

THE ALIGNMENT OF THE NATIONS AND THE SEQUENCE OF BATTLES

ZECHARIAH 14:1-3

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. **FOR I WILL GATHER ALL NATIONS AGAINST JERUSALEM TO BATTLE;** -- Then shall the Lord go forth, against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."

ZECHARIAH 12:8,9

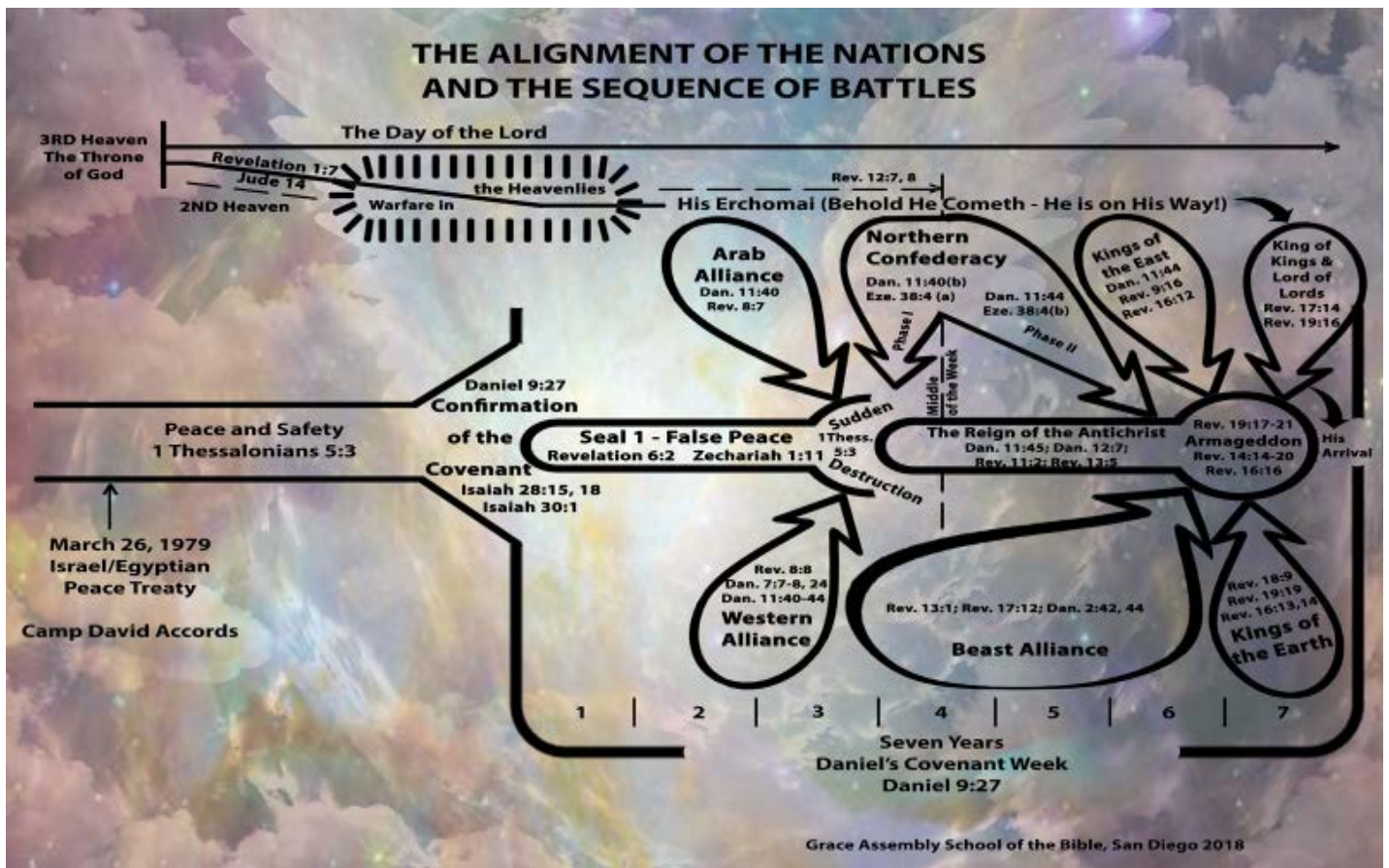
"In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; -- And it shall come to pass in that day, that **I WILL SEEK TO DESTROY ALL THE NATIONS THAT COME AGAINST JERUSALEM.**"

JEREMIAH 30:7

"Alas! **FOR THAT DAY IS GREAT**, so that none is like it; it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it."

