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Iran In Prophecy

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Historical events in the Middle East can alter the shape of the political environment very quickly. In fact, the region often experiences abrupt changes in authority and influence. The Bible has some very interesting things to say about Iran in prophecy, anciently called Persia. In the Bible two other names describe this region of the world. Those names are Elam and Media. They also are to be considered when we look at the prophecies dealing with this area of the world.

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I am no prophet, nor do I have the slightest prophetic powers to tell anyone what will happen in the near or remote future. I do not have visions or dreams or hear voices out of the air to tell me the future. I hope most of us do not require those things. What I have is a body of books called the Holy Scriptures. In those Scriptures are prophecies which can be understood. If a person approaches the prophecies from the historical point of view, reading them for what they actually say (with proper translations), we can understand the major events prophesied to occur a few years in advance of us.

[Fifty] years ago [in the 1970s] you could take an El Al Airlines flight from Tel Aviv to Tehran, the capital of Iran, which was then ruled by Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. Iran was one of the Islamic powers

¹ Most of this article is from an audiotape recorded by Dr. Martin's in August 1995. Other material was drawn from a December 1979 audiotape and a January 1982 written "Prophetic Report." All words in [brackets], in regular text are mine. I include them to expand on and at times to clarify Dr. Martin's words. *DWS*

who tried to have a good relationship with Israel at that time. But then the Ayatollah Khomeini came to power.² Things changed dramatically and quickly. Iran suddenly became hostile to Israel. It is still antagonistic to Israel, here in 1995 [also in April 2006 up to May 2024 when I am editing this article].

At present a great deal of emphasis is being placed politically, economically, militarily, and religiously on what happens in the Middle East, which lands sit on the world's top reserves of oil. Fifty years ago, few thought the region important, but suddenly the Middle East is one of the most important areas on earth, involving the major powers of the world. I have been there on many, many occasions.

What do you see? You see desert lands. How could there be any potential whatsoever for major confrontations between world powers over desert lands of the Middle East? Now everyone knows the important factors involved in the nations of that region. Someone knew it a long time ago — God Almighty. He gave prophecies in His Bible that show what will happen in the Middle East in coming years. We do not want to set dates, but I think anyone who has any mind at all can begin to see that things are beginning to shape up in the Middle East as never before.

A Candid Prophetic Assessment

Looking prophetically there are things which are far more important than what is occurring in Iran at the present time. Many people wonder if what is happening there is part of a prophetic involvement dealing with the End Times.

Are we on the threshold of the times of the end that Christ Jesus told His apostles about on the Mount of Olives some 1900+ years ago?

Do events in Iran at present involve these End Time affairs which Christ says will take place near His Second Coming, reflected in the Old Testament scriptures and in the Book of Revelation?

These are things we want to look at. We must be honest with ourselves and admit that what is occurring in Iran at present is only a prelude to the momentous events leading to the Second Coming of Christ. Events occurring in Iran right now are NOT leading up to the End Time per se. They are just events, even minor ones to begin with, that are getting the area into a proper focus for the important things the Bible says will take place just prior to Christ's Second Coming.

We also are aware that elements of biblical prophecy, biblical geographical areas, and peoples of the Bible, are coming back into a prominence in that area. This makes the Bible one of the most important commentaries of future newspaper events that you can possibly imagine. We are coming into a phase of history in which the Bible will play a major part in understanding the world around us.

The Bible makes it clear that before the Second Coming of Christ Iran must become a strong and centralized power, led by a leader, a monarch, in Iran called a Shah. There is coming a major man of power, who will arise in the region of ancient Persia, our present Iran. He will conduct many interesting and very important affairs dealing with the End Time. That man has not yet arrived on the world stage.

Bible prophecies say that this leader of Iran will come to the rescue of the nation of Israel just prior to and just after the Second Coming of Christ. Look at the last verses of chapter 44 and the beginning of chapter 45 of Isaiah which show a type of situation developing in Iran which is fundamentally different than we see at present.

A number of major events must take place in the region of Iran prior to the Second Coming of Christ. At present I do not see these in action. They will occur, however. In fact, the events that are taking place may well be a prelude to these major events, but what is happening at present, as I see it in the Scriptures,

² Khomeini came to power in 1979. The word "Ayatollah" is a term of honor for a high-ranking Shiite Muslim religious authority. There were six major Ayatollahs in and near Iran when religious leader took control of the Iranian government. Khomeini was the most influential at that time, and he died in June 1989. An "Ayatollah" can also assume political roles and are regarded as worthy of imitation by those who believe the Shiite sect of Islam. The Shiite religious Islamic party has held power in Iran's "Islamic republic" since their takeover in 1979. DWS

are **not** revealed completely. The confusion in Iran at the present time shows that End Time events are not presently occurring there, nor elsewhere in the Middle East. They are leading up to it. What does prophecy say will happen just before the Second Coming?

A Key Bible Prophecy

Turn to the central prophecy of the whole Bible about events prior to the Second Coming, and look at the Book of Daniel. The Book of Revelation is also very important. To combine Revelation with Daniel with all the other Old Testament and New Testament scriptures is really the way to come to a comprehensive understanding of the future.

But if you pick one book to observe and look at very carefully to give you a good idea of what will occur in the 7, 8 or 10 years, or maybe a generation before the Second Coming of Christ, the Book of Daniel gives the most profound interpretation.

King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

We first read about Persia in these matters dealing with the history of the world starting from the 6th century BC onward. We should start there because the Book of Daniel shows a “history” of the future given to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in a dream, interpreted by the prophet Daniel. It reveals what would happen in that area of the world from the 6th century BC down to the Second Advent of Jesus the Messiah.

This dream of Daniel chapter 2 shows that Persia will have a prominent role. It starts by mentioning Babylon, the dominant power then in authority over the Middle East in the early 6th century BC. This prophecy is about a dream Nebuchadnezzar had one night. The dream was about an idol on the plains of Shinar.

- The idol had a head of gold.
- The next part of the chest and arms was silver.
- Farther down it went into brass.
- The legs were made of iron.
- Finally, at the bottom were the feet with ten toes, each partially made of iron and partially made of miry clay.

The dream did not stop with this image. There was a mountain in the distance and Nebuchadnezzar saw a rock that was carved out of the mountain side without hands. It rolled down the mountainside straight for the image. It struck the feet where the toes are mixed iron and miry clay. It toppled this image over on its side. Then the rock pummeled the remains of this image into dust. Wind comes and blows that dust into all areas of the earth. That was the King's dream.

