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The Evil Plot Against Israel

The enemies of God *“have taken crafty counsel against thy people, ... They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against [God]”* **Psalm 83:3-5**

By Mike Wingfield

The Bible is a book that reveals God's story on earth from the beginning to the end. It is God's story! We must remember that history moves forward; it is not an endless cycle. According to the Bible, God has sovereignly directed the course of history toward the destination He has chosen. From God's perspective, there is no future. All of God's story, history, and prophecy, is being choreographed to accomplish His eternal plan – all for His glory!

God has been gracious enough to reveal to us in the Bible what is coming. This gives us confidence and hope, knowing God is in control. However, the great problem is that most people know very little about what the Bible says about where we are headed. Many Christians, I believe, have concluded that we cannot know much about the future. Some believe it is pointless to study the

detailed, complex prophecies given by God's chosen prophets and apostles thousands of years ago. Those who have made false statements and predictions, have caused some to conclude that the prophetic Scriptures cannot be understood and that we should leave the future in the hands of God.

This is exactly what the devil wants us to think. God has not given us His biblical prophetic revelation to confuse us. It has been given to us so that we might be in awe of Him and seek His wisdom. Godly wisdom directs us to live, pray, and warn others about these *“perilous times”* (**2 Timothy 3:1**).

Being ignorant of the prophetic Word of God is dangerous. The nation of Israel suffered many judgments of God because they chose to ignore His revelation about

the future. In **Hosea 4**, God rebuked His people for their lack of knowledge of His revelation. ***“Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. ... My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:1, 6).***

The wicked global population does not know God’s Word. They arrogantly believe the Bible is irrelevant today and a waste of their time. The Bible tells us that the unsaved man does not receive ***“the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Corinthians 2:14).***

But what about those who claim to be born-again believers? Sadly, many who claim to be saved are not saved. They have deceived themselves and do not realize that their worldly lifestyles do not agree with the testimony of how a true disciple of Christ lives. The Bible repeatedly warns us to not deceive ourselves.

We live in a culture that has been shaped by human history for thousands of years. We sometimes forget that we have lived only a few decades in this progression of historical events. In our busy lives, we often fail to recognize the significance of the changes happening around us. This is due to the unique circumstances of our time. We are living in the last days, which were described by Daniel as a time when ***“many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased” (Daniel 12:4).***

What a privilege it is to live in this moment of history. The Jewish people are gradually returning home from more than 100 countries to their ancestral roots. Jerusalem is being rebuilt. Hebrew, once a dead language, has been revived as a modern spoken language and is now the language spoken in Israel as in biblical days.

The once desolate land of Israel is becoming an agricultural, lush garden as described by the prophets. Plans are being made for the rebuilding of the temple. Israel is blessing the world with its innovation and productivity. The Jewish nation is astounding the world with its military successes against neighboring Muslim nations that are plotting its destruction.

As we witness these events, we should recognize that we are living in the last days. Jesus told His disciples, ***“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” (Luke 21:28).*** Jesus commanded us, ***“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come” (Matthew 24:42).*** The word ***“watch”*** is a very demanding. It implores us to be vigilant and attentive to the prophetic events that will lead to the Tribulation Period. God expects us to be keenly focused upon the events surrounding His coming for His church! He wants us to be listening for the shout that will take us out!

I am convinced that we are living in the closing days of the Church Age. We are witnessing alarming trends that are preparing our world for the Russian/Islamic invasion of Israel predicted in **Ezekiel 38**. This war will be immediately followed by the beginning of the Tribulation Period. That means the Rapture of the church is imminent!



Events in the Middle East since the beginning of 2026 indicate that Satan is feverishly attempting to annihilate Israel, using Russia and other radical Islamic nations and groups as its pawns. In January, Saudi Arabia did an about face from its talk about peace with Israel. The Saudis returned to their old ways with a new campaign of hatred

toward the Jewish people. At the same time, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman began to renew his ties with the Muslim Brotherhood [a group that was formed in the 1920s to create a global Islamic Empire]. He also

invited his radical Islamic friends to join him in Saudi Arabia to unite against Israel and the West.

