## ISRAEL/HAMAS WAR SEEN THROUGH THE BIBLE

Ezekiel 5:5 (NLT) says the following: "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: This is an illustration of what will happen to Jerusalem. I placed her at the center of the nations." Israel (Jerusalem in particular) is God's prophetic time; it is the epicenter of God's plan for humanity as stated by God through the prophet Ezekiel over 2000 years ago. As much as the media may portray other places like the United States – United Kingdom – Russia - or China as being the center of the universe for humanity, that designation belongs only to Israel (Jerusalem in particular). And as we come to the end of the church age or the age of grace, the Bible foretells of the conditions on the earth in Matthew chapters 24-25. And one of those conditions will be wars and rumors of wars. It is the "specific wars" and the "specific nations" the Bible mentions that we must watch carefully and pray.

As one views the Israel/Hamas War from a Biblical perspective – the literal meaning of the word "Hamas" means violence. The ultimate embodiment of Hamas in the Bible was a man by the name of Amalek. He was the first person in the Bible to attack the people of Israel while they camped in Rephidim. And notice Amalek attacked the women and children, and the stragglers. Amalek attacked the weak and the defenseless. Exodus 17:11-16 says, (11) "And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. (12) But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. (13) So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. (14) Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." (15) And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner; (16) for he said, "Because the Lord has sworn: the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." It is God who said He will be at war with Amalek forever. And guess who is a descendant of Amalek? "Haman" in the book of Esther who tried to arouse the Persian empire (present day Iran) to destroy and to commit genocide of the people of Israel. And we are seeing history repeating itself right before

our very eyes. We are experiencing the spirit of Amalek; this is not just a physical war ongoing.

We hear the media talking about Israel is "occupying the land" that is supposed to be for the Palestinians. At many of the college campus rallies pro-Palestine supporters say: "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free." But look at what God's word says about that land in Genesis 15:8 - "On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates. God owns the title deed to Israel; He gave Israel this "Promised Land" thus, it cannot belong to no one else. Furthermore, look at Nehemiah 2:18-20 with emphasis on the last phrase in vs. 20. (18) And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set[a] their hands to this good work. (19) But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?" (20) So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem." Palestine has no right to the land of Israel according to the Word of God.

Jeremiah 31:35-36 (NLT) says, (35) It is the Lord who provides the sun to light the day and the moon and stars to light the night, and who stirs the sea into roaring waves. His name is the Lord of Heaven's Armies, and this is what he says: (36) "I am as likely to reject my people Israel as I am to abolish the laws of nature!"

In the opening sentences of the *preamble of the Hamas Charter* that was developed from the original radical group called the Muslim Brotherhood, the genocidal desire of the Jewish people is stated in the opening sentence Of which I received from Joel Rosenberg who is a Jewish citizen, author, theologian, and He has a program called the Rosenberg Report I highly endorse and encourage you to view on YouTube. But the opening sentence in the Muslim Brotherhood Charter says:

<u>Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it.</u> Hamas exist from the charter of the Muslim Brotherhood. Hamas does not want a Palestinian state living next door to

Israel. It wants a Palestinian state "instead of Israel." The Muslim Brotherhood which started in Egypt is a banned and illegal group from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, UAE (United Arab Emirates), and Egypt. The Muslim Brotherhood (which includes Hamas) believes what they teach and believe about Islam is the only true Islam and they exist to help convert everyone to their brand of radical Islam and/or kill everyone who refuses it including moderate Muslims like from the aforementioned countries. In the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas preamble it states the "Day of Judgment will not come until Muslims fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jew will hide behind stone trees." The Islamic Resistance Movement believes that the land of Palestine is an Islamic warf (meaning a trust, set aside land for the Muslims) consecrated for future Muslim generations until Judgment Day. They believe no part of the Palestinian land should be given away or squandered. Hamas is not an organizational entity that wants to have a 2state solution; Hamas wants a one state final conclusion. They want the total destruction and annihilation of the Jews and then eventually all Christians and all others who believe in any religion but their version of Islam. And the Muslim Brotherhood do not consider themselves a local movement, but a global movement to take over the world.

With all of the <u>Israel Cease Fire protests in America</u>...I believe the threats from Iran regarding attacks in America over Israel is real. Jewish people will be the first to be attacked and then Christians will certainly become targets. So please join me in consistently praying for the peace of Jerusalem, Israel, USA, and for Christians worldwide.