

Israel At The Time Of The End

EZEKIEL:

THE LORD'S WATCHMAN

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Last week we finished with looking at the the nations that would come up against Israel during the War of Gog and Magog from the Prophet Ezekiel in Chapter 38:6 right around the time of the Rapture of the Church.

Ezekiel 38:6 AMPC

6 Gomer and all his hordes, the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north and all his hordes—many people are with you.

Togarmah in Ezekiel's day was a place called Cappadocia which is in modern Turkey and in the line of Japheth as well. Cappadocia referred to much of modern day central Turkey back in the days of Ezekiel. We also looked at the ***hordes*** or bands that went out and settled into the southern part of Russia.

This area has 5 states which were established when the Soviet Union was disbanded. These 5 states were all part of the Ottoman/Turkish Empire and all have a connection to: Iran, Turkey, Afghanistan and even Pakistan.

Every nation that has been listed in this War of Gog and Magog were pro-western 60 years ago. Prior to 1948, Jewish settlements were in all of these nations and now there is one link that connects all of them, **they are all muslim. The war or invasion of Gog and Magog is an Islamic invasion.**

We also looked at the areas that this Islamic coalition would attack Israel from. In addition, we studied in the Word when the war would start - and that's when God is ready, in the "fulness of time". ■ When God is ready for His plan to be revealed, He will cause these nations to come up against Israel with the "things" (prophecies in His Word) that He said would happen and for the reasons why.

Ezekiel 38:10 KJV

*10 Thus saith the Lord God; **It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:***

Ezekiel 38:10 AMPC

*10 Thus says the Lord God: **At the same time thoughts shall come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan.***

Why at the same time? There is a prince or principality under satan over this area of the world that will be allowed by God to get these leaders to go against Israel at the same time.

In Ezekiel Chapters 38 & 39, this Islamic coalition attacks Israel in two places. One is the “valley of the passengers” on the east at the edge of the country of Jordan, across from Jericho on the Dead Sea side.

Ezekiel 39:11 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: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog.*

The Bible says that the other location from where the attack takes place is in Bashon which is the Golan Heights which is at the border of Syria and Lebanon.

Ezekiel 39:17-18 KJV

17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

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.



Israel

— International Boundary

- - - - - Armistice Line

— Cease-Fire Line

— Road

— River



★ National Capital

• City or Town

0 20 50 KM

0 20 50 Miles

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**Bashan or
Golan Heights**

**The Valley of
The Passengers**

Mount Seir

Remember, the area of Mount Seir, (Ezekiel 35) descendants of Esau, is to the south of the Valley of the Passengers. Those individuals who classify themselves as Palestinians, being an Arab or a muslim are actually descendants of Esau. They settled in Edom where Mount Seir is located and are the Edomites.

They will be coming up to the north using the Dead Sea as protection to go straight at Jerusalem from the area of Jericho. Another reason to go to the east of the Dead Sea and not straight into Israel from Mount Seir is coming in through the Valley of the Passengers is currently the West Bank controlled by the Palestinians. This will be through the ancient high places (Judea/Samaria).

The prophet Ezekiel gives you and I the plan of the enemy against Israel.

Ezekiel 38:12-13 KJV

*12 **To take a spoil**, and to take a prey; **to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited**, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.*

*13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? **to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods**, to take a great spoil?*

Ezekiel 38:12-13 AMPC

*12 **To take spoil and prey, to turn your hand upon the desolate places now inhabited** and assail the people gathered out of the nations, who have obtained livestock and goods, who dwell at the center of the earth [Palestine].*

*13 Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish, with all their lionlike cubs [or satellite areas], shall say to you, Have you come to take spoil? Have you gathered your hosts to take the prey? **To carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods,** to take a great spoil?*

The word ***spoil*** in Hebrew means: to strip them of or take substance. ***Goods*** in Hebrew means: money, riches and substance. It is not going to be the oil in Israel that will cause these nations to come up against Israel, several of these nations have oil money. It is not going to be the wealth of the Dead Sea.

