

Israel At The Time Of The End

EZEKIEL:

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The Bible has more prophecies about Jesus Christ than any other person who has and will ever walk the face of the earth and in second place is, the anti-christ. When you take the book of Daniel, the book of Revelation, Matthew, the New and Old Testaments, and the Prophets as we've been studying regarding the Time of The End, End Of Days, the man of sin, the son of perdition etc., God is warning us for a reason.

When you start from Genesis and go all the way to Revelation, the End of Time, the Rapture, the Judgement, the Messiah, the anti-christ is the common thread. The anti-christ is spoken of in the entire book of Revelation of how he comes to earth and what he does and the destruction that he attempts.

Satan wants to annihilate the hebrew people but it will never happen, they are in the land that God gave them and they are here to stay. There is going to be very difficult times ahead, like no one has ever seen but in the end, they will win, the Messiah will return through the East Gate. For those who believe in Him, who follow Him, will rule and reign with Him for a thousand years. Then, after the Great White Throne Judgement the New Jerusalem and the New Earth period of time begins.

So, where are we now in this Ezekiel time line? Can we see the forming of the 7th Empire and/or the antichrist coming to power and where will this be?

First, let's go back and look in the book of Daniel to learn about the anti-christ from Gods Word and then to islamic prophecies...

We have gone through 2 different studies on the Time of the End prophecies in the book of Daniel. Those studies were “The Tribulation & Ten Toes Of Daniel” dealing with the Holy Roman Empire regarding the 10 Nations mentioned 42 months into the Tribulation.

The other series that I taught was the “Prophecies Of Daniel Revealed”. This began with the empires of Bible prophecy from the Babylonian Empire to the Roman Empire and how this all ties into the day in which we are living. From both of these series you will watch current events in a more informed manner, you will see things through the lens of Gods Word instead of through the new anchors narrowed and biased view point.

“Prophecies Of Daniel Revealed” & “The Tribulation & Ten Toes Of Daniel”

Go to go to wgm.podbean.com for videos, notes, podcasts of these 2 series and more sermons and teachings by Pastor Grant.

For time sake, in order to get where I need to get to tonight, I will do portions in a story format referencing Gods Word sense it is primarily from these 2 series.

In order to find out about the anti-christ from Gods Word we have to go back to the Empires of Bible prophecy located in the book of Daniel starting in Chapter 2.



Listed above are the Empires (3 through 7) seen by the Prophet Daniel in Daniel Chapter 2. The first 2 Empires, Assyria and Egypt have already taken place and Daniel is writing from the time during the Babylonian Empire. This is a picture of the Empires of Biblical prophecy from the ancient times all the way to the very last day when the Messiah will rule and take control of the earth to start the Millennial Reign of Christ.

Remember, God uses anyone and anything for His purpose(s). He raises up Kings, Presidents, leaders and He takes them down. He will keep His promises, will perform the oath that He swore to accomplish just like He did with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In order fulfill the Prophetic Biblical Timeline so you and I could see and have the revelation today that we have, God used King Nebuchadnezzar. This is the plurality of prophecy, God's people were also being punished for disobedience at this time.

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream one night and couldn't remember what he dreamt. So, **he threatens to kill everybody including his wise men** if they don't tell him not only the interpretation of his dream but what He dreamt.

So they, (the wise men of the day in the natural) called on Daniel (supernatural wisdom) and God gave him the entire revelation of this dream and what the dream meant. Here is what happened...

Daniel 2:16-45 KJV

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: 22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. 23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.



When you look at the interpretation of the dream, it interprets itself. The head of gold was Babylon, the first empire of bible prophesy. Following the Babylonians was the Media/Persia empire or Medo-Persian. Notice it has 2 arms, one representing the Medes and the other representing the Persians and they are represented by silver.

Then we come to the third empire which is the hips of brass. This represents the empire that took over from the Medo-Persian empire which was Alexander the Great or the Grecian Empire.

Following the Grecian Empire, you had legs of iron and these legs of iron are absolutely the Roman Empire. There are 2 legs and that is because Rome became split, the east and the west.

