

Greetings from Phoenix,

As we near the Passover season the United States has launched 60 cruise missiles into Syria embroiling the U.S. in the ongoing conflict in Syria. President Trump said he ordered targeted missile strikes at a Syrian airfield as a response to the “*barbaric*” chemical weapons attack. The Assad regime, Mr. Trump said, “*choked out the lives of helpless*” people in Syria.

Russia has for some time allied itself with Russia and has many military personnel in Syria. A Kremlin spokesman has said despite the chemical attack in the Idlib province Moscow has said it will continue to support Syrian Army troops in their anti-terrorism effort. The Russian military believes the contamination may have been caused by damage to a rebel chemical weapons storage site.

Russia has provided air support for the Assad regime for some time, and the possibility of a United States clash with Russia is high. This will mean that the world would have yet another major flash point which could erupt at any time.

Interestingly, the Bible points out that from ancient times from time to time Israel was in conflict with Syria. Even in 2007 Israel launched an airstrike against and destroyed a nuclear facility in Syria.

Isaiah the prophet recorded in chapter 17, "*The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.*"

This seems to be the direction things are headed for Damascus for the future if the situation in Syria broadens more with American involvement.

Will the intrusion in Syria improve the diminishing image of the United States? President Trump campaigned and was elected with the slogan, "***Make America Great Again***". However, in verse four of the same chapter it says, "*And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.*"

The U.S. and Britain have enjoyed preeminence among world powers, but is this a signal that we are entering the period when our pride and power will be greatly diminished (made thin) in the world?

This Passover season may see startling things happen in the Mideast and on the Korean Peninsula. Satan is working behind the scenes stirring up nations because he knows the times are short for him. Like always we must watch world events and strive to be aware of the times in which we live.

Each Passover and Holy Day is important for us as we watch and prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ. It does say in Rev. 19:7 that "*his wife has made herself ready.*"

Attached is this week's news. Have a wonderful Sabbath and Spring Feast.

Kindest regards,
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