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**PROPHETIC DOMINOES ARE FALLING FOR ISRAEL**



**IRAN  
IN BIBLE  
PROPHECY**

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Remember my newsletter from back in the first week of 2025? It was headed with the same picture of dominoes falling from Gaza to Iran you see above with the title: "Prophetic Dominoes Are Falling For Israel." The first paragraph read:

"The Iran-backed massacre of 1200 Israelis by the Hamas terror group on October 7, 2023 has unleashed an amazing series of events in the middle-east that, like dominoes dropping in quick succession - sees the enemies of Israel falling, one after the other." [Tsiyon News - January 7, 2025]

I was seeing then that the big domino in the series to fall would be Iran. Now, with the Iran conflict well under way I think it is once again time to consider Iran in Bible prophecy. There are a lot of claims about that swirling around. Perhaps you have been wondering which claims are Biblically grounded, and which are mostly headline-driven?

Right now in social media bold claims that the current war with Iran is the direct fulfillment of one Bible prophecy or another are many and varied. With the conflict now in its second week, it is not surprising that speculation is rising. But this is exactly when we most need clarity. The question is not whether the present war matters. We all know it does. The question is whether any of the specific prophetic claims now being made are actually anchored in the text of Scripture, or whether they are mostly being driven by headlines.

Let us begin with the claims that are obviously too loose to be very helpful.

The first is the **Armageddon theory**. If we are living in the last days, a fact I often affirm, then every major geopolitical crisis belongs to the larger fabric of events that will eventually lead to the end of the age. In that broad sense, yes, the present war is part of the road that leads to the final showdown. But that is not the same as saying this war *is* Armageddon. Revelation places Armageddon at the final gathering of the kings of the earth, at the very end of the age.

To identify today's Iran war as Armageddon itself is Biblically in error because there are other important Last Days events that must happen first. Could the Iran war lead to Armageddon? On that score, the most that can be said is that this war may be one link in a much larger chain of events that will someday culminate in those final scenes. That is a very different claim, and a much more modest one.

The same caution applies to the **Isaiah 17 / Damascus** theory. Could the present Iran war contribute to a future Damascus scenario? Of course it could. Syria remains part of the broader regional picture, and present tensions could spill over in many directions. But there is nothing in Isaiah 17 that directly identifies this Iran war with that prophecy. Yet, some who claim to be Bible teachers in social media talk as if this war must bring on the prophesied destruction of Damascus. If teachers build up strong expectations that the Iran war must lead to the Isaiah 17 scenario, and then it does not happen that way, the result can be confusion and unnecessary discouragement. We should avoid that.

Now let us define some terms.

Is it accurate to say that the **Persia** of Ezekiel 38 and the modern nation of **Iran** refer to the same place? Broadly speaking, yes. The region long known in the West as Persia is the same region whose people have traditionally called it Iran, “Land of the Aryans.” Britannica notes that “Iran” became the official international name in 1935, but the two terms are deeply connected historically and geographically. So when Ezekiel 38 names Persia among Gog’s allies, it is not a stretch to see a real modern connection to Iran. That does not solve every interpretive question in Ezekiel 38, but it does mean that this is one of the few current prophecy claims about Iran that has a genuine textual anchor.

What about **Elam**? Is that also just another Biblical name for Iran? Here we need to be much more careful. Elam was an ancient civilization in what is now southwestern Iran, but it was not simply an early name for the later Persian people. It predated the Persian Empire and was culturally distinct, even though it was eventually absorbed into the Persian world. So while Elam is tied to the geography of modern Iran, it is not identical with Persia. That means the common claim now circulating that Jeremiah 49 is obviously a prophecy about modern Iran is much more speculative. Could Elam have implications for modern Iran? Perhaps. But we should admit that the identification is uncertain.

This is why I believe the strongest direct Iran connection in Bible prophecy is still **Ezekiel 38**, not Jeremiah 49. Persia is actually named there. The complication, however, is that Ezekiel 38 also describes Israel as dwelling in a condition of relative security, at rest, in unwallled villages. That does not fit the present moment very neatly. So while Persia in Ezekiel 38 can reasonably be understood as modern Iran, it does not automatically follow that the current war is *the* Gog of Magog battle – with many other reasons also disallowing that conclusion. The text gives us a real anchor for Iran in Scripture, but not a license to force the entire chapter onto today's headlines.



On the other hand, there are implications from the connection between Ezekiel 38 and Iran that cannot be ignored. Namely, the aftermath of this Iran war could contribute to an unprecedented time of peace and security in the Middle East and Israel to match the Ezekiel 38 prophetic picture. There are already strong indications that peace will happen. That time of peace could then facilitate the foretold return of the scattered remnant of the tribes of Israel to the Land, and after that the attack of Gog.

That Ezekiel prophecy showing Persia as a subordinate of Gog in that future battle is also interesting. It seems to suggest that Persia/Iran will be demoted from the top spot that it has been assuming, and indeed will be taken out of hostilities against Israel for a while, but will

re-emerge later as an enemy of Israel, fighting as part of the Gog coalition.

