

# Israel, the Middle East and the last days

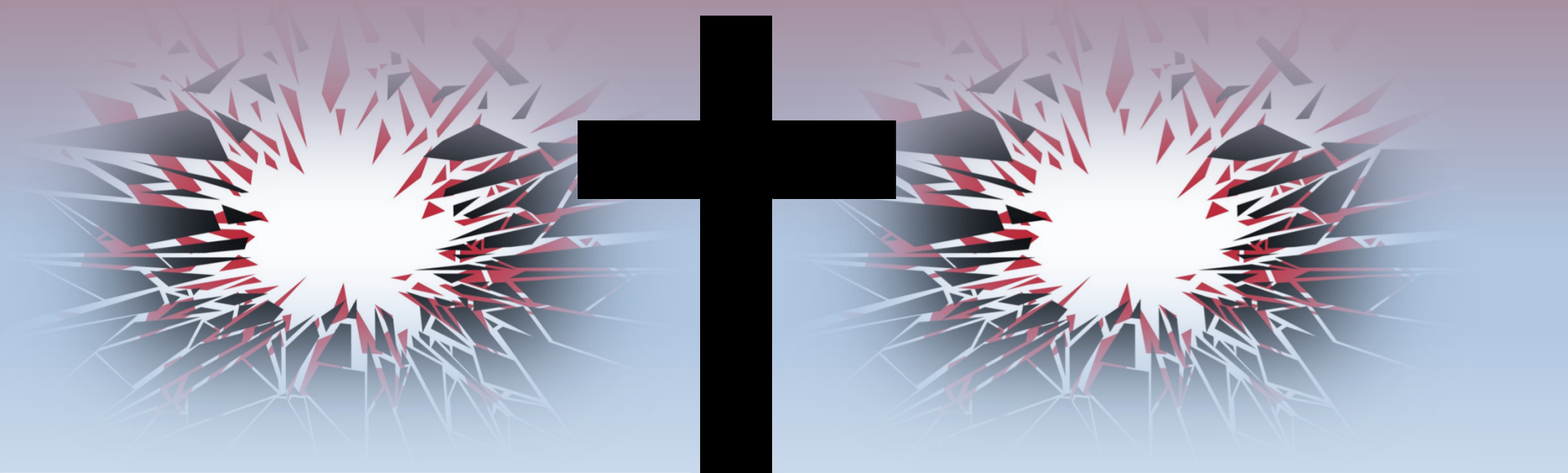
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“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Romans 5:12)

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.” (Isaiah 45:22)

# What is the focus of history?

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” (John 3:17,18)



# The end from the beginning

“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure”

(Isaiah 46:9,10)



# God participates in history

God is “upholding all things by the word of his power”  
(see Hebrews 1:3)

God is not an outside observer of history but an active participant:

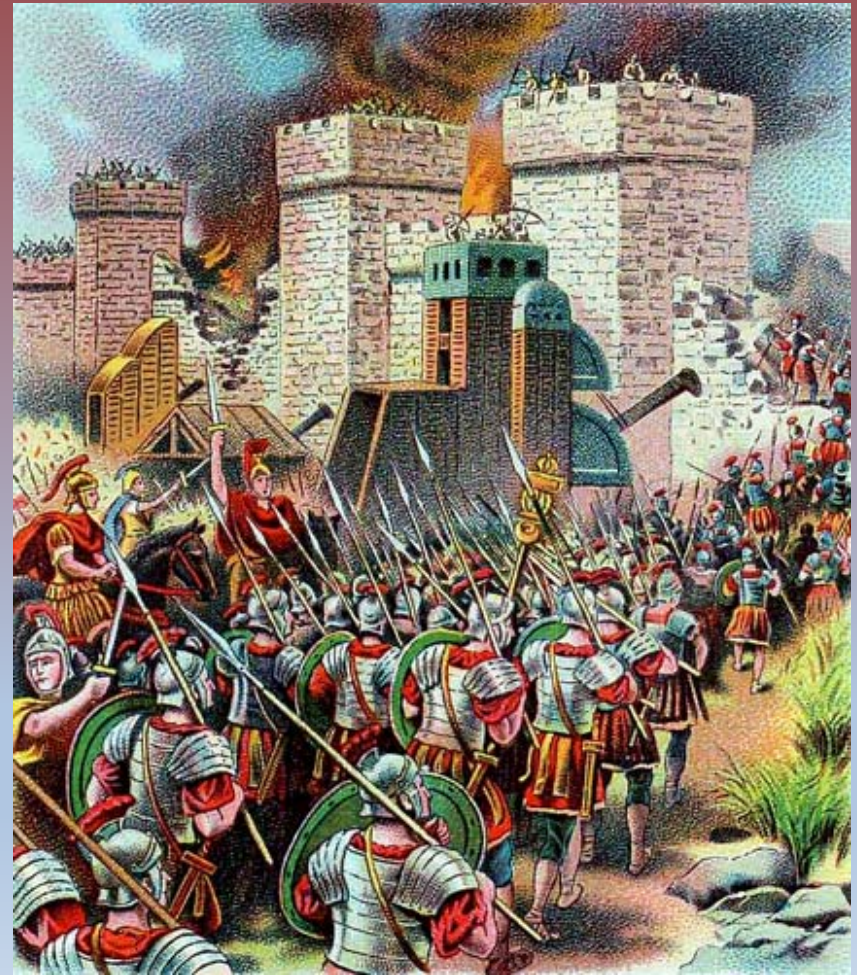
- Creates
- Opposes evil
- Reveals Himself and His will
- Works through His people



# God ultimately controls history

“And he [God] changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding”.

(Daniel 2:21)





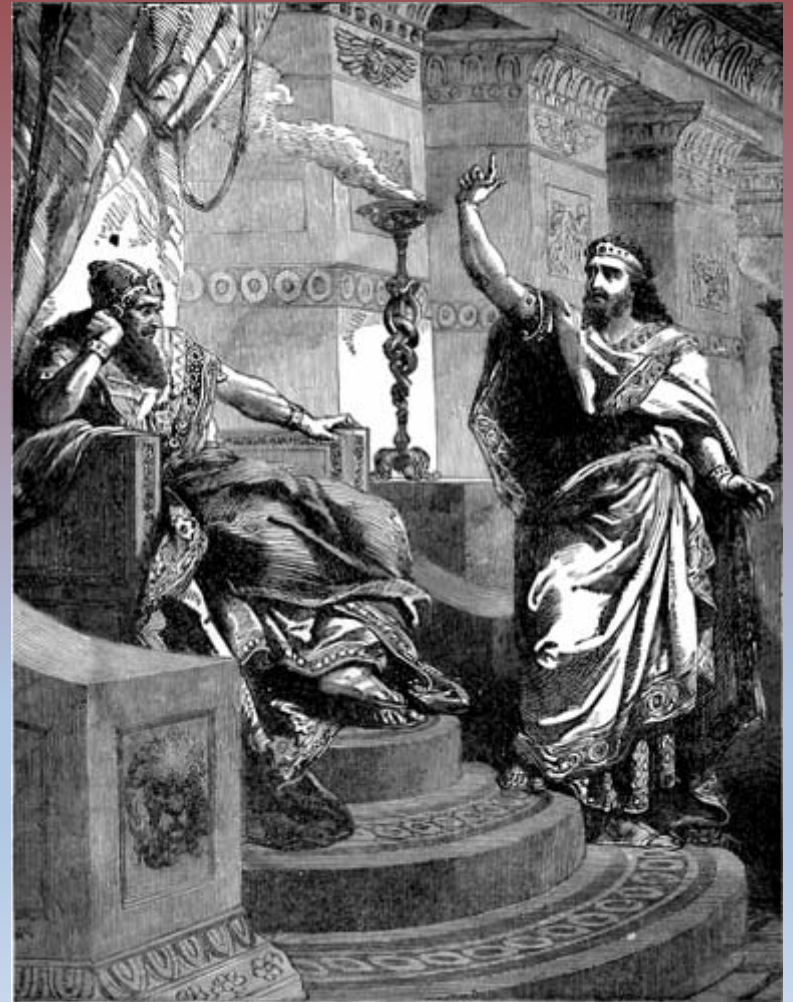
# The test of earthly things told

“If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?” (John 3:12)



# Believe what the prophets foretold

“And he [Jesus] said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” (Luke 16:31)



# Believe spiritual things

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:9,13)

Are you saved from sin?

