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Introduction

As we discussed in the first booklet “Understanding Bible Prophecy”, God addresses nations in prophecy. Most prophecies you read are addressed to entire nations like the nations of Israel, Judah, Assyria, Babylon, Moab, etc. Because He is addressing an entire nation, He is addressing all the people that live where that nation is located.

When former fulfillments are being discussed in the Bible, the Lord is referring to the location of nations at the time that prophecy came to pass. When the Lord is prophesying about events that have yet to take place, He is referring to nations where they are located in the modern world.

The most influential nations in the world include The United States, British Peoples, Germany, Russia, China, and India. There are some others, but these are among the most powerful and influential in the world. None of them are mentioned by name in the Bible, so how can we know who they are?

There are seven main items we will look at that help us determine the identity of a nation today.

- Bible descriptions
- Geography
- History
- Current Events
- Language
- Cultural Symbols/Legends
- Landmarks

We must look at Biblical descriptions of these nations in the last days and compare them with modern nations. The Bible is the foundation of all knowledge. Additionally, we must trace migration routes and view events of the past, which requires the use of historical sources. The use of history is important because history is a witness of what actually happened in the world at a specific point and time. The main nations God addresses prophetically are

the houses of Israel and Judah. Other nations are mentioned in the Bible only as they come into contact with these two nations.

History requires that we use Geography because nations migrate to other locations. We need to be familiar in general with certain areas of the world to know where nations have traveled. Language and even landmarks are important. Some landmarks remain for hundreds of years. Others have been changed. When we combine all of these elements, we can get a better understanding of where nations are today.

What is going on right now is important in determining what will happen in the future. It charts the path for Bible prophecy. When it comes to studying the nations of Bible prophecy, we want to look at the major players in the news. The News is important for us to watch because it shows us how prophecy is playing out right now. Who has influence around the world? Why do they have influence? What nations are allied with each other and for what reasons?

The politics between nations, wars (or rumors of wars), and trade agreements are all important indicators of which nations are most important as it pertains to Bible prophecy. Also, we want to look at the military composition and economics of major nations. This becomes important when interpreting the Bible. For instance, in Daniel 11:40-45, the Bible tells us that the King of the North will invade the King of the South with a great fleet of ships. It requires a nation or group of nations with a great fleet of ships to fulfill the prophecy about the King of the North. If a nation has no navy or an aspiration for a navy, then it cannot be the King of the North. It takes a diverse economy to launch a war and be successful.

After we have examined a particular nation, we will list some prophetic implications that come from this research. Vast majority of prophecies have not yet come to pass. Knowing the nations involved will help us make proper sense of what we see on the news and what we see in the Bible.

God mentions smaller nations such as Libya and Egypt in Bible prophecy, then it stands to reason that other major nations such as the US, Russia, China, etc. would also be found. We will review the identity of major nations and specific end-time prophecies that apply to these nations.

Please understand that the purpose of this booklet is to provide a brief, general overview. We plan on releasing more in-depth information in the future.

Chapter 1

Nations Plainly Mentioned in Prophecy

Greece – called Greece (sometimes Javan)

Iran – Called Persia in ancient times. Center of the Medo-Persian Empire

Egypt – called Egypt

Ethiopia (Cush by itself)

Libya (Put by itself)

Saudi Arabia (Ishmael or Arabia)

Chapter 2

The United States, British, and Jewish Peoples

The first three nations we are going to discuss are the US, British, and Jewish peoples. The reason why is that they are all related to each other! God mentions smaller nations like Libya in the Bible. Larger nations like Egypt are also mentioned. Let's focus first on the US and British.

Why is it important for us to understand the United States and Britain? Since 1814, these two nations have help preserve peace on earth. Also, they have had the two largest nations in the history of planet earth in terms of the military advancements and economic/technological achievements. Consider some of the magnificent inventions that these two peoples have produced, including electricity, modern communication (like cell phones), and modern medical technology. The United States has the largest GDP in the world at around \$14 trillion. We helped the British win World Wars 1 and 2. The British defeated Napoleon. These two nations have had world-reaching influence. The rest of the nations in the world have had to make decisions based off of what these two nations think and say.

The story of the US, British, and Jewish people begins with our forefather Abraham. God made tremendous promises to Abraham. Some of these promises were material in nature; some were spiritual. For instance, Abraham was promised that God would “make nations of you, and kings will come from you” (Genesis 17:7). Additionally, he was promised that “Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations will be blessed” (Gen. 22:17b-18a). These promises were passed on to and reaffirmed with Isaac and then to Jacob. Jacob was promised that God would give him “...heaven's dew and earth's richness—an abundance of grain and new wine. May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless

you be blessed.”

Just before Jacob’s death in Genesis 48, he placed his hands on Ephraim and Manasseh. He conferred on them the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These physical blessings were conferred on the two sons of Joseph. He prophesied that Ephraim would be a company of nations and Manasseh would be a great nation. This is reiterated in Genesis 49 when Jacob prophesied about the twelve tribes in the last days. He says in these verses that Joseph would have the blessings of the ancient mountains, the blessings of the heavens, the blessing of the underwater rivers, and many other wonderful blessings. He prophesied that Ephraim would be a company of nations and Manasseh would be a great nation.

