

Update - Day 37

IDF facilitating evacuation from hospitals in northern Gaza

IDF ramps up pressure on Hamas, responds to Lebanon anti-tank fire



IDF makes progress in Gaza, killing 150 Hamas terrorists in one battle

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6 civilians wounded, 1 critically, in anti-tank missile attack from Lebanon



IDF: No siege at Shifa Hospital, we'll help move babies to safety; 5 soldiers killed

By EMANUEL FABIAN and TOI STAFF

ON DAY 37

As victims and families are suffering in Israel right now...

As the world's media condemns the country who was attacked...

As the world's governmental leaders advocate for mercy and restraint be shown to the terrorists...

As the world's religious leaders, including many Christians, tell Israelis (and Jews worldwide) that it is time to forget and move on...

What should followers of Jesus, in a time such as this, think and do right now?

Book of Esther

FOR SUCH A
TIME

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וְשֵׁשׁ שָׁבָע וְשֵׁשׁ רִים וּמֵאָה מֵדִינָה
בְּשִׁבְתָּם

Now it took place in the days of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus [Achashverosh] who reigned from India to Ethiopia over 127 provinces, in those days as King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne which was at the citadel in Susa Esther 1:1-2

King Ahasuerus also identified as Xerxes I who ruled over the Persian Empire from 485-464 BC. The events associated with Purim, and recorded in the Book of Esther, took place in the Persian Empire during the 5th century B.C. King Xerxes the Great (also called Ahasuerus in the Hebrew language) ruled over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, from the border of India to Ethiopia. His empire included modern-day Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Turkey, Libya, Egypt, and Sudan.

in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his princes and attendants, the army officers of Persia and Media, the nobles and the princes of his provinces being in his presence. And he displayed the riches of his royal glory and the splendor of his great majesty for many days, 180 days. When these days were completed, the king gave a banquet lasting seven days for all the people who were present at the citadel in Susa, from the greatest to the least, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. Esther 1:3-5

On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus, to bring Queen Vashti before the king with her royal crown in order to display her beauty to the people and the princes, for she was beautiful. But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command delivered by the eunuchs. Then the king became very angry and his wrath burned within him. Esther 1:10-12

In the presence of the king and the princes, Memucan said, “Queen Vashti has wronged not only the king but also all the princes and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. For the queen’s conduct will become known to all the women causing them to look with contempt on their husbands by saying, ‘King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in to his presence, but she did not come.’ This day the ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen’s conduct will speak in the same way to all the king’s princes, and there will be plenty of contempt and anger. If it pleases the king, let a royal edict be issued by him and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media so that it cannot be repealed, that Vashti may no longer come into the presence of King Ahasuerus, and let the king give her royal position to another who is more worthy than she.” Esther 1:16-19

After these things when the anger of King Ahasuerus had subsided, he remembered Vashti and what she had done and what had been decreed against her. Then the king's attendants, who served him, said, "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king. Let the king appoint overseers in all the provinces of his kingdom that they may gather every beautiful young virgin to the citadel of Susa, to the harem, into the custody of Hegai, the king's eunuch, who is in charge of the women; and let their cosmetics be given them. Then let the young lady who pleases the king be queen in place of Vashti." And the matter pleased the king, and he did accordingly. Esther 2:1-4

Now there was at the citadel in Susa a Jew whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite, who had been taken into exile from Jerusalem with the captives who had been exiled with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled. He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had no father or mother. Now the young lady was beautiful of form and face, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter. Esther 2:5-7

- Hadassah is Hebrew for “myrtle.” Esther is a Persian name related to the “morning star.”

