



# ARISE! MINISTRIES

*Mount Up On Wings - Isaiah 40:31*

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## *The Israel-Gaza War*

***And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.* -- Genesis 12:3**

The Israeli-Hamas War continues to dominate the news. Last week there were four related stories that I think you should seriously consider:

### **A Declaration of War**

On Thursday, Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh delivered an address to the world in which he demanded Israel stop the bombing of Gaza and referred to it as the "new holocaust." He asserted that the state of Israel will be eradicated and called upon Muslim countries to help in the defeat.

"I call upon all the intellectuals and strategic experts to discuss the post-occupation phase, because its demise is inevitable. This occupier will not be able to recover, because of the strategic blow and resounding defeat that befell it," Haniyeh said.

The Hamas leader, whose militants carried out the deadliest terrorist attack against Israel since 1973, demanded Israel to stop its "brutal aggression" and claimed the state's retaliation against the Palestinians is the "new holocaust."

"I call on everybody – all the free people of the world, all the friendly countries, all the brotherly [Arab] countries, and all the allies – to exert all the necessary pressure, in all directions and in all forums, in order to end the aggression against Gaza, to stop this war against our children, women, and elderly, our mosques, our universities, and our homes."

He went on to say that the "blood of the women, children, and elderly" is necessary in order to "awaken a revolutionary spirit."

The phrase, "**From the River to the Sea**" on the sign college students are holding in the photo means the complete destruction of Israel.

### **A Dire Warning**

FBI Director Christopher Wray said the United States has entered a "dangerous period" amid the Israel-Hamas War, with fears of Middle Eastern terrorists entering the country while the bureau is unable to detect all individuals coming across the porous southern border.



"What has now increased is the greater possibility of one of these foreign terrorist organizations directing an attack in the United States," Wray [told senators](#) Tuesday at the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hearing.

This warning should be taken seriously, in light of the statement from Hamas and the huge number of illegal aliens that have entered the United States in the last two years, (3.4 million that were apprehended and an estimated 1.6 million "got aways.").

### **A Defective Way**

President Biden offered two suggestions to deal with the War in the Middle East and the shocking number of pro-Palestinian demonstrations on the college campuses and in cities all across the USA:

1. He called for a "**Pause**" in the fighting at a campaign event in Minnesota last week. He attempted to explain that "pause" does not mean a "cease fire." The United Nations is also calling for a cease fire.

Former Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, disagrees. She said, "People calling for a cease fire now, do not understand Hamas. That is not possible." I agree, a pause would allow Hamas to re-arm and prepare to attack Israel again.

2. On the same day that Hamas leaders announced their goal is to erase Israel and Jews off the planet, the White House announced a national program to counter "Islamophobia."

Kamala Harris, the Vice-President, made the announcement, saying in part: "This strategy will be a comprehensive and detailed plan to protect Muslims and those perceived to be Muslim from hate, bigotry, and violence, and to address the concern that some government policies may discriminate against Muslims..."

According to the FBI, Jews make up 2.4% of the U.S. populations but are the targets of 60% of all hate crimes.

"Antisemitism is at the highest level since NAZI Germany and the Biden admin decided to launch an anti-Islamophobia effort," GOP Rep. Derrick Van Orden [posted on X](#). "I have absolutely no idea how anyone who cares about the survival of Jewish people could vote for any member of the Democratic Party."

## A Determined Warrior

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, rejects calls for a cease fire, and told the Israel Defense soldiers about to go into Gaza:

"Remember what Amalek did to you... This is the war between the sons of light and the sons of darkness. We will not let up on our mission until the light overcomes the darkness — the good will defeat the extreme evil that threatens us and the entire world... May the Almighty cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before him. May the Holy One, Blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighters from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness, and may He send blessing and success in their every endeavor... Be strong and embrace victory — with God's help, together we will win!" <https://www.breitbart.com/middle-east/2023/11/03/netanyahu-cites-deuteronomy-in-message-to-troops-remember-what-amalek-did-to-you/>

## Liberal Logic???

**Who knew that birds were racist?** The American Ornithological Society (AOS) announced Wednesday it will be renaming dozens of birds to "address past wrongs," according to the association's website. A spokesman said bird names are "clouded by racism and misogyny."

Offensive" bird names include Anna's Hummingbird, Lewis's Woodpecker, and Bullock's Oriole. As the society's president Colleen Handel argued, "Names have power and power can be for the good or it can be for the bad." So, how are names like "Anna," "Lewis," or "Bullock" bad? Race. You see, those names sound too much like white names.

## Eagle's Eye on the Nation

**EXPEL:** An effort to expel indicted GOP Rep. George Santos failed in the House on Wednesday as a Republican-led resolution fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass. The final vote was 179 to 213. Ahead of the vote, Santos defended his right to "the presumption of innocence."

Santos last week pleaded not guilty to a 23-count federal indictment accusing him of crimes including laundering funds to pay for his personal expenses, illegally receiving unemployment benefits and charging donors' credit cards without their consent.

Santos represents a small slice of New York City and parts of its eastern suburbs.

He pled "not guilty" to a 23-count indictment in a federal court last week.

The House of Representatives also voted to kill a [resolution to censure](#) progressive Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., Wednesday night.

The House passed a bill providing **\$14.3 billion in aid to Israel** and in the process set up a fight with the Democrat-controlled Senate. Why the fight? Simple: House Republicans refused to cave to Joe Biden's [demand](#) for a massive \$106 billion package that would include \$61.4 billion for Ukraine, \$13.6 billion for border security, \$9 billion for "humanitarian" aid to Gaza, and \$2 billion or so for Taiwan in addition to the funding for Israel.

## Quote of the Week

"MAGA and Christian nationalism: bigger threat to America than Hamas could ever be." —"Salon" columnist Brian Karem

This man is clearly clueless!

## Eagle's Eye on New York

**Cornell antisemitism:** Federal authorities [charged Patrick Dai, a Cornell University student](#), with posting threats to kill or injure Jews, using interstate communications. Dai was arraigned in federal court in Syracuse Wednesday. He is accused of threatening to kill Jewish people on the campus of the Ithaca college. (Cornell Daily Sun).

**Shootings, vehicle thefts:** Gov. Kathy Hochul went to Rochester on Wednesday to [tout relative declines in shootings and vehicle thefts](#). The city has seen some of the highest levels of violent crime in New York in recent years.

## Ministry Report

### The Week of October 22-28

I preached at Hilltop Baptist Church in Angola on Sunday. I have been going there since it was a church plant of Faith Bible Baptist Church of Eden. It was a blessing to see how the church is prospering under Pastor Travis Lewis.

On Tuesday, I attended the viewing for Pastor James Hall, the retired pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Bath. Although it was a sad occasion, it also was a time of rejoicing since he is now with the Lord he loved and served for many years.

Also on Tuesday, we gave out candy and almost 50 Gospel tracts to children who came to our door.

On Friday, my wife and I hosted the LBBC Silver Saints. We had a record of 36 attending. Praise the Lord!

## Tom Stiles Speaking Schedule

- November 12** Adirondack Baptist, Gloversville (AM)  
Perth Bible Church, Amsterdam, NY (PM)
- November 19** Faith Bible Church, Sprakers, NY
- November 29** Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, Webster NY
- December 3** Seneca Falls Bible Baptist Church
- December 10** Lighthouse Baptist Church, Guiderland, NY
- December 12** NYC Baptist Pastors' Fellowship