

New IDF Chief Warns of Next Battle: 2025 Will Be a Year of War

There's a weight in the air, a sense that something big is coming. Israel is on the brink of a defining moment, and it's not just military strategists who are paying attention—people of faith around the world are watching closely.

Incoming IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir has made it clear: war is on the horizon. The focus will be on Gaza and Iran, but other threats aren't being ignored. His leadership is setting a new tone—one of "victory" rather than mere deterrence.

Bringing home the hostages taken by Hamas is also a priority, though there's no word yet on specific policy changes.

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At the same time, Zamir is shaking things up in the IDF, breaking apart the Strategy and Iran Command and integrating its responsibilities into other units. While the reasoning behind this move isn't entirely clear, one thing is certain—the IDF is rapidly adapting to the evolving threats from Iran, particularly its nuclear ambitions.

Zamir has also ordered a full review of the IDF's failures on Oct. 7, 2023, vowing full cooperation with outside probes. Unlike his predecessor, who clashed with oversight authorities, Zamir seems willing to face scrutiny head-on. On top of that, he's expanding Israel's military capabilities, adding a new tank division and possibly a new infantry division to strengthen the northern front. The message is loud and clear: Israel is gearing up for major conflict.

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The Third Temple and the Spiritual Battle

But beyond the military strategy, something else is happening—something deeply symbolic. When Zamir visited the Western Wall, he didn't just pray for Israel's defense. He wrote his prayer on paper featuring an image of the Third Temple, ending with the words, "From Zion, the Torah shall go forth."

This isn't just a passing reference.

The concept of the Third Temple is central to biblical prophecy. Ezekiel 40-48 and Daniel 9:27 speak of a future temple, a structure that will play a key role in the unfolding of the end times. Whether he intended it or not, Zamir's gesture taps into something much bigger—a growing movement within Israel that sees the return of the Temple as not just a dream, but a divine mission.

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The Biblical Perspective on Israel's Wars

Israel's battles have never been merely political or military. The Bible makes it clear: Israel's struggles are spiritual at their core. Zechariah 12:3 warns, "On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves." In Matthew 24:6-7, Jesus spoke of "wars and rumors of wars," with nation rising against nation as a sign of the last days.

The wars with Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran aren't just about borders or security—they're part of an ancient conflict between God's promises and the forces of Satan that seek to erase them. But no matter how chaotic things become, we can rest assured that prophecy is unfolding exactly as God said it would. The devil may rage, but the final victory is already secured.

As believers, we must stay watchful and prayerful. The events we are witnessing today were written about thousands of years ago. We should continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6), but we must also recognize that true peace will only come when Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, returns to establish His kingdom.

Until that day, we hold fast to the unshakable truth that God's plan is moving forward, and nothing can stand in its way.

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