Daniel revealed to Nebuchadnezzar what the dream was about in specific detail. This dream relates the history of the world in prophetic terms since Nebuchadnezzar, the King over the Neo-Babylonian Empire. He came to power (in traditional chronology) in 604 BC and ruled for a little over 40 years. In that period of time Daniel was in Babylon with his three friends. The twelve chapters of Daniel were written beginning at that period of time and through to Nebuchadnezzar's death, to the arrival of Media and then Persia came on the scene. Daniel lived through to the middle part of the 6th century BC.

Let us look at the interpretation that Daniel gave to Nebuchadnezzar where Daniel refers to Persia (Iran today), starting with the historical scenario at the time the dream was given. We will not stop with Persia, but we will come down to the present day to focus on what the Bible says will occur in Persia in the next few years in advance of us, and how Persia will affect world history. Here is the interpretation Daniel gave to King Nebuchadnezzar:

“You, O king, you were perceiving, and lo, one great image. This image was grand, its aspect excelling, set up in your view, and its appearance was terrifying. This image, its head was of

good gold, its chest and its arms were of silver, its belly and its thighs of copper, its legs of iron, its feet, part of them of iron and part of them of clay.”

• **Daniel 2:31–33**

The first thing to realize is that each kingdom that follows below the head of gold decreases in power and authority. As one views parts of the image closer to the ground, the values of the metals decline, starting with gold, then silver, brass, iron, until it finally gets to the feet where we find the least value in the toes with part iron and part clay. We have that same type of understanding today that the most precious metal, gold, is on top. Daniel goes on to say in verse 37:

“You, O king, are the king of kings, you to whom the Eloah [God] of the heavens has granted a safeguarded kingdom, and might and honor and esteem. Wherever they are abiding, the sons of mortals, the animal of the field, the flyer of the heavens and the fish of the sea, He has granted them into your hand and has given you authority over them all. You yourself are the head of gold.”

• **Daniel 2:37–38**

This is the beginning of the interpretation. Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold. Verse 38 tells us something interesting that most people overlook. It says that Nebuchadnezzar had an influence that reached out to all areas of the world, though his headquarters was at Babylon in Mesopotamia, and we see the vast ruins of Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon to this very day.³ He had a typical empire of the period. That does not mean that he had soldiers in the New World, in South Africa, in Australia, or places like that. It means that Nebuchadnezzar controlled the economics of the world to such an extent that he was, indeed, head of the world system at the time. That is what we find Daniel telling him.

“You yourself are the head of gold. In your place another kingdom shall arise, inferior to you [in power and authority], that is silver; ... which shall have authority in all the earth.”

• **Daniel 2:38–39**

The silver kingdom after the Babylonian kingdom is the subject in this article. That kingdom would be Persia, Iran today.

There will be **“... another kingdom, the third, that is copper, which shall have authority in all the earth.”** That is interesting also. We must understand that statement not in the sense that soldiers would be everywhere throughout the earth or that one government would rule, but that the philosophical principles, the economic principles, and the economic power of the world at this particular time would be essentially in the hands of: first Babylon, then Persia, and then Javan, a European power normally associated with Greece and north into the Balkans (and that is important to remember at this time because of the Balkan wars). The third kingdom is also to rule all the earth. Then it speaks about yet another, an iron kingdom:

“The fourth kingdom shall be mighty as iron; forasmuch as iron is pulverizing and overcoming everything, so, like iron that smashes, it shall pulverize and smash all these.”

• **Daniel 2:40**

Last it speaks about the ten toes on the feet, made of part miry clay and part iron, and they do not mix very well. They are weak, the weakest of all.

This great image of kingdoms is to last until a stone comes down out of a mountain. In Daniel 2:45, a stone was seen, representing the kingdom of God, the second advent of Christ, which will destroy this image on its base. The base part of it is not only toward the bottom, but it will be base in the sense of being a lessor power and authority than was Babylon of gold, then Persia of silver, then brass, iron, and finally

³ I was in Babylon several years ago [in the 1970s] and I even picked up clay tablets with Nebuchadnezzar’s name inscribed on them and others with his name embossed on them. We know clearly where Nebuchadnezzar was at the time, and here was Daniel talking to this King. *ELM*

iron mixed with clay. These ten toes or kings are destroyed.

These ten kings are also mentioned later in

- the 7th and 8th chapters of the Book of Daniel, and
- are also indicated in Psalm 83, and
- the 17th and 18th chapters of the Book of Revelation.
- All these passages have to do with the end time.

We find a chronological or historical sequence of events starting in the 6th century BC, coming down to our time today. Those ten kings on the feet of this image have not yet come into power. When they do come into power they will be relatively weak because they will not agree with one another. God will cause them to cohere for a brief time, for about a 3½ year period. They will have power in the Middle East, and it will come out of the Jerusalem area.⁴ Once this image falls over on its side, it is pummeled into dust:

“In their days, that is, of these kings [these ten kings represented by ten toes], the Eloah of the heavens shall set up a kingdom that for the eons shall not come to harm, nor shall His kingdom be left to another people. It shall pulverize and terminate all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for the eons.”

• **Daniel 2:44**

... that is, for the rest of recorded prophetic history! That was what Daniel tried to tell Nebuchadnezzar. But let us not forget one more point. Daniel went on to say:

“Forasmuch as YOU perceived that a stone was severed from the mountain range, that is, not by hands, and it pulverized the iron, the copper, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great Eloah Himself has made known to the king [Nebuchadnezzar] what shall occur after this. The dream is certain [it will be fulfilled] and its interpretation faithful [correct and accurate].”

• **Daniel 2:45**

Daniel Chapter 7. The Four Beasts: One Beast Represents the Ancient Persian Empire

From Daniel chapter 2, go to chapters 7 and 8 where you find confirmation that the first kingdom was Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylonian kingdom. In chapter 7 there is a vision God gave to Daniel in the last years of Nebuchadnezzar’s dynasty.⁵ Nebuchadnezzar was already dead. A usurper, Nabonidus, ruled the Babylonian Empire, and placed his son Belshazzar on the throne of the city of Babylon. This was the middle of the 6th century BC some 40 years after Nebuchadnezzar’s dream.

