

The Modern Crusade Continues

"At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. He will also invade the **Beautiful Land**. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab, and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand. He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape. He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt with the Libyans and Nubians in submission." (Daniel 11:40-43)

Here we see that Daniel clearly predicted the current conflict in the Middle East. The "Beautiful Land" is the literal land of Palestine. Of course the King of the South represents the modern Muslim powers continuing what began during the Crusades. The King of the North, the Papacy, does not do the actual fighting. As he sent the Christian kings to do his fighting during the Crusades, he now has his modern Christian "kings" to do his bidding again. Let us look at modern history to better understand this text.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL

In World War I, the British and their allies defeated the Turks (who sided with Germany) to take control of the land of Palestine. Arabic speaking peoples felt betrayed by the Treaty of Versailles. Arabs fighting with the Allied powers against the Turks had been promised independence. It was decided that Palestine and Mesopotamia (Iraq) would be administered by Britain under a League of Nations mandate. After the idea of Zionism arose in Europe, the British allowed the Jewish immigration of mostly European Jews. The idea took great impetus after the Nazi persecution of the Jews during World War II. It was primarily a Western, European problem which became a Middle Eastern problem when the "U.S., the British and the Soviets railroaded the partition of Palestine through the United Nations."[\[1\]](#)

On May 14, 1948, Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, proclaimed the independence of the state of Israel. President Harry Truman extended U.S. recognition of Israel and so did Stalin and Russia. The U.S. State Department was very much opposed to Truman's support of Israel because they knew the history of the region. They knew this imposition on the Muslim population would be viewed as a *continuation of the Crusades, a relic of colonialism*. After living in the country of Yemen, I learned that Muslims have a great respect for the past; they remember it all too well. After the initial establishment of Israel, military assistance from northern, Christian countries (primarily the US) allowed the Israeli army to defeat its Muslim enemies again and again.

EGYPT

In 1978 the Anwar Sadat signed a peace treaty, the Camp David Accords, with the nation of Israel, mainly due to the strong influence of US President Jimmy Carter. This momentous agreement fractured the Arab unity against the establishment of

Israel. I don't want to delve into the intricacies of this agreement, but one of the reasons that the US was able to get Egypt to agree to this treaty was by the promise of huge sums of foreign aid. Egypt became the second largest recipient of US Foreign Aid, after Israel. Only recently, in 2011, did the US President Obama tell Hosni Mubarak to "step down" and soon thereafter, he did step down.

JORDAN

One notable exception to the countries of the Middle East being controlled by the Western powers is the *country of Jordan*. Daniel refers to it as "Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon." "Since the end of the war, the British had divided the land of Transjordan into three local administrative districts... Faced with the determination of Emir Abdullah to unify Arab lands under the Hashemite banner, the British proclaimed Abdullah ruler of the three districts, known collectively as Transjordan. Confident that his plans for the unity of the Arab nation would eventually come to fruition, the emir established the first centralized governmental system in what is now modern Jordan on April 11, 1921." [2] Jordan has continued to keep its independence in that region.

