

MUSLIMS IN PRESENT DAY PROPHECIES

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World Trade Center Bombing

Sept. 11, 2001 was truly a day that will live in infamy. Over 6000 people lost their lives because of 19 terrorists. Nineteen people who were so strongly motivated by their religion, that they were willing to kill themselves feeling it was the will of their God Allah to kill thousands of civilian Americans.

World Trade Center

In our study today we would like to consider the underlining factor that motivates the Arab world, - which we will find is their **RELIGION**, which is Islam.

ISLAM, was brought into being in the year 622 A.D. by the so called prophet Mohammed. The followers of Islam in turn are called **Muslims**.

ATLAS OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD - Page 174 MUSLIM WORLD POPULATION

This map shows the population of Muslims in each nation. The countries in blue in the Middle East (basically the Arab countries, northern Africa, and Indonesia) shows where 90 % of the people are Muslims. Those in dark green are 50% Muslim. Light green are 20%. Those in light salmon as in Russia 5%, and the burgundy less than 1%. Islam today is the religion of one out of every five people on the face of the earth.

2001 WORLD ALMANAC CHART OF PRINCIPAL WORLD RELIGIONS

In the 2001 World Almanac World Religion Chart we see the number of professing Christian Protestants in the entire world is 337 million. The number of Catholics is 1 billion 44 million. Now notice that the number of Muslims throughout the world is 1 billion 155 million. 111 million more than the total Catholics and more than 3 times the number of protestants.

MUSLIMS BOWING IN PRAYER

In our study today, we want to emphasize that we're not talking about INDIVIDUALS. Not all Muslims are terrorists. I'm sure there are many sincere honorable Muslims. But what we will be considering is the Islamic religion overall with it's underlying teachings, principals, and place in prophecy.

There are basically three types of Muslims.

SECULARISTS

They only know a verse or two of the Koran which justifies their life style such as:

Surat Al-Kahf 18:46

"Wealth and children are the adornment of the life of this world."

MODERATES

Know the Koran, but emphasize only the earlier writings of Muhammad that tolerated living with Jews and Christians. These were written earlier in his life when he was weak militarily and needed the support of Jews and Christians. Such as:

Surat Al-Baqarah 2:62

"Verily those who believe and those who are Jews and Christians, and Sabians, whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day and does righteous good deeds shall have their reward with their Lord."

The third group are the:

FUNDAMENTALISTS

They want to apply the more extreme verses of the Koran to the letter. These verses came to Muhammad after he was strong militarily, and realized that the Christians and Jews were not becoming followers of his new religion. These later writings abound with admonishments of violence and Jihads or holy wars against all those who do not believe in Islam, until Islam is the only religion in the world.

Here are a few examples:

At-Taubah 9:29

"Fight against those who believe not in Allah, ... and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth (Islam.)"

Al-Baqarah 2:193

"Fight them until there is no more Fitnah (disbelief and worshipping of others along with Allah) and (all and every kind of) worship is for Allah alone."

Surat Al-Baqarah 2:
"Jihad (holy fighting in Allah's cause) is ordained for you."

The martyrs who thus fight and die in the Holy Wars are in turn promised a sensual luxurious life in paradise.

Surat Al-Waqiah 56:31-37
"Water flowing constantly and fruit in plenty whose supply is not cut off and reclining on couches raised high, verily we have created them (women) of special creation and made them virgins of equal age."

Other writings of men's rewards in heaven are too graphic to be in good taste to quote.

Women are considered inferior to men and to be beaten:

"Women" 4:34
"Men have authority over women because Allah has made the one superior to the other, and because they spend their wealth to maintain them. Good women are obedient... As for those you fear disobedience, admonish them and send them to beds apart and beat them."

The Koran is roughly in bulk about the size of the New Testament. But what a book! It is filled with threats of torment, flames of fire and grotesque torture that will happen to all unbelievers in hell.

As we continue we will see that the Koran is truly a diabolical work of Satan to deceive mankind.

Hell is mentioned on almost every page. The word hell occurs 273 times.

Mainly the punishment for unbelievers of Islam. The word unbelievers occurs 294 times

The word torment occurs 60 times. The word war 59 times.

In our previous quotations the books of the Koran were left untranslated. Now I'll be quoting from another Koran that translates the names of the book.

Unbelievers in general are all those who do not believe in Islam. But notice how the overall Trinitarian Christian world is specifically mentioned as unbelievers in:

"The Table" 5:17
"Unbelievers are those who declare Allah is the Messiah, the son of Mary."

Muhammad believed that Jesus was a prophet but in no way was he the son of God or in any way a part of a triune God.

