

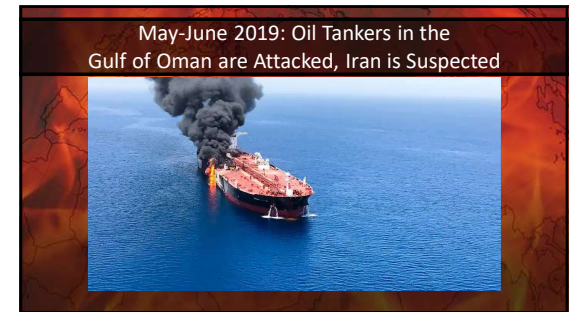
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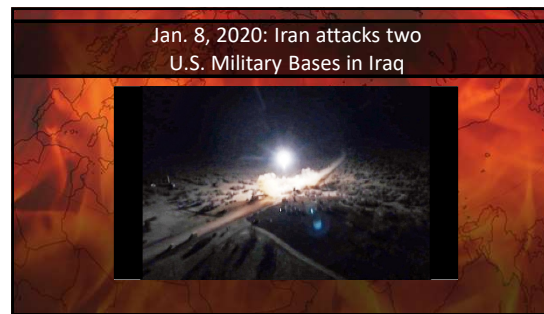
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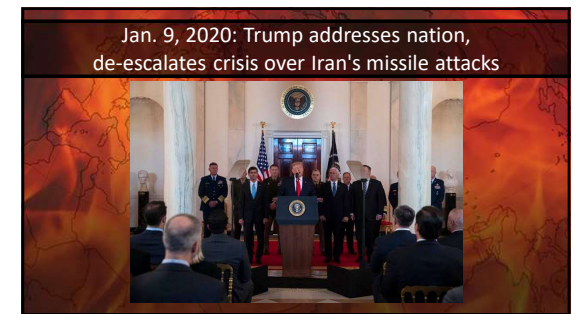
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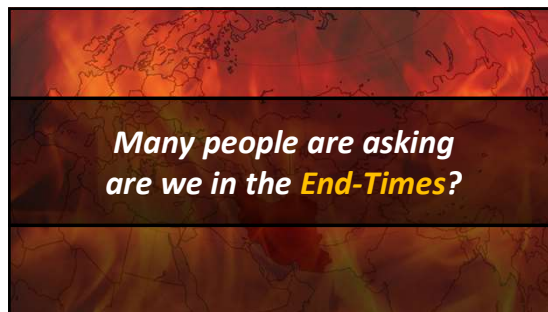
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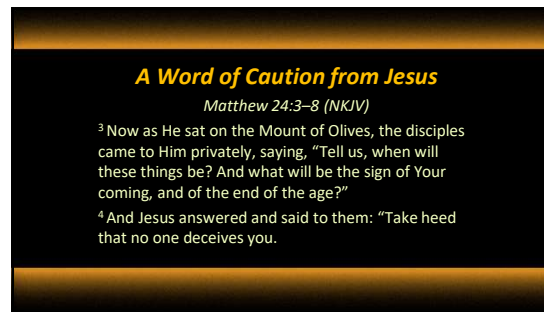
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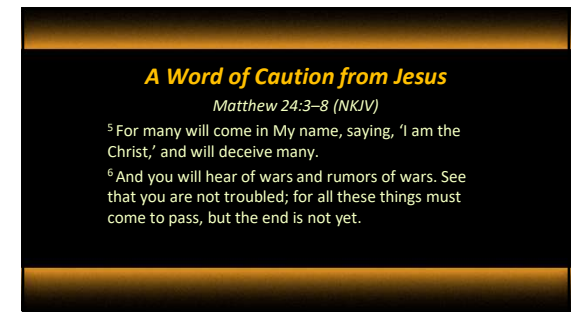
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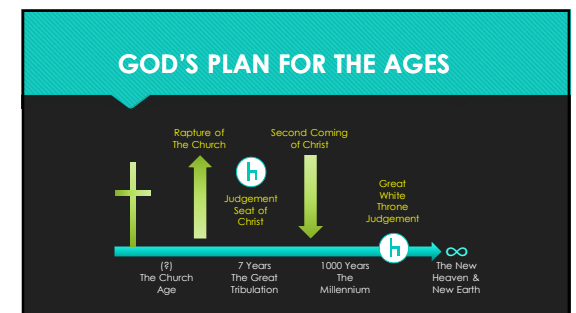
