

When my people Israel are dwelling securely

Since sis. Sharon and the writer's first trip to PNG (2011) to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom of God and the things concerning the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we have asked all in the light of the prophetic time periods, of which we have spoken often, to be very alert in our watchfulness as we enter this 10-year period 2024-2034. In the article "Behold he comes with ten thousands of his saints" distributed early in 2024, we drew attention to the scriptural certainty that before the crisis of the ages, when the Russo/Assyrian Gog confederacy invades the Middle East, Israel must dwell as "the land of unwalled villages," as "the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls and having no bars or gates" (Ezekiel 37: 11). Such a prophecy we said would require **the destruction of Hamas and Hezbollah** but we could not have anticipated the dramatic collapse of the Syrian Assad Regime and the substantial weakening of Iran; all the direct result of **Yahweh's providing the most pro-Israel US president in Israel's history. Biden's Regan-like foreign policies including his support for Ukraine** in its providentially protracted war against all **normal assumptions**, opposing its far larger Russian nemeses, forced Putin, **for a time**, to choose between holding on to his power base in his puppet regime in Syria, or throw his undistracted force against Ukraine. **This has providentially provided a window for Israel for the first time in its 77-year history to be described, at least, for a little while, as "the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls and having no bars or gates."** Its foes in the south obliterated, its foes in the North subdued and scattered, Syria fallen, the IDF now occupying the highest summit and strategic positions on Mt Hermon overlooking Syria, 40 km from Damascus; Iran regime emasculated so that little Israel is the superpower of the middle east!

Even more telling, Syria's collapse now gives it **unprecedented power in the air, right up to Iran's border**. The Israeli Air Force has long been regarded as the Middle East's premier aerial fleet, supplied in large part with US-made aircraft and munitions. But in **the past year it has gone further**, showing its aircraft can strike any of its adversaries with impunity and establishing unprecedented air superiority across wide stretches of the region. A Middle East analyst stated, "The IAF's newfound supremacy **goes beyond previous wars**. Israel's ordinarily vulnerable tanker aircraft could indeed theoretically access Syrian airspace and refuel fighters, which could enable higher volume attacks on Iran," With Syrian air defences eliminated, "Israel now has open skies to Iran. **But that is unlikely to be a permanent condition, and eventually, Syria's air defences will, in some capacity, return.**"¹ A window to strike Iran's key assets including its nuclear facilities has now presented itself.

In the dying days of the Biden administration, which tenaciously has supported Israel, even against criticism from the left of the Democrat party, has worked relentlessly to broker a cease fire with Hamas and release of hostages which will pave the way for the new US administration to take the final steps to work with Israel, its southern Arab neighbours and the West Bank Palestinian authority to put in place a security agreement.

On October 7th 2023, the barbarous assault by Hamas terrorists from Gaza upon Israel providentially heralded the beginning of what would prove, not only a consequential year, but of a transformative decade concluding in what we anticipate will be world transforming events 2033-34.

¹ "Israel's Air Force blazes air superiority path to Iran's border"; Paul Iddon
<https://www.businessinsider.com/israeli-air-force-superiority-path-iran-border-2025-1>



Protesters carried mock coffins outside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's residence, symbolising six dead Israeli hostages retrieved from Gaza

In accordance with bible prophecy, after some 1900 years, out of the crucible of World War and the attempted Nazi annihilation of European Jewry, the remarkable rebirth and prospering of the Jewish state was necessary. This allowed the natural descendants of Abraham to occupy Judah and Jerusalem, so that Yahweh's purpose with that nation may be fulfilled at Christ's second advent, just as it was essential for them to have been restored before his first advent; instrumental in the bringing in of "everlasting righteousness" (Daniel 9: 24). Since the formation of the Jewish state some 77 years ago, Israel has passed through a number of wars that have appeared to the eyes of the world to threaten its very existence, only to be saved and to grow stronger and stronger, astonishingly, prospering as "the people who were gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell at the centre of the earth" (Ezekiel 38: 12). In the first decades of Israel's rebirth, its wars against Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Iraq (with the exception of Jordan), stood as proxies for a far more potent threat: the then Soviet Union. To displace American power in the Middle East, Moscow supplied thousands of tanks and hundreds of jets to Cairo, Damascus and Baghdad. Thousands of Soviet technicians and training officers came to the Middle East, and Arab officers were trained in the Soviet Union.

