

The Strategy of
INTIMIDATION

North Korea's nuclear missiles

national debt

End Times scary stuff

corruption

Rising Sex trade

ISIS threat

uncertainty of the stock market

bombings

EVIL

crumbling morals

Brutal murders

Refugee crisis

Political Candidates

Illegal immigrants

Iran's missiles



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Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.” Revelation 15:3-4

The Jews, the believers in Jesus, and the nations all play a role in this coming about.

A General Timeline of History +/-

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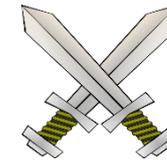
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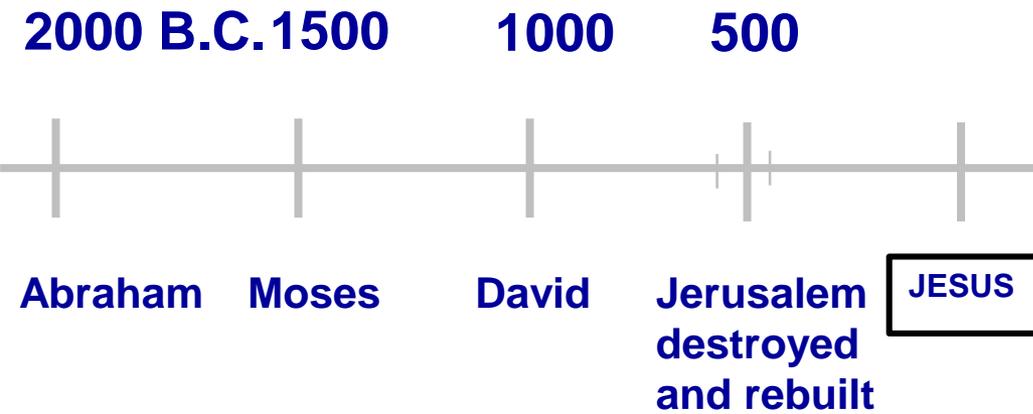
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Times of the Gentiles begin....

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But the Jewish leaders
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Many Jews believe in
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Acts 4:12*

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God brings Jesus, Messiah, the son of David,
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**#1. Keep the Jews
OUT of the land,
and Jerusalem.**

**#2. Keep believers
IN TO their own
agenda.**

**Constantinople
(Byzantium) the seat of the Eastern “Christian” Empire.**



Constructed by Muslims (692), the Dome of the Rock stands on the site of the temple. The Old City Wall dates from the 17th century.

Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives (toward the West)





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Mount of Olives

Dome of the Rock
(built in 692)

Mount of Olives

Al Aqsa
Mosque



Western Wall
& Plaza

Muslim Quarter

Jewish Quarter

Modern Jerusalem

Renaissance begins in Europe



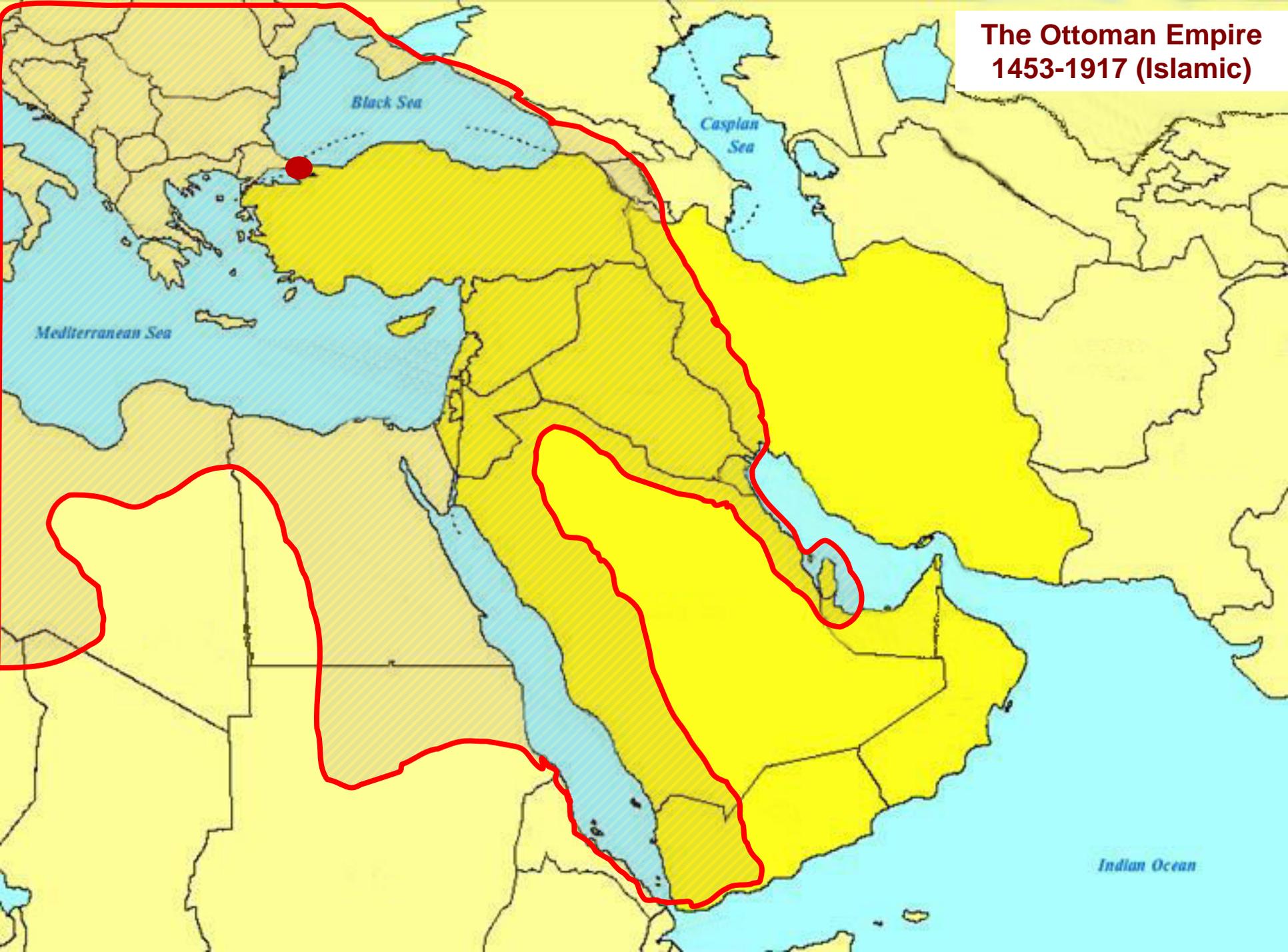
Istanbul (city of Islam): Ottoman Turks take over in 1453. Just 40 years before Christopher Columbus sails the ocean blue.

