

IRAN WAR AND THE MIND OF THE PRESIDENT - PART 1

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As some of my longtime friends will know, when it comes to my online presence on the social networks, I rarely engage in discussions on my timelines which concern politics, war and related secular issues. This is a conscious choice on my part. Simply put, insofar as my social network accounts are concerned, I prefer to focus on sharing God's Word with my readers. After all, sharing the Bible is my primary job as an active online evangelist, and in a world which is filled with lies and deception, the truth of God's Word is what my

readers obviously need the most, and NOT questionable rumors of war which change from week to week.

In contrast, when it comes to my articles and series on the Bill's Bible Basics website, I am much more open with regard to my personal thoughts concerning politics and other events and issues which occur in the secular world on a daily basis. In fact, I would dare say that I pretty much "let 'er rip!" This current series is in fact one such article where I'll be doing this. As many of my readers will no doubt already be aware, President Trump won the 2024 presidential election based in large part on his firm promise to NOT engage in any more foreign wars. This key promise was a very central part of his platform in 2024, which his MAGA base gladly embraced. Mr. Trump repeatedly presented himself as being a peacemaker, and NOT as a warmonger. His dedicated followers obviously believed him.

Now, initially, upon assuming office in January of 2025, Mr. Trump seemed to be keeping his promise as he strived really hard -- but sadly, unsuccessfully -- to bring an end to the still-ongoing Russia-Ukraine War. President Trump tried on various occasions to bring Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to some kind of common understanding. Trump tried different approaches and tactics via his primary negotiators -- Steve Witkoff, Jared Kushner and Secretary of State Marco Rubio -- yet ultimately without success, and that horrible war continues to this day. Honestly speaking, even I was temporarily misled by Trump's actions, so much so that I defended him with regard to his position concerning that war in an article entitled "False Accusation: Donald Trump Is a Warmonger!".

However, sadly, then what happened? Unable to stop that war -- which has no doubt been a serious blow to Trump's pride and his vanity -- Mr. Trump chose to divert his attention elsewhere. Thus he began concentrating his personal efforts on consolidating America's place of power in the world -- particularly in the Western Hemisphere -- and on protecting America's interests abroad, including in the Middle East. As we all know, pressured by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, the neoconservatives, NAR -- the New Apostolic Reformation -- and the Dominionists, not only did President Trump break his key campaign promise of not engaging in anymore foreign wars, but tragically, he has done so on a very grand scale.

In fact, for those of my readers who may not be aware of it,

to date, since his second term began, for an assortment of reasons -- all justifiable in his own eyes -- the president has now bombed the nations of Iran, Iraq, Syria, the Houthis in Yemen, Nigeria, Somalia, Venezuela, and the alleged drug boats in the Caribbean Sea and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Furthermore, as I mention in a few of my other Bill's Bible Basic articles, President Trump has rather clear intentions with regard to Cuba and Greenland. In fact, just by paying close attention to his public statements, it becomes rather obvious to me that President Trump more than likely has a plan -- currently in a holding pattern -- for bringing the South American nation of Colombia under American submission and domination as well.

Make no mistake. President Trump has already made a number of public statements on multiple occasions in which he has revealed his intentions regarding these locations. He has put the leaders of all three places on notice that he is coming for them, and he won't be deterred. Furthermore, as I have mentioned before, I believe that sooner or later, he will send the U.S. military into Mexico in order to defeat the powerful drug cartels -- who are primarily responsible for Fentanyl entering the United States -- despite Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo being strongly opposed to him doing so. It is my belief that once Mr. Trump wraps up his Iran War -- whenever that occurs -- he will turn his attention more fully to these other four places.

In addition to all of the above, there is also the rather troubling issue regarding President Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu's evil plan to build the so-called "Riviera of the Mediterranean", after Mr. Netanyahu and the Israeli IDF have finished destroying what little remains of the Gaza Strip. If you would like to acquire a really clear understanding regarding President Trump's current mentality and also his current game plan, please consider reading my article called "Trump Fiefdom and the Trilateral World." It is a very interesting read that was written over a year ago. You will find it listed at the end of this same series with a clickable link. Three other related articles which may be of interest to you as well include "Donald Trump, Gaza, and the Tyre Prophecy", "Gaza Strip Horrors and the Trump Plan" and "Donald Trump and the War in Venezuela". These articles are also listed at the end of this same series.

Clearly then, Mr. Trump's actions during the first year of his second term in office are NOT the earmarks of a true

peacemaker, are they? To believe otherwise -- as some MAGA supporters apparently still do -- is in my view to actually deceive oneself intentionally, rather than being willing to simply face the awful truth. Contrary to Trump's claims, and his supposed justifications for breaking his key promise by engaging in one military strike after another, Mr. Trump has clearly revealed that he is in fact just another warmonger, similar to so many American presidents who have preceded him. Similar to his predecessors, Mr. Trump's actions demonstrate that he too strongly believes in peace through strength, and that can include blowing the hell out of another sovereign nation, and engaging in illegal regime change. This glaring truth should be more than evident to any half-intelligent casual observer by this point in time, unless one is still drinking the MAGA Kool-Aid.

My dear friends, the simple truth of the matter is that it does NOT matter whether a presidential candidate happens to be Republican, Democrat or Independent. They will tell their constituency EXACTLY what they desire to hear, in order to secure their vote during an election year. But then what do they do? Once they've won the election, they will soon begin backtracking on their campaign promises, and they will engage in major psychological manipulation and gaslighting, as they begin to go against what they had promised to do, or what they had promised not to do during their election campaign. They will endeavor to find all kinds of seemingly logical and justifiable reasons for breaking their word to their support base.

Let's be honest here, my friends. How many times have we seen this same dishonest pattern repeat over and over again down through the decades, regardless of the political affiliation of the president who holds office? And yet despite the rather obvious contradiction between words and deeds, so many blind, gullible, deceived sheeple -- the voters -- keep falling for this same trick without fail, election cycle after election cycle. They apparently have very short memories. Maybe that Kool-Aid they are drinking has messed with their minds. Who knows. I likewise discuss this same subject in my article entitled "To Vote, or Not to Vote? That Is the Question". I encourage you to read it when you have time.

Now, to be fair and balanced regarding this subject, let me also add that I think that some US presidents -- I honestly do not know how many of them -- enter the Oval Office with a genuine, sincere desire and intention to try to keep their

campaign promises. However, then something unusual happens. Upon assuming office, US presidents are given access to new information which they were not privy to previously, simply because they did not have the required security clearance.

