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And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.¹
Daniel 11:5

Dear Friends and Fellow Laborers,

The King of the South is quickly rising. Events in Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, and now Libya, Jordan, Bahrain, and other Middle Eastern and North African countries are nothing less than the fulfillment of end-time prophecy!

The prophet Daniel was given a vision by God telling what would happen in the End of the Age (Daniel 11–12). This was revealed to him so that he could write it down for you and me. Because we have the Word of God to guide us to understand world events, we view those events from an entirely different perspective. While many see what some call “a spontaneous outcry for freedom and human rights,” we see the fulfillment of words written long ago by an elderly prophet living in ancient Babylon.

Recently, I was speaking with a friend of mine who is a great-grandson of the last king of Tunisia. He was excited about these events taking place in his homeland and in Egypt. He sees it as a welcome grassroots movement to overthrow corrupt tyrants and gain freedom and human rights. I have a completely different idea. I see war and oppression coming. I see the clash of old empires coming. I see death, destruction, and the end of the world coming—all because I have read and believe the words Daniel wrote down over 2500 years ago.

The television and internet news is full of reports about Hosni Mubarak stepping down as President of Egypt. Egypt has followed Tunisia as the most recent government to fall in what the news media is calling the “Jasmine Revolution.” Jasmine sounds rather innocent, doesn’t it? But what is taking place in North Africa and the Middle East is far from innocent. It will change the whole world as we know it, and it is fulfilling prophecy right before our very eyes.

¹ NKJV unless otherwise noted.

In reality, what is taking place is the restoration of the Muslim Empire known as the **Caliphate**. At one time this empire stretched over three continents. From India west through Pakistan, Afghanistan, Turkey, and Iran—through the Middle East—across North Africa all the way to the Pyrenees in northern Spain. All came under the rule of the Caliph, Allah’s representative on earth². Tunisia was part of that empire, and so was Egypt.

A real “domino effect” is unfolding with unrest and protests springing up in Jordan, Yemen, Syria, Libya, Algeria, and other Muslim countries. All were once part of the Caliph’s empire. All present leaders—be they prime ministers, presidents, sultans, or kings—are threatened with expulsion, and, if they don’t step down, even death. A little over a week ago, an attempt was made on the life of Omar Suleiman, the newly appointed Vice President of Egypt. Some of these rulers have been in power for decades. Now they are stepping down and fleeing their countries³.



Greatest expanse of the Caliphate Empire (courtesy of Wikipedia)

Wise king Solomon said that there is nothing new under the sun. History continues to repeat itself. If you want to know what is going on now and peer into the future, study the past. From about 622 until the Mongol invasion⁴ of the Middle East in the thirteenth

² *Kalipha* means “representative or steward or successor.” He is considered to be God’s Vice-regent on Earth with divine authority.

³ Deposed Prime Minister Ben Ali of Tunisia was reported to have fled with a ton and a half of pure gold.

⁴ Students of prophecy should note that it was the Mongols located Northeast of Jerusalem (under the command of Halagu Khan) who crossed the Euphrates, captured Baghdad in 1258, and executed the Abbasid Caliph. Was this a precursor (type) fulfillment of Daniel 11:44?

century, the Muslim world dominated Africa and the Middle East in what historians call the “Golden Age of Islam.” Trade routes between Africa, Europe, and Asia were mainly controlled by the Caliph or his Emirs, Sultans, or Walis. Science and military might were at their acme in the Islamic world.

The “Golden Age of the Caliphate” ended in the thirteenth century, but the office of Caliph continued under the Mamluks in Egypt and the Ottomans in Turkey until finally formally abolished by Mustafa Ataturk, first President of the Turkish Republic, in 1924.

However, the memory of the “Golden Age” and the glories of the Caliphate did not end in 1924. Two years later, in 1926, a conference was held in Cairo to formulate a roadmap for the restoration of the Caliphate. At that time, enthusiasm for this was not strong and the movement did not take off. But the dream did not die. It just went underground. There are numerous Islamic organizations today, including *Al Qaeda* and the *Muslim Brotherhood*, that seek to restore the Caliphate. Some believe it should be restored through peaceful political means; others advocate the sword if necessary. Either way, restore it they will! Both *Al Qaeda* and the *Muslim Brotherhood* have been active behind the scenes in Tunisia and Egypt and every other country where “spontaneous” street protests are taking place.