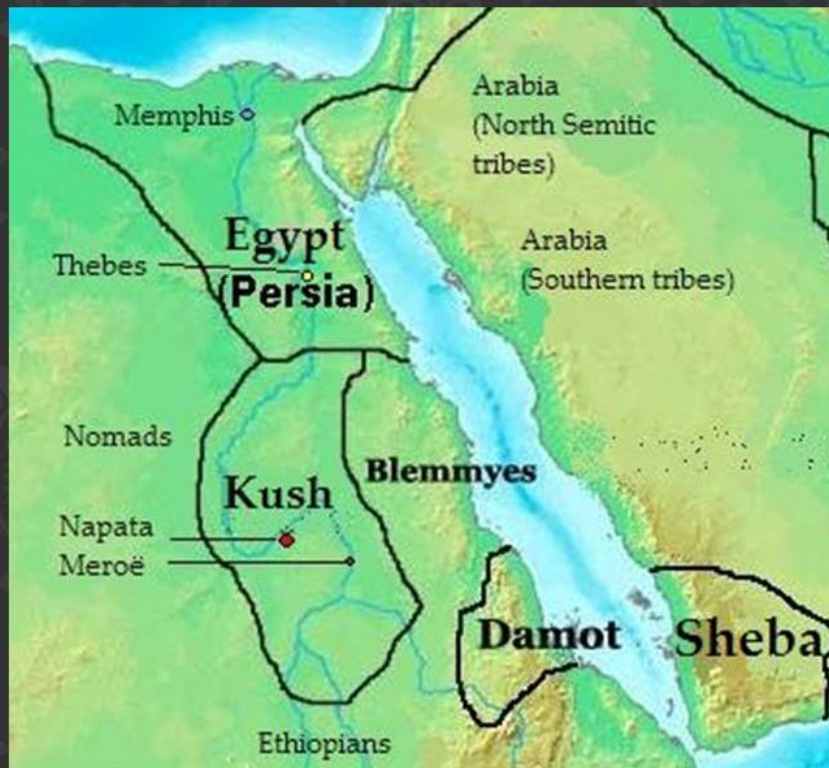
And Daniel predicts that it will continue to be independent. The Hashemite dynasty traces its ancestry all the way back to the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH). Long ago, the Hashemites ruled over the Muslim holy places of Mecca and Medina. Due to some recent scholarship, I and many others, have come to realize that the descendants of Ishmael, of which the Hashemites trace back their lineage, are still recipients of the blessing given to them through Abraham, that they would be a "great nation" (see Genesis 17:20). Even though Isaac was the child of the promised Covenant, through whom the Messiah would come, it seems that the descendants of Ishmael, called "the children of the east (*bene qedem* in Hebrew)" are also very special in God's plan.[3]

LIBYA

A fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy (Daniel 11:43) is the conversion of Muammar Qaddafi's government. The country of Libya was for 24 years an enemy of the West, but in 2004-6, due to long-term economic and military pressures, Qaddafi gave up their weapons of mass destruction and formally resumed diplomatic ties with the USA. Then in 2011, the US President Obama told Qaddafi to "Step Down" and the NATO Forces (from the North) helped overthrow him.

NUBIA- NORTH SUDAN

The country translated as "Ethiopia" in the King James version is translated as Nubia in the New International Version. From my research in the Hebrew and the region, it is the kingdom of Kush, which was a powerful back in the 7th Century BC. More recently their President, Omar Al Bashir has been indicted for war crimes by the International Criminal Court. He is anti-western. Daniel 11, verse 43, predicts that Sudan will be brought into submission. Let us watch and see how this will take place.



Kingdom of Kush in 400 BC Author- Kubek15

If we look at recent history, we can see that the Northern Alliance is slowly, but surely, taking control of the Middle East either by military force (Afghanistan and Iraq) or by economic coercion. By buying the oil of countries such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, by providing economic assistance to countries like Egypt and Yemen, by establishing economic sanctions against countries such as Iran, the US, with varying support from its western allies, is breaking the will of the Muslim countries that will not make peace with the Nation of Israel. Peace in the region ultimately means coming to terms with the "god of fortresses." There was a time when the USSR provided a balance of power by helping Arab leaders such as Gamal Nasser of Egypt. But those days are gone.

Therefore, we have seen a clear, historic fulfillment of the prophecy of Daniel, chapter 11. In the next section, I will predict how the Middle East struggle will come to its final conclusion.

- [1] Robert D. Kaplan, *The Arabists* (New York, The Free Press, 1993), page 81
- [2] The Making of Transjordan http://www.kinghussein.gov.jo/his_transjordan.html
- [3] Tony Maalovf, *Arabs in the Shadow of Israel* (Grand Rapids, Kregel Publications, 2003), pages 61-96

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