



## IRAN IS THE KEY

Everything we read in the Bible concerning the rise of the Antichrist along with the seven year period just prior to the return of Jesus Christ appears to indicate that ancient Persia (Iran) is the key and the leader of the Armageddon attack on Israel. One of the reasons that I see Iran as the key is the Euphrates River being damned and dried up as described in Revelation 16:12.

### **Revelation 16:12**

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

It is the Iranian and Syrian governments who are primary funders of the Hamas and Hezbollah. The Bible tells of an army of 200,000,000 men coming across the Euphrates River to attack Israel. I do not know when Iran and China will join together creating this huge force, but this past summer we have already seen cooperation between Iran and North Korea with the building and testing of long range rockets.<sup>1</sup>

Iran is also currently working on the design of a new nuclear bomb along with a long range delivery system. I am not the first one to say that Iran is the true enemy.

[WorldNetDaily](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=51082) has an article dated July 17, 2006 by Jerome Corsi titled, "Iran, not Hezbollah, is true enemy." Here are a few

excerpts.

Iran is at the center of the emerging war between the terrorist organizations Hezbollah and Hamas against Israel. Far from being a typical or recurrent Middle East crisis, this shooting war risks the future of Israel's survival as a nation, as well as the security of a continuing U.S. presence in the region. Through its dual surrogate terrorist organizations of Hezbollah and Hamas, Iran has begun its war to destroy Israel and to remove the U.S. from the Middle East.

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Now, with Israel surrounded by Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in control of the Palestinian Authority, and with the ultra-conservative clerics backing Ahmadinejad in Iran, we may just have reached an historic moment where a war could seriously threaten the ability of Israel to survive. The threat grows more severe each day, as Iran continues to make progress enriching uranium, undeterred from developing a nuclear weapon that could be delivered by the Shahab-3 missile.<sup>2</sup>

When I see the cooperation between China's client state North Korea and Iran in the development of long range missiles I conclude that Iran and China must be in secret negotiations with each other. China is the only country that can raise an army of the size

1 <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/07/20060704-1.html>

2 [http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=51082](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=51082)

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of two hundred million men.

The more news that we get from the Middle East concerning Iran and Syria, I am convinced that we are definitely living in the days just prior to the rise of the Antichrist.

### **Revelation 13:1-18**

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.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And 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.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

It is time that we pay attention to the signs of the times and recognize that the world is moving toward World War III. Iran's head of

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state is not the president, but the Ayatollah who controls almost everything in Iran. He controls the elections, secret police, and all of the governmental agencies.

The web site <http://www.globalsecurity.org> has a terrific article concerning Iranian leadership.

The Islamic Republic of Iran was established in 1979 after a populist revolution toppled the Pahlavi monarchy. The Constitution, ratified after the revolution by popular referendum, established a theocratic republic and declared as its purpose the establishment of institutions and a society based on Islamic principles and norms. The Government is dominated by Shi'a Muslim clergy. The Head of State, Ayatollah Ali Khamene'i, is the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution and has direct control over the armed forces, the internal security forces, and the judiciary.

Mohammad Khatami was elected to a second 4-year term as President in a popular vote in June 2001, with 77 percent of the vote. A popularly elected 290-seat unicameral Islamic Consultative Assembly, or Majles, develops and passes legislation. Reformers and moderates won a landslide victory in the February 2000 Majles election, and constituted a majority of that body; however, the Council of Guardians and other elements within the Government blocked much of the early reform legislation passed by the Majles.

The clear trend in Iran is that the hard-liners have indicated that they don't care what it is that the people want. They believe that they have God on their side, and they are prepared to do what is necessary in order to continue with their rule. Iran has an

evolving constitutional change, which has been to reduce the powers of elected positions, like that of the president of the parliament, and to expand the powers of appointed positions from the supreme religious leader, and to expand the powers of the judiciary. So the space for elections is diminished. But only the hardest liners among the conservatives are prepared to use all-out repression at this point. That reflects this constant dynamic between hard-liners and more moderate camps within the Islamic government that is really moving toward a more representative and democratic system. The hardest-line people are the people who control the secret police, the people who control the military, and the Revolutionary Guards. And they have clearly indicated that they are prepared to use force to kill people in order to stay in power, irrespective of what the election shows.

A Council of Guardians reviewed all legislation passed by the Majles for adherence to Islamic and constitutional principles. The Council consisted of six clerical members, who are appointed by the Supreme Leader, and six lay jurists (legal scholars), who are nominated by the head of the judiciary and approved by the Majles. The Constitution provides the Council of Guardians the power to screen and disqualify candidates for elective offices based on an ill-defined set of requirements, including candidates' ideological beliefs. According to Human Rights Watch (HRW), the Council of Guardians rejected the candidacy of 145 out of the 356 candidates who filed to run for 17 seats in the special Majles election held concurrently with the Presidential election in June 2001. This constituted a far higher percentage than

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were rejected in the February 2000 Majles elections. The judiciary was subject to government and religious influence.<sup>1</sup>

As you can see, Iran is the key to the rise of the Antichrist along with the battle of Armageddon. Iran is running their country just like Hitler's Nazi Germany where anyone who speaks out against the state will be executed. Also Iran is very antisemitic and is calling for the utter destruction of Israel.

With all of this happening, it is definitely time to make your calling and election sure.

## **2 Peter 1:10**

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

As the Apostle Paul also stated:

## **2 Corinthians 6:2**

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

We are living in the day where the rapture of the church can happen at any time. Are you ready if the Lord will call you home tonight?

1 <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/iran/leadership.htm>

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