

The Blessed Hope!

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)

Diamond & Nugget #111

I do not know the day or the hour when the Rapture will take place but I believe we are weeks away. A series of events has quickly followed this week on the footsteps of what I shared in Blessed Hope #110. What I will share in this segment are clearly significant factors in the lead up to the Ezekiel 38/39 scenario, Isaiah 17:1-2 and the vaporization of Damascus, Syria. The “Hand” of God is quite evident in the coalescing of events the past few weeks.

My first item of significance here is a huge factor first noted on June 22nd, 2022 by Mike Adams the Health Ranger. Mike’s report today at ‘*Natural News*’ may not register with most people but if this all unfolds over the next eight few weeks as Mike Adams states, it will prove to be the reason that the United States military will be sidelined or unable to aid Israel in the outbreak of the Gog and Magog War. After you read the following from Mike Adam’s today, you might be like me thinking about the coincidence of all this series of cascading events. Remember, one of the key lessons taught in Ezekiel is that Israel and the world will know it is God that delivers Israel from the clutches of Gog and Magog!

How do we know that God protects the nation of Israel?

Much of the Christian community and most of the world will argue this issue. Pastor Chuck Baldwin in his post on Thursday, June 23rd dropped one of his familiar rebukes of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture and Israel. Here is a quote from Pastor Baldwin’s post: “*At this point, I’ve already lost 80% of America’s evangelicals who have been brainwashed by the pseudo-prophecy doctrines of Cyrus Scofield and who believe that the Israeli state born in 1948 is a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy and is a—no, THE—central prophetic sign of Christ’s Second Coming.*”

Pastor Baldwin like so many Christian leaders are blinded by their inability to discern why the Dispensational interpretation of the Bible is so essential to the understanding of history when it comes to God’s dealing with humanity through Israel. They are so blinded by contempt for Israel that they will reject and call God a liar when they should be recognizing that God has revealed the end from the beginning, simply telling us history in advance of its occurrences. John 16:4 states what Jesus told the disciples – **“But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may**

remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.”

Chuck Baldwin is as biased and confused as his words of criticism, “*And the vast majority of political conservatives are brainwashed into believing that Israel is America’s “greatest ally” in the Middle East and must be supported with American dollars and protected with American blood—at all costs.*” When it comes to the Bible, Chuck Baldwin cannot see the forest for the trees! This is simply an idiomatic expression that describes the condition where one cannot discern an overall pattern from a mass of detail; to see the big picture, or the broader, more general situation.

We know from several standpoints that God does protect the nation of Israel:

1. Biblical Promises

First, the God of Israel *promises* protection for His chosen people:

“I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses (despises, dishonors, treats with contempt) you” -(Genesis 12.3)

“Whoever assails you will fall ... no weapon that is formed against you will prosper” -(Isaiah 54.15,17)

“I will be a wall of fire around her ... he who touches you, touches the apple (pupil) of the LORD’s eye” -(Zechariah 2.5,8)

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you” -(Isaiah 41.10)

“Those who strive with you (Israel) shall perish” -(Isaiah 41.11)

2. Historic Examples of Israel’s Protection

Secondly, there are well-known examples of God’s intervention on behalf of His people:

- When the Egyptian army pursued the Israelites during the Exodus, God slowed them by removing their chariot wheels, and drowned them as the parted waters returned -(Exodus 14.19-31)
- In the fifth century B.C. a number of Jews were still in Babylon under Persian rule. God used a brave Jewess, Queen Esther, to prevent the killing of Jews, both young and old (see the book of Esther)
- God promised Joshua that, when the Israelite armies marched around Jericho seven times, blew their trumpets and shouted loudly, then Jericho would be given into their hands. When they did this the city walls fell flat as pancakes -(Joshua chapter 6)
- When five kings went up with their armies and made war against the men of Gibeon, the LORD said to Joshua ***“do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand”***. The armies fled, struck down by large hailstones. And ***“the sun stood still”*** (didn’t set) until Israel had revenge on their enemies -(Joshua 10.1-15)

3. Long-term Verification of God's Protection

Despite some 2,500 years of scattering and persecution, the people of Israel (generically, the Jews) have survived. Furious attempts to annihilate this people have all failed. From the Babylonians to Queen Isabella to Hitler, their plans to totally exterminate the Jews failed. When King Louis XIV of France asked Blaise Pascal, the great Christian philosopher to give him proof of God, Pascal answered, "*Why the Jews, your Majesty, the Jews!*" The fact that the Jews have survived whilst many other nations have disappeared points to their protection over the ages.

In fact, in recent years God has actually *restored* the nation of Israel and blessed her. In just 100 years the Jewish population of Israel has risen an amazing 7,700 percent through mass Jewish immigration, or aliyah.

Protection is Sometimes Conditional

Of course, when the nation of Israel walked away from their God and Protector these promises seemed not to apply and Israel was scattered throughout the nations for some 2,500 years. The scenario is similar today. Most of the 8 million inhabitants of Israel do not recognize Yeshua (Jesus) as their promised Messiah. So, according to prophecy, in the near future it seems Israel will go through a time of great trouble -(Matthew 24.15-28). It will be a time of the refining of Israel until they recognize their true Messiah.

Recent Examples of God's Protection

There are recent examples of God's miraculous protection of Israel:

1948-49: When the Jewish State was born in May 1948, five Arab armies (Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq) immediately invaded Israel. Arab rulers thought they were heading towards an easy victory; they had no difficulty obtaining all the arms they needed and even British RAF planes flew with Egyptian squadrons over the Israel-Egypt border, Israel was thought to be virtually defenseless, but they were wrong. The Arab armies suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of a combination of Jewish militias (there was no formal Israel Defense Force or IDF). Reasons have been advanced for the Arab defeat, such as inter-Arab political rivalries:

The rivalries were a major problem because they resulted in poor command, lack of transparency, and ultimately, failure [Sami Moubayed, Syrian political analyst]

It is claimed Arab leaders fought against each other for land and glory. Was this the hand of God? A similar scenario will occur in the imminent Gog-Magog War. The God of Israel says:

"I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains," says the Lord God. "Every man's sword will be against his brother" -(Ezekiel 38.21)

1967: In the Six-Day War of June 5–10, 1967, the armies of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon (and later Iraq) again attacked Israel. Their goal was "*to wipe Israel off the*

map". The Arab armies had huge superiority in armor, aircraft and troops. For instance, Egypt had around 100,000 troops and 900–950 tanks in the Sinai, and the Israeli Air Force could pit only two hundred aircraft against six hundred Arab planes (which included many Soviet MIG fighters).

