President Barack Obama declares the Iranian nuclear agreement is a good deal. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu replies that it is a bad deal, “a stunning historical mistake.”

Obama says “we have achieved a detailed arrangement that permanently prohibits Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. It cuts off all of Iran’s pathways to a bomb.”

Netanyahu says “the nuclear deal with Iran doesn’t block Iran’s path to the bomb. It actually paving Iran’s path to the bomb.”

Obama promises that “we have stopped the spread of nuclear weapons in this region.”

Netanyahu says the agreement will actually trigger a nuclear race in the Middle East, the most volatile region on the planet.

Obama says that without the agreement, the only alternative is war.

Netanyahu says that going ahead with the deal will lead to war.

Obama says that if Iran cheats, the UN’s International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will catch them “through the
most comprehensive inspection and verifi-
cation regime ever negotiated to monitor a nuclear program.”

Netanyahu responds that neither intel-
ligence nor inspections prevented North Korea from building atomic bombs de-
spite assurances they wouldn’t be able to do so. And while this deal allows for on-
going inspections of Iran’s declared sites, what about Iran’s secret nuclear activities? Not only that, Netanyahu adds, “The inspectors must first share with Iran the critical intelligence that led them to sus-
pect these sites in the first place. That’s actually astounding.”

Now, what’s a person to do? Most folks are not nuclear scientists and none of us are privy to the intel Obama and Net-
tanyahu have. Yet the U.S. Congress and Senate must vote on whether or not to accept the plan. One knowledgeable insider states that 80 senators – well above the needed to override a presidential veto – would vote down the accord if it were not for politics.

In other words, Democratic senators and congressmen voting against their president could cost them dearly in their future political careers.

On the other hand, lawmakers do have their ears to the ground, listening to what their constituents are saying, even though the Obama administration threatens to go forward with the deal, no matter what the Obama administration threatens to do. And while this deal allows for on-
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The devil is in the (lack of) details

President Obama states that the JCPOA provides for Iran to enrich uranium only to five percent for at least 15 years. The Ira-

nians have agreed to ship out 98 percent of their stockpile of enriched uranium – cur-
rently enough for up to 10 nuclear bombs.

(The agreement does not explain where it will be shipped to and which country will be the recipient.) Instead of their present 20,000 centrifuges, they will be allowed to use only 6,000 of the older type. There will be strict inspections by the UN’s IAEA. Therefore Obama assures the world that the agreement prevents Iran from constructing a nuclear weapon.

But Prime Minister Netanyahu protests that even if Iran abides by the agreement, the deal allows Iran to maintain and eventu-
ally expand a vast and increasingly sophist-
icated nuclear infrastructure. This

infrastructure is unnecessary for civilian nuclear energy, but it’s entirely neces-
sary for nuclear weapons. Astonishingly, the deal permits Iran to operate a nuclear program and thus grants Iran’s illusory nuclear program full international legitimacy.

Israël’s General Yaakov Amidror concurs: “The Iranian nuclear program has no civilian element, and no justification other than as a military program.”

Therefore, even if Iran faithfully hon-
ors the deal, Netanyahu continues, “in a decade or so – at most 15 years – the main restrictions on this vast nuclear program will expire. They’ll just end. The deal’s limitations on the number of centrifuges Iran has and on the quantity of uranium enriched, those restrictions will be lifted. And at that point Iran will be able to produce the enriched uranium for an entire arsenal of nuclear weapons and it could produce that arsenal very quickly.”

The top Democratic Jewish senator, Chuck Schumer from New York, agrees. “If Iran’s true intent is to get a nuclear weapon, under this agreement, it must simply exercise patience. Af-
ter ten years, it can be very close to achieving that goal, and, unlike its current unsanctioned pursuit of a nuclear weapon, Iran’s nuclear pro-
gram would be codified in an agree-
ment signed by the United States and other nations. To me, after ten years, if Iran is the same nation as it is today, we will be worse off with this agreement.”

