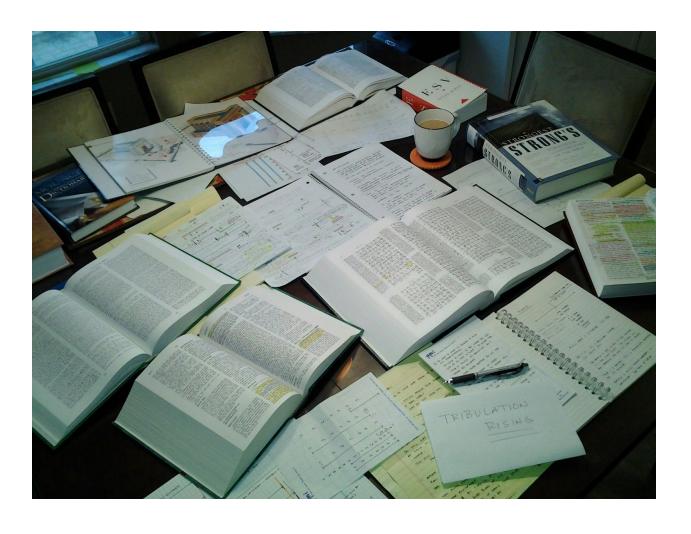
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POLITICS AND WAR - THE EXPLOITS OF THE ANTICHRIST AND RISE TO POWER, PART I

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Of politics and war – the exploits of the Antichrist and his rise to power:



And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth - Zechariah 14:12

1. Before his revealing as the Antichrist, this politician will manipulate the world to his designs. As with so many dictators he will crave war to achieve his ends. Prior to the tribulation he will be a politician of such contempt that he will exercise his power to manipulate the nations of the Middle East into war with Israel.

He will flatter and deceive his way into influence in the Middle East. Prior to the rapture, the Antichrist will work behind the scenes to set the stage for the coming war of Gog / Magog in Ezekiel 38 and 39. It will be critical that his involvement is hidden from the rest of the world as he will maintain a "man of peace" persona.

He will play the Islamic nations of the Middle East as chess pieces, moving them into position for his designs when the time comes. His ultimate goal is the formation of an

Islamic Caliphate which will take shape behind the scenes prior to the war against Israel.

It will start as a "quiet confederation" prior to the war, with only the principles holding knowledge to the desired goal - the annihilation of Israel. This quiet confederation will begin the planning stages for war against Israel. They will not yet know the extent of the things to come, but they will move with vigor to prepare.

2. After the rapture and the devastation to the west and the near annihilation of the U.S., the Antichrist whispers into the ears of nations such as Iran, Turkey and Egypt. With no one to stop them these nations will be rife with desires towards Israel.

It will not take much "whispering" from our politician. The seeds and means were planted long before the rapture. Soon, the weakness of Israel will be more than Islam can resist.

Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Libya, the southern Islamic Russian states, Ethiopia and Russia herself will move as lightning against Israel.

The die had already been cast for this invasion prior to the rapture. The plans are made and the forces stand ready. It will be likened to Hitler's buildup prior to the second world war. Ignored and misunderstood at every turn, the true extent of the cooperation of the invading nations will not become apparent until after the war has come.

3. The leaders of the crippled Europe will watch helplessly; they are powerless to stop this. "Are you coming upon Israel to take the lands and the spoil?" We see this with nearly every act of aggression by dictators in the days prior to the rapture. As the Islamic coalition rapidly builds up for war the nations of the west will bluster and blow hot air - yet they will do nothing. They will demand to know the "intentions" of the Muslim nations - yet they shall be disregarded as the heaps of trash they have become.

4. The armies of Islam advance upon Israel. They make it as far as the northern and southern mountain ranges. It seems as though they are but hours from annihilating the Jewish state.

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) Himself will intervene.

5. First shall come a massive earthquake. It will engender such fear in its timing and magnitude that terror grips the hearts of every foreign warrior that has set upon Israel. Even the beasts of the field, birds of the air and fish of the seas shall know the fear of the Lord.

The mountains will crumble, the cliffs will fall and the walls shall topple.

- 6. Fear and confusion fall upon the armies of Islam they turn their weapons upon each other as none shall know enemy from friend.
- 7. The Lord lays torrential rains, hailstones, fire and sulfur upon the enemies of Israel. Nuclear, chemical and biological weapons are described in the Bible with regards to the minor conflicts that come upon Israel also. For instance, Damascus ceases to exist in one day and has most likely already occurred at this point.

It should also be noted that if the minor conflicts with Israel did not occur prior to the rapture they will most likely occur as a precipitating event to Gog / Magog. In those conflicts Israel retakes much of her original Biblical territory, Damascus is annihilated and Jordan falls to Israel and is nearly annihilated.

Israel may sit poised to advance upon Saudi Arabia as a result of these minor conflicts thus clearing the way for the war of Gog / Magog.

