

PROPHETIC UPDATES

"Prophecy Fulfilled!"

One of our goals for the Prophecy Update has always been to help you understand how current events fit with Bible prophecy. Certainly, what we have been observing in Iran would qualify for that assignment. At the time I am writing this, Iran has been the focus point of world news, with hundreds of thousands filling the streets of every major Iranian city calling for the removal of the radical Islamic leaders who have ruled ever since the Shah was overthrown in 1979. At this time, we still do not know what the outcome will be, but by the time you read this, it may have already happened.

While this would be an answer to prayer, it raises many questions about the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38, because in the fifth verse of that chapter, the first nation listed as coming against Israel is Persia, which is modern-day Iran. On the surface, what is happening now seems to run contrary to this, but could it actually result in the fulfillment of a portion of Ezekiel 38? It could, and I will show you how.

During the last 47 years, Iran has become the leader of state-sponsored terrorism, and as a result, Israel has not known a day without the threat of terrorist attacks. We need to remember that terrorist groups in the Middle East, such as Al-Qaeda, ISIS, the Islamic Brotherhood, Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis, have all been funded and armed by Iran. Should Tehran be toppled, the entire world will be a much safer place, but the biggest change will come to Israel. I am very sure we will see video footage of Israelis dancing for joy in the streets.

But how does this all fit with what the Bible says in Ezekiel 38? To answer this question, we need to look at only two verses.

Ezekiel 38:8;11 KJV

8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: **but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.**

11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; **I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates...**

These two verses have always been the fly in the ointment of those who have taught that the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 was imminent. From her birth to this current time, Israelis have never lived in safety. They live behind walls of stone, iron gates, and bars, necessitated by the constant threat of terror. This is an undeniable truth!

If Tehran falls, Israel could very possibly enter an era of peace and prosperity, the likes of which it has never known. Without money and arms, terror groups will quickly lose their strength, and the Abraham Accords will set the direction for the entire region.

Once again, I am amazed at how God brings to pass that which He has said. For 47 years, Iran has cursed Israel and vowed to destroy her. When they did this, they sealed their own fate because they set themselves against God.

This leaves us with only one question: How then is it possible that a future Iran would still attack Israel and fulfill Ezekiel 38? As you can see, I don't have the space to answer that question. But I promise there is an answer, and I will bring it to you next month.