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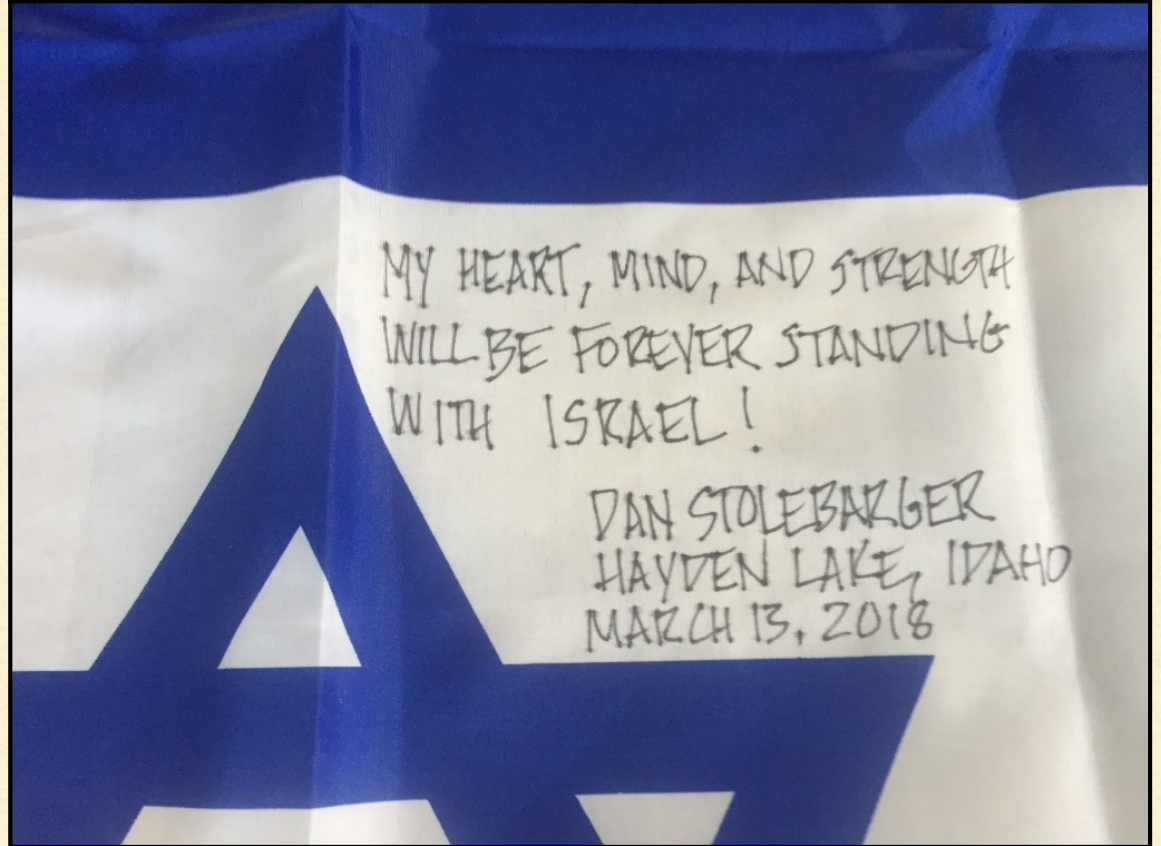


MUSINGS

“We have no reasons to think that Middle Eastern politics were any less complicated in the first century than in the twentieth. On the contrary, there is every reason to suppose that there were just as many tensions, problems, anomalies and puzzles then as now— just as much reason for some to throw up their hands in despair, for others to grit their teeth and forge ahead, and for others again to try to forget the whole ‘situation’ in the struggle to survive.”

—*N.T. Wright*

THIS WEEK



NEWS BITES

PA elections remain elusive as Abbas seeks pretexts to postpone them. PA President Mahmoud Abbas just began the 16th year of his four-year term(!?)

The IDF's Military Intelligence Directorate issued its annual assessment for 2020 on Tuesday, warning that Iran might have enough enriched uranium for a nuclear bomb by this spring.

