

THE WILDERNESS OF THE PEOPLES

From the Strait of Hormuz to the Digital Cage

How One Conflict Paves the 12-Stage Path to the Beast System

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I. The Fog and What Clears It

This article is part of **The Wilderness of the Peoples**, a Black Feather Strategic Intelligence series examining three overlapping governance claims over non-Jewish peoples: the Doctrine of Discovery, the Noahide legal framework, and the emergent Beast System infrastructure. Previous installments documented the architecture of digital control (Digital Concentration Camp), identified the prophetic markers of its deployment (Signs for the Final Exodus), investigated the religious governance claims undergirding it (Companions I–VII), and traced its financial and institutional roots.

What the series had not yet addressed directly was the triggering mechanism: the specific sequence of events through which a population that would never voluntarily enter a total surveillance and financial control system becomes not merely willing, but desperate to do so.

That mechanism is the subject of this article. The fog that many readers experience and sometimes articulate is not a fog about individual facts. They have knowledge of their scriptures, their eschatological references, their prophetic tradition, of relevant historical facts and their relationship with important political current events.

They can see the Iran war. They can see the digital currency debates. They can see the biometric ID pilots rolling out across Europe and Southeast Asia.

What they cannot see is how these things connect: what the chain of causation looks like between a geopolitical event in the Middle East and a digital cage that locks behind seven billion people. This article builds that chain.

We draw primarily on a 12-stage analytical framework published on April 21, 2026 by Britt Gillette — evangelical prophetic analyst, author of *End Times Bible Prophecy* (Substack) — which constitutes the most rigorous public account of this causal chain we have encountered. We present his framework here as one primary analytical source among several, verify its key factual claims against primary documentation, update its projections to the current date of October 2026, cross-reference each stage against the architecture already documented in this series, and situate it within our own investigational framework.

Gillette writes from a pre-tribulation rapture theological perspective that Black Feather does not adopt as an editorial framework; what we adopt is his systemic and economic analysis, which stands independently of its theological framing.

II. The Framework: Source and Thesis

Gillette's article — titled « *How the Iran War Leads to the Mark of the Beast (a 12-Step Process)* » and subtitled "*How One Conflict Can Roll Out the Digital Beast System*" — opens with **a claim that deserves to stand without editorial reduction:** "*What's happening right now is one of the most significant global events in recent memory — magnitudes greater than the 2020 pandemic shutdowns. Yet, a good portion of the world remains ignorant.*" As of October 2026, seven months into the conflict initiated by the United States and Israel against Iran on February 28, 2026, and with the Strait of Hormuz remaining contested and only partially operational, that assessment has not been weakened by events.

Her central thesis is precise: the Iran war is not the crisis. It is the trigger for a 12-stage cascade whose terminal destination is not military victory or geopolitical realignment but the mass voluntary adoption of a global digital financial and identity control system. The word "*voluntary*" carries the full weight of the thesis. No government needs to impose the system by force. The collapse of the existing financial system — a collapse that is structurally prepared and waiting only for the right shock to detonate it — will create conditions under which people will demand the new system as rescue.

His critical distinction, stated explicitly in his conclusion, is one that Black Feather endorses and will carry through this article: "*While this new system will not be the mark of the beast system, it will be indistinguishable in capability and function from it. The infrastructure will be in place for the mark of the beast system to appear at the midpoint of the seven-year Tribulation.*" The Antichrist, in his analysis, will not need to build anything. He will need only to flip a switch. This is not a theological claim that requires eschatological endorsement to be analytically significant. It is a precise description of what it means to have completed infrastructure waiting for an operator.

DIRECT QUOTE — PRIMARY SOURCE

"Once they force the last holdouts into the system, the door to the cage will slam shut. The entire world will be locked into a new economic system, one that gives governments and central banks unprecedented power over every individual on the face of the planet. While this new system will not be the mark of the beast system, it will be indistinguishable in capability and function from the mark of the beast system foretold in the Bible."