When you get to the “Time Of The End”, that is the feet. The feet are part clay and part iron and have ten toes total. The biblical interpretation of this is at the very End Of Days there is going to be 10 kings representing an empire that will take place following the rapture of the church and 42 months into the 7 year Tribulation.

Now, let’s go over these specific empires. Notice, they ruled in order from the Babylonian Empire, Media Persia Empire, Grecian Empire, Roman Empire and the 10 kings at the End Of Days.

Now, what I would like to do is show you the metal that is on the statue and then the empire. I’m going to give you the estimated time that it ruled along with the area of the world that it represents today.

The Head Of Gold - Babylon

606BC - 539BC

Iraq - Syria - Lebanon - Armenia - Israel - Jordan - Egypt

Then, in the middle of the night the Medes and Persians came to Babylon and over threw the Babylonian Empire and the kings from the Medes and Persian ruled from Babylon. (Daniel 8)

The Chest And Arms Of Silver - Media/Persia

538BC - 330BC

Iran - Iraq - Syria - Lebanon - Egypt
Afghanistan - Libya - Pakistan

Following that time period came a man by the name of Alexander The Great from Greece. Alexander the Great moved in and took over all the territory of the Medes and Persian empires and expanded that empire into other parts of the world all the way to India. He ruled from Babylon as well. (Daniel 8)

The Thighs Of Brass - Greece

330BC - 146BC

Iran - Iraq - Greece - Northern Africa - Turkey
Afghanistan - Pakistan - India - Egypt - Libya



So, three empires, Babylon, Media-Persia and the Greeks all ruled from Babylon. Remember, that tree stump is the Babylonian Empire in Daniel Chapter 4.

Three of the four identified empires mentioned in the book of Daniel all ruled from the same headquarters - ancient Babylon. Using the modern maps of today, that is the country of Iraq.

From this point, Alexander the Great dies, so what happened to his kingdom? His kingdom is divided up amongst his four generals. The book of Daniel prophesied of this, about the four horns that are on the back side of that goat with one large horn, the notable horn in the front, Alexander the Great dies.

Daniel 8:8-9 KJV

8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

His kingdom, (Alexander the Great) is divided up amongst his four generals. I wrote out the land that they took over and the modern day land. I didn't include all nations just the basic ones for a general boundary line.

Ptolemy

He took: Egypt and Northern Africa

Modern day: Egypt, Libya and Northern Africa

Seleucus

He took: Assyria and Babylon

Lysimachus

He took: Turkey

Modern day: Turkey and Southern Russia

Cassander

He took: Greece and Macedonia

Out of one of the 4 divisions that Alexander the Great's generals took over comes the anti-christ. He becomes great among the small people, he has a mouth that speaks great things. He defies the true God by exalting himself and saying he is the true God.

Daniel 7:8 KJV

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

When the anti-christ comes to power, he will come from the middle eastern area of Alexander the Great's old empire. In Daniel Chapter 4 there is a prophetic vision of a tree that was cut down (Babylonian Empire) and only a stump remained. In that vision there are 2 rings on a stump ...one of them is iron and that represents Rome and one of them is brass representing Greece.

What these rings on the tree stump that used to be Babylon ? The brass/bronze is because the antichrist comes out of one of the 4 divisions of the Grecian Empire (Daniel Chapter 7).

Using the 4 divisions that the generals took and where the nations are the strongest, the anti-christ either has to come out of Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Macedonia or Syria and Iraq.

The reason for **Egypt** is that it used to be an empire but it is no longer, it is just a country. **Turkey** was the head of the Ottoman/ Turkish Empire (we studied that) which ruled from 1517 to 1917 over the middle east and Palestine and it's power was broken but they (Muslims) are trying to reestablish this. They wanted a caliph, and still want the one world religion and government.

Then you have **Greece and Macedonia** which is part of the ancient Grecian empire. Then the next location would be **Syria, Iraq and Lebanon** which is the headquarters of the old **Babylonian Empire**, the tree stump of Daniel Chapter 4.

The anti-christ will come out of the area of the tree stump and try to grow that which was dead. The cutting down of the tree represented King Nebuchadnezzar's break down (Daniel 4:19-37). The tree was left in the earth so after 7 years King Nebuchadnezzar would come back again and he would be king.