In the light of this, Israel resolved to make a preemptive strike aimed at destroying the Arab air forces on the ground. After the war Israel held the Sinai, the Golan Heights, Gaza, the West Bank and, for the first time in 2,500 years, all of Jerusalem. As in the 1948-49 war, this rapid military defeat of the Arab armies is attributed in part to the lack of coordination among Arab states. Others e.g. Bible scholars, see the defeat as God preparing the way for Christ's millennial rule from Jerusalem.

1973: On October 6, 1973, hoping to win back territory lost to Israel in 1967, Egyptian and Syrian forces launched a coordinated attack against Israel on *Yom Kippur*, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. For Jews, *Yom Kippur* or 'Day of Atonement' is a solemn time of rest, prayer and fasting – a time of sincere reflection on the state of one's relationship or 'at-one-ment' with God. So this attack came at a time when Israel was "resting" and looking to God.

With the element of surprise to their advantage, Egyptian forces successfully crossed the Suez Canal, suffering only a fraction of the anticipated casualties, while Syrian forces were able to launch their offensive against Israeli positions and break through to the Golan Heights. But despite the surprise and consequent heavy losses, Israel, with urgent US help, once again defeated the attack. It seems the God of Israel once more helped Israel, this time when they were unprepared.

Did God Protect Israel against ISIS? In early December, 2016 a strange storm cloud (dust and rain) put a barrier between Israel and ISIS. Reports say the storm stopped on the border of Syria and was 'unable' to enter Israel's Golan Heights area.

Many believe God intervened on behalf of Israel to prevent ISIS from entering Israel.

Future Example of God's Protection

The imminent Gog-Magog War against Israel will demonstrate to the world that God still protects His people Israel. When Russian-led Islamic armies come against Israel from the north, God promises to help Israel in Sodom and Gomorrah fashion:

"I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains, says the Lord God. Every man's sword will be against his brother ... I will rain down on his troops flooding rain, great hailstones, fire and brimstone" -(Ezekiel 38.21-22)

So if we examine the circumstances and events that led to the establishment and continued survival of the Jewish state, the facts point to a miraculous existence. Israel must have purpose in the world! Ezekiel 39:28 drives home the point of God's deliverance of the Jews:

“Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them anymore there.”

Several chapters, especially Ezekiel 20, are explicit as to why God has chosen to act in such a manner that it leaves the reader no doubt what God is doing and why so! Here then is a prophecy regarding all three nations—the United States, Britain and Israel (Judah). According to this prophecy, it appears that all three will fall within the span of a month. Hosea 6:6 shows these nations turning back to God, but finding it's too late. Because of their sins, He will let them suffer defeat and collapse.

This prophecy could not have been fulfilled until after the rise of Britain and the United States as world powers in the 19th century and the formation of the Jewish state of Israel in the 20th.

Consider that Israel and the United States are perhaps the most maligned and criticized nations on earth. Among Muslim hard-liners, America is commonly called "the great Satan" and Israel and Britain "the little Satan."

Are all Israelites Jews?

Most people (Pastor Chuck Baldwin included) assume the Jewish people are the sole remaining descendants of the ancient nation of Israel. This assumption, however, is incorrect.

Technically the Jews are descendants of two of the Israelite tribes: Judah and Benjamin, plus a considerable part of a third, the priestly tribe of Levi.

Unknown to most, 10 other tribes in ancient Israel were never called Jews. These northern tribes were historically distinct and politically separate from the Jews, their brothers to the south who formed the kingdom of Judah, from which the term Jew was derived.

The northern coalition of tribes, the kingdom or house of Israel, had already become an independent nation, separate from the house of Judah, by the time the word Jew first appears in the biblical narrative. In fact, the first time the term appears in the King James Version of the Bible, Israel was at war with the Jews -(2nd Kings 16:5-6).

Are all Israelites Jews? No. Jews—the citizens and descendants of the kingdom of Judah—are indeed Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews. Since all 12 tribes, including Jews, are descendants of their father Israel (Jacob), we can apply the term Israelite to all of the tribes. The term Jew, however, is accurate only for the tribes that comprised the kingdom of Judah and for their descendants.

From Ezekiel, we can conclude that Israel's deliverance will be of a supernatural event and that the entire world will have to acknowledge that Israel's deliverance had to have

been an act of God! With this delineation we can Segway forward to my important point from Mike Adam's post a couple days ago.

The report below from Mike Adams, the Health Ranger provides an incredible, not likely of coincidence, but more probable the mystical work of God that would render the U.S. helpless to come to the aide of Israel in the event of the Gog-Magog War. When I first read Mike's post on this unique set of events to render the U.S. helpless at a time when energy seems to be the driving force in the Ukrainian / Russian conflict, immediately I was reminded of why Scripture tells us that no empire, but God alone would be able to save Israel.

From what I pointed out in Blessed Hope #110, Israel is prepared to provide oil and natural gas to the European Union at the very time Russian oil pipe lines have been turned off to its customers in Western Europe. Events are unfolding in such a way as to suggest that God is moving the pieces on the global chessboard and about to intervene at a time the world is at the threshold of destroying itself. Germany has re-opened coal mines to provide energy that its citizens desperately need. It will take weeks for Israel to begin to fill the pipelines of Europe before cold returns in a couple months. Vladimir Putin has perhaps a few weeks to disrupt the Israeli delivering of natural gas so desperately needed in Western Europe.

THE WAR IS A RESOURCE GRAB

On the one side we hear that Russia is liberating Ukraine from Nazis. There is truth to the latter part. Ukraine's military is literally led by Nazis. The Nazis occupied the Ukraine during WW II and there were many, many willing Ukrainian collaborators who happily participated in the slaughter of 1 million+ civilians. These people's philosophical descendants are everywhere in the Ukraine and have taken the reins of power.