The nation known as Israel was a single united nation in the time of Kings David and Solomon. After Solomon’s reign, the nation of Israel was split into two separate Kingdoms: 1) the House of Israel and 2) the House of Judah. The Northern House of Israel included the northern ten tribes and was first ruled by Jeroboam. The Southern House of Judah included the southern Tribes of Judah, some of Benjamin, and much of Levi. In Bible Prophecy, the northern tribes are often called Israel or Jacob. They are called such because the patriarch Israel placed His name on to the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh. After placing his name on them, they carried the name Israel or Jacob. The two leading tribes of the Northern Kingdom were Ephraim and Manasseh. The southern tribes were called Judah. This is where the term Jew comes from. The first time the word Jew is found in the Bible is when the Jews are fighting against Israel! (2 Kings 16:4-6, King James Version)

The northern tribes turned away from God right after the tribes split under the ruler Jeroboam. They began to change the Annual Sabbaths to times of their own choosing (I Kings 12:25-33). In the time of Elijah, they didn’t know the True God from a false one. The Sabbaths were the sign to know that they were God’s people (Exodus 31:12-17). They were conquered and taken cap-

tive by the Assyrians between 721 and 718 BC. Jesus said that they were lost (Matthew 10:1-6). They were lost because they didn't know who they were. Did they disappear from being a nation?

In Jeremiah 31:35-36, God promised that the house of Israel, referring to the northern tribes, would never cease to be a nation before Him. He was not talking about the Jewish people or Judah. They ceased being a nation from 70 AD until 1948 AD. This means that the northern tribes of Israel have been a nation SOMEWHERE on earth from ancient times until today! This also means that they are a nation (or nations) this very day.

In Jeremiah 31:7, the Lord says that Jacob would be the chief of the nations in the last days. The chief of the nations currently are the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations. Jacob prophesied that Ephraim would be a company of nations and Manasseh would be a single great nation. Great Britain has always been a company or Commonwealth of Nations. They have participated in extensive colonization in the past. British is a Hebrew word, with *brit* meaning covenant and *ish* meaning man. The United States has always been a single great nation and traditionally isolationist in foreign policy. The tribe of Manasseh in the Bible was always a split tribe. The United States has always been a divided country: North versus South, East Coast versus West Coast, etc. The tribe of Manasseh was separated by the Jordan River, and the United States is separated by the Mississippi river. The only difference between Ephraimites in the Bible and Manassites is in how they talk (See Judges 12). This is certainly true of the United States and Britain. There are many other great and convincing proofs to this, including history.

The blessings to Abraham were promised unconditionally. This means they would be certainly poured out. Looking at the history of Ancient Israel and the Jewish people of today, it is clear that these promises were not poured out upon them. The Jewish people have not ruled the gates of their enemies on a world-wide scale. Other nations have not bowed down to them. They have not

been a source of material blessing to the entire world to the degree of the US and British.

In Genesis 49:26b, Jacob said: "...Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers." **Where is the brow? On the head!** The northern tribes, under Joseph, would be head of the nations. In the King James, this verse is translated as "...they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren." The blessing of the head of all nations in Deuteronomy 28 came to Joseph; it was a material promise given as part of the birthright. When the house of Israel, Joseph, or Ephraim is mentioned in Bible prophesy, it is referring chiefly to the United States or British. Joseph or Ephraim can be used to refer to all the northern tribes because Ephraim was reckoned as the eldest son (Gen. 48:12-18).

Now, let us not forget about the Jewish people! They are dear to God's heart and have an important role to play in prophecy. I Chronicles 5:2 tells us, "For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:" Joseph received the birthright promises, but JUDAH received the chief ruler.

Genesis 49:10, Jacob said, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Judah, forefather of the JEWISH people, received the scepter. This is the Kingly line and the spiritual promises given to Abraham. Why did Judah get the scepter? Judah was willing to die for his brother Benjamin in Genesis. This was a picture and type of the Messiah. These are the promises of Grace. The scepter also represents the kingly line. All the kings came from Judah, especially the greatest King of all, Jesus. Salvation is of the Jews (John 4:22).

The Jewish people have always known their identity. The Jewish people know their identity today because they kept the sign of the

Sabbaths. They even knew where their people were in Jesus day. Judah has remained faithful to God by keeping and protecting the Torah. Despite the efforts of the Greeks, Romans, Muslims, Catholic Crusaders, and Nazi Germany, they still have held true to the Word of God. This is the largest contribution to the entire world that any nation has ever made. They have also won over 150 Nobel peace prizes, contributing to every realm of society. In this way, they have also been a blessing to the world. When we see the phrase “House of Judah” in prophecy, it refers to the Jewish nations.

Prophetic Implications:

#1 – In Ezekiel 38, a prophecy is given concerning the mountains of Israel, which represent the US and British. It is an invasion from many major nations of the world. God will deliver our people in the midst of the battle, but many lives will be lost due to our sin and disobedience. When this will happen can be delayed by the repentance of our people, but it is prophesied to happen.

#2 – In Jeremiah 30:4-6, a time of judgment called “the time of Jacob’s Trouble” is foretold. This is a time of judgment on JACOB, which is the US and British peoples. This will result in a time of captivity for our people. It is not a time of judgment on Judah.

#3 – In Zechariah 14:1-2, we are told that Jerusalem will be sacked and ½ of the city sent into captivity by the anti-Christ. This will happen just before the public return of the Lord.

#4 – In Jeremiah 50:4-6, we are told that both the northern tribes and the southern tribes in captivity will return back to the Promised Land holding hands and weeping. They will repent together and turn wholeheartedly to the Lord.