But remember, these 2 bands on the tree stump of iron and brass are there for a reason. They are prophetically pointing back to the metallic empires to show you what will be happening. The book of Daniel is a book of prophecy or apocalyptic literature.

So here's the question, which one of these empires will the anti-christ come from?

1. Will he come from Egypt? This is According to Daniel Chapter 11...

Daniel 11:42-43 KJV

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

The anti-christ will take over Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia - he, the antichrist, will conquer these areas. He takes over Egypt and it says that Libya and Ethiopia are at his foot steps or follow him.

So, that is not his headquarters if he invades it and takes it over in the middle of the tribulation. So we can take that and eliminate it as the place he rules from for the first 42 months of the tribulation.

2. So, what about Turkey? Let's look at Daniel 11:40...

Daniel 11:40 KJV

*40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: **and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind**, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.*

The king of the north here is not Russia, it is Turkey. Turkey is already at war with Syria. There is a lot of animosity with the Turks and the Kurds, Syrians and Iraqis.

So, if Turkey pushes at him (Daniel 11:40) during a war - he doesn't come out of Turkey, they are pushing at him because he (the anti-christ) is coming out of somewhere else.

3. What about Greece ?

Greece is now part of the E.U., but Greece economically is not a super power. Greece has had economic problems, rioting, can't make payments to the EU or their own people etc. This leaves only one area...it goes back to the stump. Most people don't realize just how important Daniel Chapter 4 is.

The 4th and only choice based on God's Word is the stump...

4. Iraq, Syria and Lebanon

The more you get into this, it all goes back to the stump which is the area of **Iraq, Syria and Lebanon** which is the old Babylonian territory. In the book of Daniel it says that the anti-christ is great to the east and great to the south and great towards the pleasant land.

Daniel 8:9 KJV

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

The pleasant land is Israel, the south is the northern part of Africa which we talked about which is Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia (Daniel 11). The bible says this is the area that the anti-christ will come in and take over.

But, it also says he will be great to the east. Now, anytime you read a measurement in the bible where it talks about north, south, east and west...don't think about it from where the United States is, but they are referring to where Israel is located.

When you look at this prophecy it says that the anti-christ will be great to the east which includes: Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan. All of these are definitely islamic countries.

Keep in mind, that in the prophetic history of empires, Babylon, Media-Persia and Greece, their kings and leaders all ruled from Babylon. Also, the tree stump in Daniel Chapter 4 is Babylon or the Babylonian Empire in King Nebuchadnezzar's day. It gets cut down meaning the empire doesn't exist now (it's just a stump). But the stump (remnant nations) are still in the earth and the reason you have Rome and you have Greece is because the anti-christ is going to take over all the territory from the ancient Roman Empire.

When it comes to Greece, it is the four divisions the reveal where the antichrist is going to come from. So, if you just go to Daniel you will discover that the antichrist will come out of the territory that were are talking about.

After the dividing of the land of the Grecian Empire there was a development of a new empire that took place headquartered in Italy and that would be the Roman Empire.

The Legs Of Iron - Rome

146BC - 476AD

**Mediterranean Sea area expanding west to Spain - Britain
France - Italy - Lebanon - Israel - Syria**



The Roman Empire became a mighty force and at the time of Jesus all the way up to the time of the destruction of the temple in 70 AD. The Roman Empire impacted the hebrew people, the city of Jerusalem and the jewish temple.

Then, the statue from Daniel Chapter 2 continues all the way down to today where we would call it the Holy Roman Empire. The Roman Empire was divided from the east and the west. The western branch was Rome, Italy and the eastern branch was Constantinople, Turkey.

All of these empires that were prophesied is actual documented history, the prophet Daniel was right, he was never wrong, making him a prophet.

We know that the Turkish Empire ruled from 1517 to 1917. It ruled much of the middle east going towards Armenia, southern Russia and all the way into Arabia.

