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“THE FALSE PEACE TREATY BEFORE THE FIRST BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG”

President Trump on Thursday [August 13, 2020] announced what he called a “Historic Peace Agreement” between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, saying they agreed to “full normalization of relations.” The United States, the State of Israel, and the United Arab Emirates issued a joint statement saying: “This historic diplomatic breakthrough will advance peace in the Middle East region and is a testament to the bold diplomacy and vision of the three leaders and the courage of the United Arab Emirates and Israel to chart a new path that will unlock the great potential in the region,” the statement read. “All three countries face many common challenges and will mutually benefit from today’s historic achievement.”

As watchman, our job is to watch world events and see if they correspond with prophetic events concerning the Last Days. This joint statement hit a nerve. Last Days’ prophecy talks a lot about peace treaties—especially those involving the State of Israel. The president said the action would be known as the “Abraham Accord,” named for the “father of all three great faiths.” Wow! Now we really are paying attention!

On Monday, August 17, this was written concerning Saudi Arabia and Israel: *“The UAE’s decision to normalize ties with Israel could propel Saudi Arabia to deepen its furtive relations with the Jewish state as Saudi Arabia seeks to entice investments to fund an ambitious economic transformation, analysts say.”* This is an excerpt from an article printed in “The Times of Israel”. The article went on to say, *“Gulf states have increasingly sought Israeli technology for the surveillance of their own citizens and to purchase precision missiles that Western countries are unwilling to sell...”* Israel currently has peace treaties with Egypt, Jordan, and now United Arab Emirates.

In Daniel 9:27, we read that the Antichrist will *“...confirm a covenant with many for one week...”* According to I Thessalonians 5:3a, we know that it is a peace agreement, *“For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then comes sudden destruction...”* The Church of God recognizes that this worldwide “peace covenant” which will signal the beginning of the last 7 years before the return of Jesus Christ at the Last Trump. However, the church also believes that prophecy dictates that a FALSE PEACE TREATY will be signed by an Arab Confederacy **PRIOR** to the Antichrist’s worldwide 7-year peace covenant. The failure of this false peace treaty will usher in the First Battle of Gog and Magog: An attack on the mountains of Israel by an Arab Confederacy. It is after the First Battle of Gog and Magog that the Antichrist takes the world stage and ushers in the final 7 years of tribulation and indignation before the return of Jesus.

There are two battles of Gog and Magog prophesied of in the Scriptures. The First Battle of Gog and Magog takes place before the return of Christ, the Second Battle of Gog and Magog takes place at the end of the Millennial Reign. This article will focus on the events that precede the First Battle of Gog and Magog.

1. WHAT IS THE BOOK OF OBADIAH ABOUT?

A. Obadiah only has one chapter and 21 verses.

- 1) It was written in approximately 841 BC, which would be about 240 years before Jerusalem was captured by Nebuchadnezzar (the Babylonian King) and Solomon’s Temple was destroyed.
- 2) First, we must establish that Esau, Edom, Mount Seir, and Idumea all refer to Esau and his descendants.



- a. **GENESIS 36:8**, “So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. **Esau is Edom.**”
- b. **DEUTERONOMY 2:5**, “Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as one footstep, because **I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.**”
- c. When God refers to Edom or Mount Seir in the scriptures, He is referring to Esau and his descendants often in a particular region (the mountain range of Seir which runs from the Dead Sea to the Gulf of Aqaba).
 - » This is the mountain range which separates Israel and Jordan.
- d. **EZEKIEL 35:15**, “As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, **O Mount Seir, and all Idumea, even all of it: and they shall know that I am the LORD.**”
- e. The name *Idumea* literally means *red*, *Edom*, the elder twin brother of Jacob, hence the region occupied by him. In translations other than KJV, it is often translated as “Edom” or “Esau”.
- f. Also, we must remember that **ESAU REPRESENTED A NATION**—just like Jacob represented the nation of Israel. When God talks about Esau, He is also talking about the nation that proceeded from his descendants: The Islamic Nation.

