

# A Giant Has Awakened: Turkey Has Risen



## Turkey's Role In Bible Prophecy

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### 1. The Importance of Turkey in Prophecy

#### A. The God who Predicts Empires

Scripture indicates Satan will come against Israel using 7 Empires: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and the Ottoman Empire (Turkey).

In the end times, one of these 7 empires will revive and become Satan's 8<sup>th</sup> Empire for his final assault on Israel in the Tribulation. Only the Ottoman empire meets the criteria of the empire to come back to life as Satan's 8<sup>th</sup> empire.

#### B. Popular Misconception

The revival of the Roman Empire (EU) is a popular misconception that developed 100 years ago. This was based on a faulty translation and interpretation of Rev. 17:9-11, "*city on 7 hills*," to mean Rome.

A correct interpretation of the passage sees the "seven hills" as mountains and referring to 7 "mountain" empires used by Satan against Israel.

#### C. Here Come the Ottoman's

Turkey is forming and breaking alliances—and fulfilling Bible prophecy!

Since 2002 and the rise of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Turkey has undergone an Islamic revolution every bit as dangerous as Iran! Turkey has moved from a secular NATO ally to an Islamic Dictatorship.

Erdoğan is now fanning the flames for the return of the Ottoman Empire and signaling his desire to establish the Turkish Caliphate

During its reign, the land of Israel was under their control

The Turks are not Arabs - Mixture from China, Russia and Europe

### Answers

1. Empires 2. Arabs 3. Istanbul 4. Asia Minor 5. Turkey 6. Seat 7. Ararat 8. Antichrist  
9. Iran 10. Euphrates 11. Russia 12. Antichrist 13. North 14. 7<sup>th</sup> 15. WWI 16. Empires  
17. Islam 18. Kings 19. Returns 20. Healing 21. Rapture 22. Tribulation 23. Radical

## II. Where is Turkey?

### A. Modern Turkey

Directly north of Israel - Ezek. 38:6, 15

The Capitol of Turkey is Istanbul - It was Constantinople

Natural Land bridge to Europe

### B. Turkey was known as Asia Minor

### C. Turkey was the center of early Christianity

Home of the Galatians

Turkey also included, Colossians, Ephesians

Lystra and Iconium - Southern Turkey

### D. Paul's Home town - Tarsus = Southeast Turkey

### E. Apostle John pastored at Ephesus, Turkey before being banished to Patmos

## III. Interesting Facts About Turkey

### A. The Book of Revelation was written to Turkey

### B. The 7 Churches are in Turkey

### C. Satan's Seat is in Turkey - Rev. 2:12-13

*To the church in Pergamos write, <sup>13</sup>I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name... even where Satan dwells.*

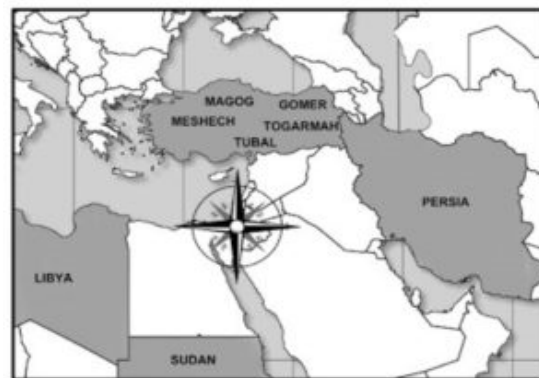
D. Noah's Ark landed in Turkey on Mt. Ararat (Gen. 8:4) and Turkey was settled by Noah's grandsons through Noah's son Jepheth (Gen. 10:1-2):

1. Magog - Meshech - Tubal - Gomer - Togarmah
2. These 5 names are mentioned as the participants in the Battle of Gog and Magog as the ancient names for Turkey - Ezek. 38:2, 6

<sup>2</sup> "Son of man, turn your face against Gog (Antichrist), of the land of Magog, and against Meshech and Tubal.  
 Prophecy against him <sup>3</sup> and say: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Magog, Meshech and Tubal. <sup>4</sup> I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws, and bring you out with <sup>6</sup> Gomer with all its troops; and Togarmah with all its troops.

