



SCHEDULED!

THERE WILL BE WARS!

"You will be hearing of wars, rumours *and reports* of wars, but see to it that you do not become frightened. All *these things* must happen first, but the end is not yet. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." – Y'shua. (Matthew 24:6-7)

"PREPARE FOR WAR!"

"Proclaim this among the nations: rouse the warriors! Let all the men of war draw near; let them come up *to attack!*" (Joel 3:9)

JERUSALEM WILL BE ATTACKED!

"Look! I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the people around. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. And on that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem a very heavy rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will be severely injured." (Zechariah 12:2-3)

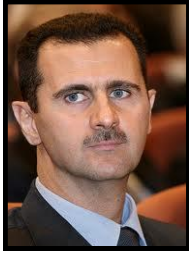
THE COMING DESTRUCTION OF DAMASCUS

"The oracle concerning Damascus (*Syria*). Look! Damascus is about to be removed from being a city, and it will become a heap of ruins. ... The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim, and sovereignty from Damascus. The remnant of Aram (*Syria*) will be like the *departed* glory of the sons of Israel,' declares YHWH of Hosts." (Isaiah 17:1)

THE SYRIAN WAR IS NOT OVER!

DURING 6 years of brutal conflict, around 500,000 have been slain, 23 million have been displaced, and multitudes have fled the country.

The reason for this tragic situation was firstly, the renewed, and growing, centuries old war between Sunnis and Shi'ites? Syria has been ruled for almost 50 years by the Alawi (Shi'ite) al-Assad family — from the time Hafez al-Assad became President of **Syria** in 1971.



He established an authoritarian government under the control of the Ba'ath Party, and after his death in 2000, his **son** Bashar Assad succeeded him.

At first Bashar represented hope and change for many Syrians, but he soon learned the ways of his father.

Although the Shi'ites were a minority in Syria, Bashar maintained control, and prevented the Sunnis from gaining government.

Many Syrians complained about high unemployment, widespread corruption, a lack of political freedom, and state repression under Bashar Assad.

In March 2011, pro-democracy demonstrations inspired by the Arab Spring, erupted in the southern city of Deraa. The government's use of deadly force to crush the dissent soon triggered nationwide protests demanding the president's resignation.

As the unrest spread, the crackdown intensified. Opposition supporters then took up arms, first to defend themselves, and later, to expel security forces from their areas. Mr Assad vowed to crush "foreign-backed terrorism" and restore full state control.

Meanwhile, the Islamic State (ISIS) seized control of large swathes of north-eastern Syria. It now controls only a few isolated pockets of territory after being driven from its urban strongholds by Russian-backed government forces, Turkish-backed rebel brigades, and a Kurdish militia alliance supported by the US.

Thousands of Shia militiamen from Iran, Lebanon, Iraq, Afghanistan and Yemen are fighting alongside the Syrian army, in order, they say, to protect Shia holy sites.

All along Bashar has refused to step down. Russia entered the fray on the side of Bashar Assad with the intention of establishing military bases in Syria and naval bases on the Mediterranean coast of Syria.

Many cities and towns have been bombed and left devastated, including Aleppo, Raqqa and much of Damascus. At present a main battle is going on in the rebel-held area of East Ghouta, outside of Damascus.

HUNDREDS KILLED IN REBEL-HELD GHOUTA

MAR 7. War monitors say a massive surge in attacks by the Syrian Government and its allies has killed more than **800** people in the rebel-held Ghouta pocket **near Damascus** in just the last fortnight.

Under the tumult of the multiple conflicts going on, Russia moved into Syria, followed by Russia's proxies, Iran and Hizbollah, under the pretext of stopping the war. But it didn't. The war goes on.

Israel has become involved, as Iran began sending supplies of advanced weapons and missiles to Hizbollah via Syria. It's intentions are clear: for years **Iran** has been crying out, "**Death to Israel.**" And **Hizbollah** is totally committed to the same goal.

RUSSIA'S TOPLINE SU-57 DEPLOYED TO SYRIA TO CHALLENGE US & ISRAELI AIR POWER

FEB. 23/2018. Two fifth-generation **Sukhoi-57 stealth fighters** landed on Feb 19, at **Russia's Syrian air base**, along with 4 SU-35 fighters, 4 SU-25 strike aircraft, and a A-50U radar command-and-control platform.

This **top-performance fleet** raises Russia's air strike and defence



capabilities in Syria to **the highest standards of any air force in the world**, with enough power to take on superior US and Israeli air might **in the Syrian arena**.

The SU-57's weapon bays are designed to carry Russia's **new nuclear tactical X-50** air-launched cruise missile, although it is not known whether the aircraft in Syria are already carrying them.

Reliable sources see President Putin's decision to send the SU-57 fighters to Syria as **substantially raising the big power stakes in Syria**, after the loss of **dozens of Russian troops** on Feb. 7, to massive US artillery and air strikes that decimated the Russian, Syrian and pro-Iranian forces crossing the Euphrates River.

An American **radar-invisible F-22** took part in that raid. The Russians have dubbed the SU-57 the "**F-22 killer**."

It is also Russia's response to Israel's air offensive on Feb. 10, which targeted the **shared Russian-Iranian T-4** air base near Palmyra, and smashed four Iranian Revolutionary Guards forward **command centres** in Syria, after downing an Iranian drone.

It is also seen in Moscow as a challenge for Israel's newly acquired fifth-generation **US F-35** combat aircraft.

Does Putin intend to order his mighty airborne strike force to **go into battle against the US or Israel** in the boiling Syrian arena?

If he does, he will be launching the **first contest between the most sophisticated warplanes ever devised, for a test of superior might between the US and Russia**, and it will be an **unprecedented war escalation**, even in Syria.