So it came about when the command and decree of the king were heard and many young ladies were gathered to the citadel of Susa into the custody of Hegai, that Esther was taken to the king's palace into the custody of Hegai, who was in charge of the women. Now the young lady pleased him and found favor with him. So he quickly provided her with her cosmetics and food, gave her seven choice maids from the king's palace and transferred her and her maids to the best place in the harem. Esther did not make known her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make them known. Every day Mordecai walked back and forth in front of the court of the harem to learn how Esther was and how she fared. Esther 2:8-11

Jewish kids told to hide identity in UK as antisemitic incidents skyrocket: Report

OCTOBER 12, 2023

<https://americanmilitarynews.com/2023/10/jewish-kids-told-to-hide-identity-in-uk-as-antisemitic-incidents-skyrocket-report/>

Amid Rising Antisemitism, Israel Calls on Citizens Abroad to Downplay Public Signs of 'Jewish or Israeli Identity'

Israel's Foreign Ministry recommends citizens postpone travel to countries with travel warnings; asks to avoid externalizing Israeli and Jewish symbols, find out the phone numbers of emergency services, and stay away from demonstrations

NOVEMBER 3, 2023

<https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/2023-11-03/ty-article/as-antisemitism-rises-israel-tells-citizens-abroad-to-downplay-jewish-or-israeli-identity/0000018b-95c4-d8a6-a38b-dfd7bc6c0000>

Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai who had taken her as his daughter, came to go in to the king, she did not request anything except what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the women, advised. **And Esther found favor in the eyes of all who saw her.** So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus to his royal palace in the tenth month which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. **The king loved Esther more than all the women, and she found favor and kindness with him more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.** Esther 2:15-17

After these events King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and established his authority over all the princes who were with him. All the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman; for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage. Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why are you transgressing the king's command?" Now it was when they had spoken daily to him and he would not listen to them, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew. Esther 3:1-4

When Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage to him, Haman was filled with rage. But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him who the people of Mordecai were; therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus. Esther 3:5-6

What did Hamas do?

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Testimony of Hamas massacre survivors compiled from social media posts on new website

With support from the Shoah Foundation, virtual repository October7.org documents eyewitness accounts of the Hamas atrocities and translates them into four languages and counting

By MATI WAGNER | 8 November 2023, 6:21 pm | 3

Some 3,000 terrorists breached the Gaza border on October 7 and slaughtered over 1,200 people — mainly civilians, many entire families — as they rampaged through communities in southern Israel, including at the Supernova rave outside Kibbutz Re'im that saw 260 partygoers slaughtered by gunmen on motorcycles. They also abducted over 240 people to the Strip, including at least 30 children. The testimonies are heart-wrenching and chilling, like this one from Naama G.: "I had been bleeding and playing dead under garbage bags for over 30 minutes, but knew I had to use every last bit of strength to crawl between the dead bodies." Or this from Ido M.: "They had this gleeful, happy look as they slaughtered innocent people."

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/testimony-of-hamas-massacre-survivors-compiled-from-social-media-posts-on-new-website/>

In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, Pur, that is the lot, was cast before Haman from day to day and from month to month, until the twelfth month, that is the month Adar. Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, “**There is a certain people** scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of all other people and they do not observe the king’s laws, so **it is not in the king’s interest to let them remain.**” Esther 3:7-8



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“If it is pleasing to the king, **let it be decreed that they be destroyed**, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who carry on the king’s business, to put into the king’s treasuries.” Then the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. The king said to Haman, “The silver is yours, and the people also, to do with them as you please.” Esther 3:9-11

WATCH: Palestinian grandmother: Killing Jews is my wish for children and grandchildren

Palestinian grandmother on Hamas TV says Jihad against Jews is the top priority of the Palestinian people.

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In order to do this, she threatens to sacrifice all her 17 children and all her 65 grandchildren as suicide bombers (martyrs) in order to ethnically cleanse the Jews from the Land of Israel and turn it into a Palestinian Islamic-state.

Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces to destroy, to kill and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to seize their possessions as plunder. A copy of the edict to be issued as law in every province was published to all the peoples so that they should be ready for this day. The couriers went out impelled by the king's command while the decree was issued at the citadel in Susa; and while the king and Haman sat down to drink, the city of Susa was in confusion. Esther 3:12-15

Israel shows world media harrowing footage of Hamas attack to 'get message across'

Paris embassy official says video of massacres committed by terrorists has been screened for select groups in over 30 countries, helping dispel claims atrocities didn't happen

By AFP and TOI STAFF

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- The devastating attack by the Palestinian terror group on Israel on October 7 killed 1,200 people, 1,000 of them civilians. Some 3,000 Hamas-led terrorists burst through the Gaza border and rampaged through southern areas for hours. Entire families were butchered together, in some cases burned alive in their homes. People were executed, women raped, and innumerable victims tortured in acts of monstrous brutality. At an outdoor music festival, 260 people were gunned down. At least 240 people of all ages — from babies to the elderly — were abducted to Gaza, where they remain captive.
- It was the worst attack on Israel since its 1948 founding and the worst single-day killing of Jewish people since the Holocaust.

