

THE BIBLE AND VOTING

Part 13



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Introductory Remarks

- A stewardship issue (1 Cor. 4:2)
- A biblical issue (2 Tim. 3:16)
- Biblical principles rather than partisanship

The Bible and Voting

1. Economic issues
2. Social issues
3. Foreign affairs



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Economic Issues

1. Ownership of private property? (Deut. 19:15)
2. Pursuit of economic self interest? (Gen. 8:21)
3. Proper definition of compassion? (2 Thess. 3:10)
4. Who provides charity? (1 Tim. 5:3-8)
5. Family is the building block of society? (Deut. 6:6-7)
6. Wealth retained within the family? (Prov. 13:22)
7. The earth experiences cyclical patterns? (Gen. 8:22)
8. Environmental stewardship rather than earth worship? (Rom. 1:22-23)
9. Opposition to runaway debt? (Prov. 22:7)
10. Limitations upon the government? (Acts 5:29)

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Social Issues

1. Legal protection for the unborn? (Gen. 25:23)
2. Legal protection for the elderly? (Lev. 19:32)
3. Hetero-sexual monogamous marriage as the standard for society? (Gen. 2:18-25)
4. Advocacy capital punishment? (Gen. 9:6)
5. The right to restrict alcohol, pornography, & gambling? (Lev. 10:9; Matt. 5:27-28; Prov. 13:11)
6. Parental authority over children? (Eph. 6:4)
7. Public expressions of Christianity? (Mark 16:15)
8. Right to keep and bear arms? (Luke 22:36)

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- C. American imperialism



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Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].



Mark 7:20-23

“And He was saying, “That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”



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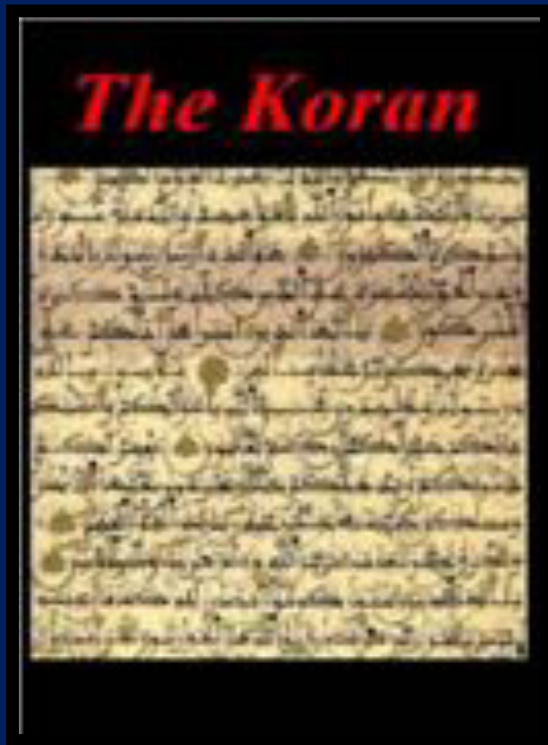
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Quran Surah* 8:12

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“I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them” (Q 8:12)

Quran Surah* 24:55

(*chapter)

“Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them *succession [Caliphate]* upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient.”

“Iranian school textbooks, such as *The Qur'an and Life* (Grade 12, p. 125) prepare Iranian children for the Ayatollahs' sublime goal: the apocalyptic, horrifying, millenarian, military battle against the USA and other "arrogant oppressors of the world," which are ostensibly led by "idolatrous devils." While the "savior" – the infallible, immortal, divinely ordained and eventual global leader, the Mahdi – has not surfaced yet, Iranian children are taught that the battle is already raging throughout the world, awaiting their sacrifice. School textbooks of Western democracies are the most authentic reflection of peoples' values and worldview. School textbooks of tyrannies are the most authentic reflection of the nature and mission of the regimes. Iranian school textbooks reflect the strategy and tactics of the Ayatollahs, much more authentically than speeches, interviews, diplomatic statements and conversations conducted by President Rouhani and Foreign Minister Zarif.”

