

It Might Be Today

TIME FOR SUPER TURKEY

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

There is a rather remarkable prophecy in the Old Testament Book of Ezekiel. Twenty-five hundred years ago Ezekiel described a coalition of nations that would attack Israel in the last days.

In passing we should note that it is a miraculous fulfillment of prophecy that there even is a nation of Israel in the Middle East!

Among the nations mentioned by Ezekiel are "Meshech and Tubal." Sloppy prophecy buffs try to tell you that they are the Russian cities of Moscow and Tobolsk. Not true; that's based only on English pronunciation, not research.

Turns out there's not too much mystery here.

- Herodotus placed "Mesech" and "Tubal" as people dwelling on the north shore of the Black Sea.
- Josephus identified them as the Cappadocians, saying, "Mesech must be located in the Moschian mountains near Armenia."

This area southeast of the Black Sea is modern day Turkey. Meshech and Tubal are areas of modern Turkey.

Also mentioned by Ezekiel are "Gomer" and "the house of Togarmah." Josephus identified the people of Galatia with Gomer. He says that "the people the Greeks called the Galatians were the Gomerites." Today these "Gomerites" live in the west-central part of Turkey.

Mark Hitchcock writes, “Most Bible scholars and scholars of ancient history relate biblical Togarmah to the ancient Hittite city of Tegarma, an important city in eastern Cappadocia [which is modern Turkey].”

“Gomer” and “the house of Togarmah” are additional references to modern Turkey.

We conclude from reading Ezekiel that Turkey will be among the nations against Israel in the last days.

Guess what? **Turkey is now squarely against Israel!**

On September 6 one source reported,

In a sign of growing Turkish hostility towards Israel, Turkey announced today that it would be suspending all defense ties with Israel and that other ties would be evaluated as well. In addition to this sudden move, Turkey also threatened to attack Cyprus if they go ahead with development of the oil and gas fields off the Israeli coast.¹

On September 8 another source reported,

Turkey deepened its rift with Israel on Monday by vowing to work for the recognition of a Palestinian state at the United Nations and by saying it has notified high-level Israeli diplomats they have two days to leave the country.

Late last week, Turkey expelled the Israeli ambassador after Israel refused to apologize for the botched Israeli raid on a Gaza-bound protest flotilla that killed nine pro-Palestinian activists last year.²

Turkey is also reported to be “doubling the size of its army.”³

[Turkey] already has the largest army in Middle East and the second-largest army in NATO, second only to the United States. Presently, Turkey's army has over 500,000 troops. Its army is larger than France, Germany and England combined. And now Turkish media are reporting that they are planning on adding another 500,000 paid soldiers.

¹ <http://www.raptureforums.com/RaptureReport/rapturereport09062011.cfm>

² <http://bibleprophecyrevealed.us/wp/?p=1629>

³ <http://www.bibleprophecyblog.com/2011/07/turkey-to-double-size-of-its-army.html>

Up until very recent history Turkey was looking to the West, an ally of Israel. *Not anymore!*

It's the kind of amazing development you'd expect from your literal reading of Bible prophecy. It is Bible prophecy being fulfilled before our very eyes.

Does anything need to happen before Jesus returns to resurrect and rapture the church? No. And that's why I like to end these updates by saying, Get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***