It only seems natural that this new information will have a powerful effect on them. In fact, I suspect that it begins to alter their thinking and their personal perspective. It changes their understanding concerning certain situations which they thought they had properly understood, but perhaps which they really did not correctly understand -- at least not fully -- simply because they were missing some of the facts which were purposely withheld not only from them, but of course, also from the American public as well. Ultimately, this newly-acquired information will have a direct effect on some of the important, major decisions which they will make from thereafter. Such information may even lead to a leader breaking certain campaign promises, to the disappointment of their constituents and support base.

Before continuing, let me pause for a moment to point out that by my sharing these things with you, I am by no means supporting, condoning or trying to justify any of the poor decisions President Trump has made during his current term in office. I'm simply endeavoring to explain to you what I personally believe are some of the reasons and motivating factors which may result in a U.S. president -- or any national leader for that matter -- backtracking on their campaign promises. Whether or not you choose to accept the reasons they offer is entirely up to you.

As some of my readers will already know, this is in fact what we are seeing occur right now within the MAGA movement. To put it lightly, the MAGA movement is seriously fractured. Amongst some of the more popular influencers, a number of President Trump's closest friends and strongest allies have now turned totally against him, and have called him out due to the Iran War. This includes popular personalities such as Tucker Carlson, U.S. Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, media personality Megyn Kelly, political commentator Candace Owens and others. Of course, within both the political and the military spheres, there are quite a few very qualified individuals who at one time supported the president, but who are now some of his fiercest critics. There are too many to name here, but following is a short list of some of the ones whose names you may have heard mentioned in the news:

James Mattis
John Bolton
John Kelly
Mark Esper
Mark Milley
Mike Pence
Rand Paul
Rex Tillerson
Thomas Massie

Of course, as many of my readers will undoubtedly already realize, when different people turn against Donald Trump, his immediate reaction is to go into serious attack mode. The man can be quite fierce, merciless and unrelenting. He'll quickly resort to his usual tactics of ridicule and mockery, as well as constant name-calling and worse. Mr. Trump's ego, pride and narcissism simply cannot handle any level of criticism. As they say, men of force are also men of faults, and Trump certainly has his share of them, as I have discussed before.

At any rate, all of these influencing factors are actually in addition to the aforementioned parties who each try to persuade the president to pivot towards their particular point of view, and to motivate him to do what they think he should be doing. So as I mentioned earlier, President Trump has many different voices trying to influence his decision making process. In other words, besides members of his own party, there is Israel and the Jews, the neoconservatives, NAR -- the New Apostolic Reformation -- the Dominionists, the Roman Catholics, and his influential friends who hold positions of power within the world of Big Business. We obviously can't forget about the latter, because they are directly affected by any decisions and policy changes the president may make.

But these are not the only challenges which a U.S. president may face, as if these aren't already enough to have to deal with. For example, recently I came across an online post in which one of my friends was lamenting the fact that despite controlling both Congress and the SCOTUS -- Supreme Court of the United States -- Republicans have hardly been able to get anything accomplished during the current term. However, in my opinion, his sentiment doesn't really accurately describe the situation, or the real problems. Let me explain what I mean.

To be fair, in this current term, Republicans BARELY control the House of Representatives and the Senate. In both chambers

they have a very small majority which allows them to barely squeak by in some cases. With regard to the US Supreme Court, we also need to remember that not all Republican justices are 100% Trump loyalists. Just because they are nominated by a Republican president does not guarantee that they will agree with him regarding every single issue. It is their right to dissent, if they so choose. This becomes evident simply by looking at their voting records. In fact, the nine justices are supposed to remain politically neutral anyway. At least that is the way it is supposed to work in a perfect world.

So, in my view, technically-speaking, I believe that the REAL problem is actually threefold in nature. Please consider the following points.

1. Republicans do NOT have large enough of a majority in either house, so that they can always neutralize the votes of any potential defectors during each vote. In other words RINO votes, or Republicans who vote according to their conscience, and not necessarily according to what President Trump wants. That is why sometimes the Republicans require a few Democrat votes as well in order to push through certain bills.

2. Congress is pretty much frozen and very much polarized. In other words, at this current time in 2026, it's become rather obvious that US congressmen are in large part voting strictly along party lines, and NOT necessarily according to the will of the people they are supposed to represent. Right now, the real game plan is actually party survival and NOT constituent satisfaction, even though these two should really dovetail, right? In other words, surviving in office should be directly linked to voter satisfaction. However, that is no longer the case all the time.

3. As I mentioned a moment ago, six Republicans occupying a powerful seat on the Supreme Court of the United States does NOT guarantee instant victory for any sitting president. As occurs with the congressmen, being nominated by a Republican president does NOT necessarily result in any justice always ruling in a way which is favorable to President Trump's will. They do vote according to their personal conscience and their knowledge of legal precedent, as they ought to do. Their job is to carefully interpret the law, and not to automatically rubber stamp everything that proceeds from the president's desk.

Lastly, when Donald Trump first won the 2024 presidential

election, I said back then -- and I have continued to say since then -- that it had become so obvious to me that the key Democratic operative word for the duration of Trump's second term would be OBSTRUCTION. This is proving to be very true. No honest person can deny that the Democrats are very much living up to it at every possible turn. It is apparent to anyone with their eyes open that the Democrats do prefer resistance and obstructionism, rather than contributing to a unified Congress that gets things done for the good of the people. As I said earlier, it is all about party survival, and destroying the other party, or at the very least, making the Republicans totally ineffective during the current term.

My friends, make no mistake. We are living in very perilous political times, partly due to President Trump's abandonment of campaign promises which has both seriously frustrated and fractured a large part of his MAGA base, and partly due to constant Democratic machinations to hinder and prevent some Republican objectives from being achieved. Let me also add that all of the current -- and questionable -- pre-midterms gerrymandering is not helping either. It is like a political game of tit for tat, and I must truly wonder if either party will actually gain any political advantage in the end.

Personally, at this point in time, I can only see one of two things potentially happening in November of this year when the midterm elections occur. Either the Democrats' constant obstructionism -- such as partially funding the Department of Homeland Security and the TSA -- will be their outright undoing during the midterms and they will suffer major loss, or else President Donald Trump's handling of the Iran War -- including the rising gasoline prices and the mounting war casualties -- and the rising cost of living, will be the Republicans' undoing during the coming midterm elections.

Personally, I take it all with a grain of salt, one reason being that I saw through the illusion years ago. I came to understand the smoke and mirrors which are used to blind the American electorate to the truth. I explain all of this in the aforementioned article "To Vote, or Not to Vote? That Is the Question". The Republicans can be very ineffective and weak. We all know this. But there is a reason for this. What else should we expect when both major political parties are a part of the very same Uniparty? They are two sides of the same coin. They are controlled opposition, created to give the illusion of electoral choice. My friends, it is time to get real. In the realm of politics, everything that plays

before our eyes is a pre-scripted illusion and a political game, and we are the pawns who are caught in the midst of it all.

