

Watch For Israel's Economic Windfall

As Israel continues to fulfill Bible prophecy on an almost daily basis, there is one specific prophecy that few prophecy buffs are watching for, or even know about.

Much has been written about the future northern army invasion of Israel described in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Most theorize the invading country is Russia and most of the commentary is centered around what happens when they invade. The timing is somewhere around the beginning of the tribulation period, and probably post-rapture. Over 80% of the invading army is wiped out, sounds like nuclear weapons are used and God gives Israel a great and mighty victory establishing her as a world power.

But what is rarely pointed out is why they invade. Consider this scripture that sheds light on "why."

Thus says the Lord GOD, "It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan, and you will say, 'I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls, and having no bars or gates, to capture spoil and to seize plunder ...'" Ezekiel 38:10-12

The reason they invade is to steal the riches that Israel has acquired in the latter days. Riches? What riches? I've taken over 30 trips tromping around Israel and can testify firsthand that there are no natural resources in Israel. The guides humorously complain that Moses wandered around the area for 40 years and settled in the only spot that doesn't have great reservoirs of oil under the sands. Nor are there diamond mines, or gold, or silver. Certainly nothing to cause a nation to brazenly invade.

Yet God says that in the latter days, Israel will have so much wealth that Russia will indeed invade to seize it all. So something must change in Israel, and change dramatically. And since the timing of this

invasion is so close to the time of the Rapture, and if we are the generation to be snatched up, it is probable that we will see Israel's monstrous economic change begin to unfold in our lifetime.



But what in the world is this great wealth? I have a theory. Behind the scenes and with little publicity, Israel is drilling for oil. Hayseed Stephens, a seasoned Texas oil speculator, began drilling for oil in Israel in the 1990s. He set up a massive drilling operation near the Dead Sea that he believed would locate the largest single reservoir of oil on the planet. Stephens made over 100 trips to Israel raising money, getting the necessary permits and finally began exploratory drilling. But God's timing was not yet. The drill broke half way to its intended depth, and before he could raise the money to begin again, he died. Not to be dismayed, his company, Ness Energy International, Inc., hired Hayseed's son, Sha Stephens, to be President and CEO and continue the exploration.

Another investment group is drilling north of Tel Aviv, using other Biblical references regarding massive Israel riches to guide the exploration. But regardless of who finds oil, or where they find it in Israel, imagine the ramifications of such a large discovery of oil in Israel! It would totally upset the balance of power in the middle east. Suddenly you have a RATIONAL country managing great amounts of oil, and shipping it from ports that aren't in Muslim countries! The price of oil would drop like a rock, and the stranglehold by Muslims on the world's oil reserves would finally be broken.

No wonder Russia, a close ally of Iran, will "think an evil thought!!"

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