Without informing the Arab and Islamic nations in the Persian Gulf, the United States and Israel launched a coordinated military strike on Iran in February. The massive attack eliminated Iran's radical leadership and focused on the destruction of Iran's defensive and offensive military capabilities.

In retaliation, Iran launched missiles and military attack drones at Israel and U.S. military bases in the Middle East. Iran also counter attacked many of the Persian Gulf Arab states. Iran, attempted to retaliate against this attack by disrupting commercial traffic through the narrow sea lane at the Strait of Hormuz. A temporary cease-fire and sporadic attacks by Iran indicate that the war with Iran has not come to an end.

In the weeks following the U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran, the Arab Gulf states expressed concern and disappointment over the attacks. While they were somewhat relieved that the Iranian threat had been weakened, they remained concerned about how Iran's defeat would change the balance of power in the Middle East.

Although they did not express these concerns, it appears they had two major concerns about the attack upon Iran. First, they opposed the U.S.-coordinated attack on Iran, carried out with Israel's assistance. These nations already feared Israel. Their hatred for Israel is no secret. The overwhelming display of Israeli military power, coupled with the U.S. military was just too much for them to accept. Without question, this has aroused great concern in the Middle East. The U.S. [the superpower of the West] and the despised Israelis have exerted their unwanted influence upon the Islamic world. Both U.S. and Israel are viewed as infidels in the eyes of Islam.

There is a second reason why the Arab Muslim states frowned upon the success of the U.S.-Israeli military operation in Iran. They feared the outcome of an Iranian defeat. If the Iranian Islamic regime tumbles, they feared that the people of Iran, some being Christians, would choose democracy. This could fuel revolutions in their own countries.

The Islamic agenda to take over the world is not isolated to the radical regime in Iran. Many of the 57 Islamic nations have the same evil goal in mind. The only difference is the methods they use to fulfill the mission they claim has been given to them by their god, Allah.

The West, including the Trump administration, is spiritually blind to the evil agenda of all Muslim nations. Why has the U.S. blindly relied upon Pakistan and Qatar to negotiate a peace agreement with Iran? Neither nation is our friend. They are enemies who aspire to the same global goal of taking over the world for Allah. In essence, they hate the U.S. and Israel.

On August 7, 2026, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Pakistan signed a new defense alliance, called "The Mecca Joint Defense Agreement." Many leaders in Israel view this alliance as a serious long-term threat to Israel. Saudi Arabia (with a 93 percent Islamic population) is the recognized leader of the Persian Gulf States, and one of the richest nations in the world.

Turkey (with a 99 percent Islamic population) has one of the largest standing militaries in the world. It has 481,000 active military personnel, plus a reserve of 380,000. It has 1,067 military aircraft, 195 warships, and about 2,238 battle tanks. The leadership of Turkey has been talking about war with Israel and the West for decades. Their military build-up demonstrates they are serious about their threats.



Pakistan (with a 96 percent Islamic population) is the only Islamic state with nuclear weapons. It is estimated that Pakistan has at least 170 nuclear weapons, ranking in the top six nations of the world with nuclear military capabilities.

The day after the formation of the Mecca Joint Defense Agreement, Pakistan's defense minister, Khawaja Asif, released a media report, declaring that "Israel is a threat to

the entire Muslim world” and called for “a united military front” against it (*The Times of Israel*, August 8, 2026). Recently Asif called Israel “evil, and a curse for humanity, and a cancerous state” (*The Times of Israel*, August 8, 2026).

Israel fears that this military alliance will quickly expand to include many other Islamic nations. Many in Israel fear that these nations are preparing for war with Israel. As the Israelis look in their rearview mirror, they have reason to be concerned. Similar scenarios happened before the 1948-49, 1967, and 1973 Arab wars with Israel. The combination of money, oil, military might, and nuclear weapons is an invitation for the Muslim nations to unite against Israel. “In a January interview, the Turkish foreign minister said a regional pact could begin with ‘2-3 countries’ and eventually evolve into something encompassing most countries in the region” (*The Times of Israel*, August 8, 2026).