That's on the one hand...

On the other hand there's the idiot news media led by the CIA and State Department / Defense Department funded think tanks criminals selling this message: "*Russia is BAD. Send Ukraine weapons.*"

Amazingly, even these same people who want to criticize Russia can't even be bothered to tell the basic truth: the war is a resource grab.

Apocalyptic Report That Will Impact Every Person and Business That Uses Oil!

EXCLUSIVE RESEARCH: Diesel engine oil additive manufacturers that have declared Force Majeure or experienced disrupted operations in 2022

Thursday, June 23, 2022 by: Mike Adams

([Natural News](#)) In [yesterday's article and podcast](#), I warned that the U.S. supply of diesel engine oil faced a near-total wipeout in the next 8 weeks due to a supply chain shortage of chemical additives used to make diesel engine oil. The so-called "base oils" are not reportedly in short supply, but the chemical additives — rust inhibitors, anti-foaming agents, dispersing agents, etc. — have suffered extreme supply chain problems, leading to production shortages for the final oil product.

There are also shortages in packaging materials used to hold, transport and dispose of chemical additives. (See the full list below.)

As of right now, this critical supply chain shortage is being exclusively reported by [Natural News](#). To our knowledge, no one in the corporate media has covered this issue, and even across the alt media, traction for this story has so far been minimal. As promised yesterday, we have been researching the supply chain for diesel engine oil additives, and today we present the results of that investigation. As it turns out, the supply chain for diesel engine oil additives is in worse shape than we feared. See the list here, and feel free to re-post this list with credit to '[NaturalNews.com](#)'. Note that some of these Force Majeure declarations impact additive packaging and transportation (such as HDPE drums) as well as base oil feed stocks (such as light crude oil). Finally, realize that what we are showing here merely scratches the surface of the supply chain disruption affecting engine oil. There are no doubt dozens more examples of *force majeure* declarations that haven't been made public or aren't easy to find online. So take this list as a small sampling of what's really happening.

[LyondellBasell Industries suffers mechanical failure affecting production of key additives](#)

Company: [LyondellBasell Industries](#)

Location: La Porte Complex, Texas

Date: April 22, 2022

News source: [GCresin-paint.com](#)

Chemicals affected: tert-butyl acetate, ethylene glycol ether acetate

On April 15, a mechanical failure occurred at LyondellBasell's carbon monoxide supply system for its acetic acid feedstock in La Porte Complex, Texas. The third largest glacial acetic acid production base in the world. Therefore, LyondellBasell really declared force majeure on products such as tert-butyl acetate and ethylene glycol ether acetate (EBA, DBA) on April 22.

The notice shows that the allocation is based on the average monthly purchases of customers over the past 6 months (October 2021-March 2022), which will be effective from May 1, 2022. The news indicates that the above-mentioned raw materials will be supplied in limited quantities according to the previous purchases of customers.

tert-butyl acetate

– Used as an additive to gasoline to prevent engine knocking. It is also used as a solvent for lacquers.

ethylene glycol ether acetate

– These compounds have a positive effect on diesel fuel lubricity, and slightly decrease its viscosity

LyondellBasell Industries suffers another failure for a different chemical

Company: [LyondellBasell Industries](#)

Location: Lake Charles, Louisiana

Date: March 30, 2022

News source: [Darik.news](#)

Chemicals affected: polypropylene

LyondellBasell Industries has announced a force majeure supply limit on polypropylene resin made at its plant in Lake Charles, LA.

In a March 30 letter to customers, executives at Lyondale Basel in Houston said the firm had “experienced a mechanical failure of the gearbox” in Lake Charles. He said the equipment failure was “beyond our reasonable control” and would affect production of 32 grades of PP made on site.

Polypropylene is not directly used as an engine oil additive but is used in the packaging and handling of additives for engine oil.

Ineos Olefins & Polymers declares force majeure on HDPE drums used to transport oil, additives and other energy industry chemicals

Company: Ineos Olefins & Polymers

Location: Texas and California

Date: March 31, 2022

News source: [eChemi.com](#)

Chemicals affected: polypropylene, polyethylene and polystyrene

In a letter to customers, Ineos Olefins & Polymers said it was declaring [Force Majeure] on its Polypropylene grades following a power outage at its Carson, California, facility, which caused a manufacturing breakdown and/or failures. The company also said it was diligently working to return production capacity to normal levels as quickly and safely as possible.

Ineos Olefins & Polymers said in a letter to customers that it experienced force majeure on all of its polyolefin products related to rail restrictions and expected to be required to limit rail transport to its best average daily rate. the following. Ineos added that it was committed to exploring all commercially reasonable alternatives to deliver products to its customers, but that the company’s deliveries would be greatly affected if restrictions worsen or extend beyond a few

weeks. The force majeure polyolefin products include a 318,000-ton/year high-density polyethylene (HDPE) unit at Cedar Bayou, Texas; a 439,000-ton/year polypropylene (PP) unit at Chocolate Bayou, Texas.) unit; 794,000 t/y high-density polyethylene (HDPE) unit at plant in Deer Park, Texas; 147,000 t/y polypropylene (PP) unit at Deer Park, Texas plant; California 230,000-ton/year polystyrene (PS) plant in Carson, Calif.

Polystyrene

Polystyrene dissolved in fatty acid methyl esters has a greater heating value as fuel, so that a reduction of the fuel consumption per output and the increase in the use of diesel and boiler cogeneration can be expected.

Polyethylene

High-Density Polyethylene drums (HDPE) are used to store and transport diesel fuel, diesel engine oil, DEF fluid, as well as chemical additives used in diesel fuel and oil.

Americas Styrenics (AmSty) declares Force Majeure, suffers temporary loss of production capacity for styrene and ethylbenzene

Company: [Americas Styrenics](#) (AmSty)

Location: St. James, Louisiana

Date: April 27, 2022

News source: [eChemi.com](#)

Chemicals affected: styrene, ethylbenzene

Americas Styrenics (AmSty), a major North American polystyrene (PS) producer, said on Tuesday that it is conducting a distribution process for its polystyrene products in light of recent production issues and supply chain challenges.

Americas Styrenics (AmSty) confirmed this in a letter to customers on Tuesday, saying it expects to reduce order volumes and limit availability through June. The company said the PS allocation was due to a prolonged reduction in styrene production due to unexpected operational issues at its St. James, Louisiana styrene monomer plant on April 27. Factory issues also led AmSty to declare force majeure on deliveries of its raw materials styrene and ethylbenzene.

Total Energies declares Force Majeure for North American polypropylene production due to lack of additives

Company: Total Energies

Location: Not specified

Date: May 6, 2022

News source: [eChemi.com](#)

Chemicals affected: polypropylene

Total Energies said in a letter to clients last Friday that it declared force majeure on North American PP products due to a shortage of additives needed to produce certain grades. The company added that its PP production will be

curtailed until further notice and could not provide a timetable for normal production to resume.

Shell declares Force Majeure due to equipment failure, announces maintenance and reduction of crude oil deliveries

Company: Shell

Location: Alberta, Canada

Date: March 9, 2022

News source: [Reuters](#)

Chemicals affected: light synthetic crude

Shell (SHEL.L) has issued a force majeure at its 300,000 barrel per day Scotford, Alberta, upgrader in western Canada after a unit at the facility tripped, a company spokesman said on Wednesday.

The plant, which processes oil sands bitumen into light synthetic crude, is also scheduled to start a 65-day maintenance turnaround this month, according to an investor presentation from Canadian Natural Resources Ltd (CNQ.TO), which owns a share of Scotford.

Two trading sources said Shell had cut March deliveries by approximately 20%. One of the sources said the force majeure had been issued last week, but the impact was muted because Scotford's expected output for March had already been reduced by half because of the turnaround due to start next week.

ExxonMobil shuts Neftegas / Sakhalin-1 operations due to sanctions on Russia

Company: ExxonMobil

Location: Sakhalin Island, Russian Far East

Date: April 27, 2022

News source: [RT.com](#)

Chemicals affected: crude oil, used as a base oil for creating diesel engine oil products

Exxon Mobil said on Wednesday its Russian unit Exxon Neftegas has declared force majeure for its Sakhalin-1 operations due to sanctions on Russia that have made it increasingly difficult to ship crude to customers.

The Sakhalin 1 project produces Sokol crude oil off the coast of Sakhalin Island in Russia's Far East, exporting about 273,000 barrels per day, mainly to South Korea, as well as other destinations including Japan, Australia, Thailand, and the US.

Exxon said on March 1 it would exit about \$4 billion in assets and discontinue all its Russia operations, including Sakhalin 1, following Moscow's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24.

More details about the coming diesel engine oil supply chain crunch across North America

As we [reported yesterday](#) in a story entitled, “RED ALERT: Entire U.S. supply of diesel engine oil may be wiped out in 8 weeks... no more oil until 2023 due to “Force Majeure” additive chemical shortages,” the supply chain for additives used in the production and transportation of diesel engine oil is suffering numerous critical shortages:

Chemical manufacturers of diesel engine oil additives have declared *force majeure* and have ceased supply operations to the diesel engine oil manufacturers. Those manufacturers combine *base oils* with “additive packages” to create diesel engine oil. You can see a full list of these additives [at InfoMak.com](#):

Antioxidants, anti-corrosion agents, dispersing additives, antirust mechanisms, friction modifiers, EP additives, antifoaming agents, antioxidants, etc.

Without these additives, diesel engine oil manufacturers cannot produce the final oil products that lubricate diesel engines. Because key manufacturers of these additives have ceased operations, diesel engine oil can apparently no longer be produced in the USA, at least not until these necessary chemicals are restored to full supply. This is explained by an industry expert in the following 2-minute video:

“[Oil is] going to become the hottest commodity you’ve ever seen over the next couple of months. Anywhere from the next 4 weeks to 8 weeks, it’s going to go from scarcity to non-existent,” says the man in the video above.

My podcast from yesterday went into more detail about the ramifications of a collapse of diesel engine oil supply in North America:
[Brighteon.com/aeef8f40-6235-4290-8018-4c4ce428e3f2](https://www.brighteon.com/aeef8f40-6235-4290-8018-4c4ce428e3f2)

I have since been able to confirm diesel engine oil rationing at a regional supplier in Texas (name withheld) that is telling customers they must limit deliveries due to lack of inventory.

In addition, ‘*Natural News*’ contacted a large manufacturer and retailer of diesel engine oil additives, and they confirmed the existence of the supply chain / force majeure problems in a phone text exchange with a Natural News editor. (We are withholding their name because they did not seem interested in attracting attention.)

Why the silence?

The most fascinating thing about this story is that very few people are willing to

talk about it. It's almost as if oil companies are feeling threatened by the illegitimate Biden regime and they are afraid to tell the truth about the coming collapse of diesel engine oil, fearing further punishment from Biden and the Democrats who simultaneously *blame* oil companies for higher gas prices while *demanding* oil companies produce more fuel at a lower price.

The dangerous insanity of the Biden regime — and its irrational, absurd war on America's energy infrastructure — likely explains why industry people feel intimidated into silence. But that only makes the problem worse because almost nobody knows what's coming. **Unless this diesel engine oil crisis is resolved soon, nearly all forms of transportation — trucks, trains, ships — will be sidelined before the end of this year, causing unthinkable levels of chaos as grocery stores don't get stocked, coal doesn't get delivered to power plants and even UPS and Fedex are forced to sharply reduce deliveries due to lack of engine oil.**

A world without diesel engine oil is a collapsed, Mad Max world. It won't be pretty. Yet *pretending* this problem doesn't exist is not going to solve it.

In researching all this, we continue to wonder: Is anybody even trying to solve the diesel engine oil supply chain collapse? Or have we already crossed so deeply into the *apathy* stage of collapse that nobody cares?

It looks like we'll soon find out. By our estimates, diesel engine oil should be hitting critical low levels of supply by early September, and that means trucks and trains will be sidelined from September through December, or until somebody finds a way to create the molecules needed for diesel engine oil.

And for those thinking we can just "go green," you're forgetting that electric vehicles are charged by coal, and the coal is delivered to power plants by train, and the trains run on diesel engines.

No diesel engines = No electric vehicles.

Somebody tell the greenies how this works, because they still haven't figured out the basics. Without diesel engines, modern civilization collapses into a 19th century existence, with all the mass starvation, depopulation, lawlessness, chaos and revolutions that you might imagine would go along with such a scenario.

Below is the portion of Blessed Hope #110 that has re-energized our wait for the Rapture of the true church. I am including it as reference in case you missed that segment. This is a huge prophetic sign that the Rapture is very close. Most of you have heard the well-worn statement, "*When you see Christmas decorations in Walmart, you know Thanksgiving is just ahead!*"

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Bible Prophecy students have had a huge boost to their faith as of Monday/Tuesday, June 13/14th, 2022. This was all related to what transpired as a result of Russia cutting off natural gas and oil deliveries a month ago. Ezekiel 38 has risen to the forefront by what just occurred.

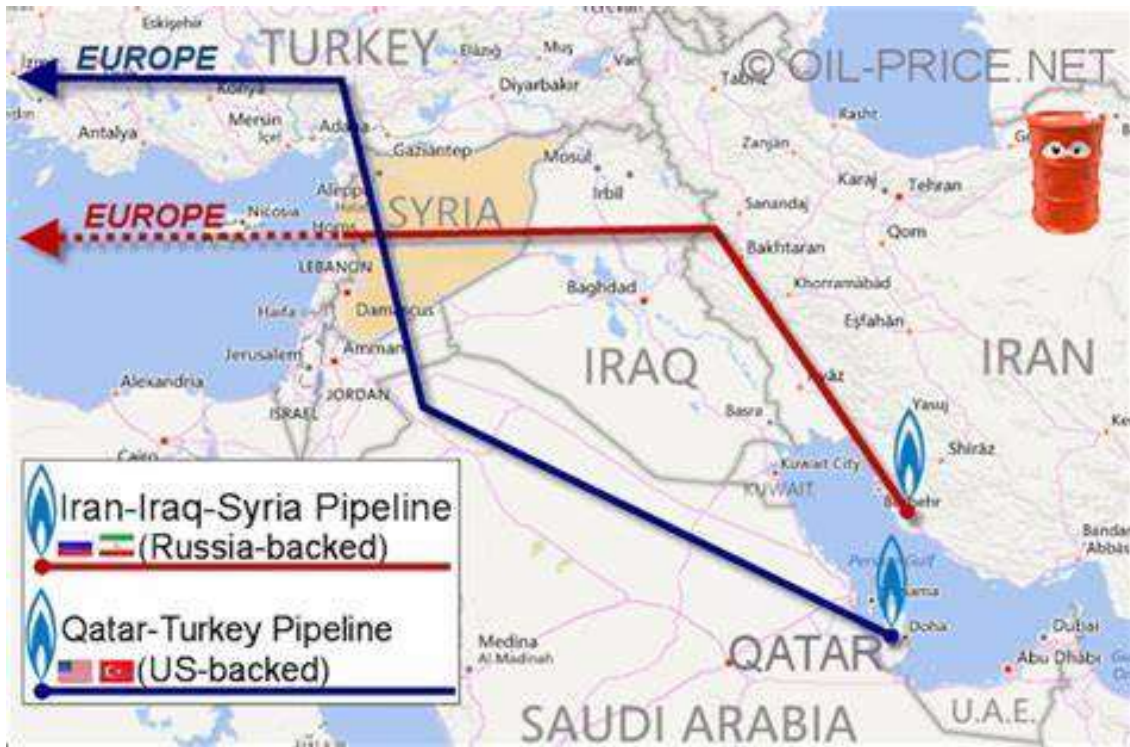
Since the Russian army invaded the Ukraine back on February 24, 2022, Israeli special operators had been engaged in the training and assistance of Ukrainian military operations. There have been repercussions with Naftali Bennett making personal visits to meet with Vladimir Putin in face-to-face meetings. At least on one occasion Vladimir Putin warned the Israeli prime minister becoming too involved with the Ukraine.

Just over a hundred days into the war, Russia shut off oil and gas pipe lines to Western Europe. Most of those lines transited the Ukraine and it made sense for Russia to close the valves, to prevent Ukraine from stealing oil and gas, something that it had done in the past, since the 2014 conflagration. The European Union faced the coming winter with the possibility of freezing, and so it became a matter of necessity to either pay high prices of U.S. LNG.

You may not remember this but more than a decade ago, Israel discovered huge gas and oil reserves off its coast. Early on in the events, competition became a potential issue; Russia had signed a \$5-billion deal with Iran to move oil and gas through a Russian pipe line between Iran and onto southern Europe. The U.S. backed a competing line that ran through Iran, Iraq, and Syria.

At about the same time, Israel was drilling off the coast of Israel and discovered the largest gas and oil find of the century known as the Leviathan. Prior to this discovery Israel was known to have no energy reserves and all of a sudden it had more than enough gas and oil for 200 years and in such abundance that it could provide cheap oil and gas for all of Europe. That discovery was instrumental in the conflict to become serious competition for Russian pipelines providing oil and natural gas to Western Europe.

The second map on the next page shows the proposed pipelines that would distribute Israeli energy to the region through Greece and Italy to the EU.



Amir Tsarfati reported that the President of the European Union was on her way to Israel on Monday, June 13th, 2022 to finalize a historic deal in which Israel will supply trillions of cubic feet of natural gas to Europe either by liquidating it locally or using Egyptian facilities then exporting it via Egypt.

The deal with Europe is part of the European way to find substitutes to the Russian gas supply. In other words: Israeli gas will replace the Russian gas.

Can you guess who is very unhappy now?

If there was ever a reason for Russia to attack Israel now as part of the Ezekiel 38/39 Gog-Magog War, this is perhaps the major reason for the Ezekiel 38/39 prophecy! Russia has had serious sanctions imposed upon it by the U.S., as well as similar moves by other European nations. The fact that it is a hot and humid June is no reason for delay to assure both oil and natural gas is available to Europe. God is clearly involved in bringing about His judgment and deliverance for Israel.

There has been increasing signs of the war in the Ukraine spreading to Poland because of Poland's threat and NATO's incremental aid to the Ukraine. NATO partner members have been supplying the Ukraine with more powerful weapons and surface-to-sea rockets provided to NATO through U.S. reserves and inventory forward-stationed in Europe. The U.S. has a huge inventory of weapons in Europe that troops can be air-lifted to Europe in hours to days. It conducts periodic exercises where entire brigades are air-lifted from U.S. bases in 24-hour as part of the U.S. leadership role in NATO.

Israeli gas and oil as I recall was projected to sell for about half of what the Russians were going to sell to the EU. This would be a major blow to Vladimir Putin and his efforts to blackmail the EU for its sanctions against Russia. Russia finances its military through its ability to control the price for which countries are required to pay for and Putin further stipulated they had to pay for in Russian Rubles.

Egypt, Israel, and the European Union have signed a deal to boost shipments of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to EU member states, Sky News Arabia reported on Wednesday. Brussels hopes the agreement will help it to reduce energy dependence on Russia.

"The deal will see Israel sending more gas via Egypt, which has facilities to liquefy it for export by sea," European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen said at a joint news conference alongside the Egyptian and Israeli energy ministers.

In 2021, the EU imported some 40% of its gas from Russia. The heavy reliance on energy purchases from the country makes it difficult for the bloc to expand its Ukraine-related sanctions.

The gas destined for European consumers is expected to go from Israel via a pipeline directly to Egypt's LNG terminal on the Mediterranean coast before being loaded onto tankers and shipped north to the European market.

Some Israeli gas is already being sent by pipeline to liquefaction plants in Egypt, where it is liquefied and re-exported. Israel reportedly operates two gas fields off its Mediterranean coast holding an estimated 690 billion cubic meters of natural gas combined, while a third offshore rig is in the works.

Egypt is also a gas producer, but its exports have been limited by rising domestic demand. At the same time, the country's large-scale natural gas facilities on the Mediterranean have remained mostly inactive since the country's 2011 uprising that led to the overthrow of then-President Hosni Mubarak.

The Egyptian government has modernized the facilities in recent years and has ambitions to become a regional energy hub.

The report posted on Wednesday by Mike Adams concerning a shut down due to a supply chain series of events could not come at a more critical time in Israel. The collapse of the Naftali Bennett coalition government is fraught with problems. Benjamin Netanyahu is 71 or 72 and seeking to regain his seat as the head of the Israeli government. Many Israeli citizens do not want him in charge but at the moment he seems to have the best chance of any candidate to come to Israel's need for strong leadership needed to form a new government.

It is important to recognize that the U.S. military provides Israel many forms of support other than financial, especially intelligence from U.S. military satellites, as well as reconnaissance aircraft radar coverage for Israeli's American-made F-16's, F-18's, and F-35's. Israel recently retrofitted the F-35 to carry 2,000-lb. JDAM-equipped bombs which are guided by an integrated inertial guidance system coupled to a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver, giving them a published range of up to 15 nautical miles (28 km) to selected targets. With the F-35's radar signature and the laser accuracy of a 2,000-lb JDAM bomb, Iran's nuclear production facilities will become radioactive waste sites.

Iran has real concern over the use of JDAM munitions by Israel even though it may possess nuclear-tipped missiles. The Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) is a guidance kit that converts unguided bombs, or "dumb bombs", into all-weather precision-guided munitions. JDAM's guidance system was jointly developed by the United States Air Force and United States Navy, hence the "joint" in JDAM. When installed on a bomb, the JDAM kit is given a GBU (Guided Bomb Unit) identifier, superseding the Mark 80 or BLU (Bomb, Live Unit) nomenclature of the bomb to which it is attached.

The JDAM is not a stand-alone weapon; rather it is a "bolt-on" guidance package that converts unguided gravity bombs into precision-guided munitions (PGMs). The key components of the system consist of a tail section with aerodynamic control surfaces, a (body) strike kit, and a combined inertial guidance system and GPS guidance control unit. The JDAM was meant to improve upon laser-guided bomb and imaging infrared technology, which can be hindered by bad ground and weather conditions. Laser seekers are now being fitted to some JDAM munitions.

If the report by Mike Adams is as serious as I think it is, Israel would be hard pressed to defend itself against an attack by those nations Ezekiel 38 names. Russia's military command may very well exploit the situation in the event the U.S. is forced to stand down for the reasons in Mike Adams report. This portends of serious problems as well with China and North Korea as well. China offered its support to Russia a few weeks ago as the U.S. and NATO began increasing its deliveries of more powerful weapons.

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi met with Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Tehran, Iran, on June 22, 2022. DUBAI (Reuters) -Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov arrived in Iran on Wednesday, Iranian state TV reported, as world powers and Tehran are struggling to revive their 2015 nuclear pact and negotiations are stalled.

Russia's foreign ministry posted a clip of Lavrov's opening remarks during a meeting with Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi in which he said Moscow was adapting to what he called the West's aggressive policies.

"In all the countries experiencing the negative influence of the selfish line taken by the United States and its satellites, there arises the objective need to reconfigure their economic relations so they can avoid relying on the whims and vagaries of our Western partners," Lavrov said.

Last month Moscow said Russia and Iran, which are both under Western sanctions and sit on some of the world's largest oil and gas reserves, had discussed swapping supplies for oil and gas as well as establishing a logistics hub.

While Moscow is challenging Western sanctions over Ukraine, Tehran's clerical rulers have been struggling to keep Iran's economy afloat because of U.S. sanctions that were re-imposed after Washington exited Tehran's nuclear deal in 2018.

"During Lavrov's visit, Iran's 2015 nuclear deal, boosting bilateral and energy cooperation, as well as international and regional issues will be discussed," Iranian state media reported.

Iranian State TV showed Lavrov meeting Raisi, but gave no details. The Iranian foreign ministry said on Monday that Lavrov's visit was aimed at *"expanding cooperation with the Eurasian region and the Caucasus"*. The subject of Israel and its collapsed government were likely topic for secretive discussion as well.

Indirect talks between Tehran and U.S. President Joe Biden's administration to reinstate the pact have been on hold since March, chiefly over Tehran's insistence that Washington remove the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps from the U.S. list of designated terrorist organizations.

Iran's state news agency IRNA said Lavrov would meet his Iranian counterpart, Hossein Amirabdollahian, on Thursday. Sergie Lavrov is expected to stay through Friday before he returns to Moscow.

We would do well to keep in mind that unfolding events are setting the global stage for the Ezekiel 38 alliance are shaping up for a major upheaval in the region. The globalists are in for a serious challenge to the efforts to achieve a unipolar world. Putin has said Russia is forging its own new world order.

Lavrov said that Iran will soon join the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Iran's accession to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) will not take long, and Russia welcomes this decision. APA's Moscow correspondent reports that Russian Foreign Minister Sergie Lavrov said this at a joint press conference with his Iranian counterpart Hussein Abdullahian on the results of talks in Tehran. *"A memorandum will be signed at the next SCO summit in Samarkand in September."*

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"A memorandum will be signed at the next SCO summit in Samarkand in September this year, which will clearly state the legal and timeline of this process (Iran's accession to the SCO - ed.). This process should not take too long," he said.

Lavrov noted that Russia welcomes the official process launched by Iran last year to join the SCO as a full member. *"We are confident that Tehran will make an important contribution to strengthening the Shanghai Cooperation Organization as one of the key centers of the emerging multipolar world order."*

Russian Foreign Minister Sergie Lavrov stayed away from a meeting of six world powers on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly last week because he had to attend another "urgent matter," Russia's UN mission said on Wednesday.

Last week, a foreign ministerial-level meeting was convened in New York with the five permanent UN Security Council members - The United States, France, Britain, Russia and China - and Germany. The meeting was inconclusive, diplomats said. The U.S. is trying to get Russia removed from the UN Security Council because of its February 24th invasion of Ukraine.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergie Lavrov's visit to Iran for a two-day visit this week, scheduled to begin on Wednesday and last until the end of the week. The visit comes after Iran's foreign minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, invited him to Iran. It is important for both countries because the Islamic Republic is still facing Western sanctions, and Tehran wants to increase trade with Moscow.

There are a variety of important issues on the table, including the following: Russia is at war in Ukraine and is also suffering Western sanctions. Both countries are close friends with China, and both want to overturn the U.S.-led global world order, remaking a multipolar world in the shape of the pre-1990 world order. There are ramifications for the Middle East, for any potential Iran deal and for other issues.

There is also the issue of Syria, where some reports say Russia may be drawing down troops, emboldening Iran. Meanwhile, the Kremlin has condemned recent Israeli airstrikes on Damascus Airport. That means Iran may prod Russia to be more assertive in Syria. Russia three months ago has deployed two squadrons of its most advanced fighter aircraft to its airbase in northern Syria. Israel has almost daily launched attacks on Damascus targets over the past couple weeks.

Iranian media is proud of the visit by the Russian. Lavrov has found himself out in the cold in Europe, and so Iran is a natural destination. Russia's Foreign Ministry has indicated that the countries will discuss "*international issues*," including the Iran Deal as well as Ukraine, Syria and Afghanistan, which recently suffered a terrible earthquake. In addition, Iran has been bragging in recent days about energy exports to China.

Iran's foreign minister was in Russia in March, and has visited the country twice in the last year.

“Lavrov was the first foreign minister to send a congratulatory message to Hussein Amir-Abdollahian, the government’s foreign minister,” Iran’s Fars News says. Russia was also among the first to congratulate the new Iranian president on his victory.

Iran and Russia have discussed the security situation around Afghanistan in recent months. While the West tends to see Iran through the nuclear lens or its threats to the Middle East, Tehran is increasingly looking east toward China and Afghanistan. Iran has wanted to play a greater role in Afghanistan since the U.S. left. It also opened a drone factory in Tajikistan, and wants a greater role in Central Asia.

It’s true that Iran also continues to initiate threats to Israel and other countries in the Middle East, such as the recent harassment of U.S. naval ships, but it’s important to realize that the Tehran worldview is not solely looking West.

Iran is pleased to see that Russia has objected to a recent IAEA Board of Governors report about its nuclear program. According to Iranian media, President Ebrahim Raisi spoke with Russia’s leader Vladimir Putin about the *“agreement on Iran’s nuclear program.”* Russia opposes the stance of other European countries and the US regarding the Iran nuclear deal talks.

Iran sees the Russia relationship as key to its policies. The Iranian foreign minister has stressed how close the current ties are. *“We hope to enhance this capacity for sustainable growth and development and security in all parts of the region through ongoing interaction and consultation between the two countries,”* Amir-Abdollahian has said.

He also believes that working with Russia is a priority of the current Iranian government, and sees the two countries as having *“strategic”* level ties. *“We agreed to review the strategic document of cooperation between the two countries in the near future, and as a new road map in relations between the two countries, this document will be the basis of our long-term cooperation.”*

It is believed, in Iran’s media that Putin and his Iranian counterpart will meet again. Raisi was in Russia in January. *“We consider Russia a strategic partner for Iran, and believe that Russia is a priority in the balanced foreign policy of the 13th government,”* said the Iranian Foreign Ministry. *“We hope that the growing cooperation between the two countries will reach its best in the not too distant future.”*

Russia-Iran trade is increasing, and the Islamic Republic expects more Russian investment. According to Iran’s figures, the trade between the countries has doubled in the last several years. The Iranian ambassador to Russia *“also announced that the Russian Export Development Center in Iran would be set up soon, and stressed the need for face-to-face and unmediated trade talks between the two countries’ businessmen,”* according to the Fars News report.

Russian-Iranian cooperation in Syria

THE MEDIA reports don't go into much detail about what Iran and Russia have in mind for Syria, they only say the two "cooperate." The reports also mention the Astana Process, which is supposed to be taking place with Turkey, to bring some kind of settlement or peace to Syria. However, Ankara is threatening a new invasion of northern Syria, so it's not clear how well the process is working.

Russia and Iran have also discussed Ukraine. Tehran has said it is ready to help mediate, but it's not clear if Moscow wants mediation. Iran has backed attempts for a ceasefire and its president has expressed hope for an end to the conflict in Ukraine.

