

THE KEY OF DAVID

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TRANSCRIPT – CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS (0623)

INTRO: Amir Tahiri is an Iranian journalist formerly stationed in Iran. He wrote in the Weekly Telegraph, April 25, “*Teheran’s Shia regime believes that its nuclear weapons will speed the second coming of the Mahdi [their messianic figure]...*”

Imagine: Iran is the world’s number one terrorist-sponsoring nation. They are about to get nuclear bombs, and they believe a nuclear war will *speed* the return of their version of the Messiah. That means they are **EAGER** for a nuclear war. Could any statement be more explosive? Believe it or not! Believe it or not, that statement is a sign of the best news you have ever heard!

VOICEOVER:

The Key of David with Gerald Flurry

GERALD FLURRY:

Greetings, everyone. You have just heard one of the most shocking statements ever made, and yet, at the same time that statement is a sign of the best news you could ever hear. But why is that statement so terrifying? And why is it, at the same time, so inspiring? I tell you, it reveals a lot about our future—both the bad news and the good news.

Let me read that quote to you one more time. This was taken from the Weekly Telegraph and it says this: “*Teheran’s Shia regime believes that its nuclear weapons will SPEED the second coming of the Mahdi [their messianic figure]...*”

Now, this is one of the most revealing statements I’ve read in quite a long time; and to any of the people who are Christians in this world, they ought to realize it’s a twisted counterfeit of what Jesus Christ said. That’s exactly what it is; and look, that statement means that that regime, which is about to get nuclear weapons, is *eager* for a nuclear war, thinking that will somehow bring about the return of their messiah figure. That’s how serious this is, and how it applies to every one of us, because once you start a nuclear war, how do you stop it? *How do you stop it?*

Let me show you what Christ had to say about it, and believe me, He’s not eager for a nuclear war and the suffering to billions of people, even, in this world.

Notice Matthew 24 verses 21 and 22. **(21) For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

So this is the worst suffering ever—ever—in the history of man.

Verse (22) **And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved...:**

Alive, the Moffat says.

...but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

So, Christ is going to speed up His second coming and cut the days short. It sounds a little bit like—certainly quite a bit like—what Ahmadinejad is talking about; only there's an ugly twist to it that you don't find in that prophecy. Nuclear warfare is indeed going to hasten the return of Jesus Christ to this earth, but not the 12th Amman or the Mahdi that he talks about; and I say that because when I tell you what I'm talking about here, I prove it; he doesn't prove anything, and can't prove what he is saying. He simply cannot prove it. But again, the Weekly Telegraph said that he believes he was given that presidency to *provoke* a clash between civilizations—if you can believe that.

Now, again, he's about to get nuclear bombs. But do you really think that God wants to see a clash of civilizations provoked? Now, He certainly doesn't, if we'll heed His message. We know that much. He does warn us and tell us about these terrible times that are coming, and He wants us to listen to His message. He wants us to listen to it.

Notice verse 14. You can see that very clearly, even in this same chapter.

(14) And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a WITNESS unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

But it's only as a witness. You see, God knows that men are going to reject what He says, for the most part. But He's putting it out there for a witness against them because they can't come back and say, "Well, why didn't you tell us? Why didn't you warn us?" And of course, He will just say—if they do have that approach—He'll just say, "Well, I did warn you. Why were you asleep and why didn't you respond?" You see, He warns us, hoping to *prevent* a nuclear clash. This all ties in with the return of Jesus Christ; and believe me, this God of love doesn't want to see anybody suffer. But He certainly will allow it and even *cause* it, in some cases, if we won't heed His message, if we won't listen to what He says.

But what does Ahmadinejad's statement really mean? Why is it a counterfeit? And is he being manipulated? Is there really some power that's manipulating him, that this world doesn't understand or doesn't even know? Well, I can tell you that there is. In Revelation 12 and verse 9 it talks about the whole world being deceived. II Corinthians 4:4 talks about Satan being the god of this world. And let me read to you about that deception in Revelation 12 and verse 9.

