

# **“The Time Of The End” Part 11**

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The “beast” mentioned in the Bible is a one world government and one world religion that is led by the antichrist and the False Prophet. In Islam, a one world government and religion is called a caliphate which is represented by the black flags.

The Bible said that in the beginning of the last 42 months of the Tribulation that the antichrist and the beast system would destroy Rome, Italy and the apostate Christianity. He will also destroy Mystery babylon (the controlling governmental system) at that time as well.

He will then lead the 10 nations into Israel and take over Jerusalem for 42 months.

## **Daniel 11:45 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*45 And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the seas and the glorious holy Mount [Zion]; yet he shall come to his end with none to help him.*

## **Daniel 11:45 King James Version (KJV)**

*45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.*

**Revelation 11:2 King James Version (KJV)**

*2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*

**Revelation 11:2 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*2 But leave out of your measuring the court outside the sanctuary of God; omit that, for it is given over to the Gentiles (the nations), and they will trample the holy city underfoot for 42 months (three and one-half years).*

**What is the Mark of the Beast and what does it stand for?**

**Revelation 13:16-18 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*16 Also he compels all [alike], both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave, to be marked with an inscription [stamped] on their right hands or on their foreheads,*

*17 So that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), [that is] the name of the beast or the number of his name.*

*18 Here is [room for] discernment [a call for the wisdom of interpretation]. Let anyone who has intelligence (penetration and insight enough) calculate the number (symbol) of the beast, for it is a human number (symbol)[the number of a certain man]; his number is 666.*

**Revelation 13:16-18 King James Version (KJV)**

*16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

*17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

*18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number (symbol) of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number (symbol) is Six hundred threescore and six.*

Remember, this is the False Prophet and antichrist teaming up together (the system of the beast) to initiate a mark to control all buying and selling.

Many will take the Mark of the Beast during the last 42 months of the Tribulation. This is also known as the Great Tribulation or the time of Jacob's Trouble. But, what happens if you don't take the mark ?

**Revelation 20:4 King James Version (KJV)**

*4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

**Revelation 20:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*4 And then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom judgment [that is, the authority to act as judges] was given. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had refused to worship the beast or his image, and had not accepted his mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

The reason people are beheaded in the Tribulation is they will not worship the image or worship the beast (the system of religion and economics). This is also called the end times Caliphate in the Quran.

The only religion in the world that will behead you for not following them is Islam. They do it all the time and they have done this since the time of Muhammad.

Last week we went over the dark media. Media without God. Anyone without Jesus is dark - or in the dark. They can't see things clearly - God is the one that made them in His own image and they don't acknowledge Him so they keep doing what is wrong. The same is true with you and I who are followers or imitators of Christ - when we do something that is contrary to His Word - our old nature, we are in the dark and need to ask for forgiveness.

**1 John 1:9 King James Version (KJV)**

*9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**1 John 1:9 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*9 If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose].*

The media has an agenda but it is not always the bigger picture agenda. The End Times agenda...satan's final agenda.

The New York Post and several other liberal media news outlets are reporting that WMD were in Iraq and they were moved into Syria as well from Iraq, prior to the invasion after 9/11.

ISIS is taking over borders and trying to remove the border lines from Syria and Iraq for this new caliphate. This will be the reforming of the old Babylonian Empire.

When President George W. Bush went to Iraq to fight the war, we did it because of weapons of mass destruction. We gave Iraq months of notice and when we got there we didn't find as many right away as the intelligence community thought we would find.



But, I do believe that it is God's will that things have gone the way they have because it fulfills His Word, His prophecies. You and I have to choose what is right in the midst of God's plan but His Word and His promises will still be true and in His timing.

His timing, His promises are in order. His Word says what will happen and who will be involved. So, you have Syrian refugees coming into Germany and they don't know what to do. President Obama has said that the United States is going to be taking in 10,000 Syrian refugees. By the way...Syria is a primarily Muslim nation. Approximately 87% of the population is Muslim with about 74% being Sunni.

How do you get a caliphate started somewhere quickly - plant them. You are taking a One World Religion and One World Government mindset and planting them inside the United States.

Well Pastor Grant, "that is just the right thing to do." The bigger picture is...this is how you start a Caliphate. The media or satan has been using the media to get us to focus on feelings and being "nice", "loving", and "compassionate". From gay marriage, to illegal immigration and the opinions and laws that are forever changing. But there is a bigger picture...

From President Bush coming up against evil, and the media saying it wasn't evil, there was nothing there and now....our intelligence was correct. There was a bigger picture.

The media wanted a different leader and a different administration for gay marriage, for higher taxes which happens when the burden is on government to make people dependent on government.

By being dependent on government, government controls the education, from who gets loans to what it taught.

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With what is taking place with the refugees from Syria right now, just like the refugees that left Iraq 12 years ago, and chemical/nuclear weapons going into Syria and/or left in Iraq. This is pointing to more prophecies in the Bible.

