

Israel News Desk

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Since the foundation of the State of Israel on May 14th 1948 the nation has faced many wars. The war of Independence in 1948

was followed by the 1956 war and then the 1967 war in which Israel re-controlled the city of Jerusalem.

1973 saw the Yom Kippur

war followed by the Lebanese wars.

Israel has consistently, apart from those with Lebanon, gained spectacular victories with God's help, notably in the 1967 six day

war and the Yom Kippur war, when all seemed lost 24 hours before the tide turned as Israeli soldiers returned to their units from

their fast in the synagogues.

Now Israel faces what has been described as the war in cyber space. Whilst the Ezekiel and Psalm 83 wars remain future, Israel

is under serious cyber attack on many fronts.

There have recently been computer problems of a serious nature due to hacking traced to Saudi Arabia and China among the

nations, which have affected banks, El Al Airlines and other national institutions. This is a type of warfare invented for the modern

age and could have very serious consequences. As an example of a recent computer hack, thousands of citizens bank account

details were placed on the internet.

Israel is constantly updating its technology to combat this problem and fortunately leads the world in modern technology. It will be

remembered that the Stuxnet virus that affected Iran's Nations nuclear plant was perfected by Israel and the USA together and now

a new virus described as the most sophisticated cyber-weapon in history is creating havoc in the computers of Iran, Egypt,

Saudi Arabia, and the Palestinian territories. Nicknamed "**Flame**" Israel's Minister for Strategic Affairs Moshe Ayalon declined

to give a positive answer as to whether Israel was behind it. He did however say that "*Israel has been blessed with a prolific*

hi-tech sector that opens possibilities in both the business and security fields". The virus can be programmed to target specific

data and then delete it! Israel has announced that in the light of current developments it will invest 13 million dollars in cyber defence.

The virtue of the new virus is that as well as being destructive it can collect information from targeted systems. The possibilities

seem immense.

The latest war on Israel, a new type of warfare is in full swing, let us trust that the ingenuity God has blessed them with will ensure

that their cyber defences will be as good as those for more traditional forms of warfare. In any event, God is the continuing God of

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and will not allow anything that is not within His Divine permissive will. He will keep all His covenants

with Israel and having brought them out of Egypt and through the wilderness, He will continue to keep them and having brought them

back to their land will watch over them and ultimately make them a blessing to the whole world. Amen!

Arab Spring (so called)

The Middle east is in turmoil.

Egypt has elected an Islamic fundamentalist government, bent on imposing Sharia Law and a renewed Caliphate. Tragically President Obama backs the Muslim Brotherhood here and elsewhere. Things can only get worse now for Egypt's Jewish and Christian population and Israel.

Turkey. On a wave of prosperity Turkey has also elected an Islamic Government and is abandoning the Ataturk secular constitution. Seeking to regain its influence in the Middle East it has picked a quarrel with Israel, until recently her ally. Turks are of course not arabs.

Syria is now torn apart by civil war, with Europe seeming to want to get involved. If the rebels win it would almost certainly lead to a massacre of the ruling Alawite tribe and the slaughter of its Christian community, who were previously defended by President Assad. Assad is certainly ruthless but has the backing of Iran, China and Russia a formidable combination.

Iran is Shiite not Sunni Muslim, unlike Turkey, Syria and Egypt. The Shiite countries are basically Iran, Iraq, the Emirates and Lebanon, although Iraq and Bahrain have Sunni rulers. Syria, although Sunni, is the link between Iran and Lebanon and is determined to keep Assad in power. The Iranian Guard are helping Assad put down the rebels. There is great discontentment in Iran but it has little democratic outlet, with or without elections.

Jordan was the invention of Lawrence of Arabia, who drew its boundaries on a tablecloth after dinner. It is ruled by the Hashemites but the Muslim Brotherhood is very active.

Saudi Arabia is threatened by Iran and fearful that should there be serious trouble there America would drop her as it did with Mr Mubarak in Egypt, now sentenced to life in prison. Saudi no longer trusts America and sees her as weak under Obama.

Conclusion to the Arab Spring

Whilst many rulers in the Middle east are seen as cruel and ruthless, as was Mubarak, it has been fairly said that no Muslim country can be governed for long by a leader who is not ruthless.

Oil & Gas. The discovery of oil and gas in the Eastern Mediterranean is now causing friction between Israel, Lebanon, Turkey and Greece. Greece has very good relations with Israel since her fall out with Turkey, but trouble is brewing with Turkey and Lebanon and even the Palestinians.

Poland. A BBC programme portrayed Poland as a dangerous place for Jews. This is denied by Polish Jewish leaders as not a fair representation. Poland they said is safer for Jews than France.

Adolf Eichmann. Recently published papers indicate that in an interview before his capture Eichmann said *"I feel sorry I wasn't hard enough on the Jews and now you see the result, the creation of the state of Israel and the re-emergence of that people there."*

Lord Sachs the Jewish Chief rabbi made a telling comment on the modern day recently, he said *“the worship of money is idolatry; it is a ruthless idol that flatters you, chews you and spits you out when you are no longer of any use. It has distorted all our values”*.
How true.

BBC. The result of a BBC poll was interpreted as *“The World doesn’t like Israel.”* A letter in the Jewish Telegraph said *“The reason Israel is not liked is because of the BBC’s prejudicial reporting and anti Israel bias. This is of course sanitised anti-Semitism.”*

Mount Everest. An Israeli climber abandoned his dream to reach the summit of Everest 300 metres from the top in order to assist an injured Turkish mountaineer.

Jerusalem. On Jerusalem Day Mr Netanyahu pledged again *“We shall continue to expand Jerusalem, the Eternal City will never again be divided.”*

Flotilla. An indictment has been prepared in Turkey against four top Israeli commanders who led the raid on the Mavi Marmara, this includes the IDF Chief of Staff Gobi Ashkenazi.

South Africa has banned Ahava cosmetics from the Dead Sea if they are labelled “Made in Israel”. Denmark has followed suit. The UK has sought to do the same but has been resisted by Morrisons and waitrose. You know where to do your shopping!

Last Words from:

Mitt Romney *“The best way to have peace in the Middle east is to say to Israel, we stand with you, we are committed to you and will not have an inch of difference between America and its ally Israel.”*

John Baird canadian Foreign Minister said *“Israel you have no better friend in the world than Canada, no stronger ally who will stand up for you. We won’t stand behind you we will stand shoulder to shoulder.”*

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