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Surprising Israel War Update

**Iran's Supreme Leader
Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on July
28, 2024, delivering a speech
during the official presidential
endorsement ceremony of**

Pres-elect Masoud Pezeshkian (R)



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has implored the country's supreme leader to avoid a direct attack on Israel, warning an escalation could lead Israel to devastate infrastructure and energy targets and cripple the economy, according to a report in Iran International.

The report, which cited anonymous sources with knowledge of the matter and which could not be independently confirmed, said Pezeshkian told Ali Khamenei that a war could deepen citizens' discontent with the regime and even bring about Iran's collapse.

According to several sources within Iran, there is widespread support for Israel from among the Iranian people themselves.

People from different cities in Iran are reportedly voicing their belief that the vast majority of citizens oppose the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and are hoping Israel will bring down the regime, according to Ynet News reporter Emily Schrader.

So, there is a mixture of sentiments in Israel.

- A sense of dread that Iran and/or Hezbollah may devastatingly attack.
- A sense that the enemies may be cowering, like July 1967.

Where Your Treasure Is

Matthew 6:21

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Mtt 6.21 The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

- 2,084 verses in **Mes Scrip/NT** about money
- 10x as many verses as on faith and salvation
- 16 of Yeshua's 38 parables are about \$

U.S. Dept of Labor Of every 100

people who reach age 65

- 2 are financially independent
- 23 must continue working
- 75 must depend on friends
relatives, or charity
- 96 of the 100 are flat broke!

- 40% of older Americans rely solely on social security for retirement income.
- Only 7% of retirees have ideal situation of income from three sources: social security, a pension and savings.



BREAKING NEWS

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**Social Security trust fund set to be depleted
by 2035 estimates U.S. Treasury**

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- 1929 2% of American homes mortgaged
- 1962 2% of American homes **not** mortgaged

Mishlay/Prov. 21.20 In the home of the wise are fine **treasures** and oil, but a fool quickly devours it.

In the house of the wise are **stores** of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has. ^{NIV}

אוֹצֵר נְחָמֶד וְשֶׁמֶן בְּנֵיה חָכָם, וְכֶסֶל אָדָם יִבְלַעֲנוּ.

Mishlay/Prov. 28.20 A trustworthy
person will receive many
blessings, but one rushing to
get rich will not go unpunished.

אִישׁ אֱמוּנֹת רַב בְּרָכוֹת וְאֶחָד לְהַעֲשִׁיר
לֹא יִנָּקָה :

Mtt 6. 24 "You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both.

Money is meant to be a servant.
Can be a master. Driving. What
is your vision??

2 Cor. 9,8-11 God has the power to
provide you with every gracious
gift in abundance, so that
always in every way you will
have all you need yourselves

2 Cor. 9,8-11 and be able to provide abundantly for every good cause - as the Tanakh says, "He gave generously to the poor; his tzedakah lasts forever."

2 Cor. 9,8-11 He who provides both
seed for the planter and bread
for food will supply and multiply
your seed and increase the
harvest of your tzedakah.

2 Cor. 9,8-11 You will be enriched in every way, so that you can be generous in everything. And through us your generosity will cause people to thank God

Mishlei/Prov 11.1 False scales are an
abomination to ADONI, but
accurate weights please him.

INTEGRITY

Bad choices,
adverse circumstances?

A loving G-d in Messiah and a
loving community will walk us
through recovery.

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B'raysheet/Gen 14.18-20 Malki-Tzedek
king of Shalem brought out
bread and wine. He was cohen
of El 'Elyon [God Most High], so
he blessed him with these
words:

B'raysheet/Gen 14.18-20 "Blessed be Avram by El 'Elyon, maker of heaven of earth, and blessed be El 'Elyon, who handed your enemies over to you." Avram gave him a tenth of everything.

**Below are some specific instances
of the Mesopotamian tithe,**

taken from *The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the
University of Chicago*, Vol. 4 "E":

**[Referring to a ten per cent tax
levied on garments by the local
ruler:] "the palace has taken
eight garments as your tithe (on
85 garments)"**

"...eleven garments as tithe
(on 112 garments)"

"...(the sun-god) Shamash
demands the tithe..."

"four minas of silver, the tithe
of [the gods] Bel, Nabu, and
Nergal..."

"...he has paid, in addition to
the tithe for Ninurta, the tax of
the gardiner"

"...the tithe of the chief
accountant, he has delivered it
to [the sun-god] Shamash"

"...why do you not pay the tithe
to the Lady-of-Uruk?"

