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Is Israel Still Fighting God's Battles?

"And he said, Listen you, all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat, Thus said the LORD to you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's" (2 Chronicles 20:15, 17, 22, 23).

HEADLINE: Israel will deal a 'crushing military blow' to Lebanon if it attacks, Netanyahu warns. (Jewish Telegraph Agency, JTA.org)

"Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel will deal a crushing military blow to Lebanon if it attacks. His remarks recently at a weekly Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem came two days after the head of the Lebanon-based Hezbollah terror organization, Hassan Nasrallah, said that Israel could be wiped out in a war between the United States and Iran. Iran is able to bombard Israel with ferocity and force. When the Americans understand that this war could wipe out Israel, they will reconsider, Nasrallah said recently in an interview on Hezbollah's Al Manar television. Nasrallah pointed to specific targets on a map of Israel, including Ben Gurion International airport, Ashdod port, water desalinization plants, petrochemical plants, and military installations. Over the past month Nasrallah remarked on his attack plans. It should be clear that if Hezbollah dares to do some nonsense and attacks Israel, Israel will hit him and Lebanon with a crushing military blow, Netanyahu said. In contrast to Nasrallah, I do not intend to detail our plans. Netanyahu also said: It is enough to recall that Nasrallah had for years dug terrorist tunnels, which we destroyed within days. Hezbollah has been named a terrorist organization by both Israel and the United States, as well as the European Union. The threats come amid rising tensions between Iran and the United States." (Jewish Telegraph Agency, JTA)



Israel - Lebanon border

Is the modern nation of Israel still fighting the battles of one war after another, for God? Since we know that God does not lie, God does not change His Character, nor alter His Word, even though Israel is not a perfect, and not-yet-a redeemed nation unto God, nevertheless, all of His Promises to Israel *will* come to pass. Israel still fights wars that come against her, for God's Name Sake. God has chosen Jerusalem for the place of His coming Throne. "At that time, Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and

all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem..." (Jeremiah 3:17). He has chosen no other place on earth to place His Feet. "...to beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I will make the place of My feet glorious..." (Isaiah 60:13).



Walls of the Old Jerusalem

Therefore, as Israel fights the battles on the ground, Watchmen who love this nation, need to take action against the hostilities, in the spirit through faithful prayer. Staying at our prayer stations is not easy. The world and all of its enticements, and distractions, try to make us lose our focus on Israel. Do not grow weary and do not yield, you who are called "Guardians/Watchmen/Shomrim (in Hebrew). The end time battles are just beginning.

Let The Shomrim Arise Through Prayer

- Pray sincerely that the highly inflammable remarks made by Mahmoud Abbas, PA Chairman, which have incited violence, terrorism and bloodshed will be seen for what it is, and that his cursing Israel will topple him. He said, "We welcome every drop of blood spilled in Jerusalem. This is pure blood, clean blood, blood on its way to Allah." "...they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly" (Psalm 62:4). "... the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped" (Psalm 63:11). "So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away" (Psalm 64:8). Such is the future for those who lie about God's Chosen People...but with God all things are possible, and through a revelation, vision or dream, he could be saved.
- Beseech God to move in the lives of more Palestinian people who have been indoctrinated with fanatic Islam. Pray that they will have a vision, or revelation of Jesus. These past few years have yielded a good number whom God has pulled out of deception and saved. Once they see the truth, they become a friend of Israel and sometimes fight for her. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).
- Thank the Lord for guiding Israel's soldiers to find and eliminate the tunnels which Hamas laid to snare Israel and to kill innocent civilians living in the Land. "They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they talk of laying snares...they say, Who shall see them?" (Psalm 64:5, 6). God saw the snares that had been set and He led Israel to find, and destroy them.
- Pray His Promises that all of Israel will soon begin to follow hard and close after God, and also see Messiah. "My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me" (Psalm 63:8).
- Rejoice with His People that the Lord laughs at the attempts of her enemies to destroy Israel. Read the following encouraging Words of God in Psalm 59:8, 9, 37:13; Genesis 21:6; Psalm 2:4; 1 Samuel 2:1, Psalm 83:13. Psalm 59:1,2, 12.

All flesh will come to Zion (Israel) one day to worship the One True God. (**Zechariah 14:16-21**). Let us pray for God's Name to be protected because His Promises are eternal. When we pray His Word and Promises, we pray His Will. Oh God, save your people! Watch over Zion! Protect the Place of Your Coming Throne! Let the "shomrim" (watchmen) carry the staff of prayer and intercession everywhere they go, for Jerusalem's sake". (Isaiah 62:1)

Serving Him With Gladness, **Sharon Sanders**

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