Thus this verse equates the entire Western Christian World who believe in the trinity as unbelievers, because they believe Jesus was part God. Now notice a few examples of what the Koran admonishes to do to unbelievers, as well as what will happen to them.

"Women" 4:96
"Unbelievers are your sworn enemy."

"Women" 4:104
"Seek out your enemies relentlessly"

"Women" 4:54
"Those who deny our revelations we will burn in Hell-fire. No sooner will their skins be consumed than we shall give them other skins so that they may truly taste our scourge."

"Smoke" 44:47
"A sinners voice will cry: Seize him and drag him into the depth of hell. Then pour out boiling water over his head."

"The Believers" 23:101
(Those who cheat) "shall forfeit their souls and abide in Hell forever. It's flames will scorch their faces and they will writhe with pain."

"The Spoils" 8:37
"Make war on unbelievers until idolatry is no more and Allah's religion reigns supreme."

Notice in this verse Muslims intent, is to have the entire world's religion be Islam.

"The Table" 5:33
"Those that make war against Allah and His Apostle shall be put to death or crucified or have their hands and feet cut off on alternate sides."

(A far cry from Jesus teachings of Mt 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.)

Thus I believe we can see how the Islam religion is anything but one of peacefulness and love for fellow man.

It is why we have so many suicide bombings by Muslim terrorists, they literally believe they will be rewarded in heaven for it, for they are doing a work for God, as they punish all unbelievers who do not believe in Islam.

After the World Trade Center bombings on one of the 60 minute programs, they brought out how a poll was taken in all the Arab countries about how they felt about the United States. Eighty percent felt that not only was the U.S. an enemy but that they are the arch enemy of the Arabs. They were not sorry for what happened.

Perhaps you saw on the evening news how many in the Palestinian streets literally danced with joy over what happened.

They seem to have the same feelings as expressed by Osama bin Laden in recent years as he was interviewed by CNN and Time Magazine.

CNN Interview with Osama bin Laden 1997

"Being killed for Allah's cause is a great honor achieved by only those who are the elite of the nation. We love this kind of death for Allah's cause as much as you like to live. We have nothing to fear for. It is something we wish for."

Time Interview with Osama bin Laden 1998

"Our work targets world infidels. Our enemy is the crusader alliance led by America, Britain and Israel. It is a crusader-Jewish alliance."

Quote of Osama bin Laden In a Fatwa issued in 1996

"Youth's only want one thing, to kill you so they can go to paradise."

Such is the mental attitude that encourages Muslim terrorists.

PHOTO OF THE DOME OF THE ROCK MOSQUE

Adding to MUSLIMS motivations is their hatred of Israel who occupies their third most important religious shrine, the Dome of the Rock mosque.

Since the inception of **Islam**, Muslims have been one of Israel's greatest enemies. Identifying themselves spiritually with **Ishmael** they have resented the Jews, ever since Isaac was blest while Ishmael and his mother Hagar were sent away into the wilderness.

Notice the words of Dr. Francis Robinson author and Islamic historian, which explains the Muslim's hatred of Israel and the United States.

Dr. Francis Robinson – Islamic Historian

"The Muslims defeat by Israel in all the wars since they became a nation has humiliated them. Israel's control of the Muslims third most sacred holy place (the Dome of the Rock) infuriates them. It's the one point all Muslims can unite in.

This hatred of Israel extends to the Western World because they know **Israel exists** because of Western Capitol, Western Arms, and by Western foreign policy, primarily that of the United States."

Notice how the words of Iran's spiritual leader Ayatullah Ali Khamenei, corroborates this feeling of hatred against the United States.

TIME - Sept. 24, 1990

"Anyone who fights **America's aggression** has engaged in a holy war in the cause of Allah, and anyone who is killed on that path is a martyr."

With this background of Muslim teaching and feelings let's consider a bit more their origin, history, and then how they are referred to in Biblical prophecy.

Muhammad was born in A.D. 570 in Mecca a city in Saudi Arabia. While in the desert he claimed to receive divine revelations from the angel Gabriel.

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He wrote all of his so called revelations in a book he called the Koran that Muslims believe is the word of God, the supreme authority for all mankind, and is the **ONLY ROAD TO SALVATION**.

Muhammad believed the Koran was the **final revelation** that Allah wished to communicate to mankind.

He recognized that portions of the old and new testaments originally must have been given by God, but that the Jews and Christians greatly corrupted the original writings. He was in turn sent to restore their purity.

Thus it paved the way for Mohammed to invalidate what ever he felt was out of harmony with his revelations, and the Arabic form of life.

