

Ishmael, God hath heard thy affliction



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Who are the children of Ishmael?

- This is not an easy question to answer, for generally many people believe that all Arabs are descendents of Ishmael. But historically that is not true. For instance, Egyptians are not children of Ishmael. They existed long before the birth of Ishmael, whose mother was Egyptian. Also the middle east has been invaded by many outsiders, who changed the boundaries and names of ancient countries, displaced the original inhabitants, and intermarried the locals. Further complicating our study is the ancient names of nations used in the Bible. Some countries, such as Syria, Egypt and Lebanon continue to possess the same name that they had during Biblical times. Other names have changed. Iran used to be known as Persia. Assyria was located in modern day Iraq.

Ishmael came from a very dysfunctional family.

- His mother Hagar was a surrogate mother for Sarah, who was barren.
- **Genesis 16:1-2** ¹Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar. ²And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

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- **Genesis 16:4-6** ⁴And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. ⁵And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee. ⁶But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

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- ***Genesis 21:9-11*** ⁹And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. ¹⁰Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac. ¹¹And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

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- **Genesis 21:14-17** ¹⁴And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Hagar, putting *it* on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. ¹⁵And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. ¹⁶And she went, and sat her down over against *him* a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lift up her voice, and wept. ¹⁷And **God heard the voice of the lad**; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he *is*.

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- ***John 9:31*** Now we know that **God heareth not sinners**: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.
- ***Proverbs 15:29*** The LORD is far from the wicked: but **he heareth the prayer of the righteous.**

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- ***Isaiah 59:1-2*** Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: **But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**

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- ***Genesis 21:20*** **And God was with the lad;** and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.
- Note: This description reminds us two other boys whom God blessed.
- ***2 Samuel 2:26*** And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.
- ***Luke 2:52*** And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

The children of Ishmael are blessed because they come from the seed of Abraham:

- ***Genesis 21:13*** And also of the son of the bondwoman {*Ishmael*} will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.

Like every other human on the earth, Arabs have been blessed through the Abrahamic covenant:

- ***Genesis 12:3*** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

God has blessed the Arabs numerically:

- ***Genesis 16:10*** And the angel of the LORD said unto her, {*Hagar*} **I will multiply thy seed exceedingly**, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

Though our western society looks down upon large families, the Bible calls the father of a large family blessed:

- ***Psalm 127:3-5*** ³Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is* his reward. ⁴As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth. ⁵**Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:** they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Sadly, due to their rebellion against the LORD,
the Jews have not enjoyed that blessing:

- Today the Arabs number around 200 million people. There are less than 20 million Jews.
- ***Deuteronomy 28:62*** And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldst not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

Finally, God has blessed many of the Arab nations financially, especially through oil resources:

- ***1 Samuel 2:7*** The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.



Ishmael was not the only Arab believer in the Bible:

- **Rahab from Jericho:** Hebrews 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.
- **Ruth from Moab (Jordan):** Ruth 1:16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:
- **Naaman from Syria:** 2 Kings 5:17 for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

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- **Job from Uz (Jordan):** Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.
- **Nebuchadnezzar from Babylon (Iraq):** Daniel 4:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:
- **Widow of Zarephath (Lebanon):** 1 Kings 17:24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

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- **People of Nineveh: (Iraq)** Jonah 3:10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way;
- Jesus confirmed that the Ninevites will be in heaven: Matthew 12:41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas *is* here.

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- **Egyptians:** Exodus 12:38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them;
- **Jethro: (Father of the Druze)** Exodus 18:11
Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods:
- **Persians: (Iran)** Esther 8:17 And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

God gave the Jewish people the land of Israel for an everlasting possession:

- ***Psalm 105:8-10*** ⁸He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations.
⁹*Which covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; ¹⁰And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant:

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- God told them that they were not to possess the lands of Edom, Ammon and Moab (modern day Jordan) because he had given them their land:



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- ***Deuteronomy 2:5*** Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession.
- ***Deuteronomy 2:9*** And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.
- ***Deuteronomy 2:19*** And *when* thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

