

Armageddon, Islam, and The End of Days – Keith Mason

On his nationally syndicated news show, CNN's Glenn Beck told his audience that he had wanted to do a show for quite awhile, but feared that if he did people would think he was a nut. The show was about "The End of Days." He did the show, and it aired on CNN on 3/30/07. Rather than doing poorly, the show received such high ratings that CNN rebroadcast it on 4/27/07. *Is this the end* is a question that people worldwide are asking (including senators, congressmen, prime ministers, news broadcasters, and leaders of nations). That is the topic of this paper too. Millions of people are wondering if it is true, and if you're not then you probably haven't been keeping up with what has been going on in the news lately – especially in the Middle East.

In Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39 (and elsewhere) the Bible predicts a time when a coalition of nations will attack Israel and thus bring about a time commonly referred to as *Armageddon*, *The Last Days*, *The Great Tribulation*, etc... A lot of people think this is on the near horizon. Many organizations, churches, and individuals are all saying it could be very close. A recent poll on CNN revealed that 51% of the people surveyed said they believe in the Biblical end time scenario, and 19% said they thought it would happen within their lifetime. **That's right, about one in five people (not just Christians) believe the world will end within their lifetime.** Along those lines, *Newsweek* magazine reported that nearly half of all Americans believe the United States will not exist in a hundred years.¹ Even *Time* magazine (4/3/06) chimed in by saying that because of global warming the planet can't support us much longer, consequently the end of the world is rapidly approaching.

In fact, all major religions have a messiah figure, and interestingly enough, all of them are expecting their respective messiah to be appearing soon: the Muslim's are expecting the 12th Imam (the Mahdi), the Buddhist's are expecting the Maitreya Buddha, the Hindu's are expecting the Tenth Avatar (Kalki), the Jews are expecting their long awaited Messiah, the Christians are expecting Jesus.² Again, they are all expecting him to appear very soon. The point I am making is that vast numbers of people think the stage is being set right now for the Biblical end time scenario which will usher in a final seven year period of Earth's history.

The Biggest Sign - The Middle East Crisis & Radical Islam:

Radical Muslims have been unambiguous about the fact that they want nothing less than world domination, sharia law, and an Islamic theocracy throughout the world. Brigitte Gabriel³ says, "the imposition of Islam upon the world is not only their goal, its their religious duty."⁴

The world, especially America, has been so concerned with political correctness and tolerance it refuses to see the fact that we are in a war – a war between Islam and the West. We aren't fighting a 'war on terror' as has been said by many; terror is a tactic not an opponent. It is a tool or a method the enemy uses to accomplish their objective. Unless we realize this we are going to loose this war. In a speech delivered at the Intelligence Summit in Washington DC, 2/18/06, Gabriel said, "The most important element of intelligence has to be understanding the mindset and intention of the enemy; the West has been wallowing in a state of ignorance and denial for thirty years as Muslim extremist perpetrated evil against innocent victims in the name of Allah."

Gabriel says she "hoped that September 11th was a wake up call to the United States, but it wasn't, Americans hit the snooze button and went back to sleep."⁵ She says that Americans don't realize the viciousness and cruelty of the militant Islamic fundamentalists. She writes:

¹ July, 1995

² *Endtime* Magazine, March/April 2006 pg 22.

³ Brigitte Gabriel is a Lebanese-American Journalist, terrorism expert, author, and founder and president of www.AmericanCongressForTruth.com.

⁴ Brigitte Gabriel; *Because They Hate*; St. Martin's Press; Sept, 2006; pg 145.

⁵ *Radical Islam*, Fox News Special with E.D. Hill, 2/3/07.