Although this was a formidable threat to Israel's survival, there was no consideration of the possibility of striking directly at the Soviet Union itself. Aside from the certainty of a massive retaliatory response, there were simply no relevant targets that Israel could strike, even if its small Airforce managed to penetrate Soviet airspace. Today, however, everything is different. Not only is Israel itself a formidable nuclear weapons power, but also with the fall of the Soviet Union the threat to Israel has evolved. Russia, ever the opportunists, has taken advantage of the slow withdrawal of the US from all its military adventurism in the Middle East. The subsequent power vacuums this created again allowed it to assert great influence in the region. Because of its ongoing invasion of Ukraine, Russia is growing militarily closer to Iran, as prophecy requires, and may yet be called upon by Iran to intervene in a peace process in the Middle East which may be supported by Putin's friend dj Trump. This may elevate Russia's influence again, and be used as a bargaining chip with the West with respect to Ukraine. It is however the Shi'a militias that have been targeting Israel for years, which greatly escalated their attacks after October 7; they were entirely armed and directed by Iran through Syria. This had been the case right across the Middle East, from Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen to the of militias in Iraq. But unlike the old Soviet Union, as Russia today,

illustrated by the West's reluctance to give Ukraine full scope in its retaliation, Tehran does not possess the immunity from Israeli action which possession of retaliatory nuclear weapons provides.

The sequence of events that culminated in the unspeakable crime of Hamas terrorism upon Israel in October 2023 was in fact the result of a long-failed peace process, characterized by utter hypocrisy, enabling of self-interest, and ideology; until Yahweh providentially intervened so that there could be no alternative but the radical solution now being imposed by the defence and intelligence forces of Israel. Hamas was used by Iran to disrupt the Israeli-Saudi Arabian settlement negotiations facilitated by the Biden administration. These negotiations were drawing to a conclusive finale that would have further strengthened the southern coalition backed by the US against Iran, a Russian ally, and its proxies. Hamas enthusiastically seized the opportunity to unleash its unspeakable horror, no doubt confident that hostilities would soon be de-escalated, as has often occurred in the past, by demanding the release of a huge number of their terrorist operatives in Israeli detention in exchange for another limited, comparative peace.

The October 7th unleashing of long harboured malice and wickedness exceeded anything that had gone before in its hideous barbarity, far beyond the subtilty that the Iranian contrivances required of its terrorist puppets. Hamas dictated terms as if it was victorious: release of thousands of their terrorists, complete Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, guarantee of the survival of the new Hamas leader (whose predecessor Israel had killed at the Iranian government VIP guest house in Tehran), a return to the status quo — with Hamas terrorizing Gaza and provoking Israel whenever it wished, while Israel is forced to recognize Hamas as a legitimate nation-state!!!

On this occasion Iran's miscalculation, aided by Hamas' murderous inveterate antisemitism, coincided with a long period of irreconcilable division within Israel which threatened the viability of Netanyahu's extreme right coalition government. Had this abject failure of Israel's security system on October 7th occurred in Western democracies, such a prime minister would have had to resign in disgrace or be forced to be shamefully removed. Netanyahu— like his favourite, the then US MAGA Presidential candidate facing imprisonment on a litany of charges if he did not interfere in the normal political and judicial processes— was moved by the basest instincts to pursue a multi-front war against all military advice, even at the cost of sacrificing all the remaining Israeli hostages. This he hoped would prolong his fortune till at least after the US elections, so that an even less principled ally than himself might be returned to power to secure his position and legacy! Since the Hamas terrorist incursions of October 7th 2023, there has been no official sanctioned enquiry commenced into the IDF intelligence and military failures. In the meantime, as so many Israeli Prime ministers have done before him in playing US presidents like a fiddle — but none like "Bibi" — using the last days of the Biden administration, he wedges Israel's US supporters to back his riskier and riskier retaliatory measures. The Lord truly knows what is in man and manipulates circumstances to allow man's basest inclinations to bring the world to what Netanyahu, despite the infamy of his own disgrace, triumphantly declares as a **"Turning Point."** So, we believe it is but not as "Bibi" imagines. Yahweh truly uses the basest of men, lured and enticed by their own selfish desires— whether it is a Pilate or a Putin, a Nebuchadnezzar or a Netanyahu, a Tyrant or a Trump— to execute His purpose.

