

Ukraine in Bible Prophecy



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The Ukraine is a seething hotbed of violence and hatred. Some support Russia, others the EU. The Fascists are now starting to come out of the woodwork taking over government buildings demanding the government change. What is next for the Ukraine? What does the Bible say?

Tracing Ukraine's Roots

We must start at the beginning to find where these people originate from to understand the prophecies of the Bible. Ukraine's past starts with the Midianites. The people of the Ukraine originate back to Midian, the son of Abraham through Keturah (Genesis 25:1-2, 4).

When all these sons were born unto Abraham, the Bible says, "And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.

"But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, *and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.*" (Gen 25:5-6). He sent these children to the east. Where is this exactly? East of Palestine. These concentrated themselves all along east coast of Palestine outside the borders of Isaac's land.

After Abraham moved his sons to the east, Ishmael and Midian formed a tribal league. The scriptures reveal this league and also where these people dwelt. In the days of Joseph, when he got sold into slavery in Egypt, "And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

"And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

"And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

"And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? ***Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites,*** and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

"Then there passed by ***Midianites merchantmen;*** and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph ***to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver:*** and they brought Joseph into Egypt" (Gen 37:23-28). Midian and Ishmael are used interchangeably. Although spelled Ishmeel. Strong's and other newer versions of the Bible have "Ishmael" son of Abraham, (*see Strong's # 3459; International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*).

In the book of Judges we see the same thing. In the days of Gideon, when he fought for the freedom of Israel from the Midianites, "Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the ***hand of Midian.***

"And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.

"And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (***For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.***)

"And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the ***earrings of his prey.***

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“And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels’ necks.

“And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

“Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon” (Judges 8:22-28).

Notice the bible when speaking of the jewelry, used Midian and Ishmael interchangeably! The Jameison Faucette and Brown Commentary notes, “*Ishmaelites* and *Midianites* being synonymous terms.” The Ishmaelites with the Midianites “formed a tribal league” (cf Judges 8:22-24)” (JFB, p.52).

The Bible’s Reveals their Homeland

In the Bible we see the Midian/Ishmaelites coming from “Gilead” (Gen 37:25), which is “east of Jordan” (Strong’s #1568). Ishmael “...settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite, of Egypt, in the direction of ASSYRIA...” (Gen 25:18 NRSV). That is northwestern Arabia, in the lands of Syria, Moab and Jordan. Abraham sent his other children to the “east” (Gen 25:6) of Palestine. “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 “Ishmaelites,” p.749, emphasis mine).

Secular history reveals these people to be the Mitanni/Hurrians. There is evidence in the Bible for this as well. In Joshua 13:21 and Numbers 31:8 shows the kings of Midian that were slain, “...kings of Midian... namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and **Hur**, and Reba, five kings of Midian:” One of the Kings names was “Hur,” the tribal name of the Hurrians!

What of the name “Mitanni”? Dr. Crowley in his book “The Hittites,” says in his footnote, “In Gen. 37 the Midianites who bought Joseph are called so...*Is it possible that in one of the original sources they were so named and that they are Mitanni?* The name would be altered to the more familiar... but preserved here by an oversight of the Masoretics” (p.9, emphasis added). The Book of Tobit (1:14) says, “His descendants, the *Midianites*, settled in the *territory of the Mitanni (hence the name)* east of the Jordan River (Tobit 1:14) and also much of the area east of the Dead Sea...,” (Wikipedia under “Midianites,” emphasis added). All the tribes of Midian with their main tribe of the Hurrians were all one, merged into one empire called the “Mitanni Empire” also called the “kingdom of the Hurri,” the leader tribe. Interesting, “...to note is that the *first King of Mitanni is born from Kitra. Kitra sounds close to Kutra, the wife of Abraham who was the mother of Median and Midian*” (Goran Nowicki, April 5, 2004, *KurdistanObserver.com*, article “On Kurdistan and Israel Alliance,” emphasis added).

Secular History also reveals that the Mitanni controlled the territory of Syria, Palestine, and Mesopotamia between 1530-1330 B.C. It was a “Major kingdom between 1500 and 1300 B.C.” (Holman’s Bible Dictionary, under Mitanni). Their homeland was “Centered on eastern Asia-Minor & northern Mesopotamia” (ibid). This empire occupied “northern Mesopotamia and Asia Minor traversed Syria and had several Jordanian settlements. *Palestine is ‘Hurru’ in New*

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Kingdom documents of Egypt” (A.H. Gardiner, “Ancient Egyptian Onomastica”, 1947, 3 vols., I, pages 181-187). The same areas that the Bible says Abraham sent them.