**Ber./Gen2820-22 Ya'akov took this
vow: "If God will be with me and
will guard me on this road that I
am traveling, giving me bread to
eat and clothes to wear, so that I
return to my father's house in
peace,**

Ber./Gen2820-22 then ADONI will be my God; and this stone, which I have set up as a standing-stone, will be God's house; and of everything you give me, I will faithfully return one-tenth to you."

Vayikra/Lev 27.31-34 All the tenth
given from the land, whether
from planted seed or fruit from
trees, belongs to ADONI; **it is
holy to ADONI.**

Vayikra/Lev 27.31-34 If someone wants to redeem any of his tenth, he must add to it one-fifth. All the tenth from the herd or the flock, whatever passes under the shepherd's crook,

Vayikra/Lev 27.31-34 the tenth one
will be holy to ADONI. The
owner is not to inquire whether
the animal is good or bad, and
he cannot exchange it;

Vayikra/Lev 27.31-34 if he does exchange it, both it and the one he substituted for **it will be holy**; it cannot be redeemed. These are the mitzvot which ADONI gave to Moshe **for the people of Isra'el** on Mount Sinai.

Bamidbar/Nu 18.20-21 ADONI said to Aharon, "You are not to have any inheritance or portion in their land; I am your portion and inheritance among the people of Isra'el.

Bamidbar/Nu 18.20-21 "To the descendants of Levi I have given the entire tenth of the produce collected in Isra'el. It is their inheritance in payment for the service they render in the tent of meeting.

**Dvarim/Dt. 12.17-18 "You are not to eat
on your own property the tenth
of your grain, new wine or olive
oil [that you set aside for ADONI],**

Dvarim/Dt. 12.17-18 or the firstborn of
your cattle or sheep, or any
offering you have vowed, or your
voluntary offering, or the
offering from your hand. No, **you**
are to eat these in the presence
of ADONI your God in the place
ADONI your God will choose

Dvarim/Dt. 12.17-18 -you and your sons, daughters, male and female slaves, and the Levi who is your guest; and you are to rejoice before ADONI your God in everything you undertake to do.

Dvarim 14.22-26 "Every year you must take one tenth of everything your seed produces in the field, and eat it in the presence of ADONI your God.

Dvarim 14.22-26 In the place where he chooses to have his name live you will eat the tenth of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your cattle and sheep, so that you will learn to fear ADONI your God always.

Dvarim 14.22-26 "But if the distance is too great for you, so that you are unable to transport it, because the place where ADONI chooses to put his name is too far away from you;

Dvarim 14.22-26 then, when ADONI
your God prospers you, you are
to convert it into money, take
the money with you, go to the
place which ADONI your God
will choose, and exchange the
money for anything you want -

Dvarim 14.22-26 - cattle, sheep, wine,
other intoxicating liquor, or
anything you please - and you
are to eat there in the presence
of ADONI your God, and enjoy
yourselves, you and your
household.

Dvarim 26.12 "After you have separated a tenth of the crops yielded in the third year, the year of separating a tenth, and have given it to the Levi,

Dvarim 26.12 the foreigner, the orphan and the widow, so that they can have enough food to satisfy them while staying with you;

Neh 13.4-5 Elyashiv the cohen, who had been put in charge of the storage rooms in the house of our God...had...a large room where...they had stored the grain offerings,

Neh 13.4-5 frankincense,
equipment and the tenths of
grain, wine and olive oil
ordered to be given to the
L'vi'im, singers and
gatekeepers, and the
contributions for the cohanim.



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GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE
ADDED UNTO YOU. MATTHEW 6:33

MOVER OF MEN AND MOUNTAINS

**Matthew 6:33, inscribed at the
foot of R.G. LeTourneau's grave**

Mtt. 23.23 "Woe to you hypocritical
Torah - teachers and P'rushim!
You **pay your tithes** of mint, dill
and cumin;

Mtt. 23.23 but you have neglected
the **weightier matters** of the
Torah -- justice, mercy, trust.
These are the things you should
have attended to -- **without
neglecting the others!**

1 Cor. 9.13-14 Those who work in the Temple get their food from the Temple, and those who serve at the altar get a share of the sacrifices offered there?

1 Cor. 9.13-14 **In the same way**, the Lord directed that those who proclaim the Good News should get their living from the Good News.

