



Prophecy in Perspective

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Obama's War: and It's Possible Consequences for Israel and the World

***"Behold, all those who were incensed against you
Shall be ashamed and disgraced;
They shall be as nothing,
And those who strive with you shall perish.
¹² You shall seek them and not find them—
Those who contended with you.
Those who war against you
Shall be as nothing,
As a nonexistent thing.
¹³ For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand,
Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'***

(Isaiah 41:11-13)

Millions are watching the television news these days wondering what the next move will be on the part of President Obama toward Syria. For two years, President Bashar Assad has mercilessly attacked and killed almost 100,000 of his own citizens in his attempt to maintain and strengthen his Iranian and Russian supported totalitarian regime. I try to keep up with world events and current news and I do not recall ever hearing President Obama make a serious statement indicating any genuine outrage toward Assad or toward Iran. In a statement two years ago, in a pre-election speech one year ago, and then again recently in a joint news-conference with Israeli Prime Minister, Netanyahu, Obama said that the use of chemical weapons would be a "red-line." Obama stated: "I have made clear that the use of chemical weapons is a game changer." As it seems often with the American Left, the fact that people are being murdered is not the real problem, but HOW they are killed is the problem, and calls for outrage! The Left has manipulated the public for many years with this technique of refocusing on the METHOD used to commit the crime and human suffering rather than the FACT of it. So it is with President Obama's, and Secretary Kerry's regard for the deaths and suffering of tens of thousands in Syria. They have moved the moral fulcrum to the left. Therefore, the mere FACT of these deaths in Syria does not call for their outrage and an American response, but the wrong METHOD of using poison gas to kill, does!

Now, suddenly, since poison gas has been used, Mr. Obama cannot wait to take military action! What is particularly interesting to me is how Mr. Obama seemed to telegraph to the world, and no less to President Assad, Iraq, and Russia, on those several occasions what may well have been received as a message from Obama, that he would not be taking any action to halt Assad's cruel assault against the citizens of Syria unless or until he used chemical weapons against them. I believe this essentially gave the "green light" to this Shiite

Islamic dictator to proceed inferring an assurance that there would be no interference by the U.S. until those weapons were utilized. That, "red line" served, when crossed as the signal for America to respond. I say "signal" because I believe, there is more to this whole affair than meets the eye. This "red line" rhetoric is a ruse and a charade! And these unfolding events of the well timed use of poison gas and of Obama's sudden outrage and need for an immediate military response would become the prophetically strategic time for God's Word to be fulfilled. Such a response could well trigger what Iran has definitely been seeking, a war with Israel.

Now, I believe, the use of these weapons by Assad, certainly backed and encouraged by Iran, has essentially given the signal to President Obama that now is the time to fire the Tomahawk missiles into Syria. Assad and Iran will be prepared for them, and they may well take them as their cue to attack Israel. At this time, the Iranians certainly could be indicating that their nuclear weapons are ready or very nearly ready to unleash their sought-for fire storm of destruction against Israel.

Since Obama's administration has efficiently "leaked" specifics as to the length of time the attack will take place as well as the weapons that will be used, and the places from which they will originate, etc. President Assad has had plenty of time to make the necessary adjustments by moving a great deal of his assets. Great Britain's Parliament has refused to be a part of this attack. I do not believe this will matter to President Obama as this scenario may well be orchestrated and predetermined (if not consciously by man, certainly supernaturally by Satan) to trigger WWIII.

A great global cataclysm has been the expressed hope of Shiite-led Iran, as they look for the coming of their super-imam, the Mahdi to arrive on the world scene and establish Shiite Islam as the world's global religion once Israel is destroyed. I have related in previous issues of ***Prophecy in Perspective*** that there are many among Islamic Shiites who believe that Obama is one of the promised ones of the latter days, according to their prophecies.

The horrible events of Ben Ghazi should help us to understand that more is going on in terms of these preparations for Israel's destruction than meets the eye. A great deal of effort has been expended by the Obama administration to cover up the reasons for the Ben Ghazi incident. There has been indications that weapons may have been transferred out of Ben Ghazi to Turkey for use by the rebels in Syria. The Islamic organization, Anwar Al Sharia orchestrated the attack on the Ben Ghazi compound. If weapons were being shipped from there, it would have been an illegal activity on the part of the U.S. The attack therefore against the compound at Ben Ghazi would certainly have benefited Assad and thus Iran, since it effectively shut off the flow of weapons to the Syrian rebels. There is much that is suspicious! This is especially true when one considers whether President Obama, with likely Shiite leanings, might have been playing "both ends against the middle." We live in a time and under a President that is presiding over a nation who's present life is characterized by one scandal after another. I believe the present day confusion in America is deliberate. The goal seems to be to light so many fires in the political and cultural realms than it is impossible to put them out. America seems to be giving up and giving in out of sheer frustration. There seems to be much covert and even subversive activity, but all this is predicted in the Word of God among the nations that will be key players toward Israel in the latter days. (Psalm 2)

