

# Israel and the Middle East?

## A Critical Juncture!

The current upheaval in the Middle East, as governments collapse like dominoes, is a sober warning of how quickly things can change. It is only sixty short years since the cataclysm of World War II, and the establishment of Israel in fulfillment of Scripture. However, the Western world remains confident in the post war status as though it will last forever. Those who pay attention to Bible Prophecy on the other hand, realize that we have crossed a threshold of global instability and there is no going back. The world of the “baby-boomers” is gone forever and we have entered a time, indentified by Jesus, as the generation when all things take place (Luke 21:31-32). Thus, as we analyze this current Arab revolution and its ramifications, it is crucial to understand that these events are not altogether spontaneous. There are forces at work behind the scenes, human and satanic, attempting to establish a new global order. However, God who “*catches the wise in their craftiness*” (1Cor 3:19), uses their plans to accomplish His purpose. He promised to restore Israel to the land and to Himself, and since 1967; we have been in the second part of this restoration. The nations, on the other hand, are on the road to Armageddon and the judgment of Christ (Zech 14:2-3). The epicenter of the conflict is the Temple Mount in Jerusalem where the Bible says Jewish worship will begin soon (Dan 9:27) and usher in the last seven years of the age. The so-called “Roadmap” of the “peace process” calls this the “*final status of Jerusalem that takes into account the political and religious concerns of both sides.*” However, since these talks completely stalled at the end of last year, a new crisis was inevitable. Now suddenly it is here!

What then will be the outcome? Is democracy coming to the Arab world or jihad led by Iran? The recent passage of Iranian warships through the Suez Canal seems to indicate the latter. In addition, the Western powers have decided that Iran must be dealt with and the mood in Israel is sober and resolved. Thus, another war, equal to or greater than 1967, which could again alter the status of the Temple Mount, could be on the horizon. Regardless of this, one thing is certain. Everything the Lord has spoken concerning Israel will take place and this generation is destined to see it. Therefore, it is vital that we pray and act in accordance with the will of God. Since He has declared the end to come with a Mid-East war (Zech 12, 14) and that the nations will divide His land (Joel 3:2), it is foolish to pray against these things. Instead, we pray for Israel to turn to Him and for the gospel to advance in the entire region. There is no peace for Jerusalem until Messiah comes but He is coming quickly! Amen. Come Lord Jesus (Rev 22:20).