That brings me to **Psalm 83**, which may be the most interesting lens for the present situation. Psalm 83 describes enemies saying, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more,” and then adds that they “form a confederacy” against God’s people. There is no question that this language sounds strikingly relevant to the campaign against Israel in our own time. Iran has for years been the principal sponsor of forces openly committed to Israel’s destruction, with that stated goal.

It seems to me we are likely in the final phase of Psalm 83, and the present Iran war may be bringing that phase toward a climax. Psalm 83 gives us a more plausible biblical lens for the present conflict than Armageddon or Isaiah 17. It captures the actual motive that has driven much of the anti-Israel alliance: the desire to wipe Israel out as a nation. And the closing prayer of the psalm is also striking: that God would fill their faces with shame “that they may seek Your name, O YHWH.” What we see in this prayer is the end result of the Psalm 83 war, namely, people from the defeated enemies seeking the true God.

Consistent with this, there have been numerous reports of millions of Iranians seeking the God of the Bible and coming to belief in the Son of God. At the same time that Iran and its proxies have been under increasing pressure, there are also credible reports of intensified repression of new believers and house churches inside Iran. In other words, while Israel’s victories in league with America have been confounding Iran externally, something deeply spiritual is happening internally with the Persian people, as multitudes seek after the living God - in harmony with the outcome Psalm 83 indicates.

So, when we take a sober Biblical look at events with Iran, this is not “the Rapture”, the Great Tribulation, the Antichrist, Armageddon, or the Return of Christ. But it does align with the Psalm 83 war and then a time of peace that opens the way for the restoration of the remnant, the return to the Land, and only afterward the later rise of Gog and his coalition, including Iran. That means the present conflict is profoundly important without being the final war itself. People who have been

following my teachings on prophecy over three decades will recognize this picture as it is now emerging as consistent with what I have been teaching all along. Clearly, the prophetic picture is advancing quickly as we now move into these advanced stages of the Last Days.

We have been observing the signs of the end of this age unfolding throughout this final generation. When this generation reaches its end it will give way to the Messianic Kingdom ruling over all the earth. That will be unspeakably grand! Yet, for those of us with the spiritual eyes to see it, the Eternal Kingdom is ruling right now, and can afford us many benefits that far outweigh anything this world has to offer. That's why I would like you to join us for our live-stream panel discussion tonight at Tsiyon.Net at 8 PM, Central. Join us and invite your friends on any of our streaming platforms.

In His Name, Eliyahu

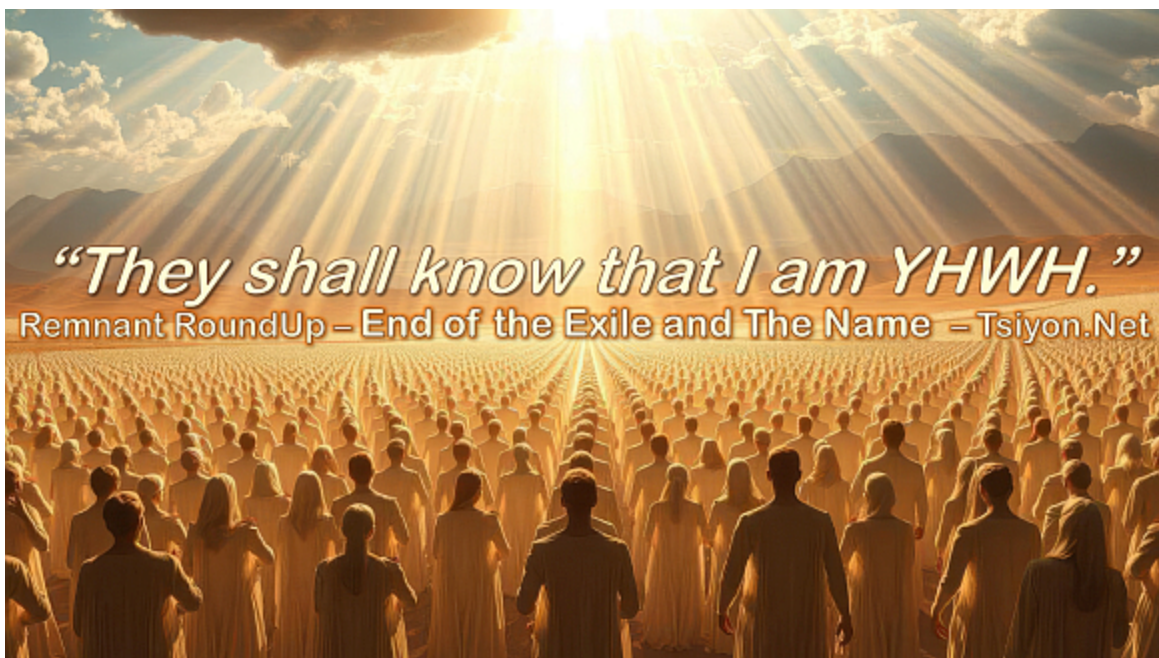
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