The very presence of the SU-57 across the border has had the instant effect of **reducing the Israeli air force's freedom of action** over Syria and Lebanon. The landing of the Russian Sukhoi-57 in Syria has dire implications.

It's time to re-read Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, & Obadiah!

IRAN BUILDING AN ADDITIONAL MILITARY BASE OUTSIDE OF DAMASCUS

FEB. 28. The Base includes two storage facilities for short and medium-range missiles. And the Base is similar in design to Iran's al-Kiswah base in Syria.

Syria has become the main arena for the showdown of hostile powers that are leading to a major Middle East war.

ISRAEL & IRAN THREATEN "COLLISION COURSE" OVER SYRIA

FEB 27. Iran and Israel are on a collision course over Tehran's expanding footprint in Syria, raising the odds of a direct clash between the region's two military heavyweights that could quickly draw in other combatants.

With Iran and Lebanon's Hizbollah movement, Iran's most potent military ally emboldened by their success in upholding Syrian President Bashar Assad, Israel is growing more and more wary of being attacked by missiles not just from southern Lebanon but also **from inside Syria**.



"ISRAEL WILL STRIKE IRAN DIRECTLY IF NEED BE!"

FEB 18/2018. PM Benjamin Netanyahu told the Munich security conference: **"We will act if necessary, not just against Iran's proxies but against Iran itself, if needed."**

Holding aloft a piece of the **Iranian drone** which Israel captured over its air space, he stressed that Tehran was the world's greatest threat and **"Israel will not allow the regime to put a noose of terror around our neck."**

Taunting Iran's' foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, who spoke to the same conference, Netanyahu asked, **"Do you recognise this? You should! It's yours,"** he said. **"You can take a message back to Iran. Do not test Israel's resolve!"**



"This drone violated Israel's sovereignty and posed a threat to our security," he said **"We destroyed it and its control centre in Syria."** The nuclear deal, he went on to argue, had **"unleashed a dangerous tiger in the region and beyond ... Iran is devouring huge swathes of the Middle East"** through its Shi'ite proxies.

Netanyahu warned of the dangers posed to the world by a nuclear-armed Iran. "Iran's aggression will be unchecked and it will **encompass the entire world.**"

Tehran wants to dominate Syria and move its bases and army into Israel's back yard, to acquire Mediterranean naval bases, and to transfer tens of thousands of Shi'ite fighters to Syria.

"I said we would not let this happen and have backed up words with deeds," he said. **"Israel will continue to prevent Iran from establishing a permanent military presence in Syria and will continue to prevent it from crossing red lines."**

Military sources add that Netanyahu had in mind, the **Iraqi Shi'ite army** that Iran is preparing to send into Syria **in two months' time**. The P M did not refer to Russia's complicity in Iran's plans.

After delivering his remarks, he was asked about the chances of a military escalation in light of the drone incident. **"It's up to Iran. Iran is changing the ground rules,"** he replied. **"The unfortunate thing is that as ISIS compresses, Iran moves in."**

According to Amos Yadlin, the Executive Director of the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv, this recent military action, "is perhaps the most serious event since the second Lebanese war, or the alleged Israeli attack on the Syrian nuclear reactor in 2007."

"It is serious because for the first time, we have targeted Iranian sites in Syria, and a lot of Iranian bases, which leaves Damascus exposed. The rules of the game are not changing. There is a determination by Iran to build a serious military force inside Syria and Lebanon, and we have a serious determination not to allow this to happen."

He went on to say; that thanks to the disastrous Iranian nuclear deal, the Iranians are using much of their recently acquired wealth **to build factories inside Syria and Lebanon.**

The Iranian mullahs, Turkey's Erdogan, and Russia's Putin, are all using what is left of the decimated country of Syria, after its protracted seven-year civil war, to flex their muscles. "This is a **very dangerous situation,**" Yadlin said.

ARE RUSSIA AND ISRAEL ON A COLLISION COURSE ?

Russian politicians have been surprisingly quiet on the Israeli airstrikes in Syria that took place on February 11. Nothing notable has been said beyond an official statement from the Russian Foreign Ministry urging all sides to show restraint, and avoid actions that could lead to further complications.

The quiet reflects the Kremlin's difficult position. Moscow has been co-operating closely with both Israel and Iran of late, and hence is in no position to unequivocally take sides between the two. As Irina Zvyagelskaya, a member of the Institute of Oriental Studies at the Russian

Academy of Sciences, put it, "The situation for Russia is difficult as our country has good relations with Iran and Israel, which share deep differences."

Many Russians are wondering to what extent the Kremlin will allow Israel to continue to carry out preventive strikes on Syrian soil. The incident suggested that an Israeli-Syrian military engagement could evolve into a serious situation that could spin out of Russian control.

This is worrisome to the Russians, as they are keen to maintain the balance of power in Syria.

On a broader level, the latest incident shows how in-effective Russian efforts have become to maintain a dominant position on the Syrian battlefield. The Turkish operation in **Afrin**, in the north of the country, made clear that Moscow is unable to forestall the growth of Turkey's influence. Iranian proxy forces are now close to the Israeli border, and Russia failed to accomplish anything significant at the Sochi Conference in late January.

Russia does not want **Israel** -- a powerful player -- to enter the already overcrowded Syrian battlefield. This is particularly true since Moscow is working on **solidifying its military positions** in Syria, following important victories. **Deep Israeli involvement could unravel Russia's dominant role in Syria.**

At a January 30 meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow, just days before the latest incident, Netanyahu said, "The most important thing I think is to make sure that we understand each other, and that we don't shoot down each other's planes."

Like most players in Syria, the Russians would not welcome additional actors in the country. However, the Kremlin will not be able to forestall further possible Israeli involvement in Syria. - Extracts from prophecynewswatch

THE EASTERN GHOUTA "HUMANITARIAN PAUSE" BREAKS DOWN BEFORE IT STARTS.