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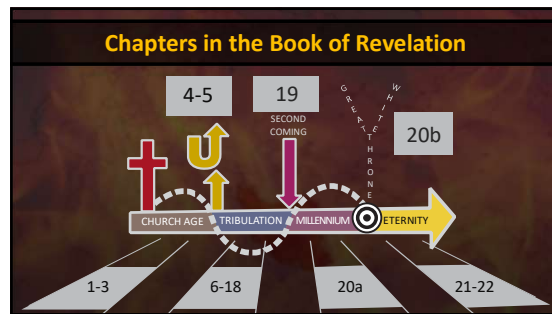
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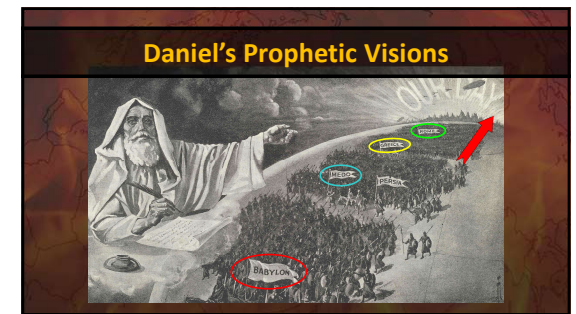
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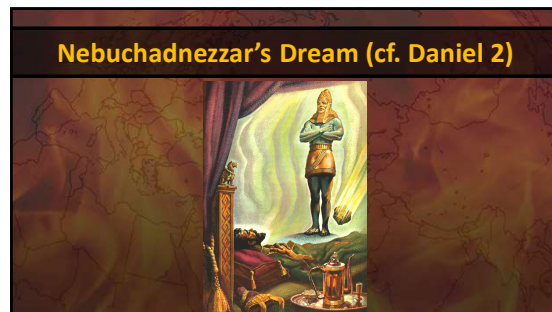
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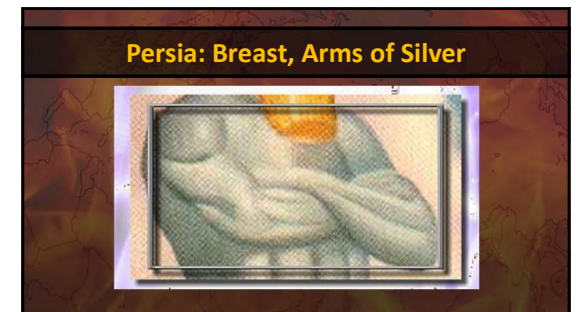
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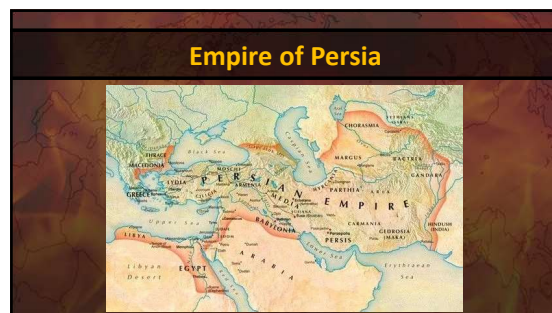
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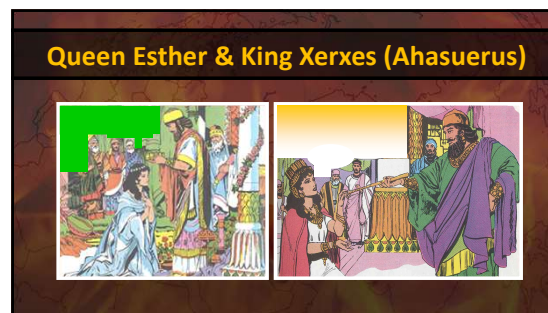
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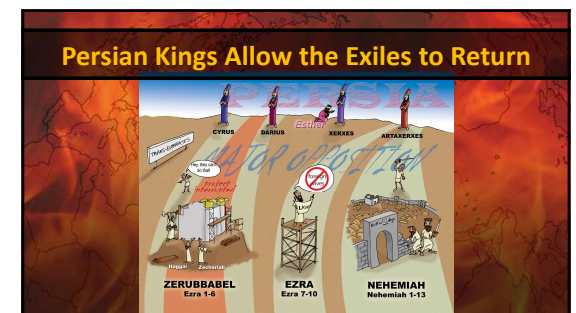
