



The Middle East Signpost (Jeremiah 49, Isaiah 17 & 19, Psalm 83)

1. Disaster in Elam – Jeremiah 49:35-39

- a. Who is Elam? A son of Shem (Gen 10:22). Chedorlaomer king of Elam (Gen 14:1). In Isaiah's day, they perfected the art of archery in ancient war (Is. 22:6). Today Elam is a part of Iran along the Persian Gulf.
- b. *'Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the foremost of their might.'* (Jer 49:35). Could this be referring to Iran's nuclear weapon program & ICBM technology? 'Bushehr nuclear reactor' is Iran's first nuclear reactor. Russia promised to build the two more. Iran test-fired their ICBM with the inscription 'Israel must be wiped off' in their pursuit of the nuclear program (March 2016). The following day Israeli newspaper revealed their 'Underground Iron Dome' to counter Iran's underground nuclear program.
- c. The prophecy predicts 'epic disaster of nuclear proportions' – *'Against Elam I will bring four winds from the four quarters of heaven and scatter them toward all those winds...'* (49:36). The outcast of Elam will scatter all over the world! A study conducted in 2013 revealed that if a nuclear strike occurs in the Bushehr area, within 15 hours radiation will spread through the Gulf stream so fast, the whole area will become uninhabitable. They are also building the largest water pipe going through this area. The Bushehr reactor is built where the three tectonic plates meet – it is a disaster waiting to happen.
- d. Who are Elam's enemies? Israel must be one of them. The Lord is very angry with the leadership of Elam (49:38). Why? (i) Their pursuit of the nuclear program to annihilate Israel, et al; (ii) Iran is experiencing a great revival – 19.6% Christian. There has been severe persecution of Christians under Ayatollah Khamenei. Note: Some Iranian Christians waiting for this prophecy to come to pass, so they can preach the gospel to the world.
- e. Purpose: *God will establish His throne in Elam!* An apostolic centre or a house of prayer? (49:38)

2. Destruction of Damascus – Isaiah 17

- a. The Syrian issue is a complex one, involving the age-old religious war between Shiites & Sunnis, and the economy – the control of oil pipe through to EU and their market share.
- b. Damascus is a 5,000 year old city which has been continually inhabited and has never been destroyed. 'Straight' street where Paul stayed is still there today! (c.f. Acts 9:11). *Damascus will be completely destroyed so that it will cease to become a city!* - 'A ruinous heap!' (Is. 17:1)
- c. *'Cities of Aroer are forsaken (abandoned)'* (17:2, C.f. 1 Sam 30:28) Today it is Dimona, 12 miles southeast of Beersheba. Israel's nuclear research centre is located there. *'The fortress also will cease from Ephraim'* (17:3) Ephraim is mostly West Bank today. 'Glory of Jacob will wane, and the fatness of his flesh grow lean.' A heavy loss will be incurred on Israel's part also. (Is 17:4)
- d. Condition before the fulfilment: (i) *'rushing of nations that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations will rush in like the rushing of many waters; But God will rebuke them, and they will flee far away...'* (Is 17:12) This has never happened before until recently. (ii) *'But the harvest will be a heap of ruins...'* – It will happen during the harvest time.
- e. Why? (i) Religious: *'Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation and have not been mindful of the Rock of your stronghold...'* (17:10) Damascus was a significant city for the spread of early Christianity. Today 74% Sunny Islam. (ii) Political: Not Shiite/Sunni war, but their attack on the children of Israel! (Is. 17:9, 14) *'This is the portion of those who plunder us [Israel].'* The means of destruction: Tactical neutron bomb?

Did God even use ISIS to get the Syrians out of Damascus and the cities of destruction?

- f. Purpose: *'In that day a man will look to his Maker and his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel and there will be desolation. He will not look to the altars, the work of his hands...'* (17:7-8)

