

# This Week's Developments

December 4 - 10, 2022 [edited presentation]

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# Hate Speech & Social Media: An Intractable Contemporary Challenge

Research Outreach, November 22, 2022



## EVENT

The Internet has allowed people across the world to connect instantaneously and has revolutionized the way we communicate and share information with one another. More than 4.4 billion people were Internet users in 2021 (up from 4 billion in 2018), more than half of the global population. While the Internet... helps us to communicate easily and to share knowledge on all kinds of important topics efficiently, the Internet has also broadened the potential for harm. Being able to communicate with a mass audience has meant that the way we engage with politics, public affairs and each other has also changed. Hateful messages and incitements to violence are distributed and amplified on social media in ways that were not previously possible. Through social media platforms, over 3.5 billion users converse and interact with each other by generating and sharing content. The business model of most social media companies is built on drawing attention, and given that offensive speech attracts attention, it can become more audible on social media than it might on traditional mass media. The age of digital media has allowed online speech and content to be shared anonymously, instantaneously and often without a second thought for the consequences.

## COMMENT

The power of the Internet & social platforms, crossed with human nature, has generated a monster that is beyond the ability of government and regulatory bodies to control. It gives license and scope for human nature to display itself at its worst. Of course, the Internet also at the same time provides huge benefits to those who use it for that purpose; but we know that in any population, given a choice, the outcome will be to the lower side of our nature. And that is the time in which we live and work. The age of digital media has allowed any online communication to be shared by one tap of a screen without a second thought for the consequences. We can't help but wonder: what would the apostle James say about this modern "digital" tongue? Would not what he said 2000 years ago still apply?

## BIBLE QUOTE

Our tongues are small, and yet... brag about big things. It takes only a spark to start a forest fire! The tongue is like a spark. It is an evil power that sets a person's entire life on fire with flames that come from hell itself... our tongues (are) out of control... restless and evil, and always spreading deadly poison

James 3:5-9 CEV

MOTIVATION	2022	2021	+/-	% Change
Asian	5	9	-4	-44%
Black	6	1	5	500%
Disability	0	0	0	0%
Ethnic	1	0	1	***
Gender	4	2	2	100%
Hispanic	2	0	2	***
Jewish	45	20	25	125%
Muslim	0	2		

# NYPD: 125% increase in NYC antisemitic hate crimes in November

Jerusalem Post, December 6, 2022

## EVENT

NEW YORK – Antisemitic hate crimes across New York City's five boroughs more than doubled last month from a year ago. The concerning rise unfolded against a backdrop of high-profile figures making headlines for remarks targeting Jews. There were 45 hate crimes motivated by antisemitism in November versus 20 in November 2021, according to the NYPD data. The 125% rise came the same month the artist formerly known as Kanye West unleashed a slew of antisemitic and pro-Hitler comments online and in interviews in recent weeks. Antisemitic hate crimes have skyrocketed in the Big Apple throughout the year. The worst spike so far occurred in February, which saw 56 anti-Jewish hate crimes, compared to 11 in February 2021. Overall, the NYPD data reported that hate crimes were up 70% last month. Along with Jews, Blacks and Asians have been highly targeted, according to the report. "Antisemitism is spreading like wildfire," Former Democratic New York state assemblyman Dov Hikind told The Jerusalem Post on Sunday. "Jews are getting beat up because of Kanye's words."

## COMMENT

This is a growing trend throughout the world, but apparently more numbers are affected in the US than any other country. That is not difficult to understand given that the US has 51% of total Jewish world population (23 m), with Israel at 30% (6.9 m) and the rest of the population spread throughout the remainder with none of the remaining countries having more than 3%. And of course, this does not take into account whatever numbers there may be of the "lost 10 tribes". Given these stats as far as we know them, it is very likely that the US will be a primary focus of Elijah's work at Christ's return. All this is the fulfillment of a 3500 year old prophecy.

