



# ***ISRAEL UPDATE***

with Pastor Trey Graham



October 22, 2023



This is our 5<sup>th</sup> update on the terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas on Israel. To listen to the previous teachings, please visit

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# How Many Casualties in the Terrorist Attacks?

- Population of Israel in 2023 is 9.1 million
  - At least 1,400 Israelis killed (soldiers and civilians)
  - At least 5,300 wounded
  - Estimated 212 Israeli hostages held captive in Gaza
  - 100-200 Israelis unaccounted for
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- Population of the United States in 2023 is 340 million
  - Equal proportion... 52,300 killed
  - Equal proportion... 198,000 wounded
- (more than combined population of Allen + Melissa + Anna + Van Alstyne)

Last week...

Tragically, the desire to murder  
Jews is NOT a new struggle

Exodus 1

Exodus 3

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “**Every [Hebrew] son who is born you are to cast into the Nile [river],** and every daughter you are to keep alive.” Exodus 1:22

\*3,500 years ago, the leader of Israel’s neighboring adversary issued a national strategy demanding the murder of Jewish children.

\*Guess what is happening today?

## GAZA STRIP

- Built-up area
- Refugee Camp
- Crossing Point

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The Lord said to Moses,  
“Therefore, come now, and I  
will send you to Pharaoh, so  
that you may **bring My  
people, the sons of Israel,  
out of Egypt.**” Exodus 3:10

Israel evacuated all Jews from  
Gaza in 2005. Israel had  
captured the Gaza Strip from  
**Egypt** in the Six-Day War in 1967.



# At least 1,400 Israelis killed



 **Yishai Steckler Grün**

23h • 

Now taking place in Kibbutz Lahav the funeral ceremony of Shahar, Arbel, Omer, Tamar and Johnny Kedem-Siman Tov and grandmother Carol Hayad from Kibbutz Nir Oz 💔 The burial will take place with minimal attendance at the cemetery in Nir Oz 💔

An event that the brain is unable to grasp



May their good memory be blessed  





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Second Lieutenant Adar Ben Simon, 20 years old, from Neve Ziv, was a platoon commander in the Home Front Command. She lost her life last Saturday when she fearlessly stormed into action to make contact with the infiltrating terrorists at her base.

<https://www.jpost.com/omg/article-767972>



# At least 1,400 Israelis killed



THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN  
FROM END OF YEAR PARTY IN  
THE KINDERGARDEN IN NIR OZ ,  
TWO MONTHS AGO

EACH ONE OF THEM WAS  
KILLED, ABDUCTED OR  
INJURED.  
PURE TRAGEDY💔

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## Defense minister says Gaza incursion coming 'soon' as intense rocket fire continues

YDI STAFF

Security cabinet meets \* IDF Southern Command chief says ground operation will be 'long and intense' \* Rocket barrages hit Israel from both Gaza and Lebanon \* IDF threatens Hezbollah



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US warship shoots down missiles from Yemen thought to be heading for Israel

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Senate passes symbolic resolution backing Israel 97-0

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In Riyadh, UK PM Sunak asks crown prince to prevent 'escalation' in region

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Thousands join raucous pro-Palestinian rally in central Paris

## THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

# Top officials say Gaza ground offensive 'soon,' warn it will be 'long and intense'

By EMANUEL RABIAN and MICHAEL BACHNER

Defense Minister Gallant, PM Netanyahu and IDF general pay visits to troops on frontlines as military awaits order; security cabinet convenes as airstrikes, rocket attacks continue





## IDF Air Force Chief on invasion: I wouldn't want to swap places with our enemy

One-fifth of Gaza rockets misfire, Hamas continues Tel Aviv, Gaza corridor, Arrests increase in West Bank.

By MAAYAN HOFFMAN, YONAH JEREMY BOB



Yoav Gallant with IAF chief Maj.-Gen. Tomer Bar.  
(photo credit: DEFENSE MINISTRY)

The air force chief said he “wouldn’t want to swap places with our enemy and face an IDF division or brigade,” as the army continued with its plans for an invasion of Gaza.