#5 – In Isaiah 11:10-16, we learn that when Jacob and Judah return together, they will no longer have hostility towards each other. Historically, there has been hostility between US/Britain and the Jewish people. More recently, the northern tribes have

Chapter 3

Who is Mystery Babylon?

One of the great questions of prophecy is the identity of Babylon. There are various theories as to where the Babylonian peoples migrated. In ancient times, they were based out of Iraq. Some have said that Mystery Babylon is a place or location. God said that physical Babylon would be desolate. In Jeremiah 25:10-12, God is prophesying about judgment on Judah and on Babylon. In these verses, He tells us, “10 I will banish from them the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, the sound of millstones and the light of the lamp. 11 This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt,” declares the Lord, “and will make it desolate forever.”

Look at the land of Iraq today. It is a desolate wasteland. A majority of the land is desert. If we are looking for a nation named Babylon to rise up and rule the world, we will be disappointed. In Revelation 17, we see the MYSTERY of Babylon mentioned, not OBVIOUS Babylon. This woman is the daughter of Babylon from Isaiah 47. Remember that women represent religion. This daughter of Babylon represents the Babylonian mystery religion, which is a specific religious system. This religious system promotes mother worship, idol worship, and prayers to the dead.

The Catholic Church has inherited the Babylonian mystery religion and promoted it to the whole world under the guise of Christianity. In Revelation 17, she has a cup in her hand filled with the abominations of the earth. These abominations represent the abominations found in the Torah, including (but not limited to) homosexuality, idol worship, and praying to the dead. The seven heads on this Beast represent seven hills.

Interestingly enough, Rome also sits on seven hills (also called

Mountains). This woman represents the Catholic Church. On coins minted by the Vatican, the Catholic Church is depicted as a woman holding a cup in her hand. On some of these coins she also sits on the earth (like the coin to honor Pope Leo XII). She promotes the abominations of the Torah.

She has taken this cup and given it to the nations of the world to drink. She has committed spiritual adultery by mixing with pagan religions. Every nation in which the Catholic Church has established itself, it has created a religion mixed with the native religion of those peoples (paganism) and the Bible. Mother worship is part of this. Historically, this church organization uses its large numbers and influence to sway political decisions for favors. This is part of the adultery mentioned in this chapter.

This helps us understand the identity of the woman called Mystery Babylon.

Chapter 4

Germany (Assyria)

Historically, Germany has had a huge impact on world events. They inherited the mantle of the Roman Empire starting with Charlemagne, which became known as “The Holy Roman Empire.” It is important to note that the exploration of South America by the Spaniards was driven by Charles V, who was the King of Spain and Germany. Currently, Germany has the strongest economy in the European Union (EU), which is the most influential bloc of countries in the world. They have a prominent part to play in Bible Prophecies. Furthermore, the Germanic peoples have helped pioneer many great technological and engineering feats in history, including space travel and atomic weapons.

Germany has been an instrumental part of two World Wars, directly causing World War II to start. The Nazi regime committed the holocaust, which was an attempt to exterminate the Jewish people. This was stopped by the allied forces. Resources from around the world were needed to stop them both times.

The ancient historian Herodotus notes an ancient peoples called the Carmanians or Kermans in the Middle East that were also called the Germanii (Herodotus, Book 1, sec. 125; Encyl. Brit. “Persis”). This was another name for the nation we call Assyria. In Ancient times, the Assyrians were a fierce war-like people. Their Empire spanned Egypt, Iraq, Iran, and even stretched to near Afghanistan. Their capital city of Nineveh was located in modern day Iraq. In Iran today there are two provinces that still bear the name Kerman in them (Kerman and Kermanshah).

The Assyrians were overthrown by the Babylonians around 606 BC. The Bible and history give us some clues as to what happened after this. The Bible tells us that the Assyrians would flee to the mountains (Nahum 3:18). This indicates that they would migrate out of the Middle East. The mountains north of Iraq are

in Turkey. In 2 Kings 19:37, we learn that two sons of an Assyrian King fled to Ararat, which is a mountainous area in Turkey. The Assyrians already had a colony in Armenia, which is why they fled there. In the 530s BC, Scylax of Caryanda noted that Assyrians dwelt on the coast of the Black Sea in the country we now call Turkey (Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Geography, 1854. "Assyria", page 245). Today in Turkey there are two provinces with the names "Karaman" and "Kahramanmaras". We can see "KRM" from the name Kerman in these provinces.

In the first century (around 50-60 AD), Pliny the Elder notes a group of Assyrians living near the Black Sea (Pliny, Book IV, sec.12, verse 85). This nation later migrated into Europe. Jerome called the Germanic peoples migrating from the Black sea and Russian Steppes into Europe around the Assyrians in 340 AD (Letter 123, Section 16, Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers by Schaff and Wace, 1893. Vol. VI, pages 236-237). Other historians also consider the Germans to be an Aryan people descended from the area of Iran/India (see "A History of Germany from the Earliest Period to the Present Time" by Friedrich Kohlrausch, New York: 1880, Introduction Page 1) (also see Smith's Dictionary, "Germany", pg. 994). During the Nazi regime, Aryan supremacy was a key theme, which again ties them back to the Middle East.

The Bible confirms what history tells us. Speaking of the Last Days, God said that His people would return from Egypt and Assyria from the WEST. "They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD." (Hosea 10:10-11) In another place, God said "Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim" (Isaiah 49:12). In ancient times, Assyria was east from the Promised Land. In the last days, God mentions that His people will return from Assyria from the north and west. This further places Assyria in Europe. They are the Germanic peoples of today.

