

Both Lead a Turkish-Iranian Invasion



Who is ushering in the Apocalypse: Christians or Muslims? The Bible describes that in the Last-Days, Israel will fight against a coalition of nations that are led by Turkey and Iran. In Zechariah 9:13 the Lord declares, “I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Yavan.” In this passage, Israel is seen fighting against Ionia or Yavan. In several Bibles, this word is translated as “Greece.” But Ionia/Yavan was simply a province that was located on the west coast of modern Turkey. This is crucial, because the clear context of this battle is the return of Christ: “Then Jehovah will appear over them” and fight on their behalf. So in the End-Times, at the time when Jesus returns, the Jews (Zion) will be engaged in a war with Turkey (Yavan). In Ezekiel 38 we learn that besides Turkey, Iran will also be a key player in the Last-Days assault against Israel: “Persia...will be with them, all with shields and helmets...” Persia is simply the ancient name for modern day Iran. We already see Iran today threatening Israel. What is so amazing is that Islamic tradition also contains prophecies that picture precisely these enemies waging war against Israel in the Last-Days. The difference, as usual, is that in the Islamic account, the Turks and the Iranians are portrayed as the righteous and are being led by the Mahdi, while the Jewish people are, as usual, portrayed as the wicked.

An Islamic prophecy speaks about an army of Muslims carrying Black Banners, with the creed of Islam written across them: There is no god but Allah, Mohammed is Allah’s messenger. The black banner has always been the banner of Jihad. In this tradition, the Muslims are marching from Iran and are heading toward Israel to take Jerusalem for their Mahdi. After the Muslims have conquered Jerusalem, the Mahdi is said to use the Temple Mount as his seat of authority from which he will rule over the whole earth.

When Mohammed returned after his eight year exile from his home city of Mecca, he had with him an army of 10,000 Muslims who were carrying the black banners of Jihad. Written across these banners was the word “punishment.” Likewise, the Mahdi when he invades Israel, he will be accompanied by a vast army carrying the black banners of Jihad,

which today are seen in all of the Islamic Jihad videos and waved at all of the Muslim rallies throughout the world.

But the pertinent aspect of the tradition of the black flags is that the two nations that are specified that will accompany the Mahdi are both Turkey and Iran. Abdul Rahman al-Wahabi in the *The Day of Wrath* states: “The final battle will be waged by Muslim faithfuls coming on the backs of horses...carrying black banners. They will stand on the East side of the Jordan River and will wage war that the earth has never seen before. The true Messiah who is the Islamic Mahdi will defeat Europe, will lead this army of Seljuks [Turks]. He will preside over the world from Jerusalem because Mecca would have been destroyed.”¹²¹ The Seljuk Empire were Turks that preceded the Ottoman Empire. It covered the region of Turkey, Northern Iran, Syria, Iraq, Southern Caucasus, and Azerbaijan. Many Islamic scholars believe that the Mahdi will lead an army of Turks and will rule over Israel.

Expounding on the tradition of the black banners, the so-called “moderate” Sheikh Kabbani, the darling of many conservative Americans, states that the armies will come from the region of Iran: “Hadith indicate that black flags coming from the area of Khorasan [Iran] will signify [that] the appearance of the Mahdi is nigh. Khorasan is in today’s Iran, and some scholars have said that this Hadith means when the black flags appear from Central Asia, i.e., in the direction of Khorasan (Iran), then the appearance of the Mahdi is imminent.”¹²²

Do you see how the “coincidences” keep piling up? But with God, there are no coincidences, no accidents, and thankfully, no surprises! While the Bible prophesied thousands of years ago that the Antichrist would lead an army of Turks and Iranians, so also does Islamic tradition state that their Messianic Mahdi would lead an army of Turks and Iranians against Israel. The prophecy predicts the destruction of Mecca. This would give an insight into the mindset of Islam’s author, the devil. Satan knows that Arabia will be destroyed, and specifically Mecca. I will discuss this future prophesied event in later chapters. But for now, we need to remember that Satan’s Biblical knowledge is not to be underestimated. The Bible states that in the Last-Days, Satan will know that his time is short (Revelation 12:12). How does he know this? What source is he using to find out this information? Again, Satan knows and understands Biblical prophecy better than we do. Never underestimate your enemy, especially when he has been around for thousands of years.