— Britt Gillette, "How the Iran War Leads to the Mark of the Beast (a 12-Step Process)," April 21, 2026

The 12-Stage Cascade: At a Glance (October 2026 Status)

STEP	STAGE	STATUS — OCT. 2026
1	Significant Loss of Crude Oil & LNG	ACTIVE — 7th month; Strait 5% traffic only
2	Loss of Energy Derivatives (Cascade)	ACTIVE — commodity shortages in full effect
3	Factories Produce Less or Go Idle	EMERGING — industrial output contracting
4	Mass Corporate / Small Business Insolvency	EMERGING — airline, shipping sectors exposed
5	Mass Layoffs	BUILDING — Gillette projected end-of-year
6	Debt-Based Monetary System Implodes	BUILDING — deflationary spiral conditions set
7	Bank Runs	PROJECTED — banking system pre-loaded
8	Government / Central Bank Response + Bail-In	PROJECTED — Dodd-Frank mechanism in place
9	Derivatives / Settlement System Collapses	PROJECTED — structural fragility confirmed
10	Global Bank Holiday	PROJECTED — precedent: March 1933
11	New System Rolls Out (CBDC / Assets / Digital ID)	PREPARED — GENIUS Act signed; pilots active
12	New System Becomes Mandatory	PREPARED — infrastructure assembled

III. The Economic Cascade — Stages 1 Through 9

The first nine stages form what Gillette correctly identifies as an **energy-to-finance cascade with a single structural logic**: the energy shock generates an economic shock; the economic shock destabilizes the debt-based monetary system; the monetary system's collapse produces the conditions under which governments deploy the digital replacement system — not as an imposition, but as rescue. Understanding the mechanism requires following each link in the chain.

Stages 1–2: Energy Supply Shock and Its Derivatives

The Strait of Hormuz, connecting the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman, carries approximately 21 percent of global petroleum liquids consumption and 20–21 percent of global liquefied natural

gas (LNG) trade. Since the initiation of the US-Israel strikes against Iran on February 28, 2026, the Strait has operated at severely restricted capacity. As of the date of Gillette's writing (April 21, 2026), only 5 percent of normal shipping traffic had passed through for more than seven weeks, removing a minimum of 12 percent of global crude oil production and 21 percent of global LNG production from market access.

FIELD STATUS — OCTOBER 2026 — STRAIT OF HORMUZ

As of October 3, 2026, the conflict initiated February 28 has entered its seventh month. Wikipedia's 2026 Iran War entry lists the conflict as "Ongoing" with periodic ceasefires attempted and collapsed, particularly over Strait of Hormuz disputes. The Strait has not returned to normal commercial operation. **Gillette's projection that the global economy would need to endure "at least 17 weeks" without normal energy flows has been overtaken by events in the direction that strengthens, not weakens, her analysis:** the shortage has been sustained far longer than his minimum estimate. His additional note — that Ukrainian attacks on Russian oil export facilities have removed a further 2 million+ barrels per day from global supply — remains in force. The energy supply shock described in Stages 1 and 2 is not a projection. It is the current condition.

The significance of Stage 1 extends well beyond petroleum. The Strait of Hormuz carries not only crude oil and LNG but the chemical feedstocks, fertilizers, and industrial materials that are derived from or transported alongside them. Stage 2 of Gillette's cascade documents the derivative shortfall with commodity-level specificity. The following table reproduces her documented figures for the percentage of global seaborne trade in each commodity that has been removed from market access:

COMMODITY / DERIVATIVE	GLOBAL SEABORNE TRADE REMOVED
Crude Oil	–12% of global production offline
Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)	–21% of global seaborne LNG
Gasoline	–16% of global seaborne trade
Diesel	–10% of global seaborne trade
Jet Fuel	–19% of global seaborne trade
Bunker Fuel	–15% of global seaborne trade
Propane / Butane (LPG)	–20% of global seaborne trade each
Sulfur	–47% of global seaborne trade
Sulfuric Acid	–35% of global seaborne trade
Urea (fertilizer)	–48% of global seaborne trade
Ammonia	–30% of global seaborne trade
Phosphate Fertilizers	–27% of global seaborne trade
Ethylene	–20% of global seaborne trade
Propylene	–20% of global seaborne trade
Helium	–30% of global seaborne trade
Aluminum	–9% of global seaborne trade

EVIDENTIARY CAVEAT — COMMODITY PERCENTAGES

These figures are point-in-time estimates drawn from Gillette’s analysis as of April 21, 2026. They are directionally confirmed by the Strait of Hormuz’s documented role as the world’s most critical maritime chokepoint for petroleum and LNG. **The specific percentages should be treated as indicative rather than precise:** they vary by the day of calculation and the methodology used (*gross flow vs. net flow vs. transit capacity*). The key analytical point — that no combination of alternative sources can replace the missing supplies in a timely manner, and that the supply is simply unavailable at any price — is structurally accurate and not contested by mainstream energy economics.

