

Who won the Mid-East War?

Hezbollah claimed victory, but Beirut was blasted and Lebanon wound up with a flat Tyre. The truth is, nobody really won. There was serious damage all around.

Pandemonium, the capitol city of Hell in Milton's *Paradise Lost* was a place of wild uproar, unrestrained disorder, tumult, chaos and the abode of all the demons. Sounds a lot like Beirut, Damascus or Tehran today.

War changes everything. I was 14 years old when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor in December 1941. For the next four years America poured every resource and asset into fighting Japanese Imperialism and German Nazism. Food and gasoline were rationed. Everything was in short supply or non-existent from nylons to new cars. Tires were re-treaded. There were no more new cars until 1946, a year after the end of hostilities.

Moral outrage over the cowardly surprise attack at Pearl Harbor led to the demise of the dictators, Hitler and Tojo. That same moral outrage is in short supply today.

It's been five years since 9/11 taught us that it's easier to destroy than to create and build. We live in a day when unknown men can strike unexpectedly from the shadows and demolish in one-hour architectural landmarks that took ten years to plan and construct and in the process kill over 3,000 innocent civilians.

News of this disaster had them dancing in the streets of Baghdad, Tehran and Damascus. *"Whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished."* Proverbs 17:5 NIV

They have the advantage of surprise. We must deny them that advantage. How?

Evaluate the lessons of 9/11. We are faced with an implacable foe, fired by an intolerant fanatical idealism that demands our annihilation. From their perspective there is no reasonable negotiation, it is simply "Death to the infidel" – us!

Use the strategy of surprise to our advantage.

Bomb carefully selected Islamofascists targets unexpectedly – surprise.

Advise selected Arab capitals of undesignated target escalation – then do it without negotiation. Make them nervous. Keep them off balance.

Notify them of our intended additional attacks if there is no identifiable immediate compliance. We must take the initiative. Put the fear of God (not Allah) into them.

This kind of strategic determination could have a widespread and positive effect. Remember how quickly Libya's Colonel Qaddafi gave up his nuclear ambitions, disarmed and joined the civilized camp when he saw video footage of Saddam's statue falling and later emerging from his spider-hole hideaway.

By now we will have earned credibility. They will be highly motivated to root out any subversives in their midst and deliver them to us. (We should then send them to Club Gitmo and ask the Mossad to help with the interrogations.)

Sebastian Rodriguez, writing in a Spanish newspaper noted that, "Europe died in Auschwitz. We killed 6 million Jews and replaced them with over 20 million Muslims."

"People of culture, thought, creativity and talent expressed in every area of life including science, art, music and international trade were slaughtered. They have been replaced by people of stupidity, ignorance and religious fanaticism, content to live in poverty because they are unwilling to work and support their families with pride."

He continues: "They have turned our beautiful Spanish cities into the third world, drowning in filth and crime. Shut up in the apartments they receive free from the government, they plan the murder and destruction of their *naïve* hosts. Thus, in our misery, we have exchanged culture for fanatical hatred; creative skill for destructive behavior, intelligence for backwardness and superstition."

Let's face it, Europe is not going to help us in the war against Islamofascists. When you have millions of unassimilated Muslim youth, seething in the suburbs around every major city, you aren't very eager to send troops into an Arab country to fight alongside the Americans and Brits.



Last month's Mid-East war was a diversion to take the focus off of Iran's nuclear program. Iran armed, financed and encouraged Hezbollah. No one really knows just how far along they are toward having a nuclear weapon – but it is clearly their stated goal.

We're all supporting terrorism every time we fill our tanks at the pump – thereby transforming Arabs into a superpower. Right now there's no alternative, but we need to be seriously working on one. Maybe then we will win the Mid-East war.

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