

"Help me, O LORD my God (oh Yahweh my Elohim); save me in accordance with your love. Let them know that it is your hand, that you, O LORD (Yahweh), have done it." "With my mouth I will greatly extol the LORD (Yahweh); in the great throng I will praise him. For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save his life from those who condemn him." - Psalm 109:26-27, 30-31 (NIV)

Could this worldwide time of peace and revival be the result of a peace treaty between Israel and the Arab world that will be signed with the diplomatic help of a politician who either represents, or will become the Antichrist? Based on other clues in Scripture, this peace treaty will likely allow the Jews to build a new Temple adjacent to the Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and to reinstate animal sacrifices shortly thereafter.

Ezekiel 38 & 39: The USA and Israel in Great Peril Together

Returning to my discussion of Daniel's vision of "the Beast from the Sea" earlier in this chapter, I have identified what the leopard, bear, lion, and eagle represent. However, ***the eagle is missing from the corresponding vision of the Beast in the Book of Revelation.*** This makes sense, however, since Daniel's prophecy tells us that ***the eagle will be taken out of the picture.***

"The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off..." - Daniel 7:4 (NIV)

The eagle's wings were torn off - thus implying that the formidable power represented by the United States shall be excluded from the Antichrist's empire, and subsequently diminished, destroyed, or weakened (likely partly by the Rapture). Could a powerful nation like the United States be completely annihilated, however? The answer to this question is partly in the Old Testament Book of Ezekiel, Chapters 38 and 39, which describes a terrible war instigated by a prince identified as Gog, of the land of Magog, who rules over Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal:

"Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD (Yahweh Elohim): Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. I will... lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. Persia, Ethiopia, and

Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops -- many people are with you.' " - Ezekiel 38:2-6

Note here that Gog is not a nation, but a *prince* who rules Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, in a region called Magog. Magog, Meshech, and Tubal are names of descendents of Noah's son Japheth that inhabited portions of Europe, Russia, and Asia, while Rosh might refer to a son of Benjamin (Gen. 10:2, 46:21). Many Scholars identify Rosh with Russia, and Magog has been linked to Moscow and London, implying an alliance between the two governments represented by these cities in the End Times. If so, could the prince of Gog or London rule over the European Union and modern Russia one day as the Antichrist? In Chapter Ten, we will explore the association of Gog with a prince of England. As such, the Antichrist or "*prince of Gog*" may be connected to European royalty. He may also literally be the King of the North mentioned in the Book of Daniel, who will rule over the largest empire the world has ever known outside of Ancient Babylon. Incidentally, the largest empire of all time was the British Empire, which still exists in the form of the British Commonwealth.

The huge final empire of the Antichrist will also include other nations. The historian Josephus identified Meshech with the Iberians, who ruled over portions of what is now Spain and Portugal in the first century AD. By association, Meshech is allegorically tied not only to Spain, but to all of Latin America today. Josephus also identified Tubal or Tabal as a kingdom in Asia Minor that was northeast of modern day Turkey. This links Tubal to Southern Russia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan - all of which are predominantly inhabited by Muslims.

In this End-Time army, Ezekiel identifies five other regions of the world that will join Magog in their sneak attack on Israel. These are Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, and Togarmah. Persia refers to the lands once ruled by the Persian Empire, and may include Turkey, Armenia, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, and northern Saudi Arabia. Gomer and Togarmah were located northeast of there - in what was once part of the southeastern Soviet Union. This area now consists of the Muslim-controlled nations of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, and possibly Pakistan.