Maj.-Gen. Tomer Bar’s comments were made on Saturday during a briefing of squadron commanders in preparation for the invasion.

At the briefing, Bar also said the Israel Air Force has struck Hamas with thousands of missiles.

# IDF stepping up strikes to create ‘best conditions’ for ‘next phase of war’ on Hamas

THE TIMES OF ISRAEL

By EMANUEL FABIAN and TOI STAFF

Military spokesperson says Israel ‘strong on defense, offense’ in north amid Hezbollah attacks, but ‘main mission’ is Gaza; IDF chief says Hamas readying surprises and so is Israel



## Gallant tells troops: You'll soon see Gaza from the inside

"We are alert," said Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, "and if Hezbollah wants to start a war, it should first look at the photographs of Gaza City."

By JERUSALEM POST STAFF, REUTERS

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Defense Minister Yoav Gallant speaks with Israeli soldiers at a staging area not far from the Israeli-Gaza border, October 19, 2023.  
(photo credit: Chaim Goldberg/Flash90)

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant visited Israel's South on Thursday and met with soldiers serving on the Gaza border. "We are first and foremost focused on... defeating Hamas," Gallant said. "I have been leading soldiers into battles for 45 years. I am responsible for security. I was responsible for it these last two weeks - even during difficult times, I am responsible for bringing [Israel] to victory." He later told troops on the Gaza border: "You see Gaza now from afar. Soon, you'll see it from inside." Gallant further noted that the IDF was gearing up for a long-term engagement with Israel's enemies, saying: "We are not talking about a short [military] campaign – we are talking about a prolonged campaign." He then touched on the threat of Hezbollah on the Lebanon border. "Hezbollah is trying to challenge the State of Israel and the IDF, and have deployed [forces] in strong defensive formations. The strength of the entire IDF...is at our disposal. We are alert, and if Hezbollah wants to start a war, it should first look at the photographs of Gaza City."

# Israel is now facing a 3-front war

- Hamas in the south
- Hezbollah in the north
- Syria in the northeast





# IDF drones hit Hezbollah terror squads amid uptick in attacks; soldier seriously hurt

By EMANUEL FABIAN

Military responds to Iran-backed terror group assaults on northern border with artillery shelling, drone strikes; IDF soldier killed by Lebanon missile; Gallant meets with troops



## Army orders evacuation of Kiryat Shmona as terror groups keep up attacks from Lebanon

Soldier seriously hurt in shooting; IDF strikes five terror cells in southern Lebanon; dozens of rockets target Mount Dov, Metula; missiles hit army posts

By EMANUEL FABIAN

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# Israeli strikes said to knock Damascus, Aleppo airports out of commission

One worker killed in attack on airport in capital, state-run news agency claims, with airports damaged for third time in 10 days as Israel looks to keep arms from Hezbollah

By EMANUEL FABIAN, TOI STAFF and AGENCIES

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Both airports have been struck numerous times over the past year, as Israel is believed to be stepping up efforts to prevent the shipment of advanced weapons from Iran to its various Middle East proxies, chief among them Hezbollah. Both airports were hit on October 12 and Aleppo was targeted a second time on October 14, according to Syria. Following the second strike, a senior Foreign Ministry official on X confirmed a claim that Iran was trying to deploy arms in Syria to attack Israel and indicated Jerusalem was taking action to foil that effort.

Russia says Israeli strikes on Syrian airports a 'gross violation of sovereignty'.

Said the country that took over another and killed hundreds of thousands of its citizens....

# How are Israelis responding to the attacks?

● The rates of reserve recruitment are %130 which is far beyond the expectations of the Israeli army and more Israeli reserve soldiers are on their way from vacations all over the world to join the war effort. This goes contrary to the threats of some reservists prior to the attack, to refuse joining the army because of the inner divisions.

● Israel currently has about 400,000 soldiers divided between the southern (Gaza) and northern (Lebanon) fronts getting ready for the command to start a ground assault and finish off Hamas and possibly the same threat from Hizballa in Lebanon.