“After fifteen years of relief from sanctions,” Schumer continued, “Iran will be stronger financially and better able to advance a robust nuclear program. Even more impor-
tantly, the agreement would allow Iran, after ten to fifteen years, to be a nuclear threshold state with the blessing of the world community. Iran would have a green light to be as close, if not closer to possessing a nuclear weapon than it is today. And the ability to thwart Iran if it is intent on becoming a nuclear power would have less moral and econom-
ic force,” he said. (www.schumer.senate.
.gov; link: goo.gl/iQ5k4l)

BILLIONS FOR IRAN’S PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES

How much does Iran stand to im-
mediately gain when the sanctions are lifted? $100 - $150 billion. That’s roughly how much money Iran would have if the U.S. Trea-

sury Department says Iran will re-
cover once sanctions are lifted. (Other sources say more.) The money comes from Iranian oil sales and has been piling up in some international banks because of sanctions imposed by the U.S. in 2012. Oil is one of Iran’s most valu-
able commodities. And, sanctions or no sanctions, Iran found buyers over the past few years. Month af-
ter month, millions of dollars of oil revenues were added to its ledgers. But Iran hasn’t been able to get its hands on that cash. It’s frozen in overseas banks. The money is sit-
ing in countries like China, India, Japan, South Korea and Turkey.

Elizabeth Rothberg, who worked on the Iran sanctions is-
sue at the Treasury Department and is now with the Center for a New American Security says that while $100 billion sounds like a lot of money, it pales in comparison to the economic relief Iran can expect if and when companies begin to trade and invest in it. (www.cnbc.com; link:
goo.gl/1dCygY)

Fox News stated that Iran can produce four million barrels of oil a day. At $50 a barrel, that is $200 million per day!

In a statement, B’nai B’rith Inter-
national said the deal “requires an unprecedented suspension of disbelief that Iran has only peaceful intentions for its nuclear program. Given its decades of dissembling, it is impossible to conclude that Teh-
ran will honor its obligations under this agreement.” B’nai B’rith Intern-
national has joined AIPAC and the American Jewish Committee in op-
posing the deal. (www.batzo.com; link:
goo.gl/GBKSGD)

A LITTLE STORY

A n American Jewish journalist, Larry Cohler-
Esses, was surprisingly given a visa to travel to Iran this last month. He talked with all kinds of people and wrote a very interesting inside story. But the conversation he had with one of the Grand Ayatollahs, named Yousef Saanei, was fascinating. According to Wikipedia, Saanei is one of the top 11 Grand Ayatollahs in the world. He is also considered a reformist – in fact, he is often referred to as “the spiritual father” of Iran’s Green Movement. Because of his high standing, he has more freedom to say what he wants than just about anyone else in Iran.

Cohler-Esses relates that on entering Saanei’s receiving room, “I discovered quickly that there was something he wanted to talk about…his disappointment with the nuclear agreement. The Ayatollah complained, “Since everyone involved knew from the beginning that there had to be an agreement at the end, he asked me, why did the international negotiators insist on including other crucial issues?”

I asked him what other issues, specifically. He declared again: “Before anything else, human rights! Freedom of speech and writing. Freedom of thought. Encouraging people to develop their creativity, instead of this huge investment on military and other facilities.”

“These negotiations are only about nuclear issues and sanctions,” he protested to me through his translator. “They don’t relate at all to human rights! Basically, the negotiations were not about humanitarian beliefs or spiritual matters. It’s just about money.” (http://forward.com; link: goo.gl/MipygH)

Which reminds me: how in this world did the American government, the strongest military nation in the world, leave a Christian pastor and three other Americans in the dungeons of Iran?

By Shira Sorko-Ram
Israelis afraid because they understand

A recent poll found that 80% of Jewish Israelis fear the nation is in existential danger. That means that 80% are afraid of another apocalypse on the Jewish people. If the next one occurs, and God forbid, a terrorist exploded a nuclear device in a large U.S. city, the nation would be devastated and forever changed. If it happened in Tel Aviv, because of Israel’s tiny size, the nation would cease to exist.

Literally across the board, both Israel’s ruling parties and the opposition are in agreement that the Iran nuclear agreement is a terrible mistake. Senator Schumer made one other extremely important point. He said, “We must consider the non-nuclear elements of the agreement. This aspect of the deal gives me the most pause.” For years, Iran has used military force and terrorism to expand its influence in the Middle East, actively supporting military or terrorist actions in Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq, and Gaza. That is why the U.S. has labeled Iran as one of the three nations in the world who are “state sponsors of terrorism.”