Black Sea

Mediterranean Sea

Indian Ocean

**The Ottoman Empire
1453-1917 (Islamic)**



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Caspian Sea

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“The migration waves of Byzantine scholars and emigrants in the period following the Crusader sacking of Constantinople and the Byzantine Roman Empire in 1453,

is considered by many scholars key to the revival of Greek and Roman studies that led to the development of the Renaissance humanism and science. **They brought to Western Europe the far greater preserved and accumulated knowledge of their own (Greek) civilization.**

Their main role within the Renaissance humanism was the **teaching of the Greek language** to their western counterparts in universities or privately together **with the spread of ancient texts.**”

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_scholars_in_the_Renaissance

What is happening in Europe 1453 – 1917?

Christopher Columbus!

With control of the Silk Road trade route in control of the Muslims, European leaders turned to western exploration to find an alternate route to China for commerce and trade.

The Inquisition!

Spanish Jews, together with resident Muslims, were forced to convert to Catholicism, be expelled, or be killed under the Catholic Monarchs King Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492. Turkey opened its borders for the fleeing refugees.

What is happening in Europe 1453 – 1917?

Reformation under Martin Luther and others!

Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenburg on October 31, 1517.

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William Tyndale! (1536)

Tyndale's translation was the first English Bible to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek, and the first English one to take advantage of the printing press. Tyndale had to learn Hebrew in Germany due to **England's active Edict of Expulsion against the Jews**, and was influenced by Martin Luther. He worked in an age where Greek was available to the European scholarly community for the first time in centuries—**following the Renaissance-fueling Fall of Constantinople in 1453** and the dispersion of Greek-speaking intellectuals and texts into a Europe which previously had access to none. (His work provided most of the King James Version.)

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Jamestown! 1607.

King James Authorizes the publication of the Bible. 1611.

Plymouth! 1620.

South Carolina! 1670.

When believing Protestants were **persecuted** for their faith, they took copies of the newly translated, newly printed English Bibles **to the “New World.”**

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Israel: On and Off the Land

- The majority of Jews have lived off the land (among the Gentiles) since 586 B.C.
- Removed from Jerusalem: A.D. 70 and 135 After the Roman destruction of Jerusalem and reprisals for the Bar Kokhba revolt, few Jews lived in the land during the next 1800 years.

What is happening in Palestine 1453 – 1917?

The population was sparse and largely nomadic.

The land was poorly cultivated, “a widely-neglected expanse of eroded hills, sandy deserts, malarial marshes.”

Ancient irrigation systems had crumbled.

Forests were cut down as the Turks taxed trees.

Mark Twain (1867): “. . . Road from Gaza to the north is only a summer track suitable for camels and carts . . . No orchards . . .

Houses were all of mud . . . Schools do not exist . . . Villages were few and thinly populated . . . many deserted.”

Voltaire: “a hopeless, dreary place.”

Israel: On and Off the Land

■ In **the mid-1800's**, before the modern returns, only some 20-25,000 Jews were residing in the land. (NOTE: Williams-Brice stadium seats 85,000).