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city and wailed loudly and bitterly. He went as far as the king's gate, for no one was to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth. In each and every province where the command and decree of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing; and many lay on sackcloth and ashes. Then Esther's maidens and her eunuchs came and told her, and the queen writhed in great anguish. And she sent garments to clothe Mordecai that he might remove his sackcloth from him, but he did not accept them. Esther 4:1-4

Then Esther summoned Hathach from the king's eunuchs, whom the king had appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was. So Hathach went out to Mordecai to the city square in front of the king's gate. Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact amount of money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict which had been issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show Esther and inform her, and to order her to go in to the king to implore his favor and to plead with him for her people. Esther 4:5-8



Unraveling a Complex Web: A primer on Hamas funding sources, Iranian support, global connections and compliance concerns, considerations

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Iran has spent billions of dollars, according to government estimates, to arm, train and fund groups like Hamas, Hezbollah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and others as proxies and fulcrum in its foreign and regional geopolitical policy goals – and to generally destabilize the Middle East and prevent peace among its warring factions. “Not only did the Hamas attack come straight out of the Hezbollah playbook, but **Iran has funded, trained, and armed both Hamas and Hezbollah for decades, investing billions of dollars over time in these groups in support of their terrorist activities,**” wrote one speaker at a congressional hearing on terror funding. Ultimately, Iran is fundamentally complicit in Hamas and Hezbollah’s terrorist acts.” U.S. and Israeli officials estimate that Iran provides Hamas \$70 million to \$100 million a year, according to a congressional report. Prior to the Hamas massacre, the group was likely able to raise \$300 million – to \$400 million or more a year through taxation, extortion, border control, and other means related to controlling the territory of the Gaza Strip.

Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther,
“Do not imagine that you in the king’s palace can
escape any more than all the Jews.” Esther 4:13



<https://www.cnn.com/2023/11/04/world/an-existential-threat-antisemitic-attacks-soar-across-europe-amid-israel-hamas-war/index.html>



<https://www.reuters.com/world/how-surge-antisemitism-is-affecting-countries-around-world-2023-10-31/>



<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/rising-antisemitism-hamas-terror-attack-israel-part-preexisting/story?id=104509668>

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14

As followers of Jesus who understand God’s Word and who recognize what is happening in our world...

- *Will we choose to remain silent?

- *Will we be pressured or shamed into remaining silent?



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OPINION

Jews will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends

By Karol Markowicz

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Many American Jews have felt alienated in the days following Hamas' attack on Israel.

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ISRAEL & THE MIDDLE EAST

Why Are All of You Silent?

A few years back you were a bunch of activists. Now Jews are being murdered in cold blood and you haven't said a word.

BY ANI WILCENSKI AND ISAAC DE CASTRO

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Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, “Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and **fast for me**; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; **and if I perish, I perish.**” So Mordecai went away and did just as Esther had commanded him. Esther 4:15-17

*How far am I willing to go to do what is right?

Believing Israeli accounts of Oct. 7 makes you a 'war criminal,' ex-UK MP says

Former MP George Galloway claimed that only one baby was killed on October 7 and there was no evidence that it was Hamas terrorists that committed the murder.

By DANIELLE GREYMAN-KENNARD
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George Galloway
(photo credit: REUTERS)

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Former UK member of Parliament George Galloway posted denials of the October 7 atrocities. **The post alleged that Hamas terrorists never committed rape, only one baby had been killed “by persons unknown” and that anyone stating the contrary is a “war criminal.”** “The foul allegations of rape have been dropped by the Israeli government,” Galloway said. “The forty beheaded babies has been downscaled to one dead baby, not beheaded, and killed by persons unknown. Two thirds of Israelis killed on October 7 were military personnel. The killers of the remaining third are definitely to revealed to have been in part the Israeli Armed Forces themselves. Those with influence who spread propaganda to the contrary stand exposed as War Criminals and now much blood stains their character for ever.”

