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The Iran-backed massacre of 1200 Israelis by the Hamas terror group on October 7, 2023 has unleashed an amazing series of events in the middle-east that, like dominoes dropping in quick succession - sees the enemies of Israel falling, one after the other.

Most recently, the quick overthrow of the Assad regime in Syria marked a dramatic end to the 50-year rule of the Assad family. The offensive, supported by Turkey and led by the Islamist group *Hayat Tahrir al-Sham* (HTS), began in late November 2024 and quickly gained momentum. Starting from the northern province of Idlib, near the Turkish border, the rebels advanced through major cities, including Aleppo and Hama, before capturing the capital, Damascus, to unseat the Assad regime. The rapid fall of these key cities highlighted the regime's weakened state and inability to mount a significant defense. All of these dominoes fell in Syria in just over a week.

The collapse of the Assad regime has led to significant changes in Syria's political landscape. The discovery of mass graves and evidence of war crimes committed by the Assad regime has shocked the world. The overthrow has raised concerns about the future stability of Syria and the wider region. While many Syrians celebrated the end of Assad's rule, the presence of extremist groups like HTS leading the new power structure has led to fears of continued violence and instability.

Abu Mohammad al-Jolani, the leader of HTS, then on the USA terrorist list, had a \$10 million bounty on his head. This bounty was placed by the United States under the Rewards for Justice Program. Al-Jolani was targeted due to his leadership of HTS, a group that sprang from the al-Nusra Front, which was originally affiliated with al-Qaeda.

HTS has a complex history and relationship with al-Qaeda. Here's an overview:

- 1. **Formation as Jabhat al-Nusra:** HTS originated as Jabhat al-Nusra, an al-Qaeda affiliate in Syria, formed in 2011 during the Syrian civil war. Led by Abu Mohammad al-Jolani, it quickly became a significant force.
- 2. **Split from ISIS:** Initially, Jabhat al-Nusra had ties with ISIS, but they split in 2013 due to strategic differences.
- 3. **Rebranding to Jabhat Fatah al-Sham:** In July 2016, al-Jolani announced the dissolution of Jabhat al-Nusra and the formation of Jabhat Fatah al-Sham, claiming to sever ties with al-Qaeda. This move was seen as an attempt to rebrand to gain broader support.
- 4. **Formation of HTS:** In January 2017, Jabhat Fatah al-Sham merged with several other groups to form HTS. Despite claims of independence, many analysts believe HTS has maintained covert ties with al-Qaeda.

So what's going on with HTS now?



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Current Status of HTS:

HTS has tried to present itself as a localized Syrian organization focused on governance and military action, distancing itself publicly from al-Qaeda. However, it retains a Salafi-jihadist ideology and has been involved in various extremist activities. Salafi-jihadist ideology involves a strict, literal interpretation of Islamic texts, aiming to return to the purest form of Islam practiced by the early generations of Muslims. They seek to establish a global caliphate, governed by Sharia law, and believe that armed jihad is a legitimate means to achieve this goal. They share this ideology with other Islamic radicals, including in Turkey, which country has now largely launched them to power in Syria, and continues to pull their strings.

Al-Jolani has represented himself as a sort of hero who has liberated Syria from the brutal Assad regime. He continues to represent his intensions as wanting peace and freedom for all Syrians and neighboring nations. Apparently, the United Nations and current leadership in the USA are inclined to accept his claims. The bounty has been removed from al-Jolani and he is being treated as a statesman rather than a terrorist by the West.

However, Syrian minority groups aren't buying it. Christians, Druze, Kurds, Assyrians, Yezidis, and other minorities have all suffered persecution from Salafijihadists. These groups have all been affected by the ongoing conflict and instability in Syria, leading to fears for their safety and future. Claims that HTS now wants to lead a government that grants freedom and fairness to everyone sounds unlikely, if not impossible, to them.

Israel isn't buying the siren song coming out of Syria these days either. Instead, they have acted immediately to destroy the remains of Assad's military, especially all air and naval assets, including poison gas manufacturing and inventory. This, by the way, leaves Israel a clear flight path to take out Iran's nuclear facilities, should they chose to do so. Not only that, but Israel now has taken control of Mount Hermon and the DMZ zone with Syria, bringing Israel within 15 miles from Damascus.

Israel never gets credit for this, but they have been an advocate for the minorities of Syria, especially the Druze. Recently the Druze in Syria made a decision that startled many. In view of the current situation outlined above, this is more prudent than shocking. They asked Israel to annex them to Israel to protect them from the Jihadists! They recognized that Israel would not persecute them, but would, in fact, protect them and their families. Where will all of this lead?

Tonight we are presenting a special interview with archaeologist, Thomas Winder, who just happens to live with the Druze on Mount Hermon. Thomas has an upclose personal perspective on the unfolding of these events that I think you will want to see. Are the rapid changes we are seeing in Syria and the middle-east significant in Bible prophecy? What effect will all of these recent events have on Israel and the world? What do you think? If this is of interest to you then I know you will enjoy this timely interview. We begin tonight at Tsiyon.Net at 8 PM, Central. Join us and invite your friends on any of our streaming platforms.

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"In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good courage!

I have overcome the world." John 16:33

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