Map shows the Mitanni “in the direction of ASSYRIA” (Gen 25:18). The Bible is accurate when it’s describing the nations of its day and the locations where they dwell.

The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible also shows that when the Assyrians and the Babylonians conquered the Middle East they found the people of Ishmael North of Assyria, see under articles “Ishmael and Kedar.”

In the book of Judges, what you are really reading in the days of Gideon was a war between the Israelites and the Mitanni Empire that occupied Israel at the time. But the Bible uses their biblical names, the names that the Israelites would have called them.

The Mitanni Empire then fell and became part of the Assyrian provinces. In Fact the peoples of Kedar firstborn of Ishmael are mentioned in, “The stele of Tiglath-Pileser III (737 B.C.) mentions Kedarites among the tribute-paying peoples. In 691-689 B.C. Sennacherib fought King Hazael of Kedar at Duma in Arabia. In 653 B.C. the Kedarites, under the leadership of Yutha son of Hazael launched marauding raids across the borders of Transjordan and Syria, but were beaten back by the Moabite and Assyrian garrisons stationed along the frontier from Lebanon to Edom. In 652-646 B.C. the Kedarites, together with the sons of Nebajoth (the firstborn son of Ishmael, Gen 25:13) and other nomadic tribes, exerted pressure on the western borders of the Assyrian empire. This forced the king of Assyria to conduct a campaign against an Arabian confederation in 645...” (*Illustrated Dictionary & Concordance of the Bible, edited by Geoffrey Wigoder “under Kedar”*).

In the days of Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon was conquering all the territories of the Assyrians. One of those Territories was the former Mitanni Empire. There is a prophecy in Jeremiah that predicts the invasion of the Ishmaelites and the “men of the east” which include

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Midian, by the Babylonians. God told Jeremiah of Kedar a son of Ishmael (Gen 25:13) “Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD; **Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.**

“Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear is on every side.

“**Flee, get you far off**, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.” (49:28-30). these people dwelt in the north east toward Assyria. God tells them to “flee.” The International Bible Commentary, p.795, says of this passage of scripture that, “The prophecy was fulfilled in Nebuchadnezzar’s sixth year (599-8 b.c.) when the Babylonian Chronicle relates that the king of Babylon in Syria ‘sent out companies and scouring the desert they took much plunder from the Arabs, their possessions, domestic animals and gods.’ More specifically *Northern Arabia*, ‘Niebchr (*Ate. u. Bab.*, S. 209, 10) and Duncker (*Genh. det. Alterth.*, I. S. 827) are of opinion that Nebuchadnezzar, after returning from the victory of Carchemish, had strengthened his internal dominion, first taking into consideration ‘the extension of his dominion over the Arabs on the lower Euphrates, *in North Arabia and the Syrian desert*’ (duncker). It is to be remarked in this connection, that according to Ctesias, whose statement Duncker regards as credible (S. 804, 806 *Anm. 2, etc.*), the Babylonians had already brought Arabs with them to the siege of Nineveh.—**The expression ‘sons of the East’ is the ‘general designation of the Arabs, especially the nomad tribes of northern Arabia’** (AnxoLD in Hass., R.-Enc. I. S. 460).” (*The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah By Carl Wilhelm Eduard Nögelsbach, Samuel Ralph Asbury, William Henry Hornblower, Johann Peter Lange, Philip Schaff, p.399, emphasis added*). As this source reveals, it is *not* the Arabians to the south, but the Northern Arabians, the Mitanni/Hurrians that dwelt in this area who are clearly *distinguished* from the southern Arabians.

Where did these people flee to?

History reveals that these people fled to southern Russia between Assyria and Media.

“The southwestern most district of Media Atropatené, along the mountains separating Media from Assyria, inhabited by the Matiani.” (Harpers Dictionary of Classical Antiquities under article “Matina”).

In the 5th century B.C. Herodotus writes an account of Aristagoras “tyrant of Miletus” who shows Cleomenes a map of the known world, and the next to the “Armenians” were the “Matieni” (bk.5, v.49). This is the area of southern Russia!

In the days of Pliny the elder, A.D. 79, we find the “Matiani” “From the mountain heights of this district, along the range of Caucasus...Below the district...we find the nations...the Matiani...” (Natural History, bk. 6 chpt. 18, vv.9, 10, 17).