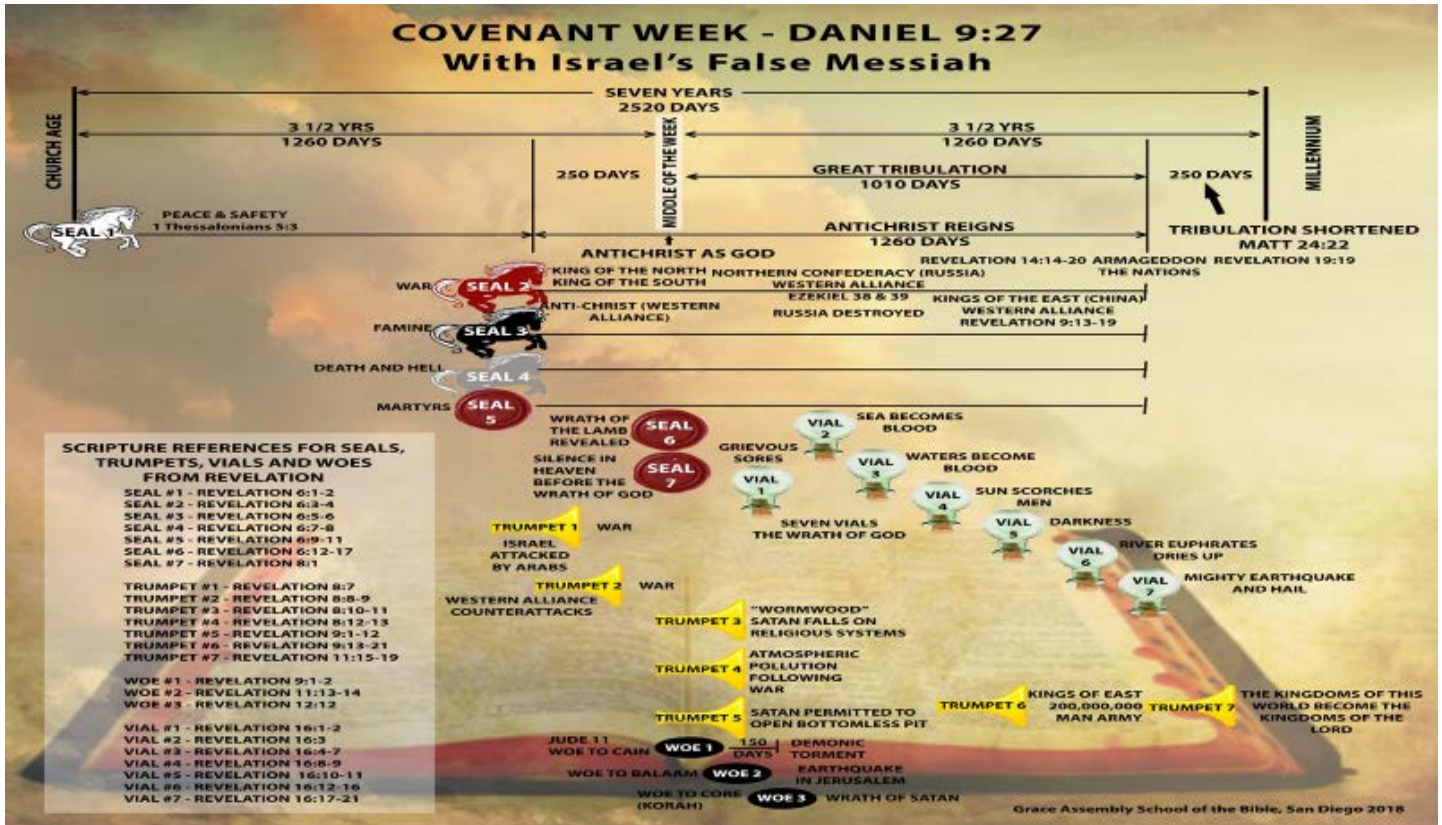
ZECHARIAH 14:9

"And **THE LORD SHALL BE KING OVER ALL THE EARTH:** in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one." See Special Study "[Sequence of Battles.](#)"



