

The Coming Judgment of the Nations

Part Six:



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Who Are the Arabians?

Many theories have been passed along through the centuries about who the Arabs are. Many Jewish, Christian and Muslim commentators and scholars have reached the conclusion that the Arabs are the Ishmaelites of the Bible. But this theory tested does not pass. This conclusion is merely based upon speculation, heresy, myth and pride. Looking into history we come to a different conclusion.

The Ishmael Myth

Many Arabs today claim to be descendant of Ishmael, Abraham's son. Is this true?

McClintock and Strong's a well known Encyclopedia of Religion comments: "There is a prevalent notion that the Arabs, both of the south and the north, are descended from Ishmael; and the passage Gen 16:12...is often cited as if it were a prediction of that national independence which, upon the whole, the Arabs have maintained more than any other people. But this supposition ...is founded on a misconception of the original Hebrew...these prophecies found their accomplishment in the fact that the sons of Ishmael being located ...EAST OF THE OTHER DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM whether by Sarah or by Keturah. But the idea of the southern Arabs being of the posterity of Ishmael is ENTIRELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION, and it seems to have originated in the tradition invented by *Arab vanity that they, as well as the Jews, are of the seed of Abraham-a vanity which besides disfiguring and falsifying the whole history of the patriarch and his son Ishmael*, has transferred the scene of it from Palestine to Mecca...The vast tracts of the country known to us under the name Arabia gradually became peopled by a variety of Tribes in different lineage" (Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature, I:339, emphasis mine).

Robert Morey writes: "Most standard reference works on Islam REJECT the Arab claim to Abrahamic descent. ...[The] Encyclopedia of Islam traces the Arabs to non-Abrahamic origins. *Even the Dictionary of Islam questions the whole idea that the Arabs are descendants of Ishmael*" (Islamic Invasion p.24, emphasis mine).

Warraq writes: "As for the Historian, the Arabs are NO MORE descendants of Abraham, then the French are of Francus, son of Hector" (Why I am not a Muslim.p.131, emphasis mine).

Where are the Real Ishmaelites? The Ishmaelites with the Midianites "formed a tribal league" (cf Judges 8:22-24)" (JFB Commentary, p.52 see also Holman's Bible Dictionary, p.961). They went away to "the east" and became "interrelated" with Midian and "their main homeland seems to be east of the Jordan and south of Edom" (Ibid. under "Midian" p.961). You will notice in the Bible that Midianites and Ishmaelites are used interchangeably, see Gen 37:25, 28 and Judges 8:22-24. These people lived in the Land of Midian that was right up against the land of Palestine to the east. These people dwelt in Syria, Midian and Moab, and are "clearly DISTINGUISHED FROM THE DESCENDANTS OF JOKTAN WHO PEOPLED THE ARABIAN PENINSULA" (The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible, under "Ishamelites," p.749, emphasis mine). The Bible even demonstrates the fact that the Ishamelites, "...settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite of Egypt, *in the direction of ASSYRIA...*" (Gen 25:18 NRSV). Assyria was NORTHEAST, NOT IN THE SOUTH OF ARABIA!

This is also confirmed by secular History. The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible writes that when the Assyrians and the Babylonians conquered the Middle East they found the people of Ishmael North of Arabia dwelling near Assyria, see under articles "Ishmael and Kedar."

Josephus mentioned that one of Abraham's great-grandsons joined with the Assyrians. ("Antiquities," book I, ch. xv § 1.) His name was Asshur, the son of Dedan, the son of Jokshan. Jokshan was the son of Abraham, (see Genesis 25:3).

"And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim." "From Sheba have come the Swabian Germans. From Letushim are descended the Lettish people along the Baltic. The Midianites-Ishmaelites are the modern day peoples of "White Russians (Byelorussians)" (The Lost Races of the Ancient World, Craig White). *Read our Booklet Russia in Prophecy for more details.*

One more note. How can the Arabs be descendants of Ishmael, for when Ishmael was born the ARABS ALREADY EXISTED!



Ancient Empires

Abraham sent his sons to the "east country" towards "Assyria." (Gen 25:6, 18).