FEB 27. Fighting continues in rebel-held East **Ghouta**, amid reciprocal recriminations, during the first daily five-hour "*pause*" ordered by the Assad government's ally Russia.

Opposition activists reported that the Syrian government's air and artillery bombardment continued, while Russia accused the rebels of shelling the "**humanitarian corridor**" that supposed to have opened up at the same time.

The UN was therefore unable to deliver aid or carry out medical evacuations. Nearly 400,000 beleaguered civilians remain trapped.

RUSSIA REJECTS CEASEFIRE CALL IN SYRIA

FEB 23. **Russia claims** Damascus suburbs are occupied by large numbers of Al-Qaeda, Syrian rebels and ISIS. Others refute this claim and report Russia has refused to let opposition fighters leave the area since last November.

This is an example of the brutality of Syrian and Russian forces regardless of enemy combatant numbers.

SYRIAN AIR DEFENCES SPREAD OUT TO TARGET U.S. AND ISRAELI OVERFLIGHTS

Both the U.S. and Syria (plus their pro-Iranian allies), are massing strength in the south and east for military clashes in the continuing confrontation. Assad's army with **Hizbollah** and other **pro-Iranian** forces backed by **Russia** are massing for two objectives:

1. A major offensive to capture **Daraa** on Syria's southern border with Jordan; and also, 2. at the **Deir ez-Zour** region in the east, to make another attempt to cross the Euphrates from west to east. US forces and allies are building up to ward off the two offensives.

This time, Syria has positioned its Russian anti-air weapons for targeting incoming air strikes **by U.S. and Israeli air force** planes.

THE WAR BETWEEN IRAN AND ISRAEL IS HEATING UP!

MID FEB. The Russian Foreign Ministry says five Russians were killed in a U.S. strike in Syria, the first official recognition of Russian deaths in an incident that has threatened to further strain Russian-American ties.

Iranian forces in southern Lebanon flew a drone into northern Israel. The Israelis shot it down.

The Israel Defence Forces then launched air attacks on at least a dozen Iranian and Syrian targets, including the air base from which the drone flew.

The Iranians and Syrians were able to shoot down an **Israeli F-16**. Though the pilots ejected, one was seriously injured.



It was the first combat loss of an Israeli war-plane since **1982**.

Last Sept., Israel destroyed a precision-missile factory the Iranians were building in Syria. Now they're building another one in Lebanon under the auspices of Hizbollah -- **Iran's wholly-owned subsidiary terror organisation**.

After the drone incident and Israel's retaliation, **Russia, Iran, and Syria** released a joint statement saying that from now on, there will be a "**severe and serious**" response to Israel's "**terrorism**." By calling Israel's defensive actions "**terrorism**," they can **justify almost any response**.

AYATOLLAH CLAIMS SYRIA BELONGS TO IRAN

Iran arrogantly views Syria as "belonging" to Iran. In 2013, Mehdi Taeb, one of Supreme Ali Khamenei's closest advisors explained: "**Syria is our 35th province, and it is a strategic province for us.** If the enemy attacks us and seeks to take Syria or **Khuzestan** (which is an actual Iranian province) our priority would be to keep Syria. Because if we keep Syria, we can take back Khuzestan at a later date. But **if we lose Syria, we would lose the capital Tehran.**"

Why does Taeb think Syria is so important to Iran? Because it shares a border with Israel, and also because Iranian leaders exhibit a continuous hatred for Israel. Their speeches show a rage toward the Jews which has no basis or reason.

It's a mania and it infects all of their thoughts and plans. That's why the Iranian army keeps moving its operations in Syria closer and closer to the border with Israel. Last week, the Israeli army released a statement warning that "**Iran and Syria are playing with fire.**"

US military officials are cited by reliable military sources as estimating that the **combined** Russian, Syrian, Iranian and Hizbollah army that is massing on the western bank of the Euphrates in the Deir ez-Zour region, will make **another attempt** to transfer troops to the eastern bank.

They are expected to go for one of the oil or gas fields held by the U.S.-backed SDF (Syria Democratic Forces), which is composed mainly of Kurdish YPG militiamen.

"Yesterday's Prophecies are Today's Headlines."

Friends, we are witnessing firsthand the "wars and rumours of wars" that Messiah Jesus spoke of for these days. (Matthew 24:6)

“IRAN WILL NOT DISCUSS MISSILE PROGRAM UNTIL WEST DISMANTLES NUCLEAR WEAPONS”

Iran will not conduct talks on its ballistic missile program until the US and European countries dismantle their nuclear weapon arsenal, said an Iranian military official on Saturday. Speaking to Iran's state-run IRNA news agency, the official claimed that the US' criticism of Tehran's program was driven by its own failures in the region.

HIZBOLLAH'S STOCKPILE OF MISSILES

The Weekly Standard described Hizbollah's arsenal of **130,000 missiles** as "an **offensive arsenal bigger than that of all Western Europe.**"

Benjamin Netanyahu met with Vladimir Putin a few months ago. He told him that the presence of Iran's missile factory in Lebanon could cause war to break out in the region.

Israel is also determined that Iran will not be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons or solidify its military presence in Syria. Netanyahu says, "We will not allow that regime (Iran) to entrench itself militarily in Syria, as it is seeking to do, for the express purpose of eradicating our state."

A SERIOUS FLARE-UP ON GAZA BORDER

FEB 17. Massive Israeli air strikes hit Hamas military targets after a blast from Gaza injured five Israeli servicemen. A building in Shear Hanegev (southern Israel), took

a direct hit from a rocket, after sirens and an explosion warned Israeli locations within range of the Gaza Strip of incoming rocket fire.

The incident began when a powerful explosive device was detonated from its hiding place inside Gaza behind a Palestinian flag. It turned out to have been planted near the border under cover of Friday's regular anti-Israel demonstration at the fence.