The Dead Sea is divided down the middle between Jordan and Israel today and although it is worth 2 trillion dollars... what are these nations going to do with an abundance of bromide, potassium, magnesium, chloride - basically salt.

The Bible tells us what makes them come up against Israel...

Ezekiel 38:4 KJV

*4 And I will turn thee back, **and put hooks into thy jaws,** and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:*

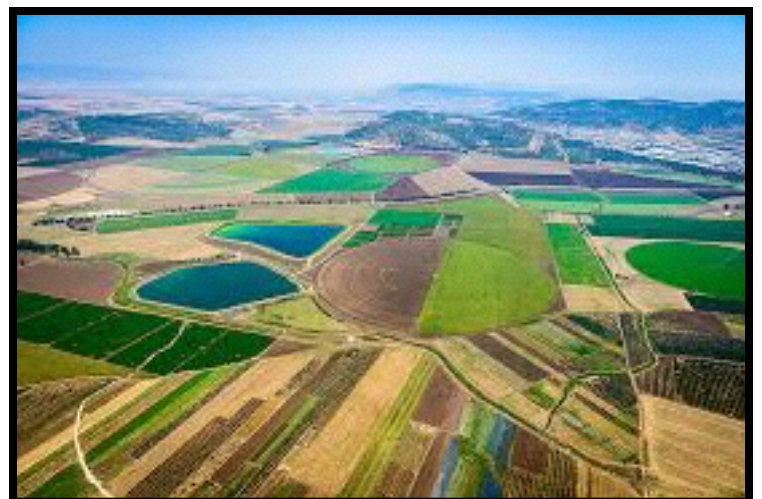
The Bible says that God will put hooks into their jaws...you don't just speak with your jaw but you eat with your jaw/mouth and I believe that there is going to be a major famine.

I believe that the nations that will attack Israel, the ones who have mistreated Israel are going to suffer an extremely severe famine. It could be from a war, chemical weapons or just a natural thing.



Israel is one of the few countries in that part of the world where they have underground water sources and they grow their trees, produce, vegetation all along the eastern borders to Jordan. The other side of that land in Jordan is a desert.