As mentioned in the booklet “Understanding Bible Prophecy”, the Roman Empire was collapsed by the Germanic peoples. The Germans have inherited the mantle of Rome. The Romans used the eagle as one of their military symbols. The symbol of Imperial Germany is also double headed Eagle. One of Assyria’s main gods was *nisroch*, whose name means great eagle (2 Kings 19:37 ; Isaiah 37:38). Another connection between Rome and the Germanic Kings is the teeth of Iron mentioned in Daniel 7. Rome was renowned for its use of iron weaponry. The Germanic peoples have the same motif from ancient times until today. One of the symbols of the German army has been the Iron Cross. The Iron Crown of the Germanic Lombards was a crown that Holy roman Emperors sought to be crowned with (including Napoleon). Lastly, the Germans are a war-like people just as God describes Ancient Assyria (Is. 10:5-11). This doesn’t mean every Germanic person is violent; it just means they have tremendous military prowess in times of war.

Prophetic Implications:

#1 – Isaiah 10:12-14 – This prophecy tells us about the King of Assyria (Germany) “erasing the boundaries of nations” with skill and wisdom. Right now, we see Germany erasing the boundaries of Europe through trade and economics. They basically own Greece and set their budget for them. Germany will leverage economics to gain China and other nations as an ally. They have already formed trade agreements with the South American bloc of nations and African nations. Additionally, they will use the Catholic Church to bring South America and sub-Saharan Africa to their side.

#2 – Daniel 9:25-27 mention the 70th week of Daniel, which is a 7 year period. In these verses, we learn that the end will come “like a flood.” In Daniel 11:40-45, we are told the King of the North will swoop down across the King of the South “like a flood.” In Isaiah 8:7, we are told that the Assyrians are the floodwaters. This implicates the Germanic peoples in an attack on the Middle East that will extend the borders of a revived Roman Em-

pire from Europe into North Africa, and into the Middle East just as the Roman Emperors of old (Alexander the Great also accomplished this feat, extending his empire to the border of India).

#3 – Daniel 8:23 is a prophecy about the Anti-Christ. He is described as a “stern-faced” king. The Hebrew phrase is *Az Melek*, and it is only used one other time in the Bible, Isaiah 19:4. This verse describes the King of Assyria taking over Egypt. This further ties the king of Germany to the final anti-Christ. Egypt has been in turmoil in recent times due to radical Islamic extremists.

#4 – In Isaiah 19:23-25, we learn that Assyria will be one of the top three nations on planet earth in the Kingdom of God. They are called his handiwork or the work of his hands. They have made many engineering and technological advancements possible in the world today and will do so in the Millennial reign of Jesus.

Chapter 5

Russia

(Rosh, Meschech, Tubal, Medes, Beth Togarmah)

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Russia has been a major player in end-time world events starting with World War I. It was the Bolshivek revolution in 1917 that opened the way for Russia to become communist. This had a tremendous impact on World War 2 and directly caused the Cold War. Russia has spread communism all over the world, even causing proxy wars on nearly every continent through their influence. The effects of its Cold War are still felt today.

They are one of the world's leading oil and gas producers. They have the largest nation in terms of land mass on planet earth. Due to the large expanse of their nation and the types of peoples it covers, they will be found in various places in the Bible.

The Assyrian Historian A.H. Sayce notes that the names of peoples called the "Tubla and Muska" were found in ancient inscriptions in Northern Iraq (A.H. Sayce, *The Races of the Old Testament*, 1893. pg. 48). Herodotus also mentions these peoples together as the Moschi and the Tiberani (Book 3:94). The geographer Strabo, writing in the early 1st century AD, discusses the Moschi Mountains as extending from lower Armenia and into Albania (Strabo, Book XI, Chapter 2,12). Strabo did not do much research north of this area. These people groups eventually migrated north into the nation we call Russia.

In history, one of the nations in Russia proper was called the Muscovite Nation. Meshek is an ancient name for Moscow, which is in the region of Muskovy and sits on the Moskva river (Meshek in Hebrew is simply MSHK, which could be pronounced any number of ways over time). Tubal refers to the middle part of Russia, in which is a city named Tobolosk. This city sits on the Tobol river.

Rosh is a word in Hebrew which means “head” or “chief”. Rhos and Rus have been names used for Western Russia/Eastern Europe for over 1,000 years. This is where the name Russia actually comes from (see also nations like BelaRUS). This evidence allows us to pair Rosh, Meshek, and Tubal together, as they are all mentioned beside each other in Ezekiel 38:6 as dwelling “in far north.”

Some connect Russia to the Biblical name Beth Togarmah (of the far north - Ezekiel 38:6), who are listed as a descendant of Gomer. We will discuss Gomer in the article on China. This likely refers to the area of Eastern Siberia today.

The Russians and other Eastern Europeans have another Biblical nation associated with them. The Medes and Persians were an alliance of two nations between 600 and 331 BC. Herotodus mentions that they had colonies in Eastern Europe around 400 BC (Book 5:9). The Medo-Persians were defeated by Alexander the Great in 331 BC. At this time, the Medes began to migrate. In Strabo’s account of Geography, he mentions the Medes alongside the Moschi (Strabo, Book XI, Chapter 2,12). These people dwelt together. Pliny the Elder in the latter 1st century noted that some of the Medes had migrated to the Don River, which is one of the major rivers of Southern Russia (Natural History Book VI, verse 19).