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See Special Study [“Covenant Week.”](#)



1. CONFIRMATION OF THE COVENANT - DAN 9:27.

"And he (the Antichrist) shall confirm (Hebrew-gabar, with strength militarily) the covenant (peace treaty -- probably the March 26, 1979 Camp David Accords) with many for one week (seven years)."

- ISA 30:1 Warning against this covenant.
"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but THEY LOOK NOT UNTO THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, NEITHER SEEK THE LORD!"
- ISA 28:15 "We (the Jews) have made a covenant with death, and with hell"
- ISA 28:18 "And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand"

2. FIRST, PEACE AND SAFETY - I THESS. 5:3.

"For when they shall say (or ask for), Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh"

- ZECH 1:11 "All the earth sitteth still, and is at rest."
- REV 6:2 SEAL 1, FALSE PEACE.
"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."
- DAN 11:39 "he shall divide the land for gain." or simply, "he shall bring about a comprehensive peace agreement thru personal diplomacy."

3. THEN, SUDDEN DESTRUCTION - I THESS 5:3.

- ZECH 1:15 "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."
- ZECH 6:1-8 "And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease"
- THE FOUR WAR CHARIOTS.
"behold, there came four (war) chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass (judgement)."
- REV 6:4 SEAL 2, WAR.
"And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take PEACE FROM THE EARTH, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."

4. ARAB ALLIANCE - ATTACKS ISRAEL AND HER GUARANTOR.

- DAN 11:40 "And at the time of the end shall the king of the south (EGYPT) push at him:"
- DAN 11:40 "and the king of the north (SYRIA) shall come against him like a whirlwind,"
- DAN 11:40-45 "him – he" is the ANTICHRIST.
- REV 8:7 THE FIRST TRUMPET JUDGMENT.
"hail and fire mingled with blood (WAR), and they were cast upon the earth (PALESTINE)."

5. NORTHERN CONFEDERACY - PHASE I, RUSSIA SUPPORTS ARABS.

- DAN 11:40 "with chariots (tanks), and with horsemen (troopcarriers), and with many ships.'
- EZE 38:4(a) "And I will turn thee (RUSSIA) back (retreat in defeat)."

6. WESTERN ALLIANCE - COUNTERATTACKS.

- DAN 11:40-44 "and he (ANTICHRIST) shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: -- the land of Egypt shall not escape.-- the Libyans and Ethiopians shall be at his steps (borders). -- he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many."
- REV 8:8 THE SECOND TRUMPET JUDGMENT.
"a great mountain (WESTERN ALLIANCE – the United States) burning with fire was cast into the sea (Gentile nations): and the third part of the sea became blood (war).
- DAN 7:7-8 "behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; -- and it had ten horns (European Common Market -- part of the WESTERN ALLIANCE). I Considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn (the United States - the leader of the WESTERN ALLIANCE), before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots (war within the WESTERN ALLIANCE):"

7. RESULTS OF SUDDEN DESTRUCTION.

- DAN 11:41 "many countries shall be overthrown:"
- ISA 17:1 "Behold, Damascus (capital of SYRIA) is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap."
- EZE 29:9,11 "And the land of EGYPT shall be desolate and waste; -- No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years."
- REV 6:5-8 SEALS 3 and 4, FAMINE AND DEATH.

“And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, come and see. And I beheld and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny ; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse; and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beast of the earth.”

8. THE REIGN OF THE ANTICHRIST.

THE SEAT OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

- DAN 11:45 "And he (ANTICHRIST) shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain (JERUSALEM);"
- II Thess 2:4 "so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

THE LENGTH OF TIME OF HIS REIGN.

