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Understanding the Middle East Conflict

"This people have I formed for myself, they shall [show] forth my praise." Isaiah 43:21

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The Bible clearly states, ***"There is a way which [seems] right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death"*** (**Proverbs 14:12**). For someone to understand the developments in the Middle East, they must have a Biblical worldview and see them from God's eternal perspective. Only when we humble ourselves and submit to the Spirit of God to examine ***"the deep things of God"*** revealed in the Bible (**1 Corinthians 2:10**) will we understand what is happening.

Our natural and normal way of thinking is rooted in what God calls foolish. Those who walk in their own wisdom cannot think like God. God has said, ***"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. ... So shall my word be that***

goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (**Isaiah 55:8-9, 11**).

Recently, the world has been riveted upon the Middle East. The declarations of President Donald Trump concerning the hope for peace in the Middle East are viewed in different ways by people. From a secular, humanistic point of view, many people hope that peace in this troubled, war-torn region can be achieved. War and strife have plagued the Middle East for centuries, making it a threat to global peace.

However, some in our world do not want to see peace in the Middle East because it does not fit their worldview. Radical Muslims believe their faith will conquer the world and lead to the establishment of a global Islamic government. Those who hold this

view, say there will never be real lasting peace between Jews and Arabs. Most Muslims believe it is their destiny to conquer the entire Middle East as the first step toward Islamic global rule. This is the true agenda of all the dedicated Muslims in the Middle East. Muslim terrorists express this evil craving through jihad – a military conquest by force to kill all those who oppose their agenda and commitment to their god, Allah.

By contrast, those who hold a Biblical worldview, understand that the conflict between Israel and its Arab/Muslim neighbors will never be resolved by human means. According to the Bible, this conflict will continue to escalate until the end of this age. It will not end until the Prince of Peace returns to earth to establish His kingdom of peace for 1,000 years. Only then will Israel and all nations have peace and prosperity.

Let us examine the true Biblical worldview that helps us understand the Middle East conflict.

The Cosmic Context of the Middle East Conflict

According to the Bible, what is happening on earth is being directed by a much larger war in the spirit world. God and His good angels, are at war with Satan and his evil angels, called demons. This war has been raging in the heavens since the fall of Lucifer near the beginning of time. The conclusion of this spiritual war will not happen until the end of this age. During the coming Tribulation Period, this conflict between God and Satan will reach its final climax.

This spiritual war is a conflict between good and evil. It is a struggle between God and Satan. To understand this clash, we must focus on the contrasting natures and agendas of God and Satan. God and Satan are not co-equals in this battle of the ages.

God is holy and infinitely good. Satan is evil and inherently wicked in all his ways. God is infinite in all His character, words, and actions. Satan is supernatural but also a finite created creature. There

is a vast difference between the “I AM” and the dastardly minion of hell.

Satan is no match for God. God is eternal and sees all of time at the same time. He inhabits eternity (**Isaiah 57:15**). God has no past or future. He lives in the eternal now. When God speaks of the future in the Bible, to Him it is now. This is not true for Satan. He was created by God as a good angel in the beginning. Shortly after his creation, his pride caused him to rebel against God. Therefore, he became the adversary of God. He is a creature with limited time and vision.

The Bible teaches that God is sovereign over all His creation. He has complete control over all spirit beings, nations, and physical creation. In His sovereignty, He exercises complete authority over all things, including hell. This sovereignty is accompanied by His infinite knowledge of all things. His knowledge and control cover it all – from the atoms to the galaxies.

God also possesses infinite power and authority. He controls His creation by exercising His power to orchestrate His divine will from His throne in heaven.



God is unchanging. He is infinitely perfect in all His character and ways. He does not need to change and cannot change! The Lord has declared, **“For I am the LORD, I change not”** (**Malachi 3:6**). Therefore, God does not change His mind. His words, covenants, and eternal plans are not subject to change!

In the days of Daniel, God taught the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, these absolute truths about the Most High God. Nebuchadnezzar proclaimed, ***“And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth [forever], whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou”*** (Daniel 4:34-35)?

Nothing and no one, not even Satan and all his demons, can stop God from accomplishing His eternal, divine plan. ***The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying,***

“Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass; And as I have purposed, so it shall stand: This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth, and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back” (Isaiah 14:24, 26-27)?

Therefore, the prophetic declarations of the Scriptures will all come to pass. What God has said about His will for the Middle East will be fulfilled. Jesus said that heaven and earth will pass away, but His Word shall stand forever (Matthew 5:18).

A comprehension of the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, reveals that God has chosen the Middle East as the geographical center of His eternal agenda. Life began in the Middle East, and it will end there. Therefore, to understand the Middle East conflict, one must see this region from the divine perspective to understand God’s unfolding eternal agenda.

The Earthly Contributors of the Middle East Conflict

In His eternal plan, God not only chose a place, but also a people through whom He would reveal

Himself and His desire to redeem mankind. The eternal plan of God is centered in God’s calling of Abraham and his descendants. The divine focus on the Jewish people began in **Genesis 12** and continues today. It will climax when the saints of all the ages walk through 12 gates named after the 12 tribes of Israel (**Revelation 21:12**) into the heavenly city called the new Jerusalem (**Revelation 21:2**).

