

"Iran Explained"

Last month, I showed you how the overthrow of the Iranian government could lead to the peace and safety Israel will be living in when Ezekiel 38 is fulfilled. While this is a very real possibility, it raises a question that demands an answer.

But first, we must look at what a post-Islamic Iran might look like. Many people do not know this, but in present-day Iran, Christianity is growing faster than anywhere else in the world. This, in spite of the fact that in Iran, converting from Islam to Christianity is a crime punishable by death. One can only imagine what might happen should the radical Islamic regime fall. A revival of unprecedented proportions could follow!

This possibility brings us to our question. In Ezekiel 38, Iran is listed as the first nation that will join Russia in attacking Israel. If Islam no longer rules Iran, and Christianity has gained great influence in the country, how is it possible that Iran would attack Israel in the future?

This is a fair question that has a very simple answer. We must remember that just because the Islamic regime in Iran falls, it does not mean that Islam will have fallen. Islam is a horrible evil cancer that has plagued humanity since its inception, and Ezekiel 38 reveals that it will still be a very real threat in the future.

So, let's explore a storyline where all of the above happens, and yet at some point in the future, Islam again seizes power in Iran and attacks Israel. How could this possibly happen? There is only one scenario in which this could happen, and that involves the rapture. Think about it, the Islamic regime falls, Iran experiences a great revival with millions converting to Christianity, then the rapture happens, and instantly all those Iranian Christians disappear. Without doubt, Islam would then be able to once again take control because Muslims are not going up in the rapture!

In this storyline, Islam would have seven years to reclaim control of Iran, rebuild its military might, and again become a threat to Israel. It all seems to fit, but is it just a storyline, or are there any scriptures that might confirm it? Let's take a look.

The key to finding an answer is to look at how the invasion of Israel in Ezekiel 38 ends.

Ezekiel 38:18;20; KJV

18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.

20...and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, **shall shake at my presence....**

This should be taken literally. It tells us that when Jesus comes to Israel's rescue, the whole world will tremble at his presence. Zachariah 14 also speaks of this.

Zechariah 14:3-4

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east....

I will be the first to admit that this is not a deep exegetical study of scripture. It is a storyline created and supported by hand-picking scriptures that could be applied to it. Will it happen exactly as I have presented it to you? I do not know. All I can tell you for sure is that God is involved with what is happening in Iran, and that makes it exciting and wonderful.

Once again, we are reminded that we are living in the generation when all things prophesied in God's word will be fulfilled. We are the generation that will see the return of Jesus!