

Defending the Promise: Why the Fight for Israel Is a Fight for Life

As missiles light the skies over Tel Aviv and Tehran, the question being asked around the world is not just whether Israel's war with Iran is justified, but whether it's righteous. When viewed through both biblical precedent and modern logic, the answer becomes increasingly clear: Israel is not just defending itself; it is resisting evil.

"Israel launched Operation Rising Lion, a targeted military operation to roll back the Iranian threat to Israel's very survival," said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a recent address. "We struck at the heart of Iran's nuclear enrichment program... and Iran's leading nuclear scientists working on the Iranian bomb."

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This is not hyperbole. It is a response to decades of existential threats. Israel eliminated high-ranking Iranian officials, including Major General Hussein Salami, head of the IRGC, and several nuclear scientists.

According to reports shared on the Patrick Bet-David Podcast, the operation left dozens of senior military leaders and weapons engineers dead in what one panelist described as "a really impressive military attack."

From a biblical standpoint, Israel's decision to preemptively destroy these threats is not only defensible, it is prescribed. In his book *Decoding the Torah*, Rabbi Kirt Schneider writes, "Sometimes the only way to deal with evil is to ruthlessly cut it out." This echoes the divine command

found in Deuteronomy 7:1–2, where God ordered the Israelites to “utterly destroy” the seven wicked and idolatrous nations inhabiting the Promised Land.

Modern ears may bristle at such language, but as Rabbi Schneider explains, “Yahweh was not being merciless; rather, Yahweh was delivering His people out of a barbaric society.” These ancient cultures were steeped in child sacrifice, perversion, and demonic worship. Similarly, today’s Iranian regime is not merely a political entity, it is a theological machine built on genocide, death and hatred.

Iran’s leaders chant “Death to America” and “Death to Israel,” and unlike empty threats, these chants are backed by uranium enrichment and missile systems. Netanyahu made the stakes explicit: “If not stopped, Iran could produce a nuclear weapon in a very short time... This is a clear and present danger to Israel’s very survival.”

As Patrick Bet-David commented, “If you really claim you believe in God and you have faith... what happened when they were in the storm and everybody was panicking?” This moment demands faith, not fear, and firm action against clear evil.

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Rabbi Schneider draws a direct line between passivity and destruction: “If you don’t destroy evil, it will destroy you.” Just as ancient Israel could not coexist with the wicked nations of Canaan, modern Israel cannot afford to tolerate a nuclear-powered Iran bent on its annihilation.

The discussion on the podcast also highlighted a truth often

overlooked: many Iranians, not just Israelis, support the regime's downfall. Videos circulating online show Iranian citizens cheering as Israeli missiles strike IRGC sites. "The happiest people in the world today are the Iranian people," one podcast panelist remarked. "They know their enemy is within."

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This is not merely a nationalistic war. It is a spiritual confrontation. Rabbi Schneider reminds us, "murder in its essence is the antithesis of life." Israel's refusal to allow a regime, called by Jesus "a murderer from the beginning," to develop nuclear weapons is a defense of life itself.

Just as the Torah instructed Israel to purge idolatry from the land for the sake of holiness, so now must the modern state confront evil to preserve life. "We must actively drive evil influences from our lives," Schneider writes. "Don't put yourself in situations where you are tempted to compromise."

Neither should Israel.

Netanyahu reinforced his message with haunting clarity: "Eighty years ago, the Jewish people were the victims of a holocaust perpetrated by the Nazi regime. Today the Jewish state refuses to be a victim of a nuclear holocaust perpetrated by the Iranian regime."

Israel has chosen life. And in doing so, it has chosen rightly.

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