Several biblical characters lives are referred to in the Koran. Adam, Noah, Abraham with Jesus referred to as a prophet. Mohammed however is mentioned as the last and greatest prophet of all.

Although Muslims recognized Jesus as a prophet, in no way do they believe he was the Son of God, nor that he was ever crucified, nor that he was in any way a Redeemer for mankind. Islam teaches mankind needs neither redeemer nor intermediate between themselves and God.

They believe in angels, and Satan. They believe in a resurrection to an after life, in which faithful Muslims will be rewarded in heaven while unbelievers and sinners will be tortured everlastingly by fire and boiling water in a hell that is 7 stories high.

MUSLIM IN PRAYER

They strive to live a devout life praying 5 times a day bowing in this humble prone position.

Muslims crime is held in check, for some Muslim States use Islamic punishments like flogging, amputation and hanging for crimes ranging from drinking alcohol to Adultery.

GREAT MOSQUE AT MECCA - 193

A highlight in the Muslims life is a Pilgrimage to their Holy sights. It is required of every Moslem who is able to make a pilgrimage to Mecca where Mohammed was born, at least once in their life, during the last month of the Moslem year. This is the great Mosque at Mecca that can hold 35,000 people.

In the center is the Kaaba.

CLOSE UP OF KAABA

The Muslim's believe this oblong building in the center of the Mosque at Mecca, was constructed by father Abraham at the direction of God.

MAP OF MECCA AND MEDINA

Mecca is in Saudi Arabia and Mohammed's tomb which is the 2nd most holy site is in Medina a short distance away.

DOMES OF THE ROCK

The 3rd most holy site for Muslim's is the Mosque or Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem where Abraham was supposed to have offered his son Isaac in sacrifice.

WOMAN DRESSED IN "BURQA - 223

The law of Islam openly asserts the superiority of man over woman. We can see this subordination in how woman must dress in Muslim countries.

A man may marry 4 wives at one time, but if a woman takes more than one husband at a time, she is subject to the severest penalty in this world and the next.

In the Koran Mohammed limited the number of wives a man could have at one time to four. But he exempted himself from this restraint marrying 12 wives at the same time.

MAP OF ISLAM - 174

The spread of Islam resulted in two high cultures dividing the Muslims, The ARAB and the PERSIAN.

Those following the Arab influence are known as Sunnis or the Sunnites, which are considered the more orthodox, and those following the Persian influence are called Shias or Shiites.

The Persian Shiites are primarily in Iran and Iraq which we see having the diagonal lines on the map.

MAP OF OIL RESERVES

The Muslims have a tremendous tool by which they can literally manipulate nations to accomplish their desires. The Muslim states control 70 % of the world's oil reserves. The wealth and power brought by this vital world commodity has and will continue to play a major role in pressuring the western nations, as we saw in the 1973 oil embargo and price increase against the west following the Arab-Israeli war of '73.

Now we would like to on to consider the scriptures that refer to the Muslims in prophecy.

The key that opened up this understanding has to do with a scripture having to do with circumcision.

But before considering the scripture, we would like to note a quotation which shows us who in the world practice circumcision.

The encyclopedias Americana and McClintock and Strong, bring out that basically the only people in the world who practice circumcision are **Jews, Moslems, and Christian** nations. That approximately 75% of the world does not practice it, while in the United States 80% do, and among the Jews and Moslems it is nearly 100%

We see why all three of these religious groups do, because they all basically appreciate father Abraham and the promise God made to him.

Bearing this in mind let's read:

JER 9:25 NIV

"The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will punish **all who are circumcised only in the flesh,- Egypt, Judah Edom, Ammon, Moab** ... For all these nations are really uncircumcised, and even the whole house of Israel is uncircumcised in Heart."

Notice the scripture tells us ALL who are circumcised only in the flesh will be punished, then it tells us who they are.

The question that comes to mind as we read this is why did God specify **Egypt, Judah, Edom, Ammon, and Moab** as the nations who were outwardly circumcised?

God used symbolic names to hide and yet to reveal to us prophetic truths regarding the peoples of the earth who do practice circumcision.

We believe our faith can be strengthened as we consider the pictures and prophecies that relate to them, and watch their fulfillment.

The first nation mentioned in our Jerm.9 scripture that is circumcised but only in the flesh, not the spirit is **Egypt**.

Egypt in prophecy we realize is symbolic of the Western World of Christendom from an overall standpoint. Bearing this in mind we recall our previous quote that:

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From this we can see the appropriateness of why Egypt is used symbolically. For it refers to the Western Christian World who practice circumcision.

