

# Persia in the Last Days

## **Persia's Past: A Nation God Used**

### **Cyrus the Great—God's Anointed Shepherd**

- Isaiah 44:28 (NKJV) — “Who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd, and he shall perform all My pleasure...’”
- **Isaiah 45:1 (NKJV)** — “Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus...”
- **Ezra 1:1–2 (NKJV)** — Cyrus acknowledges the Lord and commands the rebuilding of the Temple.

### **Restoration After Exile**

- 2 Chronicles 36:22–23 (NKJV) — Cyrus releases the Jews to return and rebuild.
- **Ezra 6:3–5 (NKJV)** — The decree to rebuild the Temple is reaffirmed.

### **Persia as a Blessing to Israel**

- Ezra 7:27 (NKJV) — God moves the heart of the Persian king to beautify the Temple.

### **Persia's Prophetic Future**

#### **Persia in Ezekiel's End-Times Coalition**

- Ezekiel 38:5 (NKJV) — “Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them...”
- **Ezekiel 38:8, 11 (NKJV)** — Israel dwelling safely before the invasion.
- **Ezekiel 38:18–23 (NKJV)** — God's supernatural judgment on Gog's armies.

### **The Supernatural Defeat of Gog and Allies**

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- Ezekiel 39:3–6 (NKJV) — God breaks the weapons of the invaders and sends fire on Magog.
- **Ezekiel 39:21 (NKJV)** — God’s glory revealed among the nations.

### **The Spiritual Dimension—The Prince of Persia**

- Daniel 10:13 (NKJV) — “The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me...”
- **Daniel 10:20 (NKJV)** The angel speaks of returning to fight the prince of Persia.

### **Elam’s Judgment and Restoration**

#### **Breaking the Bow of Elam**

- Jeremiah 49:35 (NKJV) — “I will break the bow of Elam, the foremost of their might.”

#### **Scattering and Judgment**

- Jeremiah 49:36–37 (NKJV) — God scatters Elam to the four winds and brings disaster.

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- Jeremiah 49:39 (NKJV) — “But it shall come to pass in the latter days: I will bring back the captives of Elam.”

### **Iran Today: A Modern Echo of Ancient Prophecy**

#### **Hostility Toward Israel**

While modern geopolitical details are not Scripture, the biblical pattern of Persia opposing Israel in the last days is rooted in:

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- **Ezekiel 38:5 (NKJV)** — Persia aligned with Gog’s anti-Israel coalition.

### **Alignment With Prophetic Coalition**

- **Ezekiel 38:2–6 (NKJV)** — The list of nations forming the coalition.

### **The Stage Being Set**

- **Ezekiel 38:16 (NKJV)** — “In the latter days you will come into the land...”

### **What This Means for the Church**

#### **God Is Sovereign Over Nations**

- **Daniel 2:21 (NKJV)** — “He removes kings and raises up kings...”
- **Proverbs 21:1 (NKJV)** — “The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord...”

#### **Israel’s Future Is Secure**

- **Genesis 17:7–8 (NKJV)** — Everlasting covenant with Abraham’s descendants.
- **Jeremiah 31:35–37 (NKJV)** — Israel will never cease to be a nation before God.

#### **The Church Must Watch and Be Ready**

- **Luke 21:28 (NKJV)** — “Look up... your redemption draws near.”
- **1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 (NKJV)** — Be watchful and sober.

#### **The Soon Return of Jesus Christ**

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- Revelation 22:12 (NKJV) — “Behold, I am coming quickly...”