These became known as the Mitanni/Hurrians, the Midianites and Ishmaelites of the Bible. These eventually migrated to Russia.

The peoples of Joktan and Sheba and Dedan are the people of South Arabia and Yemen today (see below).

The "Arab" "mixed" people are The Sons of Joktan and Sheba and Dedan are the peoples of South Arabia & Yemen (Gen 10:7, 26-30)

Modern Day Arabs Identified

So who are the Arabs today? The Arabians are actually the descendants of Joktan, and partly of Cush, (see Gen 10:7, 26-30; 1 Chron 1:20-23).

As noted above these were, “THE DESCENDANTS OF JOKTAN ARE WHO PEOPLED THE ARABIAN PENINSULA” (The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible, under “Ishamelites,” p.749, emphasis mine).

Unger’s Bible Handbook says, “Seba is connected with South Arabia and is mentioned in the Assyrian inscriptions in the 8th century B.C. Havilah was ancestor to a people in central and southern Arabia *partly Cushite and partly Semitic Joktanite...*” (pp.53, 56, emphasis added).

The New Bible Commentary Says: “In so far as they [the Arabs] can be identified *Joktan and his descendants seemed to have lived in southern Arabia*” (p.68, emphasis added).

Dr. Morey writes: “*Nowhere in the Koran does it state that Ishmael is the progenitor of the Arab race. Since it is not taught in the Koran, it cannot be a true Islamic belief...’Arabian literature has its own version of prehistoric times, but it’s entirely legendary’* (Britannica, vol. 2:176)...” (Islamic Invasion, emphasis added).

The source says, “The pure Arabs are those who claim to be descended from Joktan or Qahtan, whom the present Arabs regard as their principle founder...The ‘Arabu ‘I-Musta’ribah, the mixed Arabs, claim to be descended from Ishmael.. They boast as much as the Jews of being reckoned the children of Abraham. This circumstance will account for the preference with which they uniformly regard this branch of their pedigree, and for the *many romantic legends they have grafted upon it...The Arabs, in their version of Ishmael’s history, have mixed a great deal of romance with the narrative of Scripture.*” (A Dictionary of Islam, pgs. 18-19). So there is no real historical foundation for them being Ishmael. It is really a mixture of fables, distorted history, and a false interpretation of scripture.

The Bible plainly shows that the Arabs are the descendants of the Joktanites, and tells us of their location as well. Genesis the tenth chapter says,

“And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,
 “And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,
 “And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,
 “And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan.
 “*And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east*” (Gen 10:26-30).

Where is “Mesha”? R. Zacuth (s) says, “Mesha in the Arabic tongue *is called Mecca*; and it is a point agreed upon by the *Arabs that Mesha was one of the most ancient names of Mecca*; they believe that all the mountainous part of the region producing frankincense went in the earliest times by the name of Sephar; from whence Golius concludes this tract to be the Mount Zephar of Moses, a strong presumption of the truth of which is that *Dhafar, the same with the modern*

Arabs as the ancient Saphar, is the name of a town in Shihr, the only province in Arabia bearing frankincense on the coast of the Indian ocean” (In Juchasin, fol. 135. 2. (t) Universal History, vol. 18. p. 353., emphasis added).

And “from ‘Mecca till you come to the city of the eastern mountain, or (as in a manuscript) to the eastern city,’ meaning perhaps *Medina*, situated to the east; so that the sense is, according to this paraphrase, that the sons of *Joktan had their dwelling from Mecca to Medina*” (In Pocock. Specimen Hist. Arab. p. 34. emphasis added). The Bible clearly identifies the people of Joktan dwelling in Mecca and Medina in the east; these are the Arabs today and NOT THE PEOPLE OF ISHMAEL.

This source also states that the Southern Arabs come from Qahtan, not Ishmael (The Concise Encyclopedia of Islam, p. 48).

Muhammad’s claim of Ishmael is simply this, “Muhammad was not informed about the family of Abraham.” (Encyclopedia of Islam I:184, see also pages 544-546). Basically the myth that the Arabs were descended from Ishmael started with Muhammad. He wanted to make his religion and Abarahamic religion. By claiming he was a descendant of Abraham by Ishmael he felt Islam would be a legitimate Abrahamic religion like Judaism and Christianity.

