off-limits to humanity for up to 100 years.

Canyon is designed to get around American ballistic missile defenses, primarily the Ground-Based Interceptor missiles based in Alaska and California. Although GBI is meant to counter small numbers of intercontinental ballistic missiles from rogue countries such as Iran and North Korea, Russia wants to make it abundantly clear that it could still penetrate U.S. defenses even if they were scaled up to deal with larger, more powerful nuclear arsenals.

Canyon's range and payload makes it much larger than existing torpedoes. According to submarine expert H.I. Sutton, Canyon is 5.5 feet wide and 79 feet long, making it twice as large as a Bulava submarine launched ballistic missile. Sutton also believes the torpedo is nuclear powered.

The Russian Navy is testing Canyon from a Sarov-class Russian Navy submarine. The unique, one-of-a-kind Sarov does not have any torpedo tubes of her own, but instead carries the nuclear-armed AUV externally attached to the pressure hull. Naval sketches suggest a Russian submarine might have as many as six of these ballistic missiles attached to the submarine.

The possibility of this just being a tragic accident is highly unlikely given the reaction of both the US and Russia. We know nothing about the disposition of the U.S. submarine that caught the Russian sub in U.S. coastal waters off Alaska. There is a total black-out on the U.S.

submarine and its crew. We actually know more from what the Russian Ministry of Defense revealed about its own loss of life of the research submarine.

President Trump's Twitter account has been silent about this submarine issue. Mike Pence is still sequestered in the White House at the time of this writing, so whatever is going on is deadly serious! President Trump's wife Melanie has also been sequestered.

Yes, there is something going on between Russia and the U.S. which Russia does not want to have happen prematurely. Russia has been building up military bases all over the Arctic. The Russian military says it has built 475 military sites in the past six years, spanning from the country's western frontier with NATO borders to the Bering Strait in the east. The Kotelnik base is closer to Alaska than to Moscow.

This northern buildup is for no other purpose than destroying the United States, the end times headquarters for global Babylon. ***"In those days and in that time, declares the LORD, the people of Israel and the people of Judah shall come together, weeping as they come, and they shall seek the LORD their God."*** -(Jeremiah 50:4).

I am going to draw this to a conclusion for now. The gravity of what happened near Alaska on July 1st is deeply concerning; however, God controls our destiny, and you can take comfort in these words. The U.S. will not be able to help Israel in the Ezekiel 38/39 War. My point is that our currency in the Kingdom is our Faith.

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