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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

March 5, 2026

Operation Epic Fury/Roaring Lion, Jeremiah 49 and another Blood Moon

This last Tuesday morning after I woke up, I walked outside to observe the blood moon or total lunar eclipse that was very visible in the eastern sky. One of the interesting things about blood moons is how their appearance has coincided with significant historical events related to the Jewish people or the nation of Israel . For example, the Fall of Constantinople in 1453, the Spanish expulsion of the Jews in 1492, Lawrence of Arabia's Raid in 1917, the birth of Israel and the Six-Day War all coincided with the appearance of blood moons.



Jesus spoke numerous times about there being signs in the heavens prior to his return. Which raises the question of a possible connection with the blood moon of March 3 and the U.S. Operation Epic Fury and Israel's Operation Roaring Lion. Shortly after these attacks over the weekend, I was listening to a podcast where teacher Joel Rosenberg questioned whether an Old Testament prophecy about the last days

could be connected to events that we are currently seeing unfold with this attack from the U.S. and Israel against Iran.

In Jeremiah 49:34-39 there is a prophecy about the nation called Elam which scholars identify as modern-day Iran. Here is what Jeremiah wrote beginning in chapter 49 verse 35:

“This is what the Lord Almighty says; “See, I will break the bow of Elam, the mainstay of their might. I will shatter Elam before their foes before those who want to kill them; I will bring disaster on them, even my fierce anger, quote declares the Lord. I will pursue them with the sword until I have made an end of them. I will set them my throne in Elam and destroyed her king and officials, declares the Lord.” Jeremiah 49:35,37-38.

While the U.S. is calling this attack Operation Epic Fury, it was over 200 Israeli jets that were involved in their Operation Roaring Lion that resulted in the death of Ayatollah Khamenei and the other 48 officials who died along with him. There are more parts of this prophecy that are connected to Iran over the last 47 years, but I'm not going to detail that in this article.

What is most interesting is that at the end of this prophecy the LORD says, “Yet, in the last days, I will restore the fortunes of Elam” and “I will set my throne in Elam.” If this prophecy of Jeremiah 49 is related to what we are currently seeing take place in Iran, could it be that God is at work to dramatically turn this nation toward faith in Christ? Christianity has been rapidly increasing in this nation in the last decade despite intense persecution.

Regardless of what unfolds in the coming weeks, we need to not only pray for our U.S. troops and Israeli troops, but especially the Christians of Iran and all the people of Iran. They are experiencing great hope because of recent events, but the choice of leadership to guide them into the future is critical. I'm hoping that Jeremiah 49 is related to current events and that there is hope and help from heaven spoken through this great prophet over 2,600 years ago. Time will tell.

Blessings,
Pastor John



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 8
"The Middle East Mystery"

There have been several times when current world events cause me to set aside a Sunday in a sermon series and address something that is taking place in our world. This is one of those Sundays. The joint efforts of Operation Epic Fury and Operation Roaring Lion have been headlining news ever since last Saturday. What is interesting and I find encouraging is there are connections to this conflict and the timing of this event found in a number of Scriptures in the Old Testament. This Sunday we will look at what the Scriptures might possibly be communicating about this contemporary conflict in our world today.

**MISSIONARY S.E. COLEMAN JOINS
US IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Our missionary S.E. Coleman will be joining us in worship this Sunday, March 8 to give us an update on her missionary work and outreach ministries. S.E. serves in Guatemala and Uganda and is one of our three missionaries that we are supporting who serve outside the United States.





**BUILDING UPDATE:
Change in Grand Opening Plans**

As I mentioned last Sunday in the worship service, we are not going to be having our Grand Opening on Easter Sunday as was first projected. We have not yet set another date at this moment but will do so once we have assurance of more precise timing of completion. We regret the disappointing news; however, in the process of making sure construction is done well, we are having to make adjustments and long-term improvements in this process. Please keep up the prayers for all those who are working on this renovation.



**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
Thursday, April 2**

Please join us for our Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 PM at the Sheraton ABQ Uptown.

Fellowship Luncheon @ Sheraton Uptown

Sunday, March 29
11:30 AM



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON FOR MARCH

Our next Fellowship Luncheon is coming up on Sunday, March 29. It will be held at the Sheraton Uptown at 11:30 AM, after our worship service. Menu options will be available soon.

2nd & 4th
Tuesdays, 7 AM

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**
@ Sunnyside Up



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men's Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 AM at Sunnyside Up (6909 Menaul Blvd NE). All are welcome!

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Our monthly Women's Fellowship Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, March 10 at 9:00 AM at Dave's High Desert Grill (5200 Eubank Blvd NE). Reservations are helpful but not required. Please email Linda Hess [here](#).

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THERE'S A LIFE GROUP FOR YOU!

Sandia Fellowship has several LIFE Groups regularly meeting in homes throughout Albuquerque, as well as two that meet in local restaurants:

Tramway Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact: **Ed Boucheron**

Northeast Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact: **Tim Ownbey**

Women's Group: This LIFE Group meets every second and fourth Saturday at 10:00 AM at the church offices (2609 Texas St NE). Contact: **Lindy Rech**

Foothills Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 PM. Contact: **Jim Turner**

“The Story” Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Monday from 12:00-1:00 PM at the church offices. Contact: **Pastor John**

“The Chosen” Interactive Bible Study Group: This LIFE Group meets seasonally using an interactive guide that follows along with the popular TV series. The group meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM at the church offices (2609 Texas St NE). Contact: **Gina Rivera**

Men's Breakfast: This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 AM at Sunnyside Up (6909 Menaul Blvd). Contact: **Ed Boucheron**

Women's Breakfast: This group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM at Dave's High Desert Grill (5200 Eubank Blvd). Contact: **Linda Hess**

All of these groups welcome new members! If you're interested in information about any of these, please contact the person listed or send an email to the church **here**.

Visit our **LIFE Groups page** on our website to learn more!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Have you visited our website lately? There's always fresh content being added: announcements and church news, current sermons as well as past sermon series, weekly newsletters, and more.

You can also submit a prayer request, learn about our various Life Groups, read about the missionaries and outreaches we support, set up online giving, learn more about the mission and vision of Sandia Fellowship as well as the Global Methodist Church, and so much more!

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www.sandiagmc.org



SEND US YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS!

Sandia Fellowship has a dedicated Prayer Ministry that intercedes weekly for various needs and requests. The Apostle Paul wrote, "**Do not be anxious about anything**, but in **everything** by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known to God**. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

There is no prayer need "too small" or "too big" for the Lord. If our hearts are burdened by anything, God wants us to bring it to Him in prayer -- and He promises us His peace when we do.

You can submit a prayer request in one of three ways:

- Send a request through our **website** or click the red button below.
- Email us at **prayer@sandiagmc.org**.
- Fill out a **Prayer Request card** available at the Welcome Tables on Sunday mornings.

If you'd like to be a part of this Prayer Ministry, please email Holly at hklein@sandiagmc.org.

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This exciting venture in faith would not be possible without God moving upon the hearts of people to give towards this work. Your generosity helps create a church where we can bear witness to the transforming power of the Gospel. The mission of Sandia Fellowship is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. We strive to humbly serve others as ambassadors of Christ.

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