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- ***Deuteronomy 2:10-12*** 10The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; **11Which also were accounted giants**, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims. 12The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; **as Israel did** unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

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- ***Deuteronomy 2:20-22*** 20(That also was accounted a land of giants: **giants dwelt therein** in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims; 21A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; **but the LORD destroyed them before them**; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead: 22As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:

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- ***Luke 19:41-44*** ⁴¹And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and **wept over it**, ⁴²Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. ⁴³For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, ⁴⁴And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Likewise our Lord wept over the destruction of Egypt and Moab (Jordan):

- ***Jeremiah 48:36*** Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and **mine heart shall sound like pipes** for the men of Kirheres: because the riches *that* he hath gotten are perished.
- ***Ezekiel 32:2*** Son of man, **take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt**, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou *art* as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.

Damascus was called God's city of joy:

- ***Jeremiah 49:24-25*** 24Damascus 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. 25How is the city of praise not left, **the city of my joy!**

In the future God will both judge and bless the Arab people.

- The future of the Arabs and Jews are linked together.



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- ***Ezekiel 36:24*** For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

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- ***Ezekiel 37:8-12*** ⁸And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: ***but there was no breath {no Spirit} in them***

God will judge Israel's rebellion:

- ***Zechariah 13:8-9*** ⁸And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, **two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die**; but the third shall be left therein. ⁹And **I will bring the third part through the fire**, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, *It is my people*: and they shall say, *The LORD is my God*.
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- ***Psalm 83:1-8*** ¹ Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. ²For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. ³They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. ⁴They have said, **Come, and let us cut them off from *being a nation***; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. ⁵For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: ⁶The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; ⁷Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; ⁸Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

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- ***Psalm 129:5*** Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.



God will also judge the rebellion of the Arabs:

- ***Psalm 83:14-18*** ¹⁴As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; ¹⁵So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. ¹⁶Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. ¹⁷Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, **let them be put to shame, and perish**: ¹⁸That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone *is* JEHOVAH, *art* the most high over all the earth.

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- God's judgment upon Europe, (I would include Latin America and North America) will be far more severe than on Arabs and Jews.



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- ***Revelation 18:3-8*** ³For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. ⁴And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. ⁵For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. ⁶Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. ⁷How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. ⁸Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and **she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.**

The next major prophetic event on God's calendar is the rapture of the church:

- **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18** ¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

After the church has been removed,
then the antichrist will be revealed.

- ***2 Thessalonians 2:7-9*** ⁷For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. ⁸And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: ⁹*Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

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- ***Daniel 8:25*** And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and **by peace shall destroy many**: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.



The cross of Nero:

- “This symbol represented peace in the early 60’s. Among today’s heavy metal and occult groups it **signifies the cross of Nero**. It shows an inverted cross anchor broken downward signifying the defeat of Christianity.”
Satanism, the seduction of American Youth,
Bob Larson, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1989,
page 109.

The cross of Nero

- "Known as the 'peace sign' throughout the 1960's and into the present day, this symbol is the Teutonic rune of death. 1950's peace advocate Gerald Holtom may have been commissioned by communist sympathiser Bertrand Russell to design a symbol to unite leftist peace marchers in 1958. It is clear that either Holtom or Russell deemed the Teutonic (Neronic) cross as the appropriate symbol for their cause. The peace symbol (also called the "broken cross," "crow's foot," "witch's foot," "Nero Cross," "sign of the 'broken Jew,'" and the "**symbol of the 'anti-Christ'**") is actually a cross with the arms broken. It also signifies the "gesture of despair," and the "death of man." www.jesus-is-savior.com/.../peace_5.jpg

Todersrune



- The Germanic tribes who used it attributed strange and mystical properties to the sign. Such a 'rune' is said to have been used by 'black magicians' in pagan incantations and condemnations....To this very day the inverted broken cross--identical to the socialists' 'peace' symbol--is known in Germany as a 'todgersrune,' or death rune.

