

It Might Be Today

Let's Talk Even 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 the trend towards nations mentioned in the Bible who would in the Last Days be involved in an invasion against Israel.

A 2500 year-old passage in the Book of Ezekiel describes the coalition of nations that will invade Israel from the north. It presupposed that Israel, which at the time it was written was overrun by the Babylonian Empire, would again be a sovereign nation living in its ancient land. That alone is a remarkable prophecy - having been fulfilled in modern times, on May 14, 1948.

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 we would identify as modern-day Turkey.

Turkey is somewhat of a surprise because it has been a key ally for Israel. Not anymore!

On October 26 [upi.com](http://www.upi.com) posted a story titled, *Turkey's intel severs ties with Mossad*.¹

Excerpts:

Turkey's intelligence establishment has severed working ties with Israel's Mossad, further proof of strained relations between the countries, officials said.

¹ http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2010/10/26/Turkeys-intel-severs-ties-with-Mossad/UPI-37031288095298/

A report in the Sabah newspaper quoted officials as saying the two agencies that once enjoyed close cooperation have stopped exchanging intelligence and conducting joint operations.

Turkey has also conditioned its consent to stationing a NATO missile-defense system in its territory on a guarantee no information collected by the system be transferred to Israel, the Israeli daily said.

Relations between Israel and Turkey began deteriorating last year following Israeli's three week military offensive in the Gaza Strip. Ties worsened after Israel raided a Turkish boat carrying aid to Gaza in May, in which nine Turkish activists were killed.

On October 30 the Jerusalem Post posted an article titled, *Turkish document defines Israel as 'central threat.'*²

Excerpts:

The Turkish National Security Council approved a few days ago significant changes in a document which contains threats against Turkey claiming that Israel is now a major threat to the country, Turkish media reported Saturday.

This is the first time that Turkey has defined Israel's actions in the Middle East as a threat towards it.

Iran, which was previously a major threat to Ankara was... removed from the list of countries.

So Israel is a threat and Iran is not. If Ezekiel were alive he'd say, "I told you so!" He told us so 2500 years ago and we are seeing it happen before our very eyes.

Just this morning I searched for news about Turkey and found a posting three hours old titled, *Iran says ready to hold nuclear talks in Turkey.*³ The tag line read,

Iran said on Sunday it has informed Ankara that Tehran is ready to hold talks in Turkey with the six world powers over its controversial nuclear program, turning to a country seen as an ally.

² <http://www.jpost.com/MiddleEast/Article.aspx?id=193322>

³ <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jWaXJIC3ITCo49ez4peToj7opEJw?docId=CNG.df5184b80f2116712fe150cbda10874b.321>

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 gaining 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 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!***