"I think the biggest disservice to the American people was the denial by the networks to air video of the beheadings of Daniel Pearl, Nick Berg, or the many other hostages that were beheaded in Iraq. We as a society need to know the type of enemy we are fighting. People have been so sheltered in this country that they have not paid attention to what has been going on in the last twenty-some years... even after September 11, people cannot fathom that this type of barbarity could happen here."¹

In chapter 8 of her book Gabriel tells us the following:

Lebanon was the first country to fall to Islam in modern times. As commanded by the Koran, the Islamists have now put the rest of the world in their sights. The destruction and subjugation of Lebanese Christians was not merely a strategic victory in Islam's jihad to rule the world. Along with the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979-80, it was an inspiration. The Jihadists were encouraged by the West's ineffectual policies and responses to provocations and confrontations manufactured by Islamists. During the Iranian hostage crisis, while Jimmy Carter alternately groveled and bungled, Ayatollah Khomeini exultingly proclaimed, 'America cannot do a damn thing.' This became the battle cry throughout the Middle East. When Iran's vicious puppet Hezbollah blew up the marines in Lebanon in 1983, America turned tail and ran, leaving the Christians to be slaughtered in town after town. It was a strong, loud, and clear message to the radical Muslims of the world, including Usama Bin Ladin, America is no longer the power it used to be.

Iran:

One of the reasons I introduced this article with a synopsis of Ezekiel is because Christian eschatology (the study of the last days) and Islamic eschatology are very similar, and it looks like current events in the Middle East seem to be unfolding to line up exactly with Biblical prophecies.

According to Shiite Muslim theology, there needs to be a time of great turmoil and tribulation prior to the Muslim messiah's (the Mahdi) reappearance. President Ahmadinejad (the president of Iran) wants to cause this tribulation so that Mahdi will come sooner. According to an article from Worldnet Daily (1/6/06), Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in a speech in Tehran that his "main mission" is to "pave the path for the glorious reappearance of Imam Mahdi." He believes that his religious duty is to create chaos and bloodshed in the infidel world, in order to hasten the return of the Mahdi.² Joel Rosenberg says, "[Ahmadinejad] believes the end of the world is just a few years away and that it is his mission to bring it about." On many occasions Ahmadinejad has declared publicly that he wants to **"wipe Israel of the face of the map."** In an article in the *Jerusalem Post* (Aug 24 2006), he said he would **"sacrifice half of [the population] of Iran for the sake of eliminating Israel"** (emphasis mine). If he has nuclear capability, that is a real threat. He would suddenly be in position to accomplish in about six minutes what it took Adolf Hitler nearly six years to do—kill more than 6 million Jews. Bill Warner has said, "nearly everyone can tell you how many Jews Hitler killed" but Islam is ten times worse. The fact is, Muslims have killed "approximately 270 million" non-Muslims since Islam's inception.³ The U.S. State Department calls the Islamic Republic of Iran the world's "most active state sponsor of terrorism."⁴ And Iran does have nuclear capability. "International Atomic Energy experts found unexplained plutonium and enriched uranium in a nuclear waist facility in Iran [the ingredients needed for making a nuclear weapon]."⁵ Furthermore, investigations show "they are lying when they say their nuclear program is strictly civilian" [not for military purposes].⁶ (More on this later)

Regarding Ahmadinejad's comments about wiping Israel off the map and envisioning a world without Zionism or America, Brigitte Gabriel says that "we should take him at his word and realize

¹ Gabriel, Brigitte; *Because They Hate*; St. Martin's Press; Sept, 2006; pg 35.

² *The Hidden Imam*; Prophecy Newswatch Aug 23, 2006

³ American Congress For Truth newsletter 2/10/07, www.americancongressfortruth.com/archives.aspx.

⁴ Khouse Newsletter, 2/20/07; Frank Gaffney, Whistleblower magazine, Jan 2006, pg 4; and elsewhere.

⁵ *Endtime Magazine*, Jan-Feb/07, pgs 8-9

⁶ *Endtime Magazine*, Jan-Feb/07, pgs 8-9

that he means what he says.” Gabriel writes that the Islamists cannot defeat us militarily, so their strategy [and it is working quite well] is to use the press and the media to create division in America and sympathy for them. Ironically, she says, what liberal thinkers don’t realize is that the freedoms at stake are freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and other basic human rights; she tells us the only liberal thinkers in the Middle East are dead ones. She quotes general Bul Tin who was asked why America lost in Vietnam? His reply: “America lost because of its democracy; through dissent and protest it lost the ability to mobilize and a will to win.”¹ If we lose the war against Islam this will surely be the reason why (that and political correctness and failing to even realize we are at war).

