#### Claim

Claim: "



The image shows a screenshot of an authentic social media post from Mel Gibson saying that Israel will end soon and therefore destroy everything in its way together with a flag in the color of Israel that shows an hourglass."

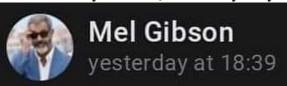
## **Actions**

web\_search("Mel Gibson Israel end destroy everything")
image\_search("Israel flag hourglass")

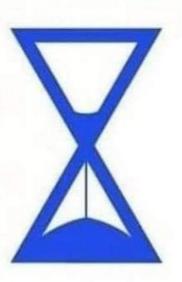
# **Evidence**

Evidence from web\_search

The Associated Press (<u>Source</u>) and Yahoo (<u>Source</u>) both report that the image of Mel Gibson's post is fake. The post includes an altered Israeli flag with an hourglass and the words, "Soon the end and they know it, that's why they want to destroy everything in the way."



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Fake

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sources state that Gibson does not have any public social media accounts.

### Evidence from image\_search

The search results show images related to the claim. One image shows a flag in the colors of Israel with an hourglass in the middle (



). Another image shows an hourglass with the colors of the Israeli flag (



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). A third image shows an hourglass in front of an Israel



flag (

The URLs are: <a href="https://www.flickr.com/photos/talporat/4728247932">https://www.flickr.com/photos/talporat/4728247932</a>, <a href="https://www.flickr.com/photos/talporat/4728247932">https://www.flick

#### **Elaboration**

The claim is false. The evidence indicates that the social media post attributed to Mel Gibson is fake. The Associated Press (<a href="https://apnews.com/article/fact-check-mel-gibson-israel-post-342335121493">https://apnews.com/article/fact-check-mel-gibson-israel-post-342335121493</a>) and Yahoo (<a href="https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/fact-check-mel-gibson-posted-235600604.html">https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/fact-check-mel-gibson-posted-235600604.html</a>) both confirm the post is fabricated.

# **Final Judgement**

The claim is demonstrably false. Multiple reliable sources, including the Associated Press and Yahoo, have confirmed that the social media post attributed to Mel Gibson is fake. The post includes an altered Israeli flag with an hourglass and a fabricated statement.

false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### **Justification**

The claim is false. Fact-checkers at the Associated Press (<u>Source</u>) and Yahoo (<u>Source</u>) have debunked the social media post attributed to Mel Gibson as fabricated.