"As the Islamic Republic of Iran, we are trying, between Ukraine and Russia, to advance the Ukrainian crisis as soon as possible through negotiations and a political solution by understanding the founders and roots of this crisis," its foreign minister has said.

The Russia-Iran connection matters to the region. This is because other countries there have not taken a tough US-led line on the Ukraine war. Most prefer to hedge their bets. That means the Gulf states, as well as Iraq, Lebanon and other countries, prefer decent relations with Russia.

While U.S. President Joe Biden is expected to visit the region next month, that hasn't changed the overall view in the Middle East that Russia is an actor that should be respected. Regarding Israel, this matters, because the Jewish state is now heading for an election while continuing to oppose Iran's entrenchment in Syria.

In addition, the key role Russia has played in the nuclear talks matters a great deal. Moscow has tried to play both sides in the past, working with the U.S. and the European states, but also quietly backing Iran. Now it more openly backs Iran as it sees the Islamic Republic and the nuclear issue as one it can use against the West.

In fact, Russia may be holding up progress on a nuclear deal to get around American sanctions. Iran is also holding up the deal to get the IRGC off the U.S. terror list. In short, everyone is now using the nuclear deal for blackmail. This has ramifications for Israel and the upcoming election. Putin has elevated his level of lacing-down the Israeli routine attacks on Syrian targets and his patience is wearing thin.

God's knowledge about the future isn't just a minor issue for theological debate. It's central to our hope of eternal life. We see that in so many passages of both the Old and New Testament. Here is an additional sampling of passages along with what I have already shared in this article that assures us today that God is in control, and that His claims are not to be taken lightly.

"Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he." -(John 13:19)

“And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.” -(John 14:29)

“Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:” - (Isaiah 46:10)

“And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.” -(Isaiah 44:7)

“But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.” -(Mark 13:23)

In a fallen world filled with death, suffering, and natural disasters, many people live in pain, uncertainty, and hopelessness. People naturally ask questions. Can I have hope in a world that seems so uncertain? Will a day ever come when death and suffering will be no more?

I have lived with excruciating pain from Lymphedema in my feet and lower legs for eight years. These passages that I have quoted above and throughout this Blessed Hope have been my strength throughout this test of faith. Most of you have at some point had to wrestle with the uncertainties of tomorrow. While we live by faith, the predictive prophecies found throughout the Bible do offer us comfort. Karl Marx said religious belief was the opiate of the masses.

Marx was born Jewish but raised as a Christian to avoid anti-Semitic persecution. This upbringing early on left Marx with an indelible imprint, a distaste for religion on his personal psychology. He subsequently studied Hegelian philosophy and with other young Hegelians developed the idea that the material world, not ideas, was what mattered in the world. This is ironically, in contrast to Hegel's belief that the world is a war of ideas. He saw religion as a projection – *“The religious world is but the reflex of the real world”*, was at the core of his ideas. It was a symptom, an illusion. Marxism is in so many ways is the product of European Anti-Semitism. Hegel and his “Dialectic” has shaped our world for three centuries and wars against Christianity continue to haunt humanity with Godless atheism. We can thank God that Vladimir Putin is an Orthodox Christian. Stalin would have not hesitated to “nuke” the west had he been alive today! Putin is a believer and is disciplined to avoid the inevitable being pressed by NATO and the U.S. administration.

The real ‘opiate of the masses’ is not religion as Karl Marx has said; rather, it is a belief in nothingness after death. This belief is certainly easier to accept and less frightening to people than the belief, that their betrayals, greed, cowardice, murders and other assorted sins will be seen by all when their life on earth has ended.

Christians do have answers. Suffering and death happen because of Adam's sin - (Genesis 2:16–17, 3:19; Romans 5:12, 8:19–22), but God's Word gives us hope and

certainty that one day the Lord will swallow up death forever and wipe away all tears - (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3–5) because of what Jesus Christ achieved for us on the cross -(Colossians 1:20).

Our certainty about the future doesn't come out of thin air. It is based upon the fact that God not only knows what will take place in the future but has revealed the key events to us so that we might have confident hope. Sadly, in recent years some leading pastors and theologians have challenged the idea that God has exhaustive knowledge of future events (an idea called "open theism").

Believers need to recognize the preciousness of this biblical truth about God's omniscience. God explicitly claims accurate knowledge of future events as one of the greatest proofs that he is the one and only true God. It shows us not only that we can trust him but also that he is in total control of all things.

This truth gives Christians security in God's promises about a future filled with certainty and hope. Perhaps even more important than a secure promise for Christians to hold onto, it provides us with a compelling message to proclaim to those who have no hope.

God's knowledge of the future is important because it is a fundamental aspect of his character and a foundation of prophecy. In Isaiah 41, God claims that he alone is in control of world history -(41:1–20). Yet, because the gods of the nation's made the same claim, it was necessary to offer proof. So "the King of Jacob," as God calls himself in this passage, challenges the gods of the other nations to a test: to predict an event and then declare the outcome.

"Set forth your case, says the Lord; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob. Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come. Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do harm, that we may be dismayed and terrified" - (Isaiah 41:21–23).

These verses reveal many things about God's nature and his purposes in the world, not just about the future but about the past. It's not just that he knows what has happened and will happen, but he knows everything about why it happened. Before challenging the gods of the nations about their knowledge of the future, God first asks them to ***"tell us the former things . . . that we may know their outcome."*** Historians can often tell you what happened in the past, but very often they cannot tell you why it happened. It is one thing to know the facts; it is another to know the "why" of the facts. Only the true God can tell you what happened in the past as well as why. This factor is validated by the fact that what God dictated to the many authors of the Bible, what would come to pass in the future, of which we have seen revealed over six millennia of history.

History is “His Story” and so Bible prophecy is our promise and hope for our future. Humanity is by nature curious about what the future holds. Fortune tellers, psychics, and dream interpreters can never replace the prophecies of the Bible.

8,362 specific verses of the Bible offer 1,317 predictions about 737 different topics. Jesus was a Dispensationalist and if you do not believe that, I suggest that you read Isaiah 61:1-2 and Luke 4:17-21.

I do believe we will soon see the fulfillment of Revelation 3:10 shortly: ***“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”***

Blessings,

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