While we have taken a slight detour from our main subject of discussion, let's get back on track by returning to the various forces and motivating factors which can directly influence an American president's decision-making process.

Tragically, the pressure on a US president which I described earlier does not end with the aforementioned individuals and parties. To make matters even more difficult, similar to US presidents before him, Mr. Trump must likewise contend with the powerful military-industrial complex -- which President Eisenhower first warned about sixty-five years ago in 1961 -- which is always motivated by war, and the great profits which can be earned through engaging in unending wars, and in selling weapons of war to other nations who are willing to pay the price. For those of you who may not be aware of it, it is the most profitable business in the entire world. For example, in 2023, the legal U.S. arms industry alone generated annual revenue and profit amounting to a total of 318 billion dollars. That is way more than the drug cartels earn.

Thus, as we all know, we now find our country embroiled in yet another major and very dangerous war. Begun on February 28, 2026 when the United States, along with Israel, launched coordinated, large-scale airstrikes known as Operation Epic Fury against Iranian military infrastructure and leadership, our current leaders promise us that it will be short-lived, and that it will not turn into another quagmire similar to the Iraq War, the war in Afghanistan, or the ugly Vietnam War that occurred over five decades ago. President Trump, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, and Secretary of State and National Security Advisor Marco Rubio all insist that this just won't happen.

It would be nice if we could simply -- and blindly -- accept their word. However, the truth of the matter, as is clearly evident, is that the Iran War has only continued to escalate in its level of ferocity and violence -- and geographically expand as well -- since day one. Despite everything that the United States and Israel have thrown at Iran, they continue to fight back, continue to fire missiles, continue to attack tankers in the Persian Gulf, and continue to insist that they will not back down. All this despite the fact that their top

religious and political leadership has now been killed; their navy has for the most part been wiped out; their defensive missile batteries have likewise in large part been destroyed; and their own people have been protesting in the streets to some degree. Clearly, the IRGC -- Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps -- ground forces are extremely resilient, just like Hamas and Hezbollah!

This Iranian resilience leads us to another rather pivotal issue. While President Trump and his fellow warmongers have repeatedly insisted that they have zero interest in deploying American boots on the ground in Iran, at the same time, they have NOT ruled out this possibility entirely. In fact, you may have noticed that President Trump has been very careful when this sticky question has been presented to him by inquisitive reporters. However, quite frankly, I think that they are not only lying, but I suspect that they already KNOW that they're lying to the American people.

In fact, certain individuals who are much more qualified than I, have already stated unequivocally that eventually, at some point, the United States military will have no choice but to deploy boots on the ground in Iran. So what is the reasoning behind this determination? Quite simply, a war of the current magnitude, where the enemy is so very entrenched in its home field, CAN'T be won by way of an air campaign alone. The only way to root them out and destroy them all is through the use of a very ugly, dirty, violent, bloody ground assault. In other words, my friends, AMERICAN BOOTS ON THE GROUND!

Even if you have no military background, and don't understand military strategy, simple logic would still lead a person to arrive at the same conclusion, and deduce the very same thing. In my case, upon presenting this same ground troops question to myself, my very first reaction was to think, "Okay, so what is the historical precedent? What happened in all the previous major wars and military skirmishes? So I made a list of some of the past and recent wars and military interventions which have involved the United States to one degree or another. Below is the list which I compiled just from memory. Of course, it is not every single little war and American intervention, but it is enough to make my point:

1. WW I

2. WW II

3. Korean War
4. Vietnam and Southeast Asia War
5. War in Yugoslavia
6. Iraq War
7. War in Afghanistan
8. War in Somalia
9. War in Nigeria
10. War in Venezuela

After compiling my list, I googled for a response. Well, guess what, folks? Of the conflicts I listed above, the short-lived war this past January in Venezuela to capture Nicolás Maduro -- a.k.a. Operation Absolute Resolve -- is the ONLY one where the US military did NOT deploy sustained ground combat troops. Please note that while the 1999 Kosovo campaign was for the most part an air campaign, American peacekeeping forces were deployed following the air assault. So there is the evidence, my friends, and the clear historical precedent which clearly demonstrates that deploying ground troops will almost ALWAYS become a necessity sooner or later. We simply can't deny the actual historical record, can we? So tell me something. Given the demonstrated resilience of the Iranian IRGC -- Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps -- and their stiff determination to go down fighting, do you honestly believe that the current air campaign over Iran will suffice to bring Iran to its knees?

There is another very interesting -- and rather troubling -- point worth noting here. Please notice that I have repeatedly mentioned AMERICAN ground troops. Do you understand what is wrong with my statement and what is glaringly missing from it? If not, let me tell you plainly. Even though the current war is clearly to the benefit of Israel as well -- certain people have outright stated that the USA is actually fighting a proxy war for Israel -- how much do you want to bet that if it does come down to deploying boots on the ground, it will involve either very few, or absolutely NO Israeli boots on the ground in Iran? It will be American soldiers doing Israel's dirty work! Regarding the IDF in Iran, I won't hold my breath!

There is another related issue which is directly tied to the

deployment of American ground forces in Iran, and it connects to what I stated earlier regarding the Trump administration purposely lying to the American public. Have you noticed how many times President Trump has publicly encouraged Iranians to rise up against their Islamic oppressors? He has plainly told the Iranians that the combined American-Israeli air campaign will do their best to soften and weaken the Iranian religious, political and military leadership. However, Trump has advised the Iranians that it remains entirely up to them to take the initiative, and to rise up against their oppressive leaders.

Now let me ask you an important rhetorical question. Why do you think President Trump keeps insisting that Iranians must take the lead in the quest for their freedom once the United States and Israel have sufficiently weakened Iran's current leadership? In my opinion, the answer seems rather obvious. Personally, I believe that it's because Mr. Trump knows that if the Iranian public does NOT take the required initiative, then American ground troops will be forced to finish the job which they started in the air, and that is something which they definitely do NOT want to have to do. Why not? Because they know in advance that not only will the United States get bogged down in Iran -- as occurred in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan -- but the number of American war casualties is certain to quickly rise as well, and that will spell serious trouble for President Trump and the Republicans as the 2026 midterms approach. That's why! Dead American troops are a very dangerous red line which the Republicans do NOT want to cross, because doing so poses a clear and present danger to their political success this coming November.