The other nations listed are all found on the African continent. The biblical Ethiopia was not found where modern Ethiopia is, but was likely ancient Nubia - where modern-day Sudan is situated. Finally, ancient Libya was likely in the same locale as modern Libya, which is on the Mediterranean coast in Africa. Like Gomer and Togarmah, all of these

nations are predominantly Islamic strongholds today. ***At the beginning of the Tribulation period, it is highly likely that all these Islamic regions of the world will temporarily unite under an Islamic leader who will claim to be the Mahdi*** or Muslim version of the Anti-Messiah, and he will become Daniel's King of the South. ***These Muslim armed forces will attempt to conquer Israel and the northern (European) kingdom of the Antichrist,*** which will be governed either through the European Union or United Nations:

“At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.” - Daniel 11:40-42

Since Daniel indicates that ***the European Antichrist or King of the North's forces shall defeat the Islamic King of the South***, the Antichrist will eventually control all of the southern kingdom's nations including Egypt! As the newly proclaimed Mahdi, the Antichrist may temporarily put an end to Terrorism and will likely cajole the Muslim nations to sign a peace treaty with Israel. This may also be when the Israelis will be allowed to build a new temple on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem - perhaps alongside the Al-Aqsa Mosque as a symbol of the newfound (but short-lived) unity between Muslims and Jews.

Then, in the middle of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will break his treaty with Israel (and the USA), desecrate the Temple, and declare himself to be as God. This is when the Israelis will likely revolt against the Antichrist, and the Antichrist will see this as his justification for launching the war to end all wars. When he does, the European and Muslim nations controlled by the Antichrist will attack “the Glorious Land,” or Israel. Since the USA can be identified with Ephraim - the largest of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel - and likely will continue to be Israel's staunchest ally, they may be invaded at the same time. However, this prophecy also specifically says that three nations that were once to the east of ancient Israel will not be taken over by the Antichrist. These are Edom, Moab, and Ammon, which inhabited the region now known as Jordan. Though no one knows how Jordan will remain outside of the Antichrist's control, its freedom will allow Israelis fleeing Israel before the Battle of Armageddon to find a safe refuge in the uninhabited Jordanian

canyon city called Petra, which was once the capital city of Edom. Petra is indicated as Israel's hiding place in the "chambers" of Isaiah 26:20, and in Isaiah 63, where Christ is referred to as "the Glorious One" coming from Edom or Petra with the surviving citizens of Israel in His loving care.

There are several reasons why this prophetic section of Ezekiel may refer not only to an attack on Israel, but also to an attack on the United States. First of all, besides the many numerical and allegorical connections between the United States and Israel, there are several clear scriptural connections between them that are described in Ezekiel, Chapter 38. There, Ezekiel tells us that the lands of Magog - Rosh, Tubal and Meshech - will plan an attack on a land that was a desolate, virtually uninhabited wasteland when the prophecy was written. This land will be inhabited and prosperous, however, at the time of the prophecy's fulfillment (Ezekiel 38:8). Furthermore, the land will be populated with people gathered out of the nations (Ezekiel 38:12). There are only two countries in the world that perfectly fit this profile: the United States and Israel.

North America shows evidence that it may have been inhabited by technologically advanced, civilized people before the beautiful, rugged wilderness full of ruins that it became was resettled, farmed and civilized from coast to coast by industrious people from every nation on Earth. Likewise, Israel was a once civilized land turned desert wasteland until the Jews returned from many different lands, irrigated their ancestral homeland, and made it a beautiful place full of verdant green fields and prosperous, modern cities. Could it therefore be that the following prophecy pertains to both the United States and Israel?

"This is what the Sovereign LORD (Adonai Yahweh) says: On that day... you will devise an evil scheme. You will say, 'I will invade a land of unwalled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people - all of them living without walls and without gates and bars. I will plunder and loot and turn my hand against the resettled ruins and the people gathered from the nations, rich in livestock and goods, living at the center of the land.' Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all her villages will say to you, 'Have you come to plunder? Have you gathered your hordes to loot, to carry off silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods and to seize much plunder?'" - Ezekiel 38:10-13