Todersrune



- Not only was it ordered by Hitler's National Socialists that it must appear on German death notices, but it was part of the official inscription prescribed for the gravestones of Nazi officers of the dread SS. The symbol suited Nazi emphasis on pagan mysticism.' www.jesus-is-savior.com/.../peace_5.jpg

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- **Isaiah 28:14-15** ¹⁴Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem. ¹⁵Because ye have said, We *{the Jews}* have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:



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- ***Jeremiah 6:13-14*** ¹³For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one *is* given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. ¹⁴They have healed also the hurt *of the daughter* of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.



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- ***Ezekiel 7:25-26***

²⁵Destruction cometh;
and they shall seek peace,
and *there shall be none*.

²⁶Mischief shall come
upon mischief, and
rumour shall be upon
rumour; then shall they
seek a vision of the
prophet; but the law shall
perish from the priest,
and counsel from the
ancients

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- ***Ezekiel 13:16*** *To wit,* the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and *there is no peace*, saith the Lord GOD.



It should not surprise us that Satan's false messiah would come with a platform of peace. For Adolph Hitler came with a platform of peace:



- “My party comrades will not fail to understand me when they hear me speak of universal peace, disarmament, and mutual security pacts. All of us and all peoples have the feeling that we are at the turning point of a new age...peoples must find a new relation to each other, some new form must be created.”

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- ***Ezekiel 38:1-3*** ¹And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the **chief prince of Meshech** and Tubal, and prophesy against him, ³And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
- **Meshech:** “The descendents of the sons of Japheth known as the **Moschi or Moschow**” *Nelson’s Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1986, page 699
- “The Mosocheni were founded by Mosoch. (*an alternate spelling for Mechech*) Now they are Cappadocians.” *The Antiquities of the Jews*, Josephus, Book 1, chapter 6

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- ***Ezekiel 38:5-6*** ⁵Persia, {Iran} Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: ⁶Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and* many people with thee.

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- **Land of Aryan**: The Persians were Aryans, Indo-Europeans who came from Central Asia by 1000 B.C. (Iran means “**land of Aryans**”) Notes from *The Empire of Persia*, National Geographic map, August 2008.

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- “The naming conventions for Persia (aka Iran) changed in 1935. The suggestion for the name change from Persia to Iran is said to have come from the Persian ambassador to Germany, who was a Nazi sympathizer. In 1935 Germany was ruled by Hitler. Aryanism was equated by the Nazis as the highest level of human civilization, in an article of faith based on a vulgar Hegelian hyperbola. Apparently the Persian ambassador was persuaded by his Nazi friends that Persia would be better off as an ally of Nazi Germany. Moreover, he became convinced that the country should be called by its Persian name, Iran, in Western languages. This was to signal a new beginning and bring home to the world the new era in Iranian history, one that would emphasize the Aryan aspect of its people.
The name Iran is a cognate of the old word Aryan.”
<http://www.payvand.com/news/04/dec/1153.html>

Iran already has a military treaty with Russia:

- Tony Halpin, The Times of London – MOSCOW: President Vladimir Putin forged an alliance with Iran Tuesday against any military action by the West to destroy the country's nuclear ambitions. A summit of Caspian Sea nations in Tehran agreed to bar foreign states from using their territory for military strikes against a member country. Putin, the first Kremlin leader to visit Iran since the Second World War, insisted the use of force was unacceptable." *Calgary Herald*, October 17th, 2007

President Ahmadinejad belief in the 12th imam may have chilling prophetic implications:

- Iran's dominant "Twelver" sect believes this will be Mohammed ibn Hasan, regarded as the 12th Imam, or righteous descendant of the Prophet Mohammad.
- He is said to have gone into "occlusion" in the ninth century, at the age of five. His return will be preceded by cosmic chaos, war and bloodshed. After a cataclysmic confrontation with evil and darkness, the Mahdi will lead the world to an era of universal peace....
- Mr Ahmadinejad appears to believe that these events are close at hand and that ordinary mortals can influence the divine timetable *'Divine mission' driving Iran's new leader*,
By Anton La Guardia, January 15th, 2006
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/01/14/wiran14.xml>

It is his desire to destroy the land of Israel:

- The Associated Press - TEHRAN - Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Friday threatened any country that supports Israel, and said the United States and its allies had “imposed a group of terrorists” on the region with their support of the Jewish state. ...Ahmadinejad, who has a history of fiery rhetoric, said **Israel no longer had any reason to exist and would soon disappear.** “This regime, thanks to god, has lost the reason for existence,” he said. *Iran, Israel trades threats as UN drafts resolution*, Calgary Herald, October 21st, 2006, page A21.

