# *Perspective*

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## "Operation Epic Fury" and Potential Repercussions

We have become accustomed to the safety most of the western world enjoys. Going down to the local grocery store and returning home can be a ho-hum errand which we take for granted. Most don't have to worry about experiencing violence or threats on their lives. What if that all changed? It is no secret the enemies of the western nations have laid out plans a long time ago to attack from within should it become necessary. The United States was labeled the "Great Satan" and Israel dubbed "Little Satan" by the Iranian religious leader Ruhollah Khamenei on November 5, 1979; this occurred at the onset of the crisis when 54 Americans were held hostage. It would not be surprising that Iran began planting sleeper cells in the U.S., Britain, Australia, and all through Europe. Iran threatened President Trump before the strikes, that sleeper-cell terrorist attacks in retaliation within the U.S. would happen. Some cells receive orders and some can self-activate. Imagine the havoc undercover terrorists could wreak if they have blended into society, and have had sometimes years to surveil ways to cripple their enemy by bringing down the power grid, poisoning water sources, striking unsuspecting innocent citizens, or even using nuclear dirty bombs in large urban areas of the country. It would throw a once peaceful country into chaos, disorder, and mayhem. It would totally change our world.

**Taking down Iran may have unintended consequences**

God strongly cautioned ancient Israel about allowing immigration into the country: "*The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. Moreover, all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you."* (Deuteronomy 28:43-45)

True to the form of ancient Israel's disobedience, their modern descendants have done precisely what God warned about, and things just might get a lot worse in the time just ahead. We have not guarded our borders. Our leaders, for political gain, have opened the flood gates and allowed in migrants who do not respect either the social customs or the laws which govern the country. They want to bring down the country and do away with the constitution. Muslims are intent on adopting Sharia Law in their own separate cities. Isaiah 3:12 warns us: *"As for My people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O My people! Those who lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths."*

Undoubtedly, a nuclear armed rogue nation like Iran cannot be allowed, and the United States, as well as Israel, could not kick the can down the road. Neither nation could wait till a nuclear bomb mushroom cloud appeared over a major city like Tel Aviv, New York, Los Angeles, Sydney, or London, and millions die. And now a desperate Iran may play its final hand and strike a blow by activating hidden cells within the countries of its enemies.

Taking down Iran is necessary, but it could soon have unintended consequences. As Newton's third law of motion says, **"**For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction."

New York, California, Illinois, New Jersey, and Texas have the most Shia Muslims in the country. Wikipedia reports, "A 2009 survey by the Pew Research Center estimated that 10-13% of Muslims worldwide adhere to Shia Islam, with a global total of between 154 million and 200 million Shia Muslims. In the Americas, Pew estimated a population of just under 4.6 million Muslims overall in 2009, with a small portion of those being Shia. The Pew survey estimated a Shia population of 300,000 Shias in North

America, about 10.0% of North America's Muslim population. Also, according to Shafaqna News agency, Shiite (Shia) Muslims are approximately 2.5 million persons in the U.S."

The late Ayatollah Khamenei was a Shia Cleric. Shiite Muslims believe that certain leaders, known as Imams — are divinely guided and spiritually significant. Mojtaba Khamenei, the son of Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who was killed in US-Israeli strikes, has been chosen as his successor; he holds an even harder line. Shia ideology lends itself to being more radical. His successor is reputed to be more ruthless and conservative than his father. In an article dated March 12, 2026, the dailymail.co.uk reported: "a former study partner of Mojtaba, revealed that the new Supreme Leader is said to be 'obsessed with the end of days' and is 'more dangerous' than his father."

**Will Iran's regime be toppled?**

Ostensibly, it appears "Operation Epic Fury" is highly successful, with 5,500 targets being taken out by precision bombing. Iran's naval fleet has been taken out, and the U.S. and Israel own the skies over Iranian territory. Will the Iranian soldiers lay down their arms and surrender? We would hope that would happen.

Tactically, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) may have been decapitated. The destruction of their powerful war materiel of missiles, launchers, ships, aircraft, and its nuclear capability have obliterated any Iranian hope to ever conduct a conventional war. However, has the U.S. created unintentionally a more secretive, and even more radical body of Shia Muslim fighters than existed before?

There may be a temporary peace if the U.S. cuts off its strikes on Iran and withdraws its forces. It may be that "Operation Epic Fury" could bring that about. However, I Thessalonians 5:3 warns us, *"For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. "*

**The United States and the West must repent!**

Oh, that the United States entered into war with clean hands, but that certainly is not the case. We are a corrupt nation, as are other Western nations. There needs to be a turning to God and repentance.

God prophesied what would occur if ancient Israel obeyed His laws: "*Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God."* (Deuteronomy 28:1-2)

Verse 7 states, *"The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways."*

God then warned Israel in verse 25 what would happen to an unrepentant nation, *"The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth."*

God forbid that this war flips against us and we see the days when terrorist attacks within our borders bring bedlam and fear within our countries. However, if we fail to follow God's word, and the modern descendants of Israel don't repent of their sins and turn to Almighty God—this could be the future.

We pray our nations and its people repent! God wants His people to prosper and not have to be chastened. He offers encouragement: *"if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* (II Chronicles 7:14)