



The Full Gospel Church

REMEMBERING THE PAST

Remember when everyone was saying that the antichrist was going to rise out of Europe, and the false prophet was the pope? Now, the European union has 15-member states which makes it too large to meet the ten-nation consortium described in Daniel and Revelation. Remember back in the 70's when all the preachers along with a number of books were saying that the antichrist was going to come from the USSR?

Where are these preachers today? They are not so dogmatic with their predictions like they were in the past. Also, with the creation

of the Internet along with the rise of the Middle East there can be a more complete visualization of the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

When looking at Bible prophecy it is important to consider the geography and those who want to see the eradication of Israel the most. This happens to be the Arab states in the Middle East. Not all of the states calling themselves Arab are really Arab or descendants of Abraham. The map of the Middle East shows all of the nations surrounding Israel to be hostile to Israel.

I. Palestine, Gaza, and West Bank

A. These are the people mentioned in the Bible as the Philistines. Today they are called Palestinians.

Zephaniah 2:1-5

- 1 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;
- 2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you.
- 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.
- 4 For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive



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out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.

B. The Palestinians can trace their heritage back to the Philistines who fought David and further back to the Canaanites whose land was promised to Abraham.

C. As the Bible declares, these people will be totally destroyed. They know what the Bible says about them, and if they can eradicate Israel, they will prove the Bible false. You and I know that the Bible is the true Word of God.

D. Arab League

Al-Quds (Concerning Jerusalem)

As the Arab League Council affirms the Arab character of Al-Quds since ancient times and affirms its political, spiritual, historical, and geographical values, and being the capital of the independent Palestinian State, the City represents a red-circle that should not be trifled or squandered with under any condition.¹

With the Palestinians vying to make Jerusalem their capitol while the Bible stipulates that Israel's capitol is Jerusalem means that until the fulfillment of the prophecy by Zephaniah, there will never be peace between Israel and Palestine.

II. Lebanon

A. Located just north of Israel and is inhabited by a large Muslim population along

with Christians.

B. The White Mountain of Syria

White, "the white mountain of Syria," is the loftiest and most celebrated mountain range in Syria. It is a branch running southward from the Caucasus, and at its lower end forking into two parallel ranges, the eastern or Anti-Lebanon, and the western or Lebanon proper. They enclose a long valley (Josh. 11:17) of from 5 to 8 miles in width, called by Roman writers Coele-Syria, now called el-Buka'a, "the valley," a prolongation of the valley of the Jordan.²

III. Syria

A. Syrians trace their heritage to the Assyrian Empire and even further back to Genesis where Jacob's Uncle Laban was a Syrian.

Genesis 28:1-5

1 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he

¹ http://www.arableagueonline.org/arableague/english/level1_en.jsp?level1_id=6

² "Lebanon," Easton's 1897 Bible Dictionary.

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went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

B. We all have heard the story of how Jacob was treated by Laban with all of the lies and deceptions. With this heritage, the Syrians are still trying to pull one over on God's chosen people.

C. The Syrians are descendants of Laban and his family and are not Arabs.

IV. Jordan

A. Jordan comprises Moab and Ammon.

Genesis 19:29-38

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night

also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37 And the first born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

B. Since the Jordanians are not Arabs, but are descendants of Lot, Abraham's nephew, there is a long history of cooperation between Israel and Jordan.

V. Saudi Arabia

A. These are the true Arabs who are the descendants of Esau, Jacob's brother, and Ishmael the son of Abraham and Hagar.

B. The countries:

Saudi Arabia

Yemen

Oman

United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Are the true Arab states. All of the others who claim to be Arabian, may have some of their population as direct descendants of Abraham, but for the most part they are not Arab.

VI. Egypt

A. Primarily, the citizens of Egypt are descendants of Ham who settled in Africa.

B. Egypt contains a large Muslim popula-

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tion who would like to see the demise of Israel.

that if they can get the United States out of the way, Israel might be an easier target.

VII. The Arab League

A. Member States

[The Hashemite Kingdom Of Jordan](#)

[United Arab Emirates](#)

[Kingdom Of Bahrain](#)

[Republic Of Tunisia](#)

[Democratic And Popular Republic Of Algeria](#)

[Republic Of Djibouti](#)

[Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia](#)

[Rebuplic Of Sudan](#)

[Arab Rebuplic Of Syria](#)

[Republic Of Somalia](#)³

A. This 10-nation confederation fits the number of nations that are described in Daniel and Revelation. Also, these nations are seeking the demise and eradication of Israel at any cost. Also they see

You also must realize that when you are looking for the rise of the beast and the antichrist all of the Bible prophecies must be fulfilled concerning anything concerning the last days.

Revelation 12:3

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Revelation 13:1

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Revelation 17:1-18

³ http://www.arableagueonline.org/arableague/english/level2_en.jsp?level_id=11

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1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and

when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Here we see the geography, being neighbors of Israel and the correct number in the confederation, along with the hatred of Israel, seems to have a better fit than the Common Market or the European Union for the ten-horned beast.

So whenever you hear a preacher make claims that do not absolutely comply with the Bible, take it with a grain of salt. When looking at prophecy, we are seeing through a glass darkly. (1 Corinthians 13:12)