Is Jesus Christ your Saviour from sin?

Do you know you are going to Heaven?

# The descendants of Abraham

Abraham had two sons – **Ishmael out of unbelief** and **Isaac out of faith in God**. (Galatians 4:22,23)

“Of whom [Abraham] it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called”. (Hebrews 11:18)

From Ishmael descended the Arabs, almost all of which are Muslim.

From Isaac descended Jacob (Israel), out of which came Jesus Christ.



# The prophetic example of Israel

**There are many Bible prophecies that have been fulfilled with natural Israel.**

Many prophecies talk of Israel being scattered amongst the nations, then being gathered again.

The withered fig tree is a type of natural Israel's demise.



# The prophetic example of Israel

## Scattering of Israel prophecy

“And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.”

(Deuteronomy 4:27)

**In 70 AD the Romans conquered Jerusalem and the Jews were scattered from that time throughout the nations.**

# The prophetic example of Israel

## **Destruction of Jerusalem prophecy – fulfilled in 70 AD**

“... the people of the prince that shall come [the Romans] shall destroy the city [Jerusalem] and the sanctuary [the temple]; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

(Daniel 9:26b)

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee ... Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.”

(Matthew 23:37,38)



# The prophetic example of Israel

**Christians heeded Christ's prophecy and went to Pella.**

“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.”

(Luke 21:20,21)

**But over 1,000,000 Jews perished at Jerusalem.**

# The prophetic example of Israel

## Regathering of Israel prophecy

“For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.”

(Ezekiel 36:24)

“The continued existence of the Jews, after centuries of dispersal and persecution unique in human history, is a mute but eloquent testimony to fulfilled prophecy. The restoration of Israel as a nation [in 1948] among nations in our own generation is merely the most recent in a long line of prophecies” (Henry M. Morris, ‘Many Infallible Proofs’, p.194)

# The descendants of Ishmael

“And the angel of the LORD said unto her [Hagar], Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.” (Genesis 16:11,12)

Ishmael is a Bible type of how the Muslim nations are today.

# The source of the Muslim nations

In Islam, Ishmael is regarded as a prophet and an ancestor to Muhammad.



“For this Agar [mother of Ishmael] is mount Sinai in Arabia ... and is in bondage with her children.” (Galatians 4:25)

# What is the Middle East?

All of the following nations of the Middle East are Muslim, except Israel and Cyprus:

Bahrain - 70% Muslim

Cyprus - 73% Eastern Orthodox, 25% Muslim

Egypt - 90% Muslim

Iran - 99.4% Muslim

Iraq - 95% Muslim

Israel - 75.4% Judaism, 16.9% Muslim

Jordan - 92% Muslim

Kuwait - 99.9% Muslim

Lebanon - 54% Muslim

Oman - 99% Muslim

Palestine - 85% Muslim

Qatar - 67.7% Muslim

Saudi Arabia - 100% Muslim

Syria - 87% Muslim

Turkey - 99.8% Muslim

United Arab Emirates - 77% Muslim

Yemen - 99% Muslim

# The seething pot of nations

“What seest thou? And I said, I see **a seething pot**; and the face thereof is toward the north. Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.” (Jeremiah 1:13b,14)

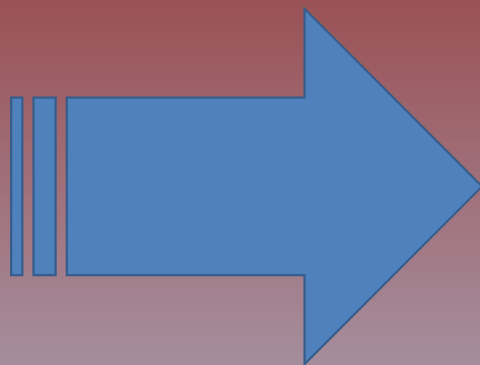


Currently, Israel is surrounded by enemies (specifically Muslim) and Jerusalem itself is still not completely in Jewish hands.