Israel knows that the crucial vulnerability of Iran is the oil money that sustains all its militias. Beyond the upkeep of foreign allies starting with Hezbollah, there are the imported components and supplies consumed by the domestic Revolutionary Guards, with its 125,000 troops and a naval force. This includes the imports of Chinese and North Korean missile and rocket components, as well as the foreign-currency costs of the entire nuclear programme which proceeds at a very large scale. The flow of dollars that sustains Israel's enemies, and which has caused so much trouble to Western interests from the Syrian desert to the Red Sea, emanates almost entirely from the oil loaded onto tankers at the export terminal on Khark Island, a speck of land about 25 kilometres off Iran's southern coast. Benjamin Netanyahu warned in his speech to the UN General Assembly that Israel's "long arm" can reach them too. It is in fact far closer than the Houthis' main oil import terminal at

Hodeidah in Yemen — a place that was destroyed by Israeli jets in July 2024 and attacked again in late September 2024. Iran's newly opened Jask oil terminal on the shores of the Indian Ocean, though much further from Israel than Khark, would pose few problems for the IDF: the oil reaches Jask by a very long pipeline that can be disrupted at points even closer to Israel than Khark Island.

Given that Israel could easily cut off Iranian funding for Hezbollah and its other enemies by destroying their oil infrastructure, why has it refrained from targeting the country's oil exports? The US has not permitted it, which included Obama, Trump's 1st or Biden administrations. To do so could greatly affect world oil prices and inflation at a time when the Covid-19 pandemic and supply chain disruption had caused lingering inflation. Previous US administrations have not wanted to be drawn into another "endless war," this time with Iran, at least not from the good old days of Goerge Bush and his American imperialism, which had in no subtle way hinted Iran would be next after Iraq! The US has persisted with this policy of one-sided restraint, which it has also imposed on Israel. That is even as the Ayatollah's regime has continued to forcibly suppress a pro-Western opposition within Iran that hates its corrupt and wasteful rule with a passion. Nor did US policy change when Iran through its proxies continue to target US allies in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere! Then there is the question of Iran's nuclear manufacturing facilities. **It is difficult to imagine how Israel can dwell securely even for a little while without these being substantially degraded or a peace initiative that includes Iran.** This, as mentioned earlier, may provide an opening for Russia to again exert its role in the Middle East with Trump's support. The destruction or significant degrading of Iran's proxies south and north of Israel, coupled with the fall of the Assad regime in Syria through which its supply lines traversed in support of these proxies, has greatly weakened Iran's projection of power, while strangling sanctions has caused an economic crisis which makes the regime vulnerable to any internal unrest.

We do not believe any policy that could escalate to a protracted conflict will be agreed to by **the isolationist Trump when he takes office in January 2025; he wants to be the proclaimer of "the peace and safety cry." This we believe is his Divine destiny and in so doing, Trump will provide the circumstances for Israel's ruin and America's humbling.** We should not be distracted by the apparent contradictions recently coming from Trump's mouth about buying, seizing, or occupying Greenland, Canada being absorbed into the US or the renaming of the Gulf of Mexico! It is what Trump DOES rather than his deliberate media distractions which need to be watched, all of which are designed to take the focus away from what he really intends to do, such as the infliction of his disastrous inflationary tariff, tax and immigration policies which the US markets are already anticipating!!

Trump's extreme domestic agenda of malice and wickedness, coupled with equally **extreme ruinous financial policies and extreme foreign policy**, will find its counterpart in the **far-right extremism of Netanyahu's government**. Ministers like Itamar Ben Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich have supported the terrible Jewish settler violence inflicted on the Palestinians in the West Bank. Itamar Ben Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich have called for the annexation of both Gaza and the West Bank and the deportation of their combined populations of 5 million people, and destruction of those who resist. It is extraordinary that a people who by God's hand were caused to wander among the nations — where they found no respite and no resting place for the soles their feet, where they were given a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul, where their life hung in doubt night and day, full of dread with no assurance of life and made to say, "If only it were evening! And at evening, if only it were morning!" (Deuteronomy 28:65 - 67) —that they should now treat so many indiscriminately, the way they had been treated just because they were Jews!

Trump's designated ambassador to Israel is Mike Huckabee, a Southern Baptist minister with a messianic zeal for Jewish supremacy in the West Bank, and seems to deny the existence of the Palestinian people altogether, revealed the like-minded policies of the coming Trump and Netanyahu administrations which will not only encourage but celebrate each other's extremism. It is truly remarkable how closely **Jewish extremism is matching what had arisen in Israel's**

Commonwealth before the terrible conflagration of AD70: an extremism that in the end caused more Jews to die by their own hand within Jerusalem than what the Romans inflicted. Trump's coming administration along with his agenda as **the "peace and safety" crier**, will advance what it sees as a theocratic, expansionist, isolated, authoritarian Israeli state to its Divinely appointed end. (Ironically not unlike how MAGA supporters view their own political messiah and his Administration!)

