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There Is Nothing New Under The Sun

There continues to be a threat of hatred towards the Jewish people as this past week a sole individual ran his vehicle into a synagogue in West Bloomfield, Michigan.

Ayman Mohamad Ghazali, a naturalized citizen from Lebanon, launched a "targeted act of violence" Thursday by **ramming his truck into a West Bloomfield, Mich., synagogue**. Armed with a rifle, the 41-year-old ignited a fire inside the building before being neutralized by heroic security. While 140 children were miraculously unharmed, the community remains shaken by this blatant terror.

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/michigan-police-responding-active-shooting-incident-synagogue>

Temple Israel, a reform synagogue was the direct target.

Are there connections to what is happening with Iran right now, more than likely. In addition to this act, there were recently terrorist acts in Austin, TX;

- **Austin Shooting (March 2026):** A Senegalese immigrant opened fire on a bar, with reports indicating he was shouting and potentially motivated by support for Iran, prompting investigations into a "lone-wolf" terror attack,
- **New York Bomb Plot:** Two individuals aligning with ISIS were charged with attempting to detonate improvised explosive devices at a protest outside Gracie Mansion in New York City (March 7, 2026).
- **Virginia University Shooting:** A shooting occurred at a Virginia university involving a suspect previously convicted on terrorism charges who was heard shouting "Allahu akbar,"

In Canada, my home country and city experienced the following...

- **Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue - North York, Toronto (March 7, 2026):** Multiple gunshots were fired at the synagogue, marking the second attack on a Canadian synagogue that night.
- **Beth Avraham Yoseph (BAYT) Congregation - Thornhill, Ontario (March 7, 2026):** The front doors of this synagogue were sprayed with gunfire, leaving bullet holes and significant damage.
- **Temple Emanu-El - North York, Toronto (March 2, 2026):** Suspected gunshots were fired at the building while people were inside following Purim celebrations, resulting in damage.

Epic fury started on February 28th, just before Purim.

The land of Haman was reigning terror against the Jewish people and against the world.

Est 3:5 Haman was furious when he saw that Mordekhai was not kneeling and bowing down to him.

Est 3:6 However, on learning what people Mordekhai belonged to, it seemed to him a waste to lay hands on Mordekhai alone. Rather, he decided to destroy all of Mordekhai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole of Achashverosh's kingdom.

Est 3:8 Then Haman said to Achashverosh, "There is a particular people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom. Their laws are different from those of every other people; moreover, they don't observe the king's laws. It doesn't befit the king to tolerate them.

Est 3:9 If it please the king, have a decree written for their destruction; and I will hand over 330 tons of silver to the officials in charge of the king's affairs to deposit in the royal treasury."

For years, the current Iranian regime would deploy terror in many ways, both against Israel and against America. Forty seven years of terror. This plot to eradicate all Jewish presence from the face of the earth was by no means new but harbored long before...

Before Hitler
Before the Pogroms and Ghettos
Before the Inquisitions

Even before Haman, there was a a plot long ago to rid the world of the Jewish people. Yet the power and promises of Adonai overcome all man made intentions...

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.

Hence, the power of the promise would be seen at the time of Haman...

Est 9:1 The time approached for the king's order and decree to be carried out, the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to overpower them. But, as it turned out, the opposite took place—the Jews overpowered those who hated them. Thus, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar,

Est 9:2 the Jews assembled in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Achashverosh to attack anyone who tried to do them harm; and no one was able to withstand them; because all the peoples were afraid of them.

Est 9:3 All the officials of the provinces, the army commanders, the governors and those occupied with the king's affairs helped the Jews; because they were afraid of Mordekhai.

Est 9:4 For Mordekhai had become a powerful person in the king's palace, and his fame had spread through all the provinces; Mordekhai continued to grow increasingly powerful.

Est 9:5 The Jews put all their enemies to the sword; there was great slaughter and destruction, as they did whatever they wanted to those who hated them;

A response to the one who wanted to see them destroyed was addressed and Adonai was the one orchestrating this from behind the scene.

When an enemy is provoked they will lash out and do what they know, attack their own enemy.

Since 1979, the current regime in Iran has declared war on two entities, hence identifying their enemies...

Israel, called the "little satan"
The United States, called the "Great Satan"

This regime's proliferation has led to the creation of a network of proxies who have aligned with the same ideology. Primarily, the destruction of the Jewish people and nation and secondly, that of its greatest supporter, America.

Though viewed as the little satan and great satan by the Iranian regime, it is ironic that God's people and a nation that has chosen Adonai are identified as the Adversary of Adonai.

When in reality, the Adversary is the one influencing the attacks upon God's people and those whom have been chosen Him.

Rev 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now have come God's victory, power and kingship, and the authority of his Messiah; because the

Accuser of our brothers, who accuses them day and night before God, has been thrown out!