Cold war concepts such as mutually assured destruction are irrelevant when it comes to Iran; the threat of many Iranians perishing in a war does not deter the Iranian leadership, which actually believes "it would be doing them a favor by giving them a free pass to heaven."²

Islam In America:

Arab media experts interviewed on the Fox News special, *Radical Islam* (Feb 3/07) said, “Though Islamic terrorists have not successfully attacked the American homeland since 9/11, they are still determined to do so” they are just waiting until the time is right. Speaking of which, this could prove to be devastating. One nuclear tipped missile detonated in the atmosphere will set off an electric magnetic pulse disabling anything and everything electric and send us back into the seventeenth century: no computers, refrigerators, telephones, running water, gasoline pumps, etc... will operate.³ In *Nuclear Terrorism* we are told that one month to the day after the terrorist assault on the World Trade Center, President George W. Bush was informed by then CIA director George Tenet that Al Qaeda had possession of a ten-kiloton nuclear weapon, which was now positioned in New York City.⁴ Similarly, *Word Net Daily* reported that “Al-Qaida has smuggled tactical nuclear weapons and uranium into the U.S. across the Mexican border and is planning to launch a major terrorist attack using a combination of nukes and dirty nukes, according to an interview with Osama bin Laden's biographer, Hamid Mir.”⁵

Best-selling author and former senior advisor to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Joel Rosenberg has been preparing to write his next book and has been meeting with high-ranking officials in Washington and the Middle East for research purposes. As he reports in his 4/30/07 newsletter, the consensus is that it's not a matter of "if" but "when" a nuclear attack, or series of attacks, will occur. Then he lists some specifics:

In February of this year, for example, James E. Goodby of the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies wrote: "It's only a matter of time. That's what the experts say when asked whether a terrorist organization might detonate an atom bomb in an American city." [...] Yossef Bodansky, former director of the U.S. Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare, said in 2004 that the United States is losing the war on terrorism and faces an "inevitable" al-Qaida attack with weapons of mass destruction that will be worse than 9/11 -- "All of the warnings we have today indicate that a major strike - something more horrible than anything we've seen before - is all but inevitable," says Bodansky. Moreover, Graham Allison, author of the 2004 book, *Nuclear Terrorism*, warned: "If policy makers in Washington keep doing what they are currently doing about the threat, a nuclear terrorist attack on America is likely to occur in the next decade. And if one lengthens the time frame, a nuclear strike is inevitable." [...] Now ex-CIA chief George Tenet is saying al-Qaeda's top priority is obtaining nuclear weapons to attack the U.S. directly.⁶

¹ Stephen Young, “Colonel Bul Tin’s interview with Stephen Young,” *Wall Street Journal*, 8/3/95; cited in *Because They Hate*, pg 112.

² Jan Markell, *Worldview Weekend*, 1/31/07 www.christianworldviewnetwork.com/article.php/1500/Jan_Markell

³ Missler, Chuck; *The Magog Invasion*; Khouse; 2006.

⁴ Allison, Graham; *Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe*; Owl Books; July, 2005; pg 1

⁵ May 24, 2006; http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=50341

⁶ www.JoelRosenberg.com, 4/3/07

Very alarming is the fact that many Muslim clerics are telling their parishioners that Muslims are supposed to “live among, and integrate with, the *kuffaars* (non-Muslims) until [Muslims] are strong enough to defeat [us].”¹ On the Fox News Special *Smoke Screen: Hezbollah Inside America*, we hear one government official say, “They [Hezbollah, radical Islamists, etc] want us to become Islamic, or kill us, it’s that simple.”² In an American Congress For Truth Newsletter, Randy Taylor says this: “Islamic organizations are carefully orchestrating lawsuits, marches, large propaganda campaigns all across the nation. Islamic schools and mosques are being built in record numbers across the nation with Saudi oil money being funneled into the US legally. Islam is on the march. The submission of the great country of the United States to Islam has begun just as planned. Just as we were warned by Osama bin Laden, Islam is using America’s own laws and freedoms to destroy us.”³

Here is What Joel Rosenberg says in the introduction of his book, *Epicenter*:

If attacked, Iran has vowed to retaliate by unleashing a wave of 40,000 suicide bombers against American, Israeli, and European targets. The plan, which includes activating some fifty terrorist sleeper cells allegedly pre-positioned in the U.S., Canada, and Europe to use chemical and biological warfare against civilian and industrial targets, is ominously code-named Judgment Day. [...] In light of such developments, a number of world leaders are talking about the Iranian nuclear crisis in increasingly apocalyptic language. British Prime Minister Tony Blair says he has been both stunned and sickened by the unprecedented nature of the threats emanating from Tehran. He has also strongly hinted that the West may eventually have to resort to the use of military force against Iran if diplomacy fails. Blair told leaders of a European summit that he felt a “real sense of revulsion” from Ahmadinejad’s rhetoric and said, “I have never come across a situation of the president of a country saying they want to wipe out—not that they’ve got a problem with, or an issue with, but want to wipe out another country... Can you imagine a state like that with an attitude like that having nuclear weapons?” Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has been more specific, saying Ahmadinejad “talks like Hitler” and is “a psychopath of the worst kind.” Olmert and his advisors are believed to be drawing up plans for a possible preemptive strike against Iran, saying, “God forbid that this man ever gets his hands on nuclear weapons.” Israeli vice premier Shimon Peres, winner of the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize, has ratcheted up the rhetoric even further, saying that not only does Iran represent “the greatest danger” to world peace and security since the Nazis, but that “Ahmadinejad represents Satan” himself. Still, it was Senator John McCain, the Arizona Republican widely touted as a possible future president of the United States, who may have been the most blunt about the implications of the developing crisis in the Middle East. Appearing on NBC’s *Meet the Press* in April of 2006, McCain warned that “there’s only one thing worse than using the option of military action, and that is the Iranians acquiring nuclear weapons.” If Iran gets the bomb, he says, “I think we could have Armageddon.” Senator McCain is well-known for straight talk and is highly respected for his experience on national-security and foreign-policy issues. He is not, however, known for alluding to the book of Revelation on national television, much less linking Middle East crises to biblical end times prophecies. So when he did, heads naturally began to turn, and questions began to mount.

In the Movie *Obsession*, Nonie Darwish says, “When I saw the second plane hit [the World Trade Center on 9/11] I knew Jihad has come to America.” She also says that the war we are in isn’t “a clash of civilizations but an outright declaration of war from radical Islam on our Judeo-Christian culture and we need to know that.” She says, “Their goal is the same as Hitler’s, it’s very clear, we’ve heard it from many Muslim leaders: to rule the world for Allah.” In the movie, the authors tell us that “every country in the world is dealing with terrorism: Moscow, France, Morocco, Russia, Israel, Turkey, Iraq, Spain, the United States [et al...]”; we are told that “the Islamists don’t see these as separate conflicts,

¹ “Underground Mosque,” BBC Dispatches, channel 4, 1/15/07, et al.

² Jan 20, 2007.

³ American Congress For Truth newsletter 3/22/07, www.americancongressfortruth.com/archives.aspx

but as separate fronts in one battle – the battle to get the entire world to submit under sharia [Islamic] law”; It’s a holy war against the *kuffaars* and the infidels (non-Muslims) of the world.

In the movie, we see Muslims burning the American flag in New York City and shouting “Death to America, Death to America.” We hear them say: “One day you will see the flag of Islam [flying] over the White House, Allah Akbar [God is greater]!” And, “The day will come when we [Muslims] will rule America; rule Britain; rule the entire world.” This is their goal – one big Islamic theocracy.

There are an estimated 1.2 billion Muslims in the world (reports say that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world). While I realize that a majority of Muslims are peaceful, many are not. Former PLO terrorist Walid Shobat says that 10 to 15 percent of Muslims are radical Ahmadinejad-type Islamo-fascists. If you do the math, this would mean that are 120 to 180 million Muslims with the belief that they want to take over the world for Allah. Brigitte Gabriel puts the number at 25%, which would be 300 million. This is a huge number, and they are all over the world!