BUT in the meantime, a window for Israeli action against Iran has presented itself in the final days of the Biden administration and in the early days of the 2nd Trump Administration. Israel may seize this opportunity, as it has been reported that **Trump has told Netanyahu that he wants the wars to conclude by the time he takes office January 20th**. Netanyahu may also be aware that because of Trump's infatuation with Putin, he could be pressured to magnanimously propose a peace plan that spares and if not, at last include a weakened Iran. Again **"the peace and safety crying" Trump** will be used to reserve Iran as a leading member of Gog's invasion of Israel at the time appointed, while providing it with all the malice that a long sought merciless retribution alone could satiate.

So, Israel may seize the opportunity to inflict as much pain on Iran as it estimates that it can just before or just after Trump takes office. If war escalates against Israel, the Biden administration has shown time and time again it will not stand by. Biden, who is a **self-proclaimed Zionist**, has supported Israel to an astonishing extent since the October 7th terrorist attacks, even to the detriment of left-wing support in his own party in the recent 2024 presidential election. In parallel, his administration has overseen the best recovery of any country in the world from the pandemic, with remarkable economic growth, record low unemployment, falling inflation which has allowed the Federal reserve to cut interest rates, and a stock market that has been hitting record high after record high during the last 2 years — an achievement that has gone essentially unnoticed by most Americans. It will be very interesting to compare this with what we believe will be the ruinous state of the economy of the so-called United States by the middle, to the end of Trump's 2nd term.

History will describe Biden, as the greatest defender of Israel by any US president, to have been the **Divine military instrument** which followed **Trump's bombastic self-serving 1st Administration with its comparative hollow peace and safety initiatives**, to have been providentially reserved for one final opportunity to cry "PEACE AND SAFETY" – "aren't I wonderful!" So that Israel will be described, for the first time in 77 years; as ***"the land of unwalled villages... the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates... the waste places that are now inhabited, and the people who were gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell at the centre of the earth" (Ezekiel 38:11-12).***

As we review 2024 we have seen the US Democrat administration as the staunch enemy of Russia and the pugnacious supporter of Ukraine without committing to direct Russian territorial confrontation, until very recently, and totally committed to the NATO alliance and of democracy generally. Likewise, it is the unwavering supporter of Israel's right to defend itself, as well as the provider of the means to do so, having spent 22 billion in Middle East, unprecedented Israel support operations in the last year alone, from the **unconditional** arming of Israel, to battling the Houthis and acting as a shield against Iran; and in the final days of the Biden Administration, approving a further 15 Billion military aid package!

Biden has redefined what American support looks like during an Israeli war! **It is now clear that Yahweh providentially removed the incompetent Trump with a pandemic and subsequent sharp economic down turn to place in the White house for a little while a true friend of Israel for this critical "turning point" in Israel's history.** Trump, reserved and emboldened to "messiah" status amongst his sycophants and perhaps more importantly **in his own eyes** as **"the peace and safety" crier** — the ender of wars while empowering the tyrants and autocrats — will be **the instrument that weakens America from within and disrupt its alliances without.** Time magazine rightly stated, *"While there certainly is a time-honored tradition of a 'special relationship'*

between the U.S. and Israel, Biden has gone where **no other U.S. president ever has gone during one of Israel's wars—not only physically but also politically and strategically.**"

*"Biden's predecessors have traditionally decided how to handle Arab-Israeli wars by making calculations about geopolitics and American politics. Often they prioritized limiting the impact of these wars on U.S. strategic goals. The domestic political position of each president also shaped his actions. Biden's support for Israel, by contrast, has been **more fulsome and less qualified. It's also less clear that he's acting in a way congruent with U.S. strategy and his own political needs.**"*²

This, as we have already stated, is despite a very vocal left faction of the Democrat party, like the British and Australian Labour parties, which support the Palestinian cause. **The writer vividly recalls correspondence received from the US predicting the imminent demise of the US and abandonment of Israel because of the 2020 election of the "SOCIALIST" Biden/Harris administration!!!** At the time we pointed out that President Biden's long political career set him apart as a **moderate** of his party and in relation to foreign policy, in the mould of the republican President Regan. President Biden would be a staunch defender of Israel so that he along with his vice-president, married to a Jew, would be the friends of Israel in accordance with bible prophecy. **This has wonderfully been proven to be the case.** Yahweh provided a president who despite the most earnest attacks and sustained protests from the left of his party and that in an election year had a detrimental effect on the democrat re-election prospects, remained true to Israel as did Kamala Harris who replaced Biden in the Democratic campaign for president. Seldom if ever do politicians make decisions that are not heavily motivated by their personal political needs. Yahweh provided such a man in president Biden at this critical turning point for Israel.

