Israel pays the price for Gaza's open border

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One woman is dead and dozens more are wounded this morning, after two terrorists belonging to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party carried out a <u>suicide bombing</u> in southern Israel. One suicide bomber was short dead before he had a chance to detonate his explosives, thanks to an Israeli police officer who happened to be on the scene at the time. His quick thinking prevented a much more devastating attack from taking place. It is the first suicide bombing to be carried out in Israel in over a year, largely thanks to the hated 'West Bank' barrier. Israel feared that the breach of the Rafah border would allow a free flow of weaponry into the Gaza Strip, and would permit terrorists to launch attacks on Israel from the Sinai desert. And today those fears have been confirmed.

Quote: "The two bombers entered Israel from Egypt after Hamas blew up the Gaza-Egypt border wall, a spokesman for the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades said. Abu Fouad, a spokesman for the Fatah-linked organization, said the operation had been planned for a month, but was made possible after Hamas violently opened Gaza's border with Egypt on January 23.

Last week Egyptian security forces <u>arrested</u> over a dozen Hamas members who were carrying weapons and explosives in the Sinai. It is likely that today's suicide bombing was not the first attempt by Palestinian terrorists to carry out an attack in Israel. Abbas has publicly <u>condemned</u>

the suicide bombing carried out by members of his own organization, but his condemnation means little when his government continues to propagate anti-Semitism through the media and the PA school curriculum. The Palestinian Liberation Organization does recognize Israel's right to exist, but Abbas' own

Fatah

party does not, and sees the peace process as just a stepping stone towards the ultimate destruction of the Jewish state. Like his predecessor Yasser Arafat, Mahmoud Abbas also speaks with a

forked tongue

. To his English audience, Abbas appears as a 'moderate' who seeks peace with Israel, but his speeches to his Arab audience convey a completely different message.

So as we can see, as far as the Palestinians are concerned, there will be no peace in the Middle East while the state of Israel continues to exist. And the international community demands that Israel hand over yet more territory to organizations who's stated goal is the destruction of the Jewish state? It's unbelievable. But the Bible prophesied that this would come to pass. Israel has become involved in a political process that must ultimately bring about the division of Jerusalem and the land of Israel (Daniel 11:39, Zechariah 12:2, 14:2, Revelation 11:2). Following the outbreak of the Second Lebanon War, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert

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stated that Israel desired an " <u>eternal covenant of peace</u> " with their neighbours. That covenant will come, and it seems it will be confirmed by hell itself. For the peace Israel has sought so long will be guaranteed by the Antichrist, the very man who will subsequently turn against Israel, in a final bid to destroy the Jewish people. But the Bible states that Israel's covenant with hell will be broken. For believing Israel is bound by a greater covenant, one made by blood. Jesus Christ will return to set up His kingdom.

Isaiah 28:14-16

Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which [is] in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner [stone], a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

You too can be made a partaker of this new covenant through faith in Jesus Christ. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved (Acts 16:31).

Ephesians 2:12-13

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

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