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It certainly is no secret that Islam has made a profound name for itself especially after the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York. Most of us know that there are a variety of sects and factions associated with Islam, and that its extreme and most fundamental practice of this “religion” initiates violence and bloodshed on a daily basis in the name of Allah (their god).

In addition to my in-depth study on prophecy through the Holy Bible, I have also read up on Islamic prophecy and what the Q’uran (aka Koran—the Islamic reference book) says about end times events. I was not inspired to read anything about Islam nor was I intrigued about what the Koran had to say about anything, but quite frankly, I could not ignore it as I began to learn what the Holy Bible says about what will soon come to pass and who will be involved. In addition to understanding the relevance of future fulfillment of prophecy, which will involve Islamic nations, I learned about the fascinating origin of this supernatural hatred of the Islamic/Arabic people towards the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. Understanding the beginning of this centuries old hatred sheds a significant amount of light on the final battle of these two faiths (Islam and Judaism) and the supernatural principalities which inspire, sets the stage for, and motivates religious, political, and military events between them. It is unbelievably fascinating, and if you understand a little bit about Genesis in the Holy Bible, it will make even more sense, and the question marks surrounding the brutality will finally have its answer.

This writing will be specifically geared toward the battle of Gog and Magog, however, I cannot do this prophecy justice until I share some history and biblical truths as to why this battle will be the culmination of centuries of supernatural hatred toward Israel and the Jewish people. This is not going to be a politically correct piece of writing, nor will it be one which lends sympathy with the hatred of the Islamic “religion” and the victim propaganda we hear in the secular media on a daily basis. Unfortunately, the world has bought into this rhetoric and propaganda so much so that they forget who has truly been victimized. That is not surprising either, as the bible says this will happen in the last days and all nations will eventually come against Israel, and that Jerusalem will become a burdensome stone. ***Zechariah 12:3: And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.***

The Gog/Magog war is described in the Old Testament book of Ezekiel, and is in my opinion, a pretty complex and complicated prophecy, and I believe it is perhaps subject to a variety of interpretations in terms of who will be directly involved in the fulfillment of this prophecy. I personally don’t know with certainty who these nations will be, but at this juncture, I believe I have a good sense of who will be leading it, and what primary nations will be involved. In context of the 7 year tribulation, explained in the other writings from last year, I cannot say with any amount of precision or accuracy if this war will happen before the tribulation begins or during the tribulation itself. There are many scholars who claim to have good evidence for pinpointing when it will happen in relation to the tribulation, but I am hardly a scholar and I simply don’t really have much of a guess. So why even write about it? Well, as I have read about this prophecy and as I have watched the news and read middle east and domestic news articles, I can see with shocking amazement, how this prophecy seems to be developing very rapidly. It is without question, an end times prophecy, so when I see the alignment of these nations coming together in ways that Ezekiel describes, I cannot help but connect the seemingly obvious dots. So, in my estimation, this prophecy is very important because it appears to be within our foreseeable future.

But, before I begin to show how scripture aligns with current news, I need to share a little about the origin of this battle, as it started several thousand years ago and was, in my opinion, introduced in the book of Genesis.

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Genesis 12: 1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Abram, whose name was later changed to Abraham, entered into a blood covenant with God, and was promised the land of Israel. God promised to make Abraham and his descendants a part of this covenant along with the land of Israel. To make a very long story short, Abraham was quite old and his wife was well beyond the child-bearing age, so they could not humanly imagine how they would have descendants, since they were childless at this point. Abraham and Sarah (his wife) chose to allow Abraham conceive a child with their servant, Hagar in an attempt to "help" God fulfill His promise to Abraham. Hagar conceived a child as a result of this union, and she gave birth to a son, whose name was Ishmael. Roughly 12 years later, Abraham and Sarah finally became pregnant, and Sarah gave birth to a son, who was named Isaac. God told Abraham that the covenant would be for the blood-line of Isaac as the original intent was to bless the child between Abraham and Sarah. Clearly, this caused friction and jealousy, and Hagar and Ishmael left. God did not abandon them, in fact, He promised them both that Ishmael would be blessed as well. *Genesis 17:20: And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.*

It is not a secret that the middle east is made up of two primary ethnicities...Jewish/Hebrew and Arabic/Islamic. These two blood lines can be traced clear back to Isaac (Jewish/Hebrew) and Ishmael (Arabic/Muslim). There has been intense hatred between them since Ishmael's conception essentially, and there is extreme jealousy over the covenant that the Lord has with Abraham and Isaac, and therefore the land of Israel and the existence of the Jewish people have always been severely threatened by the Arabs/Muslims. So, as anyone can discern, God's promises to both Ishmael and Isaac have indeed been honored, as we now have the land of Israel in the midst of overwhelming Arabic/Muslim nations surrounding her. Finally, the blood-line of Abraham and Isaac has produced the birth of Jesus Christ, which is perhaps the sole reason for the covenant with Abraham and Isaac. Jesus is clearly a blessing to all the nations of the earth (including the Arab nations) and is a blessing to all those who accept Him as the Son of God. The missing piece to this blessing is a overwhelming national and individual rejection of this truth. Consequently, this hatred has existed throughout the centuries and clearly exists in our world today.