Battle of Gog & Magog - Ezek. 38

Magog  
 Meshech  
 Tubal } Ancient names for Turkey  
 Gomer  
 Togarmah



E. Gog is Antichrist the head of Magog which is Turkey - Ezek. 38:3

*I am against you, Gog (Antichrist), chief prince of Magog, Meshech and Tubal (Turkey)*

F. Iran shares a border with Turkey and is mentioned second in line after Turkey in the list of Muslim nations invading Israel - Ezek. 38:5

<sup>5</sup> *Persia (Iran), Cush (Sudan), and Put (Libya) will join you with all their weapons.*

1. Turkey (Sunni) and Iran (Shiite) are now working together in Syria
2. Daniel prophesied a mixed Empire (Sunni/Shiite) - Dan. 2:41-44

G. Turkey's Ataturk Dam controls the Euphrates River - Rev. 16:12

<sup>12</sup> *The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.*

#### IV. Caution: Battle of Gog and Magog - Turkey not Russia - Ezek. 38:1-6

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>Son of man, set your face against **Gog (Antichrist)**, of the land of **Magog (Turkey)**, the chief prince of Meshek and Tubal (Turkey); prophesy against him <sup>3</sup>and say: ‘This is what the LORD says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshek and Tubal. <sup>4</sup>I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army, <sup>5</sup>Persia (Iran), Cush (Sudan) and Put (Libya) will be with them, all with shields and helmets, <sup>6</sup>also Gomer (Turkey) with all its troops, and Togarmah (Turkey) from the north.

##### A. Clue #1 - The ruler Gog appears elsewhere in the prophets - Ezek. 38:17

<sup>17</sup> *“This is what the LORD asks: (Gog) Are you the one I was talking about long ago, when I announced through Israel’s prophets (plural) that in the future I would bring you against my people?*

##### *Are You the one?*

1. This important clue helps identify both the timing and the nation that leads the Battle of Gog and Magog (Russia or Turkey)
2. If Gog is Putin or a future Russian leader, he must appear in at least two other references in the prophets
3. How many other times does Russia or Putin appear in the OT Prophets?
4. Russia or Putin is simply never mentioned in the prophets and this clue eliminates them from the Battle of Gog and Magog
5. The only leader in the prophets heading a war against Israel is Antichrist  
(Isa. 10:5-7, 24; Jer. 4:5-7; Dan. 7:19-21; 8:23-25; 9:26-27; 11:36-45; Joel 3:1-3; 9-17; Micah 5:5)
6. Gog is Antichrist, the leader of the Turkish-led, Muslim assault on Israel called the Battle of Armageddon - Ezek. 36:8

<sup>8</sup> *Surely it is coming, says the Lord God. This is the day I have spoken.*

##### B. Clue #2 - Russia is not NORTH of Israel - Turkey is - Ezek. 38:6, 15

<sup>15</sup> *you will come from your place out of the north, you and many peoples with you*

##### C. Could Vladimir Putin be Antichrist?

##### D. Is Antichrist Alive?

## V. Who Were the Ottoman's

### A. Satan's 7<sup>th</sup> Empire

1. One of the largest empires in history covering 3 continents
2. It formed a powerful epicenter fueled by the Islamic teachings of Jihad
3. The longest ruling Islamic Caliphate... 600 years
4. Ruthless - 1915 genocide of 1.5 million Armenian's