The second nation mentioned who are circumcised but only in the flesh is **Judah** who would obviously picture Jewish people with nearly 100% participation.

The 3rd group is **EDOM**. Edom is the name given to Jacob's brother Esau after he sold his birthright.

Edom we have found from many other prophecies refers to the Nominal Christian Church, the majority of which just like Esau, also sold their birthright, or opportunity to become members of the true Church, through error and a lack of the spirit of consecration.

But the question might be asked why do we have two symbolic names used (Egypt, and Edom) to refer to the Christian nations?

We believe because it is referring to two different groups of Christendom. Edom we believe refers to the religious element of Christendom who practices circumcision primarily with a religious connotation.

While Egypt refers to the Non-religious element of Christendom who observe it primarily from a health standpoint.

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This brings us back to our encyclopedia quote from before, which told us **that the only people in the world who practice circumcision are Jews Moslems and Christians**.

We've considered the Jews and the Christian Nations, which leaves the only ones left which are **MUSLIMS**.

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In our Jerm. 9:25 scripture the only two symbolic names left are Ammon, and Moab. Thus we believe Moab and Ammon who were both children of Lot, are symbolic of the only other people of the world that practice circumcision which are MUSLIMS.

Let's go on to see how Moab and Ammon are fitting symbols of the Muslims from additional standpoints:

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Muslims	Moab & Ammon
Muslims Practice Circumcision	Moab & Ammon Practiced Circumcision
2 Divisions Arab & Persian from same source - Muhammad	2 Divisions 2 Children from same source Father was Lot
Islam – Offspring of illicit union of Judaism and Christianity	Offspring of illicit union of Incest of Lot's daughters with their father
Continual hatred for God's People Israel and Christians resulting in countless wars.	Continual hatred for God's People Israel resulting in countless wars.

On our chart the left hand column refers to the Muslims, - the right hand column to Moab and Ammon.

The first point is the Muslims Practice Circumcision

And Moab and Ammon Practiced Circumcision

Next we saw there are Two Divisions of Muslims – Arab and Persian and both come from the same source = Muhammad

So in the symbolic column we see there are Two Divisions, - Moab and Ammon were two children that came from the same source. Their Father was Lot.

Next:

Islam was an offspring of an illicit union of Judaism and Christianity to produce a hybrid unorthodox religion.

Moab and Ammon are offspring's of an illicit union of Incest of Lot's Daughters with their father, who made him drunk so they could be impregnated by him.

Moab was the son of the oldest daughter. Ammon was the son of the younger daughter.

Next:

Muslims have had a Continual Hatred for God's People, - Israel and Christians, resulting in countless Wars.

You recall the **Crusades**, the 200 year period starting in the close of the 11th century in which Muslims battled Christians for the control of the Holy Land. It is estimated 2 million Christians lost their lives together with untold numbers of Muslims.

Likewise Moab and Ammon had a continual hatred for God's people Israel resulting in countless wars against Israel.

Now in our remaining time we would like to consider Moab and Ammon from a **prophetic standpoint** that indicates what the near future holds for Muslim Nations.

In Ezek. 38 which is the account of Israel's final battle of Jacob's trouble,- we have Israel dwelling peacefully before the final attack. God speaks to the enemy from the North Gog, (which we still believe is referring to primarily Russia.)

Ezek. 38:8,11 N.I.V.

"In future years you will invade a land that has **recovered from war**, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate...

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."**

Brethren have thus been wondering if the peace initiative that started with Rabin and Arafat shaking hands;

RABIN AND ARAFAT SHAKING HANDS

will ultimately be successful and just gradually go on to a complete peace with all the Arab Muslims to fulfill Ezekiel's prophecy.

WE THINK NOT!

For the other scriptures that we will now consider we believe show that the enmity between Israel and the Muslim's will end, - but NOT because of negotiated peace treaties, but because the Muslim's will be defeated in a war that will take place before Jacob's trouble.

We believe these scriptures will show that the Muslim's defeat will take place at the hands of the Western Christian nations of Babylon, together with Israel as her ally.