3. Concerning Egypt – Is 19:1-25

- a. **No. 1 Arab nation in the Middle East** with 90 million Arabs and the biggest military in the Arab world. (Followed by Saudi Arabia ~31 million). *'As goes, Egypt so goes the Middle East.'* Egypt is mentioned 565 times in the Bible. **Essentially 3 judgments:** (i) in the PAST by Babylon in 568BC (Jer 46); (ii) in the PRESENT (Is 19); (iii) in the FUTURE by Antichrist (Dan 11:43). C.f. Ezk 29-30
- b. **Calamity in Egypt:** (i) Civil war (19:2); (ii) Spiritual Confusion (19:3); (iii) Cruel dictatorship (19:4); (iv) Collapsing economy (19:5-10) – agriculture industry by the river, fishing industry (Nile delta drying up) & textile industry destroyed (They are traditionally Egypt's three economic pillars + oil & tourism).
- c. **John Paul Jackson Prophecy** Upon the demise of Mubarak Egypt will turn into a terrorist state. Who is the cruel master? Since the revolution, Egypt's economy has been hit hard with soaring inflation and currency devaluation. Their challenge is to reduce inflation to less than 10% each year. Where is Egyptian's ancient wisdom? (1:11) Why all the missteps like a drunken man? Because of the 'Perverse spirit' & idols of Egypt (11:1, 14-15) = 'spirit of Allah' (Muslim Brotherhood?)
- d. **Why? War with Israel (11:16-17 C.f. Ps. 83?).** 'because of the waving of the hand of the LORD of hosts...Judah will be a terror to Egypt' However, Egyptians will cry out to the Lord because of the oppressors, then *'the Lord will send them a Saviour and a Mighty One who will deliver them. Then the Lord will be known to Egypt and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day.'* (19:20-22)
- e. **Aftermath:** (i) 5 cities of Egypt will be taken by Israel and they will speak the language of Canaan and swear by the LORD of hosts (11:18); (ii) Altar & Pillar will be built to the Lord & Saviour will come to them – the greatest revival in history as the Lord crushes the perverse spirit (11:19-21); (iii) Highway from Egypt to Syria will be built & God will call 'Egypt My people' along with Assyria and Israel His inheritance (11:23-25). Note the original boundary for Israel as given to Abraham the first time - 'from the River Nile to the Euphrates' (Gen 15:18).

4. Concerning Jordan – Jer 49 c.f. Zeph 2:4-11 (Gaza + Jordan)

- a. Jordan encompasses the ancient 'Edom, Moab, Ammon'. Unfortunately, Jordan is occupying the 'wrong real estate', which was already deeded to Abraham by God (Jer 49:1). Jordan ('Muslim Waqf') controls the Jerusalem Temple mount area. They threaten to shred their 1994 peace treaty with Israel. King Abdullah II (1999-present) is in a very precarious place. **Jer 49:2-5** speaks about the state of unrest & fear leading to war & their dispersion among nations. Rabbah (Amman, Capital of Jordan) will become a desolate mound in that war.
- b. **Two Judgments ahead?** (i) Israel is to inherit Jordan - the land of Gad. *'Then Israel will take possession of his inheritance' says the LORD (Jer 49:1-2).* (ii) The Lord will destroy Edom at His return. *'Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse. And all its cities shall be perpetual wastes.'* (Jer 49:13ff c.f. Is 63:1-4; Zeph 2:9)
- c. **Why?** (i) Despising the Abrahamic covenant As Jacob's twin brother, they should know better! All three questions point to the Abrahamic covenant which they refuse to acknowledge! (Jer. 49:1; 7; 25). (ii) Promoting terrorism, *'...the terror you inspire and the pride of your heart has deceived you'* (Jer 49:16 NIV). But the Lord will make them 'small' among nations and 'despised' among men' (Jer 49:15); (iii) More specifically their 'arrogant threats on Israeli border' (Zeph 2:8).
- d. **Purpose:** (i) *Israel is to inherit her rightful inheritance. 'Why then does Milcom inherit Gad? (Jer 49:1); (ii) To set the people free from Milcom = Molech (Heb: 'Milcom') 'For Milcom shall go into captivity' (Jer 49:1, 3). 'The LORD will be awesome to them. For He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth. People shall worship Him, each one from his place, indeed all the shores of the nations.'* (Zeph 2:11)

The terrorist war arising out of the Middle East will be won by IDF. In so doing God will punish Milcom (Jer 49:1), or foreign gods of the earth:

C.f. D. G. Dinakaran's encounter with the Lord – Astounding revival in the Middle East before the return of the Lord.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a quill pen over an open book. The book's pages are filled with dense Hebrew text. The lighting is warm and focused on the pen and the text, creating a sense of historical or scholarly work. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the book and the hand.

Middle East Prophecy

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Gog & Magog War (Ezekiel 38-39)

Q1: What is the precondition for this war?

Q2: What will cause Israel to dwell safely?