Now we come to a major problem. Contrary to President Trump's expectations, a large-scale Iranian groundswell against Iran's Islamic leadership has largely failed to materialize, despite intense U.S./Israeli strikes during Operation Epic Fury. While some initial hopes for regime collapse existed, the truth of the matter is that many of the Iranians still greatly fear the IRGC. That is to say, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, who still retain very tight control of Iranian society. To add to this dilemma, other Iranians are likewise wary of foreign intervention by the US. As a result, this has led to a muted response rather than a widespread uprising as President Trump had hoped for. Again, this translates into the United States being forced to place boots on the ground in order to really finish the job they began on February 28, 2026. It would also be the only way in which President Trump would have any kind of direct say in who becomes the new leader of Iran, as he

has insisted he wants to do. So as I already said, putting US troops on the ground in Iran would be like President Trump's political kryptonite, for all you Superman fans.

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Continuing our discussion from part one, and our examination

concerning why it would be very perilous in a political sense for President Trump to be forced to put American forces on the ground in Iran, following is a summation of the current tragic situation in Iran. These points easily reveal why President Trump keeps encouraging -- and hopelessly wishing for -- an Iranian groundswell which would in theory avoid the necessity of putting American boots on the ground in Iran. These points also reveal exactly why that groundswell of resistance has simply not materialized as Mr. Trump had anticipated:

Regime Stability and Fear:

American intelligence indicates that despite the deaths of so many of Iran's top leaders, the Islamic regime STILL retains control, and is NOT at immediate risk of collapse. The IRGC -- Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps -- remains in control of the streets, and public fears of their repression act as a rather significant deterrent, with few reports of major defections.

Failed Uprising and Internal Factors:

While public protests had previously challenged the regime of the mullahs and the IRGC, the anticipated mass insurrection has simply not occurred. Reasons for this failure include the lack of clear organization, an inability to maintain momentum, and the fact that previous protests -- such as the uprisings which occurred in late 2025 -- were brutally crushed.

Nationalist Sentiment and Wariness:

Some analysts suggest that many Iranians -- even those who do oppose the Islamic regime -- are nonetheless nationalistic. As a result, they remain wary of foreign-driven conflict. To add to that, casualties and damage which have resulted from all of the American-led attacks have in some cases reinforced the Iranian's hesitation to embrace American-Israel intervention, rather than creating a popular uprising against the leaders in Tehran.

Protest Realities:

While certain Iranian citizens initially hoped for very rapid change to occur, the mounting cost of the conflict has forced many to reassess their situation. Thus again, a widespread, effective opposition movement has simply not materialized on the ground in Iran.

Despite the significant degradation of Iran's missile and drone capabilities -- 86% and 73% drops respectively -- the internal resistance movement has not translated into a successful, large-scale uprising against the leadership.

So, my friends, as you can obviously see, despite everything that the United States and Israel have done to weaken Iran in both a political and a military sense, due to the absence of a powerful, popular, national protest movement, this terrible war will go absolutely nowhere, unless the United States and Israel put boots on the ground in Iran, and engage in a very bloody ground battle, until the IRGC -- and whoever is now in charge -- is totally wiped out. The Iranian people are still filled with too much fear of the oppressive regime which has ruled over them for the past forty-seven years since 1979.

In fact, just this morning while reading the news, I found an article in The Washington Times which actually confirms that the Iranian people apparently do not possess what it takes to overpower the current oppressive regime. The reason why I say this is because this isn't the first time that the Iranians have demonstrated lack of will -- or even cowardice -- in the face of such oppression. To understand this, let me share a bit of Iranian history with you first which sets the stage for the current attitude amongst the Iranian people.

Supposing that the current religious, political and military leadership is fully wiped out by American and Israeli forces, exactly who would rise to stand in the gap? Well, while there are a few ethnic resistance groups, from everything I've read, there are really only two viable options. The first is Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi, who is the 65-year-old son of the former Shah of Iran. Some observers say that the Shah was a dictator and a Western puppet. While I suspect that to be true, if you look at photographs from the time during his rule, one thing you will quickly notice is that Iranian women were allowed to wear modern clothing with their long, flowing hair exposed. In other words, they were NOT forced to wear the ugly burqas like oppressed Iranian women do today. To me, that alone says a lot.

At any rate, Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi -- who currently lives in exile in the United States, and who has also been pushing the Iranian people to rise up and rebel against the current oppressive leaders who rule over them -- has already offered himself as a contender for the Iranian throne.

The second option is the NCRI. That is to say, the National Council of Resistance of Iran. The NCRI was founded in 1981 by Massoud Rajavi and Abolhassan Banisadr, and is currently led by Maryam Rajavi, who serves as its president-elect. It is based in Paris, France. The NCRI is in fact the longest active political alliance in Iranian history.

The driving force or principle member behind the NCRI is the MEK -- or Mujahedin-e-Khalq -- which in English is known as the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran. MEK was founded in 1965 by three Muslim university graduates named Mohammad Hanifnejad, Saeed Mohsen and Ali-Asghar Badizadegan. MEK was formed as an opposition group to the Shah of Iran's regime. They were young engineers and former members of the Freedom Movement of Iran who spent years creating the organization.

Massoud Rajavi joined MEK in 1967. By 1979, Rajavi had slowly climbed the ranks to become MEK's actual leader. In 1971, all three founding members of MEK, as well as Massoud Rajavi, were arrested by the Shah's regime. While the three founders were executed in 1972, through political manipulation, Rajavi was given a sentence of life imprisonment instead. However, he was eventually released from prison during the well-known Islamic Revolution of 1979. After leaving Iran in 1981, Rajavi lived in France and Iraq, until he mysteriously disappeared shortly before the 2003 invasion of Iraq by American forces. What is important here is the fact that the MEK is widely regarded as one of the best-funded and organized Iranian opposition groups outside of Iran.

Now we return to the aforementioned Maryam Rajavi. She served as an organizer of the anti-Shah student movement which we've already discussed. In 1985, Rajavi was made co-leader of the MEK, and was married to Massoud Rajavi in Paris. In 1993, the NCRI elected Maryam Rajavi to be Iran's interim president, if the NCRI were to ever assume power in Iran. As I noted earlier, she has retained this position since that time. With the strike by the United States and Israel on February 28, 2026, the NCRI announced the formation of a provisional government-in-exile in Paris.

So basically, we have two primary opposition groups who are at odds with each other: Reza Pahlavi and his supporters in the United States, and Maryam Rajavi and the Mujahedin-e-Khalq -- or MEK -- who are the primary arm of the National Council of Resistance of Iran which is based in Paris, France. According to the NCRI, it was the Pahlavi dynasty's past repression in

Iran which resulted in the Islamic Revolution in the first place. So this is why the NCRI does not trust Pahlavi, and is in fact opposed to him. Furthermore, as we have seen, the MEK was behind the Islamic Revolution which toppled the Shah in 1979. So given these clear facts, while the NCRI claims that they want to establish a democratic republic in Iran that is free of the rigid clerical control of the mullahs, personally, I am not convinced that they should really even be trusted.

