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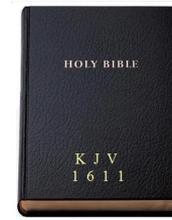


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Bible Prophecy

The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

Ezekiel 38:5



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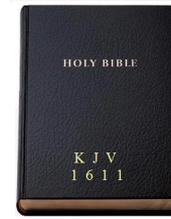
Ezekiel 38:5

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

Persia.

- PERSIA appears 36x in it's various forms
- PERSIA was the racial and ethnic name attributed to the nation known today as IRAN up until 1935
- It is one of three other Biblical nations that comprise Iran, the others are MEDIA (NW Iran), ELAM (SW Iran), and PARTHIA (NE Iran)
- The Lord could have inspired Ezekiel to use any of these other names but chose Persia
- ELAM at the time of this prophecy (i.e.- 587 BC) was the eastern extent of the Babylonian empire (Media and Persia were never part of the Babylonian empire)
- MEDIA (i.e.- MADAI) is a descendant of Japheth (Gen 10:2), but PERSIA is a descendant of Shem through ELAM (Gen 10:22)

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- The Medes participated in an alliance with the Babylonians and Lydians to attack and defeat the Assyrian empire, which included the destruction of Nineveh in 612BC
- The Median kingdom was a growing kingdom at the time of this prophecy and included Persia
- The Persian king Cyrus the Great defeated the Medes, forming the Medo-Persian empire
- The Medes and Persians defeated and succeeded the Babylonian empire when general Darius took Babylon in 537 BC (Dan 5:31)
- PARTHIA was the region that bordered the Medes to the east and was subject to the Medes at the time of this prophecy
- Today, Iran is a major ally of Russia and is arguably, the archenemy of Israel

Ethiopia.

- ETHIOPIA appears 41x in it's various forms
- ETHIOPIA is the racial and ethnic name for CUSH, a son of Ham (Gen 10:6)