The Feet Of Iron & Clay

476AD

Western Rome - Rome, Italy

Eastern Rome - (Constantinople) Istanbul, Turkey



At the End Of Days (Daniel 12) we have the ten toes from the statue from Daniel Ch. 2, this is representing ten kings. Five of these kings or countries will come from the western branch and five will come from the eastern branch.

The reason I shared this image with you is that I want to give you what all of these empires have in common.

1. All these Empires ruled around the Mediterranean Sea area.
2. They impacted in some form or another the country of Egypt.

Sometimes they took over Egypt, ruled from it for a period of time. Egypt, in the Old Testament was a great empire as far as a territory because it was the entrance into the Northern part of Africa.



3. All of these empires had dealings with Israel.
4. All of these empires had dealing with the jewish people.
5. All of these empires had dealing with the jewish temple.

Note: *The Babylonian and Roman Empires both destroyed the temple in Jerusalem and they invaded on the 9th of Av on the hebrew calendar. This day in history, Tisha B'Av (lit. "the ninth of Av") is an annual fast day in Judaism which commemorates the anniversary of a number of disasters in Jewish history.*

From the destruction of both the First Temple by the Babylonians and the Second Temple by the Romans in Jerusalem. According to Rabbinic tradition the sin of the Ten Spies (besides Joshua and Caleb) produced the annual fast day of Tisha B'Av. When the Israelites accepted the false report that the land of Canaan (Israel) would be "impossible" to conquer, the people wept over the false belief that God was setting them up for defeat. The night that the people cried was the ninth of Av, which became a day of weeping and misfortune for all time.

We have prophetic Empires listed here in the Bible for a reason, so why are they listed, what is the importance of Babylon, Media/Persia, Greece and Rome ? Because they had dealings with the jews, the nation of Israel and with the temple on the temple mount.

So what is it about the End of Days empire, or the Last Days anti-christ empire that will seize power of the Mediterranean Sea area? What is it about this empire that is so important that we understand it?

Because, the anti-christ empire at the End Of Days will have the same impact, the same dealings that all the previous empires of bible prophecy have had. When the antichrist comes, he will:

1. Rule from the Mediterranean Sea area or the Great Sea (Daniel 7).
2. He will take over Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia (Daniel 11:43) which is the northern part of Africa.

3. He will invade Israel just like the babylonians and romans did.
4. He has dealing with the Jews. He will attempt to kill and annihilate the jewish people.
5. He has dealings with the temple mount.

Matt. 24:15, 2 Thess 2:4, Rev. 11 and the Book of Daniel says that there will be sacrifices and worship on the temple mount by the jewish people during the 7 year Tribulation. But, the anti-christ will invade the city and take over that entire area, set up an image of himself and make himself to appear like he is God.

We can see that the empire of the future, the anti-christ empire, is going to have the same dealings and impact on Israel, the jewish people and the temple mount area that the empires of the ancient bible prophecy have had.

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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:

Ecclesiastes 1:9 KJV

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

It is important to understand what the bible teaches about this future empire. The book of Revelation says that there is coming a seventh kingdom speaking of what Daniel was referring to after the rapture of the church in the 7 year Tribulation.

Revelation 17:10 KJV

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

We know who the 5 Empires are that have fallen of Biblical History: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Media/Persia and Greece. Then, John said that there is a sixth kingdom “that is”. John wrote the book of Revelation in 95AD which was then under the control of the Roman Empire - the 6th Empire is Rome.

John continues to write that then there will be a seventh kingdom that will continue for a short space. That kingdom will come out of the area of Syria, Iraq and Lebanon and rise during the first 42 months of the 7 year Tribulation following the war of Gog and Magog.

Then John spoke of an 8th Kingdom or an 8th King that will be coming which we know to be 42 months based on Gods Word.

Revelation 17:11 KJV

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

This is also confirmed in the book of Daniel...

Daniel 12:7 KJV

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Time(s) defined:

Time = one year; Times = 2 years; half time - 6 months

So, who is the 8th King? He is the anti-christ. Why does he rule for 42 months or time, times and a half? Because the Tribulation is 7 years or 84 months in length. In the middle of the Tribulation the anti-christ will invade Israel and Jerusalem attempting to annihilate the jewish people. He will be given 42 months to trample down the holy city.