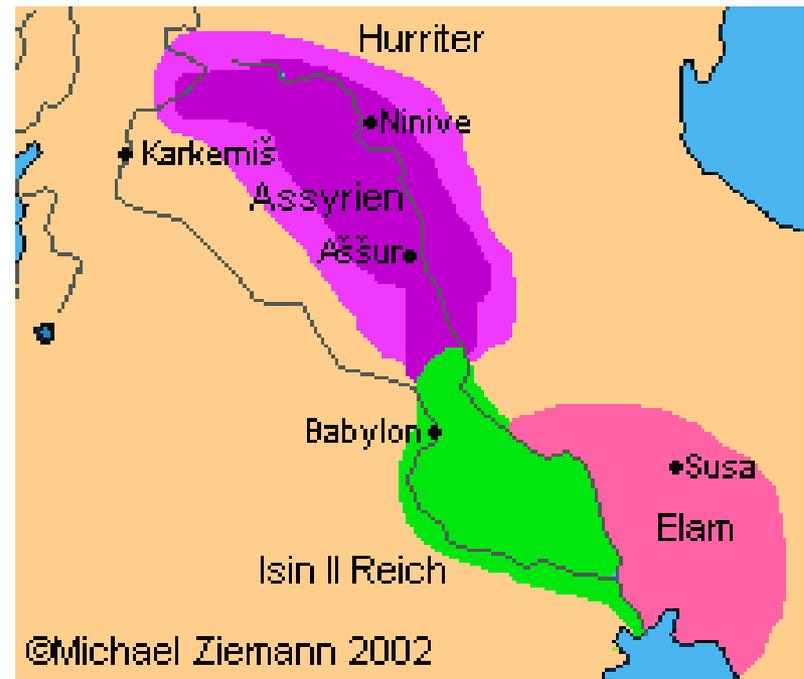
The Bible promises that God will destroy the Russian Iranian coalition, with fire and brimstone from heaven:

- ***Ezekiel 39:5-6*** ⁵Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD. ⁶And I will send a fire on Magog, and among **them that dwell carelessly in the isles:** and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.



It is not all bad news for the people of Iran.

- The Bible prophesied the restoration of the people of Elam (Southern Iran) during the last days:
- ***Jeremiah 49:39*** But it shall come to pass **in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam**, saith the LORD.



Both Egypt (the king of the South) and Syria (the King of the north) will take a stand against the antichrist during the tribulation period:

- ***Daniel 11:40*** 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.

Egypt will suffer greatly at the hands of the antichrist:

- ***Isaiah 19:20*** And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: **for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors**, and **he shall send them a saviour**, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

But in the midst of the tribulation period,
the Egyptians shall turn to the LORD.

- ***Isaiah 19:21*** And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform *it*.

When Jesus returns, he will bless the nation of Egypt and Iraq:

- ***Isaiah 19:23-25*** ²³In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria *{Iraq}*, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria *{Iraq}*, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. ²⁴In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria *{Iraq}*, even a blessing in the midst of the land: ²⁵Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, **Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria *{Iraq}* the work of my hands**, and Israel mine inheritance.

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- In a sense we are indebted to Egypt, for if Herod had succeeded in killing Jesus there would have been no salvation for Christians!



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- ***Matthew 2:13-15*** ¹³And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. ¹⁴When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: ¹⁵And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt have I called my son.**

Likewise Syria will suffer greatly for standing up against the antichrist.

- The city of Damascus will be destroyed.
- ***Isaiah 17:1*** The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.
- ***Jeremiah 49:25*** How is the city of praise not left, **the city of my joy!**

But when Jesus returns the remnant of
the Syrians shall be blessed:

- *Isaiah 17:3* and the remnant of Syria: **they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel,** saith the LORD of hosts.