B. Obadiah is a prophecy about God’s judgment being poured out on Esau.

- 1) **OBADIAH 1:1**, “The vision of Obadiah. **Thus says the LORD GOD concerning Edom** (We have heard a report from the LORD, and a messenger has been sent among the nations, saying, “Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle”).”
- 2) Remember that Edom is Esau. Edom is a reference to the house of Esau or the descendants of Esau.
 - a. **OBADIAH 1:18**,
 - [18] “The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame; **but the house of Esau shall be stubble**; They shall kindle them and devour them, and no survivor shall remain in the house of Esau.”

C. Who is the house of Esau today?

- 1) When Isaac’s wife Rebekah became pregnant with twin boys, God told her that there were two nations in her womb.
 - a. **GENESIS 25:23**, “Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger.”
 - b. Esau was born first followed by Jacob.
 - c. Esau represents a particular nation among the Gentiles, while Jacob represents Israel.
 - d. The church believes that Esau’s nation, the Edomites, have evolved into the Islamic Nation as we know it today.

JACOB is Israel

ESAU is Edom
(later Islam/Muslims)

D. Why was God so mad at Esau? Because he sold his birthright for fast food.

- 1) **GENESIS 25:29-34**, “Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, “Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary.” Therefore his name was called Edom. 31 But Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright as of this day.” 32 And Esau said, “Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?” 33 Then Jacob said, “Swear to me as of this day.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. **Thus Esau despised his birthright.**
 - a. **This is where this story gets very personal for us.** Esau sold his birthright because he was hungry. You and I may well face this same dilemma in our lifetime with the Mark of the Beast program.
 - » The Mark of the Beast program is about selling your birthright—so that you can buy and sell. In other words—so you can keep on eating!
 - » But, in reality, it’s about placing your trust in Satan’s system. It’s about choosing Satan over God. It’s saying that you can’t trust God to take care of your needs even though we have many stories in the Bible showing that **GOD TAKES CARE OF HIS OWN.**
 - » That’s why it is the unpardonable sin. If you take the Mark of the Beast, if you trust Satan instead of God, you are eternally lost.
 - b. **WHEN ESAU SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT, HE COMMITTED THE UNPARDONABLE SIN.**
- 2) **MALACHI 1:2,3**, “I have loved you,” says the Lord. “Yet you say, ‘In what way have You loved us?’ Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” Says the Lord. **“Yet Jacob I have loved; 3 But Esau I have hated, And laid waste his mountains and his heritage For the jackals of the wilderness.”**
 - a. Remember, Esau was born into the “first family” of the faith. He was Jacob’s older brother.
 - b. His father was Isaac, Abraham’s miracle son of promise. Esau’s grandfather was Abraham—the father of our faith. Esau traded all that Godly heritage—for food.
- 3) **When Esau realized that he had lost his birthright and his blessing from his father Isaac, he made a vow concerning Jacob. Remember, we are talking about two nations.**
 - a. **GENESIS 27:41**, “So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, “The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then **I will kill my brother Jacob.**”
 - b. Esau’s vow fulfilled the words that his father had said over him in the place of a blessing: **“By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother...” (GENESIS 27:40a).**
 - c. Please remember that Esau represented a nation. When his father, Isaac, prophetically told Esau that “by your sword you will live,” he was also speaking about the nation Esau represented. Isaac prophesied that the nation of Esau would live by their swords.
 - f. The Muslims today are still identified by their swords. They are the ones who still cut off people’s heads and chop off people’s hands. That’s the power of God’s Word in action.
 - g. Ever wonder why the Muslims hate the Jews so much? Why have they hated them for generations—for thousands of years? Why? Because **“...Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him...” (GENESIS 27:41 partial quote).**

E. What happens to the house of Esau?

- 1) **OBADIAH 1:2**, “Behold, I will make you small among the nations; you shall be greatly despised.”
 - » This is quite a prophecy considering that there are presently about 2 billion Muslims on the planet. Muslims make up about 1/4 of the population today!
- 2) **OBADIAH 1:8**, “Will I not in that day,” says the LORD, “Even destroy the wise men from Edom, and understanding from the mountains of Esau?”