Even so NKJV

Along the same lines Message

- First tithe to the Leviim, Cohenim
- Second tithe for family celebration in Yerushaliyim except **third and sixth** year given to poor.

What maintains the sanctuary?

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**Shmot/Ex 25.1-2 ADONI said to Moshe,
“Tell the people of Isra’el to take
up a collection for me — accept
a contribution from anyone who
wholeheartedly wants to give.**

יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּנֵי אֱלֹ- 2
Israel, the children of unto Speak

מֵאֵת תְּרוּמָה לִי וַיִּקְחוּ-
of an offering: me that they bring

Sh'mot (Exodus) 25.2b

with

יִדְבֹנֶה
giveth it willingly

כָּל־אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר
that man every

תְּרוּמָתִי:
my offering.

אֶת־

לְבָבוֹ תִקְחוּ
ye shall take his heart

donation ; (Jewish תרומה שם נ
law)

Terumah (priestly tithe on
produce) contribution

Yid-veh-nu libo יִדְּבֶנּוּ לָבוֹ

נָדַב

to donate, to contribute, to
promise to donate ; (talmudic) to
dedicate a sacrifice as a donation
to the Temple

generosity נְדָבָה לֵב

heart prompts him to give. ^{NIV}

everyone who wants ^{TLB}

gives it willingly ^{NKJV}

whose heart moves him ^{NASU}

everyone who wants ^{TLB}

Exodus 36:3-7 They received from Moshe all the offering which the people of Israel had brought for the work of building the sanctuary...For what they had already was not only sufficient for doing all the work, but too much!

**Terumah was
in addition to the tithe.**

Nu 31.48-50 The officers in charge of the thousands who fought ... approached Moshe and said to him, “Your servants have counted all the soldiers under our command, and not one of us is missing. We have brought an offering for ADONI

Nu 31.48-50 what every man has
obtained in the way of gold
jewelry — armlets, bracelets,
signet rings, earrings and belts
— to make **atonement** for
ourselves before ADONI.”

לְכַפֵּר עַל-נַפְשֵׁתֵינוּ,

2 Cor.8.1-2 Now, brothers, we must tell you about the grace God has given the congregations in Macedonia. Despite severe trials, and even though they are desperately poor,

2 Cor.8.1-2 their joy has overflowed
in **a wealth of generosity**...first
they gave themselves to the
Lord.

Spirit of poverty vs. poverty of
spirit

Love, safety, value, purpose

ADONI is a giver

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Shmot/Ex 30.12-15 "When you take a census of the people of Isra'el and register them, each, upon registration, is to pay a ransom for his life to ADONI,

Shmot/Ex 30.12-15 to avoid any breakout of plague among them during the time of the census. Everyone subject to the census is to pay as an offering to ADONI half a shekel [one-fifth of an ounce of silver]-

Shmot/Ex 30.12-15 by the standard of the sanctuary shekel (a shekel equals twenty gerahs).

Everyone over twenty years of age who is subject to the census is to give this offering to ADONI -

Shmot/Ex 30.12-15 the rich is not to
give more or the poor less than
the half-shekel when giving
ADONI's offering to atone for
your lives.

Sh'mot (Exodus) 30:11

לֵאמֹר׃	מֹשֶׁה	אֶל-	יְיָ	וַיִּדְבֹר	11
			ADONI		
saying,	Moses,	unto		And spake	

Sh'mot (Exodus) 30:12a

12

כִּי תִשָּׂא אֶת־רֹאשׁ
When thou takest the sum of

בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לְפִקְדֵיהֶם
the children of Israel after their number,

וְנָתַנוּ אִישׁ כֹּפֶר
then shall they give every man a ransom for
נַפְשׁוֹ
his soul

Sh'mot (Exodus) 30:12b

לִּי אֲתָם בְּפִקֹּד וְלֹא־
unto ADONI, that no them; when thou numberest

בְּפִקֹּד נֶגֶף בָּהֶם יִהְיֶה
when thou numberest plague among them, there be

אֲתָם:
them.

זֶה¹³ יִתְּנוּ כָּל־הָעָם
This they shall give, every one that passeth

עַל־הַמִּפְקָדִים מִמַּחֲצִית הַשֶּׁקֶל
among them that are numbered, half a shekel

בַּשֶּׁקֶל הַקֹּדֶשׁ עֶשְׂרִים גֵּרָה
after the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs:)

Sh'mot (Exodus) 30:13b

תְּרוּמָה	הַשֶּׁקֶל	מִחֲצִית	הַשֶּׁקֶל
the offering	shekel	an half	(a shekel

לַיהוָה
of ADONI.