So as you can see, there is currently a huge power play going on between these two opposition groups, and I suspect that a lot of lying, slippery words are being spoken by BOTH sides. Going by the past, my gut feeling was that President Trump would probably support Reza Pahlavi filling the power vacuum in Iran, and that Pahlavi would serve as a Western puppet, just like his father. Well, as it turns out, I was right. In a recent public comment made on January 15, President Trump stated that while he has doubts regarding whether or not the Iranian people would be willing to accept Pahlavi as their new leader, Trump also added that if the Iranians do accept Pahlavi, ". . . that would be fine with me."

Now we return to The Washington Times news article I mentioned to you earlier. With the headline of "Rival opposition groups jockey for primacy in a post-regime Iran", it appeared in my Washington Times news bundle on March 19, 2026, which was my yesterday, as of this current writing. Following is an excerpt from the article. Just by reading it, I think you will see that it in fact confirms what I've been saying regarding the Iranian people being too weak, too afraid, and too disorganized to be able to overthrow the current regime. Please notice also that this excerpt confirms my position that an aerial assault alone will NOT completely dislodge the current regime in Iran. This same position is embraced by a number of observers who are more knowledgeable than I.

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Some analysts are skeptical of the prospects for regime change.

"An aerial campaign alone, even one as devastating as the current operation, is insufficient to dismantle a deeply entrenched autocracy. While the regime's power was severely weakened by the loss of its top-tier leadership on Feb. 28, the IRGC's structure remains capable of withstanding additional attacks," said Ali Safavi, a member of the Foreign

Affairs Committee of the Paris-based National Council of Resistance of Iran. "Overthrowing the clerical regime must come from within, achieved by the Iranian people and their organized resistance."

The MEK's military history offers a cautionary tale.

In 1988, at the end of the Iran-Iraq War, the group launched an incursion into Iran from Iraqi territory with the support of Saddam Hussein. The operation initially achieved surprising military success and penetrated deep inside Iran. The Iranian Army and the Revolutionary Guards, who often operated independently during the Iran-Iraq War, coordinated a quick response mobilizing tens of thousands of troops.

The incursion was beaten back before most Iranians knew what was happening.

The anticipated popular uprising against the Islamic republic failed to materialize.

Instead. Iran used the moment to massacre thousands of political prisoners held in its dungeons, mostly members of the MEK but also members of the Communist Party and other groups.

More than three decades later, the shadow of 1988 hangs over Iran's fragmented opposition. As Kurdish militants and other groups again contemplate similar armed action, history offers a sobering reminder: regime weakness alone has never guaranteed regime collapse.

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These are the bare facts. President Trump and his warmongering friends obviously know these things. They realize that they've failed to ignite a strong protest movement which is capable of doing the rest of the ground work for them. They also know it would be a serious political gamble for them to send in ground troops in order to wage war against the IRGC, who undoubtedly know their own territory better than the back of their hand. American and Israeli forces would be at a total disadvantage. As I explained earlier, the political fallout of more American soldiers dying in Iran could be enough to seriously damage the Republicans in the upcoming midterms, and even extend to the presidential election in 2028.

Thus, President Trump hesitates and now appears to be showing a small sign of possible weakness. Why do I say this? Well, because just now as I was working on this part of this series, I received the latest email news bundle from The Washington Times. Consider the headlines for one of the included news articles:

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Trump says he might destroy Iran's leadership and let other countries deal with Strait of Hormuz

President Trump said Wednesday the U.S. might finish off the Iranian regime and let countries that rely on the Strait of Hormuz as an oil-shipping channel deal with its security.

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After reading the full article on The Washington Times site, I traced the Trump quote to its actual source on the Truth Social website. What President Trump actually said is the following, which he posted on March 18, 2026 at 10:35 PM:

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"I wonder what would happen if we "finished off" what's left of the Iranian Terror State, and let the Countries that use it, we don't, be responsible for the so called "Strait?" That would get some of our non-responsive "Allies" in gear, and fast!!! President DJT"

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As you can see, President Trump's thinking seems to be that if United States military forces were to pull out of Iran after taking down the remainder of Iran's leadership, the countries which heavily depend on the oil which flows through the Strait of Hormuz would have no choice but to become more seriously involved in reopening the Strait, if they truly expect to get their oil. For those of my readers who have long memories, you may recall that Mr. Trump has used this very same strategy in recent years with regard to his sometimes-heated dealings with the NATO alliance.

More to the point, President Trump has repeatedly threatened to pull the United States out of NATO. At times, he has even suggested withdrawing American troops from Europe if NATO

allies did not increase their defense spending so as to meet their agreed-upon targets. That target was previously set at 2% of their GDP, or Gross Domestic Product. However, as of 2025, NATO members have agreed to a new, higher goal of 5% of their GDP on defense by 2035. The new target consists of 3.5% for core military equipment, and 1.5% for related security, infrastructure, and innovation.

Mr. Trump repeatedly argued that the United States was paying disproportionately more than other NATO members. Well, I was curious regarding exactly how honest Trump was being about it. As we all know, he has a huge propensity for embellishing or distorting the facts -- if not outright lying -- when it may suit his purposes. As it turns out, in this particular case, Trump was actually being quite honest. Upon conducting quick online research, I discovered that the USA accounts for about 60-62% of the entire Alliance's total defense spending, with an estimated \$980 billion in 2025, which far exceeds the 2% NATO guideline.

At any rate, with regard to his dispute with NATO members, it does seem that Trump's strategy worked, because NATO slackers did begin to contribute their fair share after that. In fact, as we saw a moment ago, they even agreed to a higher goal by 2035. Returning to Iran and the current war that's been raging there, please notice that in his previous quote from his Truth Social platform, Trump placed the word "Allies" in quotes. He did this for a very specific reason, as I will be explaining to you momentarily. The previous quote in fact leads us right into our next important topic of discussion.

As the Iran War drags on week after week, American casualties continue to slowly climb, and American stockpiles of various weapons of war continue to slowly dwindle as the US military expends an increasing number of its bombs, missiles, drones, interceptors, money, etc., on an extremist Islamic country which simply refuses to be put down. What began as a united, singular attack against the nation of Iran, has now spread across the entire region of the Middle East. Multiple nations are being attacked by Iran, and are also retaliating against the Iranian threats.

But as I briefly mentioned a moment ago, for the rest of the world, the most negative consequence which has resulted from Operation Epic Fury is the effect that Iran's smart, strategic closure of the very important Strait of Hormuz has had on oil supply lines, and other important Middle Eastern products such

as LNG -- or Liquefied Natural Gas -- and LPG -- or Liquefied Petroleum Gas.