Note: Abraham came from Syria

- ***Deuteronomy 26:5*** And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, **A Syrian ready to perish was my father,** and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:

God will bless the remnant of the Palestinian peoples:

- ***Zechariah 9:6-7*** 6And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. {*Palestinians*} 7And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even **he, shall be for our God,** and **he shall be as a governor** in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

God promised to restore the kingdoms of Moab and Ammon in the last days.

- Today those two nations have become provinces in the land of Jordan. I believe their restoration is as significant as the rebirth of the nation of Israel:



Lawrence of Arabia was a Zionist

- It appears to be revisionism on a grand scale. Popular imagination, fed on Peter O'Toole's portrayal in David Lean's film classic Lawrence of Arabia, will have a hard time absorbing the startling assertion by the historian Sir Martin Gilbert that its hero was in fact a **"serious Zionist" who believed in a "Jewish state from the Mediterranean shore to the River Jordan"**.

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- Sir Martin revealed last night that a series of minutes written by Lawrence, which he uncovered in the National Archive, demonstrated his sympathy with the Zionist cause. Working for Churchill in 1921, for example, he clearly identified "the area of Palestine from the Mediterranean to Jordan" as the "Jewish National Home".
- While the discoveries overturn many popular assumptions about Lawrence in Britain and much of the Arab world, they will come as less of a surprise to prominent historians here.
- Norman Rose of the Hebrew University, and a leading expert on the history of Zionism in Britain, leaves little room for doubt about Lawrence's admiration for Chaim Weizmann in his biography of the Belarus-born Zionist who became a British citizen in 1910, was the leading lobbyist for the 1917 Balfour declaration pledging a Jewish homeland, and the first President of Israel.

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- Lawrence, who had played a leading part in co-ordinating the Arab revolt against the Turks to serve British interests, mediated and translated at the post war Jewish-Arab accord between the future King Feisal of Iraq and Weizmann, which allowed for "large-scale immigration" of Jews to Palestine and implementation of the Balfour declaration in return for the Arab state promised and then reneged on by the British.
- Professor Rose said yesterday: "I am no expert on Lawrence, but this was when many people did not see a contradiction between a Jewish National Home and Arab independence."
- <http://ziomania.com/articles/lawrence%20of%20arabia%20was%20really%20a%20zionist.htm>

King Feisal of Iraq



King Feisal

- "We Arabs... look with the deepest sympathy on the Zionist movement. Our deputation here in Paris is fully acquainted with the proposals submitted yesterday by the Zionist Organisation to the Peace Conference, and we regard them as moderate and proper. We will do our best, insofar as we are concerned, to help them through; **we will wish the Jews a most hearty welcome home...** I look forward, and my people with me look forward, to a future in which **we will help you and you will help us**, so that the countries in which we are mutually interested may once again take their places in the community of the civilised peoples of the world."

The rebirth of Ammon

- ***Ezekiel 25:7*** Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, {*Ammon*} and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.
- ***Jeremiah 49:6*** And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

The rebirth of Moab

- ***Ezekiel 25:11*** And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- ***Jeremiah 48:36*** Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kirheres: because the riches *that* he hath gotten are perished.
- ***Jeremiah 48:47*** Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far *is* the judgment of Moab.

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- ***Daniel 11:41*** He *{the antichrist}* 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.

God will lead his children into the land of Edom in the tribulation period.



- ***Psalm 60:9-12*** 9Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? 10Wilt not thou, O God, *which* hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies? 11Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man. 12Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

The children of Israel will flee to the mountains of Jordan during the tribulation period.

- Revelation 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.

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- Revelation 12:13-17 13And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child*. 14And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. 16And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Jesus will go to Jordan to rescue his people

- Isaiah 63:1-3 1Who *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? 3I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

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- ***Zechariah 12:10*** And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.