Israel's first response was to open tank fire on a Palestinian Islamic Jihad observation post in the southern part of the Strip.

Later that night, the Israeli Air Force went into action and **pounded the armed facilities of Hamas and other terrorist groups across the Gaza Strip.**

The IDF reported hitting six Hamas targets, including a terror tunnel under construction from the Zeitun refugee camp in central Gaza up to the Israeli border, as well as military outposts and compounds in the north, and in Khan Younes in the south.



ERDOGAN'S TURKEY: MAKING TROUBLE EVERYWHERE

Officially, Turkey is in a **state of emergency** ever since a failed putsch (illegal attempt to oust a government), allegedly master-minded by a self-exiled cleric. Nearly 250 people were killed on the evening of July 15, 2016.

Since then, the government says, it has purged more than **107,000 government employees** for alleged links to the coup attempt. Worse, according to a Supreme Court justice, the Turkish government is investigating a total of **6.9 million citizens, or about 8.6% of all Turks.**

TURKEY CLAIMS OIL FIELDS OFF CYPRUS

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu has warned international companies drilling for **oil and gas off Cyprus**, that these hydrocarbons are **within Turkey's continental shelf**. Cavusoglu said that Turkey "is prepared to take all necessary measures" to protect its rights, and those of the Turkish Cypriots, in the eastern Mediterranean.

On Jan 26, several thousand **Turkish Cypriots** marched against what they say is Turkey's unwanted influence. Protesters braved pounding rain to voice their opposition to Turkey's agitation of "fascist and extremist" segments of their society.

Erdogan's Turkey apparently has an ideological incompatibility with the word "peace." This outright bullying can target any nation at any time. Optimists who think it might fade away will be proven wrong once again.

Even "not-warmongering" can be associated with being a terrorist. More than 300 activists were arrested for their opposition to Turkey's military incursion into northern Syria.

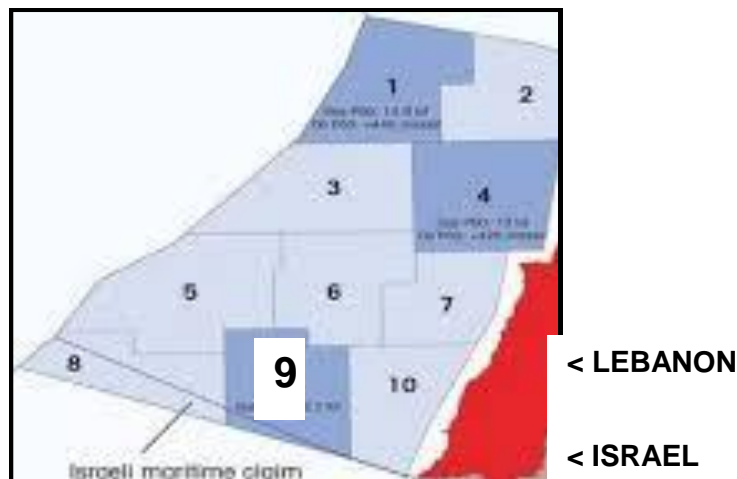
That number did not include the 11 doctors who are members of the Turkish Medical Association who were arrested for calling for a halt to the offensive. (They were later released but will stand trial).

In addition, Turkey has asked Twitter, Facebook and *YouTube* to remove posts on the military offensive.

- by Burak Bekdil Feb 13, 2018

THE ISRAEL-LEBANESE OIL DISPUTE and the US-Russian Mid-East Energy Battle

FEB 17. Instead of accepting a US-brokered deal for "**Block 9**," Hizbollah and Iran make Israel's offshore gas and oil fields - a **fourth war front**.



When six years ago, the US tried to mediate the dispute over **Block 9**, which straddles the maritime waters of Lebanon and Israel (offering 60% to Lebanon; 40% to Israel), **Russia, Iran and Hizbollah** had **not yet** intervened militarily in that early stage of the Syrian civil war.

At the time, also, the US controlled Middle East energy markets and Israel cherished the belief that its offshore gas and oil fields were rich enough to supply Europe's annual

consumption and **make the Jewish state a Middle East energy power.**

“20 U.S. BASES SET UP IN KURDISH AREAS OF SYRIA”

MARCH 3. The Secretary of the Russian Security Council, Alexander Venediktov, told *Ria Novosti*; “The return of peace and stability to Syria is hampered by continued **external interference** in the Syrian crisis. For example, in the territory controlled by the people’s self-defence units of Kurdistan, **some 20 US military bases have been created.**”

According to the Russian official, US interference in the Syria conflict “**provoked Turkey’s military operation**” targeting Kurdish militias in Afrin. The 20 US bases in Syria were first reported on January 11.

The report supports Moscow’s campaign against the US military presence in Syria, which Moscow claims is illegal; whereas the Russian military was **invited** by the “**legitimate**” Assad regime !!

“SYRIA IS NOW A SHI'A COLONY OF IRAN”

A Syrian professor who now lives in Germany, told an Israeli conference in recent days that after years of bloody warfare, Syria has become a “**Shi'a colony of Iran.**”

“Today, there are two blocs in the Middle East: the Sunni and the Shi'a blocs. The strongest bloc, even though it is the smaller, is the Shi'a bloc.

The Saudis are unable to meet the Iranian challenge. And Iran now controls Iraq, Lebanon and Syria,” he warned.

TRUMP, PUTIN & NETANYAHU - TRYING TO AVOID A VIOLENT CLASH IN SYRIA ?

MARCH 3/18. The US, Russian and Israeli leaders tried toning down their sabre-rattling over the weekend – especially regarding Iran – even as fighting continued in Syria.