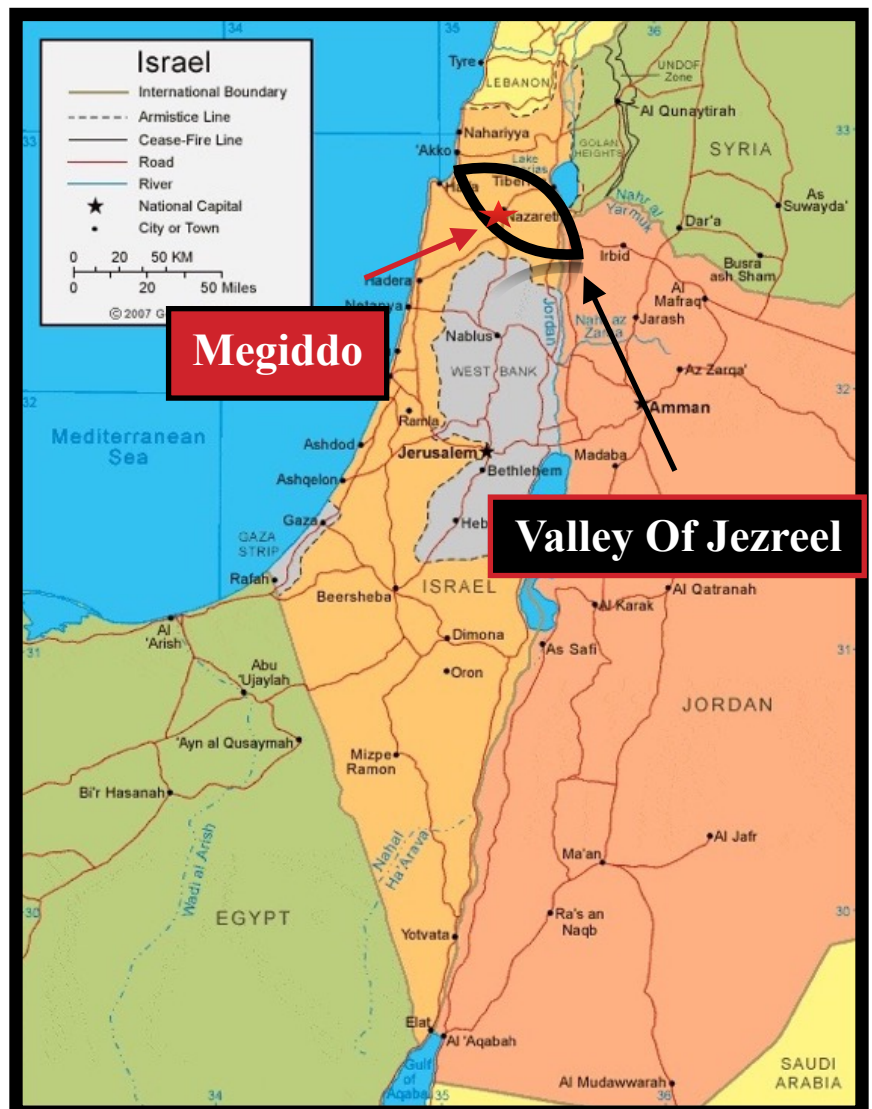
There is also over 150 farms south of the Dead Sea where their produce is exported to the countries that will attack it during the War of Gog and Magog.





The Valley of Jezreel is home to many farms that export and the vegetation is green and in abundance. In addition, this area is significant because the Battle of Armageddon will be fought here in this valley in a place called Megiddo.

Megiddo (which is in the valley of Jezreel) is a city located in the territory given to the Israelite tribe of Manasseh when they entered the Promised Land. The word itself is translated from the Hebrew & means to slaughter or cut off. Before Joshua led the children of Israel into the land, it was a Canaanite royal city (Joshua 12:21).



Sometime after the city came under the control of Israel it was restored and greatly fortified under the reign of King Solomon.

1 Kings 9:15 KJV

15 And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the Lord, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

The plain of Megiddo is known as the great battlefield of Palestine. Many decisive battles, especially in ancient times, have been fought in or near this area.

Why am I saying all of this? Because I believe there is going to be a famine based on what the Bible says and what I see happening in the world right now. Israel currently feeds it's entire population and then takes 400% of its' produce and ships it to Europe in the winter. It also supplies produce to the nations that will come up against it in the War of Gog and Magog in the Middle East.

I believe that the hook in the jaw (Ezekiel 38:4) is the food that they need and they are going to say - we need to take this land, take a spoil from this land (Ezekiel 38:12-13). There are spiritual reasons why the attack will come, natural reasons why the attack will come because remember, this is not just an Islamic attack but an attack from the lines of Japheth and Ham.

But you and I need to understand and know that God said what He is going to do to this Islamic coalition...

Ezekiel 38:22 KJV

22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

Ezekiel 38:22 AMPC

22 And with pestilence and with bloodshed will I enter into judgment with [Gog], and I will rain upon him and upon his hordes and upon the many peoples that are with him torrents of rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone.

Ezekiel 39:3 AMPC

3 And I will smite your bow from your left hand and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand.

Ezekiel 39:6 AMPC

6 I will send fire on Magog and upon those who dwell securely in the coastlands, and they shall know, understand, and realize that I am the Lord [the Sovereign Ruler, Who calls forth loyalty and obedient service].

This battle is going to be so intense, there is going to be an incredible amount of death because of the supernatural intervention of God. Let's see what the Bible says about this...