Is the New Covenant merely warmed-over Greek mythology? If not, why does it have a chapter about a **great dragon in Revelation 12?**

Yochanan answers here and at 20:2 by identifying the dragon (Greek *drakô*) in Jewish terminology as:

Rev 20:1 Next I saw an angel coming down from heaven, who had the key to the Abyss and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan [*the Adversary*], and chained him up for a thousand years.

Rev 20:3 He threw him into the Abyss, locked it and sealed it over him; so that he could not deceive the nations any more until the thousand years were over. After that, he has to be set free for a little while.

(1) **That ancient serpent**, Greek *ophis*, used in the Septuagint at Genesis 3 to translate Hebrew *nachash*, the serpent in the Garden of Eden.

(2) **The Devil**, Greek *diabolos*, "slanderer, accuser," the Septuagint's word for "Satan"; this is precisely his role at Job 1-2.

(3) **Satan (the Adversary)**. I render Greek *Satanas* twice, first by a transliteration, then by a translation; see [Mat 4:1](#).

(4) **The deceiver of the whole world**. Compare [Rev 20:2-3](#) below.

(5) **The accuser of our brothers**. Satan's accusing God's people is familiar in non-Messianic Judaism; one may say that antisemitism is one of its manifestations.

Moreover, the *Tanakh* uses "monster language" of its own when speaking of Satan:

(1) *Rahav* ("Rahab"-no connection with the woman who sheltered the spies in Jericho), meaning Egypt, but with Satan's power lurking beneath ([Isa 51:9](#), [Psa 39:10](#), [Job 26:13](#)).

(2) *Livyatan* ("Leviathan, sea monster"; [Isa 27:1](#); [Psa 74:14](#), [Psa 104:26](#); Job. 40:25-Job. 41:26([Job 41:1-34](#))); the description in the last passage makes it clear that Leviathan is no natural sea monster.

(3) *Behemot* ("Behemoth, hippopotamus"; but in [Job 40:15-24](#) a supernatural being).

(4) *Tanin* ("dragon, crocodile"; [Isa 51:9](#), [Psa 74:13](#), [Job 7:12](#)).

(5) *Nachash* ("serpent"; [Gen 3:1-19](#), [Isa 27:1](#), [Amo 9:3](#), [Job 26:13](#)).

In the Septuagint "*drakôn*" (which underlies the English word "dragon") is used frequently to translate "*tanin*," "*nachash*" and "*livyatan*"; the KJV Old Testament uses "dragon" twenty times.

In [Rev 12:3](#) above this dragon is also identified with the "fourth beast" of [Dan 7:7](#), [Dan 7:24](#).

The great dragon was thrown out. Compare [Luk 10:18](#), where Yeshua says, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

[Luk 10:17](#) The seventy came back jubilant. "Lord," they said, "with your power, even the demons submit to us!"

[Luk 10:18](#) Yeshua said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

[Luk 10:19](#) Remember, I have given you authority; so you can trample down snakes and scorpions, indeed, all the Enemy's forces; and you will remain completely unharmed.

[Luk 10:20](#) Nevertheless, don't be glad that the spirits submit to you; be glad that your names have been recorded in heaven."

We have this reality but we don't truly walk in that power and authority.

He was hurled down to earth. What does he do here? Answer: "Your enemy, the Adversary, stalks about like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" ([1Pe 5:8](#)).

[Rev 12:12](#) "Therefore, rejoice, heaven and you who live there! But woe to you, land and sea, for the Adversary has come down to you, and he is very angry, because he knows that his time is short!"

[Rev 12:13](#) When the dragon saw that he had been hurled down to the earth, he went in pursuit of the woman who had given birth to the male child.

[Rev 12:14](#) But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the desert, where she is taken care of for a season and two seasons and half a season, away from the serpent's presence.

[Rev 12:15](#) The serpent spewed water like a river out of its mouth after the woman, in order to sweep her away in the flood;

[Rev 12:16](#) but the land came to her rescue—it opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of its mouth.

[Rev 12:17](#) The dragon was infuriated over the woman and went off to fight the

rest of her children, those who obey God's commands and bear witness to Yeshua.

This is confirmed in [Rev 12:12-17](#), [Rev 13:7](#).

What should we do about it?

Stand against him...

1Pe 5:1 Therefore, I urge the congregation leaders among you, as a fellow-leader and witness to the Messiah's sufferings, as well as a sharer in the glory to be revealed:

1Pe 5:2 shepherd the flock of God that is in your care, exercising oversight not out of constraint, but willingly, as God wants; and not out of a desire for dishonest gain, but with enthusiasm;

1Pe 5:3 also not as machers domineering over those in your care, but as people who become examples to the flock.

1Pe 5:4 Then, when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive glory as your unfading crown.

1Pe 5:5 Likewise, you who are less experienced, submit to leaders. Further, all of you should clothe yourselves in humility toward one another, because God opposes the arrogant, but to the humble he gives grace.