In this vain it is interesting to note a:

NEWS ITEM OF MAY 17, 1994

(This was just two days after the turn over of Jericho and Gaza to the Palestinians as provided in the peace accord, between Yassar Arrafat and Rabin. Quote)

"Israel just released a secret tape recording made of a speech by **Yasar Arafat** to **Muslims** in South Africa:"

"YOU HAVE TO COME AND TO FIGHT AND TO START A JIHAD (HOLY WAR) TO LIBERATE JERUSALEM"

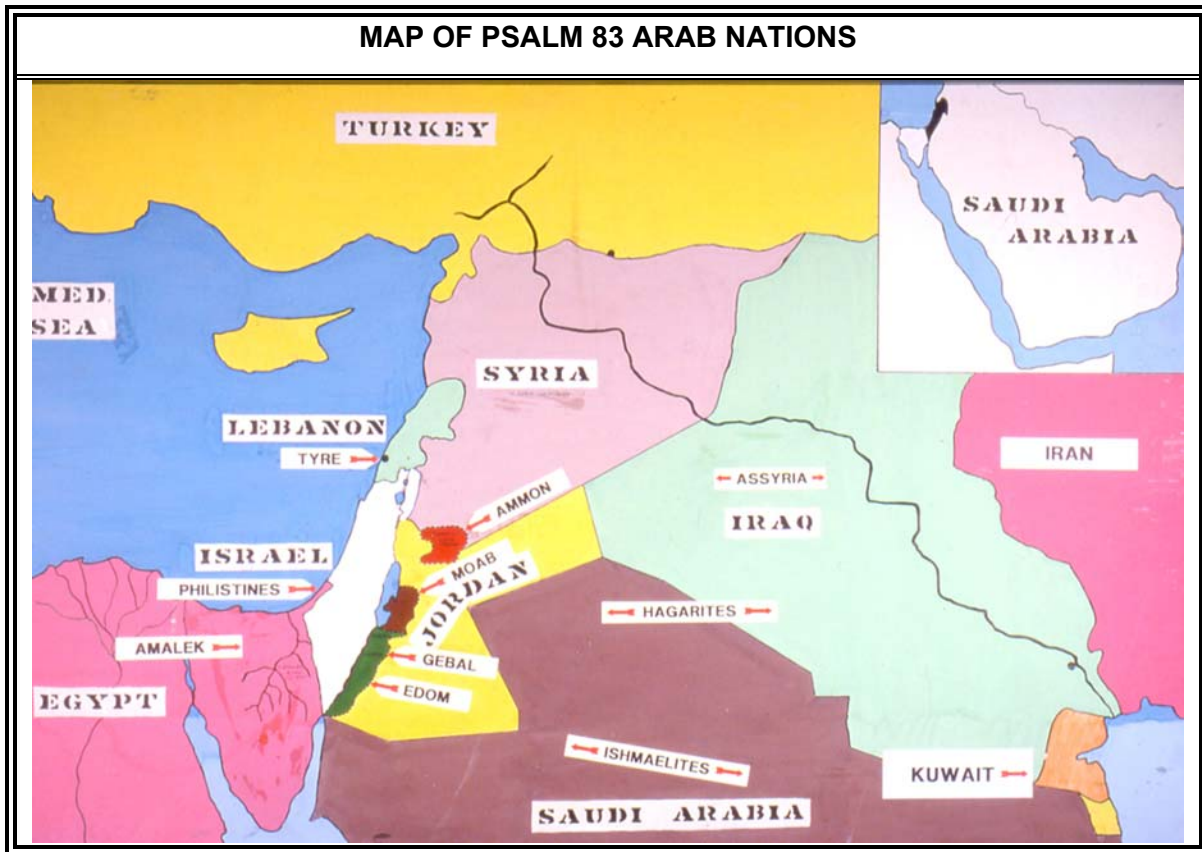
From this we can see what the true heart intention of the Arab Muslims really is.

It coincides exactly with the prophecy of Psalm 83 which is a prophecy regarding a war involving the united Arab league.

Psalm 83:1-4 NAS

- 1 "O God, do not remain quiet;
- 2 For behold, Your enemies make an uproar, And those who hate You have exalted themselves.
- 3 They make shrewd plans against Your people, And conspire together against Your treasured ones.
- 4 They have said, "Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, That the name of Israel be remembered no more."

Verse 4 is almost an exact quote of the United Arab League after it was formed. What follows in verses 5-8 is a list of the nations confederated against Israel.



WE notice all the ten nations confederated against Israel are the Arab nations that surrounded Israel. This confederation against Israel never took place in Old Testament History hence it must be prophetic.

Psalm 83:5-8 NAS

- 5 "For they have conspired together with one mind; Against You they make a covenant:
- 6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites;
- 7 Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;
- 8 Assyria also has joined with them; They have become a help to the children of Lot."

But now notice after enumerating the ten Arab nations that completely surrounded Israel, it says "They have become a help to the children of Lot."

Why does it say they have become a help the children of Lot? Why not a help to the Ishmaelites?

