

# Israel at war with Hamas



## DAY OF DECISION

My friend, today is your day of decision. Are you saved? God loves you. The Bible tells us that because we're all born with a sinful fallen nature that separates us from God, Jesus Christ (God the Son) was sent into this world to die on the cross and shed His precious blood for your sins. Those who truly receive Christ into their heart by faith will be transformed spiritually and accepted by God into His heavenly kingdom. Those who reject Christ will be separated from God forever and tormented in Hell and the Lake of Fire. What will your decision be?

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16*

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*"Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17*

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## Bible Study Lesson: **FOR MY NAME'S SAKE**

Key Bible Verse: **Matthew 24:9** — *“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.”*

Other Scriptures: **Zechariah 14:1-4** — *“Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.”*

On Oct. 7, 2023, another key moment in Bible prophecy unfolded when Hamas, a terrorist organization supported by Iran and in control of the Palestinian territory of the Gaza Strip, fired 5,000 rockets into Israel causing widespread death and destruction. The terrorists also invaded a music festival and kibbutz (Jewish agricultural community) taking hostages and murdering innocent men, women and children. Some of the murders were so torturous and gruesome they represent unspeakable acts of evil which we won't get into at this time. However, the murderers streamed live video feeds of the killings over the internet. Amazingly, many people throughout the world voiced their support for Hamas and against Israel, including much of the mainstream liberal news media. What can we learn from this latest act of evil against Israel and the Jewish people? Jesus spoke of the coming hatred toward Israel and His followers (Christians) when He told His disciples that they would be “hated of all nation's for My name's sake.” Israel is the one nation chosen by the Lord God to bring the Messiah (Jesus Christ) into a lost world as our only hope of salvation. When people reject Christ as savior and show hatred toward Israel, it reflects an underlying hatred toward God and His loving plan of salvation. Unfortunately, in the end times which we're currently living in, this hatred toward Israel and every Christian will only grow and intensify. My friend, I encourage you to support Israel and continue showing God's love to a lost and hurting world as we look forward to the glorious return of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Sincerely,  
*Chris J. Greco*

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It is my sincere hope and prayer that you will find a new life in Christ and experience the joy of walking with Him each day.

# HEADLINES

## **Israel prepares for ground offensive into Gaza after being attacked by Hamas**

On the morning of Sat., Oct. 8, the citizens of Israel were suddenly and brutally attacked when Hamas fired 5,000 rockets into their country from the Gaza Strip. The Hamas terrorists targeted Jews and Americans nationwide, killing attendees at a music festival and taking hundreds of hostages. They also attacked a small agricultural community known as a kibbutz, slaughtering its Jewish members killing babies and burning others alive. In response to this evil, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) is now preparing a ground offensive into Gaza to target and destroy members of Hamas and Islamic terror cells which are supported and funded by Iran.

## **Powerful earthquake hits west Afghanistan, a week after strong quakes in same region**

A powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck western Afghanistan on Sunday, just over a week after strong quakes and aftershocks killed thousands of people and flattened entire villages in the same province. The U.S. Geological Survey said the latest quake's epicenter was about 21 miles outside Herat, the provincial capital, and five miles below the surface. The first earthquakes that occurred on Oct. 7 flattened whole villages in Herat, in one of the most destructive tremors in the country's recent history, killing more than 2,000 people across the province. The initial quake, numerous aftershocks and a second 6.3-magnitude quake on Wednesday flattened entire villages, destroying hundreds of primitive mud-brick homes

## **Rite Aid files for bankruptcy**

Rite Aid, one of the largest pharmacy chains in the United States, filed for bankruptcy on Sunday, weighed down by billions of dollars in debt, declining sales and more than a thousand federal, state and local lawsuits claiming it filled thousands of illegal prescriptions for painkillers.

## **Jordan wins nomination for House speaker election**

House Republicans nominated Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio., for speaker after an internal secret ballot vote behind closed-doors Friday, marking another step towards electing a new leader as the lower chamber is in its 10th day without a speaker. For Jordan to become speaker, he will still have to rally an overwhelming majority of House Republicans behind him to win a vote on the floor with 217 votes, the magic number needed to get the top job.

## **Ring of Fire solar eclipse**

Crowds of spectators watched and cheered as they witnessed the "ring of fire" eclipse pass over parts of the U.S. on Saturday. The rare spectacle bathed millions of Americans in a lunar shadow as the moon moved between the Earth and the sun. The annular solar eclipse, as the phenomenon is known, projected a halo of sunlight across skies in Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.