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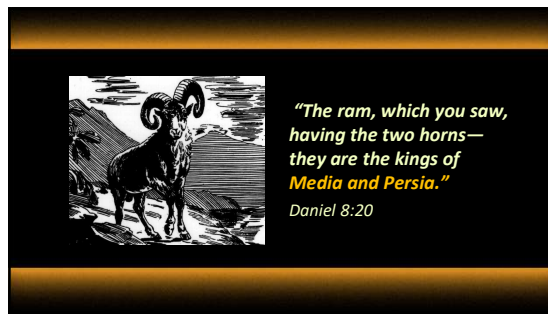
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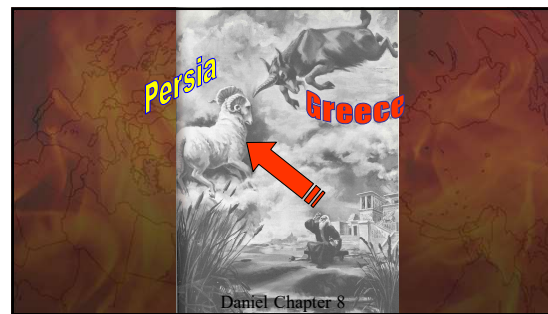
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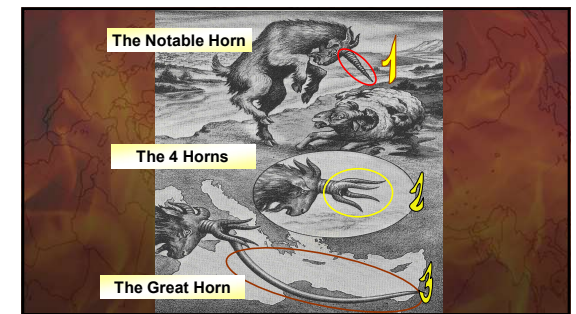
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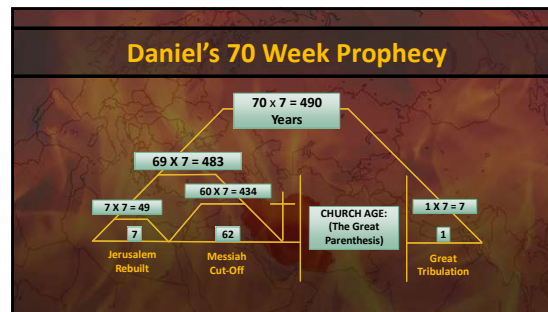
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Antiochus Epiphanes IV		
Name	Antiochus Epiphanes	Antichrist
Nickname	"The Madman"	"Superman"
When	Between the Testaments	At the Tribulation