Ezekiel 39:9 AMPC

9 And [when you, Gog, are no longer] they who dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth and shall set on fire and burn the battle gear, the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the

arrows, the handspikes or riding whips and the spears; and they shall burn them as fuel for seven years,

Ezekiel 39:9 KJV

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

The Bible goes on to tell us that right after this battle is over, this is what will take place...

Ezekiel 39:14-15 AMPC

14 And they shall set apart men to work continually who shall pass through the land, men commissioned to bury, with the help of those who are passing by, those bodies that lie unburied on the face of the ground, in order to cleanse the land. After the end of seven months they shall make their search.

15 And when these pass through the land and anyone sees a human bone, he shall set up a marker by it as a sign to the buriers, until they have buried it in the Valley of Hamon-gog or of Gog's multitude.

The part I want to point out to you is this. It is going to take them 7 years to get rid of all the weapons that will be laying in the land, this is going to be a major battle. I believe, and many scholars believe, that this war will happen prior to the 7 year Tribulation of prophecy. Not only because it mentions 7 years in Ezekiel 39, or the timeline in Daniel and Revelation, but it lines up with other prophetic warnings in the Bible as well.

In Daniel there is a 7 year peace treaty that is signed which I believe will be after this war.

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.

Daniel 9:27 KJV

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Jesus, in speaking of the End Time events/signs, spoke of the Prophecies of Daniel written 600 years before. Jesus addressed Daniel as a Prophet.

Matthew 24:15 AMPC

15 So when you see the appalling sacrilege [the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate], spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place—let the reader take notice and [ponder and consider and heed [this]].

Prophet defined by 1828 Webster's Dictionary:

- 1. One that foretells future events; a predictor; a foreteller.**
- 2. a person illuminated, inspired or instructed by God to announce future events; as Moses, Elijah, David, Isaiah, etc.**

Why will this peace treaty be signed? Because the Islamic nations will have taken the greatest defeat in their history up until that point. Only 1/6 of the armies that fight Israel will remain so they will have to make peace with Israel quickly.

Ezekiel 39:1-5 KJV

1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

*2 And **I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee,** and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:*

3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

*5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field: **for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.***



This is going to cause this Islamic coalition to sit down and negotiate with Israel for peace. Israel, I believe, will then be forced by the U.N. to also disarm the Iron Dome, David's Sling, and the Arrow 2 and Arrow 3 defense weapon systems. This is when the anti-christ will start to come to power in the old Babylonia Empire territory of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

David's Sling is a joint Israeli-U.S. project designed to intercept medium-range missiles. David's Sling was made possible by Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems collaborating with American defense contractor Raytheon -- also produces the Patriot missile system.

The system is designed to shoot down incoming rockets with ranges of 25 to 190 miles, targeting mostly the missiles that were fired by the Lebanese Hezbollah organization toward Israel in recent years. It will make up the middle tier of Israel's multi-layer missile defense capabilities.

The lowest layer is the Iron Dome system, capable of intercepting short-range rockets, small unmanned aerial vehicles and some mortar shells like those that have been fired at Israel from the Gaza Strip or from southern Lebanon. And at the top are the Arrow 2 and Arrow 3 systems, which are intended to engage long-range ballistic missiles. The Arrow was put in use for the first time on March 17, when it intercepted an incoming Syrian anti-aircraft missile.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that the “cutting-edge technology” of David's Sling will help protect Israel against its enemies. “Whoever seeks to hit us – will be hit. Whoever threatens our existence – places himself in existential danger,” he said.

Referring to the Biblical story of David and Goliath, Netanyahu added that just as King David protected the Jewish people 3,000 years ago, Israel will continue to follow in his footsteps.

The anti-christ, who won't go by that name, he will be leading this next Islamic coalition. He will be secretly arming them so after Israel is disarmed he will invade Israel after 42 months. This is why this war is so significant in realizing how soon Jesus' return actually is. Everything is in alignment for this prophecy to take place.

