

Israel News Desk

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The nations detailed in the end times events described in Ezekiel 38 & 39 are becoming increasingly involved in the Middle East & the groupings of nations there & elsewhere in the Old Testament are becoming self evident in today's strife torn world. Traced back to their roots in the book of Genesis & with the aid of ancient maps we can see the nations named in Ezekiel 38/39 are now claiming our attention in the news. Turkey, Iran, North Africa, Russia & other nations in the area are constantly in the news. All are either Islamic or Communist (or former Communist states) & the emphasis in the above quoted passage is certainly on Islamic countries & the former Russian states, Turkey of which Gomer was part & the countries in North Africa, notably Ethiopia, Libya & Sudan. Rosh (Russia) appears to be the leader "Gog" & his land Magog.

Looking at the situation today Russia is heavily involved in Syria. At the same time IS works towards the establishment of its Caliphate! Mr Netanyahu warned about the Caliphate many times.

All the above are related to Iran's continued advance toward nuclear capability & Turkey seeking rapprochement with Israel as Turkey loses most of its friends. Russia's motives are as yet unclear as it gives support to Israel & coordinates with the Israel Defence Force in bombing Syria! Meanwhile the worst president in America's history supports Iran, seeks the destruction of President Assad in Syria & risks a 3rd world war by promoting the expansion of NATO to Russia's borders.

I hope you will take that as my analysis of some of the world's events as a background to god's infallible word. The thing to bear in mind is that much of what we read in the papers & view on our TV sets is the opinion of men & god will work out His purposes according to His word, which is infallible. We can know the overall picture, God alone knows the end from the beginning.

There is another important thing to bear in mind, all prophecy is in relation to Israel. In Jerusalem there is a pillar in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre described as the centre of the world. It's true! Israel in general & Jerusalem in particular are the centre of prophecy. In the word of God north, south east and west are all in relation to Israel which in any event stands at the meeting point of 3 continents.

So, when you study the news always view each item in world events among the nations to how it relates to God's own land, Israel.

Compounding the problems of the Middle East is the confrontation between Shis and Sunni Muslims but behind it all is Satan's plan to destroy Israel which has manifested itself throughout history hence the efforts of Pharaoh, Herod, Haman, Hitler and others to destroy all Jews and latterly President Ahmadinejad.

Keep looking up, it all points to the Lord's soon return.

Security in Israel A former national security advisor in Israel has said that the 3 most pressing security threats to Israel are:-

1. The Islamic Republic of Iran's drive towards nuclear capability.
2. Delegitimation which threatens the cohesion of Israel's society. It is rampant in Britain!
3. Terrorism which is world wide and an every day experience in Israel.

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Catholic Church's most senior clerics have accused Israel of responsibility for the recent wave of Palestinian violence saying they have caused despair and frustration. They went on that another factor is the "Judaization of Jerusalem! This pays no regard that the Muslims are seeking the destruction of all Jewish artifacts on the Temple Area, many thrown in to the Kidron Valley.

The Israeli Embassy's Press Attaché had his lecture at Leeds University cancelled due to a protest from the Leeds Palestinian Solidarity Campaign.

Meanwhile Edinburgh University's Israel Engagement Society foiled a Palestinian attempt to disrupt talks by 2 IDF soldiers by giving out false venue details.

Gaza It is reported that there has been "significant" progress in talks between Turkey and Israel over establishing a seaport in Gaza. A Hamas official stated Israel wanted to help Gaza residents "out of fear of an explosion".

Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement Canada passed a motion formerly condemning this movement. It said, "Canada and Israel have a long history of friendship and economic and diplomatic relations". It went on, "The BDS movement promotes a demonisation and de legitimisation of Israel".

Meanwhile the Spanish municipality of Guiles distances itself from the BDS position calling it discrimination. They nullified their January motion favouring BDS after a pro Israel group began a lawsuit.

Africa Uhuru Kenyatta paid a visit to Israel in his capacity as Kenya's President. His father Jomo allowed Israeli planes to refuel in Kenya on their way to the raid on Entebbe to rescue the hostages in Uganda. Kenya is fighting Al-Shabab terrorists and Mr Netanyahu said, *"We have no illusions we are both fighting brutal terrorists who want to murder our people"*.

UN Envoy Nikolay Maladenov said, *"Anybody who thinks it is possible to get Benjamin Netanyahu and Mahmoud Abbass in a room to sign a comprehensive peace agreement is daydreaming"*. He said, *"All we can do is seek to create trust"*.

Sweden has donated 40 million dollars for Palestinian refugees. It would be a big help if more of the money donated world wide was used for the purposes it was given for!

Tunnels In another tunnel collapse under the Gaza strip 5 Hamas members of their military wing were injured. This is the 5th such incident in recent weeks. Hamas Deputy Political Bureau Chief said, *"We will never stop digging tunnels and upgrading our rockets in preparation for the next confrontation"*.

Medical Ethics of Terrorism Israel copes with an almost daily influx of young Palestinians injured through attacking Israelis with guns, knives and rocks. Israel often treats the attackers before the injured Israelis depending on the seriousness of the injuries.

One professor speaking at a conference said he saw a wounded Israeli paratrooper giving water to a more seriously wounded Jordanian being treated in hospital.

Drones Israeli security guards foiled a plot to smuggle drones through the Kerem Shalom crossing into Gaza. These were drones filled with quality cameras. In recent weeks Israel have noted drones flying out of Gaza into Egyptian airspace.

The Palestinian Authority is reported to be on the verge of collapse. Israel minister Zeev Elkin said, *"It's not a question of if but when"*. *"We must"*, He said, *"prepare militarily. The train has left the station"*. He went on to say that a collapse would affect Israeli citizens. Many have been killed in attacks recently.

His main theme was -

"We were wrong when we brought the PLO leaders out of Tunis.

We were wrong when we thought they would deal with terror and incitement.

We were wrong when we let them run their education system, media and mosques without supervision".

All these things", he went on, *"led to the building of a generation with a burning hatred for us which causes a 13 year old girl to leave school and stab Jews to death"*. He further stated, *"The imminent collapse was due to the lack of a successor to President Abbass, an unwillingness to hold elections for the presidency and a surplus of legal and illegal weapons"*.

Mr Abbass' response to this was only a Palestinian state would replace the PA.

Please pray for Israel, for the Peace of Jerusalem and the salvation of Jews whose need to recognise their Messiah Yeshua is paramount.

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