PM Binyamin Netanyahu, for **instance, delivered countless speeches vowing that Israel would never let Iran sink its military claws into Syria.**

However, on March 1, “senior Israeli sources” pointedly reported that due to Russian pressure, Iran had backed off its plan to establish a naval base at the Syrian port of Tartous and, moreover, “**Israel was satisfied with a process that had led a certain moderation in Iranian activity in Syria.**”

This unattributed comment, which is totally at odds with the prime minister’s published stance, came four days before he arrives in Washington for talks with President Donald Trump

Does it mean that Netanyahu has taken off his White House agenda, a prospective Israeli attack on the military footholds Iran is establishing in Syria, **under cover of Russia’s high stealth fighters?** Unlikely, or only as a **temporary gambit.**

Vladimir Putin, too, engaged in some de-escalation after loudly touting Russia’s new generation of inter-continental underwater drones, nuclear-powered cruise missiles, and a prospective hypersonic missile, in his annual address to the Russian Federal Assembly.

No doubt aiming to impress the Russian voter in the March 18 presidential election, Putin was not actually looking for a full-scale conflict with the US – even in Syria, where the two powers are at cross purposes, especially over Iran’s creeping expansion.

And so, a few hours later, Defence Minister Sergey Shoigu was instructed to “pour oil,” for which he singled out two points of **potential high friction:**



1] Russia has nothing to fear from the missile shield the US has spread out in Poland, Romania, the Czech Republic, and soon in Ukraine, the minister said, because they were all “leaky.”

2] Shoigu poked fun at the photos published in the US and Israel, showing the high-tech stealth SU-57 fighters parked on the runways of the Russian Khmeimim base in Syria.

He said the photos were “fake” because the planes were housed in hangars out of camera range. Furthermore, they had carried out a range of tests a week ago, and, the defence minister asserted, “I can say that the tests were successful, and the planes returned home a week ago.”

After the Russian defence chief waved away two potential crises with the Trump administration, Washington too *applied the brakes*. Robert Wood, US ambassador to the **Disarmament Convention** in Geneva, declared loudly: “**Russia is on the wrong side of history with regard to chemical weapons use in Syria.**”

But then came **the waiver**: First, the Pentagon issued a statement that the U S “**has not seen any evidence yet**” of the use of chemical weapons by the Syrian government in E. Ghouta – a **direct contradiction** of the persistent reports circulated by US sources in the past two weeks.

Second, the US has asked the UN Security Council to set up a “**new inquiry of chemical weapons attacks in Syria following reports of suspected chlorine use in Eastern Ghouta.**” It is no secret that asking the UN Security Council for action on a crisis can **effectively bury it for months**. Therefore, the nearly half million Syrian civilians of East Ghouta will continue for some time to be trapped as hostages between indiscriminate Syrian bombardment and rebel intransigence.

The Middle East and the Syrian conflict are unlikely to give any of the three leaders much pause, whatever interim measure they choose to buy a bit of **temporary calm**, so long as Turkey, Iran and Bashar Assad, along with other rogue players, **remain out of control**.



NEW NUCLEAR-POWERED STEALTH WEAPONS

MARCH 1. Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia is developing a new generation of advanced nuclear weapons including a hypersonic inter-continental ballistic missile (ICBM) that can reach almost anywhere in the world and cannot be shot down by anti-missile systems. Putin made the claim during his annual presidential address to the Federal Assembly in Moscow. He officially unveiled a new hypersonic nuclear-capable ICBM called the **RS-28 Sarmat** and said it would be able to strike anywhere in the U.S.—adding that testing of the weapon is now complete. **NATO calls the nuke “Satan 2.”**



On March 3, Putin has announced that the Russian army had successfully tested three new nuclear-capable weapons – an advanced cruise missile, an underwater drone, and a heavy ICBM. He said that the cruise missile was designed to carry a nuclear warhead, had unlimited range, and could break through any anti-missile defence system in use in the world.

The new underwater drone can target aircraft carriers as well as shore facilities. Claims made in the Russian media about the RS-28's capability state that it carries a payload powerful enough to destroy **an area the size of Texas**, and has a propulsion system so advanced that it can defy existing missile defence systems.

MISSILE WARS

U S, Russia and China Battle For Hypersonic Dominance

FEB 27. Imagine thousands of long-range missiles, each loaded with hundreds of pounds of high explosives, hurtling toward their targets at more than two miles per second.

Faster than defence systems can react, the hypersonic weapons find their marks and dozens of naval ships, command centres, airfields and radar installations all cease to exist in the blink of an eye. With a single strike, a war is started and nearly won.

Hypersonic missiles now under development in the US, Russia and China threaten to radically accelerate the pace of warfare in the future. Hypersonic missiles travel more than five times the speed of sound and are able to alter course in flight in order to evade interceptors and other defence systems.

Whereas it is true that ICBMs achieve hypersonic speeds upon re-entry, they are unable to change course, nor have these same speeds been used in conventional weapons until recently.

Through both their extreme speeds and unpredictable flight paths, hypersonic missiles would make **conventional defence systems obsolete**.

Suddenly, naval ships, military bases and key government installations all become vulnerable to such precision strike weapons. Development in the US and Russia was slowed by the 1987

Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty which banned short and intermediate missiles, but China was not held back by any such limitation.

Russia and the U.S. are **the two most heavily armed nuclear powers in the world**. The U.S. State Department said America has 652 deployed ICBMs, submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) and heavy bombers, while Russia has 527. It said the U.S. possesses 1,350 nuclear warheads on deployed ICBMs, SLBMs and heavy bombers, while Russia has 1,444.

Admiral Harry Harris, head of the US Military's Pacific Command warned Congress this week that "**China's** hypersonic weapons development outpaces ours... we're falling behind." Indeed, just with conventional mid-range missiles, China's arsenal outpaces our own by tens of thousands.

