A Kassam rocket fired by Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip injured around 69 IDF soldiers last night. The soldiers were staying at a training base in Zikim close to the Gaza border. Two rockets were fired at Israel from Beit Hanoun, one of which landed a few feet away from a tent in which soldiers had been sleeping. Four soldiers were critically injured by shrapnel, seven others were moderately injured and many more suffered minor injuries and shock. Islamic Jihad and the Popular Resistance Committees claimed responsibility for the attack. A Hamas spokesman claimed the attack was a *"victory from Allah"*
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Quote: *""We consider this a victory from Allah for the resistance," Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said on Hamas radio. "We consider the resistance as the legitimate right of the Palestinians to defend themselves and restore their rights." The rocket strike, which wounded 69 IDF soldiers, was followed by a mortar barrage on the Gaza border. The Islamic Jihad and the Popular Resistance Committees claimed responsibility for the attacks, and the Islamic Jihad later posted a video on its website purportedly showing the Kassam rocket launch.*

In spite of the attack Israel is not expected to retaliate, so as not to upset relations with the Palestinian Authority ahead of the November peace conference. Israeli President Shimon Peres again questioned why the Palestinian terrorist organizations were continuing to launch attacks on Israel from Gaza, even after Israel's disengagement from the territory over two years ago...

Quote: *"In his first comments on the subject since Tuesday morning's Kassam rocket attack which left 69 soldiers wounded, President Shimon Peres voiced wonder at the Palestinian terror groups' decision to continue with such tactics. "It makes no sense why they would continue to shoot at us despite the fact that we disengaged from the Gaza Strip," Peres said during a Rosh Hashana toast for foreign diplomats.*

But the war is not territorial. It never has been, and that is why Jews continue to find themselves under attack from their Arab enemies. This is a spiritual battle that is being waged between the seed of promise and the seed of the bondwoman. Satan desperately wants to destroy the Jewish people, for he knows that God's promises for this planet are wrapped up in that nation. During the diaspora, Satan sought to expel the Jews from every place they settled in. He attempted to wipe them out during the World War II, and afterwards to hinder their return to the mountains of Israel. Following the war, Satan tried to stop Britain from giving the Jewish people a national homeland in "Palestine".

After Israel's independence in 1948, he tried on numerous occasions to drive them into the sea. But instead of being wiped off the map, the Lord has allowed His people to have the victory over their enemies. Today Satan is still seeking to destroy God's chosen people. Despite disengaging from Gaza and South Lebanon, and promising to give Judea, Samaria and much of East Jerusalem to their enemies, the ultimate goal of Palestinian terrorist organizations is still the complete destruction of the state of Israel. As Christ's Second Coming to earth draws near, so do Satan's attempts at preventing it become more desperate. Towards the end of the tribulation period, Satan launches one final attempt to destroy the Jewish people. The Antichrist sits in the Jewish Temple, the place where Jesus Christ is prophesied to rule from. And all nations on earth will gather against Jerusalem to do battle. Even as the Lord returns out of heaven, the Antichrist and his armies turn their guns on the Lion of Judah and the armies of heaven. But God will set His King upon His holy hill of Zion. Jesus Christ is coming again, not as a humble servant although He is that, but as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Do you have a relationship with Him? Today He is just, and having salvation, lowly, and riding upon a donkey (Zechariah 9:9). Tomorrow it will be in vengeance, riding upon a white horse. Trust in Him for salvation today.

Isaiah 34:8
For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

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