See also:

The Encyclopedia of Religion, Vol. 7, pg. 296 where the connection between the Midianites and the Ishamelites is noted.

The Shorter Encyclopedia of Islam, pgs. 178-179.

A Popular Dictionary of Islam, p. 127.

The Peoples of Joktan and Cush

The word Arab means “mixed,” and this is exactly the state of the Arabs today, a mixture of Joktan and Cush, as God says, “Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all *that are* in the utmost corners,

“And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the *mingled people that dwell in the desert*,” (Jeremiah 25:23-24). One of the Sons of Cush was Raamah; “and he begot Sheba, and Dedan.” (Gen 10:7).

Clarke’s Commentary says, “Ramah is traced in Rhegma on the southeast of Arabia...Sheba, and Dedan, lying in the south of Arabia or on the Persian Gulf. Daden, an island in the gulf, now Barhein, may represent the latter.” The main tribes of Arabia identified in the Bible are Sheba Dedan. Sheba and Dedan are mention *with* Arabia, it seems these two tribes have migrated in and dominated the Arabian Peninsula, mixing with the Joktanites and therefore the name Arabia “mixed.”

These are settlements of the Joktanites, “the thirteen... all which had their dwelling in Arabia or near it...

“**Sheleph** is identical with *Salif* or *Sulaf* (in Ptl. 6, 7, Σαλαπηνοί), an old Arabian tribe, also a district of *Yemen*...

“**Hazarmaveth** (i.e., forecourt of death) is the Arabian Hadhramaut in South-eastern Arabia on the Indian Ocean, whose name Jauhari is derived from the unhealthiness of the climate.

“**Hadoram**: the Ἀδραμίται of Ptol. 6, 7, Atramitae of Plin. 6, 28, on the southern coast of Arabia.

“**Uzal**: one of the most important towns of Yemen, south-west of Mareb....

“The next son of Joktan is **Jerah**, which signifies the moon, as Hilal does in Arabic; and Alilat with the Arabians, according to Herodotus (a), is ‘Urania,’ or the moon; hence Bochart (b) thinks, that the Jeracheans, the posterity of Jerah, are the Alilaeans of Diodorus Siculus (c), and others, a people of the Arabs; and the Arabic geographer, as he observes, makes mention of a people near Mecca called Bene Hilal, or the children of Jerah;...

“**Sheba**: the *Sabaeans*, with the capital *Saba* or *Mareb*, *Mariaba regia* (Plin.)...

“**Havilah** appears to answer to *Chaulaw* of *Edrisi*, a district between Sanaa and Mecca....which lies in the heart of Yemen...

“and **Jobab**, the last of Joktan’s sons, was the father of the Jobabites, called by Ptolemy (m) Jobarites, corruptly for Jobabites, as Salmasius and Bochart think; and who are placed by the above geographer near the Sachalites in Arabia Felix, whose country was full of deserts, as Jobab in Arabic signifies, so Bochart (n) observes, as the countries above the Sachalite bay were, by which these Jobabites are placed:” (Quotes from Gill and K& D Commentaries, emphasis added).

Muhammad in the Bible (The Mad Prophet and Idol Shepherd)

The Bible does mention Muhammad, *but as false prophet*.

Zechariah’s prophesied of the true shepherd which is Jesus Christ, and the idol shepherd which is Muhammad,” “And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd” (Zechariah 11:15–16), which is of great importance. This “Foolish shepherd” could be identified as Mohammed. It is interesting that Zechariah later explains the cause of the failure of the mission initially foreseen for Mohammed: “[he] does not care for the perishing, or seek the wandering, or heals the maimed, or nourishes the sound, but devours the flesh of the fat ones, tearing off even their hoofs. Woe to the IDOL shepherd, who deserts the flock! May the sword smite his arm and his right eye! Let his arm be wholly withered, his right eye utterly blinded!” (vv. 16–17) If all the difficulties and problems of Islam after the death of Mohammed and the assassination of the first Imam, Ali (‘his arm’), are due to the “mistakes” of the Prophet, these consist of the omission of two of his tasks: the Prophet did not take care of “those who risk being

struck down” and did not seek the “wandering,” i.e. scattered Israel. Instead Muhammad pursued the Arabic peoples and their paganism.

