

SCRIPTURES
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1. Rev. 16:12 – “And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great **river Euphrates**; and the water thereof was dried up, **that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.**”

2. ¿What power ruled this area in modern times? The Ottoman Empire which lasted until after W War I **It was always associated with the River Euphrates.**

The “drying up of the River Euphrates would mean the end of the Ottoman power, so that once again there could be a great confrontation between the East and the West.

3. We must establish the meaning of the phrase, **“The kings of the east”** in biblical terms.

- a. When the Lord revealed through the prophet, Isaiah, **“Calling a ravenous bird from the east...”** (Isa. 46:11), He referred to Cyrus, King of Persia (**present day Iran**).
- b. When He revealed through His prophet, Ezekiel, **“I will deliver thee to the men of the east”** (Ezekiel 25:4), He was speaking of the king of the Babylonians (**Present day Iran**).

Magog

Hebrew (4031) A son of Japheth and the people descended from him. They settled in what is now Turkey and around the Black Sea.

Greek (3098) A foreign nation; an **anti-christian** power. These areas are all followers of Islam, certainly an anti-christian power.

Meshech

Hebrew (4902) A son of Japheth and the people descended from him.

Gog

“Political and military leader of the nations Meshech and Tubal in the land of Magog (Ezek. 38:2) After the nation of Israel will have been restored from its exile, Gog will come to the land of Israel from the northernmost* part of the world with a huge army (Ezek. 38:15)” Illustrated Dictionary and Concordance of the Bible, p. 403

- Jer. 1:14 “- out of the **north** an evil shall break forth”
- Jer. 4:6 - To be a **Babylonian invasion** via the fertile crescent
- Jer. 50:2,3,9-13 – “great nation from the **north country** ¿Who were they? Jer. 51 explains they were the Medes (**Turkey, Iran & Iraq**) and the Persians (**Iran**) Daniel 11 speaks of various kings that would arise within the Median Persian Empire:
- King of the North Spicer: “The kings of the north in the early period of the prophecy was the power that ruled Syria and Asia Minor.” P. 326

Ezekiel 38:4 – God will bring them

8 - “in the latter years”

15 – “out of the north and bring many people with him.”

16 – “come against Israel.”

21 – **every man's sword will be against his brother** - (See B of C 48:62, p. 87)

22 – “Gog and the nations to be destroyed”

23 – “All the world will know that it is God who did it”

Interestingly, Commentary of Ezek 34 contains 34 pages of comments by various scholars; Ezek. 36 contains 64 pages, Ezek. 37 contains 36 pages, while Ezek. 38 and 39 only 1 ½ pages. Why?

4. Rev. 16:14 – “For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to **gather them to the battle** of that great day of God Almighty.”

5. Rev. 16:16 – “And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon**.”

- a. Armageddon (Greek 717) “**hill of rendezvous**”
- b. Megiddo (Hebrew 4023) “**rendezvous**”, “**assemble**”

JOEL

2:1 – “The day of the Lord cometh”

2:20 – “I will remove you far off from the northern army”

3:2 – “**I will also gather all nations.**”

3:14 – “the day of the Lord is near.”

3:9-16 – Proclaim among the gentiles, prepare war, beat your plowshares into swords, assemble yourselves.”

ZEPHANIAH

1:14 - : the great day of the Lord is near.”

1:15 – “a day of wrath” ¿Why?

2:10 – they have magnified themselves against the people of the Lord.

3:8 – “gather the nations, assemble the kingdoms to pour out upon them my indignation.” (the very definition of Armageddon.)

ISAIAH 11:11-14

“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, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall **set up an ensign** for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and ~~Judah~~ shall not vex ~~Ephraim~~. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; **they shall spoil them of the east together**: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.”

- (“And **my words** shall hiss forth unto the ends of the earth, for a standard unto my people...’ II Nephi 12:44)”

I NEPHI 3

Vs. 229 tells when this is to occur: “And it came to pass that I beheld that the great mother of abominations did gather together in multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among all the nations of the Gentiles, to fight against the Lamb of God.”

Vs. 232-236 – “And it came to pass that I beheld that the wrath of God was poured out upon the great and abominable church, insomuch that there were wars and rumors of wars among all the nations and kindreds of the earth, And as there began to be wars and rumors of wars among all the nations which belonged to the mother of abominations, the angel spake unto me, saying, Behold, the wrath of God is upon the mother of harlots; And behold, thou seest all these things; And when the day cometh that the wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose foundation is the devil,”

Vs. 237 – “Then at that day, the work of the Father shall commence, in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his covenants which he hath made to his people, who are of the house of Israel.”

1 NEPHI 7

Vs. 28-30, 33-37, 41-42 – “And every nation which shall war against thee, O house of Israel, shall be turned one against another. And they shall fall into the pit which they digged to ensnare the people of the Lord. And all that fight against Zion, shall be destroyed. For the day soon cometh, that all the proud and they who do wickedly, shall be as stubble; and the day cometh that they must be burned. For the time soon cometh, that the fullness of the wrath of God shall be poured out upon all the children of men: For he will not suffer that the wicked shall destroy the righteous. Wherefore, he will preserve the righteous by his power, even if it be so that the fullness of his wrath must come, and the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire. Wherefore, the righteous need not fear; for thus saith the prophet, They shall be saved, even if it so be as by fire. For behold, the righteous shall not perish; For the time surely must come, that all they who fight against Zion, shall be cut off.”

2 NEPHI 5

Vs. 32-35 – “For the Lord God will fulfill his covenants which he has made unto his children: and for this cause the prophet has written these things. Wherefore, they that fight against Zion and the covenant people of the Lord, shall lick up the dust of their feet; 34 And the people of the Lord shall not be ashamed. For the people of the Lord are they who wait for him: for they still wait for the coming of the Messiah.”

2 NEPHI 7

Vs. 23-25 – “Wherefore, he that fighteth against Zion, both Jew and Gentile, both bond and free, both male and female, shall perish: For they are they who are the whore of all the earth; For they who are not for me, are against me, saith our God.”

MORMON 4:26

“And he that shall breathe out wrath and strifes against the work of the Lord, and against the covenant people of the Lord, who are the house of Israel, and shall say, We will destroy the work of the Lord, and the Lord will not remember his covenant which he hath made unto the house of Israel, the same is in danger to be hewn down and cast into the fire; for the eternal purposes of the Lord shall roll on, until all his promises shall be fulfilled.”