The latest missile intelligence indicates that China has tested a hypersonic missile known as the DF-17. Clocking in at 7,680 miles per hour, 10 times the speed of sound, the DF-17 uses a ballistic missile combined with a hypersonic glide vehicle that is guidable upon re-entry.

That is a top speed of more than 2 miles per second, a velocity that makes the projectile virtually impossible to counter. A November 2017 test showed the DF-17 traveling a distance of 870 miles with its payload in roughly 11 minutes, though experts believe this is likely to increase to a range of over 1,500 miles with further development.

From **Russia**, we now face the threat of the *Zircon* Missile. Classified as a cruise missile, estimates put its speed somewhere between 3,800 and 4,600 miles per hour, and years ahead of US cruise missiles. Further-more, the reported velocity that the Zircon is capable of achieving, lets it evade any anti-missile system in the US arsenal, or that may be developed in the coming years.

Already out of the prototype stage, the *Zircon* was announced to be scheduled for production in 2018.

Hypersonic missiles achieve their incredible speeds through either the use of scramjets or ballistic re-entry vehicles that skip across the atmosphere as they return to Earth. Scramjets use the missile's speed to pull more air into its engine and further increase its speed.

Ballistic re-entry vehicles differ from **decades-old ICBMs**

in that their new precision guidance system allows them to be targeted for pinpoint strikes from extreme distances.

The US Air Force, for its part, is testing the *X-51A Waverider* cruise missile that is designed to travel above Mach 6 (4,603 mph). As part of this arms race to keep pace with Russia and China, the Missile Defence Agency is asking for **\$120 million** to be added to its 2019 budget of **\$9.9 billion**, to help develop these technologies — a big increase from the \$75 million it is slated to receive in the 2018 budget.

While North Korean nuclear weapons and threats of war dominate the headlines, many forget that **China leads the world in conventional missile stockpiles** and that Russia's war machine has never been stronger.

Both countries are flexing their military muscle as they test their borders, Russia in Georgia and Ukraine; China in the South China Sea and India. With such great leaps forward in hypersonic missile technology, the threat of either country executing a debilitating first strike increases. - prophecynewswatch.com



SUCCESSFUL INDIAN TEST OF NUCLEAR-CAPABLE BALLISTIC MISSILE

FEB 23, 2018. The Indian armed forces have successfully test-fired the **nuclear-capable** surface-to-surface ballistic missile *Dhanush*, in **full operational configuration**. It was launched from a naval warship positioned in the Bay of Bengal.

NEW U S EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM WILL OPEN IN MAY, IN TIME TO CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

24 FEB. The new US Embassy in Jerusalem will open much earlier than some had predicted. The Trump administration is working to make the move by May 14, 2018 — in time for Israel's 70th anniversary. The State Department notified Congress that the Jerusalem embassy will open in **May 14th**, to mark Israel's re-establishment as a country **70 years ago** on that date in 1948.

It will open in a temporary location while the US government works on a long-term facility. The project to build a full embassy in Jerusalem will take several years and could cost \$500 million.

The Palestinians, Turkey, and Iran are up in arms about the coming move, and are making extreme threats.

“US EMBASSY MOVE IS A DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST THE ENTIRE MUSLIM WORLD”

FEB 24. In Gaza, a Hamas official, Sami Abu Zuhri, said: "Moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem is a **declaration of war against the Arab and Muslim nation**, and the US administration **must** reconsider its move."

As we publish this report, the **Middle East** is an absolute **powder keg** just waiting for the final spark that will set the entire region ablaze.

The Arab Palestinians reacted with anger to reports that the U S will move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in May, saying this could destroy the prospect of a two-state solution to the Israel-Arab Palestinian conflict.

Clashes erupted in Gaza and the West Bank in a weekly protest against US President Donald Trump's stance on Jerusalem, which has also angered Arab political and religious leaders across the region and dismayed treacherous European allies.

Saeb Erekat, the senior Palestinian negotiator, said the US move showed a "determination to violate international law, to destroy the two-state solution and to provoke the feelings of the Palestinian people as well as all Arabs, Muslims and Christians around the globe."

MUSLIM CLERICS CALL FOR UPRISING TO PROTEST THE EMBASSY MOVE TO JERUSALEM

Ali al-Qaradaghi, secretary-general of the Association of Muslim Scholars, and also its leader, **Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi**, are calling for an uprising of peoples and governments against the American administration's announcement of its intention to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem this May.

God says: "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." (Zechariah 12:3)

Moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, Qaradaghi said, is "**a declaration of war against the Muslims and a step that will establish the illegal occupation.**"

The Association of Muslim Scholars brings together clerics from around the world and is considered to be the most influential organization in the Sunni Muslim world.

Its leader, Qaradawi, is considered the supreme religious authority of the Sunni Muslim world, and the spiritual leader of both the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas.

Many people think that because Muslims have not yet launched a military action against Israel over the US Embassy move to Jerusalem, that there is not going to be one. But nothing could be further from the truth; the uprising is certainly coming. Like everything else that is prophetically percolating now, **the month of May is shaping up to be when action on multiple fronts may well take place.**

The prophet Jeremiah told Israel more than 2,000 years ago:

"YHWH says: 'When **seventy years** have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfil My promise to you, to bring you back to this place.'" (Jeremiah 29:10)

Could that prophecy have a secondary fulfilment at this present time? **Watch!**

EU & ARAB LEAGUE DECLARE, JERUSALEM MUST BE JOINT CAPITAL

FEB 27. BRUSSELS — **European Union** and **Arab League** countries have insisted that Jerusalem must be the **joint capital of Israel and a future Arab Palestinian state.**

Speaking after talks between EU and Arab League foreign ministers, EU foreign policy chief **Federica Mogherini** said that the "**special status and character of the city must be preserved.**" She said the two blocs also "see eye to eye" that there can only be a two-state solution to the conflict, with Israel and the Palestinians living side by side in peace.