The former Republican President soon to providentially take power again in the US, **by contrast**, is the wonderous embracer of Tyrants, the enabler of the Russian Autocrat, the apologist of Russian imperialism, the threatened abandoner of Ukraine and NATO, the Insurrectionist who rallied against American democracy, the champion of US isolationism and convicted felon who knows no limits to forcing his will upon any who oppose him. Often hostile to the Jews who live in America, he is the friend of Israel as long as his evangelicals demand it, **and** so long as its prime minister, whose policies have similarly been directed to forestall his own day of judicial and political execution, skilfully employs, like Tertullus (Acts 24: 1-4) every form of cringing flattery to assuage the petulant vain pride of the would-be American Autocrat. Truly, *"God changes times and seasons; **he removes rulers and sets up rulers; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, light dwelt with him.**"* *"The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, **to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will...**"*

The elusiveness of a real peace process under so many US administrations which could provide the tangible state-defining character as set forth in Ezekiel 38: 11-12, has not been obtained because the God of Israel has not decreed it; until at last in this just concluded **consequential year 2024**, Israel has been providentially moved by Yahweh to decisively do what it feared to do in the past, and which hypocritical endless peace processes full of hollow promises failed to achieve. **God has done what the arm of the flesh could not do** —using US-backed Israel to destroy Hamas, weaken Hezbollah, use the US Biden administration's support of Ukraine to undermine Russia's support for Syria, causing that Regime to fall, along with the weakening of the other Iranian proxies. As God destroyed Edom by the hand of his people, "according to my anger and according to my wrath," (Ezekiel 25: 14) so too Israel's inveterate enemy Iran will be made to cower. All of this is but a token for those who have eyes to see of that coming time when all nations will acknowledge:

² "Joe Biden Is Turning Out to Be America's Most Pro-Israel President Ever"; Doug Rossinow professor of history at Metro State University <https://time.com/6340511/biden-israel-history/>

The voice of Yahweh is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.

The voice of Yahweh is powerful;
the voice of Yahweh is full of majesty.

The voice of Yahweh breaks the cedars;
Yahweh breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of Yahweh flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Yahweh shakes the wilderness;
Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of Yahweh makes the oaks to shake
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

Yahweh sits enthroned over the flood;
Yahweh sits enthroned as king forever.

May Yahweh give strength to his people!

May Yahweh bless his people with peace! (Psalm 29: 3-11).

Israel had "changed the face of the Middle East" - Netanyahu

The long-touted cease fire between Israel and Hamas which its backers hoped would provide a roadmap for a permanent end of hostilities and gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza is seen by Israeli Prime minister Netanyahu as a "**temporary ceasefire.**" After the end of the 42-day first phase, he stated, "Israel reserves the right to resume fighting in Gaza with US support".

Netanyahu's rejection of an **almost identical plan** in May 2024, which has ensured the deaths of so many of the Jewish hostages and countless Palestinian civilians, has now been agreed to not only because it is expedient to appease domestic and in particular US political criticism, but to also give **Israel time to plan, persuade and ultimately execute something truly historic, and guarantee Netanyahu's legacy - change the face of the Middle East!**

The terms of the ceasefire agreement, however, have caused considerable tension within the Israeli cabinet and particularly amongst Netanyahu's extreme right-wing supporters, and would in all probability bring down the government if Netanyahu had not made it abundantly clear that this cessation of hostilities was only "temporary." With some 800 security personnel having been killed since October 7, there is now a considerable number of Israelis who see decisive victory as the only acceptable return for the sacrifice of hundreds of its young soldiers. Then there is another problem for Netanyahu to realize his personal ambitions — **Trump!**

Netanyahu's Trump Trouble

Trump does not like Netanyahu, a dislike which only grew after Netanyahu committed the cardinal sin of stating Biden had won the 2020 election!!! Trump sent his Middle East peace envoy to

“cajole Netanyahu” into accepting the Biden Administration’s ceasefire framework. This was to create the illusion of a foreign policy win for Trump, which in fact validated a key Biden policy—a policy Netanyahu had rejected in May 2024. Netanyahu however considered it expedient to foster good will with the incoming Trump Administration, whose Middle East policy, as all their foreign policies, remains opaque and totally at the whim of Trump’s “gut feelings,”— a “gut” which requires to be constantly assuaged by the consumption of an inordinate amount of flattery to feed his ego, which Netanyahu, despite what Trump considers his other deficiencies, has mastered as few others have!

