

The Near East Situation

Militant Islam, Islamic Terrorism, Iran, Iraq, ISIS—All in pursuit of their goals of “Death to America!”, the destruction of Israel, an Islamic empire, etc.



SUCH IS HAPPENING: We have given a **green light** to Iran for its continued aggression and nuclear armament **with no strings attached**. **False hope** is given to overcome the **threats and peril**. Our foundational documents (Declaration of Independence and Constitution) are facing an organized destruction of our unique American way. We have been removed from the playing field to the bench or even to the stands to watch how our country is being taken down and removed from being a good influence among the nations. **Before World War II**, Great Britain and France yielded to Hitler and Mussolini to do what they wished to do, being terrified of confrontation and caught up in economic concerns. So now the western world sits making concessions and hoping that Russia, Iran, Iraq, ISIS, the migration to Europe, etc. will not trouble them. “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3). “Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain” (Psalm 127:1).

SUCH IS A CONCERN: **Oil, money, arms, aggression, peace, possession, feuding, taking, talking, planning, pressuring, waiting, watching. Who will do WHAT, WHEN, WHY? This is not new and this is not through.**

“Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, the prophets say unto them, ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place. Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not” (Jeremiah 14:13-14)

“For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, **Peace, peace; when there is no peace... We looked for peace**, but no good came; and for a time of health, and **behold trouble!**” (Jeremiah 8:11,15)

“And ye shall hear of WARS and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, **but the end is not yet?** (Matthew 24:6)

“For I [the LORD] will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken... THEN SHALL THE LORD GO FORTH, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.” (Zechariah 14:2,3)

SUCH IS HOPEFUL: **These are days of very great and important changes which God in His Word, the Bible, said would take place. The pages of history, secular and especially Sacred, abound in making known the only God - His LOVE and MERCY, His Righteous Judgment, His KNOWING and CARING, His glorious design, His wondrous purpose. Our HOPE is to be found and fixed in His most TRUSTWORTHY PERSON and His changeless, SURE WORD:**

“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; **I am God, and there is none like Me**, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and **I will do all My pleasure...** yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it” (Isaiah 46:9-11).

“There is no God else beside Me; a just God and a SAVIOUR; there is none beside Me. LOOK UNTO ME, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: **for I am God, and there is none else**. I have sworn by Myself, the Word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear” (Isaiah 45:21-23).

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My WORD, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto LIFE.” (John 5:24)

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