But why bring down the government of Egypt? Isn’t that a Muslim country? There are important reasons why this is being done. First of all, President Mubarak has maintained the peace treaty with Israel signed by his predecessor, Anwar Sadat. He is considered to be a lackey of the West and an ally of the United States. Of even more significance to the restoration of the empire of the Caliphate is the *Suez Canal*. He who controls Egypt controls the Canal! 80% of the oil that fuels the great industrial nations of the United States and Europe comes through the chokepoint of the Suez Canal. If oil tankers cannot transverse the Canal, they must make the lengthy journey around the Cape of Good Hope at the southern tip of Africa, an additional 6,500 kilometers.

Close the Canal and Europe goes to war!

It would not be the first time. In 1956, Egypt nationalized the Suez Canal and banned Israeli ships from using it. Egypt also threatened banning British and French shipping because both these European countries refused to finance the building of the Aswan Dam as previously agreed. Britain, France, and Israel invaded Egypt and forced the re-opening of the Canal. Could this happen again? Yes it could!

Why is the small country of Yemen important? Yemen controls the strategic straight called the *Strait of Bab el-Mandab*, another chokepoint between the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean which controls southern access to the Suez Canal. This is also the area where Somali pirates have been active. Both Yemen and Somalia were part of the Caliphate.

Then there is the *Strait of Hormuz* between Oman and Iran. This important chokepoint must remain open for 88 % of Persian Gulf oil to reach Japan and China in the East and the U.S. and Europe in the West. 75% of all Japanese oil imports travel by tanker

through Hormuz. The islands that control the Strait are disputed by both Iran and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). In the war between Iran and Iraq from 1980–1988, both sides began firing on oil tankers headed for one another's ports. This was only resolved by the force of arms of the United States Navy. Iran, Iraq, and the UAE were all once a part of the Caliphate. Does anyone see a pattern unfolding here? These strategic sea gates must be kept open in order for oil to flow. Western economies are based on oil! The United States and Europe consume 85 million barrels a day! Without oil, these economies swiftly grind to a halt!

China is the fastest growing economy in the world today and a fast growing naval power. Shut off oil to China and the Chinese will react swiftly and powerfully!

Protecting the sea trade routes is of paramount importance to the great industrialized nations of the world. Sir Walter Raleigh, one of Queen Elizabeth I's knights, said:

Whosoever commands the sea commands trade; whosoever commands the trade of the world commands the riches of the world, and consequently the world itself.

What is going on today in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, and other Muslim countries is of great significance and importance to Europe, America, China, Japan, and all international trade. And IT IS FULFILLING PROPHECY!

Watch Egypt. It is the historical homeland of the biblical King of the South. Egypt will play a major role in a modern restoration of the Caliphate, the End of the Age, and the rise of the King of the South.

Long ago God sent the Archangel Gabriel to tell Daniel what was to come. This is what he said:

In the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him. "And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of them; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece. And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases. But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded, for his sovereignty will be uprooted and given to others besides them.

Daniel 11:1-4⁵

But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

Daniel 8:8

"Horns" are biblical symbols of rulers or kings. So Daniel 8 shows that the large horn was broken and replaced by four other horns.

⁵ Following Bible references from NASV.

Nearly all Bible historians recognize that these are prophecies about Alexander the Great. He conquered the known world as far as he could. But he died at age 33 and his empire did not go to his son or other relative. Instead, it was divided up into four parts between four of his generals: Lysimachus, Cassander, Seleucus, and Ptolemy.



Map of the division of Alexander's empire (courtesy of Wikimedia Commons)

Lysimachus received Thrace and most of Asia Minor (brown). Cassander obtained Macedonia and Greece (dark green). Ptolemy got Egypt, Palestine, Cilicia, Petra, and Cyprus (purple). Seleucus inherited the rest of Asia: Syria, Babylon, Persia, and India (yellow).

These four generals, who became kings over Alexander's divided empire, then fought among themselves.

A key to understanding Bible prophecy is that the prophecy is usually forecast from the perspective of the Holy Land and Jerusalem in particular.