Historian Edwin M. Yamauchi says, “Mitanni/**KHURRI** became the **East Slavic** (Russian)... **Kievans** (who traced their ancestry to **KHORIV** per the (“Russian Primary Chronicle”). (*Edwin M. Yamauchi, 1982: 23; History Research Projects, “Nations of Central Asia and the Middle*

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East”, copyright 1994, 2001; *Suppiluliuma: Sattiwara Treaty*, “PD” no. I, 22-5, rev. 14-21, trans.Liverani (1990: 82).

The primary source for the history of these Kiev Rus people is from what scholars call the “Primary Chronicle,” “...which is often translated in English as Tale of Bygone Years), is a history of the early *East Slavic state, Kievan Rus*, from around 850 to 1110 originally compiled in Kiev about 1113...the Tale of Bygone Years is unique as the *only written testimony on the earliest history of East Slavic peoples*. Its comprehensive account of the history of Kievan Rus is unmatched in other sources. It is also valuable as a prime example of the Old East Slavic literature” (ibid, article “Primary Chronicle, emphasis added). To this we find the earlier origins of the KHURRI, KHORIV “Kiev Rus.” Kiev of course is the capital of the Ukraine.

As they migrated into Russia out of the Middle East, their language gradually changed. D’iakonov notes, “The fate of the Iranian dialects is ... very vague ... in the first millennium B.C.E. *the language of the Ukrainian Scythians was still understandable for the ancient Medians*” (D’iakonov 1986 :148 emphasis added).

Why are they called “Rus?” The “land of Rashu” was the land of the “Kingdom of Mitanni.” (see Encyclopedia Britannica under “Mitanni.”). The reason they called this land “Rashu” is for the simple reason that the Mitanni were an “Aryan ruling class” (see Encyclopedia Britannica under “Hurrian Language,”), and “The Mitanni were of the Aryan branch of the Indo-Europeans with their fair skin and *often-times blonde hair*” (*Bashan 1959:29 & Kalyanraman 1969:1:79 emphasis mine*). This is the meaning of “Rashu,” the land of the “blondes.” (*Orr 1939, art. ‘Rosh’*). The word “Rus” for Russia also means “blonde” (*Poliakov 1974:113*). According to Lubachko, the name of Belaia Rus or Belarus derives from the fact that they are a people with light-colored hair (*Lubachko 1972:1*). In fact “A Slavic word *rusy* (refers only to hair color — from dark ash-blond to light-brown)” (*Wikipedia under “Rus’ people.”*).

History reveals that the “present day Russians Ukrainians; and Belarusians-[are] the ancestors of the *eastern Slavs*” (The Making of Modern Russia, Lionel Kochan, John Keep, p.2, emphasis added). There was one original group called the “Slavs,” but then they all split into three groups, “by AD 800, three main geographical and linguistic divisions had arisen; the *East Slavs inhabiting a large part of European Russia*, the South Slavs who settled in the Balkan Peninsula, and the West Slavs who settled in what is now Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany” (History Of Poland Mieczyslaw Kasprzyk Chapter one, emphasis added). These are the ones who created the “Kiev Rus” empire in the 9th century A.D. The Kiev Rus Empire was a time of great expansion for the Russian, Ukrainian, and Belarusian people, and its Christianization.

“The region of Kiev dominated the state of Kievan Rus’ for the next two centuries. The grand prince (kniaz’) of Kiev controlled the lands around the city, and his theoretically subordinate relatives ruled in other cities and paid him tribute. The zenith of the state’s power came during the reigns of Prince Vladimir (r. 980-1015) and Prince Yaroslav (the Wise; r. 1019-1054). Both rulers continued the steady expansion of Kievan Rus’ that had begun under Oleg. To enhance their power, Vladimir married the sister of the Byzantine emperor Basil II...Vladimir’s greatest achievement was the Christianization of Kievan Rus’, a process that began in 988. He built the

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first great edifice of Kievan Rus', the Desyatinnaya Church in Kiev. Yaroslav promulgated *the first East Slavic law code, Russkaya Pravda (Justice of Rus')*; built Saint Sophia Cathedral in Kiev and Saint Sophia Cathedral in Novgorod; patronized local clergy and monasticism; and is said to have founded a school system. Yaroslav's sons developed the great Kiev Pechersk Lavra (monastery), which functioned in Kievan Rus' as an ecclesiastical academy.

“The annals of Rus state that when Vladimir had decided to accept a new faith instead of the *tradition idol-worship (paganism) of the Slavs...*” (Article “The Golden Age of Kiev” Wikipedia, emphasis added).