# How are Israelis responding to the attacks?



Volunteers help sort and pack donated items at the Civilian Operations Hub, Expo Tel Aviv, October 19, 2023. (Sue Surkes/Times of Israel)



Sorting children's books and toys donated for families evacuated from the southern and northern borders, at the Civilian Operations Hub, Expo Tel Aviv, October 19, 2023. (Sue Surkes/Times of Israel)



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## **Identifying the missing and the abducted**

One of the most remarkable first steps taken by the Civilian Operations Hub was to create a space where some 2,000 volunteers from the high-tech sector could use their skills to identify missing and kidnapped Israelis, now known to number more than 200.

“For 10 days, we were the only contact point for families to find information about their loved ones,” said Chava Rotman of Building an Alternative.

The high-tech unit, headed by internet expert Prof. Karine Nahon, used artificial intelligence to try to identify the missing, with volunteers going through hours of video material, frame by frame, looking for clues, and identifying hundreds of people who were missing or dead so that their families could be updated.

“We did facial recognition, matching social media with visual material from different scenes and used AI to identify clothes. We even identified distinguishing marks like tattoos because some of the bodies had been decapitated,” Rotman said.

What does God's Word  
say to the world this  
week about this tragedy?

Genesis 6



# TORAH TUESDAY

STUDY THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION WITH PASTOR TREY GRAHAM

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AT 7:00 AM

Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts [plans] of his heart was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5



The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Genesis 6:6 (NAS)

The Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Genesis 6:6 (HCSB)

\*Imagine how evil people must have been to grieve the heart of the all-knowing Creator God

The Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for **I am sorry that I have made them.**” Genesis 6:7



But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Genesis 6:8-10

This week's Torah portion...

Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. Genesis 6:11

About 2,300 years later, Jesus said about future His Second Coming...

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. **For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.**” Matthew 24:36-37

\* “the days of Noah” = “the wickedness of man was great on the earth”



God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. Genesis 6:12

## Some 100,000 pro-Palestinian protesters in London demand end to Israeli strikes

By AGENCIES and TOI STAFF

🔊 / British authorities probe video appearing to show train driver leading 'free Palestine' chant; demonstrations also take place in Ireland, France, Italy, Australia, US



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## Protesters march in Dallas to support Palestine amid Israel's response to Hamas attack

A designated legal observer believes the "All Out for Palestine" protest was the largest demonstration in Dallas since 2020.



Ahmed Abunijmeh waves a Palestinian flag while riding in a vehicle on Ervay Street during a protest titled "All Out for Palestine" near Dallas City Hall, on Oct. 15. (Ben Torres / Special Contributor)

By [Joy Ashford](#)

7:27 PM on Oct 15, 2023



Organizers at the Dallas protest Sunday led the crowd in chants of “free, free, free Palestine” and “hey hey, ho ho, the occupation’s got to go,” condemning Israel’s occupation of the Palestinian territories. Many attendees held signs, with slogans including “The US is funding genocide,” “‘Truth is on the side of the oppressed’ - Malcolm X” and “one Holocaust doesn’t justify another.”

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Genesis 6:13

Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth. The water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. Genesis 7:17-19



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- In English translations of the Bible, חָמָס is translated...
  - NAS “violence”
  - HCSB “wickedness”

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Mediterranean  
Sea



# What is Hamas?

- Hamas is a Sunni Muslim terrorist group founded in 1987 which won legislative elections in the Gaza Strip in June 2007 after Israel's unilateral withdrawal in August 2005
- Hamas operates as a wholly owned subsidiary of Iran, directed and funded by the Iranians
- Iran does not want Israel to continue normalizing relations with Arab countries in the Middle East, especially Saudi Arabia
- Hamas leaders have been meeting with Russian leaders since the invasion of Ukraine



The terrorist group's name " Hamas" is an Arabic Acronym of

Ḥarakat al-Muqāwamah al-Islāmiyyah

Arabic meaning of the name "hamas" is "enthusiastic bravery" حماس

English version of their name is "Islamic Resistance Movement"



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- Violence
- Wickedness
- Theft
- Robbery
- Rape
- Murder
- Kidnapping
- Hostage taking
- Stealing
- Slander
- Lying

**A: All of those things at once!**

– Tehila Gimpel





The Hamas terrorists removed the spare tires from cars on the kibbutz, lit them on fire, and rolled them into houses in order to burn families alive.