No Way Out

As world leaders ponder the Islamic problem and that of nuclear proliferation and the Middle-East Iraq/Iran quagmire, there seem to be no solutions. This is exactly what the Bible predicts. Because of its unfailing predictive power (covered shortly), lets look at one of the more than 8,300 predictive Biblical verses. Speaking of the last days, Luke 21:25 says, “*And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.*” The word translated “perplexity” in this verse is the Greek word *aporia*, and literally means “no way out.” One lexicographer defines it: “to be without resources, to be in straits, to be left wanting, to be embarrassed, to be in doubt, not to know which way to turn.” All of these aptly describe the present world confusion concerning how to resolve today’s nuclear crisis.

In *Iran The Coming Crisis: Radical Islam, Oil, and the Nuclear Threat*, Mark Hitchcock writes, “The world today faces the greatest crisis in human history. Yes, you read correctly. The world, right now, is facing its greatest crisis in six thousand years of recorded history.”¹ This is a premise that is successfully defended in the book (I highly recommend it).

Brigitte Gabriel says that “we are facing an enemy that uses children as human bombs, mothers as suicide bombers, and men driven by the glory of death With the spread of radical Islamic fundamentalism throughout the world, it is important for the people of the West to know and understand what to expect and what to do about it.... The West faces a threat more menacing than the past goals of communist world domination....”²

John Hagee writes in *Jerusalem Countdown*, “We are on a countdown to crisis. The coming nuclear showdown with Iran is a certainty... Israel and America must confront Iran’s nuclear capabilities and its willingness to destroy Israel.”³

In The Sunday addition of *The Times* (1/ 07/2007) “Dr Ephraim Sneh, the deputy Israeli defense minister said last month: ‘The time is approaching when Israel and the international community will have to decide whether to take military action against Iran.’”⁴

A new nationwide poll reveals that four in ten Americans predict the U.S. will go to war with Iran in 2007⁵

A *WorldNet Daily* article (May 24 2006) revealed that Al-Qaida have smuggled tactical nuclear weapons and uranium into the U.S. across the Mexican border and are planning to launch a major terrorist attack using a combination of nukes and dirty nukes.⁶ A Sept 17 article on *WorldNet Daily*

¹ pg 15

² American Congress For Truth newsletter 3/24/07, www.americancongressfortruth.com/archives.aspx

³ *Jerusalem Countdown*; Frontline publishers; 2006; pg 17

⁴ <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2089-2535310,00.html>

⁵ Prophecy Newswatch newsletter, Jan 8, 2007.

⁶ “Osama's biographer says nukes in U.S.”; www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?article_id=50341

said about Muslim terrorists in America, "Our brothers are ready to attack inside America. There is no timeframe for our attack - we can do it any time."

No way out indeed. If Iran is attacked, you can be reasonably assured that it will counterattack either with nuclear missiles they already have or with a series of dirty bombs they have sold to Al-Qaeda sleeper cells in America waiting for the signal to attack,¹ or, as Rosenberg (above) says in *Epicenter*, they could retaliate with 40,000 suicide bombers, sending them all over the whole world. One author has said, "I am convinced that the threat we are currently facing from radical Islam greatly surpasses that which was posed by the Third Reich."²

Additionally, in *Iran: The Coming Crisis*, Mark Hitchcock writes about how Iranian terrorists can play the oil card anytime they want. The margin between supply and demand is very thin, writes Hitchcock. Worldwide oil production is 1,000 barrels a second, and 97.5% of the oil pumped out of the ground is consumed. China's booming economy is just beginning to factor in the equation. Right now, China is the second largest consumer in the world's oil supply, but by 2010 China will have 90 times more cars than it had in 1990. This will only increase their need for oil. Besides which, their economy is growing faster than any in modern history. Soon, China's need for oil will dramatically increase. Iran has the world over a barrel (pun intended). They are the 2nd largest oil producer in OPEC, all they have to do is turn off the spout. The world could not survive without oil. Additionally, 17 million barrels a day go through the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf; a strategically placed bomb or two could cut the world off from Arabia's oil too,³ something that radical Muslims are all too willing to do. Or, they could just blow up refineries - indefinitely. Ephraim Sneh says, "Iran has its eye on the oil wealth of the Persian Gulf, and the Gulf States are scared. Iran wants to overthrow all the reasonable, moderate Arab regimes. If it succeeds, it will have the power to stifle the flow of oil to the world."⁴ World leaders and politicians are well aware of all of this, and cannot really come up with a solution. Hence, the Biblical proclamation of 'no way out' is coming true.