This sounds lovely, but **it will not happen!** Federica Mogherini and her associates are becoming more delusional by the day? - *Israel Report*

P M Netanyahu has invited Donald Trump to Israel to inaugurate the new US embassy. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned for mid-May. Reports say it could be held on May 14 to honour that date.)

Netanyahu said, President Trump is “worthy of all praise,” and that “it’s only a matter of time before **other countries join the US in moving their embassies to Jerusalem.**”

“This is a great moment for the citizens of Israel and **an historic moment for the State of Israel,**” he told his ministers at the weekly cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister’s Office in Jerusalem. “All the citizens of Israel will celebrate it together. It has **long-term implications and great historic significance.**”

GUATEMALA ALSO IS TO MOVE EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM

MARCH 5. Guatemala, a small Central American country, will move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, a couple of days after the U.S. does the same with its embassy. President Jimmy Morales revealed during an address at an annual *American Israel Public Affairs Committee* conference.

“In May of this year, we will celebrate Israel’s 70th anniversary, and under my instructions, two days after the United States moves its embassy, Guatemala will return and **permanently move its embassy to Jerusalem,**” Morales said.

Guatemala may seem to be an insignificant nation, but their brave move will be an encouragement to other pro-Israel nations in South America and Africa, that are considering following their lead.

871,000 JEWISH BELIEVERS IN JESUS IN THE U.S.

The *Alliance For The Peace of Jerusalem* revealed this Ground-breaking data during their press conference at NRB convention recently. -by [Joel Rosenberg](#)



WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ISIS?

THE CALIPHATE HAS BEEN CRUSHED, BUT ISIS IS BY NO MEANS DEAD

Joel Rosenberg reports: Much has changed in just twelve months. The new US administration -- working closely with its Arab and Kurdish allies -- has:

- * **DECIMATED THE ISLAMIC STATE CALIPHATE, after removing the handcuffs the Obama team had put on the U.S. military and American allies.**
- * **LIBERATED 98% OF ISIS TERRITORY.**
- * **LIBERATED SOME 8 MILLION PEOPLE ENSLAVED BY ISIS.**
- * **LIBERATED RAQQA, that had become the Syrian capital of the Islamic State.**
- * **HIT SYRIA WITH MISSILE BARRAGE after Syria used chemical weapons against its citizens, something President Obama never did even though he drew the “red line.”**
- * **"In January (2017), about 35,000 Islamic State group fighters were in Iraq and Syria controlling more than 17,000 square miles.**

* "Now, between 1,000 and 3,000 extremists are occupying less than 2,000 square miles."

The Caliphate in Iraq and Syria is, effectively, no more. That's the good news. The **bad news** is that the war involving ISIS is **far from over**.



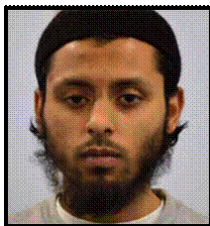
* Abu **Bakr al-Baghdadi**, the group's leader, has been reported killed several times, but seems to actually be still at large. He needs to be hunted down and eliminated.

* Many ISIS foreign fighters have redeployed from the Middle East to their home countries, where they are believed to be plotting new and deadlier attacks. The U.S. and Europe need to be especially wary.

"Nobody who works on these problems would tell you we're popping champagne corks or anything," said McGurk special envoy to the coalition fighting the Islamic State. "This is not over, there is a long way to go!"

TEACHER IN UK PLANNED TO RAISE 'ARMY' OF JIHADI CHILDREN

A teacher in Islamic schools in the UK was radicalizing his students, preparing them to assist him in massive terror attacks on 30 targets across London.



Umar Haque, 25, planned to raise an "army" of jihadi children, *The Telegraph* reported. Haque was employed at two schools and a mosque in East London. And he tried — and he did, we believe — radicalize vulnerable children from the ages of 11 to 14," said Commander Dean Hayden, head of the Metropolitan Police's Counter Terrorism Command.

"His plan was to create an army of children to assist with multiple terrorist attacks throughout London."

ISLAMIC STATE KILLS 27 IRAQI SECURITY PERSONNEL IN KIRKUK

Islamic State militants ambushed a convoy and killed at least 27 Iranian-backed Popular Mobilization Forces fighters in Iraq, the militia said.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO TRUMP'S NEW PEACE PLAN ?

FEB.17. In recent weeks, Donald Trump has repeatedly indicated that he intends to pressure Israel to make yet more concessions to the Palestinian Authority. Already Trump has put the pressure on the Palestinians. Now to get his "deal" moving, he evidently believes that Israel must make compromises that will encourage the Palestinians to come on board.

In mid Feb., Trump said **that any new Jewish settlements could impede the phantom "Peace Process."** "I would like you to hold back on settlements for a little bit." The idea that "holding back a little bit" would promote peace is **utter nonsense**.

President Trump said: "I think both sides will have to make **hard compromises** to reach a peace agreement."

In January, the president wrote: "We have taken Jerusalem, the toughest part of the negotiation, Mr Trump was asked, **“What if the Palestinians do not come to the table?”** He replied. **“Then there will be no peace.”**

That’s right! The Palestinians do not want to live alongside Israel in peace and harmony. Their intention is to force Israel to leave the Middle East.

That of course **will not happen**. There will be no “peace” until the Beast arrives; and the “peace” he makes will not last more than a short time — a few months.

But in the meantime, the Palestinians and their allies (Iran and Hizbollah) will wage war on Israel, and they will be devastated. As Zechariah says:

“In that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a burning pot in a woodpile, and like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples; and Jerusalem will be inhabited again on her own sites - in Jerusalem.” (Zech. 12:6)

"No weapon forged against you will prosper, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of YHWH, and their vindication is from Me," declares YHWH. (Isaiah 54:17)

KIM JONG-UN AND DONALD TRUMP AGREE TO TALKS

Pulling back from the brink, President Trump has agreed to sit down with his aggressive N Korean enemy, Kim Jong Un, sometime in the next two months. Reports say they will **discuss stripping the North’s nuclear arsenal.**

The historic meeting was brokered by the South Korean government.