Let’s examine this prophecy verse by verse:

“And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.” A shepherd in the Bible is a Ruler. David was called to shepherd his people etc... Muhammad came from the ruling family of Mecca and “he was distantly related to the Arab royal family of Hashim” (Morey p.69). The “foolish” part of this shepherd means, “Assume the character of a bad (‘foolish’ in Scripture is *synonymous* with wicked, Psalm 14:1) shepherd ...” (JFB Commentary). This shepherd or ruler is totally ignorant of God’s will and law therefore wicked which Muhammad was. “The Old Testament remained *inaccessible to the early Muslims and the Prophet...*[Muhammad] had *no direct access* to the Bible in Arabic” (Share your faith with a Muslim, Haqq, pp.28, 31, emphasis added).

“For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.” (16). As a result of the Jews rejecting the true Shepherd, Jesus Christ, for “30 pieces of silver,” (verse 12), God raises up a foolish, wicked, or Idol Shepherd (v.17). *This is to show the Jews the difference between being under the rule of the Good Shepherd, Jesus, and the false Shepherd, Muhammad!*

This Idol Shepherd, “shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still.” He does the opposite of what Jesus does, see Isaiah 61:1. Instead of taking care of the flock which is the Jews, he “shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.” This means, “Flesh of the fat” “shall spoil the substance of the rich;” (Gills Exposition of the Entire Bible), and “tears their claws in pieces” means, “expressing cruel voracity; tearing off the very hoofs (compare Ex 10:26), giving them excruciating pain, and disabling them from going in quest of pasture.” (JFB Commentary). Did Muhammad do this to the Jews and the rich people of the Land? Yes he did!

Notice what history says, “The Muslims began raiding caravans for financial gain...An important battle for the prophet occurred at Badr in March 624. Muhammad had led three hundred men against a large caravan of merchants enroute to Mecca. The booty won by raiders was said to be worth the equivalent of 50, 000 dollars today-a needed infusion of wealth to carry forward their military task” (Unveiling Islam, Caner, pp.47. 49).

During these attacks on caravans he persecuted the Jews, “...the Jews continued to reject his claims of prophet hood and began criticizing him...he [Muhammad] realized that the Jews posed a real danger...Muhammad decided to attack the Jewish tribe of Nadir...The Prophet had been well aware of the wealth of the departing [Jewish tribe of] Nadir, whose land was divided between Muslims; Muhammad's share made him financially independent” (Warraq, pp.93, 95).

Eventually all the Jews were expelled from the Land of Arabia. *Their wealth and lands were gone thus fulfilling the first and second part of Zechariah’s prophecy.* This campaign continued against the Jews and Christians from Muhammad’s time, through the expansion of the Islamic

empire right down till today. Many verses in the Koran show the commands to kill Christians and the Jews.

“Woe to the idol [“Idolatrous” Darby’s Translation] shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.” (v.17). Muhammad since he preached to obey Allah who is Baal and told his followers to go and worship at an idolatrous shrine for Baal which is the shrine in Mecca, he can be considered an “idolatrous shepherd.”

He “leaveth the flock.” Muhammad at first joined in the worship of the Jews trying to convert them to Islam and have them accept his prophet hood. Then, when it was obvious that the Jewish merchants were not going to become his disciples, Muhammad decided to drop the observance of Jewish rites. He changed the direction of prayer from Jerusalem to Mecca, dropped the Saturday Sabbath and adopted the pagan Friday Sabbath. He once again adopted the pagan religious rites in which he had been raised by his family” (Morey, p.82).

“the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye.” After Muhammad left the Jews and took their wealth. Then gathered enough followers that “his forces had grown sufficiently so that he now had a large army in the field...[he] then turned his attention again to Mecca...with an army of thousands of followers, forced Mecca to surrender to his leadership. Muhammad then became the undisputed *political leader* of Mecca as well as its undisputed *religious head*” (ibid, p.83, 84). The ‘*Arm*’ means –‘the secular power;’ and the ‘*right eye*’ means - the ecclesiastical state.” (Clarke’s Commentary), *which Muhammad was the leader of them both!* And so Mecca becomes “The center of Islam [and] was now and forever established” (Islam unveiled, p.60). Since then till now the Islamic faith has not changed, “Muhammad owned Arabia...His goal was firmly established-spiritual and governmental...and the community [was] solidified under the name of Allah...So Islamic life remains to this day” (ibid, p.60).

