

The Spiritual Battle Still Raging Behind the October 7 Israel Strikes

Could Iran have also played a part in the October 7 invasion of Israel? The answer is yes, and more so than any other nation. Iran's part in sponsoring and arming Hamas cannot be overstated. In many ways it was the shadow power behind it all. Without Iran, the Paras prophesied of in Ezekiel 38, the invasion of October 7 could never have taken place.

In the midst of Revelation 12 a war breaks out in the heavenly realms. On one side are the angelic forces of God, and on the other, the Dragon and his angels. One of the realities of the spiritual realm is war. What we are about to see will concern that war and its convergence with world events. To uncover it, we must go back to ancient times and to the court of a pagan king.

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The prophet Daniel was taken captive from Israel into Babylon. There, in the royal court, he would receive prophecies from God concerning the end of days. While standing by the Tigris River he saw a "man," an angel, who had been sent to him with a prophetic revelation. The angel said:

Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the [Sar Malkhut Paras] withstood me twenty-one days.

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The angel tells Daniel that he would have come earlier but was prevented from doing so by another entity. The entity is identified in Hebrew as the Sar Malkhut Paras. The word sar can be translated as prince, head, chief, ruler, captain, keeper, steward, lord, or master. The word malkhut means kingdom. And the word Paras, as it appeared in Ezekiel 38, means Persia. Persia, at that time, was at the height of its power, having just established its empire across the Middle Eastern world.

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This unique demonic entity is linked to a particular nation—Persia. The title Sar Paras may be translated as Prince of Persia, or the Persian Lord and Master of Persia. As Persia became Iran, the entity may be called the Ruler of Iran, the Iranian Lord, or the Lord and Master of Iran. Thus it seeks to control the nation of Persia, Iran, to lead it, impel it, drive it, and use it as the instrument of its purposes.

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Spirits do not die. Thus the Sar Paras did not perish in ancient times—it still exists. And since it specifically wars against the nation of Israel and God’s end-time purposes for that nation, what would we expect to happen with the return of Israel to the modern world and the Jewish people to Jerusalem? We would expect that it would trigger and reactivate the Sar Paras and his ancient war.

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