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Tonight at **Tsiyon.Net** – Eliyahu ben David and Dawn explain major end-time prophecy <u>now</u> developing!

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# From Eliyahu

You may be aware of my interest in Bible prophecy over decades. I have been observing changes on the world stage and how certain of those events fit into Bible prophecy. What I have observed from 1967 forward is the unfolding of a pattern of development of End-Time events as laid out in Scripture. Since the onset of the 21st Century I have been publicly sharing my observations of

unfolding Bible prophecy on the air, on the internet, and in books and articles, and any other way that I can.

One constant focus of mine has been on the events and places of the Middle-East. Israel of course, as the primary focus, but Israel's neighbors as well, with Turkey being of prominent importance. Why the big interest in Turkey? Because the rise of Turkey as a dominant player in the region, according to Scripture, occurs in the End-Time timeline just before the outbreak of the Great Tribulation. I have taught on this a number of times in the past, but Turkey remains pretty-much under the radar for most people, so there is not a lot of interest in Turkey.

That is all about to change in the years leading up to the end of this decade. You need to know about this now so that when these events unfold you will recognize them from Scripture and you can prepare yourself and your family to endure the things about to fall upon all of the inhabited earth. No one will escape what is destined to occur as a result of these events – no one except the wise who understand.

Now you know why I am sharing a series of teachings that focus on Turkey. I will be sharing the first of these with you in our live stream tonight. To enhance that for you, I'm going to give you a little refresher on recent events in Syria, and Turkey's involvement with that. Mind you, this is just the first part of the story. You will have to stick with us for each teaching to get it all.

Turkey's involvement in Syria, particularly its support for Abu Mohammad al-Jolani and Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), is a complex and evolving situation. I know the temptation is to skip reading these points. Please don't do that. As you read them they will fit together, forming a mental picture of Turkey as regards recent events.

#### **Recent Facts Focusing on Turkey:**

#### Background on HTS and al-Jolani:

• HTS, originally known as Jabhat al-Nusra, is a Salafi-jihadist group that emerged from al-Qaeda in Iraq. Abu Mohammad al-Jolani, a key figure in its formation, has led the group since its inception.

• HTS has attempted to rebrand itself as a more moderate and

capable governing body, but it remains committed to Islamic extremist ideologies revolving around Islamic world domination.

## Turkey's Role:

• Turkey has historically supported various Syrian opposition groups, including HTS, despite concerns about their extremist ties.

• Turkey has provided significant military support to HTS, including advanced drones and other weaponry, as well as strategic support.

• Following the fall of Bashar al-Assad's regime at the hands of HTS, in December 2024, Turkey has increased its support for HTS, providing logistical backing and advanced weaponry.

• Turkish officials, including Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, have engaged in high-level diplomatic meetings with HTS leadership, signaling a shift towards even closer ties with HTS.

## **Turkey's Strategic Goals:**

• Countering Kurdish Forces: A stated objective for Turkey is to neutralize the threat posed by Kurdish forces in northern Syria, particularly the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). Turkey claims they have ties to Kurdish insurgents in Turkey.

• Establishing Influence: Turkey aims to position itself as the dominant foreign power in Syria, leveraging its support for HTS to achieve this goal.

• Replacing Iranian Dominance: By taking the place of Iran in Syria, Turkey has exalted itself as the leading Islamic nation in the eyes of many fellow-Muslims.

• Refugee Management: Turkey seeks to manage the flow of Syrian refugees, with plans to return millions of refugees currently in Turkey back to Syria. The Syrian returnees owe a debt of gratitude to Turkey for taking them in and caring for them during the Syrian civil war, further cementing the influence of Turkey over Syria.



Turkey's stance towards other state actors in Syria is multifaceted and influenced by its strategic interests and regional dynamics. See if you can identify some of Turkey's motivations as we look at this summary of Turkey's position regarding the USA, Russia, Iran, and Israel.

## USA

• Partnership and Tensions: While both countries are NATO allies, they have conflicting interests, particularly regarding the Kurdish forces. The USA supports the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), which Turkey views as an extension of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), a designated terrorist organization. This has led to tensions, especially with Turkey's military operations against the SDF.

#### Russia

• Strategic Competition: Turkey and Russia have a complex relationship characterized by both cooperation and competition. They have collaborated on certain issues, such as de-escalation zones, but also have competing interests in Syria. The fall of Bashar al-Assad's regime has intensified this competition, with Turkey gaining influence at Russia's expense.

• Diplomatic Maneuvering: After HTS ousted Bashar al-Assad's regime in December 2024, the new Syrian government supported by Turkey canceled Russia's 49-year lease agreement for the port of Tartus. This effectively forced Russia to evacuate its naval assets from the base, and greatly reduced the reach of Russia as regards the Mediterranean and the Middle-East region as a whole.

#### Iran

• Rivalry and Cooperation: Turkey and Iran have historically had a delicate balance of cooperation and rivalry in Syria. The downfall of Assad, a key ally of Iran, has strained this balance. Turkey's support for Syrian opposition groups has countered Iran's backing of Assad's regime.

• Geopolitical Shift: With Assad's fall, Turkey has emerged as the dominant player in Syria, reducing Iran's influence. This shift has led to increased tensions between the two countries.

#### Israel

 Hostility and Warnings: Turkey's stance towards Israel in Syria is marked by hostility. Turkish President Erdoğan has demanded that Israel withdraw its forces from Syria, warning of unfavorable outcomes if they do not comply.

• Invasion Threat: Turkish President Erdoğan has made other strong statements regarding Israel. In July 2024, Erdoğan openly threatened to invade Israel in support of the Palestinians, escalating his harsh rhetoric over the Gaza conflict. He referenced Turkey's military interventions in other regions, suggesting a similar approach could be taken against Israel.

NATO member, prime minister Geert Wilders of the Netherlands has condemned Erdogan's comments, saying that Turkey should be ejected from the NATO alliance, something that has never happened before. "Islamofascist Erdogan threatens to invade Israel," Wilders said. "This guy is totally nuts. Turkey should be kicked out of NATO."

*The Jerusalem Post* of January 6, 2025 carried this headline: *Israel must prepare for potential war with Turkey, Nagel Committee warns*. The article states:

"The committee, established by the government, warns Israel must prepare for a direct confrontation with Turkey, according to the Nagel Committee's latest report on the defense budget and security strategy. The committee, established by the government, warns that Turkey's ambitions to restore its Ottoman-era influence could lead to heightened tensions with Israel, possibly escalating into conflict. The report highlights the risk of Syrian factions aligning with Turkey, creating a new and potent threat to Israel's security."

Some may think Turkey is just saber rattling, but Israel's government certainly doesn't think so. They are preparing for an invasion by Turkey and other "factions." That probably won't be tomorrow, but this is a new development that we will see happen within a few years from now. This all lines up with Scripture, and I will start to line this all out for you starting tonight.

Join me tonight for *TURKEY: RISING IN BIBLE PROPHECY.* This will be the first in this series, and you won't want to miss any of these presentations. We begin tonight at Tsiyon.Net at 8 PM, Central. Join us and invite your friends on any of our streaming platforms. Get a grasp on this and you will feel in your bones just how close we are getting to the Remnant Exodus, the Great Tribulation, and finally, the Return of Messiah!

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