Military experts will tell you that if the land is contaminated by radiation, polluted by chemical and biological weapons you can not go into that land, you have to let it alone. What the military does is they hire people to go in after an attack and they look for bodies/bones and they put up a sign to identify the polluted or contaminated area. After 7 months, another team comes in and gets rid of the contaminated bones.

Ezekiel 39:14-15 AMPC

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This is already happening in this part of the world with Syria using chemical weapons on their own people. Other nations throughout the Middle East and Russia mentioned in this war currently have and/or are getting weapons of mass destruction.

There will be a part of this land that will be affected this war but don't miss the point... it is God almighty that intervenes and stops this war. Why? Because God said I will magnify My name, I will let the nations know that I am God. God will be glorified in this battle.

Ezekiel 39:7 AMPC

7 And I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name any more; and the nations shall know, understand, and realize that I am the Lord, the Holy One of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:13 AMPC

13 Yes, all the people of the land will bury them, and it shall bring them renown in the day that I shall be glorified, says the Lord God.

Remember, God gives us multiple signs that He is coming, all throughout the Old and New Testaments. With that said, there are more Bible prophecies that speak to this time and one of them is regarding the city of Damascus.

The Bible says that one day that the city of Damascus will be utterly destroyed.

Isaiah 17:1-3 AMPC

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.

2 The cities of Aroer [east of the Jordan] are forsaken; they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

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.



The book of Isaiah is incredible, we could easily spend one year going through his prophetic writings.

I want to give you just some of the highlights as it pertains to this study. First, Chapter 13 of Isaiah is a prophecy against Babylon.

Isaiah Chapter 15 is a prophecy against Moab and Chapter 17 is a prophecy against Damascus in Syria.

Chapter 18 is a prophecy that deals with Ethiopia. Chapter 19 deals with Egypt and Chapter 21 speaks of the burden of the sea that mentions Arabia or today we know it as Saudi Arabia.

We are going to look at some of these chapters in the book of Isaiah and see what it has to say and we will begin with chapter 19 which is the prophecy about Egypt. Remember, this is speaking of the future...

Isaiah 19:2 KJV

2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

Isaiah 19:4 KJV

4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts.

Isaiah 19:5 KJV

5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.

Isaiah 19:18 AMPC

18 In that day there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of [the Hebrews of] Canaan and swear allegiance to the Lord of hosts. One of them will be called the City of the Sun or Destruction.

Isaiah 19:18 KJV

18 In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the Lord of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.



When you look at several of these passages you can see how “Egyptian fighting Egyptian” (Isaiah 19:2) would be the Shia’s fighting the Sunnis, the same way it is happening in Iraq. Especially now, since the overthrow of Egypt’s former President Hosni Mubarak in 2011. ISIL is now moving its way southwest into Egypt along with several Islamic terrorist cells throughout the country.

ISIL has waged war in the Sinai Peninsular killing Coptic Christians throughout the area while establishing a naval base to the south of Israel on the Mediterranean to coincide with it’s bases in Lebanon to the north on the Mediterranean Sea as well.



In Isaiah 19:4 it says that they will be given over to a ‘fierce king and lord’ prophetically, this is the antichrist. According to the Prophet Daniel, the anti christ will take over Egypt.

Daniel 11:40-45 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.

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

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.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

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.

Then in Isaiah 19:5 we discover it says that the ‘waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.’ We know according to John’s writing from Revelation that the rivers and waterways will be drying up at the Time of the End.

When you look at this passage, it hasn't happened yet. This is something that will happen in the future. The prophecy of Damascus falling in Isaiah 17 has not happened as well, this will be at some point in the future. But, you can see all of the fighting happening in Syria right now and know that something is going to happen soon, this is not "out of the blue" prophetically at the time we are living in.

Isaiah 17:1-3 KJV

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.

