



Israel / Iran Update

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SLIDES USED IN PASTOR JOE'S PRESENTATION:

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Talking Points (History)

- 1950-1970s: The U.S. supported Iran
- 1979: Iran's revolt against the Shah of Iran
- 1979-1981: Iran Hostage Crisis
- 1980-1988: The Iran-Iraq War
- 1983: Beirut barracks bombings
- 1985-1987: Iran-Contra Affair
- 1990s-2000s: Economic sanctions against Iran / Talks
- 9/11: Attacks on American Mainland

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Talking Points (History)

- 2002: "Axis of Evil" Speech by President Bush
- "The Global War on Terror" followed
- Global War focused primarily on Afghanistan
- May 2, 2011: Killing of Osama bin Laden
- October 7, 2023: Hamas attacks Israel
- June 13-24, 2024: 12-Day War (Israel vs. Iran)
- February 28, 2026: Attacks on Iran by Israel and U.S.

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Talking Points (Present)

- The region is in a moment of extreme volatility
- Intercession is called for – not speculation
- The war is deeply human
- The Iranian regime is weakening, but the people are suffering
- Persecution is happening in the Middle East (and all over the world)
- The story of Narges



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Talking Points (Present)

- Iran places 9th on "Open Doors 2026 World Watch List"
- The Gospel is advancing quietly
- We are seeing a humanitarian crisis in the Middle East
- The conflict is ideologically motivated in Iran among its leaders
- Mojtaba Khamenei is the new leader in Iran
- The conflict is ideologically and economically motivated in the U.S.
- President Trump is a "hero" in Israel right now

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2018 Israeli Temple Coin

Minted when President Trump moved the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and declared Jerusalem the official capital of Israel.

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The Blood Moon

This picture was taken over Reno, NV.

It is prophesied in Joel 2:31, Acts 2:20, and Rev. 6:12.

Websites are devoted to the appearance of the blood moon.

Prophecy conversations are increasing – but require pastoral wisdom.

“Wow!”

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Talking Points (Future)

- U.S. boots on the ground?
- I have no idea how long this will last
- I do not believe this moment is a fulfillment of specific prophecy
- *“All the nations of the world will come against Israel...”* - Zech. 12:3
- We are to *“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.”* - Psalm 122:6
- Warning: *“I will bless those who bless you (Israel) and curse those who curse you.”* - Gen. 12:3
- Pastor Joe does feel like something had/has to be done about Iran’s current regime – but we are very early in this process.

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The Story of Esther in the Bible

King Xerxes

Esther

Her cousin Mordecai

Angry Haman

A Famous Quote

Esther’s Intervention

Feast of Purim

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Ayatollah Ali Khamanei

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“...and who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

- Mordecai to Queen Esther (Esther 4:14)

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“When these things begin to take place, stand up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

- Jesus in Luke 21:28