

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Kings of the East"

We like most Sunday's 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.

According to Revelation 9:14-16, an army of 200 million soldiers will cross a dried-up Euphrates River from the east to fight at the Battle of Armageddon. According to Revelation 16:12, this gigantic army will belong to the "kings of the east" and advance over a prepared way.

Revelation 16:12 takes place toward the end of the seven year tribulation. Dr. John Walvoord wrote,

...the most probable interpretation of the drying-up of the Euphrates is that by an act of God its flow will be interrupted even as were the waters of the Red Sea and of Jordan. This time the way will open not for Israel but for those who are referred to as the Kings of the East. The evidence points, then, to a literal interpretation of Revelation 16:12 in relation to the Euphrates.

What country that is east of Israel is capable of fielding a 200 million man army? There is only one country: China.

According to one source, as long ago as 1997, China herself boasted she could field an army of over 300 million.

It's not hard to identify China, perhaps in an alliance with others, as "the kings of the east."

Further, if it *is* China, the way has been prepared. A major highway runs from Upper Mongolia through Beijing, south to Shanghai, westward along the Yangtze through mountains, through Chungking and Tibet, skirting northern India and Afghanistan. It is one of the most modern divided highways in the world.

If China is the "kings of the east," then you'd expect her to emerge on the world scene as a military superpower as the Great Tribulation approaches.

China **is** a great military superpower - more than we'd like to admit.

Here is a chilling piece of news you probably missed. On October 13th the Washington Times published a story titled, *China's Nuclear submarines capable of widespread attack on U.S.*

Excerpts:

Chinese state-run media revealed for the first time this week that Beijing's nuclear submarines can attack American cities as a means to counterbalance U.S. nuclear deterrence in the Pacific.

"This is the first time in 42 years since the establishment of our navy's strategic submarine force that we reveal on such a large scale the secrets of our first-generation underwater nuclear force," the Global Times said in a lengthy article titled "China for the First Time Possesses Effective Underwater Nuclear Deterrence against the United States."

The article features 30 photos and graphics detailing, among other things, damage projections for Seattle and Los Angeles after being hit by Chinese nuclear warheads and the deadly radiation that would spread all the way to Chicago.

China's sub fleet is reportedly the world's second-largest, with about 70 vessels. About 10 are nuclear-powered, and four or more of those are nuclear ballistic submarines capable of launching missiles.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/oct/31/inside-china-nuclear-submarines-capable-of-widespr/#ixzz2mSJn6nr2>

- The end times scenario of the Bible demands Israel be a nation in her Promised Land; she is.
- It demands there be a revived Roman Empire; with the rise of the European Union, there is such an empire.
- And it demands there be an enormous army from the east with modern warfare capabilities that has a way to travel west; and all of that has become true of China in just our lifetimes.

The world is on the brink of heading into the Great Tribulation.

The world; **but not the church**. Jesus promised He would return to resurrect and rapture His church before the Great Tribulation would begin.

We are seeing the stage being set; but we are looking up for the return of our Lord.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***