## BIBLE QUOTE

If you refuse to obey all the words of instruction that are written in this book... the LORD **will scatter you among all the nations from one end of the earth to the other. There among those nations you will find no peace or place to rest. Your life will constantly hang in the balance. You will live night and day in fear, unsure if you will survive.**

*Deut 28:58-66 NLY*

# Russia Warns Risk of Conflict With NATO

## 'Soaring'

Newsweek, December 8, 2022



### EVENT

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov warned on Thursday about the "soaring" risks of NATO engaging with Russia over Russian President Vladimir Putin's ongoing war in Ukraine. "NATO members are increasingly and directly involved in this conflict. Their support for Kiev is now much more diversified than it was a few months ago. This is a reflection of Washington's intentional policy, obediently pursued by the Europeans, of escalating the conflict. They are playing with fire. The risks are soaring," Ryabkov said on the Rossiya-24 TV channel, according to Russian news agency TASS. The deputy foreign minister continued: "The Westerners are **pushing** ahead with expanding the range of deliveries of ever heavier, longer-range weapons." Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, a close advisor to President Vladimir Putin for decades, called the NATO alliance's support for Ukraine a "serious threat" to Russia, and warned that it risked a "**direct clash between nuclear powers with catastrophic consequences.**"

### COMMENT

It isn't just Russia warning that the risk of wider conflict is soaring. The head of Nato expressed worry that the fighting in Ukraine could spin out of control and become a war between Russia and Nato, according to an interview released Friday. "It is a terrible war in Ukraine. It is also a war that can become a full-fledged war that spreads into a major war between Nato and Russia," he said. How likely is this to happen though? We don't know for certain but with Bible in hand we know that ultimately Russia is going to descend into Israel. This means that the conflict in Ukraine may well have reached some stalemate as Russia will not want to launch another major war while it is struggling in Ukraine. One thing is certain Russia nor NATO want to fight each other.

### BIBLE QUOTE

And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

(Daniel 8:25)

# **Russia, Iran moving toward full defense 'partnership'**

Associated Press, December 9, 2022



## **EVENT**

The Biden administration is accusing Russia of moving to provide advanced military assistance to Iran, including air defense systems, helicopters and fighter jets, part of deepening cooperation between the two nations as Tehran provides drones to support Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine. White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby on Friday cited U.S. intelligence assessments for the allegations, saying Russia was offering Iran "an unprecedented level of military and technical support that is transforming their relationship into a full-fledged defense partnership." Kirby said Russia and Iran were considering standing up a drone assembly line in Russia for the Ukraine conflict, while Russia was training Iranian pilots on the Sukhoi Su-35 fighter and Iran could receive deliveries of the plane within the year. "These fighter planes will significantly strengthen Iran's air force relative to its regional neighbors," Kirby said.

## **COMMENT**

Russia and Iran's relationship has warmed to a fully fledged defence partnership, the US has said. US national security council spokesman John Kirby said "Iran has become Russia's top military backer..." In return for Iranian drones and military equipment Russia is offering military and technical support to the Iranian regime. This in turn massively increases the risk to the Middle East. Israel and Saudi Arabia (both sworn enemies of Iran) will be watching the Russian / Iranian alliance with dismay. The Bible says the Russia will be allied to Iran when it invades Israel. In fact out of the 8 nations mentioned that join Russia, Persia (Iran) is first on the list. We also read that Russia acts as a "guard" (protector) to these nations. Exactly what's happening.

## **BIBLE QUOTE**

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.  
*(Ezekiel 38:5-7)*

# **Iran is Supporting New Terrorist Groups in Judea and Samaria**

Israel365, December 6, 2022



## **EVENT**

After arming Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Gaza, Iran moved in the last year to support the new terrorist groups in Samaria. Iran poured money into Islamic Jihad, which began to establish new armed groups under the name of “battalions,” which include terrorists from other organizations such as Fatah, Hamas and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. First, the “Jenin Battalion” was established in the city of Jenin, followed by the “Nablus Battalion.” Revolutionary Guards Maj.-Gen. Hossein Salami announced that Iran will arm the “resistance” forces in Judea and Samaria as it did in Gaza, and that the process has already begun. He mocked Israel for not being able to stop the flow of weapons into Judea and Samaria, and said that “it cannot be safe from Palestinian fire.” He added that Gaza is not the only battlefield of the resistance and that the struggle has now moved to Judea and Samaria.

## **COMMENT**

Iran is not only busy working with Russia in Ukraine it is also beefing up its military proxy armies around Israel. Iran is now playing in all arenas in the Middle East and is working against Israel on all fronts. The activity in Judea and Samaria is another step in the tightening of Iran’s stranglehold around Israel. Jenin is a city in the north of the “West Bank”. Hezbollah is based in Lebanon. Hamas and Islamic Jihad are based in the Gaza Strip. On top of this Iran supports Syria and continues to send military hardware and rockets and missiles to its proxy armies there. We are seeing the build up to Psalm 83 which details all these peoples who are confederate against Israel. Psalm 83 is still to be fulfilled because all these thorns in Israel’s side must be destroyed. There are 6 named examples of rulers being killed in Psalm 83.

