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How Iran Will Be Conquered

The most aggressive nation in the region will be destroyed by military force, but not by America or Israel.

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In the past year, Iran has grown more openly aggressive. Among many other hostile acts, it has attacked Saudi oil infrastructure with cruise missiles and attack drones, damaged oil tankers with sea mines, shot down a United States drone, and captured a British oil tanker. It has also become more blatant in its pursuit of nuclear weapons.

Iran is the world's number one terrorist-sponsoring nation. Its leaders have been destabilizing nations across the Middle East for 40 years now. It is a serious threat to the Jewish state and a danger to the world.

Where is Iranian belligerence leading? It is clear that Tehran's behavior will not be stopped except by force. But who, exactly, will be willing to tackle this nation? We can know. Prophecies in your Bible give a precise answer.

This may surprise you, but prophecies show Iran will never go to war against Israel or America.

They do show that Iran will go to war—but its primary adversary is altogether different than most people, looking at today's events, would expect.

Daniel's Prophecy

For almost three decades, we have explained a prophecy in Daniel 11 that identifies an end-time power called "the king of the south." This prophecy also talks about a "king of the north," against which it will clash.

"And AT THE TIME OF THE END," Daniel 11:40 begins. This is an *end-time* prophecy, and many indications show that *now* is that time.

Daniel 12:8-9 read, "And I heard, but I understood not; then said I: 'O my Lord, what shall be the latter end of these things?' And he said: 'Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are shut up and *sealed till the time of the end*'" Thousands of years ago, God told the Prophet Daniel not to bother trying to understand his own biblical book because it was "*sealed till the time of the end*." This prophecy in the book of Daniel is *ONLY* for the end time. That time is now—only in this dangerous age can we grasp the meaning of Daniel's message!

Back to 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" (King James Version). This is describing a spectacular military clash between these two powers. It is a conflict that is about to shake our world—and trigger World War III!

It is not difficult to prove the modern identities of these prophesied "kings." No nation fits the description of this "king of the south" like Iran. No nation has worked harder to anoint itself the "king" of all the most radical elements within that "south" region than *Iran*. Ever since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, Tehran has striven to become the Middle East's dominant power. It

has poured resources into armaments and armies, and installed and supported terrorist groups like Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza to surround Israel with implacable foes.

Iran has also labored hard to gain the ultimate leverage over its enemies *by building a nuclear weapon*.

America and Europe have attempted to prevent Iran from going nuclear through diplomacy and economic pressure. But after years of such efforts, Iran's leaders remain as determined as ever to attain nuclear power. Despite promising not to build intercontinental ballistic missiles—which carry nuclear bombs—Iran built them anyway. It continues to enrich uranium and progress toward weapons-grade levels. It has repeatedly proved that it will not be stopped by negotiation.

After years of failed negotiations, many Western leaders now seem resigned to accept a nuclear Iran. This is a catastrophic mistake.

Dore Gold, former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, said that a nuclear Iran can't be deterred like the Soviet Union was during the Cold War: "[A]nyone who says with confidence that the West can get used to nuclear Iran and rely on classic deterrence models has absolutely no idea what he is up against." *Why not?* The Iranian belief system defies traditional calculations of national self-interest. Iran's mullahs believe their savior—the 12th imam, or Mahdi—will return sooner if they cause more apocalyptic violence and chaos.

This is what Iran's nuclear program aims to accomplish: ushering in the Mahdi.

How, then, can a nation like this be dealt with? Daniel 11:40 supplies the shocking answer.

A Devastating 'Whirlwind'

Many Jewish prophets, including Isaiah and Habakkuk, prophesied of the rise of an end-time power that would play a central role in a cataclysmic final worldwide conflict. In Daniel 11:40, this power is referred to as "the king of the north."

Daniel's prophecy shows that it is this "king" that will neutralize the Iranian threat. It will not be through diplomacy, negotiation or economic sanctions. It will be through an overwhelming military "WHIRLWIND, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships"—or more accurately, their modern munitions equivalents—"and many countries shall be overthrown," principally Iran and its allies! (verses 40-41).

This military empire from "the north" will come *from Europe*. Several other prophecies show that it will be a *German-led* European force.

This passage in Daniel is the key to understanding Iran's pushy foreign policy and exactly where it will lead. Daniel's prophecy describes a devastating German military attack. It also reveals *the specific strategy Germany will use!*

This strategy revolves around the word *whirlwind*. A whirlwind, or tornado, swirls powerfully and surrounds what it destroys. According to *Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon*, Daniel 11:40 means that the king of the north will sweep away the king of the south in a *storm*. *Whirlwind* can mean "to bristle with terror."