Now I want to share something with you from the book of Isaiah in Chapter 17.



**Isaiah 17:1, 3 King James Version (KJV)**

*1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.*

*3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the Lord of hosts.*

**Isaiah 17:1-3 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*1 The mournful, inspired prediction (a burden to be lifted up) concerning Damascus [capital of Syria, and Israel's bulwark against Assyria]. Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city and will become a heap of ruins.*

*3 His bulwark [Syria] and the fortress shall disappear from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus; and the remnant of Syria will be like the [departed] glory of the children of Israel [her ally], says the Lord of hosts.*

Isaiah 17 is a chapter that contains a prophecy about the total destruction of the city of Damascus and several other Middle East locations. Damascus is considered one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, if not the oldest, so the prophecy is unfulfilled at the time of this writing.

Many people believe the events of Isaiah 17 will be some of the next prophetic events to occur. Some speculate that Damascus will be nuked by Israel when the events of Isaiah 17 transpire. Given the ongoing turmoil within Syria and the ongoing tension between Israel and Syria, it would be useful to examine when the events of Isaiah 17 might be fulfilled.

Isaiah 17 opens with the words “the burden of Damascus”, which indicates that Damascus is the subject of a troublesome prophecy.

The troublesome nature of the prophecy is immediately revealed with verse 1 describing the city of Damascus as “a ruinous heap”. In addition, **Aroer (a city located in modern day Jordan)** and **Ephraim (northern Israel)** are also described as desolate and forsaken. Other places in Syria will likely be impacted as well as Isaiah mentions “the remnant of Syria”.

(1) The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. (2) The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. (3) The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts. (Isaiah 17:1-3)

Some believe that Isaiah 17 has application to the Eighth Century B.C. when the Assyrian Army attacked Syria and northern Israel. However, verse 1 describes Damascus being desolated to the extent that it is “taken away from being a city”. This level of desolation has not occurred yet, so perhaps Isaiah 17 is a chapter with multiple applications with its ultimate fulfillment in the future.

The cause(s) of Damascus’s desolation is not specifically stated in Isaiah 17:1-3, but Jeremiah 49:23-27, a passage that potentially has end time implications, suggests that Damascus may be a target of a military invasion.

**Jeremiah 49:23-27**

*23 Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.*

*24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as  
a woman in travail.*

*25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!*

*26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.*

*27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Benhadad.*

**Isaiah 17:4-6 provides the circumstances surrounding the general timeframe when Damascus will become a ruinous heap.**

Last week we touched on this really quick regarding Persia...In the prophecy of Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39, the Islamic coalition attacks Israel in two places. The “valley of the passengers” on the east of the sea, which is at the edge of the country of Jordan. It’s across from Jericho on the Dead Sea side.

**Ezekiel 39:11 King James Version (KJV)**

*11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea:*



Then the Bible says they come after them in Bishon which is the Golan Heights (this is part of the Levent geographic region), which is at the border of Syria and Lebanon. These 2 areas is where the war is going to take place.

**Ezekiel 39:18 King James Version (KJV)**

*18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.*



This shows me a couple of things:

First, these radical organizations have to get strong in these 2 border areas. They have to build up before this war can take place.

**Note: Jordan last week, announcing “forget the peace treaty with Israel since they won’t settle with Palestine”, we have to do what we must do to protect ourselves against ISIS... Russians are in Syria trying to hold off ISIS.**

Secondly, the head of Iraq does not want to step down, but at some point he will be forced to do so. He is a Shia and the Shias are strong from Baghdad to south all the way to Iran which is the country of Persia. In order to fight these radical Al-Qaeda groups that are multiplying every day by the thousands, Persia or Iran has to unite with the Shias and fight them.

When we look at Ezekiel chapter 38 and 39, which has not yet happened, and we see that Persia is leading the way...we know that Persia or Iran has to come out on top.

**Now, regarding Ezekiel - Gog/Magog...** we first have to get some kind of timeframe started. Falling between Israel's modern re-birth, prophesied in Ezekiel 36-37, and the Millennium to which Ezekiel devotes chapters 40-48, means that the battle of chapters 38-39 has to take place after 1948 but before the Second Coming, and all agree it hasn't happened yet.

This has led some to see the passage as a description of Armageddon, but as we'll see, there are many prominent nations missing from this battle whereas Zechariah 14:2 prophesies that every nation will join the battle on that day. If so, the timeframe narrows to sometime between 1948 and the beginning of the Great Tribulation, when no place in the world will be at peace, especially Israel.

The Bible says that the Two Witnesses (which we've studied in Revelation) will prophecy in Israel for the first 42 months of the 7 year Tribulation.

The Bible also says (as we've studied the last 10 weeks) that these 10 nations spoken of in Ezekiel will come up against Israel and the 10 Kings are defeated at the beginning of that 7 year period. Then there is peace in the Middle East and sacrifices begin again at the Temple (prophecy fulfilled), but that is only for 42 months. After that 3 1/2 year period or 42 months, these 10 nations align with the antichrist for the final 42 months.