## **BIBLE QUOTE**

Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to **Sisera**, as to **Jabin**, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like **Oreb**, and like **Zeeb**: yea, all their princes as **Zebah**, and as **Zalmunna**: **Have a look at these 6 people and see what happens to them all.. This is what will happen to those involved in the inner ring war**(*Psalm 83:9-11*)

# **Netanyahu forges most rightwing government in Israeli history**

Financial Times, December 9, 2022



## **EVENT**

Barely 18 months after he was ousted as prime minister, battling corruption charges and estranged from former allies, Benjamin Netanyahu is poised for a remarkable return to power at the head of the most rightwing government in Israeli history. Following an unexpectedly clear-cut victory in last month's election, the Likud party has clinched provisional deals with all five of the far-right and religious groups with which the 73-year-old hopes to form a government. "This election really is a turning point," said Dahlia Scheindlin, a political analyst and pollster. "It is a significant break from the past in terms of how extreme they are, and how openly committed they are to undermining democratic institutions and pushing the nuts and bolts of annexation [of the occupied West Bank]."

## **COMMENT**

The new government that Netanyahu is putting together is seen by many as extreme. The third largest party wants to annex the West Bank and bring it into Israel proper. This adds to the crisis in the Holy Land. It is once again at "boiling point", with blood being spilled on both sides. Since January, about 140 Palestinians have been killed in this territory. Palestinian attacks targeting Israelis have left 30 dead. One of the potential new ministers is planning to visit the Temple Mount which could easily spark another intifada (Palestinian uprising). When Ariel Sharon went there in September 2000 the intifada broke out just weeks later. This actually then led to 9/11 happening with Osama Bin Laden specifically linking the attacks to the Palestinian cause. This in turn led to the age of terror we now live in. We know at some point the world's attention is going to focus on Israel and Jerusalem. This new Israeli government might lead to this happening....

## **BIBLE QUOTE**

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. 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 12:2-3)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

**DebkaFile Review** (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence)    **TV-7 Israel News**    **Watchman Newscast**

2022-12-10 Is Russia changing its nuclear doctrine- Putin mulls adopting a 'Washington-like' concept - WION - 3.41 min - YouTube

2022-12-10 What's at stake in Turkey's new Syria escalation - AP News

2022-12-09 This 'prince' wanted to overthrow Germany's government - Gravitas - 6.28 min - YouTube

2022-12-08 Jewish Americans confront antisemitism with resolve, worry - AP News

2022-12-06 How Israel is FIGHTING BACK Against Anti-Semitism & Holocaust Deniers - Watchman Newscast - 10.29 min - YouTube

2022-12-03 US- 'Most advanced military aircraft ever built', big boost to airforce - Latest World News - WION - 2.08 min - YouTube

2022-12-02 Israel's Founding Labeled CATASTROPHE by UN Pro-Palestinian Resolution - Watchman - 12.50 min - YouTube

2022-12-02 China Rapidly EXPANDING Nuclear Weapons Arsenal; Direct CHALLENGE to U.S. - Watchman -11.28 min - YouTube

2022-12-01 Decoding the western world's hypocrisy on Iran - Gravitas - 6.02 min - YouTube

2022-11-30 Reports - Jack Ma is hiding out in Tokyo - Gravitas - 7.35 min - YouTube

2022-11-30 Israel & U.S. Air Forces Hold JOINT DRILLS Simulating Iran Strike - Watchman Newscast - 10.19 min - YouTube

2022-11-30 Ghosts of Tiananmen haunt Xi Jinping as China mourns Jiang Zemin - Gravitas - 10.27 min - YouTube

2022-11-29 Iran: Israel TARGET LIST for Future War; Damascus Air Defenses Boosted- - Watchman - 12.35 min - YouTube

2022-11-26 World at War - Russia urges restraint as Turkiye bombs Kurdish targets in Iraq & Syria - WION - 23 min - YouTube

2022-11-26 Russia cuts off gas to Moldova as it moves toward Europe - Focus on Europe - 5.09 min - YouTube

2022-11-24 Russia Threatens to Cut Gas to Europe Through Ukraine - Europe Energy Crisis - Ukraine War -5.22 min - YouTube

2022-11-24 Record high Covid cases in China- Is this 2020 all over again - Gravitas - 8.22 min - YouTube

2022-11-24 Putin Flexes Russia's Muscle in Arctic with Nuclear Icebreakers - FirstPost - 5.04 min - YouTube

The Holy Roman Empire- Every State, Every Year - YouTube

Animated Map - Indo-European migrations - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia



## 2) Gog (Russia) advances on Turkey, Egypt \*



Legend HandOut

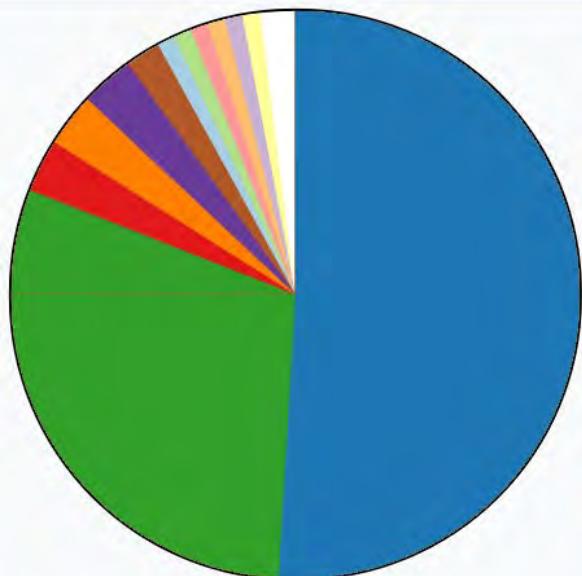
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# Hate Crime Statistics: November 2022

(Incidents reported from Nov. 1 –  
Nov. 30 in years indicated)

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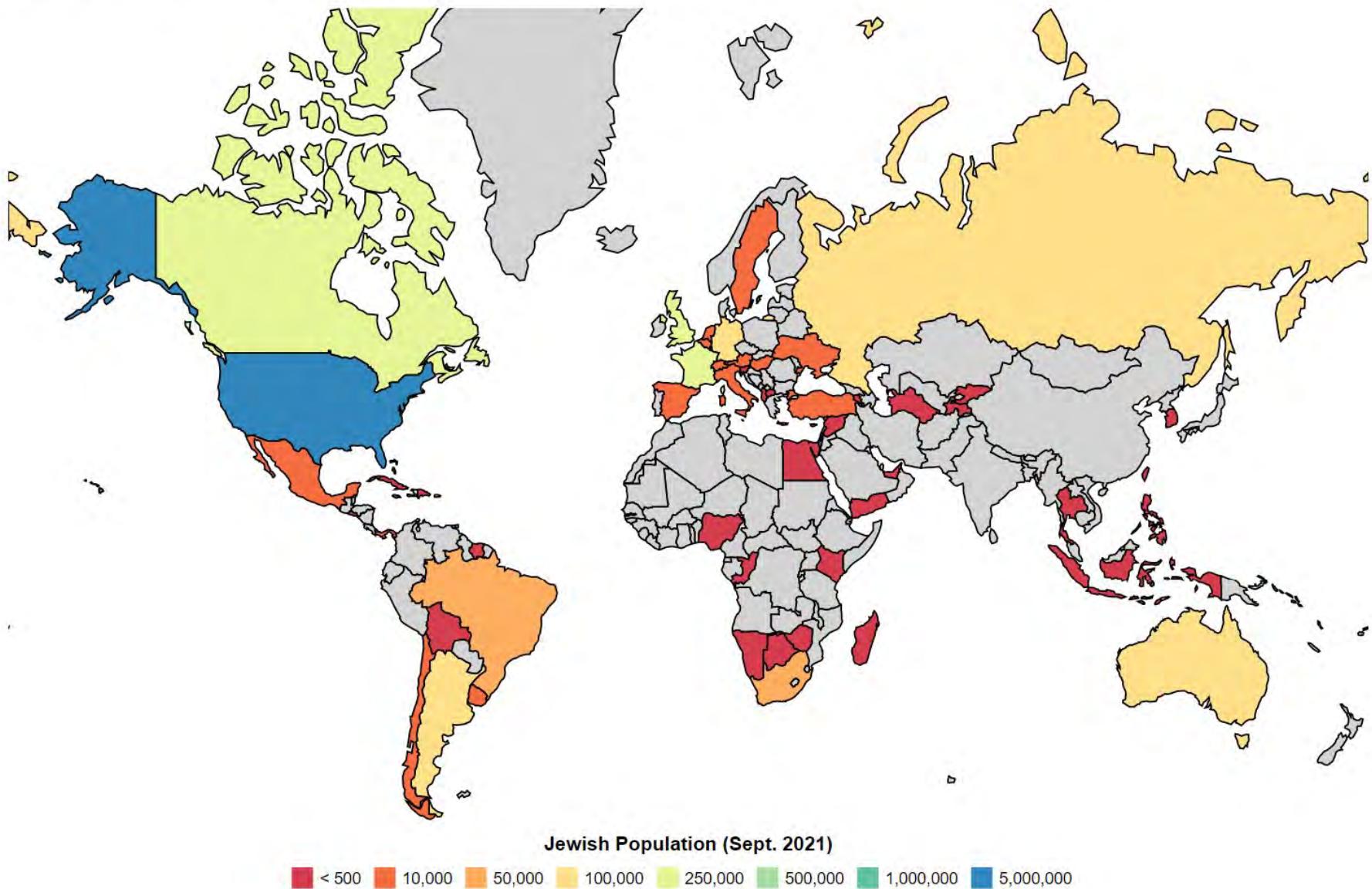
Eligible Jewish population by country (top 12, 2018)