Then Queen Esther replied, “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request; **for we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated.** Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent, for the trouble would not be commensurate with the annoyance to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus asked Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who would presume to do thus?” Esther said, **“A foe and an enemy is this wicked Haman!”** Then Haman became terrified before the king and queen.

Esther 7:3-6

The king arose in his anger from drinking wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm had been determined against him by the king. Now when the king returned from the palace garden into the place where they were drinking wine, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, "Will he even assault the queen with me in the house?" As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who were before the king said, "Behold indeed, the gallows standing at Haman's house fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai who spoke good on behalf of the king!" And the king said, "Hang him on it." So they hanged Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai, and the king's anger subsided. Esther 7:7-10

Then she said, “If it pleases the king and if I have found favor before him and the matter seems proper to the king and I am pleasing in his sight, let it be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king’s provinces. **For how can I endure to see the calamity which will befall my people, and how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?**” So King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, “Behold, I have given the house of Haman to Esther, and him they have hanged on the gallows because he had stretched out his hands against the Jews.” Esther 8:5-7

He wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's signet ring, and sent letters by couriers on horses, riding on steeds sired by the royal stud. **In them the king granted the Jews who were in each and every city the right to assemble and to defend their lives, to destroy, to kill and to annihilate the entire army of any people or province which might attack them, including children and women, and to plunder their spoil, on one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar). A copy of the edict to be issued as law in each and every province was published to all the peoples, so that the Jews would be ready for this day to avenge themselves on their enemies.** Esther 8:10-13

Israeli Official Says Goal Is to Kill Hamas Commanders

By Dov Lieber

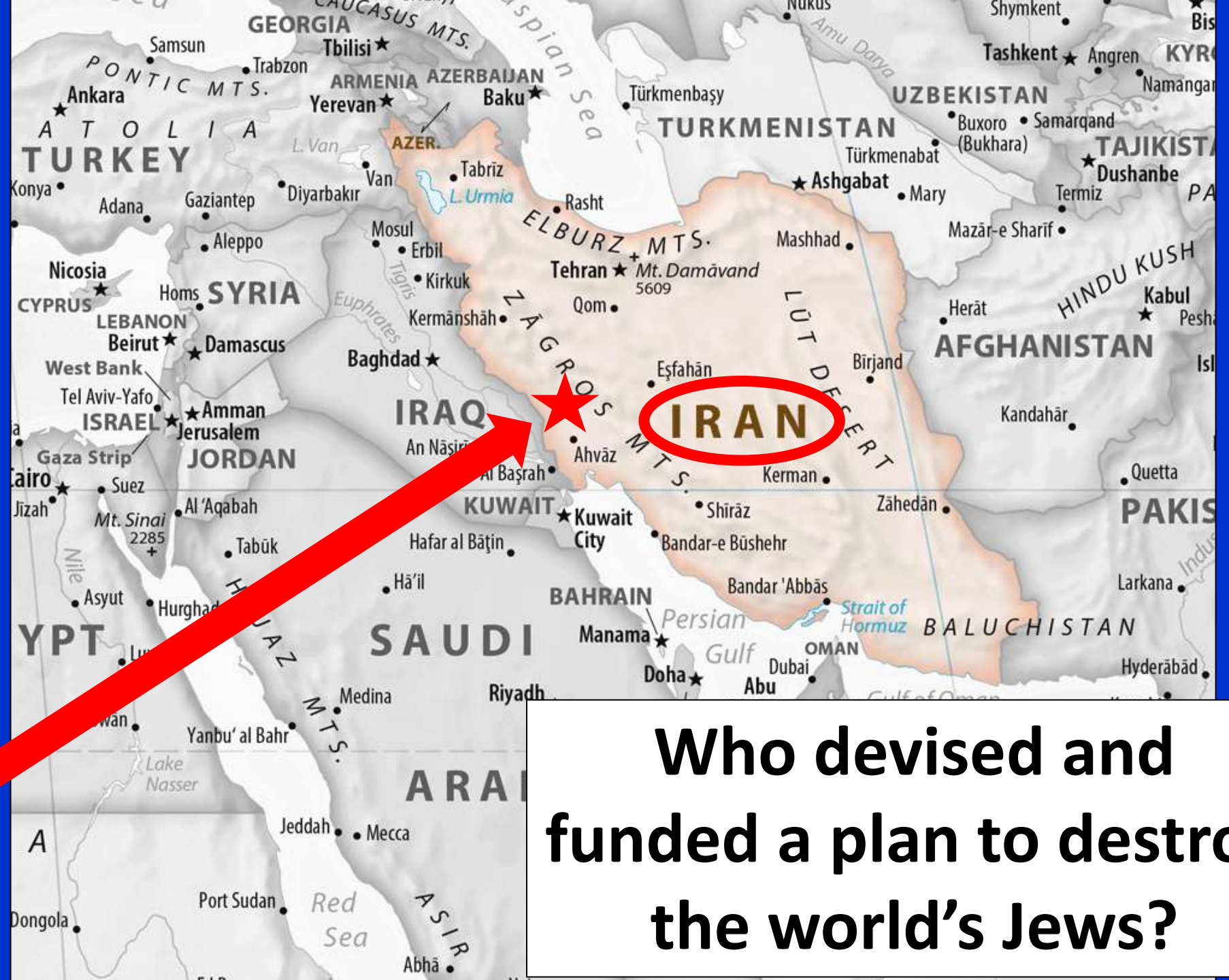
A senior Israeli security official said the military's goal was to destroy Hamas' command structure in Gaza City. But doing so will require difficult decisions about whether to strike hospitals and other civilian structures and about fighting inside an underground tunnel system where Israel contends many Hamas' senior members--and possibly hostages--are located. **The official said that once the military had killed Hamas's commanders, the group's rank and file would pose less of a threat and could be defeated as the conflict evolves from the heavy-combat phase to one of lower intensity.** Although some Israeli officials believe that the defeat of Hamas could take as long as a year, the senior security official said military officials are increasingly concerned that Israel's government is likely to face growing pressure even from the U.S. to curtail combat before its war aims are accomplished.