Revelation 13:5-7 KJV

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

The bible tells us where the anti-christ will rise up from and that will be the area of Lebanon, Iraq and Syria. That is based on the Book of Daniel, chapters 4, 7, 8 and 11. In order for Persia to be part of the war of Gog and Magog they will have to form a partnership with Iraq in order to get to Israel.

The countries to the north and east of Persia are also mentioned in this war so there will be great pressure on Iraq or offerings of money, arms etc in order for them to partner with Iran. We have seen a joint effort between Iran and Iraq in recent weeks to fight terrorism just as the bible said they would.





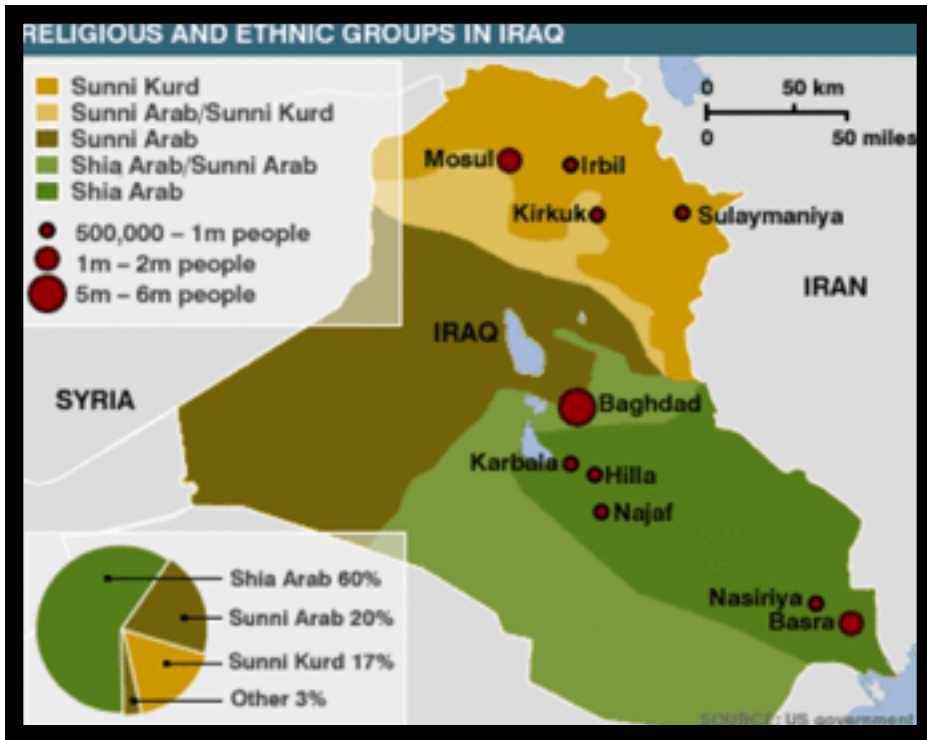
Iran or Persia is also financing Hezbollah which is in Lebanon and the area of Phoenicia where Queen Jezebel is from. The Palestinian Authority from Mount Seir and descendants from Esau are financing Hamas in the Gaza Strip which are the descendants of Ham and the area of the Philistines. Both of these areas are part of End Time Prophecies that we studied during this study on Ezekiel.

Joel 3:4 KJV

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

Zechariah 9:5 KJV

5 Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also shall see it, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.



This is what I see happening. The center part of Iraq is predominately sunni muslim. Everything to the south in Iraq is shia muslims. In Iran, 98% of the muslims are shias. Syria and Lebanon are more than 50% shia muslims.

This will help Iran and the other countries from the east to going through the Golan Heights by way of come Iraq and Syria. The removal of the United States military has seen the ramping up of islamic pressure surrounding Israel and strategic alignments are taking place economically, politically and militarily. This is the plan of the shia muslims, to infiltrate the areas around Israel, surround them and wait for the call to war.

So, why is Iran (Persia) which is mentioned in the book of Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39 so active at this point in time? The muslims have apocalyptic beliefs or End Time beliefs just like the Bible believing christians do.

