

Is Islam Bringing the World to the Brink of Chaos?

As Western countries have opened their doors to refugees fleeing Muslim nations, Bible prophecy expert Eric Walker says this could be the linchpin for destabilizing the West and ushering in the "Psalm 83 War" in the Middle East.

Walker, the founder of the Igniting a Nation ministry and the former founding rabbi of the Messianic Jewish congregation Beth Hallel Birmingham, believes the Paris terrorist attacks that killed 130 people are "just the beginning of the chaos."

Although the terrorist attacks in Paris, Mali and elsewhere are in the headlines today, the roots of this conflict began in Genesis 15 when God gave the biblical mandate establishing the borders of ancient Israel followed by the account in Genesis 16 when the Angel of the Lord said Ishmael would be a "wild man" whose "hand shall be against every man."

"As we watch ISIS and fundamentalist Islam, we see that the stage is being set for a battle in the Middle East," Walker says. "When we examine the world around us, we begin to see that we have refugees amassing on the border of Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria, and we begin to see the formation of the confederacy described in Psalm 83.

"Never before could we really anticipate Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Syria northern Saudi Arabia, northern Egypt, Gaza and the West Bank working in concert with one another. Now, we have these terrorist organizations amassing on the borders of Israel."

In his view, the stage is being set for a significant event in the Middle East, possibly the "Psalm 83 War"—an event some prophecy experts believe will precede the war described in Ezekiel 38-39 known as the "War of Gog and Magog," involving a

Russian-Iranian-led attack on Israel prior to the Tribulation period.

“There is no question that the ideology of Islam is focused squarely on the destruction of Israel,” Walker says. “We are fighting two significant battles in the world. The first battle is against an Islamic ideology advancing in the West, but a more significant battlefield is the spirit of the Antichrist that they bring with them.”

Walker, author of *The Codist*, has watched the influx of Muslims into Western countries for many years. He believes the arrival of Syrian refugees, added to the 100,000 Muslims entering America annually, will further compromise the nation’s ability to prevent terrorism.

The West is unwilling to acknowledge the threat posed by Islam. Instead, it continues to pretend this is a “religion of peace” with the exception of a few radicals who give the religion a bad name. This is naïve, an approach that is making free countries increasingly vulnerable to attack, he says.

“As the world looks at the events of the Paris attacks, we are reminded that France has reached the tipping point of 8 percent Muslim,” Walker says. “With the wide open borders of the EU, we have now seen how a small band of terrorists can mobilize and strike.”

Eventually, America will face its own destabilization, perhaps ignited by or resulting in economic collapse, Walker says.

“America’s borders are compromised, and what happened in Paris will happen here,” Walker says. “The dividing lines of the world are being drawn, and persecution of those labeled as infidels is on the rise.”

The “prophecy of Ishmael” has been unfolding since Genesis, but especially since the rise of Muhammad and Islam 1,400 years ago, Walker says.

"We're in the midst of the most preeminent spiritual battle the world has ever known," Walker says.

In terms of the prophetic timeline, Walker believes the next event will be the "Psalm 83 War"—the battle preceding the "War of Gog and Magog" described in Ezekiel 38 and 39. These chapters specify several conditions that must exist in Israel prior to that war, including an Israel with the borders outlined in Genesis 15, and that Israel will be at peace with its neighbors and possess immense wealth—perhaps a reference to recently discovered oil reserves in Israel.

For these conditions to be met, Walker says Israel will have to expand its borders to include all of Syria, Lebanon, most of Iraq, Jordan, northern Saudi Arabia and the Sinai.

"In my opinion, that can't happen unless there is a war," Walker says. "So I believe the war before the war that will accomplish these goals will be the 10-nation confederacy described in Psalm 83. The Bible says this 10-nation confederacy will come against Israel, and Israel will be victorious. The only way we can see Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia coming against Israel is if their terrorist organizations launch the attacks, not the governments themselves."

The "Psalm 83 War" theory has generated controversy in recent years among prophecy experts. The theory began with the publication of a book, *Israelestine*, by prophecy expert Bill Salus.

"Bill Salus theorized that the Israelis would win this war overwhelmingly, resulting in peace for their nation, but the peace would be short-lived because the Arab world would turn to Russia," wrote David R. Reagan, founder and director of Lamb & Lion Ministries, in an article on the topic.

"The Russians would come down against Israel with certain specified Muslim allies in what the Bible calls the War of Gog

& Magog, described in detail in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Russia's Muslim allies will be made up of an outer ring of nations with no common border with Israel today. The Psalm 83 War, on the other hand, would be one between Israel and the inner ring of nations that surround it."

When this war occurs, Walker believes America won't come to Israel's aid.

"I think America falls into the Zechariah 12 prophecy that says when all the nations of the world turn against Jerusalem then God will restore her former glory," Walker says. "We fall into that category of 'all.' We are actually seeing that fulfilled with our current president."

This is why Walker is launching an initiative called Christian Lives Matter. For America to reclaim its blessings, Christians need to speak out and take a stand for what they believe in.

"In response to this, I'm launching a grass-roots movement under the banner of Christian Lives Matter to bring an army of believers together, understanding that the bigger the army, the louder the voice," he says.

Walker would like to create chapters across the nation to vet candidates for office and create report cards to allow voters to hold their representatives accountable to restore traditional values in America.

Walker believes the U.S. can return to its biblical roots and blessings if the church and the nation repent and turn back to God.

"Since the last Bush administration, America has had troubling times, but we are still the most blessed nation in the world," Walker says. "But the headship of America is turning against Israel. That's why in my mind, the most pressing issue among the presidential candidates must be on where they stand with Israel."