**The Air Defense Superiority of Israel:**

**The Nation’s Existential Key?**

***Behold, He will mount up and fly swiftly like an eagle and spread His wings against [the city of] Bozrah; and in that day the heart of the mighty warriors of Edom will be like the heart of a woman in childbirth.***

**Jeremiah 49:22 (AMP)**

With news of a possible sale of US F-35 fighter jets to the United Arab Emirates as a dividend of the Abraham Accords., there has been much discussion about Israel and its qualitative advantage militarily over adversaries or potential adversaries in the Middle East. The Israeli Air Force has operated almost at will with its pre-emptive targeting of Iranian targets in Syria and Iraq, and aside from an unfortunate incident involving Russian casualties in 2018, has been effective with keeping more sophisticated missile and rocket weaponry away from its borders, with a minimum amount of collateral or civilian damage. The air advantage has to be somewhat of a deterrent to Hezbollah’s tendency toward aggression on Israel’s northern border. With possible confrontation with an ever-belligerent Turkey appearing to require some attention sooner rather than later, the Israeli Air Force is more valuable now than it has ever been in its history. The military response to repeated Hamas rocket attacks from Gaza in the years since Israel withdrew, has been managed with precision, satellite intelligence and surgical jet fighter strikes. Minimizing civilian casualties may indeed be the most impressive characteristic of air force operations to consider in Israel, especially within an international community who look for grievances to bring against the “Zionist entity” consistently.

One can even hearken all the way back to the destruction of the Iraqi nuclear site in 1981 under Saddam Hussein, to get a picture of the value of air superiority in the Levant to Israel.

***For You will make them turn their backs [in defeat]; You will aim Your bowstring [of divine justice] at their faces.***

[**Psalm 21:12**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2021%3A12&version=AMP) **(AMP)**

**US keeps its pact with Israel**

After obtaining the F-35’s from the United States, Israel was actually able to customize and enhance its capabilities to meet its own internal defense capability standards. As I am writing this piece Israel will become the first international customer and recipient of the F-22 from the US which is the most coveted fighter on the planet, and will most likely be able to upgrade that, beyond the American version. These innovative examples are related, not only to the survival of the modern state, but could also be connected directly to the identity of the nation over ancient history. Passages from the Word of God in the 60th chapter of Isaiah give an elaborate description of the position the God of Abraham will raise Israel and Jerusalem to, in the family of nations in the earth in every sphere of life and existence. In military operations, in economic resilience, in agricultural productivity and in technological progress, Israel does seem to have a supernatural edge or advantage that can be explained by no natural standard of measure that we have.

**God’s viewpoint is from Above**

There are many passages in the Word of God that indicate that we should all aspire to have a perspective in our lives similar to the one a fighter pilot needs to maintain the advantage over an adversary. God has let us know that “*For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts*.” Isaiah 55:9 (AMP). Aspiring to match our thought life to His, will lift our ability to fulfil God’s good intention for our faith walk. There are also other biblical references that connect the eagle with manifestations of angelic beings and metaphorically describe some sign or wonder that God performed for his people Israel throughout their history. No wonder many nations, including Israel include an eagle in their insignia either for their Air Force or Air Defense units. The Lord himself is identified with a bird in flight in His relationship with His holy city:

***“Like flying birds, so will the Lord of hosts protect Jerusalem; He will protect and save it,***

***He will pass over and rescue it***.” **Isaiah 31:5** (AMP)

This was and is of great comfort to those of us who would live and serve the purposes of the Kingdom in this city. This is because this location is going to be the most contested place on the earth, as it has been since its inception. The Israeli Air Force has to operate with this in mind, as does any military unit within the nation, charged with defending the nation’s sovereignty and existence. We also find in the Word, that as believers those of us who exercise patience in our faith can actually embody a lifting of our total being (spirit, soul, mind and body) into a different sense of wellness:

***But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] Will gain new strength and renew their power; They will lift up their wings [and rise up close to God] like eagles [rising toward the sun]; They will run and not become weary, they will walk and not grow tired.* Isaiah 40:31 (AMP)**

We certainly encourage those of you have been gracious enough to read Insights or our other CFI article offerings, to practice the instruction of the scripture above and it is also our prayer that this would also apply to those that do serve this nation’s Air Force and those allied with the purposes of Israel.

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