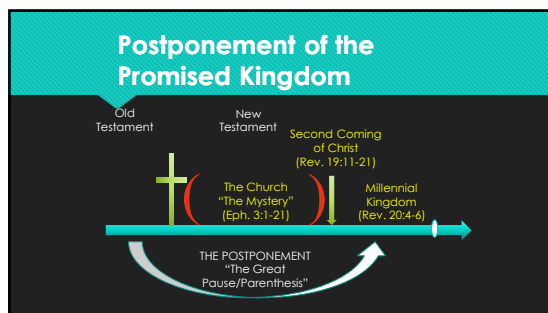
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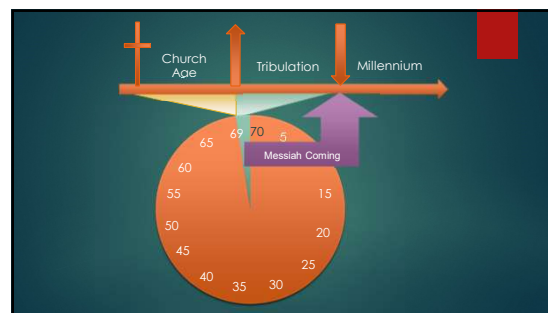
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Determining the Start Date			
DECREE	RULER	TASK	Reference
538 B.C.	Cyrus	Rebuilt the Temple	2 Chron 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4; 6:1-5
512 B.C.	Darius I	Confirm Cyrus' decree to rebuild the temple	Ezra 6:1, 6-12
457 B.C.	Artaxerxes	Animal Sacrifice in Temple	Ezra 7:11-26
444 B.C.	Artaxerxes	Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem (walls)	Nehemiah 2:1-8