While Iran is intently focused on crushing Israel, and even America if possible, leaders in Germany recognize the severity of the threat Iran poses, and for some years have been devising and stealthily preparing to enact this devastating strategy. Germany today, especially under Chancellor Angela Merkel, has many ties with Iran, particularly financially. But this doesn't mean Germany and Iran are firm allies. In fact, it *increases* the opportunity for tension and conflict to enter the relationship, especially as Iran becomes even *pushier*.

Few people realize this, but Germany *already* has Iran surrounded. Germany has a military presence in many nations that encompass Iran and its allies and proxies. Germany is present in some form in Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Yemen, Lebanon, Gaza and Syria. Germany is also active in Sudan and Iraq and has notable dealings with Mali, Algeria, South Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti, Turkey, Cyprus, Israel, Kosovo and Afghanistan (see map on page 14). Iran itself is surrounded by Germany, as are its allies by smaller German "whirlwinds." A larger German "whirlwind" surrounds this entire group of nations! Iran is being outmaneuvered and, should a conflict break out, faces attack from every direction.

In 2013, Germany effectively conquered Cyprus, the crucial Mediterranean island nation, by securing the nation's loyalty via financial bailout. Berlin is currently mulling establishing a far greater presence in Syria. Today hundreds of German soldiers are stationed in Turkey, and Germany has deployed two anti-aircraft missile batteries there. Aside from supporting all these deployments, this single nation at the heart of Europe has vaulted itself to become the fifth-largest arms exporter in the world. To Turkey alone it has sold 715 tanks, 687 armored personnel carriers, 300 air-defense missile systems, 197 ground-survey radar units, 8 frigates, 2 support ships, and 15 submarines in the last two decades.

All this will prove crucial when the moment comes for Germany to confront Iran!

We must watch Germany. This nation started World Wars I and II and achieved formidable power during those wars. It would have won them almost singlehandedly if not for extraordinary resistance by a collection of mighty Allied powers.

Today, Germany is far more powerful than most people believe. We have not learned from our history.

‘A Time of Trouble’

The prophecy in Daniel 11:40-45 transitions into the next chapter: “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people; AND THERE SHALL BE A TIME OF TROUBLE, SUCH AS NEVER WAS SINCE THERE WAS A NATION even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book” (Daniel 12:1). The alarming events on the world stage right now are leading to this prophesied time of unprecedented trouble—World War III!

At the end of World War II, as a bloodied and exhausted world contemplated the lessons that war taught at such a frightful cost, the Allied leaders knew that radical steps had to be taken to prevent Germany from ever wreaking such devastation again. At the Yalta Conference, Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin signed their names to a document that decisively declared: “It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism and to ensure that Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world.”

Yes, Germany has disturbed the peace of the world repeatedly. It has spearheaded most of the resurrections of the Holy Roman Empire over the last two millennia, which brought untold carnage. And it directly caused the two most destructive wars in human history.

How quickly we forget!

Truly, Iran poses a dangerous threat today, though far too few people take it seriously enough. Most people are entirely consumed with distractions, whether entertainments or even the embarrassing political theater playing out in Israel, Britain and the United States. But virtually *NOBODY* recognizes the risk from *GERMANY*! That “inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism” was abandoned—and Germany is being *encouraged* to remilitarize!

Did you know that in 2000, U.S. President Bill Clinton was awarded the Charlemagne Prize for his aid to Germany, enabling the Germans to take absolute control over all of Europe? This was a tragic mistake, the result of unbelievably naive U.S. foreign policy. Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill never would have allowed it.

Even the late British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher could see how dangerous a united Germany was. In 1995, she said, “You have not anchored Germany to Europe; you have anchored Europe to a newly dominant, unified Germany. In the end, my friends, you will find it will not work!” How right she was!

Bible prophecy shows that Germany will lead a seventh and final resurrection of that medieval empire—until God strikes it down forever!

“And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days” (Daniel 12:11-12; *KJV*). We are almost to the point where we can count down the days until the coming of the Messiah! What a time that will be. Only He can stop the king of the north, the king of the south, and all other world powers that think they know more than Him.

“And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn the many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever” (verse 3). What a promise: We really can shine like the stars *forever*! God is offering a select group of people today an opportunity to help the Messiah establish the rule of God on Earth. These loyal people will soon rule alongside God for all eternity!

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