

Jerusalem Under Fire: Iranian Missile Debris Falls Near Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Missile fragments falling near one of Christianity's most sacred sites have sent shockwaves across the world as escalating conflict in the Middle East inches closer to the heart of Jerusalem's Old City.

According to reporting from Reuters, The Times of Israel, Aletheia and Catholic News Agency (CNA), an Iranian ballistic missile exploded over Jerusalem, scattering debris across multiple areas of the city—including near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, widely regarded as the holiest site in Christianity.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre marks both Golgotha, where Jesus Christ was crucified and the tomb where He was buried and resurrected.

Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed that fragments from the missile landed near several key religious landmarks, including "the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Armenian Patriarchate, the Jewish Quarter and the Temple Mount near the Al-Aqsa Mosque," according to CNA. Officials condemned the attack, warning that it placed Jews, Christians and Muslims alike in danger.



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Oren Marmorstein, an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman, stated that a direct strike "would be a nightmare," according to CNA.

"Imagine what would have happened if that ballistic missile

that landed just meters away had directly struck this holy site. It would be a nightmare," Marmorstein said.

While no major structural damage or casualties were reported at the holy sites, the threat was far from theoretical. Reuters reported that police and bomb disposal units were deployed throughout the Old City to secure the area and neutralize any remaining danger from unexploded fragments.

Elsewhere in Jerusalem, the consequences were more tangible. The Times of Israel reported that missile debris struck residential areas, including a home that sustained damage. At least one individual was lightly injured after coming into contact with hot shrapnel. Authorities quickly warned the public not to approach debris due to the danger it posed.

The widespread reach of the fragments—falling near the National Library close to the Knesset and in East Jerusalem neighborhoods—showcased the unpredictable nature of the attack and the vulnerability of civilian and historic sites alike.

Moments like this carry a weight that goes beyond geopolitics. Scripture repeatedly points to Jerusalem as a focal point in the last days—a city that would be surrounded by conflict and tension among the nations. The fact that weapons of modern warfare are now falling near the very place many believe marks Christ's death and resurrection is a sobering reminder of how closely current events echo ancient prophecy. Yet even in the midst of turmoil, the Bible offers assurance: God's purposes for Jerusalem—and for the world—will not be shaken.

Now we must watch, pray and remain anchored in the hope that Jesus will return, bringing the ultimate peace.

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