After this Muhammad died but his doctrines lived on and the Islamic empire grew. Known as the “prophet of the sword” as Zechariah prophesied that the “the sword [war “Jihad”] shall be upon his arm his [government]” the governmental rulers called “caliphs” meaning “successors” of Muhammad’s government that he established, “expanded the kingdom...[and] extended the Muslim empire” (ibid, p.69). In the name of “Jihad” which means, “DJIHAD, holy war. The spread of Islam by arms is a religious duty upon Muslims in general...So it must continue to be done until the whole world is under the rule of Islam.” (Shorter Encyclopedia of Islam, page 89, [7]). Then after *Islam is spread by the sword through the Muhammad’s government that he established*, “his arm,” “his right eye” the ecclesiastical rule Muhammad created was well was established. So here we find in Zachariah the prophecy of the Islamic empire fulfilled to the letter.

In conclusion to Zechariah’s prophecy he writes, “his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.” This is shows the end of the Islamic empire never again to rise but is “dried up.” “The secular power shall be broken, and become utterly inefficient.” (Clarke’s Commentary). The Islamic Sharia laws have proved to be totally inefficient, especially in these Modern Times. Warraq in his book, *Why I Am Not A Muslim* dedicates a whole chapter on Islam, Democracy and Human Rights to show its inefficiency in today’s world. When we look at

the Muslim countries today, if there is wealth it comes *mostly from the Christian West*, and that poverty, discrimination, persecution against non-Muslims, and war plagues these nations that are still locked in the “dark ages.”

“his right eye shall be utterly darkened.” (v.17). the ecclesiastical rule of Islam is in total darkness to the true light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and they have totally rejected the truth of the Bible, and so it still remains in darkness today.

The book of Hosea is very interesting, it actually names Muhammad by name and calls him a “mad prophet.” Yair Davidy writes: “Regarding the future, some type of ill-fated bond between ‘Ephraim’ and the followers of Islam is spoken of in the Biblical Book of Hosea. It is obvious that the same Biblical Prophecies may legitimately often be understood in several entirely different ways - as they were perhaps intended to be. The verses should be seen in their context. The overall message is that the Prophet Hosea condemns Ephraim, uses a word which may be understood to be a form of the name ‘Mohammed,’ speaks of the region of Egypt and the east, and predicts a disaster which somehow involves a mad prophet also identified traditionally as ‘Mohammed:’ The quotations are from Hosea chapter nine: ‘Do not be happy Israel, do not rejoice like (other) peoples, for you have sinned (and gone) away from your God...(Hosea 9;1). Note that ‘Israel’ is told not to be ‘happy’ because they have departed from the truth. By ‘Israel’ in this case Ephraim i.e. the Ten Tribes in their place of exile is intended.

“Hosea continues: ‘THEY WILL NOT DWELL IN THE LAND OF THE LORD, EPHRAIM SHALL RETURN TO MITSRAYIM (EGYPT) AND EAT UNSANCTIFIED BROTH IN ASSYRIA’ (9:3).

“ ‘FOR BEHOLD THEY ARE GONE DUE TO LOOTING EGYPT [Mitsrayim], MOPH [Memphis] GATHERS THEM, **MACHMAD [i.e. Mahomad] BURIES THEM**, THEIR SILVER ENSNARED, THE THORN IN THEIR TENTS [tabernacles] INHERITS THEM” (9:6).

“Note: the word we transliterated from the Hebrew as ‘Machmad’ is the same as the Arabic for Mohammed. The KJ translates the Hebrew ‘machmad’ (i.e. Mahommed) as ‘pleasant places’ and such a rendition is also linguistically feasible. It should be repeated that the language of the Prophets often seems to deliberately allow itself of more than one meaning.

