

# The Key Features of the Modern-Day ASSYRIAN CONFEDERACY ( # )

## Meditation:

**INTRODUCTION:** The subject of the latter day Assyrian Confederacy announces the fall of our present world, particularly under the influence of the Western Civilization, the home of Christendom. It shows the last act in the drama of the falling English-speaking Christian nations- The last act involves a confederation of nations and a world war in Palestine during which the western or democratic nations will lose.

With the fall of the democratic nations the land of promise is also prepared for the establishment of God's kingdom, a place for those who are to be called out of Babylon.

Hence, the Assyrian confederacy and her fall precedes the Image of the Beast — the system described in Rev. 13: 11-18; Rev. 17. (13 SC 3:10; 12SC 1: 7,9). The **PURPOSE** of this outline is to provide the student with a basic sketch of the major events of this impending alliance and war and how it will prepare the way for the rise of despotism, the final world government of an international Church and state union.

'The period we are **now** in is antitypical Assyria. The Assyrian period is about to pass away and the period of Babylon to be ushered in. But there is another thing that is to happen between the setting up of the confederacy of Isaiah 8:9 and the rise of Babylon: it is the setting up of God's kingdom. God's people are to be taken to their own land and made free.' 12 SC 1:7

### 1. The Rise Of English-Speaking Christian World

**Read: Dan. 11:40-43**

- a. The king of the North —Great Britain —expanding her power and conquering many lands after being pushed at by the king of the south.
- b. The king of the South is the Mohammedan or Turkish empire as she declines. (See 2 TG 7:4-8; 12 TR 83-86; 2 TG 42:24-26; 1 TG 4:21.) These reverses began around 1669.

### 2. England and World War II

**Read: Dan. 11:44**

England was drawn into World War II by what was reported to him from the East (Japan) and the North (Germany and Russia). (2 TG 7:8; 2 TG 42:24,25; 12 TR 88,89)

### 3. The Fall Of The English-Speaking People — The King Of The North

**Read: Dan. 11:45**

- a. This verse shows that the fall of the King of the North takes place

- sometime after World War II begins (verse 44).
- b. We also note that the title, 'King of the North', has now expanded to include the United States.
    - i. 2 *TG* 42:27 — The title may change.
    - ii. 12 *TR* 87 — England's kings, along with the disrupted family of Christianized kings.
    - iii. 2 *SR* 151 — The two horned beast of Rev. 13:11 (the U.S.A.)

**Summary:** The 'King of the North' in Dan. 11:45 must apply to the English-speaking Christianized world with primary focus on the USA.

#### 4. **Planting Of His Tabernacles**

**Read:** Dan. 11:45 (1<sup>st</sup> Clause)

- a. He plants His tabernacles before He comes to His end. 2 *TG* 7:9
- b. It could be a branch of His palace. (2 *TG* 7:9)
- c. The location of His palace is understood to be Mt. Sinai (the glorious Holy Mountain) which is between the seas (the Mediterranean and Red Sea). 2 *TG* 7:9; 12 *TR* 89.
- d. This tabernacle may become the future headquarters of the future church-state system of Rev. 17. (12 *TR* 89)
- e. His choosing Mt. Sinai instead of Jerusalem implies that He will lose Palestine, (the glorious land, Dan. 11:41) and the Arab nations (Moab, Edom, and Ammon —Dan. 11:41)

**Summary:** Dan. 11:40-45, therefore, shows us the rise of Great Britain or the rising to prominence of the English-Christian world. It shows how through England's subduing many nations of the earth (India, Middle East, the West Indies, parts of Africa, Europe, etc.), the English-speaking culture and Christianity became prominent in the world.

We have also seen how Great Britain was brought into World War II. Dan. 11:45 shows us that the English-speaking Christian people or western civilization, led by the United States, will come to this end. **This shows that, as God views things, World War II is not yet over.** It is still yet to be completed at which time the King of the North will fall. We also see that before coming to his end, he will plant his tabernacle in Mt. Sinai as a branch of his palace.

**Note:** Although Daniel tells us of the rise and fall of the Western world, he does not tell us how he will fall, **where** the conflict will take place, **when** he will fall as well as other details. To acquire this information we must look at other scriptures that describe the western world under the title, 'Assyria'. Hence, before going further, we must understand,

#### 5. **Who Is Modern Assyria?**

We all know of a modern Babylon, then there must be a modern Assyria as well.

**Read:** Zeph. 2:13, 3:1-6

- a. These verses describe a people who are great and proud and

- well-instructed in the things of God.
- b. She is oppressive and hard-ruling.
- c. She has polluted the Sanctuary . . . made God's law void by the actions of her teachers and ministers.
- d. She has piled up wealth.
- f. She has the church in her midst.
- g. She exists when God is to manifest His power among the nations.
- h. She is a nation of conquests. (1 *TG* 23:6)

**Summary:** Only the English-speaking Christian world (Western or democratic) fit these descriptions. Of course, the United States plays the key role in the above descriptions.

