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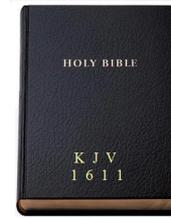
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Bible Prophecy

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5) The USA are those **“that dwell carelessly in the isles”** and will be destroyed by fire at the same time God judges Gog and Magog for attempting to invade Israel (Eze 39:6)

Ezekiel 39:6

And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

I will send a fire.

- This fire is different than the one brought upon Gog and his allies (Eze 38:22) in that it is sent upon Gog’s homeland Magog (Russia) and a nation or group of nations not previously mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39, **“them that dwell carelessly in the isles”**
- It is possible that this fire is “sent” via an unintended exchange of nuclear weapons
- What is the possible identity of those **“that dwell carelessly in the isles”**?

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The isles.

- *Isle*= “a tract of land surrounded by water, or a detached portion of land embosomed in the ocean, in a lake, or river”- this means their entire land has MORE THAN ONE COASTLINE
- Two additional characteristics of THE ISLES are:
 - 1) They are primarily populated with descendants of JAPHETH (Gen 10:5)- this means they are EUROPEAN nations and CAUCASIAN people
 - 2) They can be AFAR OFF (Isa 66:19; Jer 31:10)- this means they are located FAR WEST of Israel

Them that dwell carelessly in the isles.

- While Magog, Meshech, Tubal, Gomer, and Togarmah are all descendants of Japheth (Gen 10:2-3), they are located NORTH of Israel not FAR WEST
- With the exception of TURKEY (i.e.- Togarmah), none of their entire lands has more than one coastline (i.e.- Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia)

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- While Gog's allies (e.g.- Ethiopia) may also be destroyed by fire (Isa 18:1-2,6; Eze 30:9), those that **“dwell carelessly in the isles”** does not refer to any of them but to a nation or group of nations not previously mentioned
- If the nation(s) identified with Tarshish or the young lions of Tarshish were meant, those terms would likely be used
- Additional clues on the potential identity of this nation (or nations) can be gleaned from the word CARELESS
- *Careless*= “having no care; heedless; negligent; inattentive; without care or concern; free from care or anxiety; to care less; the opposite of careful”
- The terms CARELESS(LY) and WITHOUT CARE appear 9x and are associated with:
 - 1) Dwelling QUIETLY and SECURELY in a VERY GOOD LAND that is LARGE and where there is NO WANT OF ANY THING (Jud 18:7,9-10)
 - 2) Being AT EASE and without TROUBLE (Isa 32:9-11)
 - 3) Being GIVEN TO PLEASURES (Isa 47:8)
 - 4) Being WEALTHY (Jer 49:31)
 - 5) Prideful REJOICING (Isa 47:8; Zep 2:15)

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- The definition and characteristics of CARELESS also apply to the condition of THE CHURCH in the last days

Rev 3:17

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

- In the days leading up to the Rapture (Rev 4:1), the Church (as a whole) is not in a state of persecution because it is not living GODLY (2 Tim 3:12)
- It is in a state of material PROSPERITY and SELF-SUFFICIENCY that has sold out to the world and left the Lord Jesus Christ on the outside looking in (Rev 3:20)
- Could there be a connection between the Church and those that dwell carelessly in the isles?
- The careless condition of the Church in the last days could be because the majority of Christians live in the nation that dwells carelessly in the isles, and they have allowed the attitude and lifestyle of this nation to influence them and infiltrate their churches, rather than maintaining their separation

