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## **Praise Is Our Weapon of War**

There is a history of nations coming up against Israel and attacking them, provoking them to respond and defend themselves.

Listening to some of the protesters on Friday for what was supposed to be a day of Jihad was rather striking. The old tired lines of Israel being an apartheid state and oppressing the Palestinian people continued and without any remorse. A member of Congress displaying the Palestinian flag outside her office, the rhetoric that comes from members of congress, it is astounding.

Israel is the one who provoked the attack because of what they did.

What did they do?

They withdrew their people from what is now the Gaza Strip in 2005. They gave it away. The infamous land for peace deal that produced no peace and only enabled factions supported by Iran to burrow themselves into the land, both literally and figuratively.

Today there are over 300 miles of tunnels the IDF will have to address. Filled with militant jihadists backed by the state sponsor of terrorism there will be a battle that ensues. They use their people as human shields and then use their deaths as propaganda saying look at Israel's atrocity, killing civilians.

We are seeing a swift response by Israel as they surgically respond with precision of terrorist strong holds.

Yet what you see is not a human battle but a spiritual battle. It is Adonai vs. the Adversary. The intent is to wipe the Jewish people from the face of the earth. The Adversary knows that if you eliminate the Jewish people from the face of the earth, all of them, Messiah can't return. He is returning to be King of His people, setting up His throne in the land...

**Eze 43:7** He said, "Human being, this is the place for my throne, the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live among the people of Isra'el forever. The house of Isra'el, both they and their kings, will never again defile my holy name by their prostitution, by [*burying*] the corpses of their kings [*on*] their high places,

**Eze 43:8** or by placing their threshold next to my threshold and their door-frames next to my door-frames, with only a common wall between me and them. Yes, they defiled my holy name by the disgusting practices they committed; which is why I destroyed them in my anger.

For which Yeshua will return as promised...

**Mat 23:37** "Yerushalayim! Yerushalayim! You kill the prophets! You stone those who are sent to you! How often I wanted to gather your children, just as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you refused!

**Mat 23:38** Look! God is abandoning your house to you, leaving it desolate.

**Mat 23:39** For I tell you, from now on, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of Adonai.' "

For the New Covenant is made by Adonai to the Jewish people...

**Jer 31:30** "Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah.

**Jer 31:31** It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai.

**Jer 31:32** "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

**Jer 31:33** No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know Adonai'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more."

We know His Covenants are everlasting and can not be changed or transferred because...

**Num 23:19** "God is not a human who lies or a mortal who changes his mind. When he says something, he will do it; when he makes a promise, he will fulfill it.

Thus if there is no people, there is no covenant.

Yet what does Adonai say about His people...

**Jer 31:34** This is what Adonai says, who gives the sun as light for the day, who ordained the laws for the moon and stars to provide light for the night, who stirs up the sea until its waves roar—Adonai-Tzva'ot is his name:

**Jer 31:35** "If these laws leave my presence," says Adonai, "then the offspring of Isra'el will stop being a nation in my presence forever."

**Jer 31:36** This is what Adonai says: "If the sky above can be measured and the

foundations of the earth be fathomed, then I will reject all the offspring of Isra'el for all that they have done," says Adonai.

So when we see what is happening today, know that this is what Yeshua warned us about...

**Mat 24:3** When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the talmidim came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that you are coming, and that the `olam hazeh is ending?"

**Mat 24:4** Yeshua replied: "Watch out! Don't let anyone fool you!

**Mat 24:5** For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray.

**Mat 24:6** You will hear the noise of wars nearby and the news of wars far off; see to it that you don't become frightened. Such things must happen, but the end is yet to come.

Israel has declared war.

This is no longer a rumor or speculation, it is war.

This is not Revelation because we are still in chapter three and the warnings to the Messianic communities. This is Matthew 24:6 now.

As I alluded, Israel is not unfamiliar with enemies coming against them and attacking.

Remember Amelek?

**Exo 17:8** Then `Amalek came and fought with Isra'el at Refidim.

**Exo 17:9** Moshe said to Y'hoshua, "Choose men for us, go out, and fight with `Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with God's staff in my hand."

**Exo 17:10** Y'hoshua did as Moshe had told him and fought with `Amalek. Then Moshe, Aharon and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

**Exo 17:11** When Moshe raised his hand, Isra'el prevailed; but when he let it down, `Amalek prevailed.

Hands raised to Heaven, to the throne of Adonai, prompting Him to enable His people to prevail, yet his hands need to be raised throughout the battle

**Exo 17:12** However, Moshe's hands grew heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aharon and Hur held up his hands, the one on the one side and the other on the other; so that his hands stayed steady until sunset.

Exo 17:13 Thus Y'hoshua defeated `Amalek, putting their people to the sword.

Exo 17:14 Adonai said to Moshe, "Write this in a book to be remembered, and tell it to Y'hoshua: I will completely blot out any memory of `Amalek from under heaven."

War and battles are nothing new to this nation.

The Israeli Arab war of 1949 for their independence

The Six day war (show video)

The Yom Kippur War.

All of recent history

I want to share this account from 2 Chronicles 20...

2Ch 20:1 Some time later, the people of Mo'av and the people of `Amon with other `Amonim came up to fight Y'hoshafat.

2Ch 20:2 Y'hoshafat was told, "A huge army from beyond the [*Dead*] Sea, from Aram, is on its way to fight you; right now they are in Hatzatzon-Tamar" (that is, `Ein-Gedi).