The conflict of the Middle East has been raging for 4,000 years. It traces its roots to the sons and grandsons of Abraham. God chose Isaac and Jacob as the sons of promise through whom the Redeemer – Messiah would come. [The genealogy of Jesus is found in **Matthew 1:1-17**.]

God repeatedly calls Himself the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (**Exodus 3:15**). God rejected Ishmael (**Genesis 17**) and Esau (**Genesis 25-26**) as the sons of His covenant with Abraham. The seeds of the Middle East conflict trace their origins to the descendants of Ishmael (**Genesis 16:10-12**) and Esau (**Genesis 25:23**). Ishmael and Esau rejected the God of Abraham and moved to the desert areas east of the Promised Land. Today the Arab/Islamic nations are the descendants of Ishmael and Esau. According to **Genesis 36**, the descendants of Ishmael and Esau intermarried. Satan has united them in their perpetual hatred of the descendants of the children of Israel (**Ezekiel 35:5**).

The call of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are divinely



connected to an eternal covenant with God in which God gave them the land of Israel with borders outlined by God Himself (**Genesis 13:14-15; 15:18-21; 50:24**). I have observed that the divine promise

to the children of Israel concerning their inheritance of the Promised Land is repeated **HUNDREDS** of times in the Bible. The rejection of this fact is in essence rebellion against God!

God has given the land to Israel as an eternal promise, and He has not changed His mind. God promised Israel through Moses that the day would come when God would judge the Jewish people and scatter them among the nations of the world (**Deuteronomy 28-30**). Then, in the last days God would regather them into their own land (**Deuteronomy 30:3-5; Ezekiel 36**). These prophecies are coming to pass in our lifetime. We are witnesses to the ongoing process of this fulfillment.

The central passage in the final book of the Bible, is **Revelation 12**. This chapter gives us insight into the core battle between good and evil, and heaven and hell. At the center of this war is Satan's attack on the Jewish people and the nation of Israel.

The history of the Jewish people has been one of bloody conflict and wars. In all human history, no other ethnic group has endured hatred and atrocities like the Jewish people have. The Jewish people have been scattered throughout the nations of the world. None of this has taken God by surprise. God has declared to His people, **"I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction"** (**Isaiah 48:10**).



About 700 years before Isaiah's prophecy, Moses was informed by God about the suffering of the Jewish people in their sojourning among the nations these 2,000 years. Moses spoke to the children of

Israel, ***"And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were [evening]! and at [evening] thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see"*** (**Deuteronomy 28:64-67**).

Since Moses wrote these words, the Jewish people have endured the scorn of the nations. They have been hated, rejected, and killed simply because they are Jewish.

The Ultimate Conclusion of the Middle East Conflict

Since the founding of the Modern State of Israel on May 14, 1948, the world has witnessed the ongoing conflict between the Jewish inhabitants of Israel and the Arab/Muslim nations that surround the tiny Jewish nation. There have been many wars and terrorist attacks that have killed thousands of Jews in this tragic period of time.

There have been many attempts to bring a solution to the end of this conflict. Each attempt to establish a lasting peace has proven to fail. From a human perspective, I applaud the attempts of former President Bill Clinton, and President Trump to bring peace to this troubled region. However, all of us who know the eternal prophetic Word of God, understand why these attempts have failed.

Westerners do not understand the Middle East conflict. Only by listening to Israelis and Arab Muslims can one begin to grasp the real purpose behind the Middle Eastern conflict. Each group in this conflict understands this is a spiritual war. It is a

holy war between the God of Israel and the god of Islam.

A recent article published by *365 Israel News*, illustrates how many in Israel are responding to President Trump's peace plan and recent address to the Israeli Knesset. "In the end, Trump's speech was a tremendous moment for Israel, but it fell short of addressing the true path to peace in the Middle East. ... it doesn't directly address the fundamental issue that has plagued this region for over a millennium: the ideological and religious jihadist agenda that calls for the obliteration of Israel and the Islamic takeover of the world.

'What Trump and Netanyahu fail to communicate to both countries, and the world, is the nature of the enemy we face, an enemy not simply bent on territorial conquest, but one deeply rooted in a 1,400-year-old religious ideology that views the entire world as its rightful dominion. That is the motivation behind the leaders of Qatar, Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Iran, etc. That's not something that can be solved with temporary ceasefires or economic deals, no matter how well-intentioned or strategically brilliant. To many in the Muslim world, this deal is viewed as both humiliating and temporary—a *hudna*, not a peace. It's a ceasefire meant to save face, regroup, and quietly advance their goals until they can return to open conflict" (Yekutiel Guzofsky, *"Trump's Great Speech at the Knesset: A Historic Moment, But One Key Flaw," Israel365News*, October 15, 2025).