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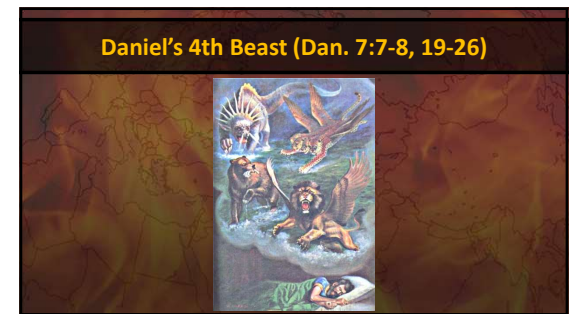
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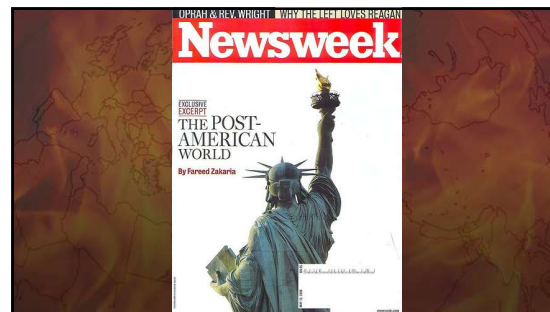
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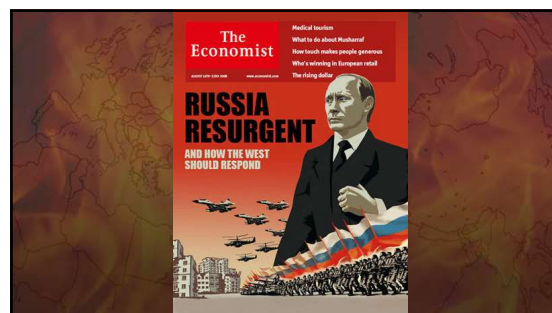
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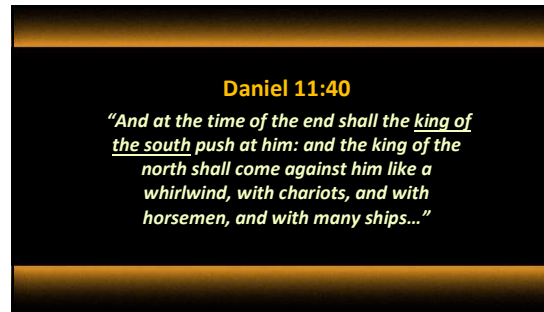
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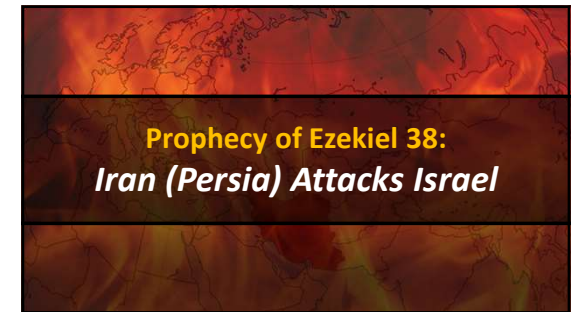
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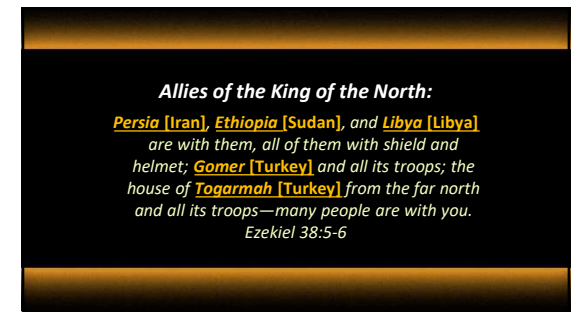
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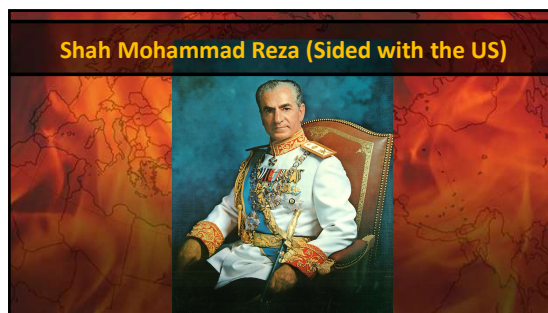
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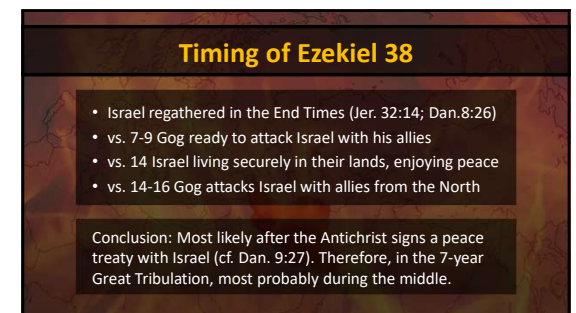
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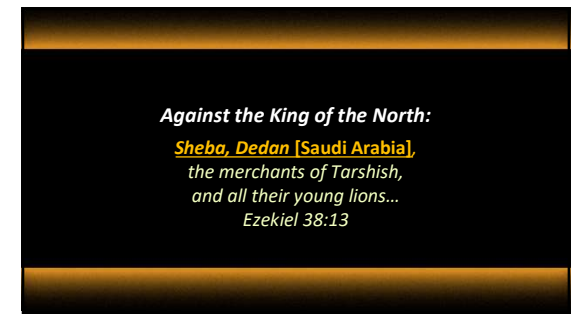
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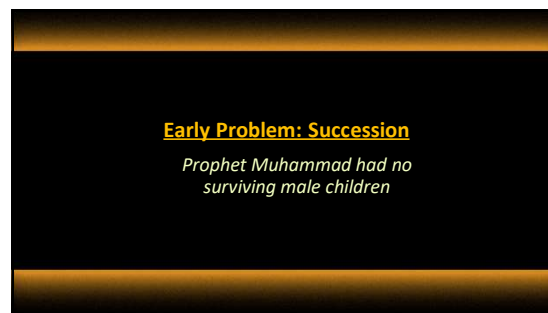
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Sunnis
VS
Shia