We believe it's God's way of telling us, that Moab and Ammon (the children of Lot,) are symbolic of the Muslim nations overall as we saw earlier. It's confirming proof as it were.

Ten nations are named! Ten we realize in scripture is symbolic of earthly completeness. The fact that there ten nations in this confederacy, - is showing us that ALL the Muslim nations are in heart sympathy against Israel

Some have thought that perhaps Psalm 83 indicates that the final enemy of Israel in Jacobs Trouble would be the Arabs.

We think not, for we want to note all the nations mentioned here with the possible exception of one, are descendants of Shem.

While in Ezekiel 38 the enemy in Jacob's Trouble none of them are descendants of Shem. But rather five are direct descendants of Japeth and three refer to the area where the children of Ham settled. Hence Psalm 83 and Jacobs Trouble must be referring to 2 different separate events.

We believe that Psalm 83 is prophetic of the present enmity that exists between the Arab Moslems and Israel.

Thus we see the recent peace accord is merely a ploy in the Muslims ultimate goal of destroying Israel.

In Ezekiel 25 we have a prophecy of how Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon would defeat and destroy forever the literal kingdoms of Moab and Ammon.

Ezek.25:3-11, N.I.V.

"I will give **Moab along with the Ammonites** to the people of the **East (Babylon)** as a possession, (WHY?)

...Because you said Aha! over my sanctuary when it was desecrated and over the land of Israel when it was laid waste and over the people of Judah when they went into exile.

Because you have clapped your hands and stamped your feet, rejoicing with all the malice of your heart against the land of Israel, therefore I will stretch out my hand against you and give you as plunder to the nations. I will cut you off from the nations and exterminate you from the countries."

A few years after Zedekiah's overthrow this prophecy was fulfilled to the literal nations of Moab and Ammon. After their overthrow by Babylon they gradually disappeared completely as nations.

? Is that all there is to this prophecy? We believe not.

Notice how the feelings of literal Moab and Ammon in this scripture coincide with the feelings of today's Muslims.

As with so many other prophecies which had a literal fulfillment they also have an antitypical fulfillment.

We realize that the nation of Babylon who overthrew Moab and Ammon in this scripture is used in various ways. Sometimes literal, sometimes symbolic of the false Church religious systems of Christendom, and sometimes of the overall Western World in which the false Church State systems existed.

So with this prophecy. As literal Babylon overthrew literal Moab and Ammon, so we believe the Western Christian nations of Babylon, - will overthrow antitypical Moab and Ammon, who picture the Muslims.

Why do we think this is so? This scripture describes how the literal nations of Moab and Ammon ceased to exist 1000's of years ago when destroyed by Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar.

But now as we go on, we will see 3 other sets of scriptures that refer to Moab and Ammon on the scene **at the end of this age**, being overthrown in a war.

It could only mean that the names Moab and Ammon are symbolic. As we've mentioned we believe these nations antitypically picture the Muslims who will be defeated in a war with the Christian nations of Babylon allied with Israel, before Jacob's trouble.

Years ago when we first considered this subject, we speculated that the reason for such a war could possibly be precipitated by the Arabs cutting off the oil to the west.

Today we don't need to speculate. We see the reason being fulfilled before our very eyes! War has broken out between the Western Christian Nations of Babylon against Muslims, precipitated by acts of terrorism committed by Muslims in this country.

Brethren we are witnessing the fulfillment of prophecy that indicates we are getting ever closer to the ending of this present evil order.

Though the open conflict now has but a small beginning in the one country of Afghanistan, we can easily envision it spreading to the other Muslim nations as we see the Muslim populations rising up in their hatred of the Western Christian Nations.

Lets go on to consider other prophecies that have a similar dual fulfillment.

Jerm.25:8,9,15

"Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words, Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadnezzar the **king of Babylon, my servant**, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and **against all these nations round about**, and will **utterly destroy them**, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations...

For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand,

**MAP OF ARAB NATIONS SURROUNDING ISRAEL
MADE DESOLATE BY BABYLON**



What follows in verse 15-25 is a list of all the Arab nations that surrounded Israel that Babylon was to make desolate.

This scripture had a literal fulfillment carried out by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. But notice how the **very next verse** after enumerating the nations, shows us it has another fulfillment in **Armageddon**. After the Arab nations were conquered, the cup of God's wrath was then to be given to:

Jerm.25:26,29,30

"... all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of **Sheshach (Babylon)** shall drink after them... (Sheshach is Babylon spelled Backwards see Jerm. 51:41)

for I will call for a **sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth**, saith the LORD of hosts. Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD ... shall give a shout, **as they that tread the grapes**, against **all the inhabitants of the earth.**"

Notice the similar language as in Revelation, - where we are told of the treading the grapes of the false vine of the earth.