# At least 40 babies, some beheaded, found by Israel soldiers in Hamas-attacked village

IDF Maj Gen Itai Veruv described scene in Kfar Aza as 'a massacre'

By **Lawrence Richard** · Fox News

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# Children found ‘butchered’ in Israeli kibbutz, IDF says, as horror of Hamas’ attacks near border begins to emerge

By Muhammad Darwish, [Nic Robertson](#), [Artemis Moshtaghian](#), Amir Tal, Ivana Kottasová and Sana Noor Haq, CNN

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**Kfar Aza, Israel (CNN)** — Bodies of Israeli residents and [Hamas](#) attackers lay outside burned-out homes in the Israeli kibbutz Kfar Aza on Tuesday, days after the Palestinian militant group launched a [large-scale surprise assault](#) on Israel.

Hamas sent waves of heavily armed fighters pouring across the border from Gaza and rampaging through rural communities – Israel said it found 1,500 bodies of militants in the aftermath of the assault.

Houses in Kfar Aza were ransacked and set ablaze. Overturned mattresses, destroyed furniture, broken trinkets and unexploded grenades lay strewn across the grounds, along with bodies – a window into the scale of devastation wrought by Hamas in this area.

“I’ve never seen anything like this in my career, never in 40 years of service this something I never imagined,” Maj. Gen. Itai Veruv told CNN on Tuesday, just a few hours after Israeli troops secured the kibbutz from Hamas assailants.





# SWORDS OF IRON ISRAEL AT WAR

## Decapitation and burning: IDF officer Col. Golan Vach describes horrors of Hamass massacre

**Col. Golan Vach, who is directing search and rescue operations in southern Israel, describes the atrocities committed by Hamas forces.**



Yoni Kempinski

Oct 22, 2023 at 2:56 PM (GMT+3)



Hamas

IDF Search And Rescue Unit

Swords of Iron

Arutz Sheva - Israel National News joined IDF Col. Golan Vach, commander of search and rescue operations in southern Israel, as he spoke with a group of MKs and ambassadors who came to visit the terror-stricken communities in southern Israel.

"The music festival was the most difficult scene I've witnessed in my life," he commented. I've had twenty years of natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes. I was a combat officer in Lebanon and in Hebron. I've seen everything, and this was something else. They had one goal - not to massacre, but to humiliate."

"They gathered young boys in lines and shot them. They raped some of the girls who came to the music festival. Some of the young people were gathered together and burned. We found the remains, and didn't understand what they were at first- we thought perhaps there had been an accident. Then we started searching for the missing, and we saw fire. We said 'Wait, maybe there are people in the fire'. There were twelve people burning. I looked up and saw more fires, and realized that we should just follow the fire. We burned our shoes trying to get them all out. We had to hurry because, in just a few hours like that, there would have been no remains left. I have horrific videos of that."

"Some people say we made it up. I don't know what kind of person could say that. More than a hundred and twenty young people were collected and burned in the music festival, and two hundred fifty people in total were murdered. They took people out of their houses and killed them. There was a decapitated soldier. Some people asked me 'Is it true?' I tell them, 'I carried him, from this very spot.' I don't know anyone besides ISIS who decapitated people and took the head - we didn't find the head. It's both torture and humiliation, that you can't be identified by your face."

"I cannot express in words the feelings of a Jewish soldier who came to Israel who came to defend the state of Israel, and finds himself collecting the burned bones of his own brothers and sisters."



A testimony of a rescue worker on Israeli TV: "We found a pile of 20 children handcuffed, shot, that the terrorists put in one pile and set them on fire."

Full blown holocaust.



**Trey Yingst**  @TreyYingst · 6h ...

Imagine the worst things possible that can be done to humans.