- 8. The devastation of the armies of Islam is nearly total. They will suffer a casualty rate of 86 percent. The Lord will allow the rest to remain alive as a testimony of the supernatural victory of Israel.
- 9. The carnage is so vast that the Lord will bring the beasts of the field and the birds of the air to feast upon the bodies of the fallen. It takes seven months to find the remains and a full seven years to dispose of the weapons of war.

The bodies shall be buried in a valley east of the sea called the Valley of Hamon-gog. Those that bury the bodies and cleanse the land will require the use of protective suits from the use of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

10. Global nuclear war looms. Global economic collapse is occurring. The world is starving. Radical Muslims are raging across the west and millions are now dying. The hearts of men fail.

They cry collectively for a savior – any savior – to end the devastation.

A savior they shall get.

11. From nowhere the savior sweeps in. In mere days he will present the world with a seven year treaty that will "restore peace and security" in the Middle East.

Facing threats of Islamic terrorists that are humiliated at the devastating loss to Israel, secular Jews are finally willing to cede land to Islam, surrender the bulk of her weapons and trust her security to a peacekeeping coalition to be stationed in Iraq.

The secular Israeli government will divide the land at the behest of the Antichrist – including part of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. To seal the deal they will give up any right to a Jewish Temple.

These particular treaty stipulations will be opposed by the two witnesses and never implemented.

Israel will withdraw her forces from the border of Saudi Arabia and the world cries praise at the Antichrist, savior of the world!

12. The Antichrist will "oversee" the administration of the treaty and Arab zones of Israel from Baghdad.

The Islamic confederation will accept the oversight of the "international community" and accept the offer of Iraq (which was not involved in the invasion of Israel) to stand as a mediating nation and buffer between Israel, the confederation and Islam.

- 13. From the moment the treaty is signed the Antichrist is already working his designs. Within days of his arrival in Baghdad radical Muslim terrorists will begin to foment sedition in the nations of the Middle East. The goal is the formation of an Islamic caliphate and it is soon to be realized.
- 14. Very quickly the Antichrist is hailed as the coming of the Mahdi. He is swept to power in Iraq and quickly achieves something unprecedented the Saudi royal family basically opens the borders of Saudi Arabia and invites the Antichrist in. They will cede power to the Antichrist and he shall possess the oil wealth of the Saudi's.

This is the rise of a revived Babylonian Empire.

The land shall once more be called Babylon. It is the honor of their ancient heritage.

The Islamic confederation moves in historic fashion to "vote" the Antichrist as their new Caliph. Within days our international observer becomes the most powerful man on earth - sitting at the head of a revived Babylonian Empire.

15. Babylon shall seize power throughout the lands of the east. The remaining nations of Islam will join this Babylonian Empire in return for the promise of death to Israel. The Antichrist will shower them with the wealth of Saudi Arabia in preparation for war. Also, this wealth will be used to enslave the governments of Europe and the west to Allah. Their banks and economies have collapsed. Without the wealth of the Middle East they are doomed.

The price for this economic slavery is the unmitigated reign of terror of Islam. Sharia law spreads through the west and Islam begins its rise. The governments of the west are forbidden to stop Islam and start to slow bow to Allah.

This new economic slavery will be administered from Rome, as an Apostate Pope seeks "reconciliation and peace" with Islam. Wealth is the means by which Islam will finally break the backs of the west. Rome will do the bidding of the Antichrist. Those western leaders that turn their heads to Islam will be well compensated. Those that do business while embracing this rising Islam will likewise be well compensated. They will build their wealth on the blood and souls of men.

Multiplied millions will fall for the witness of Christ during these times. Those that do not convert are executed. Roving bands of Muslim enforcers shall exterminate millions across the west.

Many smaller nations will outright surrender to Babylon and sit as Protectorates of the Islamic Empire. Much of what is left of Central and South America will fall to Islam in this manner.

Those nations that resist shall know the fury of Islam soon enough.

16. The Antichrist begins to formulate his plans for war. Soon he shall rival Hitler, Caesar and Alexander in his conquests. In public he cultivates his "savior of world peace" persona.

Behind closed doors he has become Hitler incarnate. He lusts for death and wallows in a near sexual explosion at the thoughts of death and conquest. He fantasizes at the thoughts of entire cities burning under his command.

17. Not everybody is so welcoming of their new overlord. Egypt has designs of their own though they are a part of the rising Islamic empire. The Egyptian President has begun his own military build-up. His armies have grown formidable in their own right.

The Antichrist begins saber rattling towards Egypt, demanding that they submit to his rule. He begins the buildup of Babylonian forces on the border with Egypt. This is designed to draw Egypt into a war.

Libya and Ethiopia join a confederation with Egypt in an effort to check the growing power of Babylon. This brings the rise of a revived Egyptian Empire and a rift in the Islamic Babylonian Empire.

Babylon cannot allow this. Egypt must be conquered.

- 18. The Babylonian military buildup works Egyptian imperial forces invade Babylon.
- 19. The war is fierce and the losses are staggering on both sides. However, there is treachery in the ranks of the Egyptian high command. Behind his back the Egyptian President is betrayed by his closest advisers.

They do not want an Egyptian Empire to rival Babylon – they want to remain loyal to Babylon and conquer Israel once and for all. The lack of desire by their President to war against Israel anymore is more than they can stand.

- 20. The Egyptian Empire is forced to the table. They surrender all gains in the war and are forced to pay tribute to Babylon. They still exist as an empire, but their power is greatly diminished.
- 21. The negotiations are complete, yet both the Antichrist and Egyptian President have designs on each other. Both begin to plot for the destruction of their enemy from the first meeting to discuss a treaty.
- 22. The Antichrist returns to Babylon the clear victor. Among his spoils from Egypt will be a portion of the Egyptian military power to be annexed to his own.

The time is now right. He has the power he requires to conquer not just Israel;

Now he can conquer the world.

23. Egypt immediately begins secret negotiations with Russia. The Russians are less than enthusiastic with the rise of the Antichrist. They still remember the behind the scenes manipulating of the Antichrist prior to the failed invasion of Israel. They are even less appreciative of the southern Islamic provinces of the former Soviet Union and of Russia herself that have been swept up into Babylon.

Following the conclusion of negotiations the Russian navy sets sail for the Mediterranean. They will take up station off of the Island of Cyprus.

24. At roughly 42 months after the signing of the treaty, the Antichrist will be ready. He mobilizes his forces and heads towards Egypt once more. First he will finish Egypt and then Israel.

As the forces of the Egyptian Empire mobilize for war the Russian navy strikes out from Cyprus. The combined strength of these two empires is more than the Antichrist wants to engage at this time. He has other plans and will deal with Egypt and Russia soon enough.

25. A furious Antichrist (that did not believe Russia would move against him) will withdraw from the Egyptian invasion. In the midst of his retreat he suddenly changes course and advances upon Israel.

This time there will be no reprieve for the Jewish state. Disarmed and having divided the land after God himself defended them, the Israeli Defense Forces are no match for the Antichrist this time. His conquest is swift and merciless.

26. The Antichrist will come against the two witnesses and kill them.

Shortly thereafter he will stop all sacrifices and burnt offerings at the Temple. This will begin the 1,335 days and the 1,290 days of Daniel 12:11-12:

And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

The day the decree goes forward from the Antichrist to cease all Jewish sacrifices there will be exactly 1,290 days until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the Day of Atonement and the start of the cleansing and rededication of the Temple. It will start a

30 day countdown to the start of the second 42 months of the tribulation, or the Great Tribulation.

*This will be covered in greater detail in Time, Times and a Dividing of Times. We will also outline the evidence for the 1,335 days, 1,290 days and the 2,300 evenings and mornings shown in Daniel.

Finally, he will enter the Holy of Holies and live to talk about it.

The Pope himself will head immediately to Jerusalem and declare the Antichrist as Allah himself. Likewise, the Pope will deny that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and declare that only God can enter the Holy of Holies and live.

He shall raise up an image of the Antichrist in the Temple and it will speak. The image will decree that all should bow before the Antichrist and worship him for he is God. As a sign of submission all shall bear the mark of Allah as proof of loyalty.

This concludes the 30 days for the abomination of desolation and the start of the Great Tribulation. There are now 1,260 days decreed for the Antichrist to rule and for the Jews that fled Jerusalem to find refuge in Petra, Jordan:

Revelation 12:6 - And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Revelation 13:5 - 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.

The Pope will declare that no one should be permitted to buy nor sell food lest they prove their loyalty. Likewise, the mark of Allah shall be the required proof. Also, the

Pope shall declare that all who does not worship the Antichrist and accept the mark should be put to death. From Rome, the Pope - now become the False Prophet - gains the "second horn" as he assumes command of the global efforts of Islam to spread this new "convert or die" economy.

The Antichrist shall divide up Jerusalem and Israel in payment to the nations of Islam as a payment for their loyalty. He shall decree the Temple to become a Mosque, the symbol of the long awaited, now complete conquest of Israel.

The Antichrist shall now move to conquer the world. The forces of Islam will rally to him worldwide in additions to the armies of Babylon. They shall gain his honor and he will secure their loyalties with the institution of sacrifices of blasphemy in the Temple. Every manner of foul beast shall be sacrificed upon the altar of the Lord to declare the power of Allah and Islam.

However, the foulest of blasphemy will come when Jews themselves become the sacrifices to the Antichrist themselves.

The sacrifices shall be ready and instituted 140 days after the initial decree to stop the Jewish sacrifices. This leaves exactly 1,150 days to the Second Coming of the Lord and the Day of Atonement:

Daniel 8:14 - And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings mornings; then shall the sanctuary be vindicated.

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