The Bible is clear that this situation will come to an end, which will be a time when Islam greatly diminishes.







“Mount Moriah ... the only spot in Jerusalem still controlled by Gentiles. It is on Mount Moriah that the Arabs have built their famous Dome-of-the-Rock, the second most holy place in the Muslim world.” (Henry Morris, ‘Many Infallible Proofs’, 1997, p.200)

“But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there” (2 Chronicles 6:6a)  
**This can only happen if the Jews become Christian.**

# The times of the Gentiles

## End of Gentile rule over natural Israel

“And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.” (Luke 21:24)

**Gentiles = non-Jews**

**Times of the Gentiles = the times when Gentiles have rule over natural Israel, specifically Jerusalem**

**Fulness of the Gentiles = the end of Gentile rule (the beginning of Israel's conversion to Christ)**

# But before the end of the world...

**There are Bible prophecies that must be fulfilled before Christ returns.**

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” (Matthew 24:14)

“And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob” (Romans 11:26)



# The fulness of the Gentiles

“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.” (Romans 11:25)

**Thus, blindness will be one day taken away from natural Israel when:**

- **Gentile rule is ended**
- **The Church Restitution occurs**
- **The opening for them to ‘see’ the Gospel happens**

**From the north of Israel will come the future Gog invasion.**

This will include Muslim nations, such as Iran, Ethiopia and Libya, led by Russia.



# The future Gog invasion of Israel

**Who invades:** “Gog, the land of Magog [Russia], the chief prince of Meshech [Moscow] and Tubal [Tobolsk]”  
(Ezekiel 38:2)

**With allies:** Persia [Iran], Ethiopia, Libya etc. (Ezekiel 38:5)

**Where:** “to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel” (Ezekiel 39:2)

**When:** “it shall be in the latter days” (Ezekiel 38:16)

**How:** “Thou shalt ascend [aircraft] and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.” (Ezekiel 38:9)

# The future Gog invasion of Israel

<b>Bible Prophecy</b>	<b>Bible reference</b>
<b>The Russian leader Gog invades Israel in a time of 'safety'</b>	<b>Ezekiel 38:1-4,14; 39:26</b>
<b>He has other Islamic nations as allies</b>	<b>Ezekiel 38:5,6</b>
<b>It is a major invasion covering Israel, involving air and land</b>	<b>Ezekiel 38:9; 39:2</b>
<b>It will be in the last days and before the Church is raptured</b>	<b>Ezekiel 38:16</b>
<b>The invading armies destroyed by rain, hail, fire and brimstone</b>	<b>Ezekiel 38:18-22</b>
<b>The destruction is known by all nations to be supernatural</b>	<b>Ezekiel 38:16,23; 39:21</b>
<b>Russia and its ally Islamic nations are laid waste, a major blow to Islam</b>	<b>Ezekiel 39:6</b>
<b>Natural Israel starts to turn to Christ from that time forward</b>	<b>Ezekiel 39:7,22</b>



# The conversion of Israel to Christ

“And thou [Gog] shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.”

(Ezekiel 38:16)

“Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.”

(Ezekiel 38:23)

# The conversion of Israel to Christ

“And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.”

(Ezekiel 39:21,22)

**Bible prophecy given by the Apostle Paul:**

“And so all Israel shall be saved ...”

(Romans 11:26a)

# Israel saved

“But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it [natural Israel] shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.” (2 Corinthians 3:14-16).

# The state of the world

“That at that time ye were without Christ, ... having no hope, and without God in the world.”

(Ephesians 2:12b)



# Will you believe on Christ?

1. Admit you have sinned against God and need to be saved. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”  
(Romans 6:23)
2. Believe that God has sent the Saviour Jesus Christ to save you today. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

# Will you believe on Christ?

3. Believe on Christ and repent by turning from your sin and receiving Him to save you. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name”  
(John 1:12)
4. Then, as a child of God, follow Christ as your Lord and Master. “Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children” (Ephesians 5:1)