In *Jerusalem Countdown*, John Hagee says a military strike on Iran would be costly, ineffective, and counterproductive. We would probably fail to take out all Iran's hidden nuclear assets. In addition, U.S. intelligence officials argue in private, we would give the regime a winning argument to mobilize citizens who might otherwise support pro-democracy forces. Instead, we should empower the pro-democratic forces to change the regime.⁵

Furthermore, adding to the 'no way out' scenario, on a 9/22/06 *Fox News* broadcast, a Hezbollah spokesperson said, "Hezbollah forces still have over 20,000 missiles and nobody is going to disarm them by force, even UN peacekeepers." A *Prophecy Newswatch* newsletter dated Dec 06 had this to say: A high-ranking officer from the Northern Command revealed to *The Jerusalem Post* Wednesday that the Hezbollah forces had nearly returned to full strength and was almost at the level it was before this summer's Lebanon war; he predicted that it is 'just a matter of time before Hezbollah attacks Israel.'

Conflicting Reports ----CAIR

In both *Islam What The West Needs to Know* and in *Islam's Awaited Messiah*, we are told that Muslims are actually commanded to lie if it is to their advantage to do so since that is what Mohammed did. I just recently watched a Fox news broadcast⁶ where a CAIR (Council on American

¹ Hagee, John; *Jerusalem Countdown*; Frontline; 2006; p 16

² WorldnetDaily; 'Tangible proof' al-Qaida deploying nukes'
http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?article_id=49881

³ Hitchcock, Mark; *Iran The Coming Crisis*; 2006; chap 8

⁴ American Congress For Truth newsletter 3/26/07, www.americancongressfortruth.com/archives.aspx

⁵ Hagee, John; *Jerusalem Countdown*; Frontline publishers; 2006; p 23

⁶ Your World with Neil Cavuto, 1/10/2007

Islamic Relations)*¹ spokesperson refused even to admit that Hamas and Hezbollah were terrorist regimes, something everybody knows. So we have good reasons not to believe the Islamic apologists, clerics, and scholars who are trying to convince the world that Islam is peaceful and has been hijacked by a minority of Islamic fundamentalists. Gabriel says this too, she also says the following: “Masquerading as a civil rights organization, CAIR has had a hidden agenda to Islamize America right from the start.” CAIR’s founder “told a Muslim audience in Fremont, CA, in 1998 that ‘Islam isn’t in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Koran should be the highest authority in America and Islam the only accepted religion on Earth.’”² Careful research shows that many Muslims will say one thing to a Muslim audience but the complete opposite to the general public, the media, or non-Muslims. And even what they do say is misinterpreted by most. Gabriel tells us that after the London bombings CAIR issued a statement ‘denouncing all acts of terrorism targeting innocent civilians.’ Now that might sound okay but it is misleading at best an outright lie at worst. Why? Because Islamic Jihadists do not consider any American innocent or civilian (women and children included), nor do they consider any Jew innocent or civilian (if you want to find out why, you need to buy her book and turn to pg 139).

The Bible’s Unfailing Predictive Power:

Someone once stated, “If you want to learn about events that happened *yesterday*, read a history book; if you want to learn about events happening *today*, read a newspaper; if you want to learn about events that will happen in the *future*, read a Bible.” Ezekiel’s prophecy will be fulfilled; it isn’t a matter of if, but when. Why do I say when not if? Because of the Bible’s track record of fulfilled prophecies that’s why. The Bible contains literally thousands of prophecies which have come to pass. Most people don’t realize it but 30% of the Bible is prophetic. There are 8,362 predictive verses in the Bible³ most of which have already been fulfilled. The ones that remain unfulfilled are those regarding Armageddon and the end times. **The amazing thing is that while there have literally been thousands of fulfilled prophecies, not once has the Bible ever been wrong - that’s right, it has a 100% accuracy rate, 100% of the time.**