(9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

I mean, Satan who was Lucifer and all of the demons were cast out of the heavens, and they had no more access to God—cast out, down to this Earth, confined to this earth—and this happens right at the very end time, and notice their response to that.

Verse (12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. WOE to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having GREAT wrath, because he KNOWETH that he hath but a short time.

He KNOWS he only has a little short time.

Ahmadinejad is talking about his Mahdi returning in two to three years. See, it'll even be quicker if somehow he can cause a clash of civilizations. Now, we have a booklet on *The King of the South* that will explain that to you, but Satan's time has been cut short, or he knows time has been cut short, and he is full of *wrath*. He has nothing to lose. He is full of *wrath*, and he is from another world, as *we* understand it, and he does send his message through leaders that are not obedient to God. But I can tell you that this shortness of time is foremost on Satan and the demons' mind. They've been cast down and they KNOW they have very little time left before Christ returns. They *know* that, and that's like they're in a kind of a panic-mode, if you will, and this is on their minds all the time. Time is about up for them, and then Christ is going to rule, and they're going to be cast into outer darkness, as the scripture says. They're going to be gone. But right now, they're full of wrath, and there are many prophecies about that.

But did you ever wonder—did you ever wonder how Satan gets control of a great leader in the world? How does he do that? Well, Daniel gives us a good insight into that in Daniel 10 and verse 14. In here he's talking about the latter days, and this is really Gabriel, the great archangel that's talking here.

Verse (14) Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

So, this is a vision for *now*. This is a vision for the end time. The whole book of Daniel is for the end time; and really, mainly, *all* of the prophecies of the Old Testament are primarily for the end time, at least 90% of them are for today.

Daniel goes on to say this—or Gabriel, through this book of Daniel.

Verse (18) Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

So, the angels can appear as men. Satan and the demons cannot. But notice, they appear as a man. If they appeared the way they were, then we'd be destroyed because of their brightness and their shiny, fiery brilliance.

Verse (20) Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia:

They're fighting with the prince of Persia, Gabriel and Michael.

Verse (21) But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

Now, here is Michael and Gabriel fighting against Satan who was trying to get—and *is*—getting control of the prince of Persia. But Michael and Gabriel were making sure that they don't go beyond the bounds that God has set for them. In other words, it all fits right into God's Master Plan, even though God does allow Satan to get, even, control of the leaders of the world because he has that spiritual power to do that.

Now, this is an end time book. It's about the prince of Persia. And do you know who the prince of Persia is today? Well, I mean, there's a power behind that prince that God is *really* talking about, but Ahmadinejad is the prince of Persia today—that is, humanly.

Now, God says, here in Daniel, there's a great power *behind* this prince of Persia; that was so anciently, but remember it's for the end time. It's for the time we're living in today. You suppose Satan could be having something to do with this *clash* of civilizations? I hope we know he has everything to do with it. But it's for today.

Ahmadinejad has said he is going to wipe Israel off the map in one storm, implying a nuclear storm; and he's said that before the whole world. You think that's coming from God? Oh, no, it's not coming from God, but Daniel tells us where it *is* coming from. He tells us where it's coming from.

I can absolutely tell you that Iran—though many people would disagree with this, but think about it—Iran is *not* going to conquer Israel, and they're *not* going to wipe them off the face of the Earth, or off the map. That is not in God's plan, but there is another power they *do* have to be concerned about very, very much if they don't repent.

Let me just read to you what Charles Krauthammer wrote in the washingtonpost.com—in an article entitled, *Never Again?* May 5, 2006. Here's what he wrote:

“Last week Bernard Lewis, America's dean of Islamic studies, who just turned 90 and remembers the 20th century well, confessed that for the first time he feels it is 1938 again.”

When Hitler was about to start World War II.