Sh'mot (Exodus) 30:14

14 כֹּל הָעֹבֵר עָלָיָהּ
Every one that passeth among

הַמִּקְדָּשִׁים מִבֶּן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה
them that are numbered, from old twenty years

וְהַמַּעֲלֶה יִתֵּן תְּרוּמָה לַיהוָה
and above, shall give an offering unto
ADONI.

2 Sam 24.1-15 The anger of ADONI blazed up against Isra'el, so he moved David to act against them by saying, "Go, take a census of Isra'el and Y'hudah." The king said to Yo'av the commander of the army, who was with him, "Go systematically through all the tribes of Isra'el,

2 Sam 24.1-15 from Dan to Be'er-Sheva; and take a census of the population; so that I can know how many people there are." Yo'av said to the king,

2 Sam 24.1-15 "May ADONI your God add to the people a hundredfold, no matter how many there are; and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king take pleasure in doing this?"

2 Sam 24.1-15 However, the king's word prevailed against Yo'av and the army officers. So Yo'av and the army officers went out from the king's presence to take a census of the people of Isra'el... But after he had taken the census, David was conscience-stricken.

2 Sam 24.1-15 David said to ADONI, "I have greatly sinned in what I have done. But now, ADONI, please! Put aside your servant's sin, for I have done a very foolish thing." When David got up in the morning, this word of ADONI came to the prophet Gad,

2 Sam 24.1-15 David's seer: "Go and say to David that this is what ADONI says: 'I am giving you a choice of three punishments. Choose one of them, and I will execute it against you.'" Gad came to David and told him; he said: "Do you want seven years

2 Sam 24.1-15 of famine in your land? or do you want to flee before your enemies for three months while they pursue you? or do you want three days of plague in your land? Think about it, and tell me what to answer the one who sent me."

2 Sam 24.1-15 David said to Gad,
"This is very hard for me. Let us
fall into the hand of ADONI,
because his mercies are great,
rather than have me fall into the
hand of man."

2 Sam 24.1-15 So ADONI sent a plague on Isra'el from that morning until the end of the specified time; 70,000 of the people died between Dan and Be'er-Sheva.

2 K 12.4-5 Y'ho'ash said to the
cohanim, "All the funds for
sacred purposes which are
brought to the house of ADONI -
the half-shekel tax,

2 K 12.4-5 the taxes on persons in a man's household, and all the offerings anyone voluntarily brings to the house of ADONI - the cohanim are to receive from whoever personally makes contributions to them;

2 K 12.4-5 and they are to use these funds to repair the damaged parts of the house, wherever damage is found.



After the return under Nehemiah,
**Jews [all throughout] the Diaspora
continued to pay the Temple tax.**
Josephus reports that at the end of
the 30s CE "many tens of
thousands" of Babylonian Jews
guarded the convoy taking the tax
to Jerusalem (Ant. 18.313).

Nekhemiah 10.33-34 “We will impose on ourselves a yearly tax of **one-third of a *shekel*** [one-seventh of an ounce of silver] for the service of the house of our God, for the showbread, for the regular grain offering,

Nekhemiah 10.33-34 for the regular burnt offering, for [the offerings] on *Shabbat*, on *Rosh-Hodesh*, at the designated times and at other holy times, for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work connected with the house of our God.”

Mtt 17.24-27 When they came to K'far-Nachum, the collectors of **the half-shekel** came to Kefa and said, "Doesn't your rabbi pay the Temple tax?"

Mtt 17.24-27 "Of course he does,"
said Kefa.

When he arrived home, Yeshua
spoke first.

"Shim`on, what's your opinion?
The kings of the earth -- from
whom do they collect duties
and taxes?

Mtt 17.24-27 From their sons or from others?" "From others," he answered. "Then," said Yeshua, "The sons are exempt. But to avoid offending them -- go to the lake,

Mtt 17.24-27 throw out a line, and take the first fish you catch. Open its mouth, and you will find **a shekel**. Take it and give it to them for me and for you."

I.e., two half shekels, on for Kefa/Peter, one for Yeshua.