Hamas did all of that and more to Israeli civilians. Babies beheaded. People burned alive in their homes. Women raped and dragged through the streets.

Don't look away.



Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the **thoughts [plans]** of **his heart** was only evil continually.

Genesis 6:5

\*Would people really **plan** to do evil?

# ‘Kill the difficult ones’: Hamas’s hostage-taking handbook reveals secrets of terror-raid planning

Terrorists issued with step-by-step guide on how to commit maximum carnage, including targeting infants

*By* Joe Barnes

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# Inside Hamas' hostage handbook: 'They were expecting to kill people'

Smerconish



Hamas' 'hostage-taking handbook' recovered by the Israeli army detailed plans for the 10/7 attack, according to Atlantic Staff Writer Graeme Wood, who has read it. Wood told CNN's Michael Smerconish, "There are times when...terrorists in the field are more violent than they expected to be. But this manual says it in black and white...they were expecting to kill people."

06:22 - Source: CNN

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2023/10/21/smr-inside-hamas-hostage-handbook.cnn#:~:text=Hamas%20'hostage%2Dtaking%20handbook,Wood%2C%20who%20has%20read%20it>

# Israel releases 'hostage manual' found on bodies of Hamas fighters which instructs the gunmen to 'kill the problematic' to create chaos as well as 'violence and terrorism'

- Israel says 203 innocent people have been kidnapped and taken back to Gaza

By SAM GREENHILL, CHIEF REPORTER IN ASHKELON

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With instructions such as 'kill the problematic ones', a hostage-taking manual found on **Hamas** gunmen makes for bone-chilling reading.

It is a detailed eight-page 'how to' guide for snatch squads who stormed **Israeli** settlements to kill and abduct the residents.

Urging the terrorists to 'create chaos', the directions are spread over eight chapters which have titles such as 'Isolation and control' and 'Camouflage and hiding'.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12654541/Israel-releases-hostage-manual-Hamas-fighters-instructs-gunmen.html>



## Scoop: Israel says it found Hamas files with instructions for making cyanide-based weapon



Barak Ravid



An armed member of the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades. Photo: Yousef Masoud/SOPA Images/LightRocket via Getty Images

The Israeli military found a USB key with instructions for the production of a "cyanide dispersion device" on the body of a [Hamas operative](#) who participated in the [Oct. 7 terrorist attack](#), according to two Israeli officials and a copy of a classified Israeli Foreign Ministry cable obtained by Axios.

The Israeli military found a USB key with instructions for the production of a "cyanide dispersion device" on the body of a Hamas operative who participated in the Oct. 7 terrorist attack, according to two Israeli officials. Israeli intelligence traced the origin of the document to a 2003 Al-Qaeda manual. "This finding points to an intention by Hamas to use chemical weapons as part of its terror attack against civilians," the cable alleges. The Israeli Foreign Ministry in the cable instructed its diplomats to tell their counterparts that Hamas wants "to conduct attacks in a similar way that ISIS tried to do." Several of these documents, which were classified by Hamas as "Top Secret," allegedly included operational plans for attacking Israeli villages and military bases near the border with explicit orders to kill as many people as possible and take hostages back to Gaza.

Jesus explained prophetically about the condition of the human race at the time of His Second Coming...

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. **For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.**”

Matthew 24:36-37



## Hamas Chief: Israel is Only the First Target

It's not just about killing every last Jew on the planet. No, the fanatical True Believers of Hamas aim at nothing less than creating a world where Islam dominates everywhere, and everywhere, Muslims rule.

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Mahmoud al-Zahar is the chief political guide of Hamas. He doesn't mince words about the goal of the terror group. It's not just to destroy Israel and to replace it with a Palestinian state "from the river to the sea." It's not just about killing every last Jew on the planet. No, the fanatical True Believers of Hamas aim at nothing less than creating a world where Islam dominates everywhere, and everywhere, Muslims rule.

Footage of senior Hamas official Mahmoud al-Zahar calling for world domination has resurfaced online.