Palestinians opened fire on IDF vehicles in Jenin, according to Palestinian reports picked up by the Jerusalem Post. Fatah promises to continue terror - "We will cause volcanoes to erupt under your feet!"



JORDAN AND ISRAEL



Jordan's King Abdullah has said **his country's ties with Israel are on "pause"** during an exclusive interview with Marc Perelman of *France 24* published on Monday.

The king claimed that the cooling in the relationship is due to the political turmoil Israel is facing after not being able to form a government after two elections.

"We hope that the Israeli people will decide on a government sooner rather than later, and then we can all see how to move forward," he said.

King Abdullah was asked what he meant by saying there will be "severe consequences" if Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu follows up with his intention to annex Judea and Samaria.



TRUMP SPEAKS



Confronted by persistent questions about his military action in the Middle East, US President Donald Trump and his top officials offered a string of fresh explanations Friday, with **Trump now contending Iranian militants had planned major attacks on four US embassies.**



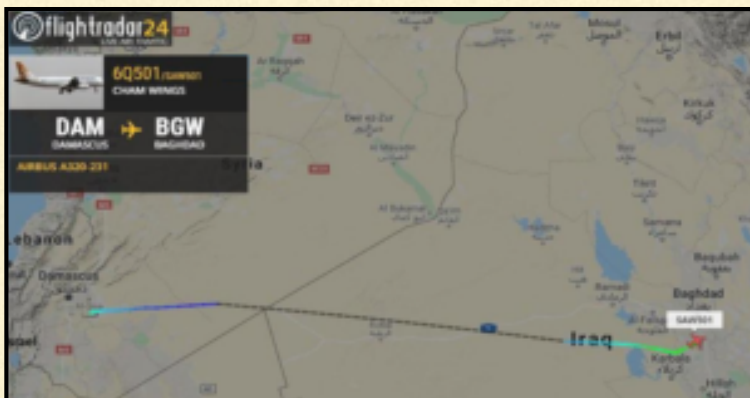
Just hours earlier, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had said the US didn't know when or where attacks might occur. Trump and other officials insisted anew that Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani had posed an imminent threat to the US, but they rebuffed repeated attempts to explain what they meant by "imminent."



ISRAELI INTEL



The CIA knew exactly when the plane Soleimani was traveling, as Israeli intelligence confirmed these details to Americans on the night of the airstrike. The only world leader who likely knew about what was happening before the strike was Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who spoke to Pompeo before the attack.



ISRAELI STRIKES



Syrian sources accused Israel of carrying out an airstrike against the T-4 Syrian Arab Air Force in Homs on Tuesday. The T-4 base is used by the Iranian Quds force and Shia militias.

The airstrike targeted a weapons storehouse, another building that was under construction, and two military vehicles. The organization reported that at least three military personnel were killed in the airstrike and several more were injured.

The Lebanese Al-Mayadeen news outlet claimed that the raid was carried out by Israeli aircraft. Some Arab media reported the strikes were carried out by two Israeli Air Force F-35 stealth fighter jets.



HEZBOLLAH'S PURSUIT OF PRECISION MISSILES FATEFUL FOR 2020



The Iran-backed terrorist organization remains deterred by Israel's military might, but pursuing precision missile factories would be taking an enormous risk of escalation. The coming months will reveal whether Hassan Nasrallah realizes the extent of the danger and decides to step back from the brink.

JEOPARDY

BUILT IN
THE 300s A.D.,
THE CHURCH OF
THE NATIVITY



Jeopardy Game Refuses to Accept 'Palestine'

Popular American game show Jeopardy raised the ire of pro-Palestinian activists after refusing to accept 'Palestine' as the location of the city of Bethlehem. The first question in the category was about the Church of the Nativity. A contestant answered, saying "what is Palestine?" Host Alex Trebek declared the answer wrong. This angered pro-Palestinian activists.