After the fall of Kiev Rus

Now, after the fall of the Kiev Rus Empire by Batu Khan, Genghis Khan's grandson in 1240, they split into three groups, “the Great Russians, the White Russians (Byelorussians) and the Little Russians (Ukrainians).” (Russia's Roots, pt1, Steve Sampson).

In Our Booklet Russia in Prophecy, we identified the “Great Russians” as Ishmael one of the tribes of the Mitanni.

Who are the Byelorussians and the Little Russians of the Ukraine?

The Byelorussians, Pliny refers to these Medianites as the tribe of Medi which dwelt northwest of the Black Sea (Pliny iv.i.3). The ancient Medes migrated along with the Midianties and settled in Belarus.

Herodotus mentions that the Medes were in upper Asia or inner Asia, north of the Caucasian Mountains (Herodotus 4.1,12).

Strabo stated that the Medi were a people of Thrace bordering on the Illyrian Thunatae (ie western Ukrainian/Rumanian area) (Strabo 3: 265).

Pliny 6:18 locates the MATIANI in S. RUSSIA. The Capital of Ukraine is Kiev. The Midianites major tribe was the Hurrians called Khurri eventually becoming the Kiev. It seems that the Midianites stayed in the area of the Ukraine after the Kiev Rus Empire fell while the “Great Russians” and White Russians migrated out further into Russia and Belarus.

Midian in Prophecy

Is the Ukrainian Crisis prophesied in the Bible? In Numbers the 24th chapter, the prophecy of Balaam is recorded here. In the latter part of this prophecy he speaks of what will happen in the “latter days.” (v.14). He “which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:” (v.16), and he “looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said...” (v.21). Who are the Kenites? Judges 1:16 says, “And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law.” The Kenties were of the family of Moses' father in-law. And Moses father in-law was, “Hobab, the son of Raguel the *Midianite*, Moses' father in law” (Numbers 10:29). Moses fled to Midian (Ex 2:15),

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and met Jethro or Reuel (Ex 2:18), and married “Zipporah his daughter.” (Ex 2:21). In fact it says Moses married an “Ethiopian woman” (Num 12:1). The Hebrew word is “kūshiyth” (Strong’s #3571). A Cushite. In Habakkuk 3 it says, “I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: *and* the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.” (v.7). Cushan (kūshân Strong’s #3572), is the same word as Cushite.

Gill’s Commentary writes, “The same with Cush or Ethiopia; hence the Septuagint and Vulgate Latin versions render it, ‘the tents of the Ethiopians’; and these are the same with ‘the curtains of Midian’ in the next clause, tents being made of curtains, and the Ethiopians and Midianites the same people; so the daughter of the priest of Midian, whom Moses married, is called an Ethiopian woman, Exo 2:21.” (Emphasis added).

The JFB Commentary says the same thing, “the same as *Cush*; made “Cush-an” to *harmonize* with “Midi-an” in the *parallel* clause. So *Lotan* is found in the *Hebrew* of Genesis for *Lot*. Bochart therefore *considers it equivalent to Midian*, or a part of Arabia. So in Num 12:1, Moses’ Midianite wife is called an Ethiopian (*Hebrew, Cushite*).” (Emphasis theirs and mine).

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia under “Cushan” writes, “ ‘the tents of Cushan’ are mentioned in an individualizing description of the effects of a theophany. Parallel is the phrase ‘the curtains of the land of Midian.’ Septuagint renders Cushan, כּוּשָׁן, *kūshān*, by Αἰθιοπῶν, *Aithiōpōn*, reading perhaps כּוּשִׁים, *kūshīm*, or כּוּשִׁין, *kūshīn* (כּוּשִׁין, *kūshin*). The context indicates *that the same land or people is intended...*” (emphasis added). So Cushan and Midian is one and the same people. But why are they called “Cushan”? Some seem to think its Cush of the black races, but clearly Midian in meant, who are Semitic. The answer lies in the Bible. In Judges 3 the Israelites were oppressed by *a power in Syria, where the Midianites dwelt at that time!* It was headed by “*Chushan-rishathaim*.” He was “King of Mesopotamia.” (v.8). “or Aramnaharaim; that is, *Syria*, between the two rivers, which were Tigris and Euphrates; hence the Greek name of this place is as here called Mesopotamia” (Gill’s Commentary).