### B. Conquered the Byzantine (Roman) Empire - 1453 AD

1. Satan's 7<sup>th</sup> great empire (Ottoman Empire) conquered the capitol of the Roman Byzantine Empire [6<sup>th</sup> Head - Rome - Rev. 17:9-11] and destroyed it in the slaughter of Constantinople
2. What followed was the conversion of Christianity's greatest symbol, the Hagia Sophia church, to a mosque (This remains Islam's pattern through the Tribulation)
3. The Byzantine capitol of Constantinople was changed to Istanbul which became the capitol of the Ottoman Empire in Turkey for 500 years

### C. Described as the 4<sup>th</sup> Beast in Daniel 7:7 (The beast too stunning for Daniel to describe)

*<sup>7</sup>I saw a fourth beast—terrifying, dreadful, and very strong. It devoured and crushed its victims with huge iron teeth and trampled their remains beneath its feet. It was different from the other beasts, and it had ten horns.*

### D. Turkey's Head Wound was its defeat in WWI

1. Ottoman's joined with Germany to conquer Europe
2. Europe and America defeated Germany and took down the Ottoman Empire
3. The Islamic Caliphate was outlawed & dismembered by the allied powers - 1923
4. Sykes-Picot Agreement - Making of the modern Middle East

## VI. Seven Heads - Satan's Seven Empires

- A. The "Seven Head" symbolism appears 3 times in Revelation

On Satan: Rev. 12:3 - *red dragon (Satan) having seven heads*

On the Beast (twice): Rev. 13:1; 17:3 - *a beast having seven heads*

Beast = Future Empire (Daniel 7:3-6)

- B. The 7 heads are symbolic of Satan's 7 pagan **Empires** he uses to assault Israel

They are Anti-Yahweh, Anti-Israel, Anti-Christ, Anti-Bible and Anti-Christian

- C. 7 Down, One to Go! - 7 Heads, 7 Mountains, 7 Kings, 7 Empires - Rev. 17:9-11

<sup>9</sup> *Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains (empires) on which the woman (Harlot/Islam) sits (resides),*

1. In prophecy, mountains are symbolic of empires - Isa. 2:2

*Now it will come about that in the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains*

2. The coming "mountain empire" of Christ - Dan. 2:35

*But the rock (Second Coming) that struck the statue became a huge mountain (Millennial Kingdom) and filled the whole earth.*

3. The woman aka "harlot religion" = **Islam** sits across all 7 empires

*seven mountains on which the woman (Harlot/Islam) sits (resides)*

- C. Physical mountains or hills don't have **Kings!**

<sup>10</sup> *and they (7 mountains) are also seven kings (Empires); five (empires) have fallen (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia & Greece), one is (Rome - 6<sup>th</sup>), the other has not yet come (Ottoman - 7<sup>th</sup>); when he comes, he will remain a while.*

- D. The revived 7<sup>th</sup> Empire becomes the 8<sup>th</sup> and final Kingdom

<sup>11</sup> *The beast which was and is not (7<sup>th</sup> - Ottoman), is also an eighth and is one of the seven (Ottoman will be revived), and goes to destruction.*

**Seven Heads - 7 Successive Empires**

Empire	Actions Against Israel	Replaced By
1. Egypt	Egypt enslaved Israel for 430 years (Ex. 12:40). Pharaoh attempted genocide by killing all the Jewish baby boys by throwing them in the Nile River.	Assyria conquered Egypt (Isaiah 20:1-6) in 701 BC <hr/> See Isa. 52:4 regarding first two empires
2. Assyria	Conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC taking the 10 tribes into captivity and they never returned.	Babylon conquered Assyria in 612 BC
3. Babylon	Conquered Jerusalem and Judah in 586 BC. The Jewish captives were either exiled, killed or sold into slavery. Solomon's Temple destroyed and Judah went into captivity to Babylon for 70 yrs.	Under Cyrus, the Medes and Persians conquered Babylon in 539 BC (Dan. 5)
4. Persia	Haman, in the Persian Court, attempted genocide of all the Jews. (Esther 3-9)	Greece conquered Persia in 324 BC
5. Greece	Antiochus IV (little horn) desecrated Israel's Temple and killed thousands of Jews who would not convert to paganism (Dan. 11).	Rome conquered the Grecian Empire 64 BC
6. Rome	Herod tried to kill Jesus by slaughtering Jewish boys (Mt. 2:16). Rome crucified Jesus, persecuted the church, burned the temple and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD sending the Jews into captivity for 2000+ years.	Ottoman Empire conquered the Byzantine Roman empire in 1453 AD
7. Ottoman Caliphate	Killed millions of Jews and Christians! Crushed the nations where Christianity began, converting them to Islam. Built the blasphemous Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.	Abolished after WWI. Will be revived and become the 8 <sup>th</sup> and final empire under Antichrist