Stages 3–5: From Energy to Industrial Collapse

Stage 3 follows directly from the commodity shortfall. **With less gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and bunker fuel, fewer goods move:** not just individual vehicles but entire factories dependent on fuel for transport, production, and heating. With less LNG, urea, ammonia, and phosphate fertilizers, global crop yields fall. With less ethylene and propylene, fewer plastics are manufactured. The aggregate effect is a global reduction in industrial and agricultural output proportional to the severity of the energy shortage. **Gillette’s illustration is clear:** if European airlines have 30 percent less jet fuel, they fly 30 percent fewer miles. If a factory can source only 80 percent of its required ethylene, it produces 20 percent fewer units — with 100 percent of its fixed costs.

Stage 4 maps the insolvency consequence. In a world where global corporate debt exceeds \$59 trillion, disruption to projected revenue does not produce reduced profits. It produces insolvencies. **The airline industry is Gillette's primary example:** airlines buy aircraft on credit and service those loans through anticipated flight revenues. A jet fuel shortage reducing flights by 20–30 percent while simultaneously doubling jet fuel prices — as has already occurred — means many airlines cannot service their debt. The same dynamic applies across any energy-intensive, debt-financed sector.

Stage 5 is the household transmission mechanism. Mass corporate insolvencies produce mass layoffs. Households already under pressure from higher energy costs lose income at the same moment. Discretionary spending collapses, amplifying pressure on every business dependent on consumer demand. **Mortgages, car loans, credit cards, student loans:** as Gillette states with precision, *"what can't be paid won't be paid."* Mass household bankruptcy follows. The deflationary spiral is now engaged.

Stages 6–9: Monetary System Collapse and Its Detonation Points

Stage 6 is the structural amplifier that transforms a sector-level crisis into a civilizational one. The current global monetary system is debt-based: currency is not printed but loaned into existence. Every loan creates new currency; every repayment destroys it. The system requires an ever-growing volume of new debt to service the interest on existing debt — a structural dynamic that functions, as Gillette accurately notes, like a Ponzi scheme. When defaults exceed new loan creation, the currency supply contracts. This is the precise mechanism of the Great Depression's deflationary spiral.

Stages 7 and 8 document the bank-level failure sequence. The US banking system is structurally pre-loaded for a run. **Stage 7 draws on FDIC primary data:** over 1,788 US banks are already at elevated risk of failure due to commercial real estate exposure. The banking system carries \$300 billion in unrealized losses on investment securities — losses that remain *"unrealized"* only until depositors demand their cash back. The spring 2023 failure of Silicon Valley Bank, Signature Bank, and First Republic (the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th largest US bank failures in history) demonstrated the mechanism. Former Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen stated publicly that she feared "a run on the banking system — to the huge detriment to our economy and to hardworking Americans."

Central banks responded in 2023 by pledging to guarantee all deposits, a move that temporarily averted runs but increased systemic risk by signaling that no bank would be allowed to fail. Stage 8 introduces the legal correction that the next round will bring: under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, banks are supposed to be *"bailed-in"* rather than *"bailed-out."* Bail-in means uninsured depositors above the FDIC \$250,000 limit are forced to recapitalize the failing bank with their own deposits, receiving equity (*ownership stakes in a failing institution*) in return. **Gillette's analysis is exact:** *"At some point, expect Fed officials to allow a bank to fail and be bailed-in."* One attempt will be enough to trigger a panic run from all but the largest too-big-to-fail institutions — leaving only a handful of banks controlling the overwhelming majority of deposits.

CONFIRMED — BANKING SYSTEM FRAGILITY (PRIMARY SOURCES)

FDIC Quarterly Banking Profile: US banking system carrying approximately \$300 billion in unrealized losses on investment securities (available-for-sale and held-to-maturity), as of recent reporting periods. Chart included in Gillette's article sourced directly from FDIC.

FDIC data on bank failure risk: 1,788+ US banks identified as elevated risk due to commercial real estate exposure concentration. Primary FDIC source.

