

What Is Important to Iran

Commentary for March 16, 2026 — Now and In The Future Of Iran (Persia)

In August 2012 I published my article, "[What Is Important](#)." I discussed the priorities that are most important to every human organization — to every individual person.

The great nation of Iran (hereafter I use the biblical term "PERSIA") is a country of some 92+ million citizens. Persia is currently in a military conflict with Israel, the United States, and in the last few days has fired long-range military weapons at many nations, most in the Middle East.¹

Here is what I wrote at the bottom of page 1 of my 2012 article:

(1) The First Priority of EVERY organization — whether a government, a corporation, or a religious denomination — is the continued

[1] **survival,**

[2] **health, and**

[3] **growth**

of the organization. Some organizations must grow or they wither or die. Others grow, plateau, and then have a slow decline. Every organization, great or small, has its own life history. While it lives it must look to its continuation as its primary function.

It is natural that every human group and organization has its own survival as first priority and goal. Every living organism does the same thing, ranging from one-celled life to the greatest of whales.

As I write, the military situation is the nation of Persia fighting several nations: Israel, the United States, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Cyprus, Azerbaijan, and even Turkey.² Also, Persia continues to suffer from a prolonged drought according to a recent article in the east Asian news publication *The Strait Times* for March 12, 2026: "[War is pushing Iran's water supply to the brink of collapse](#)."

Mass Death in Persia

Before war broke out, the leaders of Persia stated that protests against the government would be opposed with deadly force. Later Persia admitted tens of thousands of protesters were killed. When Israel and the United States attacked by air bombardment, many of Persia's top officials and administrators were targeted and reportedly killed. Replacement leaders were quickly chosen, but many of them were also attacked and killed.

The leaders of Persia may be losing control of their people, though the people have few weapons to fight their government. These events indicate that "continuation" of the Persian government is doubtful and change of government might occur sooner rather than later.

¹ See Dr. Martin's article: "[Iran in Prophecy](#)," written in 1995. I updated it in May 2024. DWS

² Persia has not attacked nations on their eastern border: Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

Other Priorities from My Article "What Is Important"

(2) The Second Priority is to maintain the flow of income, which is the life-blood of every human organization, so the organization can function or grow.

Growth is also a natural priority of most of life as well as human groups. Persian society is under stress at present and it is not growing. Crude oil that Persia produces must be shipped through the Strait of Hormuz. While the Strait is closed, no nation can ship through that water passage. Nor can Persia sell its crude oil to buyers like China, India, and other countries.

(3) The Third Priority of EVERY organization is to appear to serve the interests of the citizens, customers, or members (employees and volunteers) as defined by that organization.

Interests of "stakeholders" must be acknowledged. Every human group and organization has founding principles and ideals that describe the original reasons they were bound together. When those interests are damaged, people will disassociate themselves from the group.³ I doubt Persian leaders act according to teachings of the Koran, as decisions and actions of the Persian government hurt the stated interests of their own people.

(4) The Fourth Priority of EVERY organization is to hold true to the ideals of the organization.

Holding true to the founding ideals gives confidence to parents, children, business owners, employees, students, and supporters, that the government is true to its word. This is a rare commodity for most organizations because in every society all are sinful human beings. The leaders of Persia believe that Islam is the truth and a religion of peace — if you accept their leadership. Beyond obedience, Persian leaders seem to care little about their people.

(5) The Fifth Priority of EVERY organization is to — tell the truth.

Telling the truth as they know it is the last (and least valued) of the five priorities of organizations. It seems leaders often feel that what they say is the truth simply because they say it. Persian leaders seem to be lying to their own people about most everything.

What Else Is Important

Also, I published in August 2012 a short Commentary "[What Is Important to Children](#)." My focus was upon YOU as a child of God. What is important to you now is important to every human child today, and to every child of God, whatever your age, whose mind and heart God has opened to receive, study, and live the truths He has taught you over years and decades.

Pray for peace near you, even though Christ's prophecies (Matthew chapter 24, Mark chapter 13, and Luke chapter 21), and other prophecies must be fulfilled, we can pray for those we know at home and abroad so that each one of us can live the priorities God wants us to live in reverse order, from #5 to #1.

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³ The Declaration of Independence itemized the grievances and reasons for the American colonies to separate themselves from British rule by Parliament and King of England.