**VII. A Revived Empire is Coming: Major Sign of the End Times**

- A. The Sign: A previous empire will rise again in the last days
- B. One of the seven empires is mortally wounded but returns - Rev. 17:8

*<sup>8</sup> The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction. The inhabitants of the earth... will be shocked when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come.*

A Revived Empire	
Rev. 13:3	one of his heads was mortally wounded but his deadly wound was healed
Rev. 13:12	The beast... his deadly wound was healed
Rev. 13:14	The beast was wounded by the sword (WWI) and lived
Rev. 17:11	The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction

C. Turkey’s Head Wound is Healing

1. Turkey has built over 20,000 new mosques since 2002 - 85,000 total
2. Turkish nationalism is off the charts - Similar to Germany during pre-WW2
3. Since the attempted coup of 2016 and Marshal Law, Erdogan has crushed all opposition and has taken over the media, education, police, military and the judicial system.

He has also crushed Christianity, jailing Pastors like Pastor Andrew Brunson (NC) and has announced it is illegal to try to “Christianize Turkey”

4. Turkey sees Islam as “headless” and views itself as its guardian:

“On the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Earth shattering event of the dismantling of the Turkish Caliphate, the United States still has their President, England still has its Queen, the Catholics still have their Pope - but Muslims are condemned to roam the wilderness alone.”

## VIII. The Rapture and the Coming Islamic Empire

### A. The Islamic Empire may appear before the Rapture

1. The Rapture does not begin the Tribulation.
2. There is likely a time gap between the Rapture and the Tribulation ( 1 - 3 years)
3. The Empire appears **BEFORE** Antichrist - Dan. 7:24

*<sup>24</sup> The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom (Ottoman).  
**AFTER THEM** another king will arise (Antichrist)*

### B. Antichrist RISES from the 10-King Caliphate

1. Antichrist must arrive **BEFORE** the Tribulation
2. His 7-Year Covenant with Israel (Dan. 9:27), approving the 2-State Plan, marks the beginning of the 7-Year Tribulation

## XI. Signs of the Ottoman Empire Rising

1. The rise of Radical Islam and global spread of terrorism
2. Reshaping the Middle East for the Ottoman Empire
  - Rise of Turkey
  - Rise of Iran
  - Fall of Libya
  - Fall of Iraq
  - Fall of Syria
  - Fall of Lebanon to Hezbollah (Iranian proxy)
3. Delusional blindness to the danger of Islam
4. Flood of Islam into Europe - Rev. 17:9

Prophecy about Rome = One of the seven empires that Islam will dominate

Acceptance of Islam by the Pope and Catholic Cardinals

5. Turkey's ally's that align with Ezekiel 38

Sudan - Libya - Iran

Turkey to rebuild Red Sea Ottoman base in Sudan

Turkey now training and building unified Libyan Army

Turkey coordinating with Iran in Syria

6. Turkey calls for Army of Islam to defeat Israel



## 7 Heads: Study Sheet

### Rev. 17:9-11

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Explanation	
1. Egypt	
2. Assyria	"5 are fallen"
3. Babylon	
4. Medo-Persia	
5. Greece	
6. Rome	"one is"
7. Ottoman 1	"one is yet to come"
8. Ottoman 2	"one of the 7"