In their history of wars with Israel, neighboring Arab nations have repeatedly attempted to plot a final war against Israel to remove the Jewish nation from the map. In the days of King David of Israel, Asaph, a temple worship leader and prophet, wrote about the threat against Israel by Israel’s warring neighbors in **Psalm 83**. He wrote, ***“Keep not thou silence, O God: Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: And they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, And consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: They are confederate against thee”*** (**Psalm 83:1-5**).

A few generations after King David, an unnamed writer of another psalm wrote about the enemies of Israel that is still true today. ***“In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me. Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying***

lips, And from a deceitful tongue. What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue? Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper. Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, That I dwell in the tents of Kedar! My soul hath long dwelt With him that hateth peace. I am for peace: But when I speak, they are for war” (**Psalm 120:1-7**).



In this psalm, the Spirit of God caused a godly man to write about what Israel was facing in his day. The enemies of Israel were spreading malicious rumors about Israel. These enemies said they were peaceful and that the Jewish people were a threat to them. Does that

sound familiar? Notice that the psalmist names two groups of people who were repeating these lies. These ancient people groups were ***“Mesech”*** and ***“Kedar”***. Mesech were warring tribes far to the north of Israel. Today, this region is occupied by Russia. Kedar was the name of one of Ishmael’s sons. His name was used to refer to a nomadic Arab tribal group living in the deserts of what is today called Saudi Arabia. In a broader sense, it refers to all the people today called Arabs.

These biblical passages, along with many others, were pointing to the day when a massive army would invade Israel in the last days. That invasion is known as the Gog and Magog war, in **Ezekiel 38**. According to this text, the Russians and many other radical Islamic nations and groups will invade Israel ***“in the latter years”*** (**Ezekiel 38:8**). These nations will invade Israel because they hate Israel and will desperately need food and wealth that is in Israel (**Ezekiel 38:10-12**). We are watching the formation of this coalition that will come against Israel. These nations are facing economic collapse and their people are starving!

With the wars in Ukraine and the Persian Gulf, the nations that form the Gog and Magog coalition are facing increasing economic pressures and growing shortages of food. Russia has been involved in a war with Ukraine for more than four years. Russia has exhausted its military

and financial resources. Russia recently has North Korea to send more troops to help them in their war with Ukraine. This is their second request for military aid from North Korea.

The economy is in shambles in Russia. Russia has been forced to liquidate 71 percent of its gold reserves and is in the process of depleting its sovereign wealth funds. Labor shortages are increasing due to military casualties. Russia is currently facing serious food shortages. Many of the shelves in Russian supermarkets are increasingly becoming empty. These food shortages are due to three factors: The impact of radical global climate changes, the war with Ukraine, and international sanctions. Potatoes are one of the main staples of the Russian diet. Russia is importing potatoes due to potato crop failures at home. This has driven up prices for potatoes.

Due to the disruption of commercial traffic in the Strait of Hormuz, the Arab states are also facing a severe food security crisis. Since these nations are desert nations, they must import 80-90 percent of their food. Seventy percent of the food imported comes by shipping vessels that must come through the Strait. Therefore, most of their food is now being flown into the region. The high cost of overland transportation and air freight is driving up food prices significantly.

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz will have an even greater impact upon the global food supply this winter and into 2027. The Persian Gulf states are a major exporter of fertilizer and other components that are used to make fertilizer. Since the war with Iran this past February, the closure of this major shipping lane has crippled the production of food around the world. Furthermore, the shortage of crude oil will also drive up the price of fuel that farmers need to plant and harvest their crops. This situation has the greatest impact upon farmers in South Asia, Africa, and Latin America. It is also increasing the prices of meat and dairy around the world.

While food supplies in America remain mostly steady, the prices of food are facing extreme inflation due to labor shortages, radical climate disruptions, and rising production costs. Of great concern is the shortage of beef. The U.S. is facing a historic cattle shortage. The nation's herd has dropped to a 75-year low. Rebuilding beef herds

can take several years. Therefore, the U.S. and other nations are facing a beef crisis for several years.

An examination of these facts shows that we have entered a time of serious global crisis, with the threat of war continuing to grow. Those of us who study biblical prophecy know this is the perfect recipe for the time of trouble we know as the Tribulation Period.