- DAN 12:7 "it shall be for a time, times, and a half (3 1/2 years)."
- REV 11:2 "and the holy city shall they (GENTILES and the ANTICHRIST) tread under foot forty and two months (3 1/2 years)."
- REV 13:5 "and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months (3½ years)."

9. BEAST ALLIANCE.

- REV 13:1 "And I -- saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns"
- REV 17:12 "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."
- DAN 2:42,44 "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. -- And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed"

10. NORTHERN CONFEDERACY - PHASE II RUSSIA SENDS HER ARMY.

- DAN 11:44 "But tidings -- out of the NORTH shall trouble him (ANTICHRIST-)."
- EZE 38:4(b) "And I will -- pothooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army."

WHO WILL BE BROUGHT FORTH?

- JER 50:3,9,41, 42 "For out of the NORTH there cometh up a nation (RUSSIA) against her (BABYLON-the UNITED STATES), which shall make her land desolate, -- For, lo. I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations (WARSAW PACT) from the NORTH country: -- Behold, a people shall come from the NORTH, and a great nation (RUSSIA), and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth -- like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter Babylon (UNITED STATES).
- EZE 38:2-6 The NORTHERN CONFEDERACY is made up of the following nations:
 The Warsaw Pact:
 Russia, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania.
 Other Nations:
 Persia - Iran, part of Pakistan and Iraq.
 Ethiopia

Libya
Togarmah - Turkey and Syria.
(Refer to Addendum for further description.)

WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

- EZE 38:15 "a great company, and a mighty army."
- JOEL 2:2-10 "a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations, A fire devoureth before them -- and nothing shall escape them. -- Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap (helicopters), -- a strong people set in battle array. -- The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars withdraw their shining."
- JER 50:41,42 "Behold, a people shall come from the NORTH, and a great nation, -- They shall hold the bow and the lance; they are cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea."

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM?

- EZE. 38:18-39:6 "And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. -- Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; -- and the mountains shall be thrown down -- And I will call for a sword against him -- 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. -- And I will turn thee back and leave but the sixth part of thee. -- Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands -- And I will send a fire on Magog (RUSSIA)."
- JOEL 2:20 "But I will remove far off from you the northern army and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up."

WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?

- EZE 39:17-21 Near the end of the Tribulation Period climaxing in Armageddon. "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."
- REV 19:17-19 "And he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in midst of heaven, COME AND GATHER YOURSELVES TOGETHER UNTO THE SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD."

11. KINGS OF THE EAST.

- DAN 11:44 "But tidings out of the EAST -- shall trouble him (ANTICHRIST)."
- REV 16:12 **THE 6th VIAL.** "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the KINGS OF THE EAST might be prepared."
- REV 9:13 **THE SIXTH TRUMPET.** "and I heard a voice -- Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels -- were prepared -- to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand (200,000,000 army of the KINGS OF THE EAST)."

12. KINGS OF THE EARTH.

- REV 18:9 "And the KINGS OF THE EARTH who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her (Babylon - the United States), shall bewail her, lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning."
- REV 16:13,14 "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon (the DEVIL), and out of the mouth of the beast (the ANTICHRIST), and out of the mouth of the false prophet (the WORLD RELIGIOUS LEADER). For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the KINGS OF THE EARTH and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty (ARMAGEDDON)."
- REV 19:19 "And I saw the beast (ANTICHRIST) and the KINGS OF THE EARTH, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him (KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS – the LORD JESUS CHRIST) that sat on the horse, and against his army (the HEAVENLY SAINTS)."

13. KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS AND HIS ARMY.

- REV 17:14 "These (BEAST ALLIANCE) shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is LORD OF LORDS, and KING OF KINGS: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful (HIS ARMY)."
- REV 19:11-21 "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. -- And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

14. KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF THE LORD.

- REV 11:15 **THE SEVENTH TRUMPET.**
"And the seventh angel sounded: and there were great voices in heaven, saying, THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD ARE BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD, AND OF HIS CHRIST: and he shall reign for ever and ever."
- REV 6:12-17 **THE 6th SEAL.**
"And the KINGS OF THE EARTH, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains, and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"
- DAN 2:44 "And in the days of these kings (BEAST ALLIANCE) 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."
- DAN 7:26, 27 "and they shall take away his (ANTICHRIST) dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the KINGDOM and DOMINION, and the GREATNESS OF THE KINGDOM under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose KINGDOM IS AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM, and ALL DOMINIONS shall serve and obey him (THE KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS)."