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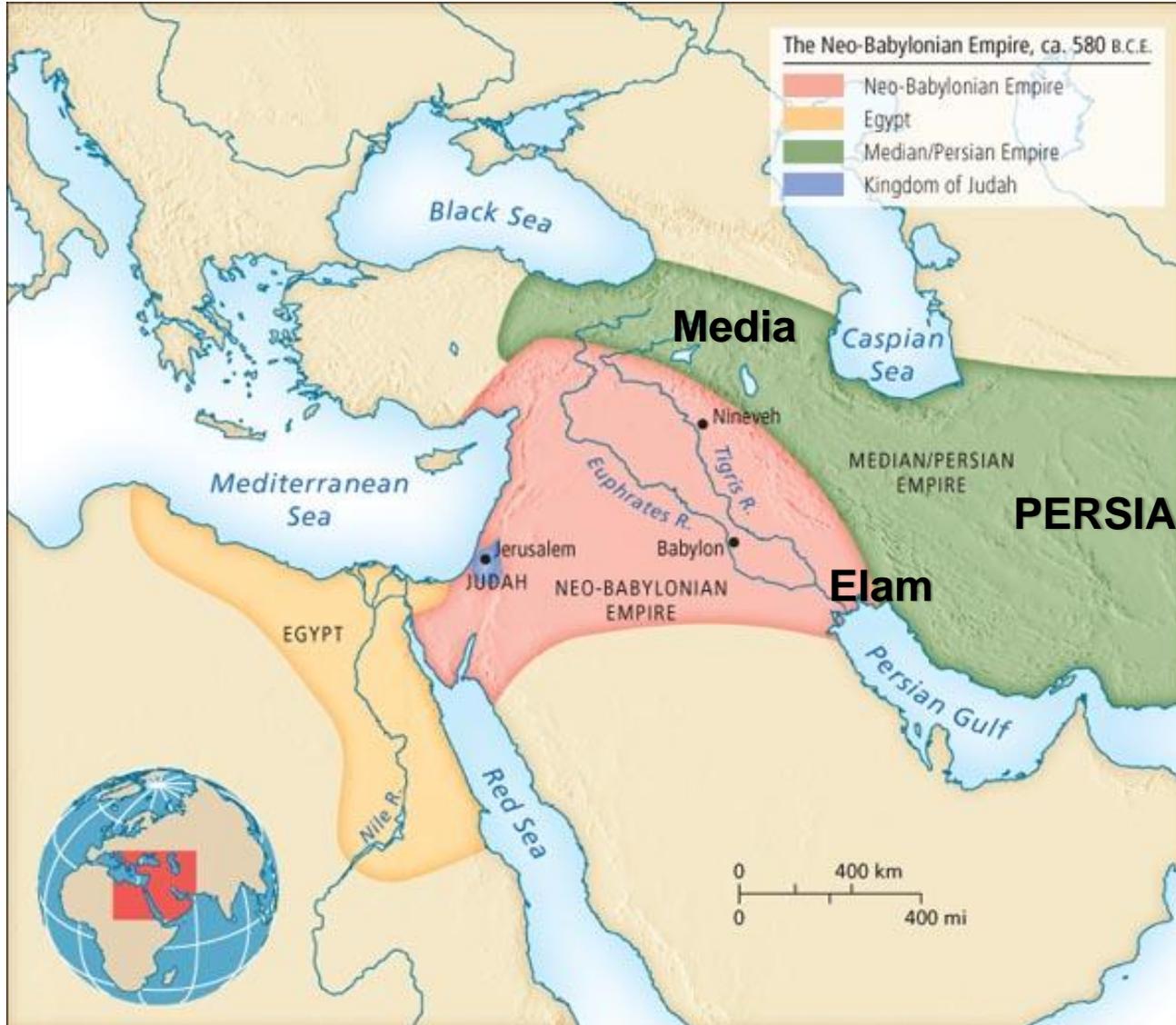
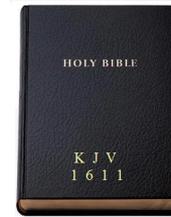
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- Ethiopia was a mighty nation at various times in history (2 Chr 14:9; Isa 37:9; Nah 3:9) but was minimized and humiliated by the Assyrians (Isa 18:1; 20:4)
- Ethiopia seems to have directly bordered Egypt to its south at the time of this prophecy (Eze 29:10; 30:4), meaning it probably included modern day SUDAN and possibly ERITREA

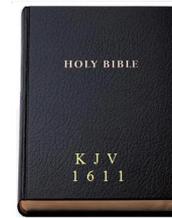
Libya.

- LIBYA appears 5x in its various forms
- LIBYA is the racial and ethnic name for PHUT, a son of Ham (Gen 10:6)
- Libya is associated with Egypt and Ethiopia (Eze 30:5; Dan 11:43; Nah 3:9)
- Libya directly borders Egypt to its west and has historically referred to all the nations of North Africa west of Egypt, including Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco

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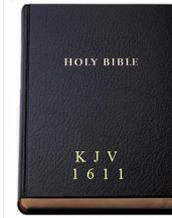


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The Judgment Of Iran

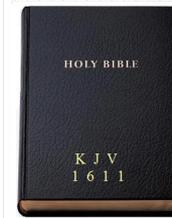
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Introduction

- Since the Islamic revolution in 1979, **Iran** has arguably replaced Egypt and Syria as the archenemy of the nation of Israel
- Iranian Supreme Leaders Ayatollah Khomeini and Ayatollah Khamenei, and former president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad have referred to Israel as a “cancer” and vowed to “wipe Israel off the map”
- Iran, under the name *Persia*, is listed as the chief ally of Russia, under the name *Magog*, in the invasion of Israel in Ezekiel 38 (Eze 38:5) that takes place in the latter days
- Interestingly, Iran is **not** listed as a participant in the war of Psalm 83 that takes place **before** the invasion of Ezekiel 38, even though the objective of this war is to, “**cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance**” (Psa 83:4)
- Is there any indication from Bible prophecy why Iran will not participate in the war of Psalm 83?
- Why did a nation and people with a history of relative beneficence to Israel become their archenemy?



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