Jerm. 25:31-33

31 "A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground."

Notice these verses are obviously referring to Armageddon. They follow immediately after the verses that prophesied that it would be Babylon who would defeat the Arab nations surrounding Israel.

Thus it's God way of indicating to us that Babylon's defeat of the Arabs would have a dual fulfillment. Once literally, and now again symbolically at the end of the age. Just before the final battle of Armageddon, the symbolic Western Christian nations of Babylon would defeat the Arab Muslim nations in a war.

In addition we want to note that in this prophecy, **AFTER** the Western Nations of Babylon overthrow all the Arab Muslim lands surrounding Israel at this end of the age, - then the nations of Babylon themselves will drink of the cup of God's wrath in the **winepress** feature of **Armageddon**, together with **all the inhabitants of the earth**.

The next two scriptures we believe show **Israel will be allied with the West** in this war against the Muslim's. Notice it's an end time setting after Israel has been regathered to their homeland.

Isa.11:12-16 N.I.V.

"He will **gather the exiles of Israel**, He will assemble the scattered people of Judah **from the four quarters of the earth...** Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile towards Ephraim.

They will **swoop down on the slopes of the Philistines (Gaza)** to the west; Together they will **plunder the people to the east**; They will lay hands on Edom and **Moab, and the Ammonites will be subject to them."**

Throughout most of the Jewish Age the Philistines occupied the territory that we now know as the Gaza strip in which the bulk of the Palestinians now live. Who by the way claim they are descendants of the Philistines.

Notice in this scripture what will be the outcome of the Palestinian Israeli conflict.

"Israel will swoop down upon the Philistines to the West."

Then in addition Israel will plunder the Arab Muslims, (Moab and Ammon who will be subject to them.)

Israel is Not necessarily the prime attacker, but in harmony with our previous scriptures it would be because they are allied with the West in the war against the Muslims, and therefore share in the spoils of the Arab's defeat.

The setting of the next scripture is also obviously in this end time of trouble. For you recall the context of Zeph. 2:3

ZEPH. 2:3

"Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be **hid in the day of the LORD'S anger."**

Then the following verses describe some of the events of this day of the Lord's anger. Notice how the attitudes aptly describe those of the Muslims.

Zeph. 2:8-11 N.A.S.

"I have heard the taunting of **Moab** and revilings of the sons of **Ammon**, with which they have taunted my people, and **become arrogant against their territory**. Therefore, as I live, declares the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, surely Moab will be like Sodom, and the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah...

The remnant of my people will **plunder them**, and the remainder of My nation will **inherit them**. Thus they will have in return for their pride, because they have taunted and become arrogant against the people of the Lord of Hosts."

Similarly as in our previous scripture, Israel plunders the Muslims as part of the spoils of war in which the Arabs are defeated by the West and Israel.

It doesn't tell us what the plunder consists of, but we could easily envision a large part of it being control of the **OIL**. And this could very well be the spoil that the armies of the north in Jacob's trouble come for. (Ezek 38:8, 11)

In the closing chapters of Jeremiah we have additional end time prophecies of the final removal of this present evil order of society. Final judgmental decrees are given by God against many lands and nations ending with the destruction of Babylon.

Notice the decrees against Moab:

Jer 48:2

"There is praise for Moab no longer; In Heshbon they have devised calamity against her: 'Come and let us cut her off from [being] a nation!' You too, Madmen, will be silenced; The sword will follow after you."

Notice the reverse decree of Psalm 83. There the Arabs cry out , "Let us cut them off from being a nation. Now it will be said against them, and be fulfilled as in the next verses.

The madmen will indeed be silenced.

Jer 48:29, 42

"We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogance, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart...

And Moab shall be destroyed from [being] a people, because he hath magnified [himself] against the LORD."

Decrees against the Ammonites follow:

Jer 49:1 ¶ "Concerning the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why [then] doth their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?"

Referring to how the Arabs now are occupying the land not only on the west bank, but on the east side of Jordan as well, in what was formally the land of Gad. God asks why are the Arabs living here, are there no sons of Israel to live there. In the next verse God tells what will happen to the Ammonites.

Jer 49:2 "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap."

Seeing the prophecies regarding the defeat of the Arab Muslims before Jacob's Trouble, helps us to understand the Ezekiel 38 account of Israel's condition at the time of Jacob's trouble.

Ezek. 38:8,11 N.I.V.

"In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war,...

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."