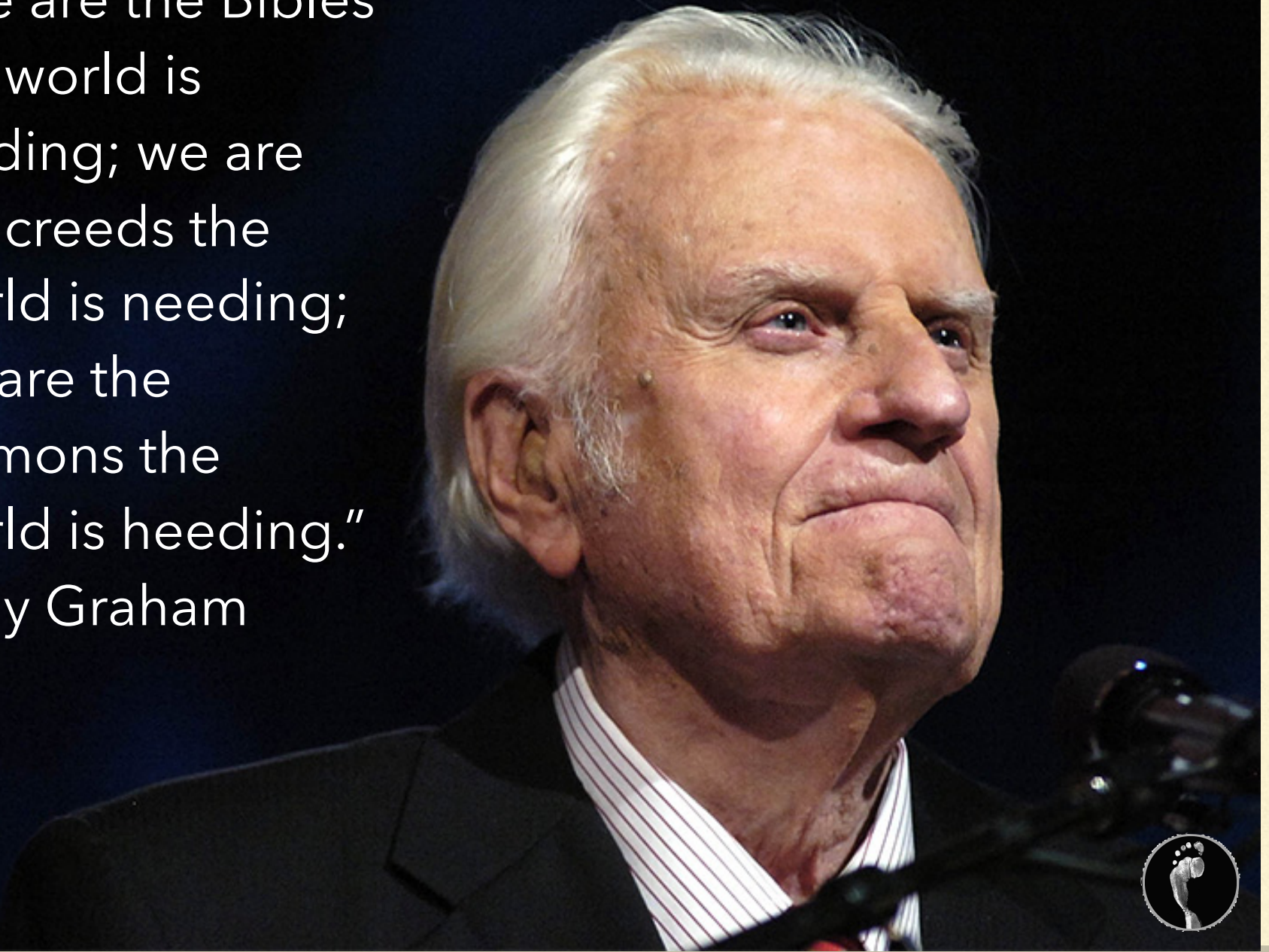


RAIN, RAIN AND MORE RAIN



THANKS TO HEAVY RAINS: RITUAL BATHS FOR TEMPLE NOW FULLY FUNCTIONAL FOR FIRST TIME IN 2,000 YEARS

"We are the Bibles
the world is
reading; we are
the creeds the
world is needing;
we are the
sermons the
world is heeding."
-Billy Graham





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If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our KFIR Global Community, please send them to our website to get signed up. We have had great growth this year but believe God wants to continue growing this Group that seeks to be devoted to the WORD, to PRAYER and to be like the sons of ISSACHAR, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do!