Sunni Muslims believe that spiritual leadership is not a birthright but chosen on the basis of piety, trustworthiness, and devotion to the Koran. Imams are going to make mistakes and are imperfect.

Shia Muslims believe that the spiritual leader must be a descendant of Muhammad. Imams are perfect as they come directly from God and as saints perform pilgrimages to their tombs and shrines.

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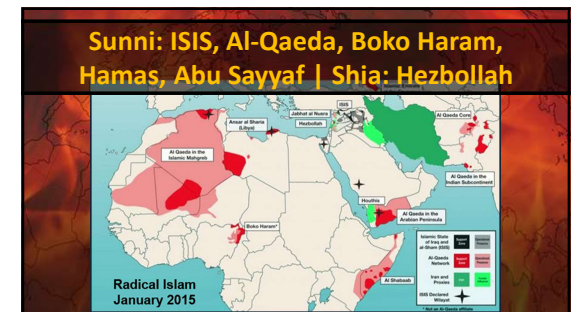
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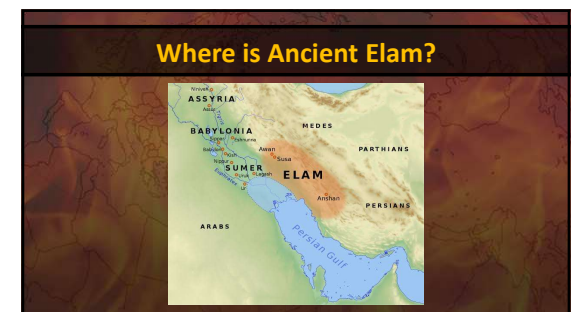
Jesus Christ (Prophet Isa) in Islam

- Second to the last Prophet and Messenger of God (Allah), Muhammad is the last
- Quran describes Jesus as the Messiah, born of a virgin, performing miracles, raised to heaven
- Rejects the divinity of Jesus as God incarnate
- Mentioned in Quran specifically in 93 verses and referenced 187 times. Most mentioned person in the Quran!
- Jesus will come again (with 12th Imam for Shias) and destroy the Antichrist/Devil

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Prophecy of Jeremiah 49: God's Restoration and Blessing of Iran (Elam)

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Blessing of Elam – Jeremiah 49:34-39

- Land of Elam is in modern Southwest Iran
- Why a prophecy for a country so far away from Israel in this group of oracles of countries surrounding Israel?
- V. 34-38 God pouring out judgment upon Elam
- V. 39 God would restore the fortunes of Elam in the Eschatological future

Conclusion: The context of Jeremiah 49:39 ("latter days") is in the Eschatological Future. So this promised blessing of Elam/Iran is fulfilled in the Millennium.

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Deuteronomy 29:29 (NKJV)

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

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The Importance of Studying & Understanding Bible Prophecy

- Prominence of Prophecy in the Bible
 - One-Fourth of the Bible is Prophecy
 - Jesus often talked about future events (cf. Matthew 24-25 Olivet Discourse)

Luke 12:56 (NKJV)

"Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?"

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The Importance of Studying & Understanding Bible Prophecy

- Protects from False Teachings
 - No Biblical filters, people believe everything they see on YouTube or read on the internet

Matthew 24:4-5 (NKJV) (cf. Mark 13:5f; Luke 21:8f)

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

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The Importance of Studying & Understanding Bible Prophecy

- Practically Prepared: Waiting with Anticipation, Watchful with Expectation, Ready with Excitement
 - Jesus is Coming, We Can't Take Anything With Us, How Much Invested in Eternity
 - Reminder that God is victorious!

1 Thessalonians 5:4 (NKJV)

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

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The Importance of Studying & Understanding Bible Prophecy

- There is a BLESSING from God!

Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

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The Importance of Studying & Understanding Bible Prophecy

SOME ACTION ITEMS

- Learn more about the Bible and Bible Prophecy
- Learn to Filter what you read and hear through the Bible, not going beyond what it says by speculating and date-setting.
- Pray for the people of Iran, the Middle East, the world that they may know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Personal Savior
- Pray that God would raise up people to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to unreached peoples in the Middle East
- Pray for the Persecuted Christians in the Middle East (estimated 800,000 Christians in Iran) that they may be faithful witnesses

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Revelation 22:20-21 (NKJV)

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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