Indeed, Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for the man Mordecai became greater and greater. Thus **the Jews struck all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying**; and they did what they pleased to those who hated them. At the citadel in Susa the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men, and Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai and Vaizatha, the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy; but they did not lay their hands on the plunder. Esther 9:4-10

Therefore they called these days Purim פורים after the name of Pur. And because of the instructions in this letter, both what they had seen in this regard and what had happened to them, the Jews established and made a custom for themselves and for their descendants **and for all those who allied themselves with them**, so that they would not fail to celebrate these two days according to their regulation and according to their appointed time annually. So these days were to be remembered and celebrated throughout every generation, every family, every province and every city; and these days of Purim were not to fail from among the Jews, or their memory fade from their descendants. Esther 9:26-28

Where did
the story of
Esther,
Mordecai
and Haman
take place?

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Who devised and
funded a plan to destroy
the world's Jews?

Who supports Hamas?

While its origins are with the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas has reportedly been funded, armed, and trained by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) since the early 1990s. Hamas even opened an office in Tehran in the 1990s. Despite its longstanding ties with Tehran, the Palestinian terror group has had a rocky relationship with the Islamic Republic in recent years. In 2012, Iran cut off funding to Hamas after it refused to support the al-Assad regime in the Syrian Civil War.

But Iran **resumed** financial assistance to Hamas in 2017. "Relations with Iran are excellent, and Iran is the largest supporter of the Izz ad-Din al Qassam Brigades [Hamas's military wing] with money and arms," Yahya Sinwar, a senior Hamas military leader, said in 2017. In 2020, the **U.S. State Department reported** that Iran had provided more than \$100 million annually to Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

What You Need to Know About the Iran-backed Terror Group Hamas and its Attack on Israel

Hamas has used Iranian support to launch several wars against Israel from its base in Gaza, including in 2008, 2009, 2014, and 2021. In each of those attacks, thousands of rockets were fired by terror organizations toward Israeli population centers. In total, dozens of civilians have been murdered via rocket attacks, resulting in dozens of civilian deaths. Hamas has also used Iranian know-how to help build its extensive network of tunnels throughout the Gaza Strip and underneath the Israel-Gaza border to conceal weapons and kidnap Israeli civilians. Hamas continues to develop itself militarily, for instance, launching a commando navy unit that became operational in recent years. Hamas also is currently holding four Israelis in Gaza - the bodies of two Israeli soldiers who were killed in 2014, and two civilians who crossed the border.

