

THE ROADRUNNER AND WILE E. COYOTE

Recently, headlines in the newspapers reported that Israel had engaged in war with Hezbollah, the terrorist organization that operates out of southern Lebanon and has thousands of missiles pointed at Israel, waiting for the right moment to destroy Israel. Hezbollah fights as a proxy, or representative, of Iran, whose radical Muslim leaders hate Israel, Jews, Christians, the United States, and many other Muslims, mostly Sunni Muslims in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Egypt.

"Uh oh," I thought. This could be the match that lights the tinderbox of the Middle East, starting a conflagration that spreads to the rest of the world, even to the U.S.

On that Sunday morning, alarmingly, the Israeli Bible teacher we listen to, Amir Tsarfati, was unable to meet his schedule to provide an update on the situation, because he couldn't fly to his home in Northern Israel since the air space there had been closed due to this outbreak of fighting.



He managed to piece together different methods of transportation to get home and give us the update several hours later.

In the end, his explanation of what happened was delightful and almost humorous. That is, delightful if you support Israel, but teeth-gnashing if you think of Israel as the bad guy in the Middle East. Amir is a Major in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Reserves, and has contacts who fill him in with the real story of various situations. He then shares with us news and details that won't expose sensitive information and jeopardize Israel.

As you probably know, Israel is a tiny country about the size of New Jersey and is surrounded by huge, mostly hostile Muslim countries that want nothing more than to push all Israelis into the sea. In particular, Iran, a large country ruled by radical Muslim clerics, is determined to make good on their desire to wipe Israel out. But because Iran is located thousands of miles from Israel, with Syria and Iraq in between, Iran uses proxies to fight on their behalf.

Needless to say, Israel keeps a sharp eye on their activities, with great success so far. Israel is the Roadrunner, and Iran is like Wile E. Coyote – Israel out-maneuvers Iran and in the process makes Iran look foolish at times. It's amazing to watch.

The recent flare-up started when Iran brought two Lebanese fighters to Iran to learn to operate killer drones, and then sent them back to Lebanon to fly these drones over Israel, under the radar, to wreak as much havoc as possible. Mossad (Israel's CIA) was aware of these two agents and tracked their trip to Iran and back. At the right time, they electronically disrupted the GPS of the two drones so that they couldn't be launched. (Score one for the Roadrunner.)

When Iran fixed the issue and scheduled the launch a few days later, Israel struck their location and "eliminated" the drones and the two operators. Hezbollah and the Iranians were livid. (Wile E. Coyote loses as usual.)

Iran has long wanted to use precision-guided missiles against Israel, but Israel has thwarted them multiple times. Israel tracks Iran's military moves of men and equipment and then destroys convoys, storage facilities, and the components of anything being moved to threaten Israel. So Iran decided instead to upgrade some of the many "dumb" rockets that Hezbollah has in Lebanon, to make the dumb rockets into guided missiles. They sent the equipment to do this into Lebanon and taught Hezbollah how to upgrade the dumb missiles. (The Coyote schemes.)

Aware of this new strategy, Israel somehow obtained two Iranian drones, attached to them explosives, took them out into the Mediterranean Sea, and launched them toward Lebanon. These two drones headed into Beirut, into Hezbollah's "back yard" and to the location of the equipment that would upgrade the missiles. With Iranian drones, Israel destroyed Iranian electronic equipment in the possession of the Iranian proxies, Hezbollah, who screamed "Revenge!" in frustration. (Roadrunner beats Coyote again.)

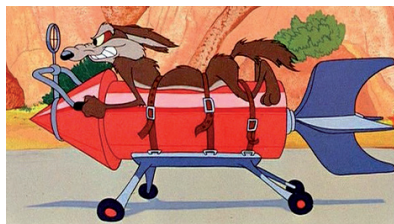
Knowing that they intended revenge, Israel watched their activities

and observed a group of Hezbollah fighters heading toward the Israeli border with some Russian anti-tank rockets. Israel decided to let them have their revenge. Hezbollah shot the rockets and hit an Israeli military ambulance, and then bragged about their hit that killed 4 Israeli soldiers. (Coyote struts!)

In turn, Israel said nothing, but sent a couple of helicopters to the area and picked up their "bleeding, injured soldiers," took them to a hospital in Haifa for treatment. Shortly after that, the soldiers left the hospital out the back, showing no injuries. The ambulance that was hit had no one in it. Israel faked the whole thing. (Roadrunner wins again! Wile E. Coyote fumes.)

Why does this even matter to us here? Why do I waste this space on this story? Several reasons:

1. You'll never hear this in the news. And it's a great story.
2. We should care what happens to Israel, the setting of much of the Bible, and especially of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, bringing us eternal life if we choose it.



3. It has provided an eternally persecuted people a home.
4. Israel and the United States are among the few nations left who demonstrate the spirit of compassion, service, and light to the world that is pleasing to God. We are allies, closely joined at the hip (until some crazy Leftist gets elected). We should care about what God cares about.

5. We really do need to pay attention to these highly significant goings on in the world around us as we see the darkening of our world due to the ascendance of evil. Jesus told us to pay attention to the signs that certain things are about to happen. The signs are there, but we need to get our eyes off our phones and TV's and look up and around us. We must be READY to meet our God!

6. I just plain wanted to tell that neat story!!

(7. And I love roadrunners.)

Linda Gammel

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From the Web.

IT'S SO HOT IN ARIZONA THAT . . .

(Does it make you feel good that there are places hotter than here?)

- The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.

- The potatoes cook underground, and all you have to do to have lunch is to pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.

- Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.

- The trees are whistling for the dogs.

- You no longer associate bridges (or rivers) with water.

- You can say 113 degrees without fainting.

- You eat hot chiles to cool your mouth off.

- You can make instant sun tea.

- You learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.

- The temperature drops below 95, you feel a bit chilly.

- The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!

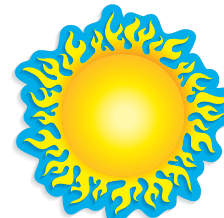
- You discover that in July, it takes only two fingers to drive your car.

- You notice the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.

- It's noon in July, kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is out on the streets.

- You break a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m. before work.

- You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.



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