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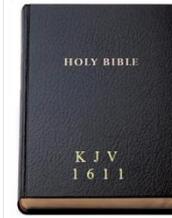
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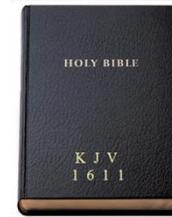


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5. Jeremiah 49:34-39

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The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

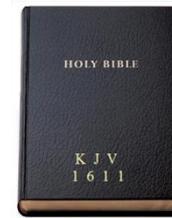
For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, *even* my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

But it shall come to pass in the latter days, *that* I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

- Most commentators believe this judgment was fulfilled by Nebuchadnezzar who extended the Babylonian empire as far east as Elam
- While there is enough evidence to suggest at least a partial fulfillment with Nebuchadnezzar, there is not enough (or even any) historical evidence to support fulfillment of all the details of the prophecy

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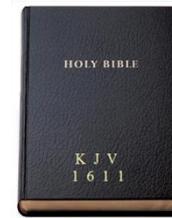


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3 Judgments	3 Consequences
1. The Lord will break their bow	1. They will be dismayed
2. The Lord will bring the four winds	2. They will be scattered
3. The Lord will send the sword after them	3. They will be consumed

- **BEGINNING OF THE REIGN OF ZEDEKIAH**= Zedekiah was the **LAST** king before the Babylonian captivity; could this prophecy find complete fulfillment at the time Israel's **LAST** leader comes to power?
- **I WILL BREAK THE BOW OF ELAM**= a bow is a **WEAPON DELIVERY SYSTEM** not a weapon itself; there is no mention of arrows, but if you break the bow the arrow is rendered ineffective
- **THE CHIEF OF THEIR MIGHT**= this **BOW** (v.35) represents the height of Iran's might
- It is **POSSIBLE** that this "bow" is Iran's nuclear power program?

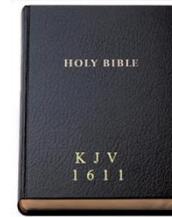
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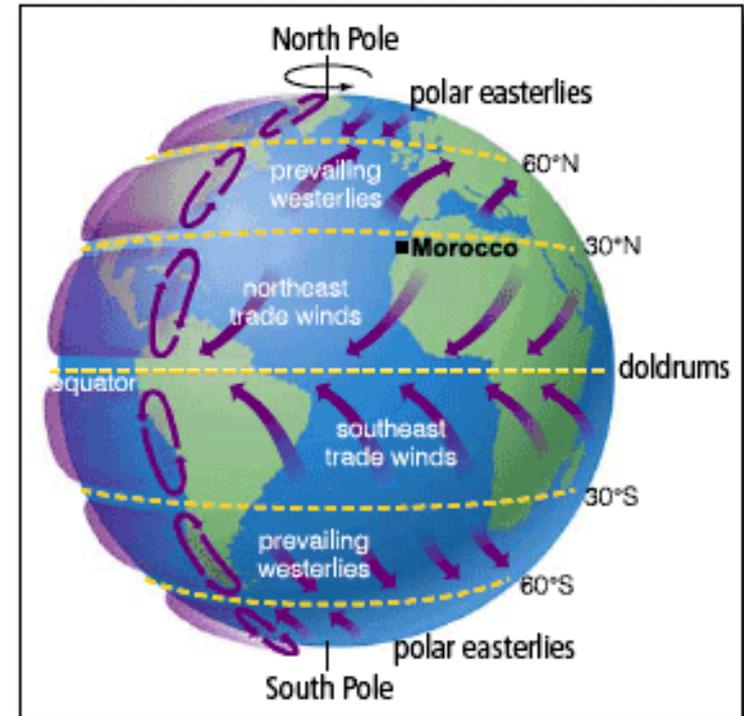
- Iran's lone nuclear reactor is located in Bushehr
- Bushehr is located on the Persian Gulf in the land of ELAM
- Israel and the United States have threatened to conduct military strikes to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons



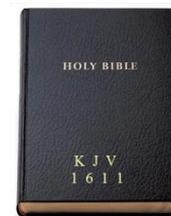


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- THE FOUR WINDS= can be a figurative expression for the uttermost (all) parts of the earth (Matt 24:31; Mark 13:27) but can also refer to the literal four winds (Rev 7:1)
 1. The polar easterlies
 2. The prevailing westerlies
 3. The NE/SE trade winds
 4. The equatorial doldrums
- WILL I BRING THE FOUR WINDS= if a meltdown occurred at the Bushehr plant due to a military strike gone awry or an earthquake, the Iranian people would be scattered into other nations, especially if winds carried the radiation across the country



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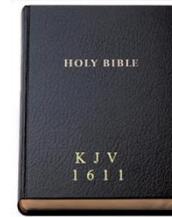


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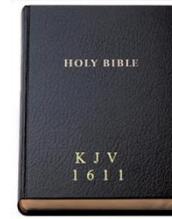
April 09, 2013

DUBAI — A powerful earthquake struck close to Iran's only nuclear power station on Tuesday, killing 30 people and injuring 800 as it devastated small villages, state media reported.

