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IN THIS LETTER:

PROPHECY



CHINA, RUSSIA



KING OF THE NORTH



KING OF THE SOUTH



Hulaku Khan, Conquerer of Damascus (seated L), and one of his queens, Doquz Khatun. Courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

Dear Friends and Fellow Laborers,

Prophecy marches on. The world continues on a toboggan slide toward self-destruction, even if our interpretations about events in world news do not turn out the way we expect. For instance, we know from Daniel 11 that we are to look for a rising power from the geographic area of Egypt, which Daniel calls “the king of the South.” I thought the Muslim Brotherhood President of Egypt could easily fill the bill as “the king of the South.” But recent turmoil in Egypt has seen Mohammad Morsi deposed by the Egyptian military. We do not know yet who will replace him. Nor do we know if the current political winds of change will still bring about the revelation of the end-time king of the South. That is the nature of Bible prophecy.

Unless the Bible specifically names names—like it did in Isaiah 44:28 and 45:1, where God specifically names Cyrus and prophesies exactly what he will do concerning Jerusalem and the temple—we play a guessing game. We can know the

WHAT; but the HOW, WHEN, and specifically WHO, is much more difficult. We know that we are to watch for a king of the South. Is it the now deposed President Morsi? It doesn't look like it.

Then there is the civil war in Syria, the geographic territory of the king of the North. The war continues. Russia and China back President Assad and supply his troops. The U.S. backs the rebel coalition fighting against Assad, even though many of these fighters are experienced Jihads who have fought against American and NATO troops in the past. So, we are back to a Cold War scenario with the U.S. fighting a proxy war with its old enemy Russia and current rival China.

The stakes are nothing less than control of oil and the Persian Gulf routes that oil must traverse to get to Europe, America, and Asia. Over 40% of all oil exports worldwide must pass through the Straits of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf. And we must never forget where the Suez Canal is located. Every single day, over 300 barrels of oil pass through the Suez Canal and the Sumed pipeline that parallels the canal. China is currently wooing Egypt. I suspect it has much to do with Egypt's control of the Canal.

It was Henry Kissinger who said, "*Control oil and you control nations.*" In today's oil-fueled world economies, he is absolutely correct. Wars and political maneuverings are based on control of natural resources, chief of which is oil.

Cut off oil supplies and Russia¹ and the U.S. are able to survive because of their own oil reserves under the ground. But Europe and China would be put into an economic and political vise.

The fastest growing economy in the world is China. They need increasingly more and more oil to feed their exploding economy. Many of China's export products are made from oil such as plastics and polyesters. It is a serious political and economic necessity to assure that their oil supplies are not cut off. And that is why China is rapidly increasing its presence in Africa and the Middle East—a part of the world once dominated by the United States. Clashes between these two economic and political titans are inevitable.

China now challenges American hegemony at every turn.

¹ <http://blog.euromonitor.com/2010/09/russia-has-overtaken-saudi-arabia-as-worlds-biggest-crude-oil-producer.html>, accessed July 21, 2013.

“This century has witnessed China's emergence as the main challenger to the superpower status of the United States. In a dramatic fashion, China is beginning to establish its foothold in the highly strategic, energy-rich region of the Middle East by forging strong ties with regional powers and gradually challenging the U.S.-Israeli regional dominance. Thanks to decades of double-digit economic growth and accelerating military modernization, China now has both the need for and the capability of engaging the Middle East.”²

“Other than the United States and Iran, the country with the most influence over whether there will be another war in the Persian Gulf may be China.”³

The news doesn't talk much about China. But the Chinese are masters at business and politics. China just happens to be the largest foreign holder of U.S. debt. It is the number three holder of U.S. government debt, which amounts to 1.2 trillion U.S. dollars, just behind the Social Security Trust Fund and the Federal Reserve. China can and does use this as leverage against the U.S. This emerging Asian super-state is a rival to be taken seriously.

China is a strategic economic and political partner of Iran. China has assisted Iran with its nuclear ambitions. China is willing to help Iran and anger the West because Iran has the second largest reserves of oil and natural gas in the world.

China is rapidly replacing America as Saudi Arabia's largest market for crude oil. Saudi Aramco's exports to the U.S., previously its biggest oil export market, have been falling as its exports to China and other major Asian countries have risen, and now account for over 50% of total Saudi crude oil exports⁴.