Jesus Christ Himself fulfilled over 300 prophecies that were written about Him in the Old Testament; e.g. His birthplace, His heritage, the day He would enter Jerusalem, His crucifixion, etc... You often hear people say that you can’t prove the Bible is true. But the fact is you can prove it. One way is by using prophecy. The statistical probability of one person (in the entire world) fulfilling 300 prophecies is 1 in 10^{942} power (1 with 942 zeros behind it).⁴ (Note: $1/10^{942}$ is an extremely small number. Mathematicians tell us that anything beyond 10^{50} is impossible⁵ because the chance of it happening is so remote it will never happen. They don’t say improbable, they say impossible, perhaps because there are only are only 10^{18} seconds in a 15-billion yr-old universe, not only that, there are only 10^{66} atoms in our entire galaxy⁶). Put another way, we can be 99.9% (with more than nine hundred 9’s after the decimal point) sure that Jesus is the Messiah and that the Bible is true. If statistics and probabilities aren’t your cup of tea, just remember there are over 8,300 prophetic verses in the Bible, none of them have ever been wrong. It has a 100% accuracy rate. But if you want to understand how these figures were arrived at go to www.emjc3.com/prophecy101.htm. I just completed writing a booklet titled “*The Bible is True, Here’s Proof.*” It is something a lawyer could take to court to demonstrate the undeniable truthfulness of the Bible; I use prophecy, archeology,

¹ CAIR is America's largest Islamic civil liberties group (sort of the ACLU for Muslims)

² Brigitte Gabriel; *Because They Hate*; St. Martin's Press; Sept, 2006; pg 138.

³ J. B. Payne, *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*.

⁴ See Chuck Missler, *Prophecy 101*.

⁵ Eastman, Mark; *Creator Beyond Time and Space*; 1995; p 75.

⁶ Chuck Missler, *Prophecy 101*, Feb 2002.

manuscript evidence, eyewitness testimony, the resurrection and more to make my case. It is viewable at www.BibleProofBook.com or at www.emjc3.com

Summary:

Iranian leaders saying “any invader will find Iran to be a burning Hell for them,” forty-thousand suicide bombers, terrorist sleeper cells, the ability to ransom the world for oil, nuclear weapons, emp bombs, dirty bombs, an inability of military action to eliminate all the nuclear facilities that Iran is currently building, and an Islamic desire to create chaos in the world to bring about an Islamic messiah. All of this shows that there truly is “no way out” just as the Bible predicts.

With more than 8,000 prophetic verses in the Bible, none of which have ever been wrong, prophecies in the Bible are not merely predictions of what *might* happen, they are promises of what *will* happen. Not ‘if’ but ‘when’. The Bible promises that this “battle of Armageddon” will take place, and it looks like the world stage is being set for this very thing – today!!!

Because the Bible is prophetically accurate, there is no doubt that Armageddon will come to pass. We only looked at one sign – the Middle East – out of dozens, and all of them are being fulfilled.

Note: Technically, the Bible does say that no man knoweth the day or the hour of the Lord’s return (Matt 24:42). But it does say that we would know the general time-frame if we knew what to look for (1 Thess 5:1-4). Jesus tells us that “when we see these things [many of the things spoken of in this article] come to pass” we should expect Him to return soon: *So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand* (Luke 21:31). Joel Rosenberg says it this way: If we look at the world just through economic lenses or political lenses, we won’t be able to understand, but add to those the lens of scripture, and we can kind of see what is happening. Some people have said you should read the newspaper in one hand and a Bible in your other hand.

What Does The Bible Actually say:

Just what does the Bible say will happen in the Last Days? Well, for two thousand years God has desired for mankind to repent and to come to Him. The Last Days are his final attempt to reach out and get our attention. According to *The Encyclopedia of Bible Prophecy*, this time-period serves two purposes: 1) to bring judgment upon and punish unrepentant people, and 2) to once-and-for-all convince people that God is God and to give them one last chance to accept Him as their savior.

It will be an unprecedented time of tribulation: Jesus said in Matt 24:21, “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.” Luke 21:22 says, “For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.” If you thought WWII was bad this will ten times worse. Death will come upon the Earth in an unprecedented scale. Wars (Ezekiel 39 describes a nuclear war that takes 7 months just to bury the dead), plagues and famine will sweep across the land. Zechariah 13:8 says that two out every three Jews will die. Rev 6:5-8 says that one fourth the worlds population will die, Rev 9:18 says one third of those remaining will die, and elsewhere we are told that half the population dies, in other words, billions and billions and billions of people. Somewhere I read that after it is all said and done the Earth will be reduced from 6-or-7 billion people to five hundred million.

