

## GOD AMONG THE NATIONS #2

We are living in a unique period of time. Nations is rising against nation.

We are fighting a war for the first time that is not based over territory.

It basically really is a "Holy War".

We have learned that God uses nations and has relationships with nations much like he does with people.

The word of God is not silent about what God is going to be doing among the nations in the latter times.

### I. Israel

All prophesy concerning the end times points to Jerusalem and Israel.

A. Israel is God's time clock for the rapture.

B. Prophets predicted the return of Israel as a nation.

*ISA 43:1 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called [thee] by thy name; thou [art] mine.*

*ISA 43:5 Fear not: for I [am] with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;*

*ISA 43:6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;*

God has said he will establish Israel as a nation again this happened in 1948.

C. Israel would endure great suffering as a nation until their Messiah comes.

God has spoken in Daniel 9 24-27 that 490 years have been allotted for special dealings with Israel before Messiah is to come. There are seven years yet in the future in which God has stated that Israel is going to be deceived by an antichrist and will awaken to the deceptions 3 ½ years in to the peace treaty he establishes.

*DNL 9:24 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.*

*DNL 9:25 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.*

*DNL 9:26 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.*

*DNL 9:27 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 last 3 ½ years of that tribulation period are called "Jacob" trouble." *JER 30:7 Alas! for that day [is] great, so that none [is] like it: it [is] even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.*

*DNL 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and 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.*

D. Israel would be dominated by Gentile nations.

1. This is the time of Gentiles-

*LUK 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

A Gentile is anyone that is not a Jew. Daniel gives clear revelation concerning the Gentile nations that would deal with Israel.

2. Daniel spoke concerning the Gentile nations.

God gave Nebuchadnezzar a dream of an image. Daniel interpreted it. It spoke of the nations that would rule over Israel.

- head of gold - Babylon - past
- breast and arms – silver - Medo-Persia - past
- belly and thighs – brass - Grecian empire - past
- legs – iron - Roman empire - past
- toes - iron and clay - revised Roman empire – in the making! 10 toes - 10 nations

## II. Europe

Rev 13 and 17 talks of the Antichrist coming to power in 10 nations. These are represented by 10 crowns but seven heads. The seven heads are the nations, and the crowns are the kings that were once 10, now been reduced to 7 nations. These nations are Gentile kingdoms that influence and rule over Israel.

Why is the world interested in such a tiny spot on the globe?

3 continents come together there: Africa, Asia, and Europe

3 religions claim Israel, and especially Jerusalem, to be a holy place.

Christians, Jews, and Moslems

Daniel has much to say about the nations that surround Israel and how they will affect the peace of the world.

## III. Syria

*DNL 8:8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.*

GREECE IS REPRESENTED DURING THE TIME OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT, WHO WHEN HE DIES HIS KINGDOM IS DIVIDED BY HIS 4 GENERALS. OUT OF ONE OF THESE 4 WILL BE WHERE THE ANTICHRIST WILL COME FROM. GREECE, TURKEY, SYRIA (IRAQ AND IRAN), EGYPT- WERE THE FOUR DIVISIONS.

*DNL 8:9 And out of one of them came forth a, which little horn waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant [land].*

*DNL 8:10 And it waxed great, [even] to the host of heaven; and it cast down (some) of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.*

*DNL 8:11 Yea, he magnified [himself] even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily*

[sacrifice] was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

DNL 8:12 And an host was given [him] against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

DNL 8:20 The ram which thou sawest having [two] horns [are] the kings of Media and Persia.

DNL 8:21 And the rough goat [is] the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is] between his eyes [is] the first king.

DNL 8:22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

DNL 8:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

DNL 8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

DNL 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Dnl 2, 7 were given to show the rising of 10 kingdoms in the Roman Empire and to show that out of 1 of these kingdoms would arise the antichrist.

Dnl 8 Given to show out of the division of 4 would come the antichrist.

It is interesting to note that the 10 40 window it is called in which the most of the world populous is concentrated is predominately Moslem.

Our eye should be watchful of those nations. Revelations speaks of "Mystical Babylon", and "Babylon"- These are strongholds of the devil.

They are strong Moslem countries.

Why would I say we are fighting a holy war?

Read email.

#### IV. Russia

Russia will be involved in 3 battles and will lose all them.

1. defeated by antichrist Ezek 38,39

2. He (antichrist) will bring them down to Armageddon

Along with other nations of the east, north, (10 kingdoms

He has conquered and will prepare them for battle against Christ.

3. At the end of the 1,000 years of peace they come against the holy city and are destroyed by fire.

Rev 20 8-9