We know that Ezekiel 38 and 39 prophesy's that Russia, along with Iran will attack Israel. Therefore, I believe that all of these present day intrigues and events are a part of the unfolding of the Bible's prophetic scenario. Syria is now in the center of world focus. There is good reason for this especially in light of the prophecy in Isaiah 17:1 which foretells the sudden and total destruction of the city of Damascus, Syria. This is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world and is the home for many Islamic terrorist organizations. God has

certainly put Damascus in His "crosshairs" and has marked it for judgment! This judgment might happen at any time! It may even happen before the rapture of the Church!

We know that Satan is after Israel, (Revelation 12) and he is using Islam to do much of his bidding to bring about Israel's destruction. But he will fail! Jeremiah 49:24 predicts for Damascus: ***"Damascus is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on her: Anguish and sorrows have taken her as a woman in travail...Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the Lord of hosts. And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the places of Ben-hadad."*** (Jeremiah 49:24-27) Damascus has been attacked in ancient times, but never completely destroyed! That event is yet to be fulfilled! How sad that President Obama did not speak against the atrocities of the indiscriminate killing perpetrated upon the Syrians two years ago, or even six months ago. Many innocent children and people have already perished! As a revealing parallel Mr. Obama and his fellow leftists have made every effort to keep the abortion mill, Planned Parenthood, open and thriving! Each day, over 4,000 innocent children are killed in America alone through abortion. John Kerry suddenly opines that the gassing of Syrians is "obscene." And it is! But was not the killing of almost 100,000 men, women and children by Assad also "obscene?" Or is there another political agenda that is on their minds? I believe there is. God is using them, their unbelief, their selective regard for human life and their rebellion, as His instruments to bring about all that the Bible has predicted will happen, down to the last detail.



The Iron Dome, also known as "Iron Cap" is a mobile all-weather air defense system developed by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems. It is a missile system designed to intercept and destroy short-range rockets and artillery shells fired from distances of 4 to 70 kilometers away and whose trajectory would take them to a populated area.

(The European Jewish Press, TheCharlesBronfmanPrize.com)



An Israeli Postal Service employee shows a man how to adjust a gas mask at a distribution point the West Bank Jewish settlement of Maale Adumim near Jerusalem. The service, which delivers the masks, said demand has tripled for the devices in recent days.

(NY Daily News)

Damascus, time will tell when the other attempts to attack Israel will come. But they are predicted to come, and God will intervene to destroy these enemies (Ezekiel 38:15-16). It looks today like the chances for the occurrence of these events is more likely than ever. Perhaps Mr. Obama's order to fire the Tomahawk missiles

The enemies of Israel are doing all they can to bring about the destruction of the Jewish people from off the face of the earth. This present scenario which is unfolding before our eyes between President Obama and Syria is likely to do more to threaten Israel than it is to protect them. Israel is on high alert and holding their breath to wait and see what Obama will do. They have strengthened their Iron Dome missile systems and distributed gas masks in the event they are attacked. And the enemies of Israel want to attack them, and this may give them the reason they seek to do so. The Bible predicts that at the battle of God and Magog, Russia and Iran, along with other Islamic nations will launch an attack upon Israel from the north. This will likely happen after Damascus is destroyed! This present situation might bring about the predicted destruction of

into Syria will be the spark that brings about the ruin of Damascus and lights the fuse for further attacks on Israel and the unfolding of events leading to the battle of Gog and Magog. But these explosive events will not lead to the destruction of Israel, but the destruction of Israel's enemies!

The Scripture says in the context of this great battle, "***Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord!***" (**Ezekiel 38:23**) The Lord further assures us through His prophetic Word concerning Israel:

***"No weapon formed against you shall prosper,
And every tongue which rises against you in judgment
You shall condemn.
This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
And their righteousness is from Me,'
Says the LORD." (Isaiah 54:17)***



It is time to begin to take seriously the Bible's predictions of the coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ, first, to rapture the Church to heaven, and then, after the great tribulation period, to return to the earth and Jerusalem to rule over re-gathered Israel and the whole earth. Knowing that the Lord is coming back at anytime to rapture us who are saved to heaven should give us incentive to live faithfully and obediently for the Lord. We should be witness for Him as well, leading people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We can be encouraged especially in times like these when so much prophecy is being fulfilled. We can understand that the explanations the world needs will not come from the politicians and philosophers and psychologists of our day, but from the Word of God. So keep serving the Lord with glad and expectant hearts as you watch for our "***blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.***" (**Titus 2:13-14**)

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