According to the Bible, Israel will face some of its most difficult days in the immediate future. The Bible says the conflict in the Middle East will not reach its climax until the end of the Tribulation Period. According to the prophets of Israel, the final chapter in this conflict will bring all the nations of the world into a united cause with the hope of obliterating the Jewish nation of Israel (**Joel 3:2; Zechariah 14:2**).

The first half of the seven-year Tribulation will be dominated by a false peace agreement between Is-

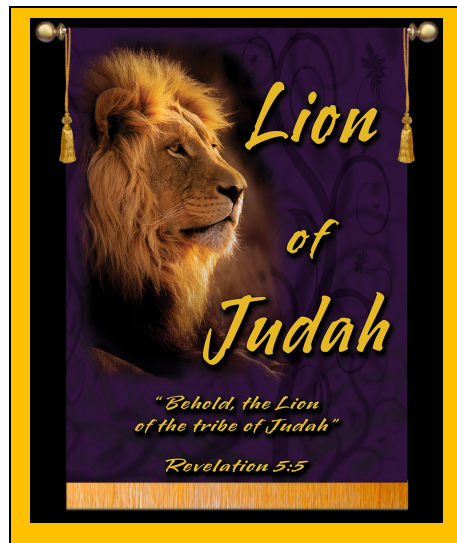
rael and its Arab/Islamic neighbors (**Daniel 9:27**). Consequently, Israel will experience a lull in its historic conflict. This false peace will be abruptly ended when the Antichrist achieves his conquest of jihad against all nations (**Revelation 13**). Then, with full force, he will turn against Israel with satanic rage. The prophet Daniel describes this time, **"...there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book"** (**Daniel 12:1**).

Finally, this conflict will be brought to its conclusion at the battle of Armageddon near the end of the Tribulation Period. Jesus, as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, will return to earth to fight against the Antichrist and all the nations gathered in Israel (**Zechariah 12:1-9; 14:1-5**).

At the revelation of Christ, the Lord will descend to earth to defend His people and His city, Jerusalem, from the wicked nations who have come to destroy them (**Isaiah 31:4-5**). Read what Isaiah said about the roar of the Lion of Judah upon His return. **"The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once"** (**Isaiah 42:13-14**).

This war between Israel and its Arab/Islamic neighbors is an extension of the war between good and evil, God and Satan, and heaven and hell. No mere man can resolve this conflict. Only the mighty God of Israel and His angelic hosts can defeat Satan and all the nations that the minion of hell will command in his age-old attempt to defeat God and His eternal plan.

The Scriptures declare that Satan and his antichrist are being restrained by God until that moment when God is ready to unleash evil upon the final rebellious



generation. This is all under the plan and control of the sovereign God of the universe.

We are almost there. It is apparent that God is using President Trump to bring about the formation of the Abraham Accords. I am convinced, based on Scripture, that the Antichrist and the contemporary kings that will follow him, are about ready to take their place on the stage of human history.

They will broker a false peace agreement with Israel, and the Tribulation will begin. However, before that takes place, the body of Christ will be completed (**Romans 11:25**), and the Gentile bride of Christ will fly to heaven for their heavenly wedding. They will join Christ in His **“Father’s house”** (**John 14:2**).

Then, and only then, will the clock in heaven begin to tick off the final seven years that will conclude the time of turmoil for the Jewish people. Then, true and lasting peace will come to Israel and the entire world (**Isaiah 2:2-4**). **“And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children”** (**Isaiah 54:13**). Speaking to Israel, the Lord has declared, **“Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou [shall] call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise”** (**Isaiah 60:18**).

The remaining Arab nations will be occupied by Arab believers in Jesus Christ. After Armageddon, they will lay down their weapons against Israel and give Israel its rightful place in the land for the glory of God (**Isaiah 60:6-14**). They will worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. All the nations will come up to Jerusalem to worship the God of Israel (**Zechariah 14:16-21**) for 1,000 years.

We live at a time when probably 99.9 percent of the global population does not know what is taught in this newsletter. They are ignorant of the eternal plan of God. They are aimlessly wandering about with no hope for the future.

For those of us who are saved and have a summary foundation of the prophetic Word of God, we have a lasting hope because we serve the One who owns it all and controls it all. Our life is in His hands. Our hope and future are bound up in who He is (**1 Timothy 1:1**). Jesus is the One who guarantees our

future. He keeps all His promises. He will keep all the promises He made to Abraham, and He will keep all His promises to us. Therefore, we have a hope that is **“an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast”** (**Hebrews 6:19**).

Friends, in a few weeks I will be 76 years old. I have been in the ministry for 53 years. I cannot express the joy that is in my soul in these last few years and months. I am watching the fulfillment of these things I have studied, taught, preached, and written about since the time I heard them as a nine-year-old when God saved me.

In 1883, Daniel W. Whittle wrote the song “I Know Whom I Have Believed.” This song expresses my testimony. Here are verses 1 & 5:

“I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.
But I know Whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day.

I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noonday fair,
Nor if I walk the vale with Him,
Or meet Him in the air.
But I know Whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day.”

I believe our waiting is about to be over. Be listening for the shout that will take us out!

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