Hi John and Doves,

Gino (5 May 2024)

"How, after 15 times does the meaning change at the end?"

Hi Gino,

We both know... that the <u>Biblical East</u> means to the <u>east of the Holy Land</u>, and until <u>the earth reels to and fro</u> (Psalm 127:27 and Isaiah 24:20) <u>that compass point will remain!</u> For those people who think <u>North Korea</u>, <u>China</u> and <u>Vietnam</u> are the countries that will attack Jerusalem from the east, I suggest they read the Bible; those nations are not mentioned; however, I think the word *east* is a confusing factor, because it has been afforded the modern connotations of East Asia.

The furthest east nations mentioned in the Bible, were the huge **Persian** and then **Grecian Empire** that reached to the Indus River. Today, other unnamed countries might feature in end time events (as supporting players), but North Korea, China and Vietnam are definitely **not the ones referred to in the Bible** as lying to the **east of the Euphrates River**! The Bible's focus is **always centred** on **the lands that were known to the sages and prophets at the time they wrote prophecies about them, with Israel/Jerusalem always being in the centre of the compass points.**

During Old Testament times the named countries surrounding Israel were:

Egypt and **Libya** to the **west**; and **Ethiopia** (Sudan) to the **south** across the Red Sea;

Moab, Edom, Ammon (Jordan) to the east, and Arabia to the south east;

Lebanon and Assyria (Syria) lay to the north, and Babylon (Iraq) to the north east;

<u>Iraq, Elam</u> (Iran), <u>and the Persian Empire</u> to the <u>east, also</u> covered <u>Afghanistan</u> and <u>Pakistan lands</u>. Later, the <u>Roman Empire</u> surrounded Israel and the Mediterranean coastlands.

However, we should always remember that the <u>Old Testament</u> mostly relates to the Jews, Judah and Israel, and therefore the O.T. is concerned with whatever happens to them; hence Daniel included <u>Rome</u> (as the fourth beast [spanning both Testaments] which caused the **Jewish Diaspora in 70 AD until 1948**). The <u>New Testament</u> generally focusses on things relating to the Gentile nations, Central Asia, Christians and end time events leading up to the consummation (Dan. 9:27b).

Gino, on 21 April, you commented about my article KO The North and KO the South.pdf (fivedoves.com) regarding the invasion of Israel/the Glorious Land, by the King of the North (i.e., the ancient Seleucid Dynasty of Greek rulers) cf. Daniel 11:40–45—whose lands in Biblical days extended north from Judah into Lebanon, Southern Turkey, Assyria, and Babylon, and then eastward to the land of Syria, PLUS the 4 kings/nations that now lie to the east of the Euphrates river, i.e., Iraq, Iran (Elam/Persia), Afghanistan and ½ of Pakistan [as far as the Indus River]. Thanks for your comment! You said...

'That puts an entirely different view on things currently happening in the Middle East, at this time.'

My research and conclusions about the <u>King of the North</u> are <u>derived from what you said</u>... i.e., ...<u>things currently happening in the Middle East</u>... and from my studies in Daniel 11:36–45.

<u>Historically</u>: Iran/Persia formed the eastern part of the Seleucid **King of the North's** territory (see pink and blue above), whose first capital was Babylon, then Antioch in northern Syria, and Seleucia on the Tigris. The Rise And Fall Of The Seleucid Empire In 9 Facts (thecollector.com)

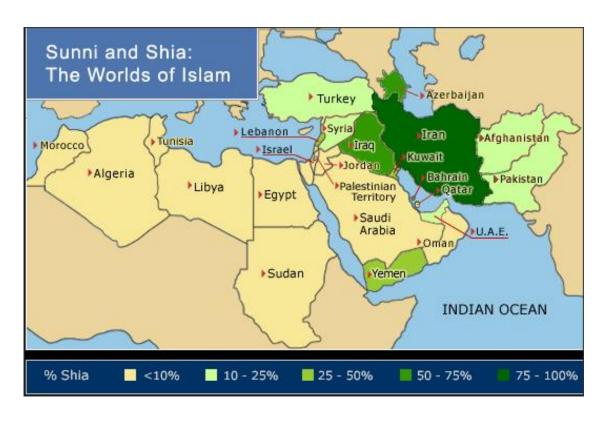
End time scenario: In Daniel chapter 11:36 → it is not Egypt (the traditional King of the South), who is 'pushing' (KJV) 'goring' the King of the North etc., causing Iran and its proxies to retaliate (against Egypt), but it is Israel who is doing the damage... and Israel's territory was regarded as being part of Egypt's King of the South territory back then! (Cf. the two maps on my earlier post). Besides, Israel and Egypt have a peace treaty—signed in 1979 at Camp David USA. This is why Egypt does not want Hamas-supporting Palestinians coming into their territory, stirring up trouble, and why Egypt does