What does all that have to do with the battle of Gog and Magog? Maybe nothing, however, I sincerely believe that this battle prophesied in Ezekiel, is the ultimate show-down of the God of Israel and the god of the Arabs/Muslims. And if you listen to any news whatsoever, you will hear regular commentary by Muslim leaders, specifically the President of Iran (Mahmoud Amadinejad), Hezbollah, Fatah, Hamas, and Syria about how Israel should be "wiped off the map" and has no right to exist. Here are a few recent examples: June 3, 2007 (Ahmadinejad) *"With God's help, the countdown button for the destruction of the Zionist regime has been pushed by the hands of the children of Lebanon and Palestine . . . By God's will, we will witness the destruction of this regime in the near future.* November 13, 2006 *"Israel is destined for destruction and will soon disappear" Israel is a contradiction to nature, we foresee its rapid disappearance and destruction." Psalm 83 A song. A psalm of Asaph. 1 O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still. 2 See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. 3 With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. 4 "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more." 5 With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you.*

Gog/Magog is essentially an end times battle that will be a confederation of Islamic nations who team up with Russia to attack Israel from all sides. If you pay attention to current Middle East news, you will notice that Israel is now surrounded by enemies on all sides (a), and each enemy is threatening Israel and the underlying motive is to annihilate the Jewish people and claim the land that was promised to Abraham and Isaac and their descendants. Oddly, the motive and the intent are not concealed, and the intensity of all the rhetoric and aggression is reaching the most extreme points in history.

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Ezekiel 38:1-9 NOW the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. "I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. "Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; "Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops--many people are with you."Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them. After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you."

Huh? Yes. I mentioned this prophecy was a bit complex and complicated...and I am not pretending to know all the details, however, from my studies, I have determined to the extent that I can that basically these nations spoken of in this prophecy are primarily heavily populated Islamic nations along with Russia who form an alliance to come against Israel in an attempt at a surprise devastating attack. When I first started studying this prophecy, I did not see any significant newsworthy items related to Turkey (which in my opinion is Togarmah = Turkic Tribes/Armenia and Meshech & Tubal = ancient Anatolia/Turkey) which I believe is spoken of and a major player in this war. However, with stunning new developments in the news, it is clear that Turkey has formed an alliance with Iran, the leader of the Islamic extremists of the Middle East (b), and its allegiance has shifted to predominantly muslim nations for perhaps two significant reasons. 1. Turkey has repeatedly been denied membership with the European Union, and they want to be significantly aligned with a world power. 2. In their most recent elections this summer, they voted in a muslim as their Prime Minister, so the shift towards an officially Islamic state has truly begun.

I am also of the opinion that Russia will be a major contender in the Gog/Magog war. In fact, I believe Russia is Magog, and Gog is likely a supernatural being that inspires the evil activity of the leader of Magog (Russia). Currently Vladimir Putin is the President of Russia and there should be no question in the minds of any rational human being that Mr. Putin has clearly changed the direction of his country and that he is establishing unusual alliances with Iran while at the same time accusing the United States of behaving in ways his country CLEARLY is...which is nothing short of an empirical dictatorship. Putin has also determined that once his term expires on his presidency, that he will occupy the office and title of Prime Minister so that he retains his power and authority over the re-establishment of his communist country. I am not saying that Mr. Putin himself will be "Gog" in the Gog/Magog battle, because there is simply no way for me or anyone to determine that at this point. However, I can say with certainty, that Mr. Putin is at minimum, paving the way for Gog to fit nicely into that role because so much of what is prophesied in this war, is already playing out in our headlines today (c). The latest statement from Russia on this alliance is: ***"Attack Iran and you attack Russia"***.

Is Syria involved in this war? There is no mention of Syria directly, and I find that very interesting especially since Syria is a well-known enemy of Israel and is currently on high alert for anything that may trigger an all out war between them. There are a few possibilities as to why Syria is not mentioned directly as being a part of this war, and that could mean that it is completely disabled as a result of Isaiah 17 (which may trigger this war in fact), or they do participate in this war but are only mentioned as "other nations", or they choose to "sit this one out".

Ezekiel 38: 11 "You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'

Essentially, the Gog/Magog war will happen in surprise fashion when Israel is "dwelling safely" as they are at the present moment. There are no bars, gates, or walls as there used to be in ancient Israel surrounding this land.