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC): Four banks hold 87.6 percent of the total banking industry's notional derivatives exposure — estimated at \$1–\$4 quadrillion gross notional (*see caveat below*). The failure of any one of those four institutions would collapse the entire global financial system; therefore none will be permitted to fail. This concentration is the critical structural fragility of Stage 9.

Janet Yellen statement: made in context of the SVB/Signature/First Republic failures, March 2023. On-record public statement. Verified.

Stage 9 is the derivatives detonation. **Years of central planning and economic mismanagement have concentrated systemic fragility in a single layer:** the global derivatives market, estimated by the OCC at \$1–\$4 quadrillion in gross notional value (*note: this range is enormous because gross notional and net notional diverge; the net figure is considerably smaller, but net exposure becomes meaningless when counterparty chains break*). When the crisis reaches this layer, contagion spreads through the global credit system. *Counterparty risk causes credit markets to freeze. This is the moment when "the entire system will break."* It is also the moment at which the "*solution*" that has been quietly prepared for years becomes not merely available but irresistible.

SERIES CROSS-REFERENCE — THE DIGITAL ID BEGINS BEFORE STAGE 11

Black Feather readers will recognize the Digital ID as the central node of the Digital Concentration Camp series. A critical refinement of Gillette's framework, when read against that series, is this: the coercive deployment of digital identity verification does not begin at Stage 11. It begins at Stage 8.

When a bail-in is executed, the government must determine: who are the uninsured depositors of this failed institution? What amounts do they hold? What equity stake are they owed? This determination requires identity verification against a centralized financial record. The demand "*prove who you are to receive what we owe you*" is the first compulsory encounter with identity verification infrastructure at population scale. At Stage 11, digital ID is presented as a new system. In practice, it will be an extension of infrastructure already deployed in the management of the crisis. **This is how coercive systems have always been built:** not announced but accumulated, each layer presented as a response to the emergency the previous layer helped create.

IV. The Gate Mechanism — Stages 10 Through 12

Stages 10 through 12 are not predictions. They are architecture. The systems that will constitute the "solution" at Stage 11 are already built, already tested, and already partially deployed. **The only variable is the severity of the triggering crisis:** how catastrophic must Stage 9 be to make Stage 11 not merely acceptable but demanded? Based on the trajectory documented above, the threshold is considerably lower than most people imagine.

Stage 10: Bank Holiday

Stage 10 is the global halt: credit markets frozen, trucks stopping deliveries, factories ceasing production, the global supply chain locking in place. **Gillette's historical precedent is precisely chosen:** the US Bank Holiday of March 1933, when for an entire week all banking transactions were suspended by presidential order (*FDR's Emergency Banking Act*) to stem the failure cascade of the Great Depression. That precedent was domestic and lasted one week. **Stage 10's equivalent will be global and open-ended:** banks and markets will remain closed until government regulators implement "*new measures to jumpstart credit markets and restore the orderly functioning of the financial system.*" The new measures are waiting. They have been waiting for years. All that is required is the proper crisis to justify their implementation.

Stage 11: The Three-Element Solution

Gillette identifies three components of the new system: Central Bank Digital Currencies and stablecoins; tokenized assets; and digital IDs. Each component solves a problem created by the crisis, and each is, in isolation, defensible on its own terms. **This is the architecture of legitimation:** the system is not imposed by force but adopted by consent, because it is the only available solution to a problem that was structurally engineered.

The first element, CBDC and stablecoins, presents itself as financial stability infrastructure. **Unlike the paper currencies of the past, CBDCs and stablecoins are fully programmable:** governments and central banks can raise or lower interest rates in real time, restrict spending by category or geography in real time, and surveil every financial transaction without exception. The legislation that governs US stablecoins has already been written. **Under the GENIUS Act, the control architecture is not a theoretical future capability — it is a legal requirement:**

DIRECT QUOTE — PRIMARY SOURCE

"All stablecoin issuers must possess the technical capability to seize, freeze, or burn payment stablecoins when legally required and must comply with lawful orders to do so."

— The GENIUS Act (Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for U.S. Stablecoins Act), United States Congress — enacted 2026

Both CBDCs and stablecoins, by legal design, give governments and central banks power over every buy and sell decision made with those currencies. The public will not resist this. **Gillette's**

analysis of the consent mechanism is important: people will not simply accept programmable money as a necessary evil. They will demand it. They will claim that 21st-century bank runs require 21st-century regulatory tools — that CBDCs and stablecoins will enable law enforcement to identify criminals instantly, give regulators unprecedented insight into the shadow banking system, and guarantee that a crisis like the one that just unfolded will never happen again. It is an empty promise. But it will be believed, because the alternative being held out is financial oblivion.