- 3) **OBADIAH 1:18b**, “...They shall kindle them and devour them, and no survivor shall remain in the house of Esau.”
- 4) God promises to completely destroy the house of Esau—the Muslims.

F. The prophecy of Obadiah is a judgment against the house of Esau because of their violence against Israel.

1) **OBADIAH 1:10,11,12,**

[10] “For violence against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever.

» Remember, Esau was the older brother of Jacob.

[11] In that day that you stood on the other side—in the day that strangers carried captive his forces, when foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem—even you were as one of them.

[12] But you should not have gazed on the day of your brother in the day of his captivity; nor should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; nor should you have spoken proudly in the day of distress.”

- a. This prophecy is against the Nation of Esau—and their descendants— that surrounded Israel and gloated over her demise. This started when Nebuchadnezzar carried Israel away into captivity in 606 BC, all the way up to the current day.

G. When does this prophecy take place?

1) **OBADIAH 1:15**, “For the day of the LORD upon all the nations is near; as you have done, it shall be done to you; your reprisal shall return upon your own head.”

2) This prophecy happens when “the day of the Lord upon all nations” arrives.

- a. This has not happened as of yet. This is an end-time prophecy.

3) How do we know for sure that it is an end-time prophecy?

a. **OBADIAH 1:21**, “Then saviors [deliverers] shall come to Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD’s.”

b. It’s a time when a Savior/Deliver shall come to Mount Zion (Jesus Christ). It’s a time of judgment, and the Lord will reign over the kingdoms of this earth.

c. None of these events have happened historically thereby making this an end-time prophecy.

H. The judgment against Esau takes place at the conclusion of Israel’s punishment and captivity.

1) **LAMENTATIONS 4:21,22,**

[21] “Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, you who dwell in the land of Uz! The cup shall also pass over to you and you shall become drunk and make yourself naked.

[22] The punishment of your iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; He will no longer send you into captivity. He will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom; He will uncover your sins!”

2) When the punishment of Israel is accomplished, remember her punishment is to eat her defiled bread scattered among the nations of the world (Ezekiel 4:13), then God will turn His cup of fury to Esau and it will be time for her punishment to take place.

- a. What is the punishment of Esau? The outpouring of God’s wrath on the wicked.

3) Since the re-establishment of Israel as a nation in 1948, we have witnessed the Jews returning home from all over the world where they had been scattered.

a. This signals the coming of the end of Israel’s punishment.

b. This also signals the beginning of judgment upon the nation of Esau—the Islamic Nation.

2. A PEACE TREATY WITH A TRAP.

A. Obadiah prophecies concerning an Arab confederacy and a false peace treaty.

1) OBADIAH 1:6,7,

[6] *“Oh, how Esau shall be searched out! How his hidden treasures shall be sought after!*

[7] *All the men of your confederacy shall force you to the border; the men at peace with you shall deceive you and prevail against you. Those who eat your bread shall lay a trap for you. No one is aware of it.”*

B. What are these scriptures saying?

1) First, we must acknowledge that verse 7 calls for a confederacy of Arab nations to be formed. This prophecy about a Arab Confederacy, which was written over 2,800 years ago, was fulfilled in 1945.

a. **THE ARAB LEAGUE**, also called League of Arab States (LAS), is a regional organization of Arab states in the Middle East and parts of Africa, **formed in Cairo on March 22, 1945**, as an outgrowth of Pan-Arabism. The founding member states were **Egypt, Syria, Lebanon**, Iraq, **Jordan**, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen. Other members are Libya (1953); Sudan (1956); Tunisia and Morocco (1958); Kuwait (1961); Algeria (1962); Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates (1971); Mauritania (1973); Somalia (1974); the **PLO–Palestine Liberation Organization** (PLO; 1976); Djibouti (1977); and Comoros (1993). Each member has one vote on the League Council, decisions being binding only on those states that have voted for them.

b. The highlighted nations surround Israel: On the south–**EGYPT**; on the north–**LEBANON** and **SYRIA**; and on the east–**JORDAN**. On the west–**GAZA (PLO)** and the Mediterranean Sea.

