

World War III Starts In Syria



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China has a presence in Syria, as does Turkey, Russia, Israel and the United States. This is a prescription for disaster. Although things look bleak with regard to North Korea and the war mongering ways of China, the real fireworks will begin in Syria and it will not end well for the people of Damascus.

Although all signs point to China being the first mover in the upcoming war, the war will actually begin in Syria and this is foretold by the Bible. Given the past precedents, prophecy students wonder if an Israeli strike on Iran is

not coming and will not inevitably lead to a wider Middle East war. Especially in light of a very familiar unfulfilled prophecy concerning Iran's close ally, Syria, who is also a known sponsor of terror against Israel. The prophecy in question is the burden of Damascus expressed in the Bible in Isaiah 17...

Isaiah 17:1 (ESV) — An oracle concerning Damascus. Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city and will become a heap of ruins.

Damascus Will Be Destroyed Like No Other City in History

One can see from the prophecy contained in Isaiah that it refers to Damascus as a ruinous heap. What exactly is a "ruinous heap"? The use of this term clearly describes the fate of this historic city.

Consider the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which remain to this day, the only two cities ever attacked by nuclear bombs called *Fat Man and Little Boy*. Even though these two cities were the targets of the first nuclear weapons, these cities continue to exist to this day despite major portions of the two cities having been partially leveled.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki survived a nuclear attack, **but Damascus will not**. Why? There are two basic reasons: (1) The first two atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were small and less deadly in comparison to the nuclear weapons of today; (2) The bombs dropped on Japan were detonated at a high altitudes above the cities (i.e. an air burst). Generally, if one has to be hit with a nuclear weapon, an air burst is decidedly more preferable than a ground strike. An airburst produces greatly reduced fallout levels compared to ground strikes. This in large part explains why Hiroshima and Nagasaki survived as cities, while Damascus will not. Clearly, a ground strike is in the future of Damascus.

Who Will Level Damascus?

There are so many players directly involved in the Syrian conflict that one needs a program to keep the players straight. Multiple civilians were killed and dozens more injured in a coalition strike targeting the village of al-Sirajieh in southern Al-Hasakah governate, the Syrian Arab News Agency **reports**, citing civilian sources. (US) Coalition warplanes reportedly fired several missiles into the village, hitting residents' homes...

... The US-led coalition has **escalated its activity** in Syria's eastern region over the past two weeks or so, killing at least 69 civilians and injuring dozens more in the area of Dhahret al-Allouni, as well as al-Sh'afeh and al-Bahra in the Deir ez-Zor countryside.

Syrian pro-government popular militia entered Afrin last week in support of Kurdish militia forces besieged by the Turkish army and its Syrian rebel allies, who launched Operation Olive Branch earlier this year to clear the area of Kurdish YPG militia, which Ankara considers to be a terrorist group.

Also Saturday, Turkish media **reported** that the Turkish army and Free Syrian Army militia took control of the settlements of Rajo, Ramadiye and Hamilek, northwest and southwest of the embattled city of Afrin.

In recent weeks, the potential flashpoints across the Middle East have been dangerously intersecting with each other. They include the deepening war in Syria, the risk of Israeli involvement, the humanitarian disaster in Yemen, the disarray within Lebanon, the continuing sectarian conflict in Iraq and the fear that new nuclear weapons may be introduced in the region.

But magnifying the risk is what looms above all these conflicts. In varying degrees, all are being fueled or influenced — as a form of proxy war — by what many Middle East analysts fear is the coming showdown between Iran and Saudi Arabia. This is not only a showdown over religion, dividing all of Islam, with Shia Iran and Sunni Saudi Arabia at the opposite ends of an Islamic rift that dates to the 7th century.

According to the Turkish newspaper Yeni Akit, the United States has deployed 600 troops in the international coalition's base in At-Tanf in Syria, adjacent to the Iraqi border. Where is the mainstream media on this? This is called preparation for war!

From Lendemsn: <http://stephenlendman.org/2018/03/russia-responsible-violence-eastern-ghouta/>

Countless thousands of Syrian civilians have been held hostage as human shields in Eastern Ghouta by US-supported terrorists. Syrian forces, greatly aided by Russian airpower, are conducting a campaign to free the enclave from its terrorist infestation... According to State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert, the Trump administration is considering options to hold Russia accountable for ongoing military operations in Eastern Ghouta...

These reports don't even scratch the surface about what is happening in Syria, except it is safe to say that the seeds for World War III are firmly in play inside of Syria.