When you go back and study islam after the death of their founder Muhammad, there was a split of islam into 2 groups, the sunni's and the shiites. These 2 different leaders who took over islam both claimed to be the heir of the prophets mantle.

These 2 groups began to fight each other and the sunni branch killed the first 11 leaders of the shiite branch by beheadings, poisoning etc. One of the shiite leaders that was killed was Imam Ali in Najaf, Iraq and there was a shrine built and today is called the Imam Ali Holy Shrine also known as Masjid Ali or the Mosque of Ali and this is a Holy site for Shia Muslims.

Also, the 10th and 11th leaders of the shiite branch, Imam Ali and Imam Hussein were both killed in the country of Iraq. After their deaths there was a Gold Dome mosque erected in honor of these men just outside of Baghdad in Karbala.



Millions of shiites go every year, a pilgrimage, to this holy site in islam to honor these men who were killed centuries ago.

After the death of the 11th Imam, his son which would be the 12th Imam, out of fear of being killed by the sunni's escaped down a well and into a cave in Samarra, or Karbala, Iraq.

After the death of Muhammad and these Imams there was a teaching that originates very heavy from Iran and the shiites about the islamic End of Days in the Hadith. Remember, Iran is 98% shia and 60% of Iran is and growing daily. This End of Days teaching in islam is about the Mahdi and when he comes to power he will initiate a time of peace and islamic justice.



According to many of the teachings of islam, he will rule the world for 7 years and will arrive on a white horse when he appears. *(In 2009 there was painting of President Obama with a white horse that was symbolizing the Mahdi. This image and several like it where at several campaign stops as well).*

The mahdi will then go into Jerusalem to convert the jews & christian to islam and anyone who does not convert is beheaded.

In Revelation Ch. 20, people are beheaded during the tribulation who don't take the mark & who accept Jesus Christ.

Revelation 20:4 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.

Then, in Revelation Ch. 6 we see a rider on a white horse during the Tribulation which is part of the 4 horsemen of the apocalypse.

Revelation 6:2 KJV

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.



This is the white, red, black and green horses from bible prophecy that also lines up with the 4 colors of islam through history. These are also the colors of the Palestinian Flag that is mounted in east Jerusalem today.

All of these islamic teachings about the Mahdi line up with what John wrote in the book of Revelation or the book of the Apocalypse, concerning the anti-christ. John wrote this prophetically 600 years before islam was created and the book of Daniel was written 1200 years before the beginning of islam.

So, what are some signs or what are the islamic leaders doing to bring the Mahdi to power?



The supreme leader of Iran (pictured left), Ali Hosseini Khamenei along with President Hassan Rouhani (pictured right) and the islamic leaders of Iran have called for the destruction of Israel and for the destruction of America.

They have said in a unified voice that the Mahdi has appeared to them and has told them to prepare the country of Iran for his arrival. In order for the Mahdi to come back and take control, the jewish people have to be wiped out in Israel.

The reason the muslims for all the nations have wanted the United States military out of Iraq and the middle east in general is that the teaching of the Mahdi is one of a theocracy. One world religion and one world government.

So, if democracy works in Iraq and the people have a right to vote, the Mahdi will never be able to fulfill the expectations of the shiite muslims which is to take over the country of Iraq. As long as the US military is in the middle east (which is not the reason we are there) and democracy is working it hinders the Iranian version of the Mahdi in Iraq. The shiite muslims believe that the Mahdi is going to rise up out of Iraq which in the bible is the 7th Empire and the location of Mystery Babylon.



When the Mahdi comes, he will lead the islamic nations against Israel and wipe out the infidels. As a result of the praise, honor and great expectation of the Mahdi you will have imposters or people wanting/thinking to be him. Over the last several years you have seen many of the islamic terrorist leaders wearing the black turban or head covering which is spoken of in the Hadith.

Hadith defined:

a collection of traditions containing sayings of the prophet Muhammad that, with accounts of his daily practice, constitute the major source of guidance for Muslims apart from the Koran.

These are 2 statements that Muhammad made from the Hadith:

“When you see the black banners coming from Khorasan go to them immediately even if you must crawl over snow, because the deputy of Allah, the Mahdi will be among them.”