not want to get involved with Israel's enemies. Egypt keeps its border tightly closed to the Palestinians in Gaza, partly because it already has the Sunni Muslim Brotherhood to cope with!

<u>Recently</u>: Iran fired off 300+ missiles, drones and rockets aimed at Israel. This attack was in retaliation for **Israel's** sporadic assassination of Iran's nuclear scientists, military leaders, and Israel's recurring bombing (*pushing at*) Iran's proxy military bases and facilities installed in Syria and Iraq. However, following Iran's (mostly) foiled attacks (thanks to Iron Dome, and Patriot protections etc.,) Israel brazenly destroyed a Radar site inside Iran's territory.

So, it is not until one studies the history of these two old adversaries (i.e., the **northern Seleucid** vs. the **southern Ptolemy**), that one can appreciate the size of the territory covered by the moniker 'King of the North,' which is now entirely composed of Muslim nations (i.e., the pink and blue territories above), where Iran and its proxy SHIA Non-state terrorist organisations (NTO's), operate today under the banner of Iran's Axis of Resistance! Axis of Resistance - Wikipedia

Iran and its supportive **SHIA** Muslim populations are shown in green on this map, which matches the realms that belonged to the **King of the North** (312–63 BC).



The invasion of Israel by the four kings of the east (Rev. 9:13–21 and 16:12–14):

With regard to the invasion of the Glorious Land by the end time King of the North (Iran), in retaliation for the King of the South (Israel) continually 'pushing' [goring] at the King of the North (cf. Dan.11:40, KJV); we should notice that there is a subtle end time scriptural relationship established in Revelation between the four territorial angels who had been bound at the great river Euphrates, (who were released at the sounding of the 6th trumpet) in Revelation 9:15; and the four kings/nations that eventually travel from east of the Euphrates River (at the pouring out of the 6th bowl) in Revelation 16:12, to fight in the Battle of Armageddon!

So, the armies (representing these **four kings**, who are gathered together from **Pakistan**, **Afghanistan**, **Iran** and **eastern Iraq**) would have to cross over **the dried up river-bed of the Euphrates** to facilitate their approach to **Israel (the Glorious Land)** via their sympathetic proxies embedded in

western Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, to join in the battle of Armageddon. We should be aware that <u>two</u> of these <u>four evil territorial angels</u> (Rev. 9:15, i.e., God-opposing princes), were previously identified in **Daniel 10:13** and **20**—as the <u>prince of the kingdom of Persia</u> (Iran) and the <u>prince of Greece</u> (i.e., the Grecian Seleucid Dynasty)—both of whom opposed God by fighting the <u>archangel Michael</u> (the defender of Israel, cf. Dan. 10:13b, 21; 12:1). A person only has to look at the map above to see that these four angels/kings and their SHIA Muslim terrorist hordes who shout 'Death to Israel, Death to America' are positioned geographically on the <u>eastern side</u> of the Euphrates River: (i.e., ½ of <u>Iraq</u>, all of <u>Iran</u>, all of <u>Afghanistan</u> and ½ of <u>Pakistan</u> as far east as the Indus River).

Revelation 9:15 tells us that these <u>four territorial angels</u> had been prepared... (presumably, by the same demonic spirits that inhabit the dragon, the beast and the false prophet), to gather the kings/nations of the whole world together to instigate <u>the battle of Armageddon</u> (Rev. 16:12–14)—for a specific period of time—that lasts for <u>an hour</u>, <u>a day</u>, <u>a month</u> and <u>a year</u> (Rev. 9:15), <u>during</u> <u>which time a third of the combatants is killed</u> in the battle by the <u>fire</u>, <u>smoke and brimstone</u> that comes from the armaments and munitions associated with the war; i.e., the <u>'flying locusts'</u> (helicopters etc., cf. Rev. 9:3, 7–10), and the <u>'earthbound horsemen'</u> (tanks etc., cf. Rev. 9:17–19), when the <u>sixth bowl judgement is poured out</u> on the great river Euphrates. (cf. Rev. 16:12–14, 16) See my end note ¹ explanation for the weapons used.