Ezekiel prophesied that the Lord would use this battle to turn Israel back to Him and to complete the return of Jews from all over the world to Israel, not leaving any behind. Ezekiel 38-39 is the event that re-starts the clock on the 490 year period of time spoken of by Daniel, the famous 70 weeks of Daniel 9.

Remember, 69 of those weeks (483 years) had come when the Messiah was crucified and the Temple destroyed, stopping the clock one week (seven years) short of fulfillment. This dramatic victory where Israel will not lift a finger to defend themselves, showing the Lord wins over Israel's enemies in this battle, convinces them to officially re-instate their Old Covenant relationship and demand a Temple for worship. It's this Temple that's later desecrated by the antichrist, kicking off the Great Tribulation.

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Shortly, we will begin a careful study of the nations that are spoken of specifically in Ezekiel 38-39, and looking at where they stand on: Israel, Islam, governmentally & militarily in order to prepare us for these events that will soon become a reality.

Now, I want to give you some scenarios, not predictions, but scenarios about what is happening with Iran, Iraq, Syria, Israel, ISIS, Islam...remember Iran or Persia has to be on top both Biblically and in the Quran, this is where this power is coming from.

**Scenario #1**



In Iraq, if current President, Fuad Masum makes an agreement with the Kurds, and the Sunnis to put them all in government - they will become a very powerful force. The idea is to get everyone working together and things will change very quickly.



## Scenario #2

If the United States and our allies get together and realize just how dangerous ISIS is and come in on the attack, we would have to defeat the Sunni insurgency which gives more power to the Shiites and to Iran.



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## **Scenario #3**

The Iranians and the Sunni's will have enough military power to push out the insurgents and then Iraq becomes a predominately Shiite stronghold.

Remember, these are just scenarios and not predictions. But, in the end, no matter what happens in Iran, they will come out on top because they will be leading the war against Israel.

In Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39, Lebanon is not mentioned and neither is Syria. So, Iran could become the government force all the way up to Baghdad - this is yet to be seen, we will have to watch it unfold.

Iran will be heading up this war against Israel and it will be with the Shiite Muslims. That is why you see the black flags, they believe they are self fulfilling these prophecies from Islam.

Remember, the Shias have black turbans and the Sunnis have the black banners. This black flag **will be** flying all over the world. It is flying in Germany right now, it is flying all throughout Europe tonight. As more and more refugees and wars continue to grow in number, so will the black flag continue to grow in number.

This black flag represents the “last caliphate” or the one world Islamic religion and the one world Islamic government. The Bible calls it “the Beast”.

Islam has prophecies that it must fulfill, or self fulfill in order to make it the last days or as the Bible says the End of Days. So, we need to keep our eyes on Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq.



Also, watch Jordan. There are miles and miles of borders that Jordan has with Israel. There is going to be thousands of military personnel placed there to invade Israel. It will happen, the Bible said so and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thinks it's going to happen very soon as well.

I believe that we are seeing how this is all going to happen as the Bible said it would. Whether or not it happens right away or there is some form of retreat for awhile, maybe months or years, we don't know...this is God showing us something, not wanting anyone to perish.

But these borders must and will come down. From Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan - there will no longer be resistance against one another but a joining together to come up against Israel.

Just like we are seeing how the mark (666) will actually now be a chip and we know it will be at some point in the near future. The Bible says that the antichrist will take over an entire area and remove the borders including from Afghanistan and Pakistan allowing millions of radicals to march against Israel.

They are getting the money to purchase the biological, chemical and nuclear weapons along with E.M.P.'s right now by robbing the banks throughout the Middle East.

I believe that there will be an increase in natural disasters in the United States and a major terrorist attack on the United States very soon.



This is going to happen because we (the US) have been passive. The current administration has taken a stance that is anti-Israel and pro-Islam. From laws and appointments that are contrary for our protection and total disregard for the laws of the land, we are in trouble. I don't say this to scare God's people but to prepare God's people.

**Revelation 1:1-3 Amplified Bible,**

*1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,*

*2 Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

*3 Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.*

**Isaiah 56:10 Amplified Bible,**

*10 [Israel's] watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, they love to slumber.*

**Hosea 4:6 King James Version (KJV)**

*6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:*

**Isaiah 46:9-10 Amplified Bible**

*9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,*

*10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,*

**Isaiah 46:9-10 King James Version (KJV)**

*9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,*

*10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

**2 Timothy 1:7 King James Version (KJV)**

*7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

**2 Timothy 1:7 Amplified Bible**

*7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.*

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 King James Version**

*13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

*14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

*15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

*16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

*18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Amplified Bible**

*13 Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [in death], that you may not grieve [for them] as the rest do who have no hope [beyond the grave].*

*14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep [in death].*

*15 For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him in death].*

*16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first.*

*17 Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!*

*18 Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words.*