The nation today is surrounded by millions who what them destroyed. 10 million people in the land surrounded by many times that, well over 100 million.

2Ch 20:3 Y'hoshafat was frightened, so he determined to seek Adonai. He proclaimed a fast throughout all Y'hudah,

Pray that the leaders seek the wisdom of Adonai.

2Ch 20:4 and Y'hudah assembled to seek help from Adonai; they came from all the cities of Y'hudah to seek Adonai.

Let them be like Y'hoshafat and humble themselves before the Almighty.

2Ch 20:5 Standing in front of the new courtyard in the house of Adonai, among those assembled from Y'hudah and Yerushalayim,

2Ch 20:6 he said: "Adonai, God of our ancestors, you alone are God in heaven. You rule all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and strength, so that no one can withstand you.

2Ch 20:7 You, our God, drove out those living in the land ahead of your people Isra'el and gave it forever to the descendants of Avraham your friend.

2Ch 20:8 They lived in it, built you a sanctuary in it for your name, and said,

2Ch 20:9 'If calamity strikes us, such as war, judgment, disease or famine, we will stand before this house—that is, before you, since your name is in this house—and cry to you in our distress; and you will hear us and rescue us.'

2Ch 20:10 "So now, see: the people of `Amon, Mo'av and Mount Se`ir, whom you would not let Isra'el invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, so that they turned away from them and did not destroy them,

2Ch 20:11 are now repaying us [*evil*]; they have come to throw us out of your possession, which you gave us as an inheritance.

2Ch 20:12 Our God! Won't you execute judgment against them? For we haven't strength enough to defeat this huge horde coming against us, and we don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

2Ch 20:13 All Y'hudah stood before Adonai with their little ones, their wives and their children.

2Ch 20:14 Then, in the middle of the assembly, the Spirit of Adonai came upon Yachzi'el the son of Z'kharyahu, the son of B'nayah, the son of Ye`i'el, the son of Matanyah the Levi, from the descendants of Asaf.

2Ch 20:15 He said, "Listen, all Y'hudah, you who live in Yerushalayim and King Y'hoshafat: here is what Adonai is saying to you: 'Don't be afraid or distressed by this great horde; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

2Ch 20:16 Tomorrow, go down against them. They will be coming up by the ascent of Tzitz, and you will find them at the end of the vadi, before the Yeru'el Desert.

2Ch 20:17 You won't even need to fight this battle! Just take your positions, Y'hudah and Yerushalayim, stand still, and watch how Adonai will deliver you! Don't be afraid or distressed; tomorrow, go out against them; for Adonai is with you.' "

2Ch 20:18 Y'hoshafat bowed his head with his face to the ground; while all Y'hudah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim fell down before Adonai, worshipping Adonai;

2Ch 20:19 and the L'vi'im from the descendants of the K'hati and the descendants of the Korchi, stood up and praised Adonai the God of Isra'el at the top of their voices.

2Ch 20:20 The next morning, they rose early and went out into the T'koa Desert. As they left, Y'hoshafat stood and said, "Listen to me, Y'hudah and you

inhabitants of Yerushalayim! "Trust in Adonai your God, and you will be safe. Trust in his prophets, and you will succeed."

**2Ch 20:21** After consulting with the people, he appointed those who would sing to Adonai and praise the splendor of his holiness as they went out ahead of the army, saying, "Give thanks to Adonai, for his grace continues forever."

**2Ch 20:22** Then, during the time when they were singing and praising, Adonai brought a surprise attack against the people of `Amon, Mo'av and Mount Se`ir who had come to fight Y'hudah; and they were defeated.

**2Ch 20:23** What happened was that the people of `Amon and Mo'av began attacking those people who lived by Mount Se`ir, to kill and destroy them completely; and when they had finished off the people from Se`ir, they set to work slaughtering one another.

### **The Lord Delivers Judah**

**2Ch 20:24** So when Y'hudah reached the watchtower overlooking the desert, they looked toward the horde; and there in front of them were corpses fallen to the ground; none had escaped.

**2Ch 20:25** Y'hoshafat and his army came to take the spoil from them and found among them personal property in abundance and corpses with precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves until they couldn't carry any more. They took three days just to collect the spoil, there was so much.

**2Ch 20:26** On the fourth day, they assembled in the Valley of B'rakhah [*blessing*], where they blessed Adonai; hence that place is called the Valley of B'rakhah to this day.

**2Ch 20:27** Then they returned, everyone from Y'hudah and Yerushalayim, with Y'hoshafat leading them joyfully back to Yerushalayim; for Adonai had caused them to rejoice over their enemies.

**2Ch 20:28** They came to Yerushalayim with lyres, lutes and trumpets and went to the house of Adonai.

**2Ch 20:29** A panic from God was on all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard that Adonai had fought against the enemies of Isra'el.

Let the nations around Israel be stricken with fear. Let Adonai be revealed as the one who goes before the people.

We are not in the land nor in the midst of this war yet we are part of this battle between Adonai and the Adversary.

During this time as his warriors of faith, let us use the weapons He has given us for this battle of good vs. evil.

Prayer and Praise are our weapons of war that we wield on behalf of those in the midst of the battle now. Let us be Aaron and Hur to Y'oshua and his warriors in the midst of battle.