"We believe in what our Prophet Muhammad said: "Allah drew the ends of the world near one another for my sake, and I have seen its eastern and western ends. The dominion of my nation would reach those ends that have been drawn near me," Zahar said in the video that was published on MEMRI TV in December of 2022.

**"The entire 510 million square kilometers of Planet Earth will come under [a system] where there is no injustice, no oppression, no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity and no killings and crimes like those being committed against the Palestinians, and against the Arabs in all the Arab countries, in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and other countries," he said.**

What does that mean? **In this brave new world ruled by and for Muslims, there will be no place for Israel, but no place, either, for America, or France, or the U.K., or Italy, or Germany, or India, or Brazil.** The entire planet will fall under the reign of Islam. One vast Dar al-Islam will cover the globe, and apparently there will not even be room for the most cringing of dhimmis to exist, making Al-Zahar's hallucinatory goal far worse for non-Muslims than what they have heretofore endured under Muslim rule.

They will no longer have the possibility of surviving as dhimmis, no matter how wretched; their only alternatives will be immediate conversion or death. In the glorious Islamic future that Al-Zahar is certain will come, there will be no place for other religions. There will be "no Zionism [i.e. Judaism]" and "no treacherous Christianity."

To repeat: Mahmoud Al-Zahar, one of the co-founders of Hamas in 1987, and the most senior Hamas official still living in Gaza, has a goal that should alarm all non-Muslims. That goal, to repeat, is this:

**"The entire 510 million square kilometers of Planet Earth will come under [a system] where there is no injustice, no oppression, no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity."**

**When Israeli troops finally enter Gaza to wipe out Hamas, they will be wiping out people who have fun as they decapitate babies and children, burn families alive in their houses, rape and murder young girls whose bodies they gleefully display on the back of trucks,** posting photographs of an elderly lady's corpse on Facebook so her relatives can see. The mutilations of bodies — the pulling out of entrails, the eyes gouged out, the genitals cut off and pushed into the mouths of the dead — these things Hamas has done, but the Israelis who saw the evidence haven't been able to bring themselves to discuss publicly. This is Hamas, intent on removing from the earth all Jews and Christians, leaving the entire world to those whom Oriana Fallaci contemptuously described as the "sons of Allah."

The next time a Hamas spokesman, his voice breaking with feigned despair at those terrible Israelis who for no reason at all are dropping bombs in Gaza, explains on radio or television that Hamas only wants to "free our people from the open-air prison we have been living in for more than 50 years," be ready to remind him, and the too-gullible members of his audience, what Hamas' co-founder set out just last December as the terror group's objectives. That should provide a salutary shock for those who until now have been unaware of what Hamas intends to do, and what jihad means, and why, alas, that worldwide jihad will never end.

Source - Frontpage Mag/Hugh Fitzgerald

Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 6:22

\*For 120 years, Noah quietly trusted God and spoke the truth. He built the ark, obeying the Lord in the midst of ridicule from an evil generation.

– Tehila Gimpel



This week's Torah Portion (a reading calendar developed around 600 BC) teaches us that the human race was repopulated after the Flood and every person will be on one side or the other... the side of the righteous and blameless (like Noah) or the side of the evil and violent (like Hamas). – Tehila Gimpel

Followers of Jesus, where will you stand?

# Now is the Time to Make a Choice

- For followers of Jesus watching the tragic news, what will we say?
- For followers of Jesus who know and believe God's Word, how can we discern truth from lies?
- For followers of Jesus who recognize light and darkness, where will we stand?
- For followers of Jesus who understand God's covenant, what will we pray?
- For followers of Jesus, now is the time to make a choice.

# Let's pray Psalm 20 together

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you securely on high! May He send you help from the sanctuary and support you from Zion! May He remember all your meal offerings and find your burnt offering acceptable! May He grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your counsel! We will sing for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions. Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. Some boast in chariots and some in horses, but we will boast in the name of the Lord, our God. They have bowed down and fallen, but we have risen and stood upright. Save, O Lord; may the King answer us in the day we call.