About 9 years ago, Russia and Iran began formal cooperation with each other, especially in the area of military development. The symbol for Russia is the bear, which is the same animal used to describe the Medo-Persian empire of Ancient times (see Daniel 7:1-10). The bear in Daniel has one side raised up. In ancient times, the Persians had a stronger control of this alliance. In modern times, the MEDES (Western Russians) have the upper hand. They are raised up. When these nations agreed upon formal cooperation, it was bringing back this ancient alliance.

We see from these brief explanations of history that Russia is re-

ferred to as “Rosh, Meshech, Tubal, Beth Togarmah” and also as the Medes.

Prophetic Implications:

#1 - In Ezekiel 38, parts of Russia are mentioned as it relates to the attack on the US and British peoples. In the last 12-18 months, Russian bombers have been more active in flying over US and UK airspace since the cold war. They are testing us; one of these times it won't be a dry run. In 2013, they conducted war games with 160,000 troops (CNS news). This major scale operation involved thousands of tanks and vehicles. In 2015, they conducted another operation with 38,000 troops (CBS news). Our production of oil is crippling their economy. They are serious.

#2 - In Ezekiel 39, they are mentioned in an attack on Jerusalem. This is likely tied to Daniel 11:44-45 when the anti-Christ (also called the King of the North) hears “news from the north and east”. This refers to the battle of Armageddon when Russia and China will mount all of their armies to fight for world domination not far from Jerusalem.

#3 - Isaiah 5 is another chapter referencing the attack on the US/UK. In Isaiah 5:26, the Lord mentions that He will send nations from the “ends of the earth”. In far northern Russia, there is a peninsula called Yamal, which means “end of the world”. Russia has a military base in this area.

#4 - In Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51, the “Kings of the Medes” are mentioned as launching an attack on the Daughter of Babylon (Jer. 51:11). The Medes include Russia and parts of Eastern Europe. We know the Daughter of Babylon (spiritual Babylon) is located in Europe. This King is called “the destroyer” and will launch an attack “from the north” (Jer. 50:3, 9, 41, 51:1). Russia is north of Europe

#5 – Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51 occur at the public return of the Lord. We know this because both the northern and southern tribes will return at that time (see Jer. 50:4-6 and Isaiah 11:10-16). No-

tice that Persia is not mentioned in Jer. 50 and 51. Russia is so strong now that they could unilaterally act and destroy Europe. It could also mean that Persia is disabled due to warfare or disaster by this time. This is why Russia wants to control territory in Ukraine and other Eastern European nations. They want to use this as a launching pad for a nuclear attack on Western Europe. They had thousands of nuclear warheads in these areas during the Cold War. Their plan was to nuke Europe and the US from these positions. Europe today is still developing technology to intercept missiles fired from Russia or Iran (Medes and Persians). God tells us that even if Babylon was to fortify the heavens, it would still fall (Jer. 51:53).

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Chapter 6

China, North Korea, and Southeast Asia (Gog, Magog, Gomer)

China has the most populous nation on earth and the fastest growing economy. They are building up their military at a rapid pace to drive the US from the Pacific realm. Their goal is global dominance. Of all nations, they have the most military-aged men to fight for world dominance. They have a powerful part to play in end-time events. I will spend more in this chapter on the prophetic implications than I will on the history/migration of these peoples.

Historically, the Yajuj and Majuj are related peoples from this area. Arabic historians note that the Great Wall of China was called the wall of “al-Magog” to keep the Magog peoples from advancing further into China (Jewish Encyclopedia 1905, “Gog and Magog”). Gog and Magog are sons of Japheth in Genesis. Japheth means “expansion”, so we can expect these peoples to cover an expanded territory. Maps from the late 1600s drawn up by cartographers label Mongolia, Southeastern Russia, Northern China, Korea, and even some of the peoples of Japan as Magog (Sanson and Rossi are two of them). Some people in this area of the world call themselves the Manchu or Manju tribe. Gog refers to a similar region and even the region just south of it in China.

The southern part of China into southeast Asia was called “Khmer” in ancient times and some believe to be connected to the Biblical peoples of Gomer. In Ezek. 38:6, Gomer is described with “all his bands” and “many peoples”. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a trading bloc of nations with ten members (this includes about 600 million people). China has been investing heavily in the ASEAN nations to gain favor with them.

Prophetic Implications:

#1 - In Ezekiel 38, Gog, Magog, and Gomer are mentioned to-

gether as attacking the US/British. The chapter informs us that one goal of this attack is to take minerals and resources. Senators in the Australian parliament have already been decrying the Chinese aggression and are expecting an attack (Daily Mail). They are fearful that their children will become slaves to the Chinese. Americans and British will be taken to China as slaves. Our sin and debt makes this inevitable. I did not mention this earlier, but Australia produces over 50 percent of the world's iron ore. Iron ore is an important component of steel; China produces more steel than any other nation. They need steel to keep building and growing their economy. This gives them an economic reason to one day attack Australia.

America is the number 1 place for Chinese to buy land. Guess who follows at #2 and #3? Canada and Australia (Rapoza). Ali Baba owner Jack Ma just bought 28,100 acres in New York. In 2013, dozens of Chinese companies bought a stake in Detroit. In 2013, a Chinese company bought the American company Smithfield foods. They are going to buy up more and more land, especially in America, because they will need something of value to offset the catastrophic default of US debt.