The two kings Seleucus and Ptolemy, and their descendants, fought against each other. The Bible prophecies in Daniel that talk about a "King of the North" are about the land NORTH of Israel (Seleucid), with their capital in Babylon and then Antioch in modern day Syria. The "King of the South" is about the ruler of the lands SOUTH of Israel (Ptolemaic), whose capital was in Alexandria, Egypt.

These two warred back and forth against each other with control of Palestine in between.

Daniel 8 and **Daniel 11** continue to prophecy about future struggles with these two great powers.

And out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land. **Daniel 8:9**

Daniel 8 talks about a small horn or king that grows out of one of the four horns. This is talking about a descendant of one of the four generals who became kings over Alexander's divided empire.

In 175 B.C., Antiochus Epiphanes became the king of the Seleucid Empire. He portrayed himself as a god. But not just any god! He fashioned himself to be the human incarnation of Zeus—the king of the Greek gods. He made war with Egypt and nearly conquered the Ptolemaic kingdom. But he was forced by the Roman senate to give up his plans.

*At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but this last time it will not turn out the way it did before. “For **ships of Kittim (ROME)** will come against him;*

*...therefore he will be disheartened and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the **abomination of desolation**.*

Daniel 11:29-30

Antiochus Epiphanes was enraged that he was stopped from conquering his old enemy Egypt. So he took out his anger on the Jewish people and Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

He stopped the daily sacrifice at the Temple and erected a statue of Zeus on the Altar of Sacrifice. He offered pigs on the altar inside the Temple area. This statue of Zeus is what Daniel called the “**Abomination of Desolation**.”

Antiochus Epiphanes then forced the Jewish people to give up practice of the worship of the True God and made them offer sacrifices to Zeus. He forbade the keeping of the Sabbath and Holy Days and banned circumcision of boy babies. Many Jews were killed for disobeying his laws against the true worship of God.⁶

Some of the Jewish leadership allied themselves to this King of the North and began to worship Zeus and take on Greek customs.

By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action. Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days. “Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy. Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.

Verses 32-35

A priestly family (Maccabees) rose up, and led a rebellion that eventually overthrew the pagan Greek control of Judea and restored Temple worship.

⁶ 1 Maccabees.

FUTURE FULFILLMENT OF DANIEL

What is interesting about the prophecy of Daniel 11 is this: Jesus talked about the “Abomination of Desolation” in Matthew 24.

*When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days. But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day: For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*

Matthew 24:15-22

The setting up of the Abomination in the Holy Place in Jerusalem is the event that marks the beginning of the **GREAT TRIBULATION just before the return of Jesus.**

But wait a minute. How can an event that happened BEFORE the time of Jesus be the same as an event Jesus prophesies to happen in the future?

The answer is that prophecy many times has a dual fulfillment. The first is almost like a rehearsal for the final event at the End of the Age. The events of the time of Antiochus Epiphanes are a “type” or rehearsal of the FINAL event. By doing this, God gives us clues about what to look for in world events.

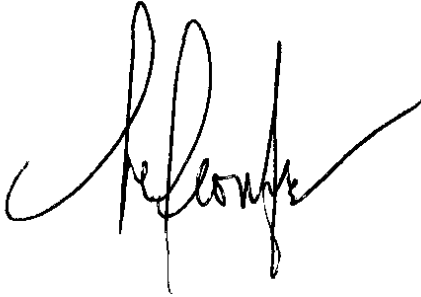
Right now the kingdom of the King of the South is being formed by the restoration of the Islamic Caliphate, the Empire of Muslim nations centered in Egypt. The kingdom of the King of the North was eventually absorbed by the Roman Empire, which today is—in its modern incarnation—the confederation of European nations known as the European Union (EU).

This King of the South will “push against” the King of the North and the Northern king will react by invading the Middle East and Egypt.

*And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. **Dan 11:40***

Prophecy is being fulfilled—very quickly. Keep watching.

In service to the REAL King, Jesus of Nazareth,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', with a stylized, flowing script.

T. Leon Sexton

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Notice: Feast of Tabernacles in Chiang Mai, Thailand

Plans are underway for the 2011 Festival of Tabernacles in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The Thailand Feast is mainly for the benefit of local brethren, but international visitors are always warmly welcomed. Services are held all eight days and are in English, with Thai and Burmese language translations. For further information, please write to us at the address at the top of this letter or email us at: **mail@legacyinstitute.org**