He went on to write: *“He did not need to add that in 1938, in the face of the gathering storm—a fanatical, aggressive, openly declared enemy of the West, and most determinedly of the Jews—the world did nothing.*

They didn't do anything.

He goes on to write, *“When Iran's mullahs acquire their coveted nukes in the next few years, the number of Jews in Israel will just be reaching 6 million.”*

More than any place else on the Earth, frankly, right there.

Then he ends by saying, “*Never again?*” implying that it’s very possible it could happen again. What happened in World War II could happen again to the Jews; that’s what he’s saying.

Now, again, I’m telling you that won’t happen. I know it won’t happen because of the prophecies, and there are quite a number of them right here in this Bible. How could I possibly know? Unless, that I know the prophecies of God in that Bible.

Now, I’m going to (if I have time), talk to you about a few of the articles in our *Trumpet* magazine, and I hope that you will write for a one-year free subscription, if you don’t have one, because it will tell you in detail all about what I’m talking about, and explain these end time prophecies to you, and you’ll know what great nations in this end time are going to do. It makes that very explicit in the Bible. It certainly does.

Notice Revelation 13 and verse (1) **And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.**

So, here is the power that’s going to conquer the Middle East, believe it or not. It’s not going to be Iran. It’s going to be this power—right here—a power that has seven heads and ten horns, and conquered Alexander the Great, started *way* back then, the Roman Empire. It has seven heads (it absorbed those six heads preceding it), and then it has ten horns that continue right down to return of Jesus Christ. And the last seven of those horns are called the Holy Roman Empire. It’s a church/state combine.

But notice what it says in verses 2 and 3. (2) **And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and *great authority.***

The dragon did that.

(3) **And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.**

See, it had a deadly wound, and then it was healed. It was healed, and it just continued. I mean, this old empire has continued for a *long time*. Now, we ought to know where it is. If we know anything about history, we ought to know where it is.

Verse (4) **And they worshipped the dragon...**

This whole empire worshipped the dragon, if you can believe that. So, let’s not be down on Ahmadinejad. I mean, here’s something even *worse*.

...they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Imagine that now, people (a church/state combine) worshipping the dragon. You know who the dragon is; it's the Devil.

Now, again, that's why you need the *Trumpet* because we really break all that down for you, and explain it to you, and you really need to understand this in more detail than what I can tell you, and the *Trumpet* really does effectively open those things up to your understanding. And as I said, it costs you nothing. We don't charge for anything because Christ said, "Freely you have received, freely give." And there's no follow-up, at all. You will not have anybody call on you, unless you ask them to. It will not happen.

Notice verse (5) **And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue *forty and two months*.**

So, it's just for a short amount of time—three and one-half years—a short span of time, and then Jesus Christ is going to return to this earth and rule it. You see, Satan knows that; he's full of wrath. That means he no longer gets to rule this world. Why wouldn't he be angry and almost in a maddened, crazed state? How could it be otherwise?

And it goes on in verse 7. Well, let me just read that to you, where it says,

(7) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome *them*: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Here is an AWESOME power, and it actually conquers about 95% of God's people, too, because *they* have rebelled against God. God's own people, who grew lukewarm and wouldn't get God's message out to the world as He told them to do, and warn the world so they would have an opportunity to, well, avoid the nuclear holocaust. But they chose not to do that.

Again, you see, the *Trumpet* makes all of that really very clear to you, and you do desperately need that. I think it's the most important magazine in the world by far, and I'm telling you, there's nothing like it. There is nothing like it, and it will explain these Bible prophecies to you according—right in the world. You'll see it in the newspapers, in the magazines, and on TV, and it's all prophesied—all of these major events you see unfolding—are prophesied in your Bible, and we'll show you what is really happening in this world because God will inspire us to do that.

Notice verse (11) **And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.**

So here is another beast rising up. This one looks like a lamb. In other words, it's a religious organization, but it looks like a lamb, to people, but remember, the whole world is deceived. And it actually speaks like a dragon, which means the world doesn't know how the dragon speaks. He comes as an angel of light, and people don't understand. They don't *know* the Devil. Here are great powers in this world that worship the Devil. Now how many people really believe that? And how many people do you think actually know the Devil? Really know him? Well, I tell you, there aren't very many.