6. **When Will Assyria Fall?**

Nahum 1 & 2

- a. Nahum generally describes the fate of Assyria. It pictures World War II and its culmination which is future in our day. Our focus will be only on those verses that relate to our subject.
- b. Does Nahum's book apply to modern times? Yes. (See Nahum 2:3,4; 14 *TR* 8,9)

**Read: Nahum 1:10**

This says that Assyria will form an alliance or confederacy ('folden as thorns') yet Assyria will fall ('devoured as stubble'). 14*TR* 7,8,29. The confederacy will not do them much good.

**Read: Nahum 1:11**

Someone entitled a 'wicked counselor' is to come on the scene whose counsel or advice will be respected and accepted by Assyria. (14 *TR* 8)

**Read: Nahum 1:12** (1st clause)

Here Assyria is said to be many but she shall be cut down. (14 *TR* 8)

**Read: Nahum 1:12** (2nd clause) & **13**

This refers to God's true followers (144,000) being liberated from Assyria's yoke.

**Read: Nahum 1:14**

This applies to the unfaithful who will have to face the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. (14 *TR* 18)

**Read: Nahum 1:15**

Here we see that while God's truth is being proclaimed while His true followers are being encouraged to perform their religious duties ('perform their vows') and announces the coming Kingdom of peace, and that 'while the powers of earth are engulfed in a gigantic war', the church is to be purified, ('the wicked no more to pass through her') and Assyria will be beaten down while the righteous (144,000) will be set free from Assyria's yoke or rule. (See 14 *TR* 18,19,22,25; 1 *TG* 24:12)

**Summary:** Thus we see that Assyria will fall around the purification of the church and the establishment of God's kingdom. Thus with the fall of Assyria

comes the liberation of the righteous, the destruction of the wicked in the church, and the establishment of the Davidic kingdom.

7. **Was Not Nahum's Prediction of the Fall of Assyria Connected with World War II?**

Yes, but only a portion of it was fulfilled.

**Read: Nahum 2:1**

'He that dashes in pieces' has reference to **Hitler** who caused the allies of World War II (Assyria) to prepare or fortify herself to meet Hitler and his army. It shows that Hitler has dashed the nations in pieces — divided nations and peoples into all different chips and sizes. (See 14 *TR* 52,53; 1 *TG* 24:18; 1 *TG* 3:14)

**Read: Nahum 2:5**

This shows the fall of Hitler. Hitler stumbled 'by waging war against Russia while in war with Great Britain and by going after Greece and Egypt rather than crossing the English channel when England, unknown to him was almost to give up.' 2 *TG* 41:15

**Read: Nahum 2:6-13; 3**

Shows that Hitler since World War II is out of the way and that Assyria is still yet to come to her end. 'After Nahum 2:5 there is no more mention of him that dasheth in pieces, showing that he is out of the way. . . . Then, too, the defeat of Japan and of Germany has by no means ended the war. **It** has only deepened the international deadly wound. Thus the possibilities of fulfilling every phase of truth contained in *Tract* No. 14, are now brighter than before. As far as Inspiration is concerned, World War II has not ended.' 14 *TR* 53,54. (See also 1 *TG* 24:17; 14 *TR* 12-16)

- Summary:**
- a. He that 'dashes in pieces' (Hitler) wars with antitypical Assyria (the allies of World War II).
  - b. He (Hitler) caused Assyria to prepare her power mightily.
  - c. However, on his (Hitler's) march to victory, he makes a mistake and consequently loses the war.
  - d. Assyria, nevertheless, is later on to fall, too.
  - e. Thus, World War II, as God views it, is not completed; **that the war which Hitler started will actually be finished when Assyria falls, and when her yoke is removed from God's people.**' 1 *TG* 2 4:17,18

8. **RE Will The War Be Fought?**

Palestine — the Promised Land (Jerusalem).

**Read: Isa. 14:25**

This shows that modern Assyria will be broken in the land of Palestine, and at that time the righteous will be liberated. This is further amplified as we continue. 12 *SC* 1:21.

**Read: Isa. 26,27**

God has purposed to accomplish it and no one can disannul or stop His plans. 12 SC 1:21,22

**Read:** Isa. 14:28-29

This shows that those who now occupy Palestine should not rejoice because ancient Israel (the Rod of Him that smote) thee (Palestine or Canaan when they left Egypt and conquered the Promised Land) is now scattered (broken) because 'something worse is coming on Palestine'. (12 SC 1:22) This trouble is likened to a fiery flying snake.

**Read: Isa. 14:30**

This verse shows that the righteous ("the firstborn of the poor") will live in safety in Palestine, but the heathen now in the land will be utterly cleaned out or removed giving it to God's people. 12 SC 1:22,23

**Read: Isa. 14:31**

Here again it shows that those now in Palestine will be dissolved or removed out of Palestine. This will involve an aerial attack ("smoke") from the north. It means "that those now in Palestine will lose out." 12 SC 1:23.

**Summary:** This shows that Assyria will lose out in the Promised Land along with the heathen who now occupy the land and will be given to the righteous. The heathen should howl or cry for the disaster that will be coming upