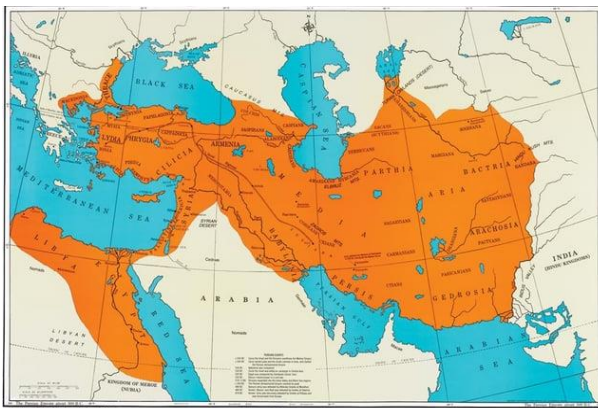


DOES THE HOLY BIBLE HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT IRAN?

The **history of Iran** (or Persia, as it was commonly known in the Western world) is intertwined with that of Greater Iran, a sociocultural region spanning the area between Anatolia in the west and the Indus River and Syr-Darya in the east, and between the Caucasus and Eurasian Steppe in the north and the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman in the south. Iran is home to one of the world's oldest continuous major civilizations, with historical and urban settlements dating back to 4000 BC.



The word IRAN has to do with the eastern most tribes of the Indo European line. Here they formed a people properly described as Aryans. They developed a formal religion in which fire played an important part of their worship, and the

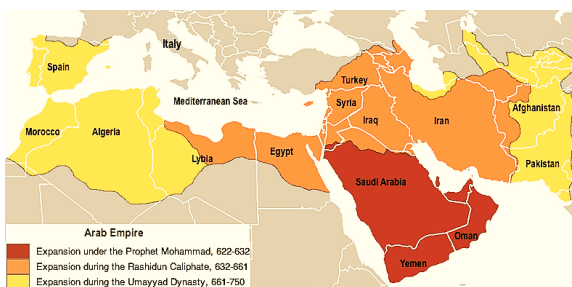
priests were called “fire-kindlers”. A generation after the fall of Nineveh, (which is mentioned in the Old Testament) there arose a man known as Zoroaster a Mede, who endeavoured to establish a new religion which held that there is only one God. Zoroaster also taught the existence of a Great Spirit of Evil named Ahriman. He failed to convince the Medes and eventually turned to the Achaemenes from who emerged the Persians people. From these came Cyrus, who is referred to in the Bible, he united the various tribes of Persians, who rebelled against the Medes, defeating the Median King and taking his territory. The Persians peasantry were remarkable bowmen and skilful horsemen. The bow was around 4 feet in length with deeper penetrating power than others at the time, because it was curved. The Persian foot soldiers carried their quivers at their hips rather than on their backs, allowing a much



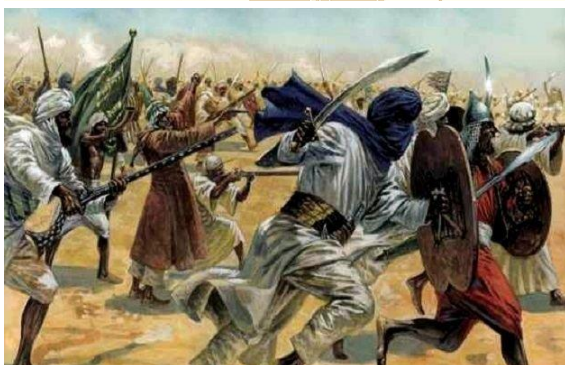
quicker draw after each shot was fired, enabling them to overwhelm the enemy before the hand to hand fighting began.

Within five years the power of this little kingdom of Persia in the mountains of Elam swept across Asia

Minor to the Mediterranean, and the genius of **Cyrus**, made Persia the leading nation of the world. He established a multi-state Empire, governed from four capital cities: Pasargadae, Babylon, Susa and Ecbatana, with Pasargadae serving as the first dynastic capital and historical centre. Cyrus ruled this Achaemenid Empire from the Balkans to North Africa and from Central Asia, spanning three continents. From his seat of power in Persis, from which is derived the name PERSIA, he established the largest empire yet seen.



Iran, with its long history of early cultures and empires, had suffered very much, under the Arab conquest of **Iran**, a major military campaign undertaken by the Rashidun Caliphate between 632 and 654.

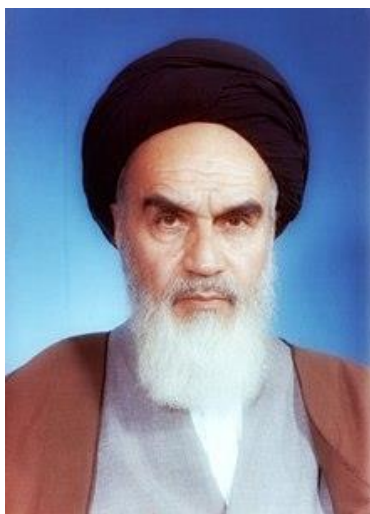


As part of the early Muslim conquests, which had begun under Muhammad in 622, and led to the fall of the Sasanian Empire and Zoroastrianism, which had been predominant in Iran as

the nation's official religion. The united Arabs were now known as

Saracens, and the Caliph Omar ordered a full attack on the Sasanian Empire in 642 and Iran was conquered until reunified by the Safadi dynasty in 1501 as an independent state, setting **Shia Islam** as the Empire's official religion, one of the most important turning points in the history of Islam.

Functioning again as a leading world power, but with its arch-rival the Ottoman Empire on its western border for several centuries, Iran remained a monarchy ruled by an Emperor, almost without interruption from 1501 until the 1979 the last Shah being, **Reza Shah Pahlavi**. Then when the Iranian Revolution occurred Iran became an Islamic republic with



Ayatollah Khomeini appointed as Iran's political and religious leader for life on 1 April 1979. The Shah left Iran, travelling to Egypt and other states seeking refuge but eventually entering the United States. Iran demanded his return, seizing 50 American hostages, for 18 months. Egypt meanwhile granted the Shah asylum, but he died at the age of 61 on the 27th July 1980.

o turning to the Bible what is there to be known about the Iranian nation and its rulers in this ancient book whose earliest writings, those of Moses, were produced 3,596 years ago? Here we find the prophetic writings of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel and Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther; we learn of the Elamites, the Medes, and the Persians, and of people who came into contact with the Israelites and the Jews, such as the Assyrians and the Babylonians who brought the Israelites and the Jews into captivity. The Israelites in 719 B.C. and the Judeans in 585 B.C.

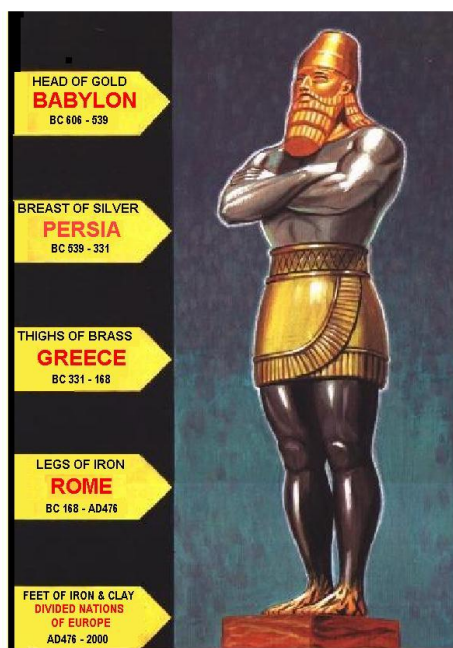


The first mention of the Medes in Scripture, is found in the prophetic utterance of Isaiah, when he declared (175 years before it was fulfilled), “Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it” (Isaiah 13:17; cp. 21:2). In succeeding verses the downfall of Babylon is predicted, “And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the



Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah" (Isaiah 13:19).

Jeremiah also states that the Medes would be used by God to destroy Babylon: "Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of his temple" (Jeremiah 51:11; cp. 51:28). Thus long before Babylon fell it was predicted that the Medes would be God's avenging instrument.



It was given to Daniel the prophet in the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a great statue of a man made of metals decreasing in value, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron and Clay where the Golden head represented Babylon and the Silver represented the Medes as explained in [Daniel 2:39](#), "And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee." This refers to the chest of silver in the image where the two arms

anticipated the dual kingdom of the Medes and the Persians. More detail is given in a similar vision recorded in Daniel 7:5 where he sees four creatures, a Lion, a Bear, a leopard and an indescribable beast.



All of which describe four empires that dominated the ancient world, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome, and Daniel's bear raised representing the Medes and the Persians

A further prophetic picture of the empire of the Medes and the Persians is given in [Daniel 8](#), where a ram with two horns is destroyed by a goat, refers to the kingdom of the Medes and the Persians. The two horns represent the Medes and the Persians. The lower horn



refers to the Medes and the higher horn that came up later to the kingdom of Persia, which dominated Media. The text describes their conquests westward, northward, and southward which is historically correct because they made no progress to the east. This prediction was fulfilled in later history. Only by divine revelation could Daniel have known in advance that the conquests of the Medes and Persians would be to the north, south and west, but not to the east—in contrast to the Macedonian-Greek conquests which were mainly to the east, as indicated in subsequent verses in the activity of the goat. While the prophetic record concerning the Medes and the Persians is clear and its fulfilment is confirmed by history, its principal importance is the restoration of the Jews from 79 years captivity in Babylon to their homeland. In contrast to the Babylonians who were responsible for the destruction of Jerusalem, the city of God. It commenced the Gentile dominion over Israel which will not end until the second coming of Jesus Christ. The Persians are important as forming the background of Israel's partial restoration.

- After the 1917 Balfour Declaration, which announced the British government's support for the Zionist cause, Jewish households across Europe displayed images of Cyrus the Great alongside pictures of King George V. **Cyrus the Great is credited with freeing Babylon's Jewish prisoners, previously captured by Nebuchadnezzar, who**

then returned to their homeland aided by to re-establish their religious practices and rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.

Moreover Cyrus is popular among Iranians today which is why the Iranian ruling Regime Ban the Memorial Gathering at Pasargadae for fear of Protestors. Saturday, 29/10/2022.



It was in the first year of the reign of Cyrus that permission was given to the children of Israel to return to reconstruct their temple in Jerusalem ([II Chronicles 36:22, 23](#); [Ezra 1:1-4](#)). More than a century before the remarkable prophecy of Isaiah about Cyrus ([Isaiah 44:28](#)) had anticipated the Israelites return. The generous permission and encouragement of Cyrus for Israel to restore their ancient worship, was in line with the official policy of allowing captive peoples, freedom of settlement and religion. The temple in Jerusalem, however, was not finally completed until the reign of Cambyses II

(530-522 B.C.) who succeeded his father Cyrus and is referred to in [Ezra 4](#) as Artaxerxes.

The more important kings of the Medo-Persian Empire are again the subject of prophecy in [Daniel 11:2](#) where Daniel is told: “Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the dominion of Greece.”

The king designated as “the fourth” who used his great riches to attack the realm of Greece, was undoubtedly Xerxes (The Biblical Ahasuerus) the son of Darius the Great. (486-465 B.C.). In respect to the Babylonian captivity. The prophet Jeremiah (25:12-13) was informed by God that this sentence upon Judah would last seventy years and then Babylon would be destroyed. The prophet Daniel was taken into this captivity, and God showed him that this prophecy of Jeremiah, was about to be fulfilled by Darius the Mede in 539 B.C. who unified Iran as a nation and the Medes and the Persians became united Two years later in 537 B.C., Cyrus the Persian then became the sole ruler of Iran and waged war on Babylon, overthrowing the city and destroying its royalty. At the same time Cyrus came into contact with the Jewish captives in Babylon. He not only released them from captivity but made a decree to return the Jews to their homeland. Darius the Mede had already come into contact with the prophet Daniel a prince of the kingdom of Judah in 538 B.C. Daniel received many prophecies by divine inspiration, in his book in the Old Testament. It also including details about the time and coming of the Jewish Messiah. The greatest of all his prophecies is to be found in his 11th chapter where he reveals the history of the Jewish people from the time of Cyrus to the Battle of the Great day of God Almighty which is now nearer than ever before as we hope to show.



Cyrus the Great, founded the Achaemenid Empire (550–330 BC). He ruled all the territory from the Balkans to North Africa and from Central Asia and from the Indus River to the Arabian Sea to the Persian Gulf spanning three continents. The seat of power was in Persis from which is derived the name PERSIA, the largest empire yet seen.

Studying the Bible we find in Isaiah chapter 44:26, God's assurance that though Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, would be destroyed, it would be rebuilt by Cyrus, who was described as God's shepherd, who would authorise the rebuilding of Jerusalem and laying the foundation for a new Temple.



This description is of interest in so far in secular history, Cyrus as a child was rejected of his father who told one of his soldiers to have the child slain. The soldier instead placed the child in the care of a shepherd and his wife, who brought him up as their own, so it was that Cyrus actually became a shepherd in his youth, until the soldier made his true identity known to the authorities. Also in Isaiah **45:1** God describes Cyrus as **his anointed**, who would have received power to subdue nations, referring particularly to the Babylonian city and Empire, stating that He (God) would loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; the entry into that city; and God describes how under his command the Medes and the Persians would overthrow Babylon and its monarchy and obtain the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, which called him by his name, is the God of Israel. He also told Cyrus why he had been chosen "For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called you by your name: I have surnamed you, though

you have not known me. I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded you, though you did not know me: That all might know, from the rising of the sun to the west, that there is none beside me. I am God, and there is none else (Isa 44:24-6)

The prophet Jeremiah also predicted, (51:11, 28) how the Medes would gather together a massive army to overthrow Babylon. Preparing against it the nations with the kings of the Medes, their captains and rulers and all the lands of his dominion. The land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of GOD shall be performed against Babylon, it would become a desolation without an inhabitant. He describes how the mighty men of Babylon would refuse to fight, remaining in their strongholds: their might had failed; and the cities of Babylon was captured and houses destroyed, and the soldiers are petrified. Babylon had fallen.

In the book of Ezra, we learn how this defeat turned to benefit the Jews who had spent 70 years in Babylonian captivity. This is how Ezra describes it, “ Now in the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, that the word of the



LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, to make a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying, “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he *is* the

God,) which *is* in Jerusalem. And whosoever remains in any place where he stayed, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the freewill offering for the house of God that *is* in Jerusalem”.

Also Cyrus restored the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had stolen from Jerusalem, and put them in the house of his gods; Cyrus gave these by number to Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

Cyrus also assisted in the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem supplying for this enterprise, stone and timber, with all the vessels from the Temple destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, all the gold and silver vessels, all the treasures stolen from the Temple in Jerusalem, were restored to each in its place, in the house of God. Cyrus restored all these treasures, and the Jews returned to Judea in their thousands. Cyrus the Great died **around 529 B.C.**, while campaigning against defiant nomadic tribes around the Caspian Sea. His mausoleum is located in Pasargadae an archaeological site in the **Fars Province** of Iran.



However in 499 BC, Greeks in the region of Ionia rebelled against Persian rule in the Ionian Revolt. Ionia was located not far from Ephesus and was populated by Greeks. The Emperor Darius the Great vowed to take revenge against Athens, and developed a plan to conquer all Greeks, to secure the stability of his Empire. The Persian general, Mardonius subdued Thrace and made Macedonia fully subject to the Persian Empire. In 480 BCE, The Persian king Xerxes sent 300,000 soldiers by land, (Daniel refers to this in 11:2). Using 1,207 ships, as a pontoon bridge, for his army to cross the Hellespont now known as the Dardanelles. This army subdued

Thrace, Thessaly and Boeotia, while the Persian navy resupplied the ground troops. The Greek fleet, blocked the southern route. Leonidas the king of Sparta, blocked the mountain road to the south, at the Battle of Thermopylae with 300 Spartans, facing the entire Persian Army. Xerxes advanced into Attica, where he captured and burned Athens. All the Athenians had been evacuated by sea, and under the command of Themistocles, the Persian fleet was defeated in the Battle of Salamis.



In 483 BCE, the Greeks built 200 warships. A year later, the Greeks, defeated the Persian army at Plataea north of Athens, destroying the Persian fleet with a decisive victory. The Persians left Greece and never invaded again.

From 359 to 356 BC Philip II ruled Macedonia. He introduced what is known as the Macedonian Phalanx and the Sarissas, a 12 to 20 ft long spear. When Philip was assassinated he was succeeded by his son, Alexander the Great, a Macedonian king who was



undefeated in battle and is one of history's most successful commanders.

In the:-Battle of Thebes, 335 B.C.,
Battle of the Granicus River, 334 B.C.
Battle of Issus, 333 BC. ...

Siege of Tyre, 332 B.C.

Battle of Gaugamela, 331 B.C.

Battle of the Persian Gate, 330 B.C.

Battle of the Hydaspes, 326 BC.



Alexander at the Battle of Gaugamela



So it was that Alexander was symbolized by the one Horned Goat who brought the whole of the Persian Empire under his control, but at the age of 32 he died after a short illness.

Alexander's Empire was divided up, mainly between his four generals. The largest part went to **Seleucus**, a senior officer in the Macedonian Royal Army and he received Babylonia. From there, he



expanded his dominion to include most of Alexander's near eastern territories.

At the height of its power, the **Seleucid Empire** encompassed central Anatolia, Persia, the Lands at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, Mesopotamia, and what is now Kuwait, Afghanistan, and parts of Pakistan and Turkmenistan. Seleucus himself travelled as far as India in his campaigns. Further Seleucid expansion however was halted, after decisive defeats at the hands of the superior Roman army.

Now returning to the Bible all this is recorded in the prophecy of Daniel (Dan.11) where the King of the North, the Seleucus dynasty based in Iran and the King of the South, the Egyptian Ptolemaic dynasty would vie with one another for the control of the Holy Land the land of Israel. The antagonism between the two, lasted until the intervention of the Romans, who eventually made Egypt a client state in the days of Caesar and Cleopatra.



Meanwhile Antiochus Asiaticus the last king in the line of Alexander's dynasty was dethroned by the Roman General Pompey and in 72 B.C Herod the Idumean was made King of Judea, and died about two years after the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

The New Testament informs us of the life, ministry and teaching of the Lord Jesus and it is interesting that his birth was heralded by the appearance of a star in the east, not seen previously. It was then that Wise Men from the East who had seen a star and had associated it with the birth of a king worthy to be worshiped. So they visited Herod enquiring as to where the King of the Jews might be, as they had travelled a long way to worship him. It is probable that these wise men were ancestors of wise men who had met Daniel, and other prophets among the captivity who would have enlightened their understanding of the God of Israel and His promises to the people of Israel. They may have been followers of Zoroaster, who believed in there being only one God but had their understanding

amplified by Daniel's teaching. They were informed by the Judean chief priests that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem according to the Prophet Micah. (5:2) When these wise men had offered their gifts, they were warned by God not to return to Herod, so they departed to their country by another way. Interestingly God warned them directly indicating that He cared for these men.