In the above prophecy, the Scripture says that "Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all her villages (or young lions)" will be corresponding with the Prince of Gog who controls Magog. Tarshish is likely referring to the United Kingdom, which has always had a large and

powerful navy. Thus, the young lions attached to Tarshish would be referring to her colonies and commonwealth nations. Sheba was a descendant of Ham through his son Cush, who was the father of the dark-skinned races that settled in Africa and India. In addition, it is almost certain that Sheba refers to ancient Ethiopia and the nations located in the southernmost part of the Saudi Arabian peninsula such as Yemen. Meanwhile, Dedan may refer to parts of Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and India. Furthermore, it is Yahshua as Adonai Yahweh who tells Ezekiel that the people dwelling in peace who are going to be attacked by Magog and his allies live *"at the center of the land."* This is true of both Israel and the United States. In Israel's case, they are in the center of the Fertile Crescent of the Middle East that stretches from Ethiopia in the southwest to the Persian Gulf in the northeast. In the case of the United States, its citizens inhabit the center portion of North America, with Mexico to the south and Canada to the north. In addition, there is evidence that the United States was inhabited by more sophisticated civilizations deep in the past before the time of the Native Americans (see Book Three). The ruins of these civilizations found in many abandoned mounds and pueblo-style cities attest to this fact. Therefore, the United States is like Israel in that both have prosperous and *"resettled ruins."*

The preceding examples clarify the fact that the United States is linked to, and is being reckoned as Israel in the above prophecy. Since I have already proven that the United States is a part of Israel in God's eyes, there very well could be a full-scale attack and invasion of the United States by its neighbors to the far north - mainly from Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran at the same time that they attack the nation of Israel.

Based on the fact that the Battle of Gog and Magog invasion of Israel and the USA comes at a time of peace for both nations, this attack is likely going to occur toward the middle of the Great Tribulation, which is the last 3-1/2 years of Daniel's Seventieth Week (Daniel 9:26-27). It will also likely be after the New World Order is set up, and the Antichrist has taken control of it by intrigue. This can be surmised because the Battle of Gog and Magog shares many traits in common with the Battle of Armageddon, including the fact that there will be a great earthquake and terrible hail that will kill many people, birds and fish, and destroy cities and mountain ranges (Ezekiel 38:19-22; Revelation 16:17-20), the enemies of Israel will be supernaturally defeated (Ezekiel 38:18-22, Ezekiel 39:1-6; Revelation 19:17-21), and the carrion birds will dine on the corpses of the enemy armies (Ezekiel 39:4, 17-20; Revelation 19:17-18).

At the time of this war, it appears that the Seven Bowls of God's Wrath will be poured out, and these will come in the form of divinely sent cataclysmic storms, earthquakes, and pestilences worldwide that will ultimately lead to the Battle of Armageddon marked by Christ's return and sound defeat of Israel's enemies. To determine more about this war, let's take a close look at the Scriptures describing this End Time attack upon Israel:

*"Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord GOD (Adonai Yahweh): 'On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it? **Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.'**" - Ezekiel 38:14-16*

This Scripture teaches that the kingdoms of the north represented by Russia and Asia will unite with the Middle East to attack *a peaceful land without walls*, whose citizens do not have any reason to suspect such an attack (Ezekiel 38:11). However, when this mighty army does attack, it will be *"on horses."* The Hebrew word for horse is "soos," implying skipping, leaping, or flying swiftly, and with great energy. This attack is therefore prophesied to be very sudden, obvious, vigorous, and swift. One nation in particular has had no reason to suspect such an attack until recently – the United States. Sadly, this prophecy of an unsuspected attack on a peaceful land already began to be fulfilled to some degree with the Terrorist attack on America that occurred on September 11th, 2001. Since then, there have also been Terrorist bombings in Russia, England, and other countries that are relatively peaceful lands at the moment. In addition, Israel has tried unsuccessfully to be at peace with her Islamic neighbors, but is constantly being targeted by Muslim Radicals.

Nonetheless, an unwarranted air of invincibility currently seems to permeate much of America. Many Americans believe that they are relatively safe from Terrorist or enemy attacks. But while Americans were unaware, their military infrastructure has been severely compromised and eroded due to financial cutbacks. So, though Americans think they are essentially secure from serious Terrorist or enemy threats - its enemies in Russia, Asia and the Middle East are likely plotting to annihilate both America and Israel. Military intelligence reports tell us that the leaders of

Terrorist regimes aren't isolated to any one country, but can be found in many countries - including America. With so many places for Terrorists to hide, the threat of Terrorism as a trigger for World War III is impossible to ignore or extinguish.

