

QA: Is the Israeli-Palestinian War a Sign of the End? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Is the Israeli-Palestinian War a sign of the end of the world?

ANSWER: NO, no matter how often, or by how many, that false doctrine is repeated, wars on earth have nothing whatever to do with the end of the world!

1. **Signs Of The End.** Seeing the Temple in Jerusalem, Jesus predicted its destruction when He said,

"Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down." [... The Apostles asked,] "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?" (Mark 13:2, 4)

Jesus listed many "signs:" "wars and rumors of wars," "earthquakes in various places," "famines and troubles" (Mark 13:7-8). Jesus linked "tribulation" connected to "the abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet" connected to Jerusalem's destruction, which occurred in A.D.70. All of these "signs" were for "this generation" which would "by no means pass away till all these things take place" (Mark 13:30). None of these signs had anything whatsoever to do with predicting the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ!

2. **He Hit Me Back.** The evil, violent people should always expect retaliation in kind. Remember Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, or Twin Towers on September 11, 2001? David said,

[The wicked] made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch which he made. His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown. (Psalm 7:15-16)

Solomon wrote:

The violence of the wicked will destroy them, Because they refuse to do justice. (**Proverbs 21:7**)

Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him. (**Proverbs 26:27**)

People devise things that eventually come back, as we often say, to haunt them, bite them, or backfire on them. Truly, "An angry man stirs up strife" (**Proverbs 29:22**). Those who murder and destroy others should expect, and be

given, retaliation in kind. All who defend the terrorists attacks or condemn only the responders reveal their evil hearts.

3. When there are those who are:

... being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil mindedness"... then "knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. (Romans 1:29,32)

Approval of evil is an admission of guilt!

—— jtpll, October 15, 2023