In taking full credit for the cease fire deal and showing he prioritises his own deal-making prowess above supporting Israel, Trump stated, *“This epic ceasefire agreement could only have happened as a result of our (MAGA) historic victory in November as it signalled to the entire world that my administration would seek PEACE and negotiate deals to ensure the SAFETY of all Americans and our allies...”* It is, we believe, Trump’s destiny to be the great **“peace and safety” crier**, promising so much and proving to be a “broken reed... whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so will he be to all that trust in him” (Isaiah 36: 6). His destiny we believe is to be the facilitator of the coming crisis that will allow the Russian Gog to form the feet of its Image empire and will oversee the humbling of the so-called United States of America to be at last a footnote in Bible prophecy of “the time of the end.”

Netanyahu is also aware of a growing influential current of grassroots MAGA right-wingers who are sceptical of the US alliance with Israel. Their isolationist ideology and inherent antisemitic tendencies fit Trump’s bias against the Jews in the US. Prominent among these is the pro-Trump ideologue Tucker Carlson who is no fan of the Jewish State. There is also Elon Musk who shares Trump’s aims of being the great disrupter of the establishment. He has contacts in Iran who helped him see the release of an Italian reporter who had been imprisoned in Iran. The world’s richest man, ever unpredictable, could shake up the global order if he advises Trump in a surprise move as the “peace and safety crier” to reach his own nuclear deal with Iran, perhaps with the help of their mutual friend Vladimir Putin who has just signed an extensive security agreement with Iran. Netanyahu will want to strike Iran as quickly as he can to ensure his legacy — **God’s instrument to “change the face of the Middle East.”**

By freeing the hostages, mollifying his internal critics, and keeping Trump on his side, Netanyahu’s lengthening of the war enough to gain the support, the capacity, and the strategic initiative to finally pull off something he will be able to proclaim as truly **history-changing — the destruction of Iran’s key assets, and the further devastation of the regime that theorised, planned, armed, and financed the slaughter on October 7th and everything that came after it. Then Israel may be described as “the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls and having no bars or gates.”**

Yet, in forgetting who in fact gives Israel their victory and having long rejected the gospel of Yahweh’s GREAT SALVATION— “THE MAN OF YOUR RIGHT HAND,” filled now with pride and arrogant boasting in the arm of the flesh— “I have a message for the tyrants of Tehran” said Netanyahu at the UN just before the destruction of Hezbollah’s leadership, “If you strike us, we will strike you. There is no place — there is no place in Iran that **the long arm of Israel** cannot reach.” Truly in boasting of Israel’s omniscience and omnipotence, it makes plain their ignorance and blindness of “the time of the end” in which they providentially are being prepared to play their part; for not **until “that day when my people Israel are dwelling securely, will you not know it?” It is then and only then “You (Gog) will come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north... a great host, a mighty army. You will come up against my people Israel, like a cloud covering the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes” (Ezekiel 38: 14-16).** Israel, Russia, Europe the Middle East and the Tarshish power with its young lions are being providentially prepared. Israel will be made for a little while to dwell securely and may be **one of the last signs to the household**

before “the Lord will suddenly come to his temple.” Israel’s victories, bathed in ruthless indiscriminate, will sow the seeds of their own terrible destruction, when all the violence poured out on their neighbours Yahweh will cause to fall upon their own heads a hundred-fold! Where will be Israel’s boasting of its omniscience and omnipotence in that day when they cry, **“Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely”** (Ezekiel 37: 11); “when the spoil taken from you” says Yahweh, “will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle” (Zechariah 14: 1-2); then and not until then, Yahweh “will summon a sword against Gog on all his mountains” (Ezekiel 38: 21).

Therefore, our dear brethren and sisters, “you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, **‘There is peace and security,’** **then** (and not before then) sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing” (1Thessalonians 5: 2-11).