What is interesting about this prophecy is that Damascus is the capital of Syria and it is going to be totally destroyed and cease from being a city. The reason that this prophecy is unique is that Damascus is the oldest continuing city in the world. It existed at the time of Abraham.

Genesis 15:2 KJV

2 And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

Isaiah said Damascus will be destroyed. But how and why-what will happen to enrage someone to want to totally annihilate this city? I believe the key will be weapons of mass destruction.

Below I've listed 3 quotes that give us some insight into how, why and the way these weapons got into Syria.

“...it is incontestable that on the day I left office, there were unaccounted for stocks of biological and chemical weapons.”

**Bill Clinton
CNN interview July 2003**

“Saddam Hussein has been engaged in the development of weapons of mass destruction technology which is a threat to countries in the region and he has made a mockery of the weapon inspection process.”

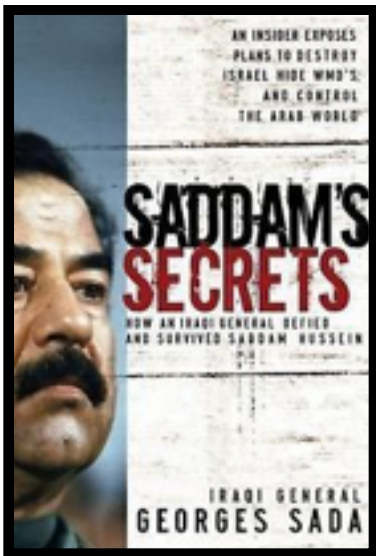
**Nancy Pelosi
1998 Press Release**

“He will (speaking of Saddam Hussein) use those weapons of mass destruction again as he has 10 times since 1983”

**Sandy Burger (former Clinton security advisor)
February 1998
1998 Press Release**

These are just a few examples from as far back as 20 years ago from one particular party who now say, “there were no weapons of mass destruction, the president lied about the weapons”. As a result, over 50% of the people in the United States believed that lie, that there were no weapons of mass destruction.

In the last few years there’s been numerous reports about where those weapons went - into Syria. Those reports are from Middle East countries and our own military personnel. This shines the light on the lies of “we shouldn’t have gone into war where there was no weapons” from the very people and party who said that there were weapons and we needed to do something about it.



In 2006, former Iraqi General (2nd in command), Georges Sada, (who is now a Christian) served under Saddam Hussein before he defected, wrote a comprehensive book detailing how the Iraqi Revolutionary Guard moved weapons of mass destruction into Syria. Before the US-led action to eliminate Saddam’s WMD threat, Iraq loaded the weapons into civilian aircraft in which the passenger seats were removed.

January 26, 2006: “There are weapons of mass destruction gone out from Iraq to Syria, and they must be found and returned to safe hands,” Mr. Sada said. “I am confident they were taken over.” Mr. Sada’s comments came the month after Israel’s top general during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Moshe Yaalon, told the Sun that Saddam ‘transferred the chemical agents from Iraq to Syria.’



George Sada went on to say that 6 weeks before the invasion by the United States and their allies the weapons of mass destruction were moved out of Iraq and into Syria. There was also a natural disaster that had taken place in Syria at that time where many trucks and vehicles were moving food, building materials. Saddam was instructed and guided by a Russian military experts to move the weapons from Iraq to Syria.

There were Iraqi Boeing 747 jets that had the seats removed and gave the appearance as if Iraq was sending aid into Syria via make shift cargo planes. But, they were moving their weapons before the invasion into Syria.

According to General Sada there were 56 flights that went from Iraq to Syria where they, Iraq, flew their weapons into Syria undetected. Shortly after 9/11 the country of Jordan seized 20 tons of chemical weapons that were being transported via trucks by Al-Qaeda members from Syria.

Every “thing” is happening in the world right now just as the Bible said it would happen. Jesus said, or The Word says, when you see all of these things beginning to happen together...

Luke 21:28 AMPC

28 Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near.