It has been estimated that somewhere between %20-%30 of the world's oil flows through the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz. Likewise, based on data for the 2024-2025 period, about 20% of the world's liquefied natural gas, and nearly 27% of global seaborne liquefied petroleum gas exports also pass through the Strait of Hormuz. As a result, it comes as no surprise that with Iran's current strict control over the Strait of Hormuz, global oil prices have begun to rise. In fact, where I live, gasoline prices have already risen three times since eighteen days ago when the war first erupted. If you doubt my word, below is a photograph of a Mobile station which was taken on March 13, 2026.

[Mobile gasoline prices goes here.]

As I mentioned earlier, with the rising cost of living in the United States, and now the rising cost of gasoline and other commodities as well, the Trump administration realizes that it is in serious trouble. Certain US critics argue that President Trump and his fellow warmongers should have known that sooner or later, we would arrive at this current moment where Iran is holding a large part of the world hostage due to its control of the Strait of Hormuz. I would have to agree with them. Did President Trump and his warmongering friends really think this out thoroughly before choosing to pick a fight with Iran? Did they look before they leaped?

Not only are the 2026 midterms now in jeopardy, but it may very well be that a Republican victory in the upcoming 2028 presidential election may be in jeopardy as well. So again, it is no wonder that President Trump is now doing his best to try to resolve the Strait of Hormuz problem as quickly as he possibly can before he totally sinks the Republican party. However, Mr. Trump has run into a rather serious problem. He has sought military assistance from the very countries that he has both pressured, ridiculed and snubbed in the past. As a result, now he is the one who is actually being snubbed by them. They are giving President Trump a good taste of his own medicine.

My friends, at issue is the following. The world is not so quick to forget what happened during the Iraq War, or the disappointing results which that war bore after the United States and a few allies spent eight years fighting there. I

discuss this topic at length in Bill's Bible Basics articles such as "Saddam Hussein's Execution and the Euro Dollar War" and "Obama, McCain and the Bush Legacy", which you will find listed at the end of this same series.

For those of my readers who may be too young to know, while U.S. President George W. Bush referred to the 2003 Operation Iraqi Freedom as the "Coalition of the Willing", in my view, that name was really a deceptive misnomer. Why so? Because few countries actually participated in that foolish endeavor in any major way. Furthermore, my friends, most countries half-heartedly sent a small contingent of soldiers to Iraq, just to save face, and so that they could claim that they were doing their part to bring down Saddam Hussein, and to prevent him from using NON-EXISTENT WMD against the rest of the world.

While at the time the White House claimed that forty-nine countries had joined George W. Bush's coalition, as I just said, the truth of the matter is that only a small handful of nations contributed to a significant degree during the invasion and the early, crucial phase of the Iraq War. In fact, the ONLY major contributors to that endeavor outside of the USA were the UK and Australia. Poland contributed a few hundred soldiers to the initial invasion. Aside from those countries, Italy, Spain, Denmark, the Netherlands, South Korea and Japan also made contributions during the occupation and reconstruction phases of that terrible war, but NOT during the initial and more dangerous invasion.

In fact, my friends, outside of the United States and the UK, contributions by other countries amounted to less than 1% of the total number of troops which were deployed to the region during the initial invasion phase of that very misguided and illegal war. In other words, the vast majority of Mr. Bush's so-called "Coalition of the Willing" was comprised of nations which merely offered symbolic assistance at best. They did NOT go in guns blazing, ready to fight and kill. They played mostly noncombatant roles, and they only went in AFTER the initial invasion force had done all of the dirty fighting and killing. As I said a minute ago, those nations went in during the occupation and reconstruction phases of that war. So it was all an illusion created by the George Bush administration to save face. The Iraq War was basically America's war, and no one else's.

Equally important, exactly what was the real outcome of that

awful, illegal and foolish war venture? We all know -- or at least we should know -- the answer. For one thing, WMD were NEVER actually found, hundreds of thousands of noncombatant Iraqis died needlessly, and many more Iraqis suffered in an assortment of other ways in the war's aftermath. Sadly, this included being maimed for life, suffering the loss of their livelihood, losing their basic utilities for literally years and other things which made their lives rather difficult. Of course, Iraq's military was destroyed. Iraq's government was wiped out. Iraq's national economy was basically obliterated.

Furthermore, Iraqi infrastructure was destroyed, or at least majorly damaged, and it took literally years to restore some of it to any serious degree of normalcy. I recall that some individuals suggested at that time that the slow restoration period may have been done intentionally by the powers which eventually took over as a means to ensure that the Iraqis would remain divided, and in total submission to their new overlords. Whether or not this is true I really do not know, because I don't live over there. But in short, Iraqi society was pretty much destroyed by the Iraq War.

And for what? Exactly what did the Iraq War accomplish? Yes, the big, bad dictator -- Saddam Hussein -- was gone, but who took his place? Have they been any better for Iraq? So in my view, the Iraq War was a war which was totally based on the WMD lie, and on the foolish claim that mushroom clouds would soon be seen over America if Saddam Hussein was not stopped. Again, did the downfall of Saddam Hussein actually result in Iraq converting into a wonderful, shining beacon of democracy which now overflows with peace, freedom and abundance for all Iraqi citizens? Do I even need to respond to that question?

Taking this thought a step further, has that same spirit of democracy, freedom and material abundance rippled across all the lands of the Middle East as the Bush administration had hoped for and assumed would occur once Saddam Hussein had been deposed? Most definitely not! Granted, there was some hope during the so-called 2011 "Arab Spring". However, that hope soon fizzled out, and was crushed when the dictatorial leaders of the Middle East reasserted themselves over their people. In fact, while the country of Tunisia was able to successfully transition to a democracy due to the 2011 Arab Spring, that democracy has been systematically dismantled since 2021, and the nation has returned to an authoritarian or "hybrid" regime with concentrated presidential power. So I rest my case. George W. Bush's Iraq War accomplished little.

So tell me my dear friends, does everything I just shared with you seem vaguely familiar? Well, if you are old enough to remember, it most definitely should, because we are now witnessing a close replay of what occurred in Iraq years ago with the current war in Iran. Furthermore, my longtime readers should recall that I warned you for literally years that the United States was relying upon the very same game plan with Iran, beginning with the tactic of demonizing the Islamic leadership of Iran, just as they demonized Saddam Hussein a few decades ago. Lastly, just as imaginary WMD were used as the main justification for the stupid American invasion of Iraq in 2003, the very SAME thing occurred with Iran.

Please remember that only weeks ago, it was claimed by some sources within the USA -- and within Israel as well -- that within a matter of only ONE WEEK, Iran would have weapons grade uranium -- and thus be able to produce ten nuclear bombs -- unless the Iranians were immediately stopped in their tracks by whatever amount of force might be necessary to accomplish such a task. Of course, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu promoted the very same frightening narrative.

