

KINGS OF NORTH AND SOUTH

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We ought to be knowledgeable of God's word ... and His prophecies. We should be able to discern the signs of the times ... if we pay attention to God's word and what is happening around us.

Matthew 16:1-3 (NKJV)

1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.
2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red';
3 and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

Mark 13:28-29 (NKJV)

28 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. (It's one of the signs of the times ... signs of the seasons)
29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors! (This requires 2 things ... know the scriptures and ... watch the signs of the times and try to put them together)

Mark 13:32-37 (NKJV)

32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

35 **Watch therefore**, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—

36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

37 **And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!** (This applies to us! Be alert!! Watch what the scriptures say and watch ... that you are ready)

2 Peter 3:1-4 (NKJV)

1 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),

2 that you may **be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Saviour**, (he reminds them of the words of the Holy Prophets ... God's words)

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." (there will always be scoffers)

2 Peter 3:9-14 (NKJV)

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

10 **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.**

11 **Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, (our lifestyle ... our conduct)**

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

13 **Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

14 **Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; (that's how we live ... that's how we relate to the Father and Our Saviour)**

Revelation 5:1-5 (NKJV)

1 **And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.**

2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

5 But one of the elders said to me, "**Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.**"

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Revelation 6:12-17 (NKJV)

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. (Seismos ... great shaking)

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

17 For the great day of His wrath has come, (but The Great Tribulation came first!!) and who is able to stand?" (Many people know that this is the wrath of the Lamb)

Revelation 8:1-6 (NKJV)

1 When He opened the seventh seal, (covers the whole book ... made up of 7 trumpets ... the 7th trumpet is made up of 7 bowls/vials) there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw **the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.**

3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. **And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.**

6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Revelation 15:1 (NKJV)

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous: **seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.**

Revelation 16:1-21 (NKJV)

1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, **"Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."**(NB THE WRATH OF GOD!!)

2 **So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.** (Who are singled out? Those who have the Mark of the Beast ... Muslims?)

3 **Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.**

4 **Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.**

8 **Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.**

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. (Where's the Euphrates? The Euphrates flows through Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait and comes out into The Persian Gulf not far from Iran)

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. (The place where the armies gather. "Har"... hilly range. "Megiddo" ... the name of the place. The hilly range at Megiddo)

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" (That's it ... Finished!)

18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. (The Mother of all earthquakes!)

19 Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. (About 75 lbs) Men blasphemed God (right to the end) because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

There are a lot of things here pointing to the Middle East. See the following verses:

Isaiah 13:1 (NKJV)

1 The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

Isaiah 13:6 (NKJV)

6 Wail, for the day of the Lord is at hand!

It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

Isaiah 13:9 (NKJV)

9 Behold, the day of the Lord comes,
Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger,
To lay the land desolate;
And He will destroy its sinners from it.

Isaiah 13:19 (NKJV)

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride,
Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

Isaiah 13:20 (NKJV)

20 It will never be inhabited,

Nor will it be settled from generation to generation;
Nor will **the Arabian pitch tents there,**
Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there. (This is end-time because it refers to The Day of The Lord)

Isaiah 15:1 (NKJV)

1 The burden against Moab.

Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste
And destroyed,
Because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste
And destroyed,

Isaiah 17:1 (NKJV)

1 The burden against Damascus. (Syria)

"Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city,
And it will be a ruinous heap.

Isaiah 19:1 (NKJV)

1 The burden against Egypt. (Islamic nation)

Behold, the Lord rides on a swift cloud,
And will come into Egypt;
The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence,
And the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst.

Isaiah 21:1 (NKJV)

1 The burden against the Wilderness of the Sea. (Desert of The Sea ... Saudi Arabia)

As whirlwinds in the South pass through,
So it comes from the desert, from a terrible land.

Isaiah 21:11 (NKJV)

11 The burden against Dumah.

He calls to me out of Seir,
"Watchman, what of the night?"

Watchman, what of the night?"

Isaiah 21:13 (NKJV)

13 **The burden against Arabia.**

In the forest in Arabia you will lodge,
O you traveling companies of Dedanites.

