

Prophecy in Perspective

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Our Times - *Prophecy in current events*

Latter Day Maneuvering of the Nations of Ezekiel 37

Tensions are rising fast between Russia and Turkey. Recall that, according to Ezekiel 17-38, Turkey will be one of the nations that will align with Russia against Israel along with Iran and others. We have seen that according to Isaiah 17:1, Damascus will be destroyed "overnight." And this will probably occur before the Russian invasion of Israel happens. Therefore, we watch with great interest as we see a latter-day maneuvering of these Nations of Ezekiel 37-38. (See *Prophecy in Perspective*, Vol #28)



Russia has been helping President Assad in Syria in his attack of his own people. Turkey, just to the North of Syria and just south of Russia has been resisting Russian intervention in the Syrian conflict. Turkey has not been allowing Russia to fly over their airspace into Syria with weapons. Russia has threatened that it will not tolerate Turkish interference. As if things could not get worse, Russia's 400 interceptor missile batteries in Russia's southern military region opposite Turkey are, as of Oct. 17, now targeting Turkey. Turkey is part of NATO's missile

defense system to which Russia is also opposed. Hezbollah is also heavily involved in Assad's assault on the citizens of Syria. According to *DEBKAFfile*, "Hezbollah has begun depleting its line of rockets and fighting units it has facing Israel from the Litani River of South Lebanon and moving them to the Syrian front line at Homs to strengthen Assad's forces." While Hezbollah still maintains a forward line against Israel which are "in place among the southernmost Shiite villages, but a part of the artillery back-up is gone and, for the first time, Hezbollah's ground-to-ground rockets are moving in an eastward direction into Syria."

Iran is clearly considering and seeking to manipulate the American political situation. According to another *DEBKAFfile* report: Iran has transferred its uranium enrichment plant to Fordo, placing it in an "immune zone," against bombardment. "In so doing, Tehran beat the clock before President Barack Obama faces presidential contender Mitt Romney in a foreign policy debate and responded to the EU's tightened sanctions against its nuclear program." According to *DEBKAFfile*, "Iran plans to go forward next and convert its centrifuges from 20 percent to 60 percent enrichment of uranium, a short step before the 90 percent weapons grade."



I reported in the last *Prophecy in Perspective* that Israel apparently sabotaged important power lines to the Fordo nuclear facility in Iran. This set Iran back in their effort to complete their enrichment process by perhaps until the Spring of 2013. Now Iran has stepped up their determination by placing more centrifuges in the Fordo facility and has also "sent Hezbollah to launch a stealth drone over Israeli air space and beam back images of the Dimona nuclear reactor. Those images will soon be released. The lesson for the West was this: You may hit the Fordo power supply, but our arm is long enough to reach the Israeli reactor. And our payback for new European sanctions is faster centrifuges."

We need to pray that the rapid unfolding of Bible prophecy in the Middle-East will stir believers to greater study of the Word and more prayer.

Believers should pray that the Lord of the heavens and the earth will be merciful to the United States and to His nation of Israel and raise up a leadership in America who will take a strong and resolute stand for the well-being and protection of Israel. This leadership should let the enemies of Israel, whether Iran, Al-Qaeda, Hezbollah, Hamas, Russia or any foe of the Jews, know beyond any doubt that America will not tolerate any threat to Israel's existence. Indeed, recent events in Libya, and the intrigue and confusion of the horrible murders of our ambassador and three other American patriots there tell us that we need to be in much prayer that God will direct this nation in the way we should go in the next few weeks.

The Church Today - Doctrine and Prophecy

Latter Day Demonic Activity and the Believer's Responsibility

There can be little doubt that there is a great deal of demonic activity going on today in the way of confusion of truth. It seems extremely difficult to get at truth in these days, especially as we come up to the 2012 Presidential elections. We should not be surprised at this, but we should also, as the Church, not be disengaged in any way from the unfolding of these events. There are great consequences to deception to any nation and especially to the Church itself. God will hold believers especially accountable for not taking a stand against the spirit of confusion that has come upon our land. It is especially incumbent upon believers to not help to promote the desire to supply more freedom to pro-abortion and anti-God, anti-Bible, anti-traditional marriage forces in this land. I believe that to support any candidate for political office, no matter their party, no matter their race or economic background, who stands opposed to biblical moral standards is wrong!

There have been many Presidents and Vice Presidents who have been elected to office who were not Christians, but who were still supportive of biblical morality and traditional biblical family values. Certainly, those in public office do not have to be Christian, although that is preferable. But, as Christians, whom ever we support with our vote, they should certainly not be pro-abortion and pro same-sex marriage.

As Christians, we should understand the massive and highly organized demonic powers that are behind these trends of confusion, obfuscation and deception in the political realm today. Demons are stirring up not just confusion, but they are also inspiring Christians to become **apathetic** as to their stand for truth in these days. This is why the Bible calls these "perilous times" (2 Timothy 3:16). In the next few weeks leading up to the

Presidential elections, I believe it is important for Christians to stand true to their God and their Bibles in who they support with their vote. The Christian faith is literally under assault by demonic, atheistic, pro-death, anti-Israel, anti-Christian forces in these days as never before since the founding of this Republic. Every effort is being made to remove the ancient landmarks of this nation (Proverbs 22:28). As Christians, we should not vote a party, but we should vote according to our true biblical conviction. Today, in a time of great demonic activity in our land to bring us to confusion, Christians should take a responsible stand as citizens of this biblically founded nation of America, while there is still time!

Thomas Jefferson in 1802 wrote: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are a gift of God?"

Daniel Webster wrote: "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering, but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury us and our glory in profound obscurity."

God said:

2 Chronicles 7:14, ***"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."***

Proverbs 14:34, ***"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."***

Proverbs 22:28, ***"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy father set."***

Proverbs 29:2, ***"When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan."***

Psalms 28:12, ***"When the righteous triumph, there is great elation; But when the wicked rise to power, men go into hiding."***

Psalms 81:13, ***"Oh that my people had harkened unto me...and had walked in my ways."***

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