Netanyahu said, “Let’s suppose that Iran just takes 10% of the money for terrorism. That’s 10% of nearly half a trillion dollars that Iran is expected to receive over the next 10 to 15 years. That’s a staggering amount of money. And that would turn any terrorist group sponsored by Iran into a terrorist superpower.”

Why do some believe that this deal is better than no deal, and yet others believe that no deal is better than this deal? It really comes down to whether a person understands the Iranian goals and mindset to control the entire Middle East and then the rest of the world. Has anyone in the P5+1 countries who signed the deal ever stopped to consider why Iran is the leading terrorist state in the world?

What embargo?

For some time now, the United Nations has also placed Iran on several international sanctions lists. Along with other dangerous Iranian military and scientific personnel, General Qassem Soleimani has been under UN travel sanctions because he is responsible for the death of more that 500 Americans in Iran.

But guess what? General Soleimani, Iran’s National Intelligence and Security Services commander, just broke his travel ban. Iran state media reported that General Soleimani traveled to Moscow to discuss with President Putin, among other matters, the sale of air defense missiles.

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The consequences of the lack of authoritative oversight for non-nuclear weapons control are already being felt. Hamas has begun funding and arming rockets that tunnel from Gaza to Israel. Hezbollah, though badly bloodied from its defense of Iran’s client, Syria’s Assad regime, is reemphasizing its nuclear rhetoric and capabilities before what will be a horrifically violent future war. Iran’s subversion in Yemen, the Balkans, South America and the Gulf is at new heights.

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Are they doing what they do just for kicks? Not at all. They have a plan. And woe to those nations that don’t recognize that plan. Now Iran has been given an agreement so vague it presents them with an endless array of opportunities to cheat now, or just wait until they get the international signature of approval on the dotted line in, at the latest, 15 years.

Arms embargo over 5 years. Ballistic missiles embargo in 8 years.

But what about Iran’s ability to procure and deliver conventional arms? According to the Iran nuclear deal, John Kerry and company agreed that in five years Iran could start importing all non-nuclear arms, non-nuclear armaments, and in eight years the restrictions regarding ballistic missiles would be lifted.

The United States, together with its European allies, have agreed to put the U.S. and Europe in the shadow of Iran’s soon-to-be ballistic missile threat. Iran can legally begin working towards ICBM’s in eight years, and nuclear warheads in 10-15 years. Today’s Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles can carry missiles weighing over 5,000 to 16,000 kilograms and are primarily designed for nuclear weapons delivery. Iran has the largest and most diverse ballistic missile arsenal in the Middle East. (Israel has more capable ballistic missiles than Iran is expected to receive.)

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All this before the sanction lifting has even begun?

But by now you will have probably guessed that there will be no effective enforcement mechanism in place during the coming years of embargoes. The Iran agreement provides for so-called “snapback,” where any violation of oversight committee, the enforcement will be primarily a facade. The JCPOA sanctions mechanism is collapsing even before it is officially functioning.

At any rate, Iran’s Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has already announced that Iran will not honor these embargoes because they are, according to him, “illegal” – just as in the past Iran didn’t honor the Security Council resolutions that have since been replaced due to the new arrangements.

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Arms race

John Bolton, former U.S. ambassador to the UN, pointed out that “ironically perhaps, Israel’s nuclear weapons have not triggered an arms race. Other states in the region understood – even if they couldn’t admit it
publicly – that Israel’s nukes were intended as a deterrent, not as an offensive measure.”

As a result of the JCPOA, Bolton believes Iran will create a nuclear bomb. He warns that the Israeli and international nightmare may well be under way. Israel’s reported nuclear monopoly is threatened. The risk of a dangerous nuclear race may spread outside the Middle East. There are already dozens of nations, such as Brazil, Argentina, Japan, South Korea, and more, who so far have voluntarily restrained themselves from building nuclear bombs, even though they have the know-how.

The former Saudi intelligence chief, Prince Turki Al-Faisal said recently in a TV interview, “Whatever comes out of these talks, we will want the same.” The prince added that other Middle East countries would also be asking for the same. The media has reported in recent years that Saudi Arabia had funded 60 percent of Pakistan’s nuclear weapons, and thus has an option to obtain them from Islamabad.