Actually this is, again, another (just like the King of the South which Iran is the leader of), and the king—well, this is the King of the North, and they're both church/state combines. It shouldn't be too hard to figure these things out. Seems to me that ought to be relatively *easy* to do. Not hard to prove. But let me tell you, these prophecies are absolutely exhilarating. It will just bring your life alive if you respond to God. I'll guarantee you that it will.

Let me just talk to you a little bit about our *Trumpet* magazine, the latest one with Ehud Olmert on the cover here, but let me just give you some of the articles that are in this powerful magazine. First of all, an article I wrote about, *Libya Sees the Deadly Holy Roman Empire*. An Italian politician calls on the pope to start a new crusade against Islam. What does the pope think about it?

So, again, what is happening there? Why is Libya—why were they so afraid? Well, if you look at the prophecies in Daniel 11, you're going to see Libya is going to be subject to a great European power very soon. They know that this could be fearful, and that's why they saw it and really spoke out, and it caused Italy to get rid of one of their politicians because of it. What does it mean? What is it all about? You can understand, and you *need* to understand. There is such a short amount of time. Satan knows there's a short amount of time, and it's even being expressed through leaders in this world. He knows that, and we should know it, as well.

Notice another article about *Revive Your Roots*. That's a part of the bigger article; and then another one, "*A Dictatorship in No Time*." Former Russian dissident, Vladimir Bukovsky, reveals the plan for a Federal European state.

Now, he knows about dictatorships. He knows about the danger of all this, and he says you can have a dictatorship in that European state in no time. Do you realize that it is prophesied, and we've been talking about it for some 70 years? And now it's on the scene, and people in the world see it, and some are deeply concerned about it, and so should you be.

But again, all of that is spelled out in our magazine, and you will understand what's happening in the world; and you'll understand world news by reading the *Trumpet* magazine. I guarantee you that will happen. It will happen.

Another article: *Iran Is King*. You can decode the Middle East mess if you understand this key concept. Now, of course, we have this *The King of the South* booklet, but Iran is king; that's what the Bible is talking about. Right now they're the king, and they're going to clash with another king. That's what they want. They want a clash of civilizations, and they're going to get it, and they're not going to win, and they're not going to wipe Jerusalem off the map. As a matter of fact, *they're* going to get wiped off the map in many respects if they don't also wake up and listen to God's prophecies. This is all spelled out in your Bible, and it's happening right now in the news. You can see it; anybody can see it.

I hope you'll write for this wonderful magazine that you really do need, to understand what's happening, what's going on in this world. Another article about *Exposing Iran's*

Lies. And then another one about *The Coming Siege*. Every major sea gate worldwide once sat under America and British lock-and-key. Times have changed. Times have changed. Oh, have they ever changed!

Do you realize that we are in America, in many ways, being besieged, and do you know what that means? These are not normal times. Satan has been cast down, and I tell you, you can know what he's doing; and you can see the impact he's having because he's full of wrath, and he knows he just has a short time left. He knows that.

Well, there are many other articles here that will explain all this to you, and you can get this magazine, *The Philadelphia Trumpet*, for absolutely free. So, please write for it today.

Until next week, this is Gerald Flurry. Goodbye, friends.

VOICEOVER:

Request our free reprint article, *Satan Cast Down* and our free booklet, *The Holy Roman Empire*. Our free reprint article on Satan Cast Down looks at scriptural proof from your Bible that Satan the Devil has been cast down to this earth, and has only a short time left before he is put away. Today's accelerating world problems are a direct result of Satan's influence over mankind. But, Satan will soon be put away and Jesus Christ will reestablish God's government on this earth! You can prove this from your Bible and by studying our free reprint article, *Satan Cast Down*.

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