2) Second, we must recognize that a peace treaty is established (“...*the men at peace with you...*”).

a. However, vs. 7 tells us that this “peace treaty” with an Arab confederacy, contains a “trap”. What is the purpose of this trap? To “...*force you to the border...*”

» The border of what? Their border with Israel.

b. All of the Arab nations that surround Israel geographically including Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Gaza are members of this confederacy–**THE ARAB LEAGUE**.

C. Even if the false peace treaty does not include Israel, the church believes it will be used to provoke a military attack on Israel.

1) It could be that an Arab peace treaty would require that one Arab nation defend the honor of another Arab nation that came into conflict with Israel.

a. For example, if Israel would take action against Hamas in the Gaza Strip, that could provoke the surrounding Arab nations to retaliate because of a peace treaty they have involving Hamas (the PLO).

2) Israel has repeatedly attacked Syria during the course of the 10-year civil war that is taking place.

a. Israel has also attacked Lebanon in the past to stop the activities of Hezbollah—an organization whose primary goal is the elimination of the State of Israel.

D. The church believes that the failure of this false peace treaty involving an Arab Confederacy, will be the start of the First Battle of Gog and Magog.

1) This is the catalyst that brings the Arab Confederacy against the northern borders of Israel—the Golan Heights mountainous region.

a. The First Battle of Gog and Magog is found in Ezekiel 38,39. God gathers a large Arab

army to attack Israel from the north.

1. **EZEKIEL 38:8,9**, "After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. 9 You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you."



b. In the First Battle of Gog and Magog, the attackers only make it into the mountains of Israel—not the cities—and they are destroyed in the mountains (all but 1/6 of them).

1. **EZEKIEL 39:2**, "And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel."

2. **EZEKIEL 38:21a**, "I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains," says the Lord GOD..."

c. Why would God gather an army to attack Israel? So that He can destroy them mightily and be made known to the nations of the world.

1. God destroys all but 1/6 of the attacking armies. **EZEKIEL 38:22**, "And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone."

2. **EZEKIEL 38:23**, "Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord."

d. The First Battle of Gog and Magog is separate from the battle of Armageddon where the attackers make it into the cities of Israel.

1. **ZECHARIAH 14:2**, "For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken...Half of the city shall go into captivity..."

3. OTHER SCRIPTURES SUPPORTING A FAILED PEACE TREATY.

A. Consider this prophecy found in PSALM 83:1-8,

[1] "Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God!

[2] For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head.

[3] They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones.

[4] They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.

[5] For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy against You:

[6] The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and Hagrites;

[7] Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

[8] Assyria also has joined with them; they have helped the children of Lot. Selah."

B. Satan has a master plan to destroy Israel using an Arab Confederacy.

1) Psalm 83:5 tells us that they—the Arab nations named in vs. 6-8—have come together to form a confederacy.

a. The word *confederacy* is defined as a *covenant, league*.

b. In other words, a group of Arab nations have made a covenant together, or formed a league, whose primary objective is to see Israel destroyed.

c. This is the same story found in Obadiah 1:5 where it refers to a confederacy (*"All the men of your confederacy..."*).

2) **Who will make up this confederacy?**

- a. Psalm 83:5,6 – Notice that the first group of people identified are *"the tents of Edom."*
- b. This corresponds with Obadiah 1:1 (a prophecy against Edom).

C. Is Psalm 83 a prophecy against Arabs and Muslims?

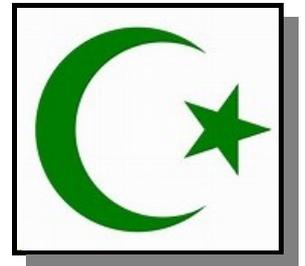
1) **PSALM 83:11,12,**

[11] *"Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb, yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,*

[12] *Who said, "Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God for a possession."*

2) **Who are Zebah and Zalmunna?**

- a. **JUDGES 8:21**, *"So Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise yourself, and kill us; for as a man is, so is his strength." So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent ornaments that were on their camels' necks."*
- b. Zebah and Zalmunna were idol worshipers who used crescent moon symbols in their worship.
- c. Remember that the crescent moon is the official symbol of the Muslims (and is still represented on their flag today).
- d. This passage in Judges was written approximately 1197 BC.