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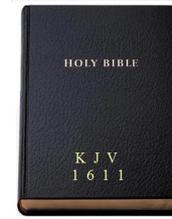
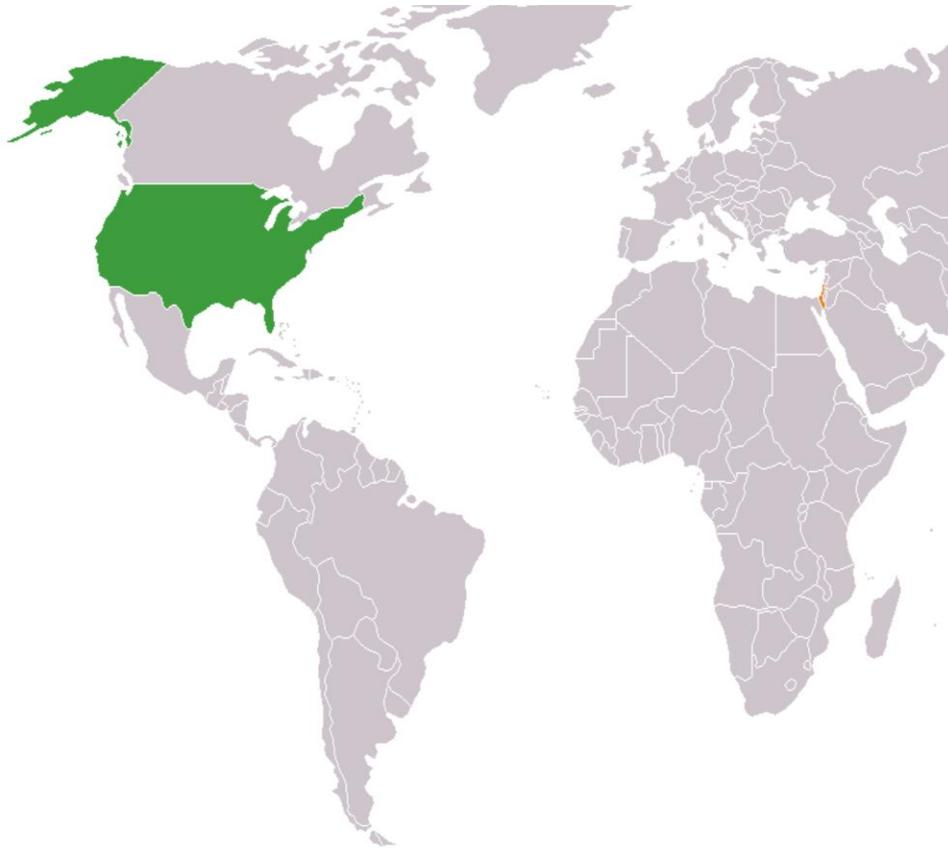


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- Is there a nation that meets all the following characteristics?
 - 1) A nation descended from Japheth (i.e.- European; Caucasian)
 - 2) A nation located far west from Israel
 - 3) A nation with a coastline on at least two opposite sides of it's land mass
 - 4) A nation that is heedless and negligent
 - 5) A nation that dwells quietly and securely
 - 6) A nation that has a large amount of land, land that is very good, and where there is no want
 - 7) A nation that is at ease and without trouble
 - 8) A nation given to pleasures
 - 9) A nation with great wealth
 - 10) A nation that rejoices in it's pride
 - 11) A nation that has the majority of Christians and has negatively influenced the Church

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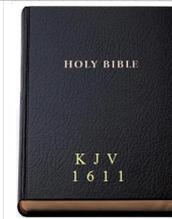
- Recall, the Danite history in Judges 18 is strikingly similar to the formation of the USA
 - It began with “pilgrims” from the tribe of Dan looking for a new land (Jud 18:1)
 - The land they settled was one in which the natives dwelt without a care; it was quiet and secure, very good, large; and a place where there was no want of any thing that is in the earth (Jud 18:7,9-10)
 - The Danites slaughtered the natives, burnt their homes, possessed the land (Jud 18:27), and re-name the capital city after “the father of their country” (Jud 18:29)

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- The Danites set up an idolatrous worship system in the new land to rival the true worship of the Lord at Shiloh, until the judgment of the captivity of the northern tribes (Jud 18:30-31)
- Since the USA has similarities with the tribe of Dan in it's formation, are there similarities also in it's future?
- The tribe of Dan is not listed as one of the tribes of the children of Israel from which come the 144,000 (Rev 7:4-8), because of the CURSE in Deuteronomy 29:18-21
- This curse is due to betraying the Lord (through idolatry) and consists of the BLOTTING out of the name (Deu 29:20) and the BURNING of the land like Sodom and Gomorrah (Deu 29:23)
- This could be fulfilled if the USA is (or is among) **“them that dwell carelessly in the isles”** (Eze 39:6)
- If the USA is (or is among) **“them that dwell carelessly in the isles”** (Eze 39:6), then will it's fiery judgment take place before or after the Rapture? Will the church be here when this fiery judgment falls?



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