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Ezekiel 38:15 Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. Far north is clearly Russia. Moscow is directly north of Jerusalem. Lebanon is north of Israel, yet Russia is far north. 16 "You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes." This is the beauty of this prophecy "so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes". The Gog/Magog war will be a surprise attack on Israel as mentioned, and it will be initiated as a result of some overwhelming greed on the part of Russia, who in my opinion capitalizes on the intense hatred of Israel's enemies, and detects significant political and military weaknesses perhaps from the Hezbollah war in 2006. These nations will form an alliance for the destruction of Israel, but for their own purposes, and will attempt to assault Israel in a devastating way. God Almighty, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, will supernaturally and divinely intervene on behalf of Israel during this attempt at an attack, and His intervention will be so profound, that the world will know that God Himself defended His land and His people and single-handedly destroyed these invading forces. *"Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."*

Gog/Magog will occur in the future, because the bible says it will, and bible prophecy is 100% accurate. Will this prophecy be fulfilled soon? That is not something I can answer because I simply don't know. What I do know, is that the alliances mentioned in Ezekiel 38 between Russia and the Islamic nations are in fact shaping up in ways that are quite astonishing.

I will also reiterate that I do not know if this will occur prior to the 7 year tribulation (Daniel's 70th week) or if it will occur during the 70th week. There is merit for both arguments, and I simply have not formed my opinion either way. I just see the formation of this confederation with clarity, and I strongly encourage you to do your own research on this prophecy so that you can gain your own understanding. Scripture says that Israel will be dwelling safely when this invasion occurs. This might mean that they are dwelling safely as they are now without significant restrictions, or they are dwelling safely as a result of a false sense of security which is prophesied to happen with a 7 year peace covenant which marks the onset of the tribulation.

Details of this prophecy and other prophecies are far less important than knowing if you are in relationship with the Lord and if you are saved. Are you? Do you know? If you are not sure, please see the next page on how to make sure you are in relationship with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. There are no other gods, and Allah is not god no matter how one tries to make that claim. Do not be deceived.

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There is only one way to be saved and to be right with God. There are NOT several paths to the Lord, nor are there several paths to heaven. If you hear this from anyone, know that it is not true. Many people think they get to heaven by being a “good person”. Please do not believe that. Getting to heaven has NOTHING to do with what you have done in the past, no matter how noble or good it is. It has nothing to do with how well you have lived your life or how many good deeds you have done.

The only way to know God and to have a relationship with Him is through His son Jesus Christ. You must pray to invite Him into your life. God is not oppressive. He is not coercive. He allows all of us to make the choice whether to accept Him or not. He will not force His way into your life. So, you must invite Him in. How? Pray this prayer:

Lord,
I have sinned. I am a sinner and I recognize this and I humbly come before you to ask you for your forgiveness. You said that Your Son Jesus died for us and to pay the price of our sins. I believe you sent Him for this purpose, and I believe that He died and rose again on the third day. Please cleanse me of all my sins and come into my heart. I accept you into my life and I humbly ask for your forgiveness. In Jesus name, Amen.

Please know that we are all sinners and that we ALL fall short of the glory of God. He has one free gift for EVERYONE who will choose to accept it, and that is to believe in His son so that we may have eternal life with Him.

Please feel free to send these on to your email list, give them to family/friends or whatever you would like to do with them. The most important thing is knowing you are in relationship with God, and the rest is less important. Again, I do not profess to have all the answers, but I have studied a lot and I see so many things happening that are aligning with biblical prophecy, I simply cannot hold on to this information and keep it to myself. I have not gone off the deep end (yet! Ha!) and I have not read the “Left Behind” series so you can rest assured I have not jumped on some sensational bandwagon. I never imagined myself writing one thing about prophecy just 18 months ago, and here I am. So, I chalk it up to a “calling” and I want to share what little has been revealed to me so that you can research and examine things for yourself.

Feel free to email me if you have questions.

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Monday, June 25, 2007

Israel braces for July war with up to five enemies

JERUSALEM — [Israel](#) is preparing for an imminent war with Iran, Syria and/or their non-state clients. Israeli military intelligence has projected that a major attack could come from any of five adversaries in the Middle East. Officials said such a strike could spark a war as early as July 2007.

<http://www.turkishweekly.net/news.php?id=46108>

(b)

Turkey Forms Alliance With Iran Against Kurds

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By: Kenneth R. Timmerman

U.S. ally Turkey and U.S. arch-enemy Iran have formed a military alliance to drive opposition Kurds from bases in northern Iraq they have used since 2004 to launch guerrilla operations inside Iran, rebel leaders told Newsmax at a secret base in the Qandil mountains.

http://www.newsmax.com/timmerman/turkey_iran_/2007/10/15/40957.html

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THE ROVING EYE

Attack Iran and you attack Russia

By Pepe Escobar

The barely reported highlight of Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to Tehran for the Caspian Sea summit last week was a key face-to-face meeting with Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

A high-level diplomatic source in Tehran tells Asia Times Online that essentially Putin and the Supreme Leader have agreed on a plan to nullify the George W Bush administration's relentless drive towards launching a preemptive attack, perhaps a tactical nuclear strike, against Iran. An American attack on Iran will be viewed by Moscow as an attack on Russia

http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle_East/IJ26Ak06.html?retrieve_rss