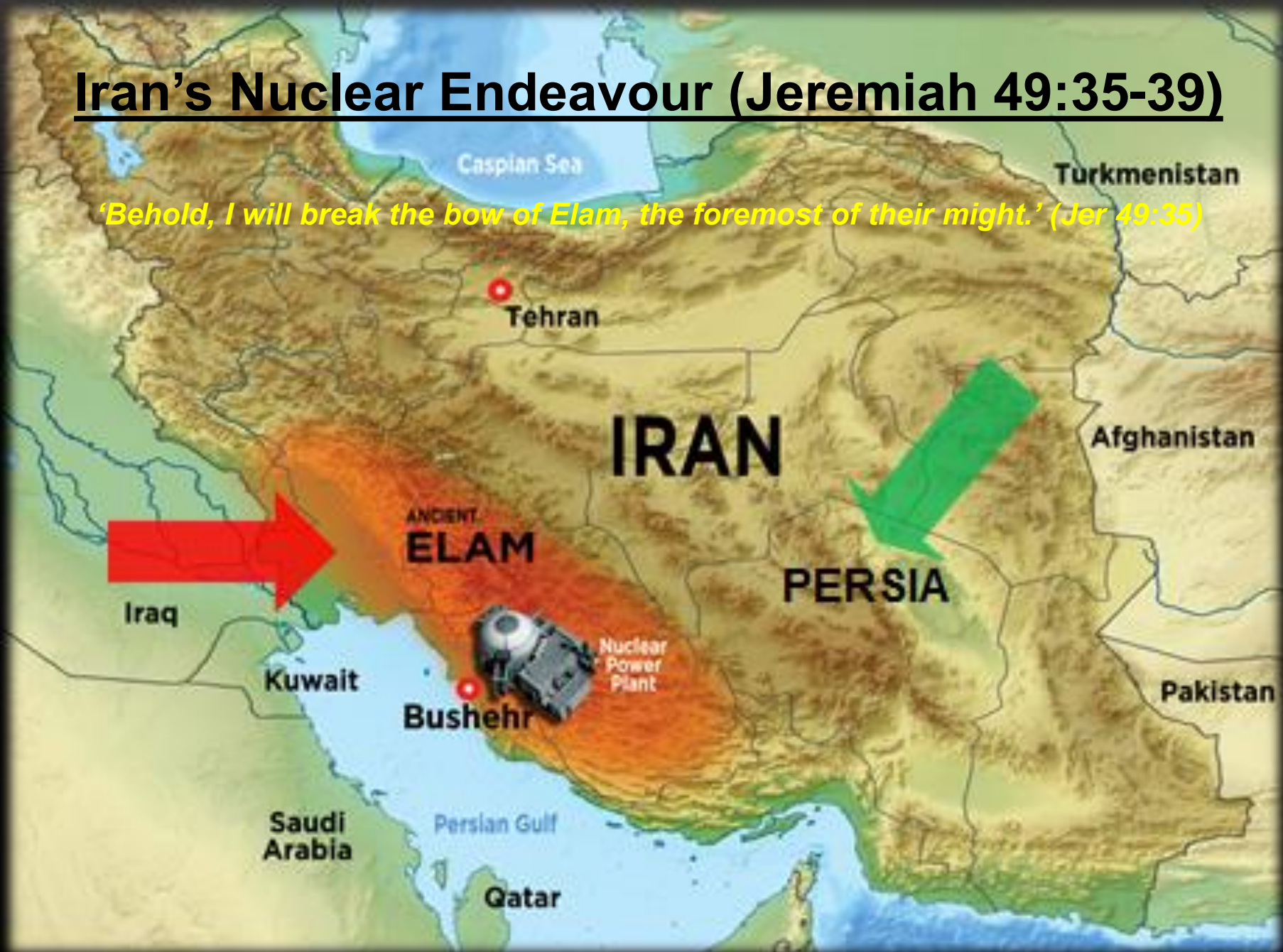


Q3: Why are the surrounding Arab nations missing in action?

Q4: Is there a preceding war that will alter the current map of Israel?

Iran's Nuclear Endeavour (Jeremiah 49:35-39)

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Disaster in Egypt (Is 19)

“In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD on its border. And it will be a sign and for a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt for they will cry to the LORD because of the oppressors, and He will send them a Saviour and A Mighty One, and He will deliver them. Then the LORD will be known to Egypt, and Egyptians will know the LORD in that day...” Blessed is Egypt My people and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.” (Isaiah 19:19-25)



Desolation in Jordan

“Therefore behold, the days are coming” says the Lord, “That I will cause to be heard an alarm of war in Rabbah of the Ammonites. It shall be a desolate mound and her villages shall be burned with fire.” Then Israel shall take possession of his inheritance” says the LORD (Jer 49:2)