“ ‘THE DAYS OF VISITATION HAVE ARRIVED, THE DAYS OF PAYMENT HAVE COME, ISRAEL SHALL KNOW, **THE PROPHET IS EVIL, MAD** [Hebrew: ‘Meshuga’] **A MAN OF SPIRIT** [Muhammad practiced the occult, see below] **BECAUSE OF YOUR TRANSGRESSION AND OF GREAT HATRED** [Muhammad’s hatred towards Christians and Jews] (Hosea 9;7):

“ ‘THE WATCHMEN OF EPHRAIM WAS WITH MY GOD [God’s true Followers] **BUT THE PROPHET** [Muhammad] , **IS A HIDDEN SNARE** ON ALL HIS PATHS, **HATRED** [for Israel] **IN THE HOUSE OF HIS GOD** [Mecca] (Hosea 9:8).

“As mentioned above, ‘The mad prophet’ in Hosea 9:7 was considered by some (e.g. Maimonides, 1135-1204, in his ‘Letter To Yeman’) to be a *reference to Mohamed and the name of Mohammed* (in Hebrew and Arabic: ‘Machmad’) does appear in the previous verse (Hosea 9:). The desert sun, sparse diet, and seclusion (as well as the possible use of hashish and various weeds smoked by some of the Arabs) are liable to play tricks on highly strung spiritually inclined individuals. If the people concerned also suffer from epileptic attacks (as Mohammed did) and delusions of grandeur so is the propensity for error compounded.” (*From Brit-Am 44 Yair Davidy, emphasis added*).

God calls him “mad” due to the fact that “He (i.e. Muhammad) suffered from Hallucinations of his senses, and to finish his sufferings, he several times contemplated *suicide*...the majority [of people] took a less charitable view and *declared he was insane*...” (*Dictionary of Islam, p.393, emphasis added*).

McIntock and Strong’s Encyclopedia vol.6, p.406 writes, “...*the oldest and most trustworthy narratives...[shows Muhammad] was considered to be possessed of evil spirits.*” As the Bible says Muhammad was a mad and evil prophet which had a spirit meaning possession which can be verified in history and the Koran itself. These prophecies deal more with the religion itself than the identification of the races of people.

Ephraim which is Britain today has 3 million Muslims that live there. And many are known terrorists. There have been race riots, and also the Muslims want the British Parliament to institute the Sharia law. Not to mention all the wars the British and the U.S.A. have been drawn into because of the Islamic Nations. The teachings and followers of Muhammad are truly a “snare” for Britain in their own land with political correctness etc...and without fighting wars.

Saudi Arabia n Prophecy

The Arabians have been an ally of the west for many years. America and Britain have profited much off of Saudi Oil, and its strategic importance in the Middle East, such as the Gulf War and the War on Terror etc...

The Bible shows that they will still be an ally when America is attacked by Gog (China) during the time called “Jacob’s Trouble” or the Great Tribulation. Notice, “***Sheba, and Dedan***, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?” (Ezekiel 38:13). America’s allies, who include “Sheba and Dedan” meaning Saudi Arabia will still exist, and will, criticized China for the massive attack on America and the West, Arabia’s largest customer of crude oil.

But this is not all. God pronounces Judgments on all the nations, “For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, *and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.*

“And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, [*and reel to and fro, and behave themselves madly.*” Pulpit Commentary] because of the *sword* that I will send *among them*.

“Then took I the cup at the LORD’S hand, *and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:* (Jer 25:15-17). Of the nations listed, Arabia is one of those nations that will be subject to the wrath of God.

Clearly this is an end time prophecy, Scofield Notes says, “The scope of this great prophecy *cannot be limited to the invasion of Nebuchadnezzar*. If Jehovah does not spare His own city, should the Gentile nations imagine that there is no judgment for them? *The prophecy leaps to the very end of this age.*” (emphasis added). This chapter is not just speaking of invasions, but also civil strife from *within*. The sword is sent “among” or “within” (Heb “bane” Strong’s #996) them. Gill’s Commentary writes, “...the sword of a foreign enemy that shall enter *among them and destroy*; and which would make them tremble, and be at their wits’ end, like drunken and mad men.” (emphasis added). Foreign invaders that come in and cause civil strife from among its own people. Are not the AL-Qaida network, ISIS, and also Iran doing this very thing among these nations?