Since the United States is allied to and reckoned with Israel in Ezekiel Chapter 38, the Antichrist and his armies will likely attack both nations. However, because of Yah's supernatural intervention, the United States and Israel will be able to fight back, prevail against their enemies, and will ultimately be victorious:

"And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus says the Lord GOD (Adonai Yahweh): 'Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel. Then... You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops... I will give you to birds of prey... and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. (See Revelation 19:21) You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken,' says the Lord GOD (Adonai Yahweh). 'And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am the LORD (Yahweh).'"
- Ezekiel 39:1-6

As mentioned earlier, the above Scripture has many points in common with the Battle of Armageddon in the final chapters of the Book of Revelation, such as the supernatural nature of the defeat (Ezek. 39:2-4; Rev. 19:11-17), the fire sent to destroy Magog and Babylon the Great (Ezek. 39:6; Rev. 18:8), and the birds devouring the dead (Ezek. 39:4; Rev. 19:21). There is also an uncanny similarity between the words Magog and Armageddon suggesting a connection between the two, besides Armageddon's obvious link with the Valley of Megiddo or Jezreel Valley in northern Israel.

The similarity of Ezekiel's vision of the Battle of Gog and Magog with Revelation's prophecies concerning the Battle of Armageddon suggests that they are speaking of the same war that will end with Yahshua's return. If so, this war may rage on for one to three years before Yahshua and His heavenly army comes to rescue the beleaguered Tribulation Saints who remain alive until the end. Or it may possibly be a two-part war - with a time of uneasy peace in between.

The Freemasonry Among America's Founding Fathers

Although many researchers now cite the fact that George Washington and several of America's other founding fathers were involved in Freemasonry to try and paint America as an Illuminati plot that was never Christian in nature, there is much historically documented evidence that George Washington was a truly God-fearing and Christ-centered leader. This is also true of several other Freemasons of high standing in America's formative years, although citing the proof of this is beyond the scope of this book. However, as a good starting point, I highly recommend the well-balanced and carefully researched book "The Secret Temple - Masons, Mysteries and the Founding of America" by Peter Levenda.

Furthermore, being a Freemason during Washington's era did not preclude being a Christian. One could be both a Christian and a Freemason without losing one's salvation back then because a Freemasonic Temple was a temple to mankind's highest ideals, not a temple to a pagan deity. Since the Bible teaches that believers are the Temples of God's Holy Spirit, Freemasons could view the highest Christian ideals that they held dear in their hearts and minds as a part of their Temple involvement. In addition, Freemasonry has a decided reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe, which is another Title for the Creator of the Universe, who is Yahweh God Almighty and His Son Yahshua. Since Satan is not the Creator, but desires to be the Destroyer of the Universe, the God being touted in Freemasonry can therefore be viewed as the True God Yahweh Elohim.

The American Freemasonry that was known to George Washington and several more of America's founding fathers that were powerful proponents of Democracy and Freedom was therefore not a Satanic religion, nor has it ever been touted as such. What Freemasonry is has been darkened by Satanic elements that have moved into certain branches of Freemasonry, but not all of them, and this happened after Washington - and all of America's other founding fathers - were dead and buried.

What many people who view Freemasonry with fear or suspicion do not realize is that the elements of modern Freemasonry began to form and flower during the Enlightenment period in Europe and England in the 16th through 18th centuries, and it has always been touted as a secretive men's social group that uses rituals and oaths to officiate and advance its members, but discourages the discussion of religion or politics outside of these rituals. Instead, it was a place for leaders or would-be statesmen and businessmen to discuss their livelihoods, make valuable

contacts, and share their ideas on how to further the betterment of the world they lived in. Unfortunately, at various times in history, subversive and occult elements have infiltrated some Freemasonic orders. But this did not affect all of Freemasonry because each Masonic Lodge is relatively autonomous and independent of the others outside of the Masonic guidebook each Lodge utilizes to structure its behavior and activities.

