

CLERGY STATEMENT ON IRAN ATTACKING ISRAEL

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War has come to the Middle East.

The faith community in the Buckeye Bible Belt has shown unwavering support for the Nation of Israel and her ability to defend itself. In 2017, lead clergymen of 103 congregations corresponded with Prime Minister Netanyahu apologizing for the position of the U.S. federal government for not supporting Israeli sovereignty over the Promised Land. In 2020-21, a band of lead clergy endorsed and purchased Israeli bonds. In 2023, lead clergymen from 135 congregations called for state recognition of Jerusalem as the 'Eternal Capital of Israel.' Following the tragic October 6th massacre of over 1,300 Israelis, lead clergymen from 155 congregations condemned Hamas for its genocidal atrocity; faith leaders also raised thousands of dollars to support Israeli victims.

Last night on April 13th, 2024 Iran fired over 300 kamikaze drones, cruise missiles, and ballistic missiles at Israel in its first-ever direct attack on the Jewish State. Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon and Yemen's Houthis also attacked with missiles simultaneously. With supernatural assistance from the Holy One of Israel, and the help of Israeli Defense Forces and its coalition forces, 99% of the projectiles launched by Iran were successfully intercepted. While several ballistic missiles hit, it is believed that not one drone or cruise missile managed to enter Israeli airspace.

The LORD is exalted over all the nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our GOD? The One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

The Bible goes further saying in Psalm 121, "He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you."

As Ohio faith leaders, we believe Israel must rely on the Holy of One of Israel, and not on any foreign government, including the United States. It is important to note that since the beginning of the Biden Administration, The U.S. federal government has gifted the terrorist-state of Iran with over 80 billion dollars. When Iran launched missiles at Jerusalem last night, not only did Iran attack the Capital of the Jewish State, Iran also attacked the third holiest city in Islam. Arab nations should be appalled by Iran's actions.

The Book of Ecclesiastes says, There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot. A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build....And further on it states, there is also a time for war.

As a deterrence for future attacks on the Holy Land, we believe Israel must defend itself and eliminate its attackers. We believe the time for war is now.

For though the nations rage against you O Jerusalem, Know this: that the LORD Your GOD is with you. For does not the Prophet Isaiah say, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper? So fear not O Jerusalem, Fear not Tel Aviv, Fear not Haifa, and Tiberias. Fear not Sons of David. For the LORD your GOD is with you.