Yoram Ettinger, “Iran's School Textbooks–Can Congress Afford to Ignore It?,” online: <http://theettingerreport.com/Iran-and-MidEast/Iran-s-School-Textbooks-%E2%80%93-can-Congress-afford-to-i.aspx>, May 29, 2015, accessed 30 May 2015.

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"An Explanatory
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For the Group in
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Published 1991



The Ikhwan [Muslim Brotherhood] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and "sabotaging" its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all religions.



IRAN BEFORE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION



...AND AFTER

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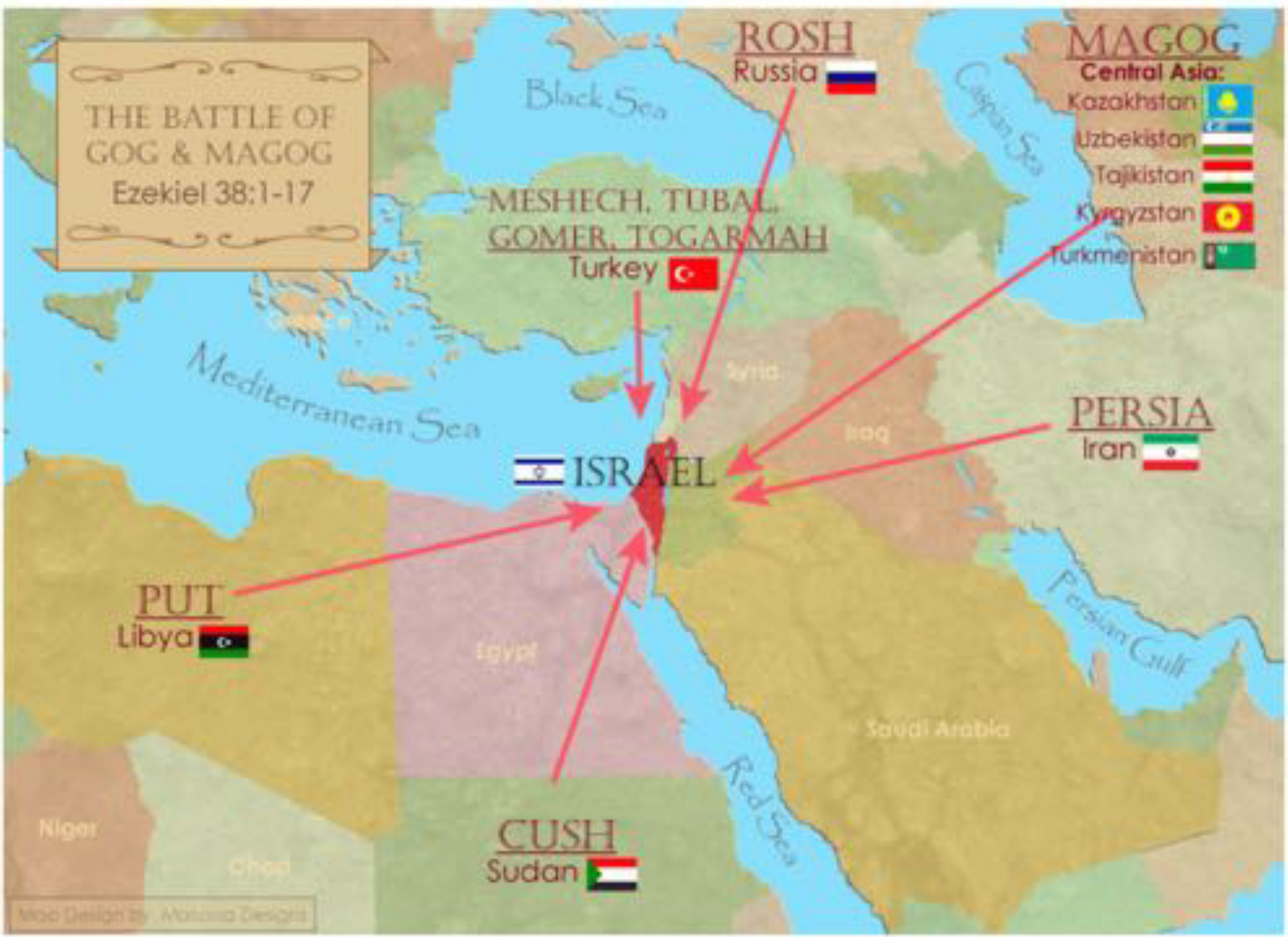


