

Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong

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Greetings from Tyler,

Israel struck back at Iran, after being warned about the slightest incursion. Where it goes from here, we'll have to wait and see. News reports say **Israel bombed the city of Isfahan**, home to a military base and the Natanz nuclear facility. Whether that's the end of it, we don't know. Iran's strike against Israel apparently did little damage and didn't kill anyone. Not that they didn't try. It was an onslaught of drones and missiles, and Israel had help intercepting them. Even from Jordan.

If you listen to the rhetoric coming out of Iran, they've got a lot of **big talk about their capabilities and what they might do**. I learned a long time ago that this ilk is prone to a lot of chest-pounding talk and here you see it. Let's hope that's all it is. This is the first time in all these years that Iran has attacked Israel, and they better be careful. Not that Israel needs another front, but Iran would be making a big mistake.

Three years in, we've got troubles we never considered. More people than ever have breached our Southern border, and the administration is powerless to do anything about it. **They need legislation!** Really? After 240 years we need a new law to protect our border? Who ever heard of such a thing? **No nation on earth would allow what's going on**. It's almost as bad as **what's happened to Europe** with Muslims flooding in.

We've got Muslims as it is, and they're acting up. **"Death to America," they chant**. What on earth are they doing here? We've got Muslims in Congress who hate what we stand for, and the very idea that we've got idiots screaming Death to America is beyond the pale. It's hard to believe they're not being hustled to wherever back home might be.

Apparently **Congress has approved more money for Ukraine**. News from the war zone isn't exactly encouraging. The idea that Ukraine is going to defeat Russia is crazy talk. Putin might be a bad guy, but that doesn't justify putting vast sums into Zelensky's hands. He's made the rounds, demanding help. You've got to

wonder if we're protecting some of the graft that Ukraine is famous for.

When Trump says we're like a third-world country, maybe he's right. We've lost count of the number of indictments. According to the best legal scholars, they're flimsy. Seems like they're keeping him in court, fending off law fare, so he can't campaign. But he's got his own jet, and will be able to give speeches, as long as he doesn't violate the "gag orders" that have been issued against him. Apparently they want some excuse to throw him in jail, but it doesn't appear to be working. The more they pile up false accusations, the more popular he becomes. All their phony indictments may turn out to have been a huge miscalculation.

We're gearing up for the Passover and Days of Unleavened bread. Nearly everybody has helped out, and our place looks beautiful. We're hoping for a good crowd, and are pretty sure everybody will enjoy themselves.

God has blessed us, all Americans for that matter. Why would we squander the peace and security we've been given with defiance? It doesn't make sense.

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