

Greetings from Tyler,

[Turkey is calling for a jihad against Israel](#), reads the headline from the Guardian (UK) newspaper this week. It describes Turkish flags being flown in cities all over the Arab world since the flotilla incident with Israel last week. Relations with Israel have been curtailed as Turkey has moved into the orbit of Israel's most virulent enemies. Turkey's Islamist government is described as "determined to lead the Muslim world once more..." harkening back to the era of the Ottoman Empire. Until recently, Turkey had been gravitating toward the West and even seeking membership in the EU. But in recent years the Islamist ruling party in Turkey has moved the country toward radical positions against Israel and the United States.

[Quite a lot has been made of additional UN sanctions levied against Iran this week](#), and the fact that neither Russia nor China vetoed the action. As we pointed out recently, [Iran has had harsh words for Russia](#) but not been too critical of China. There seems some confusion as to whether [Russia will go ahead with plans to supply sophisticated anti-aircraft missile batteries to Iran](#). [A report today](#) quotes a Russian official as saying the deal is off.

But Iran has not quieted the characteristic bluster of Ahmadinejad. His latest pronouncement, in reply to the implementation of UN sanctions was to say, "[The Zionist regime is doomed](#)." The obvious question is whether the sanctions will dissuade Iran from its dangerous nuclear enterprise, and the answer is perhaps more obvious than the question. The sanctions are widely seen to be weak and highly unlikely to change the nation's aggressive posture, let alone its nuclear ambitions.

[Ahmadinejad went to Turkey this week](#) and is reported to be planning to participate in additional "Gaza aid" provocations, next time with armed escorts. It is obvious that the flotilla operations are a public relations stunt designed to inflame the Islamic world and sway as much western opinion as possible against Israel. Apparently, it's working.

War is a perpetual probability for Israel, and many are beginning to wonder if the stage isn't set for trouble this summer. [Retired U.S. General Paul Valley stated his concerns in a recent interview that scud missiles in Syria](#) and Lebanon have been outfitted with chemical warheads provided by Iran, and that they are capable of striking most anywhere in Israel. He also said he believes that Iran already has nuclear weapons and now only needs to perfect its ability to use them as a warhead atop a missile.

There has been a constant barrage of bad economic news out of Europe. [Greece is expected to default again in the near future](#), possibly by August according to one respected economist, forcing additional bailout actions to be financed largely by Germany and the IMF. [The fate of the euro is in serious doubt](#), as economic chaos threatens to undermine stability all across Europe, and some worry, around the world.

There are again warnings of "[economic collapse](#)" coming from a number of highly regarded experts, at least one of which worries that the U.S. may be in for a jarring crisis

as soon as early 2011.

[New York State is so broke](#) the governor is warning of the potential for a statewide shutdown of essential services “in a matter of days” which could lead to “chaos and anarchy.” Apparently the threat can be at least temporarily averted if the legislature could bring itself to curtail spending, but right now it looks like a stand-off. We know that a great many states and municipalities around the United States have piled on unmanageable debt with union contracts and social programs. It would be awful to see the kind of breakdown of order we’ve witnessed in Greece anywhere in the U.S., but it’s becoming a real possibility.

The Middle East teeters on the brink of war. Europe is mired in crisis, and though we yet enjoy the trappings of peace and prosperity here in the United States, the basis for our blessings has been undermined. The immediate future is fraught with danger, and a great deal of it seems to bolster the prospect of a prophetic scenario full of dread.

The GTA telecast this week brought 333 requests for material on the 144,000, with one hundred thirty eight new contacts. We’ve just contracted for a new station in New York, WRNN, which will air our telecast Mondays at 5:30 am beginning this week. It claims coverage of over 6 million households, and we hope it will prove effective. Thanks to all of those of you in field who give of yourselves so that others may learn the truth, observe the Sabbath and benefit from the example you provide.

Until next time,

P.S. You are all aware of the ongoing [oil spill problem in the Gulf](#). It is undoubtedly of great concern to many of our members, and also a consideration due to the location of our Feast site in Destin. We will not be canceling our plans for Destin, and will hope and pray that this situation will not spoil that gorgeous beach.