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What is Happening in the Middle East?

The Middle East is the Center Stage where the Conflict of the Ages is playing out.

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What is the Conflict of the Ages? *Truth that is challenge by the Lie!*

What is Truth?

John 14:6 (KJV) *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

John 17:17 (KJV) *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

What is Truth? *Jesus Christ and Scripture*

What is Non-Truth?

John 8:43-45 (KJV) *Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.*

Non-Truth consists of Lies that originate from Satan

Lucifer (the shining one, the light bearer) in Eden

Genesis 3:14-15 (KJV) *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

The Main Players

God (His Will and Plan) versus Satan and his Opposition
Played on Earth with the Middle East being center stage

Major “Milestones” in the Battle of the Ages Old Testament

The Flood

The Tower of Babel

Call of Abraham

The Nation of Israel (Colorful History of Success, Failure, Warning, Redemption) Revelations and Hints of God’s Plan of Redemption

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Jesus – Birth, Ministry, Death, Burial, Resurrection

The Birth, Early Development of the Church

More of God’s Plan of Redemption Revealed

The book of Daniel is key to basic history and prophesy

In Daniel chapter 2 the major world empires are revealed (Babylon – Persia – Greece – Roman)

Daniel 9:20-27 reveals perhaps the key to all prophesy:

Daniel 9:20-27 (KJV)

20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

The Purpose of Prophecy

It is not to tell the future but to validate God's Word

The Blood Moons

The Blood Moons are full lunar eclipses that occur on the Jewish feast days of Passover and Tabernacles. When they occur in a sequence of four, they are referred to as a tetrad. Historically, when this has happened, something significant happens to Israel.

The Blood Moons occur on April 15, 2014; October 8, 2014; April 4, 2015; and September 28, 2015

Past History of the Blood Moons

1493–1494	Christopher Columbus
1949–1950	Arab-Israeli "War of Independence"
1967–1968	Egypt, Syria, and Jordan attempted to eradicate the Jewish state of Israel
2014–2015	???

In each event the following has happened:

- They survived unjustified Gentile persecution
- They were divinely preserved through that persecution
- They found a safe-haven as a result of the Lord's protection
- They could freely worship their God and celebrate His prescribed feasts

Prophecies to study and places to watch

Ezekiel 38; Psalm 83; and Jeremiah 49:34 – 39

Also keep a watchful eye on Babylon (Iraq), especially the ancient city

The Great Deception

Matthew 24:4, 37-39; Genesis 6:1-2; and Luke 21:26

Human Response to the Truth

There are those that are willfully ignorant of the Truth

- Some completely reject
- Some get angry
- Some procrastinate

There are those that believe the Truth

- Some "halfheartedly"
- Some remain "willfully ignorant" of all that life in Christ can be
- Some refuse to let go their presuppositions and remain "willfully ignorant" of the Truth (Acts 17:11)
- Some completely commit to Christ and are fruitful

A great promise unique to us (the church)!!

Daniel 7:21-22 *I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*

Revelation 13:7 *It was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

Matthew 16:18 *And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

So What?!!

- ❖ God is in complete control of all history
- ❖ God loves us with a love greater than any love
- ❖ God promises deliverance
- ❖ Let our thinking be more focused on eternal things and less on earthly values

What on Earth is Happening Now in the Middle East?

Appended notes regarding Daniel's 70 weeks and the "antichrist" as an Assyrian

Daniel describes seventy weeks of years in Daniel 9: 24-27. The word for "weeks" is actually "sevens". It can refer to seven days (as we consider a week) seven months, or seven years which the context indicates here. Seventy weeks ($70 \times 7 = 490$) is a 490 year period. At the end of this 490 year period, the transgression will be finished, there will be an end of sins, reconciliation of iniquity will be made, everlasting righteousness will be brought in, the vision and prophesy will be sealed up, and the most Holy will be anointed. Since we are way beyond the 490 years when Gabriel first declared this to Daniel, something has to be adjusted because those conditions listed here have not happened.

Reading on, it is declared that from the command to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah will be 49 years ($7 \times 7 = 49$) plus 434 years ($62 \times 7 = 434$). Why not just say 483 years rather than state it in two parts? The 49 years is the period that the rebuilding would take place in troublesome times. The 434 years is the period between the Old and New Testaments, sometimes referred to as the 400 silent years. (No prophetic activity) Actually they are not silent because Daniel accurately prophesied the events that happened during that period. After the total 434 years, Messiah is cut off (executed). That marks the end God's direct dealing with Israel BUT ONLY TEMPORARILY until the end of the Church age. With the snatching away of the Bride of Christ, (the church) God begins to deal once again with Israel for the final "week" of 7 years. The "prince" is in power for this period, who is the false messiah, referred to as the beast in Revelation and commonly known as the antichrist. Scripture indicates this "prince" is an Assyrian.

Isaiah 10:12; 14:24-25; 19:23; 23:13; 30:31; 31:8; 52:4

Ezekiel 31:3

Hosea 5:13

Micah 5:5-6