

## Assassinations Today

### Commentary for October 1, 2024 — A Part of War

This month's ASK article is "Assassination in Scripture." Read the "[October 2024 Newsletter](#)" that introduces the article. (Then I discuss an alarming proposal and vote that happened at the United Nations last week.)

### **Assassination in Beirut, Lebanon**

Early in October 1 the Israeli military ASSASSINATED Hassan Nasrallah, the 64-year-old head of the political and terrorist group Hezbollah ("Party of God") in Beirut. He was a major leader in that organization for 32 years. Several Israeli bombs fell on structures used as safe places by Hezbollah. They thought the Israelis would not deliberately bomb residential buildings. The Israelis must have thought this time the value of killing Hassan was "worth" the civilian deaths.

Hezbollah claims to have stockpiled 150,000+ rockets and suicide drones supplied by Iran and other countries. They can launch them against Israel, particularly the populous northern cities: the Tel Aviv-Yafo city conglomerate, Haifa, Rishon LeZion, and Petah Tikva, a total population of 5.6 million people, plus Israelis living north of Tel Aviv near the Lebanese border. (It is doubtful Hezbollah would deliberately attack Jerusalem for fear of harming Muslim religious structures.)

The Israelis have sought to kill Hassan Nasrallah since he came to head Hezbollah decades ago. Previous attempts were unsuccessful. Several other Hezbollah commanders were killed in the same bombing.

**"Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of the Hezbollah terrorist organization and one of its founders, was eliminated by an Israel Defense Forces strike in Beirut, the IDF confirmed on Friday. Also killed in the massive strike on the jihadist group's south Beirut bastion were Ali Karki, the Commander of Hezbollah's Southern Front, and additional Hezbollah commanders."**

**Following precise intelligence from the IDF and Israeli security establishment, IAF [Israeli Air Force] fighter jets conducted a targeted strike on the Central Headquarters of the Hezbollah terrorist organization, which was located underground embedded under a residential building in the area of Dahieh in Beirut.**

**Hezbollah joined Hamas in its war against the State of Israel on October 8 of last year [2023], one day since the Palestinian jihadists perpetrated the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust."**

**I24, "[IDF, Hezbollah confirm Hassan Nasrallah killed in Beirut strike.](#)"**

There were many civilian casualties in the collapsed building where Nassan and his colleagues were meeting in the basement, and in large residential buildings nearby that were also severely damaged. Hassan had been a major leader of Hezbollah.

**"In 1983, suicide bombing attacks against first the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, then the barracks of American and French peacekeepers, killed at least 360 people, including 241 American service members. The murderous attacks were claimed by the Islamic**

**Jihad Organization, considered a precursor to Hezbollah, and some of those suspected of planning it later became top commanders under Mr. Nasrallah.**

**"Who Is Hassan Nasrallah, Leader of Hezbollah?"**  
*New York Times, Sept. 27, 2024*

Eliminating leaders of enemy military or paramilitary organizations is desirable, if civilian casualties are minimized. Years ago Israeli intelligence managed to prepare pagers and walkie-talkies with explosives that would blow up on command. In September 2024 they signaled the devices to explode. Hezbollah leaders and subordinates were killed, with thousands of civilian casualties, as the *New York Times* reported:

**"On Sept. 19, in his [Nasrallah's] most recent televised remarks, he blamed Israel for the exploding pagers and walkie-talkies that killed dozens of his foot soldiers and wounded several thousand more in the days before,**

**"This retribution will come,' he said. 'Its manner, size, how and where — these are things we will certainly keep to ourselves, in the narrowest circles even among us.'"**

*New York Times, ibid.*

The Israelis killed Hassan before his revenge could be realized.

### ***A Biblical Perspective?***

Humanity has not progressed in love toward one another, but they have improved the effectiveness of mass killing. This will get worse as time comes closer to Christ's return. People do seem to resist leaving their homes in search of safety. God created evil and allows it to occur — for now.

**"I am Yahweh, and there is no other; Except for Me, there is no Elohim; I am forearming you, yet you do not know Me, That they may know, From the rising of the sun and from the west, That there is no one apart from Me; I am Yahweh, and there is no other. Former of light and Creator of darkness, Maker of good and CREATOR OF EVIL, I, Yahweh, make all these things."**

**• *Isaiah 45:5-7 CLV***

Here are four articles. The events described in Scripture will occur before Christ returns:

- **"The Prophesied State of Palestine."** Peace must come for this country to be created, as God says. Israel and the Palestinians (where the Philistines lived), will have a successful and prosperous period before the End Time.
- **"The Damascus Phase of End-Time Prophecy."** Isaiah prophecies that the city of Damascus will become a special place for God before Christ returns. It will be a place of peace.
- **"Prosperity Before the End Times"** will be the environment for the end-time preaching of the Gospel.
- **"The End Time? Not Yet!"** Many events must happen before the End Time begins.

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