Note: John said <u>he heard the number</u> of the combatants on the field of battle, and it was <u>200 million</u> (so this was not a random guess on his part), of which <u>a third was killed</u>. Has anyone 'calculated' the answer to this mathematical division? (Rev. 9:15–16) The answer is <u>66,666,666</u> dead bodies, which is quite significant in relation to Rev. 13:18 that says:

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding <u>calculate</u> the number of the beast for it is the number of a man: His number is 666. (Rev. 13:18)

The Beast has a number, and the number of dead reflects who and what he is... the agent of Satan (the primordial dragon) the enemy of God. What he has sown, he has reaped!

However, perhaps another interesting thing about this prophesied invasion of Israel is who is involved, what they are focussed on, and what their spoils will be... According to scripture, the King of the North (plus his proxy cohorts) is able to prosper in his plans... but only until the things—that God has determined—are finally achieved during the consummation (cf. Dan. 9:27 with 11:36), i.e., prior to God's wrath (indignation) being poured out.

So, (returning to Daniel's narrative), The King of the North—during his limited tenure—invades Israel's (Glorious Land) in retaliation for Israel's continual 'pushing/goring' at him. He comes like a whiteliation for Israel's continual 'pushing/goring' at him. He comes like a whiteliation.ch/ (Strong's Hebrew word No. 8175, which means to sweep away in a wind: cf. Psalm 58:9; Prov. 10:25 for the same meaning), and I hope that doesn't mean the wind from nuclear bombs—but it does echo Iran's plans to 'wipe Israel off the map' in the middle east.' To achieve his aims, he uses aerial agents (locusts/airborne weaponry), and ground-based (chariots/armoured personnel vehicles), and horsemen (cavalry/tanks etc.,) and many ships (voluminous amounts of weapons of war: planes, missiles, rockets, ships, submarines, drones [UAV's] and ballistic missiles). Islamic Republic of Iran Armed Forces - Wikipedia

Therefore, because the King of the North comes from the **Seleucid** territories in the east, toward Israel in the west, then the countries he has to <u>overwhelm</u> and <u>pass through in today's scenario</u>, are western **Iraq**, **Syria** and **Lebanon** (whose civil leadership will collapse in the face of such a huge force), largely because Iran already has tremendous support from its proxy SHIA militant NTO's based in those countries. Iran also has proxy forces (*kings without kingdoms* NTO's) who will come to help from Afghanistan and Pakistan (i.e., from all of the blue nations from the northern area, and the pink nations from the eastern Seleucid territories, above; cf. the green areas on the map), where Iran has

been attempting —during the last few decades—to build a <u>SHIA controlled military corridor from Iran through its western neighbours' countries to the Mediterranean.</u>

However, in Daniel's scenario, for some reason <u>Edom</u>, <u>Moab</u> and <u>Ammon</u> (Jordanian territories) evade his grasp, led by the King of Jordan (the prominent people of Ammon). Many scholars believe during this prophesied invasion, that the Jews are evacuated (via **two wings of a great eagle**, ? UK and USA), to the desert area in southern Jordan known as Petra, so if Jordan—with western UK and USA protection—shelters Israelis there for three and a half years (cf. Rev. 12:14), this may explain how Jordan, its territories and its population escapes from Iran's ground invasion and warfare.

Then, we find an interesting detail...

He shall stretch out his hand... the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. (Dan. 11:42–43)

This probably means that the King of the North may have split his forces, and also attacked Egypt from the south, via the Red Sea with help from the **Houthi** (SHIA) forces in **Yemen** and from radical Islamist proxy forces in **Sudan** (ancient Ethiopia), together with terrorist NTO's from **Libya** attacking Egypt from the west. This grouping of nations would indicate a wide-ranging conspiracy to destroy Israel; but this is NOT the same grouping of countries as those outlined in Psalm 83, who were Israel's near-neighbour enemies.