1Pe 5:6 Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that at the right time he may lift you up.

1Pe 5:7 Throw all your anxieties upon him, because he cares about you.

1Pe 5:8 Stay sober, stay alert! Your enemy, the Adversary, stalks about like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1Pe 5:9 Stand against him, firm in your trust, knowing that your brothers throughout the world are going through the same kinds of suffering.

1Pe 5:10 You will have to suffer only a little while; after that, God, who is full of grace, the one who called you to his eternal glory in union with the Messiah, will himself restore, establish and strengthen you and make you firm.

1Pe 5:11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Jas 4:1 What is causing all the quarrels and fights among you? Isn't it your desires battling inside you?

Jas 4:2 You desire things and don't have them. You kill, and you are jealous, and you still can't get them. So you fight and quarrel. The reason you don't have

is that you don't pray!

Jas 4:3 Or you pray and don't receive, because you pray with the wrong motive, that of wanting to indulge your own desires.

Jas 4:4 You unfaithful wives! Don't you know that loving the world is hating God? Whoever chooses to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy!

Jas 4:5 Or do you suppose the Scripture speaks in vain when it says that there is a spirit in us which longs to envy?

Jas 4:6 But the grace he gives is greater, which is why it says, "God opposes the arrogant, but to the humble he gives grace."

Jas 4:7 Therefore, submit to God. Moreover, take a stand against the Adversary, and he will flee from you.

Jas 4:8 Come close to God, and he will come close to you. Clean your hands, sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded people!

Eph 6:10 Finally, grow powerful in union with the Lord, in union with his mighty strength!

Eph 6:11 Use all the armor and weaponry that God provides, so that you will be able to stand against the deceptive tactics of the Adversary.

Eph 6:12 For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm.

Eph 6:13 So take up every piece of war equipment God provides; so that when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist; and when the battle is won, you will still be standing.

Eph 6:14 Therefore, stand! Have the belt of truth buckled around your waist, put on righteousness for a breastplate,

Eph 6:15 and wear on your feet the readiness that comes from the Good News of shalom.

Eph 6:16 Always carry the shield of trust, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of deliverance; along with the sword given by the Spirit, that is, the Word of God;

Eph 6:18 as you pray at all times, with all kinds of prayers and requests, in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently, for all God's people.

We are not struggling against human beings but against the unseen agents

([Eph 1:20-23](#)) of **the Adversary**, Satan ([Mat 4:1](#)).

This is why "the weapons we use to wage war are not worldly. On the contrary, they have God's power for demolishing strongholds" of demonic spirits ([2Co 10:4-5](#)).

2Co 10:1 Now it is I myself, Sha'ul, making an appeal to you with the meekness and forbearance that come from the Messiah, I who am considered timid when face-to-face with you but intimidating from a distance.

2Co 10:2 But I beg you not to force me to be intimidating when I am with you, as I expect to be toward some who regard us as living in a worldly way.

2Co 10:3 For although we do live in the world, we do not wage war in a worldly way;

2Co 10:4 because the weapons we use to wage war are not worldly. On the contrary, they have God's power for demolishing strongholds. We demolish arguments

2Co 10:5 and every arrogance that raises itself up against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey the Messiah.

This description of **the armor and weaponry that God provides** confounds people who are used to fighting people by worldly methods and have no sensitivity to God's methods, which are: **truth, righteousness, readiness** grounded in **the Good News of shalom, trust, deliverance** (or: "salvation"), **the Word of God** given by **the Spirit**, and **prayers**.

Unbelievers taken aback by the apparent triumphalism of the song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," should understand that the "soldiers" in this song, that is, the believers in Yeshua, are not fighting to force non-Christians to convert, but to overcome demonic **principalities and powers** by God's prescribed methods.

"Stand against him... " ([1Pe 5:9-10](#), [Jas 4:7](#); compare [Eph 6:10-17](#), also [Rev 13:10](#) and [Rev 14:12](#) below).

We as believers should not be ignorant of all that is going on around us but should be aware and sober minded. Yeshua told us what we can expect...

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.

Mat 24:7 For peoples will fight each other, nations will fight each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various parts of the world;

Mat 24:8 all this is but the beginning of the 'birth-pains.'

Mat 24:9 At that time you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and put to death, and all peoples will hate you because of me.

Mat 24:10 At that time many will be trapped into betraying and hating each other,

Mat 24:11 many false prophets will appear and fool many people;

Mat 24:12 and many people's love will grow cold because of increased distance from Torah.

Mat 24:13 But whoever holds out till the end will be delivered.

Heb 10:37 For "There is so, so little time! The One coming will indeed come, he will not delay.

Heb 10:38 But the person who is righteous will live his life by trusting, and if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."

Heb 10:39 However, we are not the kind who shrink back and are destroyed; on the contrary, we keep trusting and thus preserve our lives!