ADDENDUM-1

THE NORTHERN CONFEDERACY – EZEKIEL 38 & 39

EZEKIEL 38:1-3

"And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of Man, set thy face against **GOG**, the land of **MAGOG**, the chief prince of **MESHECH** and **TUBAL**, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O **GOG**, the chief prince of **MESHECH** and **TUBAL**:"

GOG, the land of **MAGOG**, **MESHECH** and **TUBAL** is the nation of **RUSSIA**.

GOG is the prince and **MAGOG** is his land.

The word **GOG** is a word for **RULER** and means **ROOF** or **MAN ON TOP**.

MAGOG, **MESHECH** and **TUBAL** were **NOAH'S** grandsons, the sons of **JAPHETH**, and settled in the land known today as **RUSSIA**.

MESHECH and **TUBAL'S** descendants were founders of two major cities in **RUSSIA**. They still bear their names only spelled a little different.

TUBAL'S descendants founded the city of **TOBOLSK** in oriental **RUSSIA**.

MESHECH'S descendants founded the city of the **MUSKOVITES (MOSCOW)**.

RUSSIA is the largest country in the World, with 8,647,250 square miles, nearly 2 1/2 times the size of the United States. It occupies no less than one sixth of the earth's land area.

Ezekiel 38:6 refers to the "**NORTH QUARTERS**" and this means **NORTH** of Israel. **MOSCOW** is directly **NORTH** of Jerusalem.

The final proof that Ezekiel was talking about **RUSSIA** is in the Hebrew word that is translated **CHIEF** in Ezekiel 38:2,3. The word in Hebrew is **ROSH**, The literal Hebrew reads, "**THE PRINCE OF ROSH, MESHECH AND TUBAL**." This word **ROSH** is still used in some modern languages today for **RUSSIA**.

EZEKIEL 38:4-6

"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; **PERSIA**, **ETHIOPIA**, and **LIBYA** with them; all of them with shield and helmet: **GOMER**, and all his bands; the house of **TOGARMAH** of the north quarters, and all his bands: and **MANY PEOPLE** with thee."

PERSIA

PERSIA is modern **IRAN**. **AFGHANISTAN** (formerly the province of Parthia) comprised the eastern one-third of **PERSIA**, so **RUSSIA** has already absorbed a large part of the old **PERSIAN EMPIRE**, and it would appear the stage is set to take the remainder.

ETHIOPIA

The new government in **ETHIOPIA** is communist in nature and ties with the United States have been severed. In 1977 **ETHIOPIA** signed agreements with **RUSSIA**. In 1978, with the help of Soviet advisors and 20,000 Cuban troops, **ETHIOPIA** is now a **RUSSIAN** satellite nation in Africa.

LIBYA

After **LIBYA** became an independent nation again in 1952, it became practically an American outpost, with one of the largest air bases in the world established at Tripoli. In 1969, the current Marxist dictator, Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi, seized power. **LIBYA** then turned to **RUSSIA** for arms and political advantage. Qaddafi is violently anti-Israel, antiAmerican and **pro-RUSSIAN**. It is reasonable, in light of present political conditions, that **LIBYA** will join with **RUSSIA** when the invasion comes.

GOMER

Most Bible authorities agree that **GOMER** refers to the **EAST GERMANS**. In the Talmud, **GOMER** is identified as **GERMANI**. **GERMANY** has been **RUSSIA'S** right arm in extending colonial Communism to other nations. In Africa, Cuba has provided the foot soldiers, but the **EAST GERMANS** have provided the officers and the expertise. See note below.