	United States (51%)
	Israel (30%)
	France (3%)
	Canada (3%)
	Russia (3%)
	United Kingdom (2%)
	Argentina (1%)
	Germany (1%)
	Australia (1%)
	Brazil (1%)
	Ukraine (1%)
	Hungary (1%)
	Other (2%)



population by country (1,000s, 2020)<sup>[1]</sup>

# Jewish Population by Country 2022



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# Pentagon gives Ukraine green light for drone strikes inside Russia

The Times, December 9, 2022



## EVENT

The Pentagon has given a tacit endorsement of Ukraine's long-range attacks on targets inside Russia after President Putin's multiple missile strikes against Kyiv's critical infrastructure. Since daily assaults on civilians began in October, the Pentagon has revised its threat assessment of the war in Ukraine. Crucially, this includes new judgments about whether arms shipments to Kyiv might lead to a military confrontation between Russia and Nato. This represents a significant development in the nine-month war between Ukraine and Russia, with **Washington now likelier to supply Kyiv with longer-range weapons**. "We're still using the same escalatory calculations but the fear of escalation has changed since the beginning," a US defence source told The Times. "It's different now. This is because **the calculus of war has changed as a result of the suffering and brutality** the Ukrainians are being subjected to by the Russians."

## COMMENT

Ukraine is now adopting a more aggressive, more persistent offensive against targets inside Russia. The US initially told Kyiv that they could not attack inside Russia but that now appears to have changed. This week Ukraine has attacked 3 different airbases deep inside Russia. The U.K. defence ministry pointed out that the Monday "explosions" were more significant given their locations hundreds of miles across Russian borders. One airbase was 370 miles from Ukraine's border. The conflict is escalating because of the Russian bombardment of Ukraine's energy infrastructure leaving millions without electricity, heat and water. We are watching the military provocation by the US/UK against the "king" of Daniel 11:36-39. This king is none other than Gog – the Russia ruler. We know the "push" leads to Russia coming into Israel.

## BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall **the king of the south push** [military provocation] at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

(Daniel 11:40)

# **Hamas marks 35th anniversary with threats to ‘liberate’ Jerusalem from Jews**

Israel National News, December 9, 2022



## **EVENT**

Hamas frequently uses Jerusalem as a political tool for its radical Islamist agenda and portrays itself as the “defender of Jerusalem,” Hamas seeks to strengthen its position relative to political rivals like Fatah and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. In an announcement, Hamas officials said that Jerusalem would play a central role in its propaganda machinery in celebration of its 35th anniversary. Hamas official Maher Sabra vowed that the Islamist terrorist organization would “liberate” Jerusalem from the Jewish state. “We are coming with a roaring flood to uproot the occupier and that the Gaza Strip will stand, with all its capabilities, together with the West Bank and Jerusalem,” Sabra said. Senior Hamas official Osama al-Mazini vowed that the terror group would not allow Israel to “Judaize” Jerusalem or the al-Aqsa Mosque. In a threat to Israeli Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu, al-Mazini said, the “warriors will come to uproot you. ... We will continue to carry the banner of truth and resistance until the liberation of Palestine.”

## **COMMENT**

Hamas is part of the confederacy against Israel in Psalm 83. They are mentioned as “philistines”. Ancient Philistines originally operated in Gaza so it is perfect description of these people. Their whole reason for existence is to try to destroy Israel. Zechariah 12 speaks of the same event as Psalm 83. Verse 2 tells us of people “round about” or “nearby” or “surrounding” Israel who become intoxicated by Jerusalem. But verse 6 tells us that these people “round about” or “nearby” are all devoured by the rulers of Jerusalem AND Jerusalem survives. They are burned up. This is the initial inner ring war

## **BIBLE QUOTE**

For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. **They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.**  
*(Psalm 83:2-4)*