“The future must
not belong to
those who
slander the
prophet of Islam”

- Barack Hussein Obama



THE BATTLE OF
GOG & MAGOG
Ezekiel 38:1-17



ROSH
Russia

MAGOG

- Central Asia:
- Kazakhstan
 - Uzbekistan
 - Tajikistan
 - Kyrgyzstan
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MESHECH, TUBAL,
GOMER, TOGARMAH
Turkey

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Ecclesiastes 8:11

“Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.”



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Genesis 9:6

“Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man
his blood shall be shed, For in the
image of God He made man.”



Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Noahic Covenant</u>	<u>Abrahamic Covenant</u>	<u>Mosaic Covenant</u>
<u>Human agent</u>	Noah	Abraham	Moses
<u>Scripture</u>	Gen. 8–9	Gen. 12–17	Exod. 19–40
<u>Covenant (<i>Berith</i>)</u>	Gen. 9:9	Gen. 15:18	Exod. 19:5
<u>Party</u>	World, humanity	Israel, Hebrews	Israel, Hebrews
<u>Israel</u>	Pre-Israel	Post-Israel	Post-Israel

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	<u>Noahic Covenant</u>	<u>Abrahamic Covenant</u>	<u>Mosaic Covenant</u>
<u>Conditional or unconditional</u>	Unconditional	Unconditional	Conditional
<u>Promises</u>	No more flood judgment, enduring earth, capital punishment	Ownership of land, seed, and blessing	Enjoyment or possession of land, seed, and blessing
<u>Sign</u>	Rainbow	Circumcision	Sabbath
<u>Purpose</u>	Restrain & preserve	Redemptive	Redemptive
<u>Directly binding today?</u>	Yes	No	No

Romans 13:3-5

“For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.”



1 Peter 2:13-14

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.”



Deuteronomy 13:10-11

“So you shall stone him to death because he has sought to seduce you from the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you.”





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Answering Pacifism's Arguments

- A. Violence begets violence?
- B. Trust God?
- C. World court resolution?
- D. Love your neighbor (Matt. 22:39)
- E. Turn the other cheek (Matt. 5:39)
- F. Thou shalt not kill? (Exod. 20:13)



Wayne Grudem, *Politics According to the Bible*, 390-94

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V. Going Too Far in Deterring Terrorism? Just War Principles

- A. Just cause
- B. Competent authority
- C. Comparative justice
- D. Right intention
- E. Last resort
- F. Probability of success (Luke 14:31)
- G. Proportionality of projected results
- H. Right spirit



V. Going Too Far in Deterring Terrorism? How to Fight a Just War

- A. Proportionality in the use of force (Deut. 20:10-12)
- B. Discrimination between combatants & non-combatants (Deut. 20:13-14)
- C. Avoidance of evil means
- D. Good faith



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EZEKIEL'S PROPHECIES
AGAINST THE
NATIONS



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

TYRE •

• AMMON

PHILISTIA •

• JERUSALEM

• MOAB

EDOM •

• EGYPT

ARABIA •

ASSYRIA •

• SYRIA

BABYLON

RED SEA

Obadiah 11

“On the day that you stood aloof, On the day that strangers carried off his wealth, And foreigners entered his gate And cast lots for Jerusalem—You too were as one of them.”



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Enhanced Interrogation Limitations

- A. Immorality
- B. Denial of medical treatment
- C. Sadistic humiliation
- D. Violation of religious convictions
- E. Causing lasting physical damage



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