

ISRAEL SHOULD BE 'WIPED OFF THE MAP': IRAN PRESIDENT

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: If there is no God, it would be an easy bet that the Iranians and host of others who hate the nation of Israel (totaling over one billion people, against five million) will soon erase Israel off the map in a Genocide not seen since Hitler (or the more recent Muslim slaughter of millions of black Sudanese).

On the other hand, if there is a God, and this true God is the one revealed in the pages and prophecies of the Old and New Testaments in the Bible, then it is sure money that Iran and others will fail in their desire to destroy Israel. This article is followed by a list of prophecies related to this topic.

Iran's hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has openly called for Israel to be "wiped off the map". "The establishment of the Zionist regime was a move by the world oppressor against the Islamic world," the president told a conference in Tehran on Wednesday entitled 'The World without Zionism'.



"The skirmishes in the occupied land are part of a war of destiny. The outcome of hundreds of years of war will be defined in Palestinian land," he said. "As the Imam said, Israel must be wiped off the map," said Ahmadinejad, referring to Iran's revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

His comments were the first time in years that such a high-ranking Iranian official has called for Israel's eradication, even though such slogans are still regularly used at regime rallies.

Addressing some 4,000 students gathered in an interior ministry conference hall, Ahmadinejad also called for Palestinian unity, resistance and a point "where the annihilation of the Zionist regime will come". "The Islamic umma (community) will not allow its historic enemy to live in its heartland," he said in the fiery speech that centered on an "historic war between the oppressor and the world of Islam". The term "oppressor" is used by the clerical regime to refer to the United States.

"We should not settle for a piece of land," he said of Israel's pullout from the Gaza Strip. "Anyone who signs a treaty which recognises the entity of Israel means he has signed the surrender of the Muslim world," Ahmadinejad said. "Any leaders in the Islamic umma who recognise Israel face the wrath of their own people."

Ahmadinejad, a veteran of Iran's hardline Revolutionary Guards, took office in August after scoring a landslide win in a June presidential election. His tone represents a major change from that of former president Mohammad Khatami, whose favoured topic was

"dialogue among civilisations" and who led an effort to improve Iran's relations with the West.

But Ahmadinejad instead spoke of an "historic war". "It dates back hundreds of years. Sometimes Islam has advanced. Sometimes nobody was winning. Unfortunately over the past 300 years, the world of Islam has been in retreat," he lamented.

"One hundred years ago the last trench of Islam fell, when the oppressors went towards the creation of the Zionist regime. It is using it as a fort to spread its aims in the heart of the Islamic world."

BIBLE PROPHECIES THAT APPLY

In Psalm 83 – The Bible prophesies that a host of nations will plan to eliminate a future state of Israel. They are destroyed by a whirlwind of fire.

Ps 83:1 Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God! 2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head. 3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. 4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

----- 13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust, like the chaff before the wind! 14 As the fire burns the woods, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire, 15 So pursue them with Your tempest, and frighten them with Your storm. 16 Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Your name, O LORD. 17 Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; yes, let them be put to shame and perish, 18 That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth. (NKJ)

In Isaiah 17 – The Bible prophesies that Israel and Syria are involved in a conflict that results in the complete destruction of Damascus and severe damage to the strength of Israel. In reading the following, it should be noted that Damascus is the oldest continuously inhabited city on earth, it has never been completely destroyed in the past. Therefore, this prophecy is for the future.

Isa 17:1 The burden against Damascus. "Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap. 2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken; they will be for flocks which lie down, and no one will make them afraid.

3 The fortress (**army bases**) also will cease from Ephraim (**Northern Israel**), the kingdom from Damascus (**Damascus will cease to be the capitol**), and the remnant of Syria; they will be as the glory of the children of Israel," says the LORD of hosts. 4 "In that day it shall come to pass that the glory of Jacob (**Israel**) will wane, and the fatness of his flesh grow lean (**Israel will no longer be a strong country**). -----7 In that day a man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel. 8 He will not look to the altars,

the work of his hands; he will not respect what his fingers have made, nor the wooden images nor the incense altars. 9 In that day his strong cities (**major cities in Israel**) will be as a forsaken bough and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel; and there will be desolation. 10 Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the Rock of your stronghold, therefore you will plant pleasant plants and set out foreign seedlings; 11 In the day you will make your plant to grow, and in the morning you will make your seed to flourish; but the harvest will be a heap of ruins in the day of grief and desperate sorrow.

Following verses seem to indicate that after the war between Israel and Syria, other nations then come to finish Israel off.

12 Woe to the multitude of many people who make a noise like the roar of the seas, and to the rushing of nations that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! 13 The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters; but God will rebuke them and they will flee far away, and be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

Though they come to destroy Israel completely, God instead destroys them.

14 Then behold, at eventide, trouble! (**Israelis go to bed watching the news thinking they will all be slaughtered**) And before the morning, he is no more.

But instead, the invading armies are completely destroyed. It is possible that this is the same battle between God and invading armies as the one described in Ezekiel 38 and 39, which includes Persia (Iran) as one of the nations that is destroyed by God.

This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us. (NKJ)

Therefore, the President of Iran better be sure there is no God watching out over His chosen people the Jews, or else he is plotting the destruction of his own country rather than Israel.