

Radical Islam, Nuclear Nightmares, and a 2,600-Year-Old Bible Prophecy

In a recent Gallup poll, Americans overwhelmingly named Iran as the single country that poses the greatest threat to world stability. This should come as no surprise—Americans have long felt uneasy about Iranian President Ahmadinejad’s stated goals to “wipe Israel off the map” and bring down the “Little Satan” (Israel) and the “Big Satan” (The United States). Now, with Iran’s on-going military buildup and long-range missile program proceeding swiftly, people fear that Iran could have both the will and the capacity to carry out these threats. An observer of the times, Rhodes believes Iran *does* pose a threat to

America, and Israel as well. According to Rhodes, the conflict in the Middle East is at a fever pitch, and emerging alliances between nations could lead to the eventual fulfillment of biblical prophecy. He provides a fascinating, yet sobering analysis of current events, revealing vital information about:

- ☛ **The rise of radical Islam and its threat to the nation of Israel**
- ☛ **Financial and political ties between the group of nations north of Israel**
- ☛ **The polarization of nations supporting extremist Islam and the rest of the world**
- ☛ **Our worldwide dependency on oil**
- ☛ **Globalization and its role in setting the stage for a cataclysmic war**

With escalating tensions in Iran and the Middle East, many have wondered if we could be on the heels of the last days. In light of current events, Rhodes discusses circumstances that may be setting the stage for the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38-39, a 2,600-year-old prophecy that speaks of a massive northern military coalition that will one day invade Israel. Combining extensive study of world affairs and Bible prophecy, Rhodes documents the emergence of potentially key alliances between Russia, Iran, and other nations who would like to see Israel destroyed.

“As we compare what biblical prophecy teaches with our thoughtful observations of world affairs, we can legitimately raise the possibility that events might be setting the stage for the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.”

Rhodes helps people better understand the nature of current world tensions in general, and the Israeli-Arab conflict in particular. He delves into difficult questions, such as: *To whom does the Holy Land really belong? How extensive is the threat from radical Islam? and Could the USA really be in danger of nuclear attack?* He also discusses the current worldwide addiction to oil and how possession and control of this resource may motivate some nations to military action. Finally, Rhodes provides several possible answers to a question that has puzzled Americans for generations: *Is America involved in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy?*



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Fast Facts on...



Iran and Nuclear Weaponry:

- ☛ The president's National Security Strategy release in 2006 states : "We may face no greater challenge from a single country than from Iran. For almost 20 years, the Iranian regime hid many of its key nuclear efforts from the international community, yet the regime continues to claim that it does not seek to develop nuclear weapons."
- ☛ Just prior to his death in 2006, former Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger warned: "I think they probably already have gone nuclear. ...I think they have probably equipped themselves to construct some types of nuclear weapons and...I think they could probably do quite a lot of damage right now."
- ☛ Yet, more recently, American intelligence agencies have concluded that Iran has ceased its development of nuclear weapons.
- ☛ Many wonder what is *really* going on in Iran. One thing is certain. The Bible indicates that the Ezekiel invasion into Israel by the prophesied northern military coalition does not actually involve a nuclear attack against Israel, but rather involves a massive ground army using conventional weapons.

End Times Extremism Among Muslims:

- ☛ At the apocalyptic end of days, mainstream Shiite Muslims envision that a great, armed jihad will result in the subjugation of the entire world to Islam.
- ☛ Mainstream Shiites have long believed in the eventual return of the Twelfth Imam (end-times Muslim leader). It is believed that the time of the appearance of the Twelfth Imam can be hastened through apocalyptic chaos and violence—by unleashing an apocalyptic holy war against Christians and Jews.
- ☛ In this light, the current-day mission of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad—Iran's president—takes on great significance: "Our revolution's main mission is to pave the way for the reappearance of the Twelfth Imam, the Mahdi." Ahmadinejad informed his cabinet that just a few more years' time would bring about the appearance of the Twelfth Imam.
- ☛ Ahmadinejad believes the destruction of Israel is one of the key global developments that will trigger the appearance of the Twelfth Imam. He therefore seeks to "wipe Israel off the map."
- ☛ Ahmadinejad claims he was chosen by Allah himself to play a role in ushering in the end of days.
- ☛ This end-times Muslim extremism may be setting the stage for the eventual fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy of a northern military coalition invading Israel.



Bio Sketch

RON RHODES

Author of *Northern Storm Rising*

Ron Rhodes is a sought-after conference speaker, seminar leader, and author with more than one million books in print. The founder and president of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries, he educates Christians in the Word of God by creating Bible study materials and teaching apologetics at Dallas Theological Seminary, Southern Evangelical Seminary, and Biola University.