D. What is the final judgment of God in the Psalm 83 prophecy?

1) **Let's read PSALM 83:17,18,**

[17] *"Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; yes, let them be put to shame and perish,*

[18] *That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth."*

2) **Notice how this judgment compares with Obadiah's prophecy.**

- a. Both prophesy shame:
 - » **PSALM 83:17**, *"...yes, let them be put to shame..."*
 - » **OBADIAH 1:10**, *"...shame shall cover you..."*
- b. Both prophesy that they shall perish or be destroyed.
 - » **PSALM 83:17**, *"...yes, let them be put to shame and perish."*
 - » **OBADIAH 1:18**, *"...and no survivor shall remain in the house of Edom."*
- c. Both prophesy that understanding shall be removed and the people dismayed.
 - » **PSALM 83:17**, *"Let them be confounded and dismayed forever..."*
 - » **OBADIAH 1:8**, *"...even destroy the wise men from Edom, and understanding from the mountains of Esau."*

E. How does God enact His judgment detailed in this prophecy?

1) **It begins with the First Battle of Gog and Magog.**

2) **PSALM 83:13,14,15,**

[13] *"O my God, make them like the whirling dust, like the chaff before the wind!*

[14] *As the fire burns the woods, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire,*

[15] *So pursue them with Your tempest, and frighten them with Your storm."*

3) **Notice the reference to the MOUNTAINS in vs. 14.**

- a. Remember that the First Battle of Gog and Magog takes place before the last 7 years when a group of Arab nations come up against Israel.
- b. All but 1/6 of the Arab Confederacy that comes against Israel is destroyed in the mountains

of Israel.

- c. The First Battle of Gog and Magog is described in **EZEKIEL 38:19-21**,
[19] *“...Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel...
[20] ...The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.
[21] ...I will rain down...great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.”*
- 4) **The ultimate fulfillment of this prophecy—the total destruction of Esau/Edom/Muslims—takes place in the Second Battle of Gog and Magog at the end of the 1000-Year Millennial Reign when God destroys the wicked of this earth completely (Revelation 20:7-10).**

F. Another scripture supporting a failed agreement.

- 1) **DANIEL 11:6**, *“And at the end of some years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South shall go to the king of the North to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her authority, and neither he nor his authority shall stand; but she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who begot her, and with him who strengthened her in those times.”*
 - a. The king of the South is generally a reference to Egypt.
 - b. The king of the North is a reference to the Antichrist (identified in Daniel 11:40-45).
- 2) **This sounds very similar to Obadiah’s peace treaty when the people involved force one of their members “to the border.”**
 - a. If you force someone to do something, they do not retain their power or authority.
- 3) **The Koran permits Muslims to lie to infidels for the greater good. In other words, Muslims can lie if it promotes or propels fundamental Islamic goals or beliefs.**
 - a. What is more fundamental to Muslims than the destruction of Israel and the return of the land to what they consider the rightful owner—themselves?

4. CONCLUSION

The Last Days are prophesied to be a very deceptive time. It will be a time of prosperity and peace agreements in the land. Why peace agreements? Because Satan is once again trying to mimic the coming Prince of Peace (Jesus Christ) who will establish a lasting peace during His reign.

As children of the light, we need to be watching what is happening all around us. Remember the words of the Apostle Paul in **1 Thessalonians 5:3**, *“For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.”*

We need to be aware that prophecy talks about two distinct peace treaties in the Last Days. The first peace treaty, which contains a trap as defined in Obadiah, will precede the First Battle of Gog and Magog. This will be a peace treaty that is centered around an Arab Confederacy and will ultimately lead to those nations attacking Israel causing a war; however, this will not be the battle of Armageddon.

What better setup for the Antichrist to announce a worldwide peace treaty than at the conclusion of a major war involving Israel and most of the Middle East nations? This is the second peace treaty we are watching for found in **Daniel 9:27a**, *“Then he [Antichrist] shall confirm a covenant with many for one week...”* This peace treaty will begin the last 7 years before the return of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords at the 7th Trump.