North Korea (part of Magog) is a nation that is supported by China, Russia, and Iran. President Bush declared North Korea and Iran as part of the "Axis of Evil". North Koreans have been trained from BIRTH to HATE our nation! They want to destroy us. It would validate the Kim Jung II regime to assist in taking out the United States.

#2 - In Ezekiel 39, these nations are mentioned again in the final battle at Armageddon. China and the eastern nations allied with them will be the "Kings of the East" mentioned in Revelation 9:13-16, 16:12-16. They will have a 200 million man army, which China could easily accomplish. They are also mentioned in Daniel 11:44-45 as part of the "reports from the east" that come to the ears of the anti-Christ.

#3 - Isaiah 49:9b-12 - "9 They shall feed along the roads, And

their pastures *shall be* on all desolate heights. 10 They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat down on them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water. 11 I will turn all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up. 12 See, they will come from afar some from the north, some from the west, some from the region of Sinim.”

These verses discuss how our people (US/British) shall return from captivity. Some will come back from the North and West (Europe) to the Promised Land. In verse 12, the NIV translates “Sinim” as Aswan. This is not a very good translation. Some render it as “Australi”, which is much closer. Sinim is the region of China today. They are called the Sino or Sina peoples. Our relationship with China is frequently referred to as the “Sino-American” relationship. As our people return, they will have to travel through mountains and deserts. In China, there is the Gobi and the Takla Makan deserts. In addition, there are vast expanses of desert from the edge of China across the Middle East all the way to the Promised Land. God is going to do great miracles in leading our people back.

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Chapter 7

India

(Cush and Put, Sheba and Dedan)

India is a nation located in lower Asia. Its population is about 1.2 billion people. They have a large military and is a vital world ally for those seeking to gain a global advantage. Their economy and production ability commands the attention of all nations. A nation this large is going to have a huge impact on world events in the last days. It is mentioned in the Bible! Due to their size, we will find them in multiple places.

How we find India in Bible prophecy is interesting. It is only mentioned by name twice in the Bible (Esther 1:1, 8:9) Interestingly enough, it is mentioned in the same sentence with Ethiopia. This is not by coincidence! The Hebrew word “Kush” or “Cush” is typically thought of as referring to Ethiopia. Another related country, Libya, is usually thought of as being the Hebrew word “Put” or “Phut”. When used together, these two Hebrew words can refer to India!

The historian Herodotus notes that there were two types of Cushites: curly haired and straight haired. He notes that some of the straight haired Cushites migrated into the area of India (Herodotus 3:94, 7:70). Their hair was the only difference in appearance between them. Josephus makes note of this (Antiquities of the Jews Book 1, Chapter VI). The same can be said of Put (Smith’s Dictionary of Roman and Greek Geography, “India”). The Bible tells us that the Assyrians even took Ethiopians captive to this area of the world (see Isaiah chapter 20).

This explains why the Hindu **Kush** Mountains are right by India. There are also other territories carrying the “KSH” sound in them. Kashmir is an important province in India. Cushul is another city in India. As the Cushites migrated to this area, they left their mark. The word “Put” is routinely used in the Bible for war (Jer. 46:9, Ez. 27:10, Ez. 30:5, Ez. 38:5, Nah. 3:9). The best warriors

in India and even the ruling class for centuries were called the **Rajaputs**. Rajaput means king or ruler of put. When Cush and Put are used together it actually refers to India! This nation has the second largest population in the world, produces a tremendous amount of fruit every year, and has a major role in the political arena in the last days.

Prophetic Implications:

#1 – Ezekiel 38 – Cush and Put are mentioned right beside Iran (identified as Persia). This affirms Cush and Put as India. There are very few connections between Ethiopia, Libya, and Persia mainly due to distance. The connections between Persia and India are numerous! First of all, India is closer to Persia geographically. These nations have had close economic ties in recent years because Iran is the nearest nation to India that can provide oil and natural gas. Discussions have been ongoing to build a pipeline between the two nations. In 2015, India agreed to invest nearly \$200 million into the port city of Chabahar in Iran (Pearson)! Iran has the highest population of shia’ muslims in the world. In 2009, India had the 3rd highest shia population in the world! India’s immediate neighbor to the northwest is Pakistan, who they have had major issues with over the years. Pakistan is also a Sunni Muslim nation! This gives Iran another reason to ally with India. Another interesting historical note is that the Persian language was spoken in the royal court of India until the 1800s (Ali Khan).

The prophecy of Ezekiel 38 occurs on the mountains of Israel, which refers to the US/British peoples. On July 24, 2015, the Telegraph UK reported the desire of the people of India to request “reparations” for their colonization of India. One of the front-runner politicians is passionately arguing for this, and the present Prime Minister supports the idea. The anti-British sentiment is growing in the nation. (see also <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/24/indian-prime-minister-modi-endorses-britain-paying-damages-for-colonial-rule>)

In ancient times, Sheba and Dedan consisted of the East Coast of Africa and the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula. The Queen of Sheba in Solomon's time lived in this area. They also traded considerably with India. This again ties India with Ezekiel 38.