The remaining questions would relate to what Iran's focus is on, and what the spoils of war might be; but what could be a greater goal for Iran to seize—from the 'precious things of Egypt'—than taking over the control of the Red Sea water-way, and the Suez Canal; thus, holding the world to ransom, and dislocating the world's supply-chain route for oil and commerce? Fortunately, this attack on Israel and Egypt is disrupted by news from the east and the north, and the battle is engaged with great fury in the Glorious Land of Israel, where the King of the North is defeated, with no one to help him!

N.B. There is <u>no historical record of the Seleucid armies</u> ever participating in, or fulfilling this descriptive and detailed campaign; since Daniel specifically sets the scene... <u>At the time of the end...</u> with reference to **the wrath, and the indignation** being accomplished **at the consummation**—this scenario must be placed in the future. The scriptures explain that this battle is an attempt by the King of the North to show the pre-eminence of the foreign god that the King of the North acknowledges—over the God of gods, whom he blasphemes—in order to advance his god's glory, and divide the conquered lands for him and his proxies to rule over. (Dan. 11:36, 39) Basically therefore, it is a cosmic and religious war, and it is NOT the King of the North who wins!

Maranatha,
Blessings,
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Notes:

¹ The ideas promoted by past theologians that the strange imagery presented in the book of Revelation should only be spiritualized and not taken literally, has been overtaken (I believe), by the technology developed in the 21st Century, which is presently being advanced with AI assistance for future martial munitions that are positively frightening; (e.g., a flame-throwing mechanical, computer controlled, metal dog! Even mid-20th Century theologians could not imagine that something resembling a swarm of locusts [drones] could be created and organised to fly in formation with bombs attached; or that such swarms of 'flying things' would not consume their normal forage or vegetation, but instead attack mankind.) Perhaps our technology has not

quite reached the stage where we can accurately identify the 'locusts' that sting like scorpions for 5 months (perhaps using biological warfare) as described in Revelation chapter nine, but I believe there is enough imagery in this chapter to recognise the munitions currently being used and the future capability of modern warfare.

My conclusions are:

The locusts/helicopters/drones (aerial vehicles) described in Rev. 9:3, 7–10 (released against mankind by the sounding of the fifth trumpet) are not insects; e.g., they do not eat vegetation... instead they have the power to fly, swarm and sting (like scorpions) via the release of some sort of chemical weapon/irritant agent. Such swarms of drones can today be released from helicopters' common launch tubes (CLT), to incapacitate people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. The locust/helicopters had breastplates like iron... they had teeth/fangs for killing like a fierce roaring lion (cf. Joel 1:6; Isaiah 5:29)... their rotors blades and cockpits shone in the sunlight (like golden crowns), with men's faces visible through the transparent screens... they flew on noisy stubby wings loaded with weapons (that sounded like a multitude of horses and chariots running into battle)... their rotor blades looked like women's hair... and the stings they imparted had a lasting effect for five of the thirteen months' long war described in Revelation 9:5, 15. The angel king (who was released from the bottomless pit) had a name called Abaddon (in Hebrew meaning 'destruction') and Apollyon (in Greek meaning 'destroyer').

<u>The horses/tanks/motorbikes</u> (ground based vehicles, described in Rev. 9:17–19) had *horsemen* (humans) sitting on them, the cavalry/soldiers/riders wore brightly colour-coded breast-plates, *fiery red, hyacinth blue and sulfur yellow*—probably for identification purposes—(as seen recently on the sleeves of Ukrainian and Russian forces). The main weapon carried by these '*horses*' on their *heads*/turrets, is a tank gun that pivots on its turret to fire from its *mouth* or its *tail* (i.e., forward or backward etc.,) while its tail—the gun barrel—looked like a long serpent that expels fire, smoke and brimstone from its mouth!

<u>The summary of the weapons of war</u> in Revelation 9:18–19, indicates that their power is in their mouths and in their tails... thus, their offensive power faced both forward and backward depending on whether the viewer thought the *mouth*/front of the helicopter/drone/jet was firing ammunition; or the tank with a *tail*/tank gun with a 'head' (muzzle brake) was firing shells! The 100 mm+ various cannon guns that look like tails roar (like lions) when they are fired and their shells explode with the three elements that kill a third of mankind in those armies... via *fire*, smoke, and brimstone!