A vision was given to Daniel, who also was given an interpretation. It builds upon Nebuchadnezzar’s vision in chapter 2 that did not go into detail concerning these kings. Only the king of Babylon was identified. The whole image of chapter 2 presented the “Babylonian system.” It makes no difference if the next segment after Nebuchadnezzar was Medo-Persia, the head was still Nebuchadnezzar.

All the parts of the statue image were guided by Babylonian organization and principles. The brass portion, Javan, is a European power. Yet it is still governed by the head, and operated by the Babylonian administrative style. Coming to the legs made of iron, they are very strong, in two divisions, but they also are governed by the head, Babylon.

Then we come to the feet of ten toes, the last of the kings to exist on earth when the Kingdom of God

⁴ This Babylonian system will be centralized and ruled from Jerusalem. See Dr. Martin’s article, “[Mystery Babylon the Great](#).” DWS

⁵ Events are somewhat jumbled in secular history. However, Belshazzar, ruled the city of Babylon as a subordinate to an overlord Babylonian king Nabonidus. The Babylonian Kingdom was cracking and collapsing from attacks by the Medo-Persian armies. One of the last holdouts was the defense of the city of Babylon. Its defenses were thought to be strong enough to successfully defend against a siege. See “[Like Father, Like Son: Belshazzar's Relationship To King Nebuchadnezzar](#)” by Zdravko Stefanovic (Vol. 1 No. 1 [1998]: AASS - *Asia Adventist Seminary Studies*). DWS

emerges under Christ to destroy the image. All are still governed by the head — Babylon.

The Babylonian System — We Are Still Part of It

In the book of Revelation, we find this whole system is called **“Mystery Babylon,”** and it is the situation we are in today, though we live in the United States of America, or in Britain, Australia, or in the Western part of this world, the democratic countries. We love them, we feel they are the best types of government that have ever been on earth, and I would agree with that 100 per cent. Still, at the same time we are governed by Babylonian principles. We are not being governed by the principles of the kingdom of God yet. That will come when this image is destroyed.

So, we are still PART of Babylon. That is why the image must be destroyed, thoroughly annihilated, and then the Kingdom of God will emerge with Jesus Christ as King. When that happens on earth there will be a Kingdom for a thousand years, and it will be very different than this Babylonian Kingdom we have at present. In delineating these four powers leading down to the ten Kings, we find in chapter 7 still more details about these kingdoms.

“In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spoke and said, ‘I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.’”

• ***Daniel 7:1–2***

The Mediterranean was probably the **“great sea,”** as it was known in past times. Then four winds come from four cardinal directions of the compass, striving upon the great sea to cause waves to come forth. A great commotion takes place. This means a storm was seen, and the waves were roaring:

“... and four monstrous animals were coming up FROM the sea, diverse one from another. The eastern animal was like a lioness, and she had the wings of a vulture. I was perceiving until her wings were scraped smooth, and she was lifted up from the earth and was made to stand on two feet like a mortal, and the heart of a mortal was granted to her.’”

• ***Daniel 7:3–4***

This seems to describe ancient cherubim. At the British Museum there are great cherubim statues from ancient Assyria and Babylon which typified certain aspects of the Babylonian Empire. This lion with eagle’s wings is identified in other areas of Daniel as the Babylonian Empire. There can be no question.⁶

“And behold, another animal, a second one like a she-bear; one part was set up, and three ribs were in her mouth between her teeth. Thus they [the teeth] were saying to her [the beast], ‘Rise! Devour huge amounts of flesh.’”

• ***Daniel 7:5***

A bear was the second beast Daniel saw emerge out of the Great Sea in great commotion. This is the Medo-Persian Empire that succeeded the Babylonian empire. This is reflective of Iran in the near future. He had three ribs in his mouth.

People have tried to interpret what those three ribs are. I have all types of interpretations myself, but no one really knows what the three ribs were. Perhaps one of these days we will know. But none of us can know yet. What was to come after the bear?

“In place of this I was perceiving, and behold, another [third] animal, like a leopardess; she had four wings of a flyer on her arched back. The animal had four heads, and jurisdiction

⁶ Verse 4 is a description of what happened to Nebuchadnezzar in the 4th chapter of Daniel, when in his arrogance he said **he** ruled **by his own power** over all kingdoms of the world. God sent him into a 7-years madness. He had hair that grew like eagles’ feathers and nails like a bird (Daniel 4:33). Finally a man’s heart was returned to Nebuchadnezzar. *ELM*

[dominion or authority] **was granted to her.**"

• *Daniel 7:6*

This beast with four heads had extensive authority given to it. That answers to the brass portion of the image of Daniel chapter 2. This leopard has been identified with the Greco-Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great. After Alexander dies the empire breaks into four divisions, which **may** be what this verse tells us. After the four divisions come out of this leopard (Greek Empires), Daniel sees the fourth beast:

"In place of this I was perceiving in the visions of the night, and behold, a fourth animal, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly mighty; she had monstrous iron teeth, and she was devouring and crushing and stamping upon the remainder [the rest of these beasts] with her feet. She was diverse from all the animals that were east of her, and she had ten horns."⁷

I was contemplating on the horns, and lo, another bit of a horn came up among them, and three of the eastern horns were uprooted before it. And lo, there were eyes like the eyes of a mortal in this horn, and there was a mouth declaring monstrous things, and it was making war with the saints."

• *Daniel 7:7-8*

This little horn is the Beast in the Book of Revelation, chapters 13 and 17. The man who will emerge amongst these 10 horns or 10 kings at the end of the age, coming out of this exceedingly terrible Iron Beast, which succeeds the Greco-Macedonian Empire. This iron beast will exist just prior to the Second Coming of Christ. Does anyone doubt that? Read verse 9 where the subject changes from evil to judgment:

"I was perceiving until THRONES were situated, and the Transferrer of Days sat down. His clothing was pale as snow, and the hair of His head was like immaculate wool; His throne was flared with flame and its rolling wheels a flashing flame.

A stream of flame was flowing and issuing from before Him [from before His throne]. A thousand thousands ministered to Him, and ten thousand ten thousands stood before Him. Adjudication [judgment] was seated, and the scrolls were opened."

• *Daniel 7:9-10*

This describes a throne of judgment. It also says, **"the scrolls were opened"** and the kingdoms of this world shall be judged for their crimes. This horn to arise from this iron beast of 10 horns will occur just prior to the Second Coming of Christ, and God will sit in judgment represented by Christ, over all the nations of the world when the scrolls or books are opened at the end of the age. We also read in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, when Christ Jesus comes back, the wicked one, the Beast, will be slain by flaming fire.

