

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT IRAN?

(Jeremiah 49:34-39)

I. WHAT ABOUT IRAN (PERSIA OR ELAM) ??

A. PRINCIPLES OF PROPHECY (Telling Forth of Events):

1. History and world events are not random. God is moving all of history and the nations toward His desired end.
“...that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times, He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him...who works all things according to the counsel of His will.” (Ephesians 1:10-11)
2. The Bible speaks of things that have happened, or are happening now, or will happen.
“Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.” (Revelation 1:19)
3. God has the ability, in His Word, to tell of us future events before they happen.
“Behold the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.” (Isaiah 42:9). (see also Isiah 45:21-22)
4. God shares things with us ahead of time so that we will believe Him.
“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.” (John 14:29)
5. Beware of Satan’s abilities to lie and twist the truth or to altar the story.
See Genesis 3:1—“hath God said...?”

“...he is a liar and the father of lies...” (John 8:44)

- PICTURE #2
 - **1948**—Israel is declared as a nation and is immediately attacked by Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, with weapons and volunteers from Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and Sudan.
 - **1967**—Israel is attacked again by Egypt, Jordan, Syria, with weapons and other troops provided by Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Algeria
 - **1979-Present**—Iranian Regime supplying arms to terrorist organizations in Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon

B. JEREMIAH’S PROPHECY OF ELAM (PERSIA/IRAN)

- Verse 34—this area first settled by Elam (son of Shem) in Genesis 10:22. Also mentioned in Genesis 14.
- This prophecy was given around 597 BC. Medes/Persian empire would rise and conquer Babylon in 539 BC. They were absorbed in the Greek Empire in 330 BC.
- Verse 35—God will break the military might of this area.
- Verse 36—the outcasts of Elam will be scattered to the 4 quarters of heaven.
- Verse 37—God will bring his fierce anger against them, “until He has consumed them.”
- Verse 38—specifically His anger is directed toward the king and the princes.
- God will set His throne in Elam (speaks of a revival)
- Verse 39—God will bring back the captives of Elam that have been scattered over the earth.
- IF THIS PROPHECY APPLIES TO WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW:
 - Iranian Regime will be completely destroyed
 - There will be a revival in Iran!
 - Many Persian people from around the world will move back to Iran.

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C. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO US?

- God's Word is True! Trust it, understand it....
- God has a desire that all the nations of the earth come to faith in Christ. (See Ephesians 3:6 and 10 and Isaiah 45:22)
- Our Obedience prepares a highway for God in our lives and the lives of other people. (See Isaiah 40:3-5)