Daniel chapters 10, 11 and 12 are really all one. (Stephen Langton ... The Archbishop of Canterbury ... first introduced the Bible chapters in 1227. A man called Stephanus in the 1500s decided to divide the chapters into verses)

Daniel 10:1-3 (NKJV)

1 **In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel,** whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. **(21 days)**

3 I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Daniel 10:10-13 (NKJV)

10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

11 And he said to me, **"O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you."** While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

12 Then he said to me, **"Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words."**

13 **But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to**

help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.
(God sent the Angel immediately. He set off ... but he couldn't
arrive ... because a spirit being called, The Prince of Persia ...
"Kept him at bay" ... so the archangel Michael was sent to help)

Daniel 10:14 (NKJV)

14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to
your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days
yet to come." (This is an important vision that the evil spirit
wanted to be concealed)

When are the latter days? Round about resurrection time ... see the next couple of verses. In the very end times.

Daniel 12:2-3 (NKJV)

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall
awake,

Some to everlasting life,

Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine

Like the brightness of the firmament,

And those who turn many to righteousness

Like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel 10:15-21 (NKJV)

15 When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

16 And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me."

18 **Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.**

19 And **he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!"**

So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

20 Then he said, **"Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.**

21 **But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (A Heavenly document ... or something similar)** (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

Before Daniel chapter 11 ... we need some background. Alexander The Great died in 323 BC. His Greek empire was split. Ultimately it ended up with 4 or 5 major divisions. Two were of particular importance and occur throughout Daniel chapter 11 and right up to the end time. They are the king of The North and The King of The South.

The King of The North was originally Seleucus. His territory was Syria, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and part of Turkey in the East (all Islamic countries today).

The King of The South was originally Ptolemy whose territory was Egypt in the main.

Daniel 11:5-16 (NKJV)

5 **"Also the king of the South shall become strong, as well as one of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion shall be a great dominion.**

6 **And at the end of some years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South shall go to the king of the North to make an agreement;**but she shall not retain the power of

her authority, and neither he nor his authority shall stand; but she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who begot her, and with him who strengthened her in those times.

7 But from a branch of her roots one shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, enter the fortress of the king of the North, and deal with them and prevail.

8 And he shall also carry their gods captive to Egypt, with their princes and their precious articles of silver and gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the North.

9 “Also the king of the North shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South, but shall return to his own land.

10 However his sons shall stir up strife, and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through; then he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife.

11 “And the king of the South shall be moved with rage, and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North, who shall muster a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into the hand of his enemy.

12 When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail.

13 For the king of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment.

14 “Now in those times many shall rise up against the king of the South. Also, violent men of your people (the Jews) shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision, but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the North shall come and build a siege mound, and take a fortified city; and the forces of the South shall not withstand him. Even his choice troops shall have no strength to resist.

16 But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and no one shall stand against him. He shall stand in the Glorious Land with destruction in his power.

Verses 1-20 are generally accepted to be purely historic. The Angel concentrates in particular on the King of The North and The King of The South ... their relationships, inter-marriages, politics and wars. This theme will continue right to the end.

Although verses 1-20 relate to history, it appears that verses 21 onwards are future and give us a richly-detailed description of the end-time antichrist.

Daniel 11:21-35 (NKJV)

21 And in his place (The King of The North) shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honour of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

22 With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league (agreement/treaty) is made with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people.

24 He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time.

25 "He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South (Egypt) shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him.

26 Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.

27 Both these kings' hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time.

28 While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant; so he shall do damage and return to his own land.

29 "At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter.

30 For ships from Kittim (the islands of the west? Europe? NIV ... "Ships of the Western Coastlands) shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage.

"So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; **then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.** (In the end-time. It hasn't happened yet)

32 Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; **but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.**

33 And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.

34 Now when they fall, (the saints)they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue.

35 And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.

These verses in Daniel 11:21-35 are definitely end time. This is a description of the end-time King of the North, leader of The Beast, Islamic antichrist.