When the Tribulation Period begins, it starts with a global Islamic war against all nations by the Antichrist (**Revelation 6:1-4**). As this horrific period begins, the world will face a global economic collapse (**Revelation 6:5-7**), and a global drought that produces famine (**Matthew 24:7; Revelation 6:8**). Furthermore, all these troubles will be enhanced by massive earthquakes around the world (**Luke 21:11**) and lawlessness and disorder among the nations (**Luke 21:9**).

These prevailing conditions should cause us to be listening for the shout that will take us out!

Preparing for Temple Worship in Jerusalem

Since the destruction of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D., the Jewish people have not been able to obey the commands given to them in the Scriptures. The Bible predicted that there would be a time of “*many days*” when the Jewish people would be without a temple or priesthood (**Hosea 3:4-5**). According to the Bible, two Jewish temples will be built in Jerusalem. The next one will be built during the Tribulation Period (**Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 11:1-2**).

Many in the Western church are confused about the appearance of a temple with animal sacrifices in the Tribulation, and later in the Millennial Kingdom. They do not understand why future temples and temple sacrifices

must take place. They wonder why we need to have sacrifices when Jesus is God's eternal sacrifice for all our sins. These questions have come about because of the confusion about the true purpose of the sacrifices in the Old Testament.

The Scriptural demand for a temple in the future is simply an indication that during the last 1,007 years of the last days the Lord will return to His covenant with His chosen people Israel. In God's covenant with the Jewish people, He has chosen to provide them with a tabernacle and temple as object lessons of eternal truths. The Jewish people, according to the Apostle Paul, ***"require a sign"*** to assist them in their faith (**1 Corinthians 1:22**).

It must be understood that the tabernacle and temple, along with the sacrificial system, never had any redemptive value, and never will. These objects were designed to reflect upon the only sacrifice for sins, the blood sacrifice of the eternal, sinless Son of God. As proclaimed by John the Baptist at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, He was, is, and forever will be ***"the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"*** (**John 1:29**). The former tabernacle and temples looked forward to Christ's blood redemptive sacrifice. The Tribulation and Millennial Kingdom temples will look back to Christ's redemptive sacrifice. The blood of animal sacrifices never provided redemption (**Hebrews 8-10**).

The tabernacle and temples in the future will be needed to provide object lessons of eternal truth to the living nation of Israel. During the Tribulation, two Jewish witnesses will oversee the construction of the temple and the training of the priests and their associates. They will use the tabernacle and temple to teach them the truth about God and ***"the testimony of Jesus Christ"*** (**Revelation 12:17**).

The most important consideration is not the temple itself, but the worship that would take place at the temple. For people to approach God in the days of the Old Testament,

they had to ceremonially cleanse themselves with the ashes of a sacrificed red heifer (**Numbers 19:1-22**). We may think these things are no longer required. However, we must remember that these ordinances connected with temple worship were given to Israel as an everlasting statute (**Numbers 19:10**) that was to be ***"a perpetual statute unto them"*** (**Numbers 19:21**).

Remember that these ordinances never had any redemptive value. Just like church communion and baptism, which are to be perpetuated throughout the Church Age, they never have had any redemptive value. The ordinances in both testaments are purely acts of obedience to the Lord. Remember the Lord has told us that ***"to obey is better than sacrifice"*** (**1 Samuel 15:22**).

Recently, three red heifers were born on three different farms in Israel. An examination of these calves shows that they all meet the strict demands of Scripture. They have no blemishes, no off-color hair, no injuries, or irregularities.

Israel 365 News reports, "None of the three calves born this season are yet old enough to serve their purpose. Jewish law requires a red heifer to be at least two years old before her ashes can be prepared, and each animal must maintain her unblemished status without interruption until that day arrives. What changed this season is not



that the requirement became easier to meet. It is that, for the first time in living memory, three candidates are being raised toward that requirement at once, on three different farms, in three different regions of the same land their ancestors were exiled from two thousand years ago" (*Israel 365 News*, August 14, 2026).

The day is coming soon when a Jewish temple will once again stand on the holy Temple Mount in Jerusalem. When that happens, we will be in heaven in the heavenly temple with Jesus and the completed raptured body of Christ.

Are you excited? I am! We shall soon fly away!