What Happens to the Beasts

Something will happen to those first three beasts: Babylon, Persia (or Media with Persia), and Javan (sometimes translated as Greece):

"I was perceiving then because of the sound of the monstrous matters that the horn was declaring; I was perceiving until the animal was dispatched [slain, at the end time], her frame was destroyed, and it was granted to the glowing fire.

As for the remainder of the animals [the other three, Babylon, Persia, Javan], their authority was caused to pass away [back in the 6th, 5th, and 4th centuries BC]; **yet a lengthening of life was granted to them until the stated time and season."**

• *Daniel 7:11-12*

⁷ These ten horns are analogous to the ten toes in Daniel chapter 2. The ten toes are kingdoms that exist when the Kingdom of God is established on earth, but first they must be destroyed. This kingdom is at first iron, but in Daniel chapter 2 we read that the ten kings themselves are iron mixed with miry clay. *ELM*

This is important to examine carefully. These first four beasts will be prolonged and preserved until the time of the end and we will see **a revival in power**: [1] of Babylon, [2] of Persia, [3] of Greece, [4] of Syria and Egypt ... all before the Second Coming of Christ.

That is what the text says. I know this is difficult to believe, but this is the vision of Daniel chapter 7. Daniel gave the analysis of this prophecy. The four kingdoms referred to being talked about here are coming up at the end of the age.

In other words, though the ostensible part of the kingdom or empire disappeared, and you cannot see them in evidence as they were formerly in the period when Daniel saw them, they will still be simmering below the surface. As it says, **“A LENGTHENING OF LIFE was granted to them until the stated time and season”** (Daniel 7:11–12).

Now go to verse 15:

“As for me, Daniel, my spirit was perturbed within its sheath, and the visions of my head were flustering me. I drew near to one of those [one of the angels] standing by, and I petitioned him for the true meaning of all this. Then he spoke to me and made the interpretation of the matters known to me:

‘These monstrous animals, the four of them [Babylon, Persia, Javan, and the iron kingdom], are four kingdoms that shall arise from the earth. Yet the saints of the supremacies shall receive the kingdom, and they shall safeguard the kingdom unto the eon, even unto the eon of the eons.’”

• *Daniel 7:15–18*

The Return of Ancient Kingdoms — Old, Yet Revived

The information in Daniel 7:12 and 7:17, when combined, reveal that Babylon,⁸ Medo-Persia, and Greece (along with the fourth non-descript nation) WILL ARISE on the world scene when the ten nations exist. Each of those three nations will be *renewed* and be in existence in their former areas at the end of the age! This must transpire for prophecy to occur.

These kingdoms from Daniel chapter 2, as confirmed in the visions of Daniel chapters 7 and 8, will have a continual existence, beneath the surface a little bit, until the very end of time. That includes Media and Persia who are the silver section of this image. It is part of Babylonian history from the time that Nebuchadnezzar had his dream, and later when Daniel gave the interpretation.

We can therefore expect to see a new Persia arrive on the scene, along with a new Greece, a new Babylon, a new Syria, and a new Egypt. I have said so for years since 1974.⁹

I do not know exactly in what fashion they will come back according to biblical prophecy. **Persia IS coming back in power and presdtige!** All the old empires in Daniel are coming back powerfully. Some say, how could this happen? Those are desert lands in most cases, and all are in the Middle East except Greece which is in southeast Europe. The Bible says they will arise. When they do, what will happen to this Persia or Iran near the end of the age?

What the image of Daniel chapter 2 and the vision of Daniel chapter 7 represent will be in existence at this end time. Since the head, as I said before, is the kingdom of Babylon, part of that image near the head is Persia and Media. We have a panoramic view of history beginning with the Babylonian Empire up until judgment is set and the books are opened at the Second Coming of Christ (Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3; Daniel 7:10), when the beast will be slain (Daniel 7:11, 8:25, 11:45; Revelation 19:19–20).

⁸ See Dr. Martin’s article [“The Rebirth of Babylon”](#) and the accompanying insightful 1922 article by F.E. Marsh [“Will Babylon be Rebuilt?”](#) DWS

⁹ Dr. Martin said he first made this statement about these countries in 1974, but I only have printed information from 1979. As of April 2006 [and now in May 2024], Egypt is still one of the poorest nations in the world. Syria has been torn by civil war since 2011. Yet prophecy indicates Egypt’s resurgence to power and wealth in the future. See Dr. Martin’s 1981 article, [“The Coming Splendor of Egypt.”](#) DWS

Persia, Iran, the Silver, and the Bear

The bear part of this vision is what we will look at. It is the silver portion of the image from Daniel chapter 2. The interpretation is clear as to who are the first three image portions and beasts. These beasts are described further in yet another vision given to Daniel in chapter 8. The second beast is identified in Daniel 8:20. There it is given two horns as well, and it is called Media and Persia.

The brass portion is called “Grecia” in the KJV, but in the original Hebrew it is “Javan.” This indicates an extensive area including Greece, but also the Balkans region.

Then the narrative goes to the fourth kingdom, “**in the latter time of their kingdom**” (Daniel 8:23), right down to the ten toes, will come this very terrible kingdom, which will be destroyed by Jesus Christ.

You must go through Daniel chapter 2, then chapter 7, and now in chapter 8, to get an interpretation of exactly who was meant when it speaks about the head portion, the arms portion, and body portion (of silver), the brass portion, the iron, and so forth, in Daniel chapter 2.

The iron portion is never identified, nor are the ten toes at the end times, at the bottom of the image identified. Nor are they identified in the Book of Revelation, which is interesting. But the first three are identified.

1. The head of gold is Babylon, identified as Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom.
2. The second portion of the silver is the bear portion. It is identified as two: Media and Persia, two kings or kingdoms united together (similar to the relationship of England and Scotland).
3. The next one is identified as Grecia, but it means Javan. The rest are not identified.

The image Nebuchadnezzar dreamed about in chapter 2 will not be completely destroyed until the Kingdom of God is established on earth, until that stone comes off that mountain top and hits that image on its base (Daniel 2:44–45). Not until then does the entire image cease.

Iran At the Present Moment

At present Iran wants nothing to do with Israel. But near the end of the age, it will be different, because one of the nations to allow Israel to build its own Temple in Jerusalem will be, believe it or not, Iran. The person in charge of Iran will be called a modern Cyrus, a SON of the SUN, who will come and somehow help — in a way not told to us — to promote and assist in the rebuilding of the Jerusalem Temple that will exist at the end of the age.