Thus, as the countdown supposedly ticked down by the middle of last year, the United States and Israel worked together, and they collectively engaged in the terrible bomb strikes which occurred in June of 2025. Those strikes supposedly "obliterated" -- that was President Trump's word -- Iran's three primary nuclear fuel processing facilities. President Trump did in fact boastfully assure us of this. Yet not even a year later, what happened? We were told that Iran was now on the verge of creating as many as ten nuclear bombs. Wait! What? But wasn't the processed uranium destroyed, or buried, or whatever, due to the previous bombing raids that occurred in June of 2025? Somebody is NOT telling us the truth!

My friends, what you need to understand is that while the US government may have swept the truth regarding the Iraq War under the proverbial carpet, the rest of the world did NOT just forget any of those earlier tragic events. Neither did they simply forget how President George W. Bush and his war hawks -- Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, Colin Powell, et al. -- pressured them into joining the so-called "Coalition of the Willing", which to this day has not born any tangible positive fruit. Neither have they forgotten how they were in fact lied to regarding the actual reasons for

that disgusting war. Lastly, neither have they forgotten all of the destruction and death which the United States rained down on the Iraqi people during their campaign of "shock and awe".

So, my friends, is it any wonder then that as of the middle of this current month -- March 2026 -- at least five and as many as eight major U.S. allies -- including Germany, Spain, Italy, Japan, Australia, France, South Korea and the United Kingdom -- have either resisted, declined, or even outright rejected US requests to join a naval coalition as a part of ongoing Operation Epic Fury to secure the Strait of Hormuz? ALL of them have remained noncommittal. Their basic position is that they did NOT start the Iran war, and so they do NOT want to become involved in it. It is America's war and it is Israel's war. However, it is NOT the Europeans' war, or the Asians' war, or the Australians' war!

I should also add that as of this writing on March 19, 2026, China has likewise not yet responded to President Trump's request for military assistance in order to keep the Strait of Hormuz open, even though China happens to be one of the largest importers of Iranian oil. However, in case you are not aware of it, there is a very good reason for current restraint on China's part. You see, Iran has already made it very clear that it is ONLY restricting passage through the Strait of Hormuz to the United States, to Israel, and to the allies of those two nations. Any other country is free to continue using this vital waterway for commerce.

These countries which are currently resisting pressure from the United States are NOT so stupid, my friends. They don't want to get sucked into another terrible, destructive war in the Middle East by President Trump and Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu despite the havoc Operation Epic Fury is wreaking on the international oil markets, and on other sectors of the global economy. In short, as I recently told one of my close friends, they don't want to become a row of carnival ducks sitting in the rather narrow Strait of Hormuz, ready to be leisurely picked off at will by the Iranians with their missiles, speed boats and mines. Would you?

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IRAN WAR AND THE MIND OF THE PRESIDENT - PART 3

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President Donald Trump Publicly Lambasts Those Countries That Refuse To Help US Defend The Strait Of Hormuz, America's Bogus Allies?, Children Of The World Always Find Reasons To Engage In War, It Is Not Our Place To Take Sides In Any Secular War Or To Wish Death And Destruction On Anyone, Beware Of Worldly Spirit Of Patriotism, Citizens Of Heaven And Not Of This World God Remains In Control, Iran War Will Resolve According To God's Will, Focus On The Lord And On His Word, Trust In The Lord's Protection, Let God's Peace Reign In Your Heart And Beware Of The World's Fear Tactics, Strive To Live A Life Of Peace, God Will Eventually Recompense The Violent And The Wicked, Beware Of Misguided Teachers Who Claim Iran War Is Fulfilling Bible Prophecy, My Personal Attitude Towards The Iran War, God's Blessings Protection And Provisions Are Only Determined By Our Personal Life And Walk With Him, Trust In The Lord And Not In Men, Closing Remarks, Suggested Reading

Continuing our discussion from part two, as I said, other countries have been very hesitant to join the United States and Israel in the current Iran War, which has now exploded. Of course, President Trump is absolutely furious and quite frustrated that these supposed key American allies are now refusing to participate in his foolish warmongering, and in his vain endeavors to keep the Strait of Hormuz open to all shipping traffic. President Trump has in fact already begun to publicly lambast these other countries, as is his usual style when he does not get his way. He acts just like some very spoiled child! Yet after enduring his public tantrums against so many people and nations for years now, haven't we come to expect this kind of behavior from the man? Is Trump's shameful behavior really anything new? Following is a direct quote taken from the Truth Social website which President Trump posted on March 18, 2026 at 1:18 AM. He really lets it

rip, let me tell you:

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"The United States has been informed by most of our NATO "Allies" that they don't want to get involved with our Military Operation against the Terrorist Regime of Iran, in the Middle East, this, despite the fact that almost every Country strongly agreed with what we are doing, and that Iran cannot, in any way, shape, or form, be allowed to have a Nuclear Weapon. I am not surprised by their action, however, because I always considered NATO, where we spend Hundreds of Billions of Dollars per year protecting these same Countries, to be a one way street -- We will protect them, but they will do nothing for us, in particular, in a time of need. Fortunately, we have decimated Iran's Military -- Their Navy is gone, their Air Force is gone, their Anti-Aircraft and Radar is gone and perhaps, most importantly, their Leaders, at virtually every level, are gone, never to threaten us, our Middle Eastern Allies, or the World, again! Because of the fact that we have had such Military Success, we no longer "need," or desire, the NATO Countries' assistance – WE NEVER DID! Likewise, Japan, Australia, or South Korea. In fact, speaking as President of the United States of America, by far the Most Powerful Country Anywhere in the World, WE DO NOT NEED THE HELP OF ANYONE! Thank you for your attention to this matter.
President DONALD J. TRUMP"

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Wow, my friends! Talk about extreme arrogance and oversized self-importance! President Trump's pride and vanity know no bounds, wouldn't you agree? At any rate, now you can see why in that earlier Trump quote I shared with you, and in this one as well, President Trump chose to place the word "Allies" in quote marks. In other words, it is because Trump does not view them as being true allies whatsoever. They are allies in name only as far as he is concerned. Do you agree with him?

Yet at the same time, honestly speaking, while I don't always agree with Trump, don't particularly care for his personality, and obviously disagree with the Iran War, at the same time, I do understand why he is so majorly irked and frustrated right now. I mean, think about it. Since this dreadful war began, the United States has invested literally billions of dollars into it. It's expended some of its munitions to a dangerously

low level. Over a dozen American lives have already been lost. Trump has allowed his ratings to slip in the polls, and he has lost part of his MAGA base and turned some friends and allies into new enemies. So Mr. Trump has invested a lot into the war which, while they may not say it openly, other countries will benefit from as well, IF President Trump is successful.

