

Turkey Invades Syria

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EXPERTS are warning that the Turkish offensive in northern Syria, combined with the US withdrawal of troops from the area, will have the negative effect of—

- Emboldening and strengthening Turkey's allies, Russia and Iran.
- Lessening US influence and undermining its credibility with partners in the region.
- Further destabilizing an already volatile Middle East.

All of the above further sets the stage for the fulfillment of a Bible prophecy which has the people from the ancient lands of Magog, Meschech, Tubal, Gomer, Togormah, and Persia—nations known today as Turkey, Russia, and Iran—joining forces to attack and plunder Israel (Ez. 38, 39).

At the same time—

- The leader of the free world and Israel's main protector and ally, Donald Trump, is preoccupied by the relentless attacks of those in the government and media who aim to remove him from office.
- Israel's government remains in a state of semi-paralysis as the second election this year has failed to resolve the question of who will lead the nation going forward.
- Tensions between the nations with the most powerful and influential economies in the world, the US and China, continue to heighten.
- The NY Fed continues to pump hundreds of billions of dollars weekly to banks (unnamed) on Wall Street. The last time this occurred was just before the global financial crisis of 2007-08 and, before that, during the Crash of Wall Street at the height of the Great Depression.

Despite all of the above and more, life for most of us continues as usual—we are eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building, and marrying (Luke 17:26-28).

How long can things teeter on the edge of normal before some trigger-event sends it all over the cliff at once, plunging the world into chaos?

Only the One restraining the inevitable knows, and He isn't revealing the day (2 Thess. 2:7; Matt. 24:36).

So keep watch!

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<https://www.nbcnews.com/.../turkey-launches-operation-syria-3...>

NOTES:

1. Given that God is sovereign over every detail and sets up and removes kings to fulfill His purposes (Ps. 147:4; Luke 12:7; Dan. 2:21), it's interesting to consider the names given the leader of the world's most powerful nation at this time:

Donald Trump's first name derives from the Gaelic name Domhnall meaning "ruler of the world," or "world-ruler."

Trump's middle name, John, derives from the Hebrew name Yochanan, meaning "God is gracious."

While John is a common name, its popularity stems from two key characters in the New Testament: John the Baptist, who prepared the ground for Jesus' first coming, and the Apostle John, who penned the Book of Revelation.

The President's last name, Trump, is a relatively rare surname in Europe, which in English means "trumpeter."

So in Donald Trump's name we have: a "world-ruler," "the sound of a trumpet," "grace," "the apocalypse," and "a preparing of the way for Jesus' coming."

Incidentally, Trump's mother, Elizabeth Christ Trump, shares the name of John the Baptist's mother, deriving from the Hebrew, Elisheva, meaning "my God is an oath," or "my God is abundance." This is not to suggest Trump is a modern day John the Baptist. He is, however, being used to set the stage—albeit in a different way—for the coming of Messiah.

<https://www.behindthename.com/name/john>

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