#2 – Daniel 11:40-45 – In this prophecy, we see a character called “the King of the North” invade the “King of the South”. In the booklet “Deciphering Daniel 11”, we review that the King of the North refers to a Revived Roman Empire led by Germany. The Bible tells us that the King of the North “...shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and Cush and Put shall be at his steps.” The Hebrew Phrase “At his steps” simply means “to keep pace with or companionship.” This could very well refer to the King of the North conquering from Egypt all the way to India, like Alexander the Great and other Roman Rulers of the Past. The booklet “Deciphering Daniel 11” goes over this more.

#3 – Cush and Put are not mentioned in Ezekiel 39 attack against Jerusalem. This battle refers to Armageddon. This likely points to some catastrophic event or war that disabled India from being able to act.

Side Note:

An interesting fact is that the Hebrew names for Ivory, Ape, and Peacock come from the Tamal language on the Indian continent (Smith's Bible Dictionary, 1884, “Ape”)!

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Chapter 8

Central America, South America, Spain, and Portugal (Tarshish)

South America has a huge role to play in end-time events. It is becoming a sought after trading partner with the rest of the world due to its rich minerals. In some ways, the continent is becoming very unstable. The entire region is heavily influenced by the Catholic Church.

Encyclopedia Britannica states that Tartessus was a kingdom that flourished in southwestern Spain. Furthermore, the Encyclopedia Britannica 11th edition says that it is "...probably identical with the Tarshish mentioned in the Bible" (article: "Andalusia"). Tarshish refers to Spain and Portugal. The interesting thing about Spain and Portugal is that they colonized much of South and Central America. Much of this occurred in the rule of Charles the V, who was the Germanic Holy Roman Emperor! This has had a direct effect on them being heavily Catholic.

In Ezekiel 27:12, we learn some important information about Tarshish in the last days. "Tarshish was your merchant because of your many luxury goods. They gave you silver, iron, tin, and lead for your goods." We learn that Tarshish would specialize in silver, iron, tin, and lead. We will focus on two of these resources: silver and iron. Central and South American countries produce roughly 50% of the world's silver. Brazil is second in world iron production at about 23% of the total amount.

In Ezekiel 38:13, the Bible mentions "...Sheba, Dedan, the ships of Tarshish, and the villages thereof". The phrase quoted as "the villages thereof" can also be translated as the "young lions thereof" or the "strong lions thereof". Tarshish refers to Spain and Portugal, but the "young lions" or "villages" of Tarshish refer to Central and South America! They are the younger nations in the world. To tie them all together, they share the common religious

tie of Roman Catholicism. Brazil is the EU's top Latin American trading partner.

Prophetic Implications:

#1 – Ezekiel 38 mentions Tarshish as desiring to come for the plunder of the US/British. Central and South American migration has already greatly affected the United States. We can already see the villages of Tarshish coming for American plunder in the form of Illegal Immigration. Illegal immigration is greatly draining our financial system and economy. As a long-term trend, this will only continue to get worse.

#2 – In Isaiah 60:9, Tarshish is mentioned as bringing our people back from captivity with silver and gold. This foretells that the Latino countries taking some of our people as slaves.

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Chapter 9

Turkey (Edom)

The nation of Turkey has had a tremendous effect on modern events. As the seat of the Ottoman Empire, for 400 years they ruled the Promised Land. The collapse of the Ottoman Empire in a sense allowed many of the sects/factions of Islam to rise up in Modern times. Today, Turkey is the strongest of the predominant Muslim nations. They are the second most populous (behind Egypt), but their form of government is stronger. They are a strategic nation in the world because they are at the cross roads from Europe/Russia to the Middle East. Russia and the European Union have been jockeying for favor with this nation. They have desired to be in the EU for years, but it hasn't happened yet. They are a NATO ally with Europe and the West. Turkey was a crucial launching point for Crusades into the Middle East. They have a powerful part to play in end-time events.

One thing to keep in mind about the Turkish people is that they have not always dwelt in Asia Minor as they do today. At one time, they dwelt in Central Asia, where Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and **Turkmenistan** are located. This entire area of nations with “-stan” in their name used to be called “Turkestan” because the Turks once lived there.

The story of the Turkish people begins near the Promised Land. They were known as Edom in ancient times. They dwelt in the place that we call Mount Seir. We learn in the Bible that Nebuchadnezzar took some of them captive to Babylon (Jer. 27:1-7, Ez. 35, Mal. 1:1-4). That is how the Edomites ended up farther east. There were three sons of Edom: Teman, Omar, and Amalek. Of these, Teman was the leading tribe.

In the history of Turkestan, we find a prominent city-state named Amalik (Kessler, Adam “Song Blue and White Porcelain on the Silk Road.” Brill Publishing: Boston. 2012 pages 161-162) There

is also a prominent river in Turkmenistan called Dyr Syr or the River of Syr. Remember that Seir is where Esau dwelt in ancient times. The Turks migrated to Asia Minor where they dwell today. There, the Ottoman (Teman) Empire flourished for hundreds of years.

The Book of Obadiah is a book written to Turkey in the last days. In verses 9 and 19, Edom is addressed as living in the Mountains of Esau. Notice that the word Mountain is plural in this verse! In ancient times, they dwelt in Mount Seir (singular). At His return, the Lord promises to make Esau “small among the nations” in verse 2. This tells us Esau will be large at the time of the end. With a population of 74 million, they are definitely large. In verse 14, we see that they are listed as “blocking the crossroads”. Turkey controls two of the major crossroads of the nations - the Dardanelles and the lower Caucasus mountains.