Yet despite everything he and US military forces have done so that the Iranian people can rise up against their oppressive Islamic overseers, the Iranian public remains paralyzed with fear, and they've been unwilling to make any sacrifices which may be necessary, in order to secure their freedom from the religious and political tyranny of the mullahs and the IRGC. Then, on top of that, as is their usual stance, the Europeans and other nations watch as the United States does all of the tough, dirty work, while they refuse to offer a hand. So as I said, while I do NOT agree with the war, from one perspective, I do understand the frustration that Mr. Trump is feeling at the moment.

At any rate, despite Trump's pressure, these countries are standing their ground, and they're basically saying "Thanks for thinking of us, Mr. Trump. Thanks for your invitation. But NO THANKS! It is YOUR war, so YOU fight it, along with your buddy Benjamin Netanyahu." But tell me, my friends, if you look at this same situation from THEIR perspective, can you really blame those nations for refusing to participate in President Trump's madness? I most certainly can't. Of course, they already know that if they foolishly decide to side with President Trump, they will NOT be given access to the Strait of Hormuz, and to the valuable products which pass through it on a daily basis -- meaning oil, LNG, LPG and other products -- which they so desperately need to survive.

As I have shared on a number of previous occasions, the fact of the matter is that due to their pride, greed and various other misplaced motivations, the violent children of this present world will always fight their wars. They will always find some new reason to engage in warfare. They will always find some new enemy, and there is very little that you and I can do about it. As the Apostle James was inspired to write:

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye

may consume it upon your lusts."

James 4:1-3, KJV

However, as citizens of Heaven, it is NOT our place to take sides in any secular war, or to wish death and destruction upon anyone. That is simply NOT a Christian attitude, so if any of you are doing this, I urge you to stop it immediately, because that is most certainly NOT the Spirit of God. I also urge all of my Christian friends to be very careful that you do NOT allow yourselves to become overtaken by any sense of national patriotism, especially if you happen to live within the United States of America. That is just the spirit of the world. This statement is particularly directed to the MAGA extremists who, sadly, have become spiritually drunk on the MAGA mentality which contradicts the tenets of our Christian faith.

As I have pointed out on many previous occasions, we are NOT of this present world. Our citizenship is above. Thus, our loyalty should ONLY be to the Kingdom of Heaven, and NOT to any earthly government, or to its causes. This very sound and Biblical doctrine is plainly revealed in Bible verses such as the following:

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

John 15:19, KJV

"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

John 17:14-15, KJV

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

John 18:36, KJV

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"

2 Corinthians 6:17, KJV

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which

are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Colossians 3:1-2, KJV

"No man that warreth [meaning spiritually] entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

2 Timothy 2:4, KJV

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Hebrews 11:13-16, KJV

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

James 4:4, KJV

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

1 John 2:15-16, KJV

Regarding Operation Epic Fury and the Iran War, it should be enough for us to know that God remains in control, and that whatever He wants to happen with regard to the Iran War will happen. It is our duty then as Christians to simply leave it in His hands, and to keep your eyes focused on the Lord, and on His Word. Let God's wonderful peace fully reign in your heart. My friends, I also urge you to beware of the world's fear tactics. After all, fear is precisely how the world weakens and overpowers you! To reiterate, place your trust completely in the Lord, keep your eyes solely on Jesus, and let Him fill you with His peace, knowing that regardless of what happens in the world around you, God will continue to

protect you. Consider the following group of Bible verses which confirm these various points:

"LOOKING UNTO JESUS the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:2, KJV

"The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

Psalms 34:7, KJV

"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust . . . A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

Psalms 91:2, 7, KJV

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Isaiah 26:3, KJV

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Isaiah 41:10, KJV

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

Romans 5:1, KJV

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7, KJV

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

2 Timothy 1:7, KJV

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

1 John 4:18, KJV

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as

the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27, KJV

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."

Psalms 119:165, KJV

Concerning the topics of war and peace, the Holy Scriptures have a lot to say regarding these issues, and they offer us some very sound advice as well. Not only are we advised to strive to live a life of peace, but we are informed that we will eventually be rewarded for doing so, while the violent and the wicked people of this present world will eventually reap their own recompense from the Lord. Again, consider the following group of Bible verses which likewise verify these important points:

"But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

Psalms 37:11, KJV

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth . . . Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God . . . But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Matthew 5:5, 9, 44-45, KJV

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL MEN."

Romans 12:18, KJV

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, LIVE IN PEACE; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

2 Corinthians 13:11, KJV

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God."

Psalms 20:7, KJV

"My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war."

Psalms 120:6-7, KJV

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Isaiah 2:4, KJV

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Micah 4:3, KJV

"And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus [meaning the Apostle Peter] stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"

Matthew 26:51-53, KJV

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village."

Luke 9:51-56, KJV

"When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him."

Luke 22:49-51, KJV

"Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?"

John 18:10-11, KJV

"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."

Revelation 11:18, KJV

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

Revelation 13:10, KJV

Lastly, I would like to extend a word of caution to those of you who claim that the Iran War is fulfilling Bible prophecy, or who erroneously state that this war is a precursor to the Battle of Armageddon, the Rapture, the Great Tribulation and the return of Jesus Christ. I am sorry if it offends some of you, but I am personally convinced that it just is not so. In my view, this war will come and go, and that will be the end of it. Most people will eventually forget about it, or at least shove it into the back of their minds, until this very same war script is played again at some point in the future for some new "righteous" war. Such is the nature of the deceptive and wicked heart of man.

Before concluding this article, allow me to share with you a few more personal thoughts. While I am obviously concerned about the Iran War, and its effects upon the world, at the same time, as I explained earlier, you should know that in agreement with my own advice to others, I too trust the Lord for my personal future, and I simply do NOT worry about it. I really don't. The Lord has faithfully protected me and provided for me for the past seventy-two plus years, so why should I expect that to even change now? His blessings, His protection and His provisions are NOT determined by what is happening in the world. They are determined by your personal life and walk with Him, so please make sure that your life is in order.

So again, I trust that you will continue to place your trust

in the Lord as well, regardless of whatever may be happening in the world around you. However, if you are so foolish as to place your confidence in mere men -- including in President Trump -- then I advise you to please take heed to this group of Bible verses:

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes."

Psalms 118:8-9, KJV

"Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD."

Jeremiah 17:5, KJV

"Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint."

Proverbs 25:19, KJV

"Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom."

Micah 7:5, KJV

"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."

Philippians 3:3, KJV

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you've found it informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you'd take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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