

*Bible Study Series:
The Nations in the World Tomorrow Part 5*

Status and Role of the Nations in the World Tomorrow

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What will the nations be doing in the World Tomorrow?

What will be their role? How will they relate to the House of Israel?

An elementary collation of the Millennial prophecies of the nations under the Messiah's reign will provide us with some information and insights into a topic seldom or never addressed.

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The above should be read in conjunction with the book *In Search of ... the Origin of Nations* in order to understand the modern identities of the ancient nations listed in the mysterious Table of Nations. Once that is established, the prophecies may be understood.

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Introductory Comments

Following on from the book *In Search of ... the Origin of Nations* which traces the nations of mankind after the great flood to their modern locations, it is important that we explore what these nations will be doing during the reign of the Messiah. The Scriptures do not reveal all that the nations will be doing, but gives us enough information on the subject to be able to assemble an interesting picture of this 1,000 year period.

The first article in this series *What will Israel be doing in the World Tomorrow?* explores in detail the role that Israel will play in ruling the world under the Messiah.

The next article in the series *When do the Armies of Ezekiel 38 and 39 Invade Israel?* proves that the various peoples (mainly Japhetic and Hamitic) listed in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, constitute the remnants of the 200 million horde that warred with German-led Europe during the years just prior to the Messiah's return. This remnant will still be extant after the Messiah's reign and will be brought to heel by Him some years into His reign.

The third in the series is titled *The Judging of the Nations* which explores how the peoples of mankind will be humbled by the Messiah and ruled by Israel. Punishment for rebellion will not be pleasant for the recipients.

In this short, straight forward Bible study, all the various Scriptures concerning particular nations that are mentioned in millennial prophecies are sought out and assembled by their names.

The nations as found in the Millennial prophecies are listed accordingly and where appropriate cross-referenced or commented upon.

“Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.

He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy ...

His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in him: **all nations shall call him blessed.**” (Ps 72:11-13, 17)

The Millennium will not be a proverbial ‘bed of roses.’ The 1,000 year rule of the Messiah commences with His initially setting foot on the Mount of Olives and slowly but methodically extending His reign commencing with Jerusalem, Israel, greater Israel, the former Israelitish colonies and then the conquest of gentile nations one-by-one.

These nations will be tried and tested at various times during the Millennium to see if they are truly converted and trust in His global leadership through Israel (refer to the Bible study *The Judging of the Nations* for further Biblical evidence).

Overall, it will be a time of peace, harmony and prosperity. But God will not make anything too easy for anyone or any nation. He will test the heart of nations and individuals to see where they stand.

Indeed, the nations will be tested to see if they are truly submissive to His rule through Israel and are building character. All nations will have a part in God's great Plan. The secret is for them not to become envious of Israel, and for Israel, in turn, not to become haughty and arrogant.

This study will target those particular Scriptures relating to these nations specifically mentioned in the prophecies.

In addition - I have hand written notes from around the late 1970s on all the prophecies I could find on the end-time prophecies relating to all the non-Israelitish nations – that is during the Tribulation or the Messiah personally delivering excruciating punishment during the Day of the Lord. It is too easy to read over these parts of the Word of God without any reflection, thought or relating them to God's Plan. These prophecies are listed in appendix two with short explanations for some of them in appendix one.

Finally, during the Millennium, all the various races, peoples and nations will maintain their distinct identities. **The Bible nowhere expresses a 'one world race' concept; nor a 'brotherhood of man'; or 'humanity et al. It speaks instead of "all the nations" (Gen 22:18; 26:4; Zech 12:3) and "all the families of the earth" (Gen 12:3; 28:14; Amos 3:2).** So it will be during the golden age of the Messiah!

He sees commonalities of course, but He also sees large differences amongst the nations and races in physiology; mentality; characteristics and potential. He, as Creator, wants diversity and it is up to us to both admire and protect it.

The process of separating out the nations to preserve their distinctiveness actually commences during the Day of the Lord, leading into the final intervention and world domination by the Messiah:

"I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: **they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.**" (Is 13:12-14)

"He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, **and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity,** from the oppressing sword." (Jer 46:16)

"Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword **they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.**" (Jer 50:16)

"We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and **let us go every one into his own country:** for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up *even* to the skies." (Jer 51:9)

In this way all the nations will be preserved and be able to play their part in God's plan, according to the role He has assigned to each of them.

This article reveals the Millennial roles of some of the nations referred to in the Bible.

Assyria

[NB: the Germans are the modern-day descendants of the Assyrians]

The Assyrians descend from Asshur, or Assur, second son of Shem (Genesis 10:22) and probably twin brother to Arphaxad. Traditionally, offspring are listed according to age: the firstborn is often listed first. In Genesis 10:22, we find listed five sons of Shem. Elam is clearly the firstborn. If Asshur was a twin brother of Elam, this would surely have been mentioned as with other twins in Scripture, but for some reason is not.

However, the antagonisms between Asshur and Arphaxad demonstrate that in all likelihood that they were twins with Asshur's birth possibly preceding Arphaxad's (compare the example of Genesis 25:21-23). Arphaxad and Asshur must have been twins for Scripture states that Arphaxad was begotten "two years after the Flood" (Genesis 11:10). In other words, Elam was begotten in the first year after the Flood and his two brothers begotten a year later. It is impossible for three separate births to have occurred within two years.

Not surprisingly, Asshur's name means 'strong' or 'powerful'. Or, as Josephus put it:

"Asshur lived at the city Nineve; and named his subjects Assyrians, who became the most fortunate nation, beyond others." (Josephus *Antiquities*, I.vii.4)

In other words they were a greatly blessed people, second only to the descendants of Arphaxad (and Aram it seems). God, by electing the line of Arphaxad to do His work and to lead the world, has led to Assur's jealousy of Arphaxad and an age-long antagonism which will culminate in a great show-down between their descendants in the years just ahead. Assur is probably just as capable as the descendants of Arphaxad in ruling and leading, with one exception: they are too warlike. As such, it is logical to conclude that God rejected Assur and chose the line of Arphaxad instead.

In the years ahead, Assyria will attempt once and for all to destroy the direct descendants of his twin brother Arphaxad (through Israel, i.e. the Anglo-Saxon-Kelts). But why? The age old resentment and envy that God had given the birthright blessing in place of Elam to Arphaxad, and not to himself (Assur) - that God chose that line, and not Assur's is still heaped up in the Assyrian heart. Let there be no mistake: the German descendants of Assur are an extremely gifted people who resemble the descendants of Arphaxad and Aram more so than any other nation. Their sense of order, discipline, ingenuity and cleanliness is superb and world-famous. But so is their warrior-image. God chose Arphaxad because he had less of the military spirit and more leadership abilities.

The Assyrians have never forgotten this and it lurks deep down within their 'psyche' to this day. Consequently they wish to overthrow Arphaxad and lead the world with their militaristic style, rather than in God's way and wish to take the Birthright lands of North America and the British Isles from the Anglo-Saxon-Kelts during the coming WWIII.

But after WWIII, Assur will be one of the first to repent:

"In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to **Assyria**, and **Assyria** shall come into Egypt, and Egypt into **Assyria**, and Egypt shall serve with **Assyria**."

In that day Israel shall be the third with Egypt and with **Assyria**, a blessing in the midst of the land;
whom Jehovah of Hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *be* My people Egypt, and **Assyria** the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.” (Is 19:23-25)

So the Germans will be granted their role in the World Tomorrow, like all nations will be.

Cush (Ethiopia)

[NB: the East Africans represent the western portion of the modern-day descendants of Cush. The southern Indians are the eastern portion of the Cushites.]

“Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of **Ethiopia** and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, **and they shall fall down unto thee [Israel]**, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.

Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.” (Ezek 45:14-17)

“Ah, land of whirring [Heb = “rustling”] wings that is **beyond the rivers of Cush**, which sends ambassadors by the sea, in vessels of papyrus on the waters! Go, you swift messengers, **to a nation tall and smooth**, to a people feared near and far, a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide. [i.e. the sudd or swamps, hence the name Sudan, which means “black people of the swamps”]

...

At that time tribute will be brought to the LORD of hosts from a people tall and smooth, from a people feared near and far, a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide, to Mount Zion, the place of the name of the LORD of hosts.” (Is 18:1-2, 7)

Notice, these are a tall, warrior people and seems to refer to the Nilotes. In fact, the Nilotes are considered to be amongst the tallest peoples in the world. Specifically this prophecy is likely referring to the Dinka and Shilluk tribes who live on the floating cakes of sudd. “Beyond the rivers of Ethiopia” also refers to black peoples much further south as those rivers were connected ultimately to the Zambesi at the time of the writing of that prophecy.

They dwell in eastern and northern Uganda, as well as southern Sudan. If the reader wishes to do some research himself, following is a list of the Nilote tribes to investigate: The Mittu, Abukaya, Luba (mixed with Lehabim?), Wira, Lendu, Mora, Shilluk, Anuok, Beir, Jur, Belanda, Acholi, Lango, Atura, Jaho, Dinka and the Nuer (a language of the Dinka is Ngok-**Sobat**).

Canaan

[NB: the modern-day descendants of the Canaanites are scattered, though the core dwell along the Mediterranean rim]

“And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the **Canaanites**, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.
And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.” (Ob 20-21)

From this we can see that Israel will rule over them for at least an initial period of the Millennial reign of the Messiah.

“Yea, and what have ye to do with me, **O Tyre, and Zidon**, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;
Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:
The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.
Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:
And **I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah**, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it.” (Joel 3:4-8)

This may seem rather odd, but a period of servitude must be necessary to break their will. They will learn to become subject to the Messiah!

“Is it not yet a very little while, and **Lebanon** shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?
And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.
The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.” (Is 29:17-19)

“The glory of **Lebanon** shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.
The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee **shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet**; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.” (Is 60:13-14)

Both physically and spiritually, these people have afflicted the people of God – now judgment awaits them.

Edom (Esau)

[NB: various nations including the Turks and some Central Asians are the modern-day descendants of the Edomites]

“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon **Edom**, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from **Teman**; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

And **I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel**: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.” (Ezek 25:13-14)

Israel will wreak revenge upon these people for the Messiah will rule the whole world via His people (Rev 2:26-27):

“And thou shalt know that I am the LORD, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume.

Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard them.

Thus saith the Lord GOD; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.

As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount **Seir**, and all **Idumea**, even all of it: and they shall know that I am the LORD.” (Ezek 35:12-15)

Because they rejoice over the demise of God’s people (Israel and the Church), their reckoning awaits.

“But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of **Esau** for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of **Esau**; for the LORD hath spoken it.

And they of the south shall possess the mount of **Esau**; and they of the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.

And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.

And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of **Esau**; and the kingdom shall be the LORD’S.” (Ob 17-21)

Gog, Magog, Meschech, Tubal etc

[NB: these peoples generally inhabit the area of Russia today]

To understand Ezekiel 38:18-39:16, we need to note that they are read in many synagogues during the Feast of Tabernacles, providing the context for its fulfilment.

Also, these are the residue of the forces of the Second Woe (Rev 9:13-21) which God would have used to conquer and punish the countries of the Beast power. Perhaps after the first seven years or so of Israelites being settled back in the Holy Land, after Israel has swooped upon certain gentiles, many of them will rise up in rebellion, perhaps claiming discrimination and unfairness as reasons for this invasion.

Just as God gives us enough time to repent or show our true colours; just as He allowed Lucifer plenty of time to foment rebellion; so He will allow these forces to develop. The picture we get is that these peoples are the recalcitrant forces that invaded the nations comprising the Beast power in Europe. As such, they comprise the remnants of the 200 million army pictured in Rev 9:16 (the 1/6th of Ezek 39:2 may mean that 1/6th of the 200 million will come against Israel or that 1/6th of the Gog and Magog forces will be left).

The bitterness and jealousy will well-up into a lust for war. They will see the great blessings and wealth of Israel returned to them and want it for themselves (see Rev 18:11-13; Hag 2:7-9; Is 23:17-18; Ex 12:35-36; Jos 6:18-19).

“Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* overwhelming; but who *is* able to stand before envy?”
(Prov 27:4)

Ezekiel reveals the following:

“And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
Son of man, set thy face against **Gog, the land of Magog**, the chief prince of **Meshech** and **Tubal**, and prophesy against him,
And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of *armour*, even a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:
Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:
Gomer, and all his bands; the house of **Togarmah** of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and* many people with thee.” (Ezek 38:1-6)

“So says the Lord Jehovah: And it shall be in that day that things shall come into your heart, and you shall devise an evil plan.
And you shall say, I will go up to the land of open spaces. I will go *to those at ease* [cp Lam 1:3], who **dwelt securely**, all of them dwelling **without walls**, and there are no bars nor gates to them,
in order to take a spoil, and to steal a prize; to turn your hand on the inhabited waste places, and **on the people gathered out of the nations, who have gotten cattle and goods**, who dwell in the midst of the land.” (Ezek 38:10-12)

Notice: this rebellion is against the Israelites who have returned from captivity and who now have gathered much wealth as we have seen. They also are dwelling in peace.

And why does this war occur?:

“And I will set My glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see My judgments which I have done, and My hand that I have laid on them.

So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* Jehovah their God from that day and forward. [there will be no more doubting Thomas’s]

And the nations shall know that the house of Israel was exiled [ie prior to this Gog and Magog invasion] for their iniquity. Because they sinned against Me, therefore I hid My face from them and gave them into the hand of their enemies. So they all fell by the sword. [it follows on therefore that these gentile nations will now be called to repent and allow God to rule over them through Israel]” (Ezek 39:21-23)

There may be parallel passages in Zechariah. Chapter 12 has a Trumpets theme and is read in synagogues on the Day of Trumpets; chapter 13 has an Atonement theme and read on the Day of Atonement; while chapter 14 is read during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zech 14:4-11 refers to the first few years of the Millennium and specifically states that Jerusalem (symbolic of Israel) will be safely inhabited (cp Ezek 38:11,14). Then we are told:

“And this shall be the plague with which Jehovah will strike all the peoples who have fought against Jerusalem [both before and after the return of Christ]. Their flesh shall rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes shall rot in their sockets. And their tongue shall rot in their mouth.

And it shall be in that day a great panic of Jehovah shall be among them **And they shall each one lay hold of his neighbor**, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the nations all around shall be gathered, gold, and silver, and clothing in great abundance.

And so shall be the **plague** of the horse, the mule, the camel, and the ass, and of all the beasts which shall be in these tents, like this plague.

And it shall be, everyone who is left of all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles ...

Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy to Jehovah of Hosts. And all those who sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil in them. And in that day there shall no longer be a trader [ie Canaanite] in the house of Jehovah of Hosts.” (Zech 14:12-16, 21)

Compare the above with Ezekiel:

“And I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains, says the Lord Jehovah. **Each man's sword shall be against his brother.** [cp Hag 2:22]

And I will judge him with a **plague** and with blood. And I will rain on him, and on his bands, and on the many peoples with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone.

So I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself. And I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I *am* Jehovah.” [and they know God by loving Him and obeying Him eg by observing the Feast of Tabernacles] (Ezek 38:21-23)

What of those nations that, prior to the liberation of Israel by Christ, would have enslaved Israel, but by now have repented and even assisted in the transporting of liberated Israelitish slaves to the Holy Land?:

“**Sheba and Dedan**, and the merchants of **Tarshish**, with all their young lions [Germany – Nah 2:11], shall say to you, Have you come to take a spoil? Have you gathered your company to steal a prize, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?” (Ezek 38:13)

Here we are told that Gog and Magog etc’s intent is to take from Israel what she has gathered from other nations. The nations speaking up and warning them are Sheba (Schwabians), Dedan (Prussians), Tarshish (Spain and Japan) and the young lions (Assyrians). These are nations which had formerly comprised the Beast power and allies. But now they are repentant and warn the enemies of Israel not to attack Israel, God’s wife! Why? Because they would be very well aware of the consequences of such action!

“And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to **Tarshish, Pul, and Lud**, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.” (Is 66:19)

[for more details, refer to the article *When do the Armies of Ezekiel 38 and 39 Invade Israel? (The Nations in the World Tomorrow part 2)*]

Ishmael

[NB: the descendants of Ishmael dwell today in the Arabian peninsula as well as many millions scattered throughout North Africa and other countries such as Iran]

“**They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him**; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.” (Ps 72:9-10)

“All the flocks of **Kedar** shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of **Nebaioth** shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.” (Is 60:7)

As with all peoples, the rebellious will of the Arabs and related nations will be broken and they will learn the true ways of God via the Messiah.

Mizraim (Egypt)

[NB: the Egyptians, in the main, are the modern-day descendants of the ancient Egyptians]

“And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD

of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the **family of Egypt** go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

This shall be the punishment of **Egypt**, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.” (Zech 14:16-19)

Note: the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles will be obligatory upon all peoples.

“And **the land of Egypt** shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it.

Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia.

No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years.

And I will make the land of **Egypt** desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the **Egyptians** among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

Yet thus saith the Lord GOD; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered:

And I will bring again the captivity of **Egypt**, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom.

It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations.

And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth their iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I am the Lord GOD.” (Ezek 29:9-16)

Notice that even though they will be saved by God, yet they will be base, overall.

“Thus saith the LORD, The labour of **Egypt**, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee [Israel], they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.

Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.” (Is 45:14-17)

“**The burden of Egypt**. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, *and* kingdom against kingdom.

And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.” (Is 19:1-3)

The above indicates that this occurs after the return of the Messiah. Compare with Zech 14:13.

Now Egypt learns to fear Judah which God uses to punish them:

“And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto **Egypt**, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.” [see Zech 14:14 where Judah are portrayed as fighters] (v17)

Then we have Egypt’s repentance:

“In that day shall five cities in **the land of Egypt** speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of **Egypt**, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.

And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.” (vv18-20)

These oppressors are probably those referred to in verses 11-13.

“And **the LORD shall be known to Egypt**, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform *it*.

And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal *it*: and they shall return *even* to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, *even* a blessing in the midst of the land:

Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, **Blessed be Egypt my people**, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.” (vv21-25)

Sheba, Seba and the Sabeans

[NB: the descendants of Sheba are today dwelling in East Africa; Seba are the Dravidians (southern Indians) and Sabeans may be a collective name for Sheba, Seba etc]

“They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the **kings of Sheba and Seba** shall offer gifts.” (Ps 72:9-10)

“**And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.**

Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. {abundance...: or, noise of the sea shall be turned toward thee} {forces: or, wealth}

The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; **all they from Sheba shall come**: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.” (Is 60:3-6)

“Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:

And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to **the Sabeans**, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it.” (Joel 3:7-8)

“Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and **of the Sabeans**, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.

Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.” (Is 45:14-17)

Tarshish, Javan, Lud

[NB: the Spanish are the western portion of the modern-day descendants of the descendants of Tarshish and the Japanese the eastern portion. Javan includes the core Greeks and southern Italians. Lud comprises the Albanians]

“Surely the isles shall wait for me, and **the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far**, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.” (Is 60:9)

“And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, **to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud**, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and **Javan**, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all

nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.

And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD.” (Is 66:19-21)

“They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.” (Ps 72:9-10)

Here we see that repentant Tarshish actually brings the remnants of Israel to the Holy Land as part of the Second Exodus. They even bring gifts to the Messiah demonstrating their abeyance and repentance.

Observations and Comments

The above represents most of the Scriptures concerning specific nations that are extant during the time of the Messiah as He rules supreme over the entire world.

They provide a mere glimpse of what will happen to particular nations after His arrival and it seems, this occurs several years into the Millennium - these Scriptures are a sample or representative of what the nations will be doing, their roles and status.

It is important, though, to read the article on *What will Israel be doing in the World Tomorrow?* to understand her role and place. Then match that with the roles of the non-Israelitish peoples which will help to more fully understand the prophecies listed or discussed within the pages of this article.

It is my hope that this short study will expand one’s thinking of the World Tomorrow and what will actually occur at that time. It demonstrates that God’s Word has a lot more to say about this period than many would imagine for it is too easy to read over the pertinent Scriptures relating to these nations and their role in the World Tomorrow.

How better to complete this Bible study than by quoting a key Scripture:

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee¹.

{shine...: or, be enlightened; for thy light cometh}

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they

¹ Cp Rev 20:23 - "In the light of the whole Scripture, it appears that the Millennium is like a "firstfruits" of the eternal state. The Millennium will be like a preview of the eternal messianic kingdom that will be revealed fully in the eternal state. Therefore, because the two are alike in nature, they share distinct similarities. Yet because they are both different revealed time periods, they would likewise reflect some dissimilarities ..." (Ralph H. Alexander, *Ezekiel, Everyman’s Bible Commentary*, Vol.6, page 945, note on *Does Ezekiel 40-48 Relate to the Millennium or to the Eternal State?*)

come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. {abundance...: or, noise of the sea shall be turned toward thee} {forces: or, wealth}

The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee [the Great Tribulation], but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. [restoration of Israel after the Exodus]

Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that *men* may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and *that* their kings *may be* brought. {forces: or, wealth}

For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. [Israel will rule the world!]

The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, **The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. [typological of the Day of the Lord]

Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. [symbolically and also a type of the New Jerusalem]

Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.” [the might of Israel during the millennium] (Is 60:1-22)

[compare this chapter with Ps 60]

Prior to the Millennium, the world will experience the terrible Tribulation and Day of the Lord – some prophecies that refer to specific nations are explained and listed in appendices one and two.

But during the Millennium all nations will learn the hard way to serve and love the Son of God (Ps 2; 96; 97; 98; 99; 100; 150; Is 56:6-8).

Appendix One

Explanation of Certain National Prophecies

Below are prophecies about certain nations which have been assembled and explanations offered. Note that these are prophecies which are fulfilled during the Tribulation or Day of the Lord, not during the Millennium.

The Future of East Europe (Elam and Lud)

Lud in Albania may form part of the prophesied United States of Europe, but prophecy does not specify. However, the Bible speaks in terms of history repeating itself. Will the Elamites be doomed to repeat their history? As Solomon, the wisest man to have lived, wrote:

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; And that which is done, is that which shall be done: And there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, 'see, this is new?' it has been already of old time, which was before us" (Eccl 1:9-10)

In World War One Croatia, Austro-Hungary and Bulgaria were allies of Germany. In World War Two Hungary, Rumania, Croatia, Montenegro and Albania were allies of the Axis forces. Will history repeat itself? Will the Slavic nations of South-eastern Europe be involved in a United States of Europe? Bible prophecy may indicate such:

"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 [Israel], which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush [yes, India will be involved in enslaving the Israelites in its region of the world] and from Elam [East Europe], and from Shinar [modern Babylon - the United States of Europe], and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea [Japan, South America]" (Is 11:11)

A part of Elam, it would seem, will be joined with Europe and be involved in the future captivity of the House of Israel. These may be those of south-east Europe who were allied with Germany in the two World Wars and which were also within the Roman Empire. It is these which are described by Ezekiel as being in the service of the king of Babylon (Europe) when it invades Egypt (Ezek 32:11-12, 22, 24, 30. See Dan 11:40-42). Isaiah allies them with the peoples of Kir who were anciently in Anatolia but who are now in Europe (Is 22:6). In other prophecies, however, Elam is allied with the Medes against Babylon. From this it would appear that there will be a break-up of the European combine some time during the Tribulation and that certain nations of Elam such as Poland and Czechoslovakia may align with the nations of the east during the Tribulation as some of them did toward the end of WWII:

"Go up, O Elam [East Europe]: besiege, O Media [Ukraine, Russia]: All the sighing thereof have I made to cease... 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen [the fall of Europe]' " (Is 21:2, 9. Cp Jer 25:25)

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God Almighty thunders a blistering warning to the East Europeans:

"Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might. And upon Elam will I bring the four quarters of heaven [war], and will scatter them toward all those winds... '...And I will bring evil upon them, in my fierce anger...and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them... 'But it shall come to pass on the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the Lord' " (Jer 49:35-39)

The prophet Isaiah also referred to them:

"The noise of a multitude of mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of Nations gathered together: the Lord of hosts mustereth the host of the battle...Behold, I will stir up the Medes, against them [the Chaldeans]..." (Is 13:4, 17)

"Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof, have I made to cease...'Babylon is fallen, is fallen' " (Is 21:2, 9. Cp Rev 18:2)

Jeremiah also predicted the downfall of modern Babylon at the hands of these northern forces:

"For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great Nations from the North country...Behold, a people shall come from the North, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up, from the coasts of the earth.

They shall hold the bow and the lance : they are cruel, and will not show mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses" (Jer 50:9, 42-43)

"...the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes : for his device is against Babylon...

...call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat [Georgia, Armenia between the Black and Caspian Seas in Russia], Minni [anciently the northern frontier of the Medes] and Aschkenaz [the descendants of Gomer in south-east Asia]..." (Jer 51:11, 27)

We know that initially Russia will be firm allies with German-led Europe (Ezek 27:13). Ezekiel equates Babylon/Chaldea with Tyre; the peoples of Tyre are in southern Italy and Sicily, but symbolically it applies to the coming tremendously prosperous European Empire. God warns the soon-to-arise modern Babylon/ Chaldea/Tyre/Europe of its demise at the hands of Russia and her eastern allies:

"I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations" (Ezek 28:7)

Turkey in Prophecy

Dozens of prophecies concerning Turkey fill the pages of God's Word. Everywhere you read Edom, Esau, Seir, Idumea or Bozrah in the prophets, it is referring to these people dwelling in parts of Central Asia and in particular to Turkey. The entire prophecy of Obadiah is a blistering message of warning to the Turkic peoples.

When the modern Babylon/Tyre/United States of Europe invades the Middle East,

“these shall escape out of his hand even Edom and Moab and the chief of the children of Ammon” (Dan 11:41).

Why will Turkey escape the wrath of Europe, at least initially? The following scripture indicates that they will be closely allied with Europe in the End Time:

“In the day that thou stoodest on the other side [i.e. with the enemy], in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them” (Ob 11).

From these inspired scriptures we can see that Turkey will be allied to Europe against the House of Israel and Judah!

“Therefore thus saith the Lord God:
‘I will stretch out Mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it;
and I will make it desolate from Teman;
and they of Dedan [their north German allies] shall fall by the sword’ ” (Ezek 25:13).

Who will God use to execute such destruction? Earlier in the chapter He mentions men of the east - Russia and the 200 million horde from the Orient (Dan 11:44-45; Rev 9:13-21). And of Amalek (Gog), God thunders:

“Amalek was the first of the nations [against Israel]; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever” (Num 24:20).

A comprehensive list of prophecies dealing with Turkey may be found in Appendix Two.

The Future of the Arabs

In Psalms 83 stands a vital prophecy, a pivotal prophecy if you wish, concerning the peoples of the Middle East:

“Keep not Thou silence O God ... For lo, Thine enemies make a tumult ... They have taken crafty counsel against Thy people ... They have said, ‘Come and let us cut them off from being a nation: that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance ... They are confederate against thee:

The Tabernacles of Edom [Turkey], and the Ishmaelites [Saudi Arabia], Of Moab [Jordan, with some in Syria and Iraq] and the Hagarenes [Saudi Arabia]: Gebal [in Lebanon] and Ammon [Jordan], and Amalek: the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre [southern Italians, symbolic also of the U.S. of Europe] Assur [Germany!] also is joined with them” (Ps 83:1-8).

Many of the Middle Eastern Arabs and Turks will be allies of the soon-coming European Empire! That is why they shall initially escape the wrath of Europe (Dan 11:41). But Egypt, Ethiopia and Libya

(ie the northern African nations) will be deemed enemies of Europe and worthy of invasion (Dan 11:42-43; Ezek 30:4-5; 32:17-24; Is 20:4-6; Nah 3:8-10).

Later, Europe will turn on them slaughtering and destroying the populace (see Is 16:7-8; 21:13-17; Jer 49:28-29; 47:1-4; Zech 9:5-6). God will punish them, as He will all nations, teaching them a lesson they will both deserve and never forget.

Appendix Two

List of Tribulation and Day of the Lord Prophecies Concerning the Nations

Ammon and Moab (sons of Lot):

Ammon: Jer 49:1-6; Ezek 25:1-7 Dan 11:41; Amos 1:13-15; Zeph 2:8-11

Moab: Isaiah 15, 16; Jer 48:1-47; Ezek 25:8-11; Dan 11:41; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph 2:8-11

Prophecies on Jordan: Is 11:14; 16:1-5, 13-14; Jer 9:26; 12:5; 25:21; 27:3; 48:9-11; 49:1-3, 6-9; 50:44; Ezek 25:1-10; 21:30; Zeph 2:8-11; Zech 11:3; Amos 2:1-3

Aram:

Isaiah 17:1-14; Jer 49:23-27; Amos 1:3-5

Assyria:

Isaiah 10:5-16; 10:24-34; 14:24-27; 19:23-25; 31:7-9; Micah 5:1-6; Nahum 1:1-3:19; Zeph 2:13-15; Zech 10:6-11

Babylonians:

Isaiah 13:1-14:11; 14:16-23; 21:1-10; 47:1-15; 48:20-21; Jer 50:1-46; 51:1-64; Ezek 12:10-16; Dan 2:31-38; 5:24-31; 7:1-4; Hab 1:1-11; Rev 17:1-18; 18:1-24

Rome: Dan 2:31-45; 7:1-7; 7:17-27; 8:22-25; 11:36-45; Rev 9:1-12; 13:1-18; 17:1-18:24

Canaan:

Lebanon: Isaiah 29:17-19; 60:13-14; Is 10:34; 14:18; 33:9; 37:24; 40:16; Ezek 26:5; Jer 47:4; Hab 2:17; Zech 11

Tyre & Sidon: Isaiah 23:1-18; Ezek 26:1-21; 27:1-36 ; 28:1-10; 28:20-26; Joel 3:4-8; Amos 1:9-10; Zech 9:3-4

Cush (Ethiopia):

Isaiah 18:1-7; Dan 11:41-43; Zeph 2:11-12;

Edom (Esau):

Isaiah Is 11:14; 34:5-8; 63:1, 6; Jer 9:26; 25:21; 49:7-24; Lam 4:21-22; Ezek 25:12-14; 35:1-15; 36:5; Dan 11:41; Amos 1:6-12; Ob 1:1-21; Joel 3:19; Amos 2:1; 9:12; Mic 1:12; Mal 1:2-4.

Elam:

Jer 49:34-39

Gog and Magog, etc:

Ezek 38:1-39:29; Dan 11:44-45; Rev 9:13-21; 16:12

Ishmael (Arabs):

Isaiah 21:13-17; Jer 2:10; 3:2; 25:23-24; 49:28; Ezek 29:21; Is 42:11; 60:7

Kedar: Jer 49:28-33

Javan (Greece):

Dan 2:31-39; 7:1-6; 8:1-14; 8:20-25; 11:1-35; Zech 9:13

Mizraim (Egypt):

Isaiah 19; 20; Isaiah 45:14-17; Jer 46:1-28; Ezek 29:1-21; 30:1-26; 31:1-18; 32:1-32; Dan 11:41-43; Zech 10:6-11; 14:16-19

Philistia: Isaiah 14:29-32; Jer 47:1-7; Ezek 25:15-17; Amos 1:6-8; Zeph 2:4-7; Zech 9:5-8

Persia:

Dan 2:31-39; 5:24-31; 7:1-5; 11:1-4

Tarshish:

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