In verse 19, we see an alliance between Philistia (modern day Palestinians) to the people of Esau. We also see this connection in Psalm 83:1-6. The Philistines are the Palestinians of today. Over the years, the Turkish peoples have sent flotillas and supplies to the Palestinians. In 2011, they sent navy assistance to them (Ravid). In 2014, they sent \$2.5 million of aid (Ahren).

Prophetic Implications

#1 - Obadiah – Reading the book of Obadiah, we find that Turkey claims it will soar like the eagle and nest with the stars (verse 4). The eagle is the symbol of Imperial Germany, which is the leading nation of the European Union (EU). The EU also has 12 stars on its flag. The EU and Turkey routinely have negotiations on various issues. Turkey desperately wants to join the EU, but it is currently a NATO ally.

#2 - Daniel 11:40-45 – When the King of the North, led by the revived Roman Empire, decides to invade the Middle East, Edom (Turkey), is spared. Some sort of peace agreement will be reached by these two that allow the Europeans to march through Turkey.

The Crusades were usually launched from Turkey and Cyprus. Turkey currently owns half of Cyprus.

#3 - Isaiah 63:1-6 – When Jesus publically returns, He is going to slay all of the Edomites. This will be due to the way they treated the northern tribes of Israel and the southern tribes of Judah in the last days. (See Jeremiah 49:7-22, Obadiah)

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Chapter 10

Other Middle Eastern Countries (Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon)

In Psalm 83:1-8, several nations in the Middle East are mentioned: 1 O God, do not remain silent; do not turn a deaf ear, do not stand aloof, O God. 2 See how your enemies growl, 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, so that Israel’s name is remembered no more.” 5 With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you— 6 the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites, 7 Byblos, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. 8 Even Assyria has joined them to reinforce Lot’s descendants...”

As mentioned in a previous chapter, Edom refers to Turkey. Philistia refers to the Palestinians. Moab and Ammon refer to Jordan, whose capital is Amman today (Orr, “Moab”, “Ammonites”). In Isaiah 11:14, Edom, Philistia, Moab, and Ammon are listed as nations living close to the Promised Land at the Lord’s public return. Moab is actually mentioned as never being taken captive by another nation (Isaiah 16:13-14). The Ishmaelites and Hagarenes refer to the peoples of Saudi Arabia (ibid “Ishmaelites 1”, “Hagrites”). Lastly, Gebal refers to Lebanon (ibid, “Gebal”).

The amazing thing is that ISIS is drawing troops from each of these nations. In fact, they control territory near or in all of these nations. These nations have a common trait of all being Muslim and hating America and the Jewish people. In 2015, we cut a deal with IRAN that was awful!

All of these countries hate us for that. They are scrambling to cover for our huge mistake with Iran. If we had been harsh on Iran, they would have been allies. They want to take us out as well because we enabled their enemy. We are going to see an increase of terror attacks from the Muslim terror groups Hezbollah,

Hamas, Al Qaeda, ISIS, and so forth. Hezbollah is based out of Lebanon. Hamas is based out of Palestinian territory. The Wahhabis, which are fundamental Islamists that Osama Bin Laden was connected to, are based out of Saudi Arabia. These terrorist groups are based out of the nations mentioned in Psalm 83.

The wild card in this mix of peoples is Assyria (Assur in some translations). We have already reviewed them as being the Germanic peoples. Since Edom is Turkey (a NATO ally), it would make sense for these two to be mentioned together.

Prophetic Implications

#1 - Daniel 11:40-45 – Moab is listed as one of the nations spared by the King of the North. This is Jordan today, who has a good relationship with the Europeans because they are not radicalized by Islamists.

#2 - Psalm 83 – This chapter describes an attack on the US/UK by radical Islamic terrorists that are assisted by Germany. Saudi Arabia has been driving down the price of oil around the world by flooding the market with oil. This is to drive the smaller shale oil companies in America out of business. One could say that we are already at war with them (economically). The Investor's Business Daily recently reported that ISIS is raising up small armies all around America. They recently arrested men in New York and New Jersey trying to raise up an Army for ISIS.

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Chapter 11

BRIC Alliance (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Bringing Ezekiel 38 Together

In the early 2000s, Brazil, Russia, India, and China formed an alliance called “BRIC”. In 2010, South Africa joined, making this alliance “BRICS”. One goal of this alliance was to create an economic bloc of nations and currency to oppose the European Union (EU) and the United States/British. The Euro, British Pound, Dollar are the top currencies in the world. The BRICS countries have set up a \$100 billion fund to get this currency process going (Ostroukh). They are expecting the dollar to collapse. These nations represent about 40 percent of the world’s total population. This is a huge investment. A nation’s currency affects its’ stock market, entire economy, and exports of its products. These nations are serious. India is only a friend of the US; they are not really our ally. They have us as a “hedge” against Chinese aggression. However, they see our power waning. Their contingency plan is to join with China. “If you can’t beat them, join them”.

We can see the BRIC alliance mentioned in Ezekiel 38 as Tarshish (Brazil), Rosh, Meshech, Tubal (Russia), Cush, Put, Sheba, Dedan (India), Gog, Magog, and Gomer (China, North Korea, and Southeast Asia). This is confirming the identity of the nations found in Ezekiel 38 and their alliance in the last days.

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In Prophecy, God often deals with entire nations. However, nations can easily migrate! Due to this, we must study history, the Bible, and current events to place where nations are today. This will help us make better sense of our present world and prophecy in the last days.



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