Notice what nations are listed, “Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all *that are* in the utmost corners,..And all the *kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,*” (vv.23, 24).

God will send, “...evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.” (v.32). Again, God says here that there will be civil strife among these nations, and the Arab spring is an exact fulfillment of this prophecy.

When one reads of the specific prophecies of these nations like Egypt, Syria, Palestine etc... one can see the prophesied civil strife as well as invasions by Nebuchadnezzar, and also the latter day foreign invaders as well.

All these nations are at this time experiencing the wrath of God, from nation to nation, eventually culminating into the great supper of God (see v.33), and the second coming of Jesus Christ, and the fulfillment of God’s justice to this evil rotten world.

This evil is “...I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.” (v.29). War! Each country will experience warfare from *within*. ***Is this not what we see right now in the Middle East? Saudi Arabia will not be exempt, but they will experience the same!***

Isaiah 21:13-15

Here Isaiah has been given a vision a “burden upon Arabia.” Isaiah says, “The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim”

The “Forest” means “(ביער) baya’ar). The word (ער) ya’ar) ‘forest’ usually denotes a grove, a collection of trees. *But it may mean here, any place of refuge from a pursuing foe; a region of thick underwood; an uncultivated, inaccessible place, where they would be concealed from an invading enemy.* The word rendered ‘forest’ is commonly supposed to mean a forest in the sense in which that word is now used by us, meaning an extensive wood - large tract of land covered

with trees. It is doubtful, however, whether the word is so used in the Bible. The Rev. Eli Smith stated to me that he had visited several of the places in Palestine to which the word (יער) ya'ar) 'forest' or 'grove' is given, and that he was satisfied that there never was a forest there in our use of the word. The same word יער ya'ar - the ' (y) not being used to begin a word in Arabic, but the ך (v) being used instead of it - occurs often in Arabic. *It means, as used by the Arabs, a rough, stony, impassable place; a place where there are no roads; which is inaccessible; and which is a safe retreat for robbers - and it is not improbable that the word is so used here.*" (Barnes Notes, emphasis added). So really this means a barren place in accessible, wild and natural, a place to take refuge in which Arabia has plenty of.

The "Dedanim" of course are Dedan of Cush as proven above. These of Dedan and Sheba as Clarke's commentary says dwell in the south of Arabia and Yemen (see above). These "travelling companies" are "caravans: ye shall be driven through fear of the foe to unfrequented routes" (JFB Commentary). Travelling to the wilderness in Arabia to get away from the warfare from *within* the country.

"The *inhabitants of the land of Tema* brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled." (v.14).

The inhabitants of "Tema" are those in "...a locality in Arabia which probably corresponds to the modern *Teimā'* (or *Taymā'* (see Doughty, *Arabia Deserta*, I, 285), an oasis which lies about 200 miles *North of el-Medina, and some 40 miles South of Dūmat el-Jandal (Dumah), now known as el-Jauf*. It is on the ancient caravan road connecting the Persian Gulf with the *Gulf of Akaba*; [on the east side of Egypt where Ishmael dwelt Gen 25:18]...The wells of the oasis still attract the wanderers from the parched wastes..." (International Standard Encyclopedia under "Tema" emphasis added). This was the ancient land of *one* of the sons of Ishmael, still named after him, even though Ishmael migrated to their new homeland in Russia. The name was still there when this prophecy was given in Isaiah's time. These "inhabitants" in Ishmael's land are the Joktanites and Cushites that have taken over the land today. These give their brethren "the travelling companies" bread and water to the refugees that have "fled" from the warfare in the southern part of Arabia near Mecca and Yemen.

Verse 15 describes the condition of Arabia in the south, "For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and *from the grievousness of war.*" Here the judgment of God is set for Arabia. Will Mecca burn? What of Yemen? Terrorist have established cells in these countries. The Youth in Arabia are angry; the protests are spreading throughout the Middle East. Civil war will come to Saudi Arabia. This is not coincidence, Almighty God is moving, the time for the Judgment of the Nations is here!