“The Black Banners will come to you from the East, their hearts will be as firm as iron.”



So, when you see the shiite muslims wearing the black turbans they have set themselves up to be the guardians of the Mahdi and the guardians of his kingdom that he will form up at the End Of Days.

Here's a statement of what will happen when the Mahdi comes:
"A great war will break out between the East and the West... There will be very strong fighting. Very many people will be killed. The Lord will command the Mahdi to appear. Now, he is in a cave, in a big deep cave. No one can approach it. Genies (spirits) are protecting and guarding him."

The conflict in Iraq is about demonic powers that are moving in this part of the world. Politically it was about liberating people from a dictator to a democracy (which won't work in the long run) but prophetically, this is a spiritual battle.

Ephesians 6:12 AMPC

12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

We know that satan has master spirits over areas of this world..

Daniel 10:20 AMPC

20 Then he said, Do you know why I have come to you? And now I will return to fight with the [hostile] prince of Persia; and when I have gone, behold, the [hostile] prince of Greece will come.

The Persians, Iranians, shiite muslims believe that the 12th Imam will come out of his well or cave and when he does, they have to be strategically in position to attack Israel.

In 2006, the sunni's blew up the Gold Dome Mosque (shiite mosque) because it is adjacent to the Mosque where the 12th Imam is supposed to appear after leaving the cave.

So, why would a group of sunni's go into a shiite mosque and blow it up? Because they don't want the Mahdi of the shiite branch to appear here. The shiite muslims went into another city where the sunni muslims think there savior will appear and blew it up. Islam has it's own End Time Prophecies and terms that they are working hard to make them ready to be fulfilled.

They are taking over strategic land around Israel, storing up weapons, making alliances with Russia, getting the U.N. on board against Israel. They are getting churches, denominations, so called christians, pastors, leader, government officials to come up against Israel.

Islamic Terms For The Return Of The Mahdi

Day of Uprising	Day of Reckoning	The Last Day
Day of Separation	Encompassing Day	The Hour
	Day of Awakening	

At The End of Days, the Eastern Roman Empire formerly headquartered from Constantinople, Turkey (now Istanbul) will represent the islamic one world government leader, the anti-christ. The Western Roman Empire formerly headquartered in Rome, Italy and now from the Vatican will represent the apostate christianity or the false prophet that join forces at the End of Time. (Revelation 13)

Islamic Signs Of The Last Days

Syrian army will attack him but will be defeated in the desert. When this happens Iran and Syria will unite and pledge allegiance to the Mahdi.

The Mahdi will take Turkey by force

After uniting all of Islam he will take the world by force

Great prosperity under the Mahdi including gold, silver for his faithful followers.

Note: Daniel 11:8, 38 says that the antichrist will be over the treasure of even Egypt and the gold and silver.

The Mahdi will then rule for 5, 7 or 9 years (depending on what Islamic tradition you follow) then the end of the world will come and judgment will be given by Allah.

When you compare these signs with what the Bible says, it is very interesting...

Islam says that the Mahdi will unite the Islamic world...

Revelation 17:12 KJV

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Islam says the Mahdi will give gold and silver to his followers...

Daniel 11:38 KJV

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

Islam says the Mahdi will rule for 7 years...

Daniel 9:27 AMPC

27 And he shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for one week [seven years]. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator.

Islam says the Mahdi will take over Turkey...

Daniel 11:40 KJV

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

When you look at the expectations of the muslim world regarding the Mahdi then all the biblical warnings of the anti-christ it is the description of what they are expecting.

Everything that we see taking place right now in the news, using the bible as our guide and knowing what islam needs to do in order to prepare for the Mahdi, it all points to the coming war of Gog and Magog. This war prophetically is waiting for no other prophecy to be fulfilled. The signs are everywhere that this is next and it is going to happen, I believe very soon.

Through this study of Ezekiel we have learned that the prophecies in Gods Word are true, every single “thing” that God said would come to be before this war has taken place just like He said. You and I have another promise, and that is eternity with Jesus Christ and all the saints if we remain faithful and obedient to His Word.