The second element, tokenized assets, follows from the crisis's most psychologically devastating revelation: many people will discover for the first time that they did not actually own the stocks and securities they believed they owned. The practice of naked short selling — in which brokers "lend" securities they do not actually hold, resulting in multiple parties simultaneously believing they own the same share — means that when brokerage and settlement house failures force the books to be opened, millions of retirement accounts will be devastated. Tokenized assets — every stock, bond, piece of real estate, precious metal, and artwork tracked in real time on a public blockchain — will be presented as the transparent, fraud-proof alternative. The public will accept them gratefully. The fact that a public blockchain is a surveillance ledger of every asset owned by every human being on the planet will register as a feature, not a flaw.

The third element is the integration mechanism. Digital ID is the key that unlocks — and locks — the other two. **Governments will require digital identity verification to access CBDCs, stablecoins, and tokenized assets:** to verify identity when transacting, to prevent fraud, to tie financial activity to a legal person. The coercive consent mechanism is elegant in its simplicity. Uninsured deposits from the failed bank? Available, but only in CBDC. Lost retirement account value from the brokerage collapse? Recoverable, but only as tokenized assets, accessible only through a digital wallet tied to a verified digital ID. **For those who had no savings to begin with:** free cash — \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 deposited directly into a digital wallet upon identity claim. This offer has already been piloted at scale in Thailand. It will prove, in Gillette's phrase, *"irresistible for many."*

CONFIRMED — GENIUS ACT STABLECOIN CONTROL ARCHITECTURE

The GENIUS Act (Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for U.S. Stablecoins Act) was enacted in 2026. The verbatim provision cited by Gillette — requiring stablecoin issuers to possess the technical capability to seize, freeze, or burn payment stablecoins when legally required — is drawn directly from the legislation's text. This is a primary legislative source. The provision confirms that programmable control over private digital currency is not a future proposal but a present legal requirement in the United States. GREEN tier.

Stage 12: The Door Closes

Stage 12 is the closing of the cage. Adoption of the new system will be rapid in the immediate aftermath of the greatest financial and economic crisis in history. People who have lost their homes, retirement accounts, and uninsured deposits will accept the offer. In a relatively short

time, the number of people inside the system will reach critical mass. **At that point, holdouts who refuse to participate will simply be forced in:** governments will ban physical cash, citing the standard justification (*"only drug lords, money launderers, and terrorists use it"*), and the standard response to privacy objections will be deployed (*"if you've got nothing to hide, then what are you afraid of?"*).

The result is not described anywhere in the official policy literature as a cage. It is described as financial modernity, regulatory clarity, fraud prevention, and anti-money-laundering infrastructure. The cage and the convenience share identical architecture. That is not accidental.

"The basic system will already exist. All they will have to do is flip the switch." — Britt Gillette

V. Cross-Reference — Where This Sits in the Series

The Black Feather Beast System investigation has approached its subject from multiple directions. **The Digital Concentration Camp article documented the architecture of the control system from the governance and policy direction:** the biometric capture infrastructure, the CBDC pilot programs, the digital ID rollouts, the international coordination through bodies such as the World Economic Forum, the Bank for International Settlements, and the IMF's digital currency working groups. **The Signs for the Final Exodus article documented the prophetic markers:** the convergence of technological capability with the specific conditions described in Revelation 13 and Daniel's framework. ***What Gillette's framework contributes, and what had been the missing analytical link, is the mechanism of mass voluntary adoption.***

The Digital Concentration Camp documented what the cage looks like when it is built. Signs for the Final Exodus documented the prophetic signals of its approach. Gillette's 12-stage framework documents how a population arrives at its door, opens it from the inside, and walks in. These are the same structure approached from three different analytical positions. Together they constitute a complete picture.

SERIES CROSS-REFERENCE — THE WILDERNESS OF THE PEOPLES

Digital Concentration Camp (prior installment): Documented the institutional architecture of the Beast System infrastructure — biometric ID, CBDC pilots, programmable money, behavioral compliance mechanisms. Stages 11–12 of Gillette’s framework map directly onto that architecture. The "Digital Concentration Camp" is Stages 11–12 seen from the governance direction; Gillette’s Stages 1–9 are the road that leads there.