Writing in easy-to-understand language, Rhodes has penned more than 200 articles for national publications. His books *The New Age Movement*, *Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses*, and *Reasoning from the Scriptures with Muslims* were named Gold Medallion Finalists. One of his most popular books, *Find It Fast in the Bible*, was a Billy Graham Evangelistic Association book-of-the-month selection.

With many titles printed in several languages, Rhodes has written more than 40 books, including *What Does the Bible Say About...?*; *The 10 Things You Need to Know About Islam*; *Why Do Bad Things Happen If God Is Good?*; *The Complete Guide to Christian Denominations*; *Understanding the Bible from A to Z*; *The Complete Book of Bible Promises*; and *Find It Quick Handbook on Cults and New Religions*.

His latest release, *Northern Storm Rising: Russia, Iran, and the Emerging End-Times Military Coalition Against Israel*, probes incredible prophecies from the ancient prophet Ezekiel that point to a massive end-times invasion of Israel. Rhodes explores how these ancient prophecies relate to the rise of radical Islam, currently emerging military alliances between key nations, the escalation of global nuclear tensions, the world's steadily increasing appetite for the increasingly scarce resource of oil, and the battle over the land of Israel. He also addresses the fascinating question, *Is America mentioned in Bible prophecy?*

As a teenager, Rhodes and his seven brothers and sisters performed as a musical group on *American Bandstand*, *The Jerry Lewis Telethon*, at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and on many variety shows. Rhodes worked with a number of celebrities and came to know the Lord shortly after performing at Disneyland with the Pat Boone family.

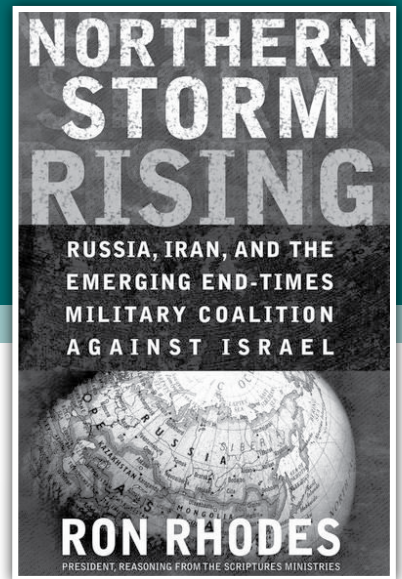
Rhodes was interviewed about heaven, the lost year of Jesus, and what happened at Roswell for PAX TV's *Encounters with the Unexplained*. He has been a guest on many national and regional radio and television programs produced by CNN, CBN, Crossroads Christian Communications, LeSea Broadcasting, and other networks. He has been featured in publications such as *Christianity Today*, *Charisma*, *Moody*, *Christian Woman*, *Christian Research Journal*, and *Spiritual Counterfeits Journal*.

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Interview Questions

for Ron Rhodes, author of
Northern Storm Rising

- ☛ In what way does end-times fanaticism among certain Muslims today relate to their compulsion to unleash an apocalyptic holy war against Christians and Jews? Why is the president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, fanning this Islamic end-times fanaticism into a flame?
- ☛ What data have U.S. intelligence officers uncovered about Iran attaining nuclear weapons and missiles capable of delivering those weapons?
- ☛ What do we know about the current alliance between Russia and Iran?
- ☛ How are current developments in Iran setting the stage for the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecies regarding an end-times invasion of Israel?
- ☛ What are today's most knowledgeable experts saying about the possibility of a nuclear attack against the United States? What are the most likely scenarios for a nuclear attack in the U.S.?
- ☛ Tell us about the "Mutual Assured Destruction" (MAD) policy. Will it serve as a nuclear deterrent against Muslim countries with nuclear capabilities?
- ☛ Is the world really running out of oil, as many government advisors and CEOs of oil companies are now saying?
- ☛ Are oil profits in Muslim nations being used to fund terrorism? If so, doesn't that mean the U.S. is now in the untenable position of spending great amounts of money to fight terrorism while at the same time spending great amounts of money in purchasing oil that ends up funding terrorism?
- ☛ What effect will a depletion of oil have on the world? Is there any connection between the world's depletion of oil and Ezekiel's prophecy of an end-times invasion into Israel?
- ☛ What are the religious roots behind the Jewish-Islamic conflict over the Holy Land? How does this conflict over land relate to Ezekiel's prophecy of an end-times invasion of Israel?
- ☛ Does Ezekiel 38 specify which nations will form the military coalition that will invade Israel? How do we know that Rosh is really Russia? Why isn't Iraq among the invading nations?
- ☛ Do you think America is involved in Bible prophecy? If America is not mentioned in Bible prophecy, what explains America's absence?
- ☛ What does the Bible reveal about the time frame of this massive invasion into Israel? Do all Christians agree on this?



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