Hurvāt Itri



Hurvath Itri, ruins of Itri, From 135 CE Second revolt





**The half-Shekel coin discovered
in Hurvat Itri \$3.85 Ag**

1Kefa/Peter 1.18-19 You should be aware that the ransom paid to free you from the worthless way of life which your fathers passed on to you did not consist of anything **perishable like silver or gold**; on the contrary,

1Kefa/Peter 1.18-19 it was the costly
bloody sacrificial death of the
Messiah, as of a lamb without
defect or spot

The first Roman attempt to halt payments of the tax was made long before the Jewish War on account of customs controls. The Senate had forbidden the export of gold and silver, but the Jews of Italy continued to pay the Temple tax.

In 62 BCE L. Valerius Flaccus, governor of the province of Asia, issued an edict forbidding the Jews of his province from sending the tax to Jerusalem.

After the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in CE 70,

new Roman tax was imposed for
taxation of the Jews, the **Fiscus
Judaicus** diverted into imperial
coffers.

The tax was initially imposed by Roman Emperor Vespasian as one of the measures against Jews as a result of the First Roman-Jewish War of 66–73 AD (first Jewish revolt) (Josephus BJ 7. 218; Dio Cassius 66.7.2).

The tax was imposed on all Jews throughout the empire, not just on those who took part in the revolt against Rome. The tax was imposed after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD in place of the levy (or Tithe) payable by Jews towards the upkeep of the Temple.

The amount levied was two denarii, equivalent to the one-half of a shekel that observant Jews had previously paid for the upkeep of the Temple of Jerusalem (Exodus 30:13). The tax was to go instead to the Temple of Capitoline Jupiter, the major center of ancient Roman religion.

The fiscus Iudaicus was a humiliation for the Jews. In Rome, a special procurator known as procurator ad capitularia Iudaeorum was responsible for the collection of the tax. **Only those who had abandoned Judaism were exempt from paying it.**

While the tax paid for the Temple of Jerusalem was payable only by adult men between the **ages of 20 and 50**, the *fiscus Iudaicus* was imposed on all Jews, including women, children, and elderly—and even Jewish slaves.

The tax was continued even after the completion of the reconstruction of the Capitoline temple for its upkeep.

Domitian, who ruled between 81 and 96 AD, expanded the *fiscus Iudaicus* to include not only born Jews and converts to Judaism, but also on those who concealed the fact that they were Jews or observed Jewish customs. Suetonius relates that

when he was young an old man of 90 was examined to see whether he was circumcised.

Domitian applied the tax even to those who merely "lived like Jews."

De-incentivize Torah observance!

It did not take long for Christians to petition the Emperor to distinguish the Christians for the purpose of the payment of the *fiscus Iudaicus*. As the tax only applied to practising Jews, if they could be recognised as a separate religion, they would escape the impost.

The tax was revived in the Middle Ages in 1342 under the name of Opferpfennig by the [German] Holy Roman Emperors.

The Opferpfennig tax was introduced in 1342 by Emperor Louis IV the Bavarian, who ordered all Jews above the age of 12 and possessing 20 gulden to pay one gulden annually **for protection.**

The practice was justified on the grounds that the Germanic Holy Roman Emperor, as the legal successor of the [Italian] Roman emperors,

was the rightful recipient of the Temple tax which Jews paid to the Romans after the destruction of the Second Temple. The Opferpfennig was collected on Christmas day.

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1969 I came to faith. Went to Bible College in Cincinnati + Univ Cinti. to learn Hebrew, Jewish studies. Worked as a janitor in the Cincinnati Public Schools.

- 1973 Education tax voted down; school Board layed off workers.

I got notice from U.C. that I was reclassified as an out of state student. Double tuition plus back tuition.

Ps 112 + Phil 4

Last week as janitor told AAA hiring phone sales.

2015

- Jim Adler and I invited to Bible College Pres office. Told repurposing of our worship room since 1996. July “eviction”
- March of Remembrance rental of OP Convention Center.

2020 COVID shutdown

- 10 in house
- CARES offer declined: better bankrupt than government \$.
[not for everyone]
- Donations never failed.
- Back wall, mortgage paid off.

Where Your Treasure Is

Matthew 6:21

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OR HAOLAM
MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

Where Your Treasure Is Mt.6.21

- 1.The significance of money.
- 2.Money Management: tithe
- 3.Money Management: Terumah
- 4.Money Management: Half shekel
- 5.Personal stories.

Mtt 6.21 The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and drinking the water of LIFE?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you offering that water of life to anyone?