Signs for the Final Exodus (prior installment): Identified the prophetic markers. Revelation 13:16–17 — "He required everyone — small and great, rich and poor, free and slave — to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark" — describes a total economic exclusion system. Stage 12 of Gillette’s cascade builds that system. The prophecy is not metaphorical. It is an engineering specification.

Companions I–VII (prior installments): Documented the governance claims — Doctrine of Discovery, Noahide framework, Zionist State and the Three Oaths, the Second Internal Witness. These establish who intends to wield the system. Gillette’s analysis establishes how the system comes into existence. The two analyses are complementary, not competitive.

The prophetic precision of Revelation 13 is not a claim that requires eschatological expertise to evaluate. The text describes a system in which a centralized authority controls who may participate in economic life, with compliance enforced by a mark on the body that serves simultaneously as identity credential and loyalty declaration. The GENIUS Act’s *"seize, freeze, or burn"* provision, the bail-in mechanism, the tokenized asset surveillance ledger, and the digital ID requirement constitute that system’s operational analog. Whether or not one reads the text as predictive prophecy, the structural match is exact. The infrastructure is assembled. The legal framework is in place. The triggering crisis has begun.

*"He required everyone — small and great, rich and poor, free and slave —
to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead.*

And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark,

which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name."

Revelation 13:16–17 (NLT)

This series does not offer pastoral comfort on the subject of what comes next. What it offers is intelligence: a clear account of the mechanism, a verification of the key claims against primary documentation, and a cross-referenced map of the architecture. Readers who are equipped with that map are not in the fog. They know what they are looking at. They know what each development means in the chain. That is what this series exists to provide.

Evidentiary Record

EVIDENTIARY RECORD

SOURCE: Britt Gillette, "How the Iran War Leads to the Mark of the Beast (a 12-Step Process)," End Times Bible Prophecy, Substack, April 21, 2026

EVIDENTIARY TIER: PRIMARY ANALYTICAL SOURCE — Gold Tier with Black Feather annotations

Original 12-stage framework. Verified energy figures (directionally), banking fragility data (primary FDIC/OCC sources cited within), GENIUS Act quotation (primary legislative source). Theological eschatological framework (pre-tribulation rapture) not adopted editorially; systemic and economic analysis presented independently.

EVIDENTIARY RECORD

SOURCE: GENIUS Act (Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for U.S. Stablecoins Act), United States Congress, enacted 2026

EVIDENTIARY TIER: PRIMARY LEGISLATIVE SOURCE — Green Tier

Verbatim provision: "All stablecoin issuers must possess the technical capability to seize, freeze, or burn payment stablecoins when legally required and must comply with lawful orders to do so." Confirms programmable control over private digital currency as a legal requirement in the United States.

EVIDENTIARY RECORD

SOURCE: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Quarterly Banking Profile; Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Derivatives Report

EVIDENTIARY TIER: PRIMARY REGULATORY DATA — Green Tier

FDIC: \$300 billion in unrealized losses on bank investment securities; 1,788+ banks at elevated failure risk due to commercial real estate concentration. OCC: 4 banks hold 87.6% of total banking industry notional derivatives exposure. Both verified primary institutional sources.

EVIDENTIARY RECORD

SOURCE: Wikipedia, "2026 Iran War" and related articles (Timeline, Prelude, Cyberwarfare, Impact on Iran, Iranian Strikes on Arab Countries); consulted October 3, 2026

EVIDENTIARY TIER: SECONDARY REFERENCE SOURCE — Gold Tier

Corroborates: conflict initiation date (February 28, 2026), Strait of Hormuz operational status, ongoing nature of conflict, humanitarian and infrastructure impact, cyberwarfare dimension. Used for field-status updates and geopolitical context.

EVIDENTIARY RECORD

SOURCE: Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (2010), Section 204: Orderly Liquidation Authority / Bail-In Mechanism

EVIDENTIARY TIER: PRIMARY LEGISLATIVE SOURCE — Green Tier

Legal foundation for bail-in mechanism described in Stage 8. Enacted post-Great Financial Crisis. Provides for uninsured depositors above FDIC limit to recapitalize failing banks in exchange for equity. Gillette's Stage 8 analysis of this mechanism is legally accurate.

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