Nuclear deal with Iran threatens the security of Israel

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At the moment I am writing this article, Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry are close to making a deal with Iran that will almost certainly lead to the country becoming a nuclear power.

At issue are Iran's 19,000 uranium enriching centrifuges, 10,000 of which are operational. The centrifuges spin at supersonic speeds in order to concentrate uranium gas into material suitable for both power generation and atomic bombs.

The United States, Russia, China, Britain, and France are meeting with Iran in Lausanne, Switzerland, in an attempt to slow down Iran's ability to make the bomb by reducing its "breakout" time from its current several months to one year by reducing its number of operational centrifuges to 6,000.

"Break-out" time is the amount of time Iran needs to produce the fissile material suitable for nuclear weapons with its centrifuges and to construct nuclear weapons.

Their self-imposed deadline for an agreement is March 31, which is an unlikely accomplishment given that Iran is demanding that all sanctions against their country be lifted.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been working tirelessly the last few months to scuttle the talks. He has repeatedly warned that allowing Iran to go nuclear will destabilize the region even more than it already is, as other Arab countries will demand that they be provided with nuclear weapons as well.

Netanyahu has not been unwilling to negotiate with Iran, but not as long as they maintain the status quo.

"The most important thing," Netanyahu said, "is that the lifting of restrictions on Iran's nuclear program would depend on Iran's change of behavior. That it would stop supporting terrorism, stop its aggression against just about every country in the region, and stop calling (for) and threatening the annihilation of Israel."

Since the 1976 revolution that threw out the Shah, Iranian mullahs have sworn to bring about the destruction of Israel and the Jews, as well as the United States. They have never waivered in their determination to do so.

Today, Netanyahu stated the gravity of the talks, denouncing the "Iran-Lausanne-Yemen axis which is dangerous for all of humanity and which must be stopped" and he warned that the agreement could place Iran in a position to conquer the Middle East.

Last month he spoke to the U.S. Congress in an attempt to thwart Obama's push for a nuclearcapable Iran, stating that the "Congress could be the last obstacle to lifting sanctions against Iran." The sanctions have been effective in strangling Iran's economy, but not its program of spreading Islamic terror throughout the Middle East, including Yemen, which just fell to Iranian-backed forces.

In negotiations in the past, Israel has offered land to the Palestinians in an effort to broker peace, only to have its offers rejected (by Arafat in particular) because the Palestinians wanted all of Israel, not just parts.

In contrast, rarely is anything said about how much of the Promised Land that Israel does not occupy, but still owns under the covenant God made with Israel over 3,000 years ago.

To the south of present-day Israel, the southern border of the Promised Land extends southeast from the Mediterranean Sea and across the Sinai to the northern tip of the Red Sea.

From that point its border extends northeast east through Jordan and the Golan Heights and all the way to the Euphrates River in Iraq, then turns west along the river through present day Syria.

Its western border extends down from the Euphrates River southwest through Lebanon and back to the Mediterranean.

While ancient Israel failed to occupy all of the land that God had set aside for them, God never withdrew His promise to the Jewish people regarding their land; and when the nation of Israel was established in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly failed, for political reasons and to keep the peace in the region, to give all of their land back to them.

Instead, Israel was attacked the day after it officially became the State of Israel, and has been fighting for its survival ever since. The United States has always been its staunchest ally, but Obama is obviously very anxious and determined to bring about its demise by creating the conditions Iran needs to attack Israel.

We need to remember God's warning that He would bless those who bless Israel and curse those who curse it. Though it may not be possible now for us to help Israel reclaim all of its land, it is critical that we help Israel protect and defend the land that it possesses now.



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