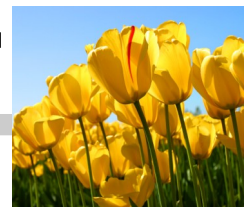


The Endtimes Are Now!



World War III?

Are Iran's Actions Setting the Groundwork for the Fulfillment of Biblical Armageddon?

Should we be worried that Iran is about to tip the entire world into World War III? Are some folks reading far too much into all of today's saber-rattling? Or is history's final battle just around the corner? Many Christians grew up hearing that the Bible foretells of one final war between Israel and many of the nations of the world. Popular interpretations of Old Testament prophecies leave little doubt that Israel – as "God's chosen people" – will win. For example, Isaiah 17 tells of a war that results in the capital of today's revolt-torn Syria, Damascus, the world's oldest continually

inhabited city, ceasing to exist and becoming a "ruinous heap." So, is this the beginning of the end? Psalm 83 predicts defeat for those who will attack Israel, particularly those intending to "wipe her off the map." Iran's president, Mahmoud Amadinejad has repeatedly made that specific promise. In fact, he has repeatedly lectured the General Assembly of the United Nations during his annual addresses to that body, telling them that the Shi'ite messiah, the "Hidden Imam" is about to return to earth to establish worldwide Islam – but cannot return until Iran has eliminated Israel. The prophet Daniel describes Persia as having a major role in world events. Iranians will tell you they are modern-day Persia. But there's

no Persia in such key end-of-times prophecies as Psalms 83:8, which tells us that "even Assyria has joined them; they lend support to the sons of Lot." Assyria? It ceased to be a world power about 2,500 years ago. But, get out your atlas of the ancient world and you'll see that it included parts of Iran. In the Bible, the prophet Jeremiah doesn't specifically mention Iran or Persia in his visions of the end. However, he does mention Elam – an ancient power which included Iranian territory. Jeremiah 49:34-39 says Elam will experience devastation and the scattering of her population to many other nations as a result of the same attack that devastates Damascus. So, what's next? The battle of Armageddon is de-

scribed in part in Ezekiel 38: the prophet foresees a massive confederacy of nations invading Israel. The leader of the confederacy is called Gog of the land of Magog. Many Bible students have expected Russia to fulfill that role. Magog was an ancient name for the land of the Scythians in the southern part of what is now Russia. This invader unites other enemies against Israel. Ezekiel 38:5 adds that in league with Gog (Russia) will be "Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, and Libya." (theblaze.com 4/9/12, a crosspost from Beliefnet.com)

To Whom Does the Holy Land Belong

Both the Jews and the Arabs claim ownership of the Holy Land. Let's look at the facts.

Around 2100 BC God made a covenant with Abraham, promising Abraham a son and that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars of the sky. (Gen 12 and 13) Sarah, being impatient and unbelieving, gave her Egyptian maid to Abraham to produce a son., Ishmael was born when Abraham was 86, but was not the child of promise. Fourteen years

later, Isaac was born to Sarah just as God had promised. In Genesis 15:18-21 God made specific land promises to Abraham. Those promises were passed down through Isaac's line (Genesis 26:3-4) The land promises passed from Isaac to Jacob (not Esau). (Genesis 28:13-14) God's covenant promises were affirmed later in the Bible. (Psalm 105:8-11 Every Old Testament prophet, except Jonah, speaks of a permanent return to the land of

Israel by the Jews. In the late 1880's Jews who had been exiled to other countries began regathering to Palestine. In 1948 the new State of Israel was born. But, in the millennium kingdom Israel will permanently have the complete land God promised Abraham.

The Muslims believe that the Bible was true until the time of Muhammad in the 7th century, but quickly became corrupted by Jews and Christians. They claim they are the true and rightful heirs to the promises

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made to Abraham through Ishmael who, they claim, gave rise to the Arab nations. According to Ron Rhodes, there is nothing in the Bible to indicate that Ishmael was the forefather of the Arabs, nor was this a belief of the ancient Arabs. The Quran is in error in making the Ishmael-Arab connection in the first place. (Northern Storm Rising, chapter 5, by Ron Rhodes)

Communist Rules for Revolution

These rules were captured in Dusseldorf, Germany in May, 1919, by Allied Forces.

A) Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.

B) Get control of ALL means of publicity and thereby: (1) Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and

plays, and other trivialities.

(2) Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

(3) Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy (blame). (4) Always preach true democracy but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible. (5) By encouraging government

extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent. (6) Forment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders, and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders. (7) By specious (pleasing) argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues: honesty, so-

briety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

C) Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscate them and leaving the population helpless and hopeless. (*Newswatch Feb 2012*)

Atheists "Coming Out"



The "We Are Atheism" symbol

Modeled after the well-known "It Gets Better" campaign, an initiative geared towards gays and lesbians, three non-believing University of Kansas college students have launched "We Are Atheism." The campaign hopes to encourage those who don't have a belief in a higher power to "come out" and be open about their views.

Amanda Brown, 25, who is one of the project's co-founders, says that it's time for atheists to "stand up, speak out and be counted." (*theblaze.com 11/27/11*)

Who will look after an Atheist's soul?

From 'Religion for Atheists.' The secular response to the needs of the soul has tended to be private and informal: we find our own solutions, in our own time,

we construct our own salvations as we see fit. (*Huffingtonpost.com 3/10/12*)

Atheist Leader Calls

Contraception a 'Constitutional Right' & Dubs the Bible a 'Grim Fairy Tale'

One of the main forces behind last weekend's atheist gathering, *the Reason Rally*, was the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF), an atheist group headed by husband and wife duo Annie

Laurie Gaylor and Dan Barker. Annie Gaylor called contraception a "Constitutional right. We work diligently to ensure religion and the Bible — that grim fairy tale — are not invoked in our secular lives," Gaylor continued. (*theblaze.com 3/27/12*)



Mark 13:31: Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away."



Bible prophecies in the news

Russia Is On The Move

Russia And Canada Move Troops To The North Pole To Assert Territorial Interests.

Canada, Denmark, Norway, Russia and the U.S. are scheming to lay hands on the 90 billion barrels of oil, untold quantities of natural gas and other resources buried in the soon-to-be ice-free North Pole.

Russian Troops Move to Turkish Border-War Prep-

aration for a US/Israeli Strike on Iran...and Maybe Syria IMHO. (*cnnturk.com 12/17/11*)

Russia Deploying Troops for Temporary Dagestan Reinforcement.

—Russia is sending a "temporary detachment" of troops into the southern region of Dagestan, whose border lies about 200 kilometers (124 miles) north of Iran, to combat terrorism, the Interior Ministry said. (*bloomberg.com 3/19/12*)

Russian Military Unit Arrives in Syria – A Russian military

unit has arrived in Syria, according to Russian news reports, a development that a United Nations Security Council source told ABC News was "a bomb" certain to have serious repercussions. Russia, one of President Bashar al-Assad's strongest allies, despite international condemnation of the government's violent crackdown on the country's uprising, has repeatedly blocked the United Nations Security Council's attempts to halt the violence, accusing the U.S. and its allies of trying to start another war. (*wordpress.com 3/19/12*)

Russia Is Massing Troops On Iran's Northern Border And Waiting For A Western Attack.

The Russian military anticipates that an attack will occur on Iran by the summer and has developed an action plan to move Russian troops through neighboring Georgia to stage in Armenia, which borders on the Islamic republic, according to informed Russian sources. Russian Security Council head Viktor Ozerov said that Russian General Military Headquarters has prepared an action plan in the event of an attack on Iran. (*businessinsider.com 4/9/12*)