The 6.3 magnitude quake totally destroyed one village, a Red Crescent official told the Iranian Students' News Agency (ISNA), but the nearby Bushehr nuclear plant was undamaged, according to a local politician and the Russian company that built it.

Tuesday's quake was much smaller than the 9.0 magnitude one that hit Japan two years ago, triggering a tsunami that destroyed back-up generators and disabled the Fukushima nuclear plant's cooling system. Three of the reactors melted down.

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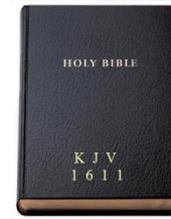
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Tehran has repeatedly rejected safety concerns about Bushehr - built in a highly seismic area - that began operations in September 2011 after decades of delays. Iran sits on major fault lines and has suffered several devastating earthquakes in recent years, including a 6.6 magnitude quake in 2003 which flattened the southeastern city of Bam and killed more than 25,000 people. In August more than 300 people were killed when two quakes struck the northwest.

A report published last week by U.S. think-tanks Carnegie Endowment and the Federation of American Scientists said that "ominously" the Bushehr reactor sits at the intersection of three tectonic plates.

The quake happened on National Nuclear Technology Day when Iran's leaders celebrate the technological advances they say will reduce the country's reliance on fossil fuels, leaving more of its abundant oil for export.

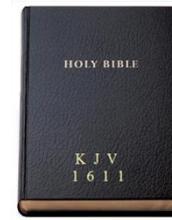
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- **FOUR QUARTERS**= this phrase appears 4x (v.36; Deu 22:12; 1 Chr 9:24; Rev 20:8) and refers to the four geographical directions: east, west, north, and south (1 Chr 9:24)
- **SCATTER THEM...OUTCASTS**= these terms appears 15x and 8x respectively and almost exclusively refer to Israel; the only other nation that either of these terms are specifically applied to is ELAM
- The **SCATTERING** implies an extensive and widespread dispersion (Gen 11:9; Eze 12:14-15) that produces **OUTCASTS**
- **DISMAYED**= “to deprive of that strength or firmness of mind which constitutes courage; a loss of courage; to dishearten; to discourage”
- **BEFORE THEIR ENEMIES...THEM THAT SEEK THEIR LIFE**= this implies Elam is at war with more than one enemy when this judgment is fulfilled
- It is possible that this was fulfilled with Nebuchadnezzar, but if not, then it awaits fulfillment; and if fulfillment is in the context of destroying Iran’s nuclear capabilities, then it appears Israel will not be alone in confronting Iran since the text mentions Elam has **ENEMIES** (plural)

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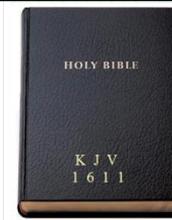


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- I WILL SEND THE SWORD AFTER THEM= Elam and/or many of the scattered Elamites will be devastated by a weapon of war and unable to mount a defense since their bow was broken (v.35)

Note: Israel and the US have not made any military threats against the Iranian people

- DESTROY FROM THENCE THE KINGS AND THE PRINCES= the government and rule of Iran will be destroyed including all the Islamic clerics and Sharia law
- Could a future fulfillment of this prophecy explain Iran's absence from the war of Psalm 83?
- Could this prophecy be fulfilled as part of the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 of which Persia (Eze 38:5) is a participant? The BOW is smitten out of the hand of those invaders (Eze 39:3) and the Lord calls for a SWORD against them (Eze 38:21)
- I WILL SET MY THRONE IN ELAM...BRING AGAIN THE CAPTIVITY OF ELAM= Iran will be judged and eliminated as a threat to Israel; it's ayatollahs, mullahs, and Sharia law will be destroyed, and it's people scattered as outcasts to neighboring nations, but the day will come that Iran will be restored to their land (probably in the Millennium)



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