They will be a land recovered from war, living peacefully, without walls bars and gates because their greatest enemy throughout their entire existence was previously defeated in the war of Psalm 83. Whether the war starting now is the war of Psalm 83 we cannot say for sure, but from all indications it appears that it is.

The prophecies regarding the Arab Muslims though initially filled with conflict and war, will end however with a happy ending.

Note the final outcome again in Zeph. 2:8-11.

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After Israel plunders the Muslims, Israel will **inherit them**. Not their land, - but **them**. Meaning, the Arabs who were originally blood relations, then enemies, will in the kingdom become loving brothers in the fullest sense, as they together with all mankind will become Israelites indeed

Isa. 60:3,7 shows us the Arabs will come and bless Israel and will be blessed by God.

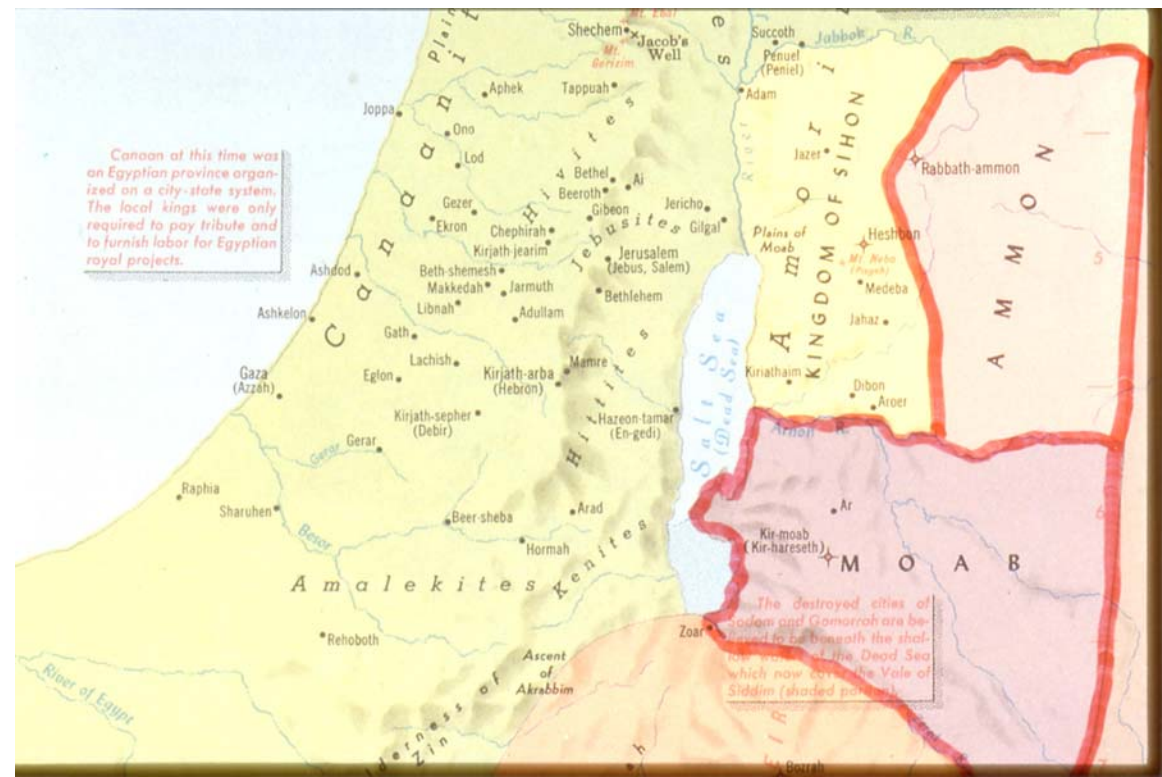
Kedar and Nebaioth in the following scripture were firstborn sons of Ishmael.

Isa. 60:3,7

3 "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory."

MAP OF LAND OF MOAB AND AMMON



It is interesting to note that when Israel began to inherit their promised land, God specifically told them in Deut. 3:9, &19 to bypass Moab and Ammon, for they would **NOT** be given the land of Moab and Ammon for a possession, - for their land was allocated to these anti-typical children of Lot for their inheritance.

Thus Israel's relations Moab and Ammon, symbolic of the Muslims will dwell along side Israel in peace, unitedly serving God together throughout eternity.

Thus in conclusion brethren, as sad and unsettling have been the events of the past months touching all our hearts with sorrow; - may we have our faith strengthened, as we see the beginning of the fulfillment, of one of the major prophecies that would precede the final prophecies of the battle of Armageddon.

Our deliverance truly draweth nigh.