Aramco has even switched the location for its annual board meetings from Houston to Shanghai. What kind of signal is that sending the U.S.? China is moving toward a serious naval presence in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf. Thai construction companies are building a very large deep water port, called Kyawkphyu, located in Myanmar's western Rakhine State. The Kyawkphyu Deepwater Port will be able to accommodate large tankers and even Chinese warships. China is constructing a pipeline and a railroad line from Kyawkphyu to Kunming in southern China. The plan is to have crude and natural gas flowing to China's refineries as soon as possible. One problem facing a speedy accomplishment of China's plan is the necessary location of the new port on the Indian Ocean. Rakhine State is the home of the

² Richard Javad Heydarian, “China and America Jostle in Middle East,” *Foreign Policy in Focus*, May 10, 2010

³ Middle East Notes and Comment November 2007: Beyond the Silk Road, by Jon B. Alterman, Nov. 27, 2007, <http://csis.org/publication/middle-east-notes-and-comment-november-2007-beyond-silk-road>, accessed July 21, 2013.

⁴ “Saudi Arabia to Remain China's Top Crude Supplier for Near Term”, <http://www.platts.com/latest-news/oil/Singapore/Saudi-Arabia-to-remain-Chinas-top-crude-supplier-7334153>, March 24, 2011, accessed July 21, 2013.

Rohinga Muslim minority. There have been bloody clashes between the Buddhist Burmese and the Muslim Rohingas. This problem of ethnic violence was addressed by President Obama during his recent visit to Myanmar.

If we look at history, we can learn more about China's present-day ambitions. China has always been an imperialist nation. China under the Mongol Khans had one of the largest empires in history. They called themselves "The Middle Kingdom," because they considered themselves the kingdom between heaven and earth. The Emperor of China was known as the "Son of Heaven." The Chinese have always considered themselves a higher culture than what they viewed as uncivilized barbarians; and, in many respects, they were right. Paper making, gunpowder, the compass, and printing were all Chinese inventions.

The Chinese/Mongol Empire was vast, stretching from Korea to Burma, Vietnam, and Java, across Central Asia, and into Poland, Hungary, Anatolia, and Syria. The Chinese/Mongol army, under the Mongol Hulagu Khan, even sacked Damascus, the capital of the Abassid Caliphate in 1258, effectively ending Islam's Golden Age. Now the Chinese are back, exerting their power once again in the Middle East.

This should come as no surprise to students of prophecy. History always has a way of repeating itself. Prophecy shows that it is inevitable for the Chinese (and even the Russians, Indians, and possibly other Asian countries) to become involved in the Middle East at the End of the Age.

First, we see that the king of the North will attack the king of the South and plunder the riches of Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia (Daniel 11:43). But then news from the Northeast will cause him to return north with fury (Verse 44). North and east of Jerusalem lie the great nations of Russia, China, and their allies.

The Bible shows us that the Euphrates will be dried up to prepare the way for the "kings of the east"

Revelation 16:12 "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

This army of the "eastern kings" will be a mighty army indeed. According to the Bible, the number will be two hundred thousand, thousand (200,000,000).

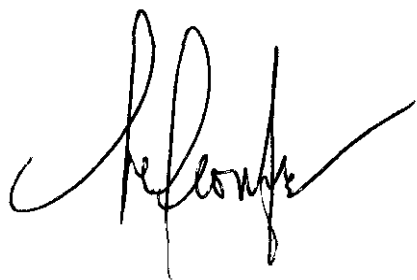
Revelation 9:14-18 “Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.’ And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.”

This great Asian army will cross the Euphrates and ultimately participate in the attack on King Jesus in Jerusalem.

If we watch carefully the events taking place in the Middle East right now and look at the politics of the control of the world’s oil supplies, we see the prophetic events of Daniel and John unfolding step-by-step toward the coming of Our Lord and King to save us all from destruction.

Keep watching.

In service to Our Soon Coming King,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

T. Leon Sexton

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P.S. Please pray for our Taungoo, Burma, Church of God. The brethren there are under attack by wolves who are bringing in heresies in an attempt to devour the little ones new to the faith. Two of our Legacy students are presently there teaching true doctrine to strengthen the brethren. We sent one several months ago to get his I.D. card renewed. He decided to stay on and fight the wolves. I knew he was in over his head, so I sent another student to help him. They are young with little experience, but they have decided to stand in the breach until I can get over there. They are like young Davids against Goliath. Please pray for them and the COG members they are protecting.