

The Assyrian

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For Discussion:

Why A Jewish One-State Solution Is The Best And Only Option For The Middle East

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It is becoming obvious especially to Israel that the proposed two-state solution for peace in Israel will not succeed. This has been tried and we got the war in Gaza. So, which ever world ruler proposes a viable one-state solution, Israel will jump at it.

Will Trump's Game-Changing Plan For Gaza Succeed In Ending The Cycle Of Terrorism?

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It's been said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result. That's why Trump's potentially game-changing idea on how to fix Gaza is so significant.

It is very clear to me that we are living in a prophetic moment. God is on the move in the Middle East, in America, and around the world.

- He spared Donald Trump's life for a reason, and he's using him to upend decades of failed policies and to shine light in the darkness.
- This is a golden opportunity for the body of Christ to work in the light to spread the gospel. So, let's get to work. You never know how long this window will remain open.

Also: excellent study on "The Assyrian"...

https://www.themoorings.org/Bible_prophecy/Antichrist/place_of_origin.html

How do we know we have to be close to when the Antichrist confirms a covenant with Israel for peace?
Bold "out of the box" ideas for peace are being proposed; the stage is being set for such an agreement.

- Significance: this is the event that starts the clock on the Tribulation, the 70th Week of Daniel (Dan 9:27)

Since no one will know who the Antichrist is until Dan 9:27 is fulfilled, why study his characteristics?

We can see the stage being set for his revealing which gives us a sense for how close we must be to the end of the Age.

What clue is there for the geographical origin of the Antichrist?

Daniel 8:5-12 – *The male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it **four notable ones** came up toward the four winds of heaven. And **out of one of them came a little horn** which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. **He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.***

The goat represents the ancient Greek Empire forged from the conquests of Alexander the Great, that the four horns represent the four rulers who succeeded him and divided his empire into four parts, and that the last horn represents the future ruler of the whole world, the Antichrist.

- The antichrist must come out of one of the four divisions of the Grecian Empire
- Cassander would rule Greece and Macedonia. Lysimachus would hold Thrace. Ptolemy Lagi would control Egypt. And Seleucus Nicator would be master of the vast remaining territory, from Asia Minor in the west to Persia in the east.

Which of the four divisions of the Grecian Empire is the likely geographical origin of the Antichrist?

It has to be the Seleucid division which ruled over Israel.

- The Syrian ruler Antiochus Epiphanes was in fact a type of the Antichrist foreshadowing the Abomination of Desolation by sacrificing a pig to Zeus on the temple altar.

Where else do we see the Antichrist as the Assyrian?

Isaiah 14:25-26 – *I will break the Assyrian in My land, and on My mountains tread him underfoot. Then his yoke shall be removed from them, and his burden removed from their shoulders. This is the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth, and this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations.*

This passage follows the classic passage about the fall of Lucifer following his bid to exalt himself *above the stars of God*.

How do we know Isaiah 14:25-26 is not describing when God delivered Judah from Sennacherib?

Never in the past did a ruler of Assyria bring the whole land of Israel under his yoke, nor did God tread an Assyrian ruler underfoot on the mountains of Israel.

- Sennacherib died back in Assyria after God destroyed his army
- Sennacherib's Assyria did not threaten the whole earth (Babylon defeated them) but the Antichrist will indeed rule the whole earth.
- God will Himself tread the Antichrist underfoot at the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 14:19–20; 19:15).

How else does Isaiah refer to the Antichrist as the Assyrian?

Isaiah 30:31–33 – *For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod... For **Tophet** is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.*

This passage implies that after the Assyrian is finally smitten, he will be sent directly to Tophet. He therefore cannot be a king in antiquity, for all the kings of old are in Sheol (New Testament Hades). Yet prophecy informs us that after Christ slays the Antichrist and the false prophet, both will be immediately raised from the dead and sent to everlasting torment in the lake of fire...

Revelation 19:20 – *Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

What is the significance of Tophet being the ultimate fate of the Antichrist referred to as the Assyrian?

Isaiah says that Tophet was prepared for the Assyrian, language that seems far more appropriate in reference to a principal leader of cosmic rebellion against God than for some forgotten king of the past.

- When Isaiah refers to the Assyrian king whose special destiny is to be cast into Tophet, the person he intends must be none other than the Antichrist.

How does Micah call the Antichrist as the Assyrian?

Micah 5:2-6 – *But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me **the One to be Ruler in Israel**, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting... And this One shall be peace when the Assyrian comes into our land, and when he treads in our palaces... Thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian*

Micah says that a wicked oppressor called the Assyrian will someday trample upon Israel. Israel's deliverer is obviously the Messiah Jesus born in *Bethlehem* and destined to be *the One to be Ruler in Israel*.

- This cannot refer to Sennacherib because he never conquered Jerusalem (the place of *our palaces*).

What do all these references to the Antichrist as the Assyrian tell us?

That "the Assyrian" is one name the Antichrist bears in prophecy. The name does not necessarily describe an ethnic Assyrian in the modern sense, but more likely it refers to a native of territory within the boundaries of ancient Assyria.

- The Antichrist's connection with Assyria substantiates the hypothesis that he will come from the Seleucid division of Alexander's empire, for the Seleucid kingdom enclosed Assyria.
- This geographic region for the origin of the Antichrist reinforces the idea he will be Islamic.

Doesn't Daniel indicate the Antichrist will be from the Revived Roman Empire?

Daniel 9:26 – *After the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary*

The Assyrian Empire territory was part of the Old Roman Empire. But this doesn't mean the Antichrist must be from Europe.

- In context, the "*prince who is to come*" refers to the Antichrist and he is of the people who destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in 70 A.D.

- History tells us that the Roman army did this; Josephus said it was the Fretensis (10th) legion that destroyed the temple.
- While the Roman 10th legion had Roman leadership, it was made up of soldiers from what is now Syria and Turkey.

So, this should lead us to expect the Antichrist to come from this region which may mean he'd be Muslim.

How does Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2:37-45 reinforce the idea of an Islamic Antichrist?

The materials of the statue represent Gentile empires that would rule over Israel until the Messiah returns.

Gold – Babylonian Empire

Silver – Medes & Persians

Bronze – Greek Empire

Iron – Roman Empire

Iron & Clay – Government of the Antichrist

As the materials in the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream got progressively less valuable, each succeeding government gets weaker.

- There is inherent weakness in democracies as opposed to monarchies. They went from an absolute monarchy to an increasing sharing of power with others including their citizens.

Each of these kingdoms come into power by military conquest.

Could the "clay" represent something other than a Gentile government ruling over Israel?

No, it would be a category error... it has to refer to the Ottoman Empire and Islamic oppression of end-times Israel.

How is it that the iron and clay kingdoms do not adhere to one another?

- The rule of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem have vacillated between the Revived Roman and Ottoman empires "*until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled*" (Luke 21:24).
 These cultures not being able to mix will cause there to be conflict between the forces of Islam and Western Civilization until Christ returns to end all wars.
- While Islamists have enclaves in Western nations and visa versa, there is virtually no assimilation either way.

Why would Israel confirm a 7-year covenant with an Islamic ruler (Daniel 9:27)?

The secular rulers of modern Israel covet peace and will make a deal with the devil himself if that what it takes.

John 5:43 – *I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.*

Israel has made such peace treaties with Islamic rulers in the past (Egypt & Jordan).

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- The Antichrist is likely to be Islamic from the territory of the old Assyrian Empire.
- The current "out of the box" thinking for peace in Israel sets the stage for the Antichrist's covenant.