

# It Might Be Today

## Let's Talk More TURKEY

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

This week I want to talk about something the Bible predicted that seems to be occurring **right before our very eyes**.

A 2500 year-old passage in the Book of Ezekiel describes the coalition of nations that will invade Israel from the north. The nations that will be involved in the invasion are listed by name. Russia seems to be the lead nation; also mentioned by name are Lybia and Persia, which is modern Iran.

Also prominent are regions that now comprise modern-day Turkey. The nation of Turkey is a member of NATO and a candidate for membership in the European Union. It didn't seem to make any sense that the Turks would suddenly ally with Russia and the Moslem nations wanting to overrun and destroy Israel

It didn't make any sense, that is, until recently. Turkey has made a sudden shift against Israel. One author analyzes it like this:

In the aftermath of the Gaza flotilla incident, the anti-Israel sentiments streaming from Ankara have been nothing short of outrageous, at times coming close to threatening in tone. Not only that, recent stories in the news seem to indicate there is going to be no turning back for Turkey where relations with Israel are concerned. Truly, it seems, we are witnessing Turkey's long-anticipated move toward foreign policy uniting it with the coalition of anti-Israel nations described in Ezekiel 38 & 39.

A United Kingdom news source ran an article on June 8th titled, *Turkey is calling for a jihad against Israel*.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jun/08/turkey-jihad-israel-flotilla>

Excerpts:

Israel's relations with Ankara – military, economic, and tourist (Israelis once flocked to Turkey) – have been sacrificed on the altar of Turkey's aspiration to lead the Islamic world and establish itself along with Iran as an alternative to American power.

Support for Turkey is at an all-time high in the Arab world. The last time Turkish flags were carried through the streets of Middle Eastern capitals was during the first world war, as people took to the streets in continued support for the Ottoman sultan-caliph against the western entente powers. The sultan-caliph had proclaimed a jihad. Thanks to Turkish government support of a blockade-running mission led by a group of Hamas sympathizers, they are flying once again. No ruling Arab leader is as popular as the Turkish prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, **whose discourse amounts to calls for a jihad against Israel.**

The English version of the Aljazeera website posted an article on June 4th titled, *Turkey will 'Never Forgive' Israel.*<sup>2</sup>

Excerpts:

The Turkish president has said that Israel's military raid on civilian aid ships bound for the Gaza Strip has caused "irreparable" damage to his country's relations with Israel, and will "never" be forgiven.

"From now on, Turkish-Israeli ties will never be the same. This incident has left an irreparable and deep scar," Abdullah Gul said in a televised speech.

A short time ago it was difficult to see how Turkey was going to go from being a firmly-entrenched pro-Western nation to a key power in the prophesied invasion of Israel described in Ezekiel 38 & 39. But now - RIGHT NOW - the transition seems to be occurring before our very eyes.

As always we are not predicting anything; we are just reporting the news. But this is exactly the kind of news you'd expect if we were trending towards the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. You'd be watching Turkey to see a growing hostility towards Israel, and growing in alliances with Israel's enemies as described by Ezekiel.

I remind you that although we follow the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we are not waiting for any prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised to return to resurrect and rapture the church as an imminent event. By that we mean

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<sup>2</sup> <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/europe/2010/06/20106312530449379.html>

the certainty that He may come at any moment and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.

Nothing needs to be fulfilled before the Lord can return for us. We are only waiting for Him - and His coming is always imminent.

Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***