

Iran Says the 'Gates of Hell' Are Opening. Jesus Says They Never Had a Chance

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps issued a chilling warning this week, declaring that the "gates of hell will open more and more" against the United States and Israel as the war in the Middle East intensifies.

Iranian forces launched new attacks using combat drones targeting Israeli military areas and American bases in the region, including Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar. Iranian military officials said the strikes were carried out by the army's ground, air and naval forces.

The threat came as Iran vowed to continue its campaign without pause.

"The enemy should expect continuous and instructive attacks," IRGC spokesperson Brig. Gen. Naeini said. "The gates of hell will open moment by moment, more and more, on America and Israel."

Iran framed the attacks as revenge for the deaths of senior Iranian leaders killed in recent strikes during the military campaign.

At the same time Iran issued a warning to European powers. Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said any move by Germany, Britain or France to join the conflict would be considered an act of war.

"It would be an act of war," Baqaei said. "Any such act against Iran would be regarded as complicity with the aggressors."

Meanwhile Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz said Israeli

airstrikes targeted major Iranian state institutions in Tehran including the presidential compound and the Supreme National Security Council building. Training facilities and other military infrastructure were also struck.

Katz said the campaign will continue until Iran's military and nuclear capabilities are dismantled.

The United States has also begun reducing its diplomatic presence across the region. The State Department ordered non-emergency personnel to leave several countries, including Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Jordan, due to the growing threat of armed conflict.

But amid the fiery rhetoric coming out of Tehran, one phrase stood out in particular.

"The gates of hell will open."

Oh ho. The gates of hell will prevail, huh? Not so fast.



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The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail

That phrase should sound familiar to anyone who has spent time reading the Bible.

Jesus Himself used it.

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus declared:

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Notice something important. In Scripture the gates of hell are not something that conquer God's people. They are something that fail.

Gates are defensive structures. They do not attack. They try to hold the line.

Jesus' words describe the kingdom of God advancing so powerfully that even the gates of hell cannot stop it.

So when Iran's leaders declare that the gates of hell will open against Israel and America, believers cannot help but notice the irony. The very phrase they use as a threat is one that the Bible already declared powerless against the plans of God.

God's Covenant With Israel

The Bible is also clear about something else.

God made a covenant with Israel.

Genesis 12:3 says:

"I will bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you."

For decades Iran's leadership has openly called for the destruction of Israel. The regime routinely refers to the Jewish state as an enemy that must be eliminated.

Yet throughout Scripture, the survival of Israel is never in doubt.

Nations rise. Empires fall. Kings threaten. Armies gather.

But the God of Israel keeps His word.

Psalms 121:4 reminds us:

"He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

A Region the Bible Said Would Shake

None of this turmoil should surprise students of the Bible.

The prophets warned that the Middle East would be a center of global tension in the last days.

Zechariah wrote that Jerusalem would become “a cup of trembling” to the nations. Ezekiel spoke of massive military tensions surrounding Israel.

Today, the headlines read like daily reminders of those ancient warnings. Missiles. Drones. Military alliances are shifting across the region.

And yet through it all, Israel still stands.

Not because of luck. Not because of politics. Because the God who formed that nation still watches over it.

So when Iran threatens to unleash the gates of hell, believers can read the headline and smile a little.

The Bible already told us how that story ends.

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