THE MYSTERY OF THE SCRIPTURES

In one of the most comforting “Latter Day” Scriptures for me are the words of Yeshua:

And Yeshua answered him, “If anyone would do My will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it is so or not.”

(John 7:17)

For more facts on the Iran agreement, go online to the MAOZ Israel Report at www.maozisrael.org and read full article including on this earth, to take up the burden of the Gentile nations. This is Yeshua’s message: “Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.”

Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia. And when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is written in the Scripture of Truth. No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince. And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than them all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece. And a fourth kingdom shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. Whether these Scriptures have been completely fulfilled, or yet will be revelatory for our time, we will only know in the future as we watch events unfold.

Our focus must be on the fact that there is a tremendous war in the heavens; certainly the prince of Persia is on the rampage. Will God’s people today sleep, or will we rise up to be a mighty army of intercessors to battle the prince of Persia and every other prince of every other country that desires to steal God’s beloved creation, the human race?

When we hear the kind of news such as we are hearing daily, we must understand the times.

We must intensify our reason for being on this earth, to take up the burden of the Lord and make disciples of all nations of our number one calling.

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The second possible scenario is that Iran will abide by the agreement to the letter, until the end of the 10-15 year sunset clause. They will not cheat, but will use the time to expand their knowledge and capabilities, in theory and in practice. In such a scenario, it is reasonable to assume that at the end of the period, after more than a decade, Iran will have the expertise to produce centrifuges that are 10 or 20 times faster.

Since the embargo on conventional weapons will be lifted after five years, the Iranians will work to significantly improve their anti-aircraft defenses. They can expect help from Russia, which needs the money to pay for its own defensive measures, which are defensive in nature and therefore “acceptable.” (Note: Russia and Iran have already ignored the JCPOA.

Three years later, the embargo on the Iranian missile project will also be lifted, and Iran will make every effort to progress in its development and production of precise missiles, particularly long-range ones that would allow it to threaten Europe initially (at a very early stage), and later the U.S.

IRAN’S ECONOMY WILL BE STRONG

There is little doubt that within 10 years, and certainly once the embargo is lifted, Iran will achieve these capabilities. It will be better protected from any aerial threat, and able to carry out missile strikes on many areas of the world.

In parallel, determined efforts will be made to develop the Iranian economy so that, after a decade, it will be able to withstand outside pressures. In short, all the lessons will be learned from the last sanctions regime, and Iran will be better prepared for a similar situation in the future.

Hezbollah will receive thousands of precise missiles, while enjoying Iranian backing and Hamas will receive more aid.

Answering President Barack Obama’s question of what the alternative is to the Vienna agreement, there is a clear answer. The alternative was increasing the pressure of sanctions, including stubborn negotiations, and even more generous preparations for military action that would crystallize all options on the table. Together, these would achieve a better agreement.

In the end, the only powers signed an agreement must not be allowed to paralyze Israel. The country’s security is at stake.

AFORSHER MAHDIEN THREAT

It is clear that Iranian cheating will not take place at the declared facilities which are under IAEA inspection, but at sites they do not declare to the international community, whose location can only be discovered through gathering high-quality intelligence.

The IAEA, for its part, will be as unwilling as in the past to make use of external intelligence (even when presented with it) out of fear of being accused of acting as an agent of Israel or the U.S. Yet it is difficult to see how the IAEA might develop its own sufficient capabilities.

Based on the experiences in almost all similar cases in the past, it must be assumed with a high degree of probability that if the Iranians make an effort to cheat and to hide the evidence, it is almost certain they will be able to develop their first nuclear device before the West can respond.

IRANIAN SELF-DEFENSE

Former national security adviser Maj. Gen. (res.) Yaakov Amidror of the Jerusalem Institute says, “I don’t know if the following verses in the Bible are found the words of Yeshua: “Let none of his royal subjects fight to victory as the saint of God can deploy, the tactics it uses, and the offensive and defensive technology at its disposal. With the support of Iran, Hezbollah is not a terroristic group, but rather Tehran’s terrorist army.

Israel military officials are now beginning to view the Hepzibah threat as strategic rather than tactical; that is, they are preparing for a confrontation with a foreign army, rather than a terrorist group. But this army is not like others, because while it has the size and capacity of an army, it still fights like a terrorist organization.

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