According to a **report** in the *Wall Street Journal*, Iran's IRGC helped Hamas planned the attacks on Israel and green-lit them in a meeting in Beirut, Lebanon last week.

Gilad Erdan, the Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, said: "We know that there were meetings in Syria and in Lebanon with other leaders of the terror armies that surround Israel so obviously it's easy to understand that they tried to coordinate. The proxies of Iran in our region, they tried to be coordinated as much as possible with Iran."

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Ewen MacAskill and Chris McGreal *in Jerusalem*

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Israel should be wiped off map, says Iran's president

Iran's new president created a sense of outrage in the west yesterday by describing **Israel** as a "disgraceful blot" that should be "wiped off the face of the earth". Mahmoud Ahmadinejad who is more hardline than his predecessor, told students in Tehran that a new wave of Palestinian attacks would be enough to finish off Israel.

The populist leader's comments [See footnote], reported by the state-run media, come at a time when Tehran is under pressure over its suspect nuclear weapons ambitions and alleged involvement in attacks on British troops in Iraq.

He said: "Anybody who recognises Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic nation's fury, [while] any [Islamic leader] who recognises the Zionist regime means he is acknowledging the surrender and defeat of the Islamic world." He was addressing a conference titled The World Without Zionism.

When Iran Says ‘Death to Israel,’ It Means It

Analysts too often assume that autocrats obscure the goals they wish to achieve. The historical record suggests that we should take them at face value.

The Atlantic

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By Behnam Ben Taleblu

The Islamic Republic emblazons death to Israel on banners in official processions, fires ballistic missiles against targets shaped like the Star of David, displays and flight-tests ballistic missiles with genocidal slogans against Israel in Hebrew, struck a mock-up of Israel’s nuclear reactor with drones and ballistic missiles in a military drill, and denigrates Israeli and American icons in military parades. Some Iranian media outlets have even taken to calling the country’s medium-range ballistic missiles—all of which surpass known weight/range thresholds to be classified as strategic or nuclear-capable platforms—“Israel-hitting missiles” referring to the upper range of these projectiles, which is about the distance between Iran and Israel.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/07/joe-biden-middle-east-israel-iran/670530/>

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Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi called Israel a “savage power” and insisted his country’s nuclear program is peaceful in a speech to the United Nations General Assembly. “The region has not seen an occupying savage power such as the Zionist

regime in its midst in the past. The killing of children and women are present in the dark report card of the Zionist regime. It has managed to form the biggest prison in the world in Gaza and the expansion of settlements and housing illegally on Palestinian territories. The killing of Palestinian women and children shows everyone that seven decades of Israeli occupation and savagery is still with us and not ending,” the Iranian president added. “The occupying Zionist power that has occupied Jerusalem and other lands in the region cannot be a partner for security and stability.”

DID YOU KNOW?

- Haman is hanged at the end of chapter 7. There are 3 chapters left, and we would think now that he's gone, he's gone. We don't need to worry about him and his wicked ways. Truth is, after Haman is gone, his name is mentioned another DOZEN times. We can learn from this that even after despicable despots and dictators and tyrants are long gone, their evil lingers way beyond them. The seeds they sowed don't go with them to the grave, rather, they take root and blossom in other places and other ways. So it was with Haman, that his evil didn't disappear with the noose.
- Esther's name is mentioned 54 times. Haman's name is mentioned 54. The letters of Haman's son's names total 54. See how the goodness and faith of one person can undo the evil and destruction of many others.



**Is God calling YOU to stand
for truth and righteousness
in today's culture?**

- **Do you know Jesus (Yeshua) as the Savior of your life?**
- **Do you know that following Yeshua involves speaking truth and standing for truth?**
- **Do you know that following Yeshua involves speaking for His people and standing for His people?**

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.