When persecution in Russia drove Jews to leave, ½ million went to Israel and 2+ million came to the United States of America. (between 1880-1920).

■ At the end of the 1900's more Jews were living in the land than at any time in their history, nearly 6 million of the 13 million Jews worldwide.

The Results (not the CAUSES) of TWO WORLD WARS

- WWI resulted in the RELEASE of PALESTINE (Jerusalem) from Ottoman control after 400 years!
- 1917: The Balfour Declaration (Britain): “A Jewish national homeland in Palestine.” (This was NOT declaring a nation; only saying that there should be a PLACE for Jews in the world to go.”
- The Russian Revolution (1917) and the availability of land in Palestine encouraged emmigration. At the SAME TIME, communism HALTED the spread of Islam for 70 years.

This looked like a terrible time in history with everything falling apart, yet God’s plans were moving forward!

WW II and the Establishment of the State of Israel

- The Holocaust drove virtually all surviving Jews out of Europe. (71 years ago)
- International revulsion of the Holocaust facilitated recognition of Israel as a state and its admission into the newly established United Nations.
- American Jewish officers who had been trained and fought in WWII volunteered to fight for Israel immediately after it was declared a nation and was attacked by its neighboring countries. They helped establish the Israeli Air Force.

What is happening now?

With the fall of the “Iron Curtain” (1989) the hold of communism on formerly-Islamic countries has melted and made way for the “Arab Spring.”

Top 3 nations with Jewish populations (2012)—

Israel: 6 million Jews



France: 478,000 Jews

The number of Evangelical Christians from Western countries has plateaued since 1960, but has been rapidly escalating from non-Western countries.

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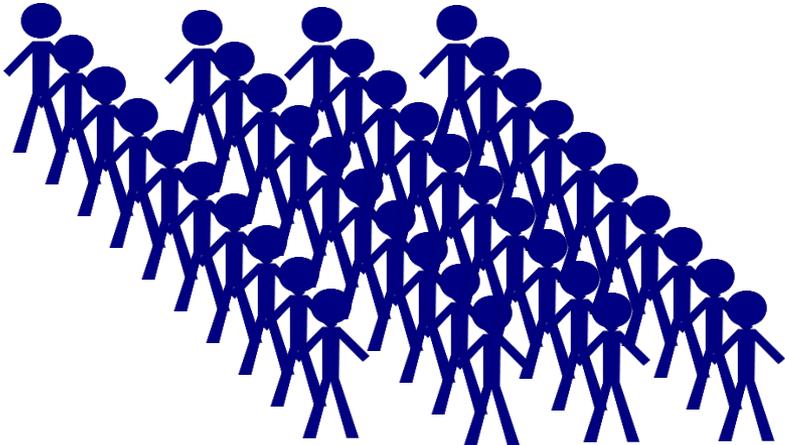
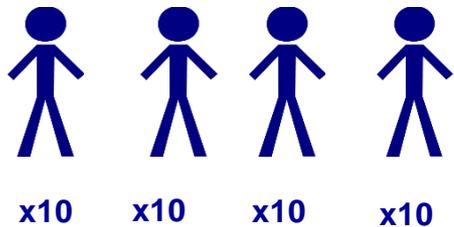
**God brings people, communities,
cities, and nations into existence
at His appointed time,
in order to accomplish His plan
and fulfill His promises.**

**God has brought YOU into existence at THIS TIME in
history, to YOUR FAMILY, RACE, and NATIONALITY,
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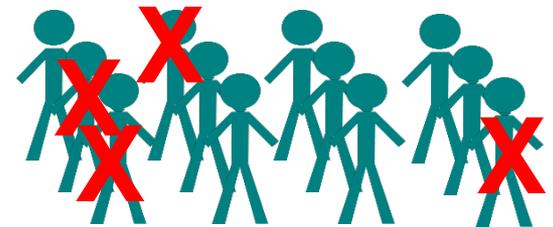
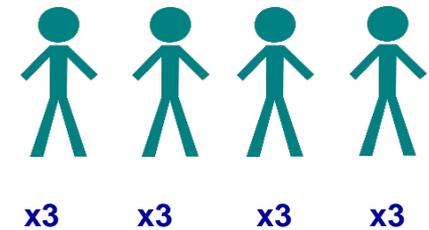
The growing minority

Those with NO KNOWLEDGE
of the LORD.

1900 1.5 Billion people
2000 6.5 Billion people



Those who KNOW the LORD
and HIS WORD.





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What do you do?

- 1. Don't fear.***
- 2. Don't hunker down and hide. (Fatalistic)***
- 3. Keep plans with an open hand.***
- 4. KNOW, STUDY, and TEACH the SCRIPTURES (about Jesus!).***
- 5. Live HOLY lives.***
- 6. Involvement does matter. Intercession does matter.***

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