TOGARMAH

TOGARMAH was a region of present-day **TURKEY** in the time of Ezekiel, and doubtless came to be identified with the area from the Mediterranean Sea to Ararat. After World War II, **TURKEY** became an ally of the United States and under the Dulles-Eisenhower program of containing **RUSSIAN** aggression, missiles with nuclear warheads were established along the **RUSSIAN** border. Because of the failure of the United States to back **TURKEY** 100 percent in the Cyprus-Grecian affair, U.S. bases were closed, and in 1978, **TURKEY** signed a non-aggression pact with **RUSSIA**. It is widely accepted that **TOGARMAH**, modern **TURKEY**, could fall into the Communist camp at any time, in spite of the alignment with NATO. The rabbis of Israel say that when **RUSSIA** marches into **TURKEY**, Israel should prepare for the coming of the Messiah. See note below

OTHER NATIONS

In addition to the specific nations singled out in Ezekiel 38:1-6 for the final attempt to destroy Israel, there will be **OTHER NATIONS** who will be in agreement and back the **NORTHERN CONFEDERACY**. In Ezekiel 38:6, the prophet states clearly that there will be "**MANY PEOPLE with thee (RUSSIA)**." This would doubtless include most of the present **ISLAMIC NATIONS** that are united in their animosity against Israel. They appear to have no compunctions about subjugating their Islamic religious principles to atheistic **RUSSIA** when it comes to insuring what they believe will be the final settlement of the Israeli question by annihilation. These Islamic enemy countries that surround Israel sprawl across two continents, Africa and Asia. Besides **SYRIA and EGYPT**, that will be annihilated themselves in Phase I (refer to chart), there is **MOROCCO, ALGERIA, TUNISIA, SUDAN, IRAQ, PAKISTAN, BAHRAIN, KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, YEMEN-ADEN, YEMEN-SANA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, and LEBANON**. **JORDAN** seems to be pro-West (Dan 11:41) but anti-Israel. **SAUDI ARABIA** is economically and militarily tied to the United States and is very much in fear of **RUSSIA** yet at the same time very anti-Israel.

Note: This article was written in 1983 when the Soviet Empire was still in existence along with its communist influences. Some of the conclusions in this article may need reconsideration after the collapse of communism. Gomer was thought to be East Germany and is today part of the nation of Germany which is part of the EU and NATO. Togarmah is considered to be Turkey. Turkey is part of NATO but having relationship problems with the United States. The relationships of these countries need to constantly be reviewed in light of Bible prophecy.

ADDENDUM-2

PROTESTORS

of the

INVASION

by

THE NORTHERN CONFEDERACY

EZEKIEL 38:10-13

“Thus saith the Lord God; it shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy (RUSSIA) mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars or gates, 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 (ISRAEL) that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. **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?”

It has been suggested by political observers that when Russia moves into the Middle East to seize the oil fields, they will do so on the premise of eliminating Israeli imperialism and Zionism (this excuse will help appease the Arabs). But the oil fields themselves will be the principal reason - the greatest spoil in the world. Evidently no nation has the military power to stand up against the mighty army of Gog and the conspiracy, but some do issue a protest:

SHEBA and DEDAN

These two nations are in **ARABIA (SAUDIA ARABIA today)**. **SAUDI ARABIA** is fearful that when and if Russia invades the Middle East, one of the prime objectives will be the Arabian oil fields. Of course, **SAUDI ARABIA** has no military force of any consequence to meet the challenge. An AP news release that appeared in the February 8, 1980 Daily Oklahoman reported in part, "Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmed ZaKi Yamaini said ... a likely East European oil shortage in the second half of this decade was a major reason for the recent Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. 'If the Soviet Union marches to the oil fields there will be a third world war, because it will be met by the armies of the United States, Western Europe, and Japan' ..."

TARSHISH AND THE YOUNG LIONS

According to Unger's Bible Dictionary and other sources, **TARSHISH** refers to any maritime power. The particular **TARSHISH** referred to by Ezekiel has a lion for its national emblem, because the "**YOUNG LIONS**" are with her. Therefore, it is a reasonable conclusion that **TARSHISH is ENGLAND** and the **YOUNG LIONS** include the **UNITED STATES, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, and OTHER FORMER COLONIES of GREAT BRITAIN**. The question asked, "Are you come to take a great spoil?" is the same protesting question which was asked when Russia invaded Afghanistan. "Are YOU planning to take over the Middle East oil fields?"

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