There will be no doubt that it is a judgment from God too. Rev 6:15-17 says that people will hide in caves and cry out to God asking for the rocks to fall upon them, ultimately saying, “the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” There will be natural disasters as never before: earthquakes, tornados, and tsunamis.... Rev 6:12-15 describes an earthquake so large that “every mountain and island was moved out of its place.” Massive volcanic eruptions occur causing the sky to turn black and the moon to appear red (see Matt ch 24, Luke ch 21). The Apostle John says that meteors will come crashing upon the Earth. Hailstones weighing as much as 135 pounds each will smash into the Earth (Rev 16:21). Where would you hide? How could you be safe? The hailstones would rip through the roof of your house as if it was paper. They would flatten your automobile. The

hail would destroy and level almost everything. What could stand up under that kind of bombardment? Crops will be ruined, starvation everywhere. It will be a horrible, horrible time of war, death, disease, and natural disasters. On the one hand billions and billions of people will die, but on the other hand, there will be people who want to die but won't be able to: according to Revelation 9:6, *during those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them*. Imagine being in an awful car crash, your body mangled and twisted, and wracked with pain, but not being able to die.

Good News Bad News:

The good news is that if you are a Christian you won't be here during this time; Christians will get taken up to heaven in an event called the rapture before things get real bad. The bad news is that if you are not a Christian a far worse fate awaits you then living through the horribleness of this great tribulation period. It is eternal damnation.

Everybody who does not accept Jesus as their savior will be cast into hell "and be tormented with fire and brimstone ... and the smoke of their torment ascends forever; and they shall have no rest day or night" (Rev 14:10-11). Forever, and forever is a long time. Jesus Himself said in Matthew 24: 31-41 that He will separate those who have accepted Him as their savior from those who haven't, and believers will inherit eternal life but non-believers will be cast into everlasting fire. Yes, heaven and hell are real places. And just as all of the Biblical prophecies of the past were literally fulfilled, so too will the future ones be literally fulfilled. The Bible is one hundred percent accurate.

I would urge anyone reading this who isn't a Christian, to please heed the words of Jesus (someone who proved that He was the Son of God and savior of the world by raising from the dead after being put to death), and to accept Him as your savior today, before this terrible time begins. God loves you so much and wants you to live forever with Him in heaven, He sent His Son to die for your sins. Want to go to heaven? There is only one way. Say this simple prayer: *Lord Jesus, I confess I am a sinner in need of salvation. Please forgive me, help me, save me, and reveal yourself to me.* "The King of Kings" is coming back some day, likely sooner rather than later, and those who have repented of their sins and turned their lives over to Jesus will spend all eternity with Him.

My purpose for writing this article:

Frankly, the reason for me writing this article is because I am concerned for your salvation. I just brought up the prophecies in the Bible – how it has a 100% accuracy rate 100% of the time. There are many, many other evidences that demonstrate that the Bible is both true and accurate (please see www.BibleProofBook.com for more on this issue). Even if the world isn't in the Last Days right now, the Bible teaches that once a person dies they will live eternally either in heaven or hell. Please, please, please, if you aren't a Christian, then become one: say the above prayer.

Recommended Books about Islam & The End:

Obsession (DVD), see previews at www.ObessionTheMovie.com
 Gabriel, Brigitte; *Because They Hate*; St. Martin's Press; 2006.
 Hitchcock, Mark; *Iran The Coming Crisis*; Multnomah; 2006.
 Hagee, J.; *Jerusalem Countdown*; Frontline; Jan, 2007.
 Allison, Graham; *Nuclear Terrorism*; Owl Books; July, 2005
 The Bible

Various articles on 'Islam' from World Net Daily at www.wnd.com
 See also (highly recommended) www.aish.com/iran;
 'Obsession' at www.ObessionTheMovie.com;
 "Behold" at www.pottershous.com/downloads_drama.asp;
 "Are You Ready" also at www.pottershous.com/downloads_drama.asp.

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