This name “Cushan” was “analogous to other Oriental titles of royalty” (JFB Commentary) like “Hur” or the Hurrans, the warrior class of the Midianites. Since Jethro was a priest of Midian, Cushan was one of the titles he also had since he was a man of importance. Hence Moses’ wife was called a “Cushite.”

Now in Genesis 15:19 the Kenites are also mentioned. Moses could have easily updated the place name from its ancient name for the Israelites to understand during his time the area in which they were to inherit. So the Kenites are the Midianites.

Now the context of Numbers 24:21 is, “For the fulfillment of this prophecy we *are not to look merely to the fact that one branch of the Kenites, which separated itself, according to Jdg 4:11, from its comrades...* but the name Asshur, as the name of *the first great kingdom of the world, which rose up from the east against the theocracy, is employed*, as we may clearly see from Num 24:24... Balaam did not foretell that this worldly power [Asshur] would oppress Israel also, and lead it into captivity, because the oppression of the Israelites *was simply a transitory judgment*, which served to refine the nation of God and not to destroy it, and which was *even appointed according to the counsel of God to open and prepare the way for the conquest of the kingdoms of*

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the world by the kingdom of God” (K&D Commentary, emphasis added). So the context is global; speaking of whole nations and judgments upon them on a global scale!

This prophecy goes on to say, “Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.” (Numbers 24:21). “This description of the dwelling-place of the Kenites cannot *be taken literally, because it cannot be shown that either the Kenites or the Midianites dwelt in inaccessible mountains*, as the Edomites are said to have done in Oba 1:3-4; Jer 49:16. The words *are to be interpreted figuratively, and in all probability the figure is taken from the rocky mountains of Horeb*, in the neighbourhood of which the Kenites led a nomade life before their association with Israel (see at Exo 3:1).” (ibid, emphasis added).

The “dwelling place” of Midian is strong and secure from outside invading armies. “Though securely established... they should be gradually reduced by a succession of enemies” (JFB Commentary). Most commentaries agree that a secure place is meant for Midian in the “latter days.” Is this true of the Ukraine? Yes! You cannot penetrate the Ukraine due to Russia in the east, and Europe and NATO in the west. “Ukraine currently considers Euro-Atlantic integration its primary foreign policy objective, but in practice balances its relationship with the European Union and the United States with strong ties to Russia...Ukraine also has a close relationship with NATO...Ukraine maintains peaceful and constructive relations with all its neighbors; it has especially close ties with Russia...Following independence, Ukraine declared itself a neutral state. The country has had a limited military partnership with Russia, other CIS countries and a partnership with NATO since 1994...” (Wikipedia “Ukraine”). The Ukraine has a secure position right now militarily and economically. Also with the Budapest Memorandum, signed by the United States, the U.K. and Russia, which guaranteed Ukraine’s security- their dwelling place is secure. Eventually however, that security will diminish!



The Prophecy continues, “*Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.*” (Numbers 24:22). The Ukraine shall be “wasted.” This word means, “The primary meaning of the verb [*baa`ar* (H1197)] is to eat up, to consume; and Gesenius (‘Lex.,’ sub voce) assigns it various significations in the Piel conj., No. 2, *to cause to burn, to consume;*

and No. 3, *to take away, to remove, to destroy.*” (JFB Commentary). Many other translations say either “burn” “waste” “consume.” The ISV Bible even says “incinerated.”

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The Ukraine is “Burning” and “Wasting” away

The current crisis in the Ukraine is causing havoc, economic collapse and dissolution of Government.

One source reports, “The crisis in Ukraine is entering a dangerous phase of escalation. The government seems to be losing any vestige of legitimacy and is buckling under pressure from street demonstrations sprouting *not just in the capital, Kiev, but in other cities and regions as well — including some in Eastern Ukraine, a region normally closer in mind and spirit to the current government and to neighboring Russia.*”

“Meanwhile, Western countries are doing little more than voicing concern **and pleading for restraint as Ukraine burns**. There is a real possibility of a major bloodbath if protestors occupying government buildings refuse to leave and the military moves to forcibly evict them.” (iPolitics; Ukraine burning By Derek Burney and Fen Hampson Feb 2, 2014, emphasis added).

This current crisis is going to *continue* the prophecy says, “until” Hebrew “ad” “Properly the same as H5703... properly a (peremptory) *terminus*, that is, (by implication) *duration*, in the sense of *perpetuity*” (Strong’s #5703 & 5704). “*Asshur shall carry thee away captive.*” Asshur or Assyria in this end time is Germany! (Read our booklet *Germany in Prophecy* for details). The K&D Commentary says, “Kain [Kenites] will only be overthrown by the Assyrian imperial power.”