Now the New Testament tells us how Jesus did not begin his ministry until he was about thirty years of age and then his witnessing lasted only three and a half years, before he was arrested, charged with blasphemy and condemned to be crucified, at the instigation of the chief priests, by the Romans. The Acts of the Apostles in the first chapter relates what happened after Jesus was slain and placed in a tomb. It reads, "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God". We learn that the number of believers at that point were about 120 and Jesus informed them after his resurrection, God's Holy Spirit would come upon them, giving them power to be His witnesses. This occurred on the day of Pentecost, the feast that occurred 49 days after Passover when all the disciples having received the power of the Holy Spirit were able to speak in other tongues to the devout men from every nation under heaven, every man in his own language. These visitors to Jerusalem were amazed that they could hear the disciples speaking in their own language. Where did they come from? The first mentioned in Acts 2:9 are **Parthians, Medes and Elamites**; ancestors of the same people who assisted the Jews return to Jerusalem and their homeland. Peter took the opportunity to address these people, explaining that the ancient prophecies had been fulfilled in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and that all who believed the gospel Jesus preached, "The good news of the Kingdom of God" could receive remission of sins and an entrance into the Kingdom of

God on earth, at the return of Jesus Christ from heaven. Parthians, Medes and Elamites were some of the first Christians in history.

Iran as a Muslim country encountered many conflicts, some that divided the country, but it was reunified as an independent



state in 1501 by the Safadi dynasty, which made Shia Islam the Empire's official religion, one of the most important turning points in the history of Islam. There is one point of interest however for in 1941 the British allied to the Soviet Union invaded Iran, then Known as Persia, easily overwhelming the weak Iranian army in order to secure Iranian oil fields and ensure Allied supply lines, Iran remained officially neutral. Its monarch Rezā Shah was deposed in the occupation and replaced with his young son Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

Functioning again as a leading world power, this time amongst the neighbouring Ottoman Empire, its arch-rival for centuries. Iran had been a monarchy ruled by an emperor almost without interruption from 1501 until the 1979 Iranian Revolution, when the Shah

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was exiled and Iran officially became an Islamic republic on 1st April 1979,



The Iranian people welcome the return of the Ayatollah Khomeini who arrived in **Tehran in triumph** on February 1, 1979. He was acclaimed as the religious leader of Iran's revolution. He announced the formation of a new government. Soon afterwards the situation became clear. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in Teheran, met



with Khomeini, and turned the Israeli mission into the PLO embassy. This coincided with Israel's defence against Palestinian Insurgency in South Lebanon. Nearly 15 years of warfare between the Israeli Defence Forces, supported by Lebanese Christian militias, against Lebanese Muslim guerrillas, led by Iranian-backed Hezbollah. Since then Israel had to defend its citizens in no less than 11 serious

conflicts. There is no doubt that these have been arranged by Hamas, and Hezbollah supported by Iran who in turn have been operating together with Russia. Well you might say, what has this to do with the Bible? Well we have demonstrated how God protected Israel in the past and those who make war against Israel now, will come against the same warning that was issued to Pharaoh

"Thus says Yahweh, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn: And I say unto you, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if you refuse to

let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn” Israel cannot be attacked with impunity.

For 2,500 years it has been on record that the Israelites would be estranged from their God, but that in the latter days, the Israelites would return to their ancient homeland, and on the 14th of May 1948 the State of Israel made its Declaration **of** Independence and was admitted to **the United Nations**.

Israel’s return is predicted in **Hosea 3:4&5’** For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and *without* teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Jeremiah 30: 7, 10, 11 “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. Therefore do not fear, O my servant Jacob, says the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid. For I *am* with you, says the LORD, to save you: though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet will I not make a full end of you: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished”.

Isaiah 11:10-12 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, from Sudan, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Since the recognition of Israel as an Independent Nation in 1948, it has faced major attacks every five years, besides numerous

minor insurgencies and it is far from over yet. However since 1979 six Arab states have normalised relations with Israel, BUT Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen, and Iran have not. Bible prophecy reveals, that the time is coming when an enemy from the north of Israel will construct an international army whose intent will be to destroy the nation and expel Jews from the Promised Land. But God states in Zechariah 12:3, “In that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it”

The history of the Medes and the Persians, constituting as it does an accurate and meticulous fulfilment of God’s prophetic Word, is another important evidence supporting the hope that prophecies yet unfulfilled will also have their day of fulfilment when the Lord Jesus returns. The Medes and the Persians, however, belong to fulfilled prophecy and most do not figure largely in events of the end time apart from Persia being mentioned in Ezekiel 38:5.

There are however important prophecies in which Iran will be involved. The prophet Zechariah writing of the days in which we live concerns God’s intentions regarding Israel

Zechariah 12:1-3. The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, who spread out the heavens, and laid the foundation of the earth, and formed the spirit of man within him. Be informed that I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling for all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and Jerusalem. **For in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. V.9 For it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (12:9)**

Zechariah 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, and the spoil shall be divided in your presence. ² For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go

forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.(Zec 14:1-2 & 4-5)

Turning to Ezekiel in chapters 36 and 37 we read of Israel after almost 2000 years of exile being restored to its ancient homeland, a promise fulfilled in my lifetime. In chapter 38:2-9 you will find a great confederacy of nations brought together with the intent of driving the Jews out of the Promised Land again! These of course are described by their ancient names "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, Scythians and Goths the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, (Moscow and Tobolsk) and prophesy against him, saying, Thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, (Heb. for 'Autocrat') the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn you back, and put hooks in your jaws, and I will bring you forth, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: And what do we find? Why **Persia**, now known as IRAN, Ethiopia, modern **Sudan** which has recently allowed Russia to set **up a naval base with 300 Russian troops, and four naval ships, including nuclear-powered ones.** Similarly **Libya** has strong links with Russia who has sought to establish a military base in the Mediterranean. The prophecy envisages a RUSSO-EURO-ASIAN MULTI-NATIONAL CONFEDERACY that will invade the Middle East coming into the land (Israel) that has been brought back from the sword *and is* gathered out of many people, the Jews, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but have been filled by immigrants from the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. You will ascend and come like a storm, you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your armies, and many people with you (Ezek. 38:2-9)

So God has declared that he has a controversy with the nations, over the possession of the Land that he reserved for Abraham and his descendants for ever. Yahweh the God of Israel has declared that He will plead with all flesh giving those that are wicked to the sword, says the LORD. "Thus says Yahweh of armies, Behold, evil shall go

forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. (Jer. 25:30-33)

This coming catastrophe is also foretold in the last book of the Bible addressed to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather together for the battle of that great day of God Almighty. To a place called “Armageddon” a place in the Hebrew tongue meaning a heap of sheaves in the valley of Judgment. I have visited this place and this quotation is on display there. It is taken from a statement by Jesus Christ, “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame”.

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘It is done’. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great. (Rev 16:14-18)



Dan.11:40-45 and at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps. But tidings out of the

east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. **Daniel 12:1** And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which stand 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. (Dan 11:40-1 KJV)

Friends, I submit to you that the History to be found in the book known as the Bible contains sufficient evidence for the truth of the Bible Prophecies it contains and provides good reason for believing that the return of Jesus Christ is imminent. He declared, after his resurrection, “that all power is given unto me in heaven and on earth” He is using that power to gather nations to the battle of the great day of God Almighty to a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon after which he will establish the Kingdom of God on earth, Not in heaven! But on the territory vouchsafed to Abraham and his seed for ever. That promise will be fulfilled to all who believe that Gospel, the Good News that both Jesus and his apostles taught. None but Jesus has ascended to heaven. Jesus was crucified, and paced in a tomb and God raised him from the dead but nobody else has gone to heaven. The Bible teaches the resurrection of the dead for all who have known the truth of the gospel and the faithful will receive eternal life to enjoy the Kingdom of God, under a new world order, which shall be cleansed of the wickedness and the ungodly. In the light of the things you have heard, you know that the greatest fear is that the world is anticipating a Third World War it is at such a time that Jesus declares “Behold I come as a thief” The Bible alone provides the information to escape what is coming and we urge you to investigate the information for yourselves that we have set before you.