“Kim Jong Un expressed his eagerness to meet President Trump as soon as possible,” the South Korean security director Chung Eui-yong said. “President Trump appreciated the briefing and said he would meet Kim Jong Un by May to achieve permanent denuclearization.”

The relationship between the two world leaders has been downright nasty at times — with Trump repeatedly calling Kim “Little Rocket Man” and Kim dubbing the president a “mentally deranged US dotard.”

Trump tweeted: “Kim Jong Un talked about denuclearization with the South Korean Representatives, not just a freeze. Also, there will be no missile testing by North Korea during this period of time. Great progress is being made but sanctions will remain until an agreement is reached. A meeting being planned!”

“Possible progress is being made in talks with North Korea. For the first time in many years, a serious effort is being made by all parties concerned. The World is watching and waiting! It may be a false hope, but the U.S. is ready to go hard in either direction!”

There are plenty of urgent **calls for peace** around the world, but will there be true peace in the world? Remember what the Scripture says:

“While they are saying, **"Peace and safety!"** then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and **they shall not escape.**

“But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that the Day of *YHWH* should take you by surprise like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day.

“We are not of the night nor of darkness; **so then let us not sleep** as others do, but let us **be alert and sober.**” (1 Thessalonians 5:3-6)

True peace will only come when Y'shua, the Prince of Peace, returns to earth, at the end of the Tribulation, to establish the Millennial kingdom.

“See, **your King is coming to you**; He is righteous and having salvation . . . I will cut off the chariots from Ephraim, and the war-horses from Jerusalem; the bows of war also will be destroyed. **He will speak peace to the nations**; and His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River *Euphrates* to the ends of the earth.” (Zechariah 9:9-10)

How long do we have to wait for the Millennial kingdom? It will not come until after the 7-years Great Tribulation. Now how long do we have to wait for the Tribulation?

I don't know! But **we are NOT told to wait for the Great Tribulation**. We are not looking for the Antichrist, the Beast. The Scripture indicates that we should be **eagerly awaiting the “catching up” – the Rapture**.

This is the catching up of believers to meet the Saviour in the clouds, before the Tribulation.

“For the Master Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet *call* of God. Then the dead in Christ - *those who died with faith in the Messiah* - shall rise first. Then we, the living *believers* who remain, will *simultaneously* **be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Master in the air**. And so we will be with the Master for ever. Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

Paul also said: “You are not lacking in any gift as you **eagerly wait** for the revealing of our Master, Yeshua the Messiah.” (1 Corinthians 1:7)

“The Messiah, *the Anointed One*, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to *bear sin again*, but for salvation to those **who eagerly await Him**.” (Hebrews 9:28)

The question each one of us needs to answer, is, “Am I, myself, waiting for the Saviour's call? Have I given my life to the Lord Jesus/Yeshua, and received Him as my personal Saviour.”

If you cannot say a definite “YES” to those questions, then I urge you to ...

CALL UPON THE SAVIOUR TO SAVE YOU TODAY!

"WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"

"Believe in the *Sovereign Heavenly* Master, Jesus/Y'shua the Messiah, and you will be saved; *both* you and your household as well." (Acts 16:30-31)

"WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."
(Romans 10:13)

"Calling on God" is not simply asking Him to get you out of some difficult situation. It is calling upon Him to **save** you, to **forgive** your sins, to **cleanse** you, to **take over your life**, and to **make you a new person**.

It is **trusting** the Saviour to deliver you from the bondage of sin, and to turn your life around. The miracle that you need most is not relief from some sickness or problem; it is a **mighty touch** on you that **reconciles you to the Heavenly Father**. That is what makes you His child.

So my burdened reader, simply put your faith in the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and **let Him save you today**. Receive Him as your personal Saviour, and receive the gift He offers to you:

"The wages of sin is death, but **the free gift of God is eternal life** in the Messiah, Y'shua/Jesus our Master." (Romans 6:23)

But someone may be saying, "I don't feel I have faith to believe. It is no use me calling to God."

Then you must give up hope; you must perish! But wait, there is one thing you can do; **ask God for the faith to believe.** It's not a matter of how you feel. Simply pray ...

"Oh God, I don't have faith; but I ask You to give me the faith to believe, and to claim Your promises. I ask in Jesus' Name."

And if you mean it, you will find God drawing you, and giving you the faith to believe. Dear Reader, please don't go on another day with your burden of sin. Call on the Saviour now!

The following prayer may help you to express your thoughts and faith.



DECISION PRAYER

Almighty God, I come to You, just as I am, a guilty sinner. I come with all my confusion, fears and burdens, and I lay them all down at Your feet, trusting for Your gracious work of salvation in me.

Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, the Eternal One who paid the penalty of my sins when You died for me at Calvary. I believe You rose from the dead, and that You are the living Saviour.

You know the deep need in my life, and I ask You to forgive my sins, and I trust You to save me this very day. Make me a true child of God, and do all that You need to do in my life. Lord Jesus, I receive You as my personal Saviour right now.

Thank You, Lord Jesus for Your love and salvation. Thank You Father, for answering my prayer, for Your forgiveness, and for reconciling me to Yourself. Thank You for making me Your child. Thank You. Thank You, Amen.

Signed date

Please keep this prayer with you as a reminder of your **spiritual birth-day**. And we will be very happy to hear from you. Please write to me, at one of our MRC addresses on the inside front cover. We will pray for you and send you freely, a booklet to help you – **“The Way, Lessons for New Believers.”** And may Yahweh bless you, keep you, and give you His joy and peace. – Don Stanton