Now that Germany has scrapped its post World War 2 foreign policy and will take up arms in trouble spots and be more assertive on the world stage; already Germany is asserting itself on the Ukraine. Frank Jordans of the World Post writes, “Berlin’s diplomatic advance has put it at odds with some of its European Union partners, including Sweden and the Baltic nations, *which have pressed for a harder line against the former Soviet republic, according to Stefan Meister, a senior research fellow at the German Council on Foreign Relations*

“But it fits in with *the German government’s recent pledge for a more assertive role on the international stage.*”

“For Germany, Ukraine is a good test case — a large European country, relatively close to German borders undergoing a more difficult transition than other former Soviet states such as Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, which joined the EU years ago.

“German foreign policy is often quite reticent, but Berlin has taken *a clear position on Ukraine*, said Meister.” (Article: *Germany stepping up role to resolve Ukraine crisis* Feb 17, 2014).

Germany will bring this nation, what will be left of it, into captivity. Some translations say, “How long will it take until Asshur takes you hostage?” (ISV). Implying that the Ukraine will be so weak and feeble that it will take no time at all for Germany to take over the country. But when? Bible prophecy indicates that when Germany will rise and lead a United States of Europe with ten nations at its helm it will execute a military foreign policy against many nations and subjugate them, as Isaiah says, “Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but *it is* in his heart *to destroy and cut off nations not a few*” (Isaiah 10:7). Isaiah’s prophecy in this chapter clearly reveals that the “Assyrian” attacks Israel and Judah. This is clearly the time when the Beast rises and NATO and the EU will be a thing of the past. It’s a time when “*it is* in his

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heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.” A more militaristic foreign policy is in place and today we are beginning to see the planting of that policy, and soon will grow and the world will see the fruits of it.

Habakkuk's Prophecy

In Habakkuk the time setting is clear, it is an end time vision for our day today, and he says, “The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.” (Hab 1:1).

This vision, he continues, “And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision**, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

“**For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie**: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” (Hab 2:3). This vision is in the end time will *speak*, it will be understood during this *appointed time* of the end.

In this vision, Habakkuk saw, “For, lo, **I raise up the Chaldeans**, that bitter and hasty nation, **which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs**.

“They *are* terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

“Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

“They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up *as* the east wind, **and they shall gather the captivity as the sand**.

“And they shall **scoff at the kings**, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; **for they shall heap dust, and take it**.

“Then shall *his* mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.” (Hab 1:6-11). The end time Chaldeans is end time Babylon (Rev 17 & 18).

This end time Beast is led by Assyria, “For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from *Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew*, saith the LORD....The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, *so* shall it stand...*That I will break the Assyrian in my land*, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.” (Isaiah 14:22, 24-25). Notice the time setting of this prophecy! Micah 5, Isaiah 7 and 8 all reveal prophecies about the coming of Jesus, and the Assyrian that he will defeat in the land of Israel. This prophecy also says that it will be Babylon that will be defeated. The end time Babylon is led by the Assyrian (German led) empire that will fight Christ at his coming.

Notice in Habakkuk the same language is used as in Isaiah 10, and you can also read the same language in Isaiah 14 as well.

- A large amount of Captives being taken
- They scoff at kings see Isaiah 10:7-10
- All three visions reveal the second coming of Christ

Ukraine in Bible Prophecy

- Israel is in captivity

Now in Habakkuk 3:7 it says, “I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: *and* the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.” Here the tents of Midian *tremble* and are in “affliction” when Jesus comes. Obviously the end time Assyrians are the ones that have the Midianites/Ukrainians under affliction. This happens during the time when Israel is in captivity, and Jesus comes again. So when Assyria takes the Midianites into captivity it will be at the time when the seventh and final resurrection of the Beast comes and subjugates whole nations including Midian i.e. Ukraine.

The Good News

After the captivity of the Ukraine by the German Empire, and they are defeated; the Ukrainians will come to Jerusalem, and they will come and worship the true God and begin to know his ways and apply his laws to their country. Isaiah says, “Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; *because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.*

“The multitude of camels shall cover thee, *the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.*

“All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: *they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.*” (60:5-7). All these nations of Kedar-Russia; Midian-Ukraine; Sheba-Saudi Arabia. and the sea filled with ships from all nations will come and know the ways of the Lord Jesus and convert to him (see Isaiah 2).