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- ***Revelation 7:9*** After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, **of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues,** stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;



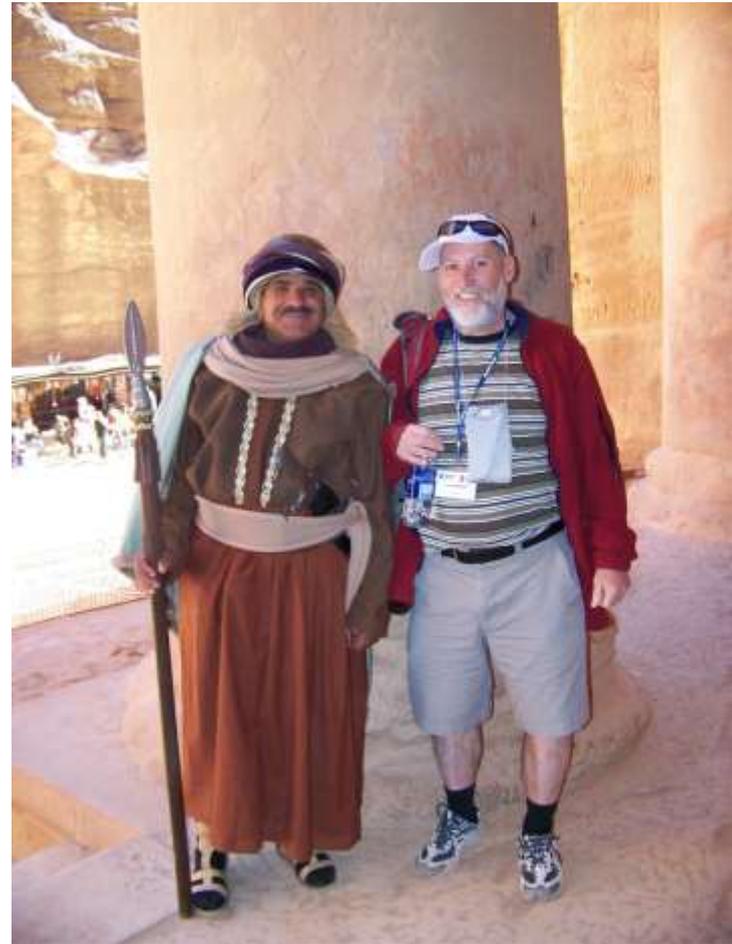
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- ***Revelation 7:14*** These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



Applications:

- God must keep his promises to the Arab nations, otherwise the so called covenant keeping God cannot be trusted to keep his promises to the Jews and to the Christians



Applications:

- If God does not keep his promises to the Arabs, we have no guarantee that the covenant keeping God will keep his promise of eternal life:
- ***John 10:28-29*** ²⁸And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

Applications

- you can be a Christian Zionist, and yet still love and support the Arab nations, for they will protect God's chosen people from the antichrist during the tribulation period, and will share the blessings of the Jewish people during the millennial kingdom.



Applications:

- There will be no peace for Arabs and Jews until Jesus the Prince of Peace comes.



Peace will only come when Jesus, the Prince of Peace returns

- ***Isaiah 9:6*** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- ***Isaiah 2:4*** And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
- ***Isaiah 48:22*** *There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.*

In the meantime it is God's will that we have peace with Him:

- True peace does not come from rituals and ceremonies: Some of the most wicked people can be found in churches, synagogues and mosques. As Jesus said:
- **Matthew 6:5** And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
- **Matthew 5:20** For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Nor can we be saved by keeping the law, for the Bible says:

- ***James 2:10*** For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.
- One can think of an honest murderer, who never has told a lie, or a gentle thief. Neither the honesty of a murderer nor the gentleness of a thief will let the criminal off when he stands before a human judge.

Nor can our good works save us.

- ***Proverbs 23:7*** For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he.
- ***Isaiah 64:6*** But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags;
- ***Ezekiel 33:13*** When I shall say to the righteous, *that* he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

Real peace can only be found through faith in the Messiah:

- ***Philippians 4:7*** And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- ***Romans 5:1*** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Real peace can only be found through faith in the Messiah:

- ***1 John 1:7*** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- ***John 3:36*** He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

We need to preach the gospel

- Ezekiel 33:1-6 **1**Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, **2**Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: **3**If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; **4**Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. **5**He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. **6**But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; **but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.**

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- Ezekiel 33:7-9 7So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. 8When I say unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 9Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.