Although the lie is now being promulgated that America was founded by Masons who were also occultists, scholar David Barton and others have extensively written about the fact that American Masonic teachings were decidedly Christian in tone in the far past, when most American Masons were devout Christians. However, this changed abruptly in the 19th Century, when some Masonic Lodges began to embrace the teachings of the Occult mystery schools that also flourished in England and Europe during the Enlightenment period. In response to an inquiry about the alleged influence of the Illuminati in American Freemasonry by a Christian reverend named George Washington Snyder, former US President George Washington - America's first President and a devout Christian who was also a Freemason - wrote a letter dated October 24th, 1798, which said in part:

"It was not my intention to doubt that the doctrines of the illuminati and principles of Jacobinism had not spread in the United States. On the contrary, no one is more truly satisfied of this fact than I am.

The idea that I meant to convey is was, that I did not believe that the lodges of Free Masons in this Country had, as Societies, endeavored to propagate the diabolical tenets of the first, or pernicious principles of the latter (if they are susceptible of separation). That individuals of them may have done it, or that the founder or instrument employed to found the democratic Societies in the United States, may have had these objects - and actually had a separation of the People from their Government in view, is too evident to be questioned."

What George Washington was saying here is that the Freemasons as a Society did **not** embrace the radical doctrines of the Illuminati or Jacobins - who advocated using deceit, anarchy and excessive violence as a way to achieve their aims. But he also freely admitted that men with such ambitions did spread their venom in some Masonic Lodges, and they also certainly played a part in the American Revolution, and in the politics of his day.

What George Washington could not have foreseen, however, was the success of these satanic radicals that worked to pollute American politics and Freemasonry with the Occult doctrines of the Illuminati and Jacobins. When their nefarious aims were fully achieved and unmasked in the mid-1800's, Masonic Lodges in America lost many of their professing Christian members, who were outraged by this trend. Consequently, the type of Freemasonry practiced in George Washington's America, which was decidedly Christian, mostly ceased to exist after 1850, although the Mormon Church, or the Church of Latter Day Saints has supposedly preserved a form of it as a part of their secret Temple rites that Joseph Smith - the founder of the LDS Church, and a Freemason - created his pseudo-Christian religion around.

Washington's Vision Tied to Daniel, Enoch, & Ezekiel

Although it is not found in the Bible, there is another prophetic clue that verifies my preceding interpretation of Ezekiel 38 and 39, and the Book of Daniel and Revelation in light of the United States in Bible Prophecy. It comes to us in the record of a vision. This vision is not recorded in the Bible, but has so far been proven true by the unfolding of history. It is attributed to George Washington - the first President of the United States, and a devout Christian who also happened to be a high caliber Freemason of the more benign early type described in the last section of this book.

A copy of the prophecy ascribed to George Washington is preserved in the Library of Congress, where it is recorded that the vision appeared in a newspaper article first published in the National Tribune in 1859, and then was reprinted in 1880, 1931, and 1950. The account of the vision reportedly came from a well-respected officer who served under General Washington at Valley Forge named Anthony Sherman. Interviewed when he was 99 years old, Anthony related George Washington's vision to a reporter named Wesley Bradshaw. Though physically feeble, Sherman was said to still have a sharp mind that was undiminished with age. Bradshaw related that, according to Sherman, a beautiful female angel visited George Washington in the winter of 1777, at Valley Forge. ***This angel then showed the future President a visionary preview of every major war that would be fought on the American mainland.*** Because this vision is concerned primarily with wars fought on American soil, it does not mention either World War I or II, or the bombing of Pearl Harbor - since Hawaii was not an official State in the Union when this occurred. For the same reason, it also ignores the Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, and both wars with Iraq.