Prophecies About Persia

Most of the major prophecies about Persia are found in Isaiah and Jeremiah. From Isaiah chapters 41 to 45 (inclusively) we find a great deal of information about the powerful king who will head Persia at the end of the age and will be instrumental in helping Israel rebuild a new temple in Jerusalem. That section of Isaiah is expressed in language applicable to the 8th century BC, and it uses the ancient King Cyrus of Persia as a subject-indicator.

But Isaiah tells us that the early historical events are to be reflected in a later application. Look at Isaiah’s teaching on this matter which shows his duality principle. This duality principle for interpretation of prophecy is also shown in Ecclesiastes 1:9, 3:14–15; 1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 15:4; 2 Peter 2:1 — and in the teaching of Peter in Acts 3:19–21 where he said that all that the prophets said in the past would be restored just before Christ comes back to earth. This may sound completely absurd, but that is what the Bible says. Here is a principle given by YHWH:

“Let them come close and tell Us what shall happen. The former things, tell what they were, And We shall indeed set Our heart on it; And let Us indeed know their hereafter, Or announce to Us the things to come.”

• **Isaiah 41:22**

What Isaiah is saying is this: if you want to know what the future will be, you better look at the past and understand it. The past can give indications to what the future will be like. It will be type and antitype. That is the theme of Isaiah chapter 41, written some 100+ years before Daniel!

Persia will be one of the major powers that will exist at the end of time. As it had an existence back in the 6th century and into the 5th century BC, in Daniel chapter 7 we find that Persia shall have a renewal. Persia, along with Babylon and Javan, will simmer under the surface. At the end of the age all three will emerge again, but they will emerge alongside ten kings which will be members of one group. Those ten kings will be made out of iron (some rather strong) and miry clay (some rather weak). In the 17th chapter in the Book of Revelation Christ Himself will call these ten kings together to do a particular service for Him.

National Conversion and the War Prophesied in the Book of Zechariah

To find out just what is in advance of us and where Iran fits into all of this, we need to recall once more what Zechariah chapters 12, 13, and 14 tell us. These are chapters that I have referred to frequently because they are very clear as to what will happen to Israel in the years in advance of us.

Israel as a state will get even more powerful, believe it or not. There is soon coming a major event in Israel that has not occurred yet. Zechariah shows Israel in power, quite a great deal of power, in the Middle East (Zechariah 12:1–9). Then in verse 10 is that cardinal verse that we should all pay attention to, because something important will happen to the people in Israel and in Jerusalem. It says:

“Yet I will pour out on the house of David, And on the dwellers of Jerusalem, A spirit of grace and supplications; And they will look to Him Whom they stabbed, And they will wail over Him as the wailing for an only son, And they will grieve bitterly over Him as one grieving bitterly over a firstborn.”

• ***Zechariah 12:10***

The following verses 11–14 continue to say that there will be a national conversion of the Jews to Jesus Christ. The individual who was stabbed (or pierced, KJV) is none other than our Lord Himself who was crucified. There will be a spirit of grace and supplication sent to the Israelis and to **“the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”** It goes on to explain in Zechariah chapter 13 that with this conversion God will start cleaning up things in Jerusalem.

How many years until this happens we cannot be certain, but it would not surprise me if this began to happen in 5, 7 to 10, 15 or more years from now. These things **have to start happening** and they are clearly described here in Zechariah:

“In that day there shall come to be a fountain opened for THE HOUSE OF DAVID, and for the dwellers of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity. And it will come to be in that day, averring is Yahweh of hosts, I shall cut off the names of fetishes [idols] from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. And, moreover, I shall cause the [false] prophets and the unclean spirit to pass from the land.”

• ***Zechariah 13:1–2***

That means removing the idols from **“the land”** of Israel. There are idols in Jerusalem, and most are in Christian shrines and churches. They will be remembered no more (verse 2). The false spirits and false prophets will **“pass out of the land.”** There is coming a national conversion to be associated with the spirit of John the Baptist coming back — an Elijah will come — as we find in the 4th chapter of Malachi, just before the Day of the Lord takes place.¹⁰

In this national conversion the Jewish people will begin to understand who Yeshua is, that is Jesus Christ. (Yeshua is a Hebrew word for Jesus.) They will start understanding that He is the Messiah. That is

¹⁰ See Dr. Martin’s very relevant articles [“The Elijah to Come,”](#) and [“The Coming Revolution in Knowledge.”](#) DWS

all prophesied in chapters 12 and 13 of Zechariah. After that conversion, we read in verses 7, 8, and 9 that a great tribulation will come upon Israel and in the Middle East, and it may have ramifications even out here into the Western World, because it says in verse 7, at this time of conversion and afterward:

“Sword! rouse against My Shepherd [God’s shepherd here is Israel], And against the Master, My Companion, averring is Yahweh of hosts. Smite the Shepherd, and the flock is scattering. And I restore My hand on the inferior ones.”

• *Zechariah 13:7*

Israel will be scattered again. This will be a major international event. There is coming some type of war, which, by the time it concludes, **two thirds of the people in Israel will have perished.** It is a great tribulation. Only one-third will survive (verses 8–9).

“And it will come to be that in ALL the land, averring is Yahweh, Two divisions in it shall be cut off and shall de cease [die].

Yet the third [division] shall be left in it [left in the land].

- **And I will bring the [remaining] third INTO THE FIRE.**
- **And I will refine them as silver is refined.**
- **And I will test them as gold is tested.**

It shall call in My Name, and I SHALL ANSWER it. I will say, ‘My people is it.’ And it will say, ‘Yahweh is my Elohim.’”

• *Zechariah 13:8–9*

Then we come to the 14th chapter of Zechariah where the Mount of Olives is the scene, and God Himself, that is Christ Jesus, comes back from heaven to earth, and He puts his feet on the Mount.

That is when that image in Daniel chapter 2 will be finally destroyed when the stone (that Nebuchadnezzar saw), carved out without hands comes down and hits the image on the feet.

But before this happens there will be a great tribulation upon Israel, and Israel’s remnant scattered. Now that is what it says, but I will not go into more detail because my subject is Iran.

What Is Iran’s Future Role in These Prophetic Events?

Where does Iran fit into all of this when Israel is scattered at this time? As I said at the beginning, politics in the Middle East can change very quickly. At one moment a nation is on one nation’s side, then a short time later on another.

Iran, which is Persia or Media (southwest of the Caspian Sea, was in alliance (almost) with Israel back twenty years ago [in 1975]. But when Ayatollah Khomeini came on the scene some decades ago Iran’s relations with Israel deteriorated tremendously. At present the government of Iran is extremely hostile and antagonistic to Israel [*continuing to April 2006, and in May 2024 DWS*].

That situation will change. When Israel is scattered as described in Zechariah, there will be a change in attitude by the people of Iran. In fact, there is coming a King who shall arise, like a Shah of old, and his name is given in the Bible. He will aid the Israelis, believe it or not, bringing them back from this scattered condition, just before the second coming of Christ. He will help them return to the land of Israel and reestablish them there.

Not only that, these Iranians, or the King who will rule at the time, will actually help the Israelis build a new temple in the Jerusalem area.

It also says in prophecies (that have never occurred in history), in the 50th and the 51st chapters of the Book of Jeremiah, that the Iranians will help to gather nations together to destroy Babylon, indeed — helping Israel to destroy Babylon. That is in the prophecy regarding Nebuchadnezzar and others.

That is right. Near the time of Christ’s Second Coming, Persia will actually aid God in doing a “reversal” of what they have been doing over several years.

Remember that the ten kings mentioned in the Book of Revelation in chapter 17 and 18 shall finally fight against one another, and they will turn on the beast of Babylon and also help destroy Babylon.

There shall be a change of opinion in Persia or Iran coming in the next few years. Now we have quite a number of years — when I say, “a number,” I mean it will not happen tomorrow. It certainly will not happen, I am sure, before the 21st century [It did not. DWS]. But in the early part of the 21st century we will come to a period when Israel shall be converted to recognize and accept Jesus Christ as their Messiah [which is what “Christ” means]. It does not mean everyone in Israel shall convert, but a great number will do so.

Then comes this Great Tribulation that Jesus Himself talked about in the Olivet prophecy of Matthew chapter 24. He even said to people that were members of His group of followers, that they should be aware of what is happening at that time, and flee into the mountains. That also is in our future.

But before that happens Israel shall get even more powerful [and it is in May 2024]. We are looking at a few years down the line yet. But we must keep our eyes on Jerusalem, on Israel, on Iran, and what will happen there.

There are several prophecies concerning Iran that have never happened in history.

Isaiah Regarding the Cyrus to Come — in our Future

There was a man who lived in ancient Persia who ruled the kingdom of Persia, the second kingdom of the Babylonian image. That man was called Cyrus. He lived in the 6th century BC. There is another man coming up from the East, from Iran, who will do certain things to help Israel at the end of the age.

Isaiah chapter 40 begins a section of Scripture which differs remarkably from the prophecies in the first 39 chapters of Isaiah. Chapter 40 introduces this end time scenario. In Isaiah 41:2 there is information about this man God will raise up.

“Who rouses one from the east? In righteousness He is calling him to His feet; He is setting the nations before him, And over kings is he holding sway; And He is giving them like dust to his sword, Like stubble, whisked away to his bow.”

• *Isaiah 41:2*

Note carefully that this ruler is called “**one from the east? In righteousness ...**” God calls him and gives him “**the nations before him and over kings is he holding sway.**” The metaphors “**like dust to his sword**” and “**like stubble, whisked away to his bow**” mean that he will easily overcome all opposition. When he fights, this king of the east will prevail. But go on in chapter 41 where this king is again mentioned as being from both the north and the east:

“I rouse one from the north, and he shall arrive, From the sunrise [east], and he shall proclaim in My Name; He shall trample prefects as clay, And as a potter is tramping mud.”

• *Isaiah 41:25*

This is Old Testament language to say that he will have great power and authority. This is the same person here who is coming up from the East, but the North comes into it also. This means East and North of Israel, in the region of Iran. When you come to Isaiah chapter 44, beginning in verse 24, it says this:

**“Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer, And your Former from the belly:
I am Yahweh, Maker of all,**

Stretching out the heavens by Myself,

Stamping out the earth, and who was with Me?

Annulling the signs of deceiving inventors, He is making diviners rave;

Causing the wise to turn about backward, He is making their knowledge look silly;

Confirming the word of His servant, He is performing the counsel of His messengers,

Who is saying as to Jerusalem: 'It shall be indwelt,'
And as to the cities of Judah: 'They shall be rebuilt,'
And its deserted places, 'I shall raise them up.'"

• *Isaiah 44:24–26*

The rendering “**deserted places**” just means waste places. If you note the context, you find that at this time of Great Tribulation, as Zechariah chapter 14 says, Judah and Israel will be scattered AGAIN in the Middle East. And at this very time that event will happen.

Isaiah 44:27, “**Who is saying to the shadowy deep** [the ocean]: **‘Be drained; I shall dry up your streams; Who is saying as to Cyrus ...’** (Isaiah 44:27–28). Cyrus is the man of the North and East, the man who will be raised up. This was written by Isaiah in the 8th century before the birth of Christ, some 100+ years before Daniel, before the typical fulfillment in history. The first king of Persia in the Book of Daniel was named Cyrus, and that Cyrus is a type of the Cyrus prophesied in Isaiah.

This Cyrus in Isaiah’s prophecy deals with the end time, after our time today. Events mentioned here, particularly in chapter 45 **never occurred** in the time of the original Cyrus. However, **those events will occur** with a “Cyrus” ruling over Iran in the next few years. This man has the name of the sun on him, *S-U-N*. That is what the name “Cyrus” means.

He is a Gentile, not an Israelite, but he will help Israel do something important. The former Cyrus in the 6th century before Christ did some of these same things in type, but not in great detail, and all scholars know that. If you read the whole passage about what this man of the East is to do, it could not possibly refer to the original (and typical) Cyrus, the head of the Persian Empire in the 6th century BC.

Recall that Isaiah says. If you want to know the future, look at the past (Isaiah 41:22).¹¹

**“Who [YHWH] is saying as to Cyrus: He is My shepherd, And all My desire he shall perform,
 So as to say of Jerusalem: ‘It shall be rebuilt,’
 And the temple: ‘It shall be founded.’”**

• *Isaiah 44:28*

Cyrus Helps Rebuild the Temple

At this time of tribulation Jerusalem will have a severe problem, with no temple or anything. This Cyrus will come along, the man of the East, and he will do the job of bringing the temple back into order. How many of us believe that a Temple can be rebuilt in Jerusalem?

It is important to note that virtually all the people of the Middle East are Muslim.¹² I have been to the Middle East for many years, and I have talked with many Muslims to find out their political, theological, and prophetic beliefs. Do you know the Muslims believe that Christ Jesus, whom most Arabs call *Isa*, will come back to this earth, rule for 1,000 years, and that all people who are Islamic peoples today will have to submit to Him during the 1,000-year rule? Where do they get this teaching? They get it from the Book of Revelation. Why do they get it from there? It is because Muslims believe in the Old Testament, they believe generally in the New Testament, but they also take the writings of the Koran and put it all together. They think that Jesus Christ is the second most important Prophet ever to appear on earth. Muhammad is the most important Prophet. Muhammad went to heaven on his horse Beka [sometimes spelled Boraq],

¹¹ Here is the sequence of events:

[1] Isaiah prophesied in the 8th century BC naming a king named “Cyrus” and telling his future deeds.

[2] The Cyrus of history lived in the 6th century BC. He is a type of ...

[3] A future Cyrus to appear at the end of the age before Christ returns (to fulfill the prophecy about him in Isaiah). *DWS*

¹² Some of them are Shia Muslims like the people of Iran, who are different than the Sunni Muslims. The difference is something like the Protestants and Catholics, as far as Christendom is concerned. Most Arabs are Sunni Muslims. Almost all of the people of Iran [and some in Iraq] are Shia Muslims. The Ayatollah Khomeini who was in charge in early December 1979 was a Shia Muslim. They frequently are at odds with the Sunni Muslims. *ELM*

supposedly. He did not do so in my view, but they say he did.

Jesus went to heaven also. There is one difference between the two. Jesus (Muslims say) must come back to earth to rule for 1,000 years. When He is here, He will build a Temple and all people will have to submit to Him for 1,000 years, including the Arabs, including the Muslims. Muhammad, they say, is more powerful. He does not have to come back to this wretched earth. Do you understand how they look at it?

How can a Temple be built in Jerusalem? If the Jews today tried to bomb the Dome of the Rock (and they could do so), and if they tried to build a new Temple there [on the false site of the Haram esh-Sharif], what do you think the Arabs, the Iranians, the people of Afghanistan and other Muslim places would do? They would say this is against everything taught in Islam. They would not like it at all.¹³

But the people of Islam, all 750 million of them [1 billion in 2006] believe that Isa, that is Jesus, is coming back to this earth.¹⁴ If a man could come back to this earth with a false prophet to give miracle after miracle after miracle, Muslims would think he was the Christ returned to this earth. The Ayatollah Khomeini believed this. Most Muslims today believe this.

If another man from Iran would come along who was anointed of God, a type of Christ, and “prove” it with miracles, believe me the Muslims, most Christians, and most people on this earth would submit to him to let that Temple be rebuilt. It says in Isaiah 44:28 and then in chapter 45, that there is a man coming out of Iran, out of Persia, who will permit this Temple to be built. He will be on the side of the Jews.¹⁵ At the present time that is not the case with the current rulers of Iran.¹⁶

Daniel, Isaiah, and King Cyrus of Persia

Daniel says that the four kingdoms are coming back into existence in the Middle East at the end of the age. Things are beginning to happen to show the emergence of this very power that the Book of Daniel is talking about. The Middle East is where prophecy will be fulfilled. Iran will play a major part. What we are seeing at the present time is only a prelude to the end.

Who is this Cyrus? Some have said, well maybe “Cyrus” is a reference to Jesus Christ. No, it is not. Cyrus is actually called an **“anointed,”** an individual who is anointed to perform special functions, just as any anointed priest or prophet has a special role to play. When you go into Isaiah chapter 45, though he has some qualities of Christ upon him,¹⁷ the actions of Cyrus occur before the Second Coming of Christ:

“Thus says Yahweh to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I hold fast, To hold sway over nations before him, I shall ungird the waists of kings, To open before him double doors, And gates, they shall not be closed.”

• ***Isaiah 45:1***

These gates are holding in people that they cannot go back to their lands from which they have been taken. This Cyrus will open the gates. Going on, YHWH speaks directly to Cyrus through Isaiah:

“I Myself shall go before you, And I shall level mountains; I shall break down doors of bronze And hack down bars of iron.”

• ***Isaiah 45:2***

This Cyrus (who will be a King of Persia, King of Iran, or another Shah if you want to call him that)

¹³ This portion of the article was from 1979, over 15 years before Dr. Martin began his Temple research (in 1995). In 1979 Dr. Martin (and everyone else) believed the Temple at Jerusalem was near the Dome of the Rock, a Muslim shrine. Dr. Martin’s later research proves the Haram esh-Sharif is not the site of the Jewish Temples. *DWS*

¹⁴ See the website “[Muslim Population by Country 2024](#)” that calculates there are 2 billion Muslims in the world in 2024. *DWS*

¹⁵ The antichrist is not referred to here. Remember, God says this coming Cyrus will be **“righteous”** (Isaiah 41:2). *DWS*

¹⁶ On April 13, 2024, Iran sent 350 drones and missiles to attack Israel. All but a few of the weapons were shot down.

¹⁷ See my article “[Christ and Messiah](#)” where the definition of “messiah” and the term “anointed” is discussed. *DWS*

will have great power from God to do one thing: to bring back the scattered Israelites who will survive the Great Tribulation:

“I give you [Cyrus] treasures of darkness And buried goods of concealment, That you may know that I, Yahweh, Calling you by your name, am the Elohim of Israel. On account of [1] My servant Jacob, And [2] Israel My chosen, I am calling YOU by YOUR name; I am entitling you, yet you do not know Me.”

• *Isaiah 45:3–4*

Remember, Cyrus is actually named in advance. This person doing these things in future years will come from Persia. So you see, that could not be a cipher for Jesus Christ. Christ Jesus has known the Father for a long time. This man Cyrus really is not an Israelite. He will come from the area of Persia.

Putting it all together, here is a summary of events coming in the future before Christ returns:

a man will be raised up from Persia,
 who shall help the Israelis come out of the Great Tribulation,
 who will help rebuild Jerusalem, and
 who will help rebuild the temple, and
 this Iranian individual is not an Israelite.

Going on, God says to Cyrus:

“I am Yahweh, and there is no other; Except for Me, there is NO Elohim; I am forearming you [Cyrus], yet you do not know Me, ...”

• *Isaiah 45:5*

See the point: **“you have NOT KNOWN me.”** YHWH will choose a man from the East, coming from the North as well. He will do a marvelous work by restoring Israel, and God will bring him into public notice. Yet he has not known God in the past. He is a Gentile. But he will learn that the God of Israel is the God of the whole world, and He is the Creator. This is what YHWH tells this Cyrus:

“I am forearming you, yet you do not know Me: That they [the world] may know, From the rising of the sun and from the west, That there is no one apart from Me; I am Yahweh, and there is no other.”

• *Isaiah 45:5–6*

This man named Cyrus shall establish righteousness in the land of Israel just before the second advent of our Lord back to this earth. This Cyrus is the King of Persia, King of Media, King of the area of Elam up in Iran at present.

The Prophet Jeremiah, Persia, and Babylon

Now I will show you two chapters that deal with this same event in the Book of Isaiah. They are Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51. **Mark down those chapters to read**, because I will only discuss a few of the 110 verses.

Like the Isaiah passages about Cyrus, these prophecies about the physical destruction of Babylon also have never occurred in history. The prophecies were given by Jeremiah in the 6th century before Christ. They talk about the destruction of the Babylonian system (the ten toes in Daniel that will be completely overcome). The prophecy names the power that will be used by God to bring the Israelites back from their great dispersal during the time of Jacob’s trouble, the Great Tribulation, which is future to us all.

Persia will be a major power in the Middle East just before the return of Christ to earth. It will be instrumental in helping Israel in their endeavors. Though we do not know the exact time when this will occur, it looks probable that we will know when we see the trends developing in that direction. In other

words, several prophecies of the Bible require that a renewed Persia be on the political scene in the Middle East before the Day of the Lord can commence.

The powers that will destroy Babylon are even named. The central power, leading a group of other nations, will be the nation of Media, which is yet another name for Persia or Iran today. That is what the 50th and 51st chapters of Jeremiah say.

“The word which Yahweh spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by means of Jeremiah the prophet:

’Tell among the nations and announce [sound, proclaim] it! Lift up a banner; Announce it! Do not suppress it! Say: Babylon is seized; Bel is put to shame; Morodach is dismayed; Her fetishes are put to shame; Her idol clods are dismayed ...”

• **Jeremiah 50:1–2**

A destruction is coming upon this Babylonian system:

“For a nation from the north has come up against her [Babylon]; It shall make her land a desolation, And there shall not be a dweller in her; From human unto beast they will wander away; They will go.”

• **Jeremiah 50:3**

The nation that will destroy Babylon comes from the north. The nation of Media or Persia is the one being talked about. When this event happens, something will occur as far as Israel is concerned.

“For behold, I shall rouse and bring up against Babylon an assembled force of great nations from the north land, And they will array themselves against her, And she shall be seized from there [from the north]; Their arrows are like a master of war who causes bereavement; He shall not return empty handed.”

• **Jeremiah 50:9**

Great nations will come and cut down the Babylonians to a destroyed condition. They will do it because Israel shall be given a chance to not be scattered anymore, and the Israelites will be able to leave Babylon. Read all the way through, where Israel was scattered because of the Babylonian influence of this great beast power in existence at the time of the Great Tribulation. It goes on to explain with more detail:

“Behold, a people coming from the north, a great nation, And many kings are roused from the remote parts of the earth.”

• **Jeremiah 50:41**

It says later in the same prophecy:

“Furbish the arrows! Fill the arrow-cases! Yahweh has roused the spirit of the kings of the Medes, For His plan is against Babylon, to ruin it. For it is the vengeance of Yahweh, The vengeance for His temple.”

• **Jeremiah 51:11**

He says in the next part of chapter 51 that the Israelites scattered during the time of Jacob’s trouble (the Great Tribulation) will be gathered. They will be able to depart from Babylon and go back to Jerusalem. There the Second Coming of Christ will take place and Israel THEN shall become the greatest nation on earth during the great millennium. Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51 speak about the Medes from the north helping to destroy the Babylonian image. This shows that a strong leader will emerge in Iran, with a name like *Cyrus* who will perform the deeds of his counterpart of old.

He and his people will also be responsible for destroying modern Babylon (the area of Iraq). Read all of Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51. Some interesting things are on the horizon in the Middle East. Let us keep our eyes open to prophecy. The stage is being set for the restoration of **“former things.”**

Those ten kings will be destroyed at the same time as Babylon, at the very end. Much of the information that we read in these prophecies centers on Israel being in a state of needing help. And who comes to their

aid at the very last moment? The Medes, the Persians, and this Cyrus, this Gentile from the East. We have much to look forward to in the next few years in the history of the Middle East, and Persia (that is, Iran) figures into these events with great power.

At the close of his ministry Christ left some specific instructions to his apostles.

“It is as a man, a traveler, leaving his home and giving his slaves authority, and to each his work, and he directs the doorkeeper that he may be watching.

WATCH, THEN [at that time], **for you are not aware when the lord of the house is coming,**
at evening,
or midnight,
or cockcrowing,
or morning ...

... what I am saying to you, I am saying TO ALL: ‘WATCH!’”

• **Mark 13:34–35, 37**

All of us (even today) should **WATCH** for the signs of events which will precede the end of the age and the Day of the Lord! That is what we are trying to do — and we hope you are too!

Let us keep our eyes on what is happening in that area of the world at the present time. What you will see is this summation (with another list!):

- Israel will receive a spirit of grace and supplication from God (Zechariah 12:10–11).
- They will turn to Yeshua (but that is not the end).
- There will be the Great Tribulation, **“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** [King James Version].
- But the Persians, the Medes, will aid and assist Israel.
- God will put it in their minds and hearts to destroy not only Babylon.
- They will also bring Israel out of **“Jacob’s trouble”** and back to the land of God’s promise.

This is a very interesting scenario of prophecy for Israel in the next few years.

Let us ALL keep our eyes on the Middle East.

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 David Sielaff, 2006, 2024

How does this information about a future “Cyrus” relate to the information in the Books of Daniel and Revelation?

What about the rise of the Kings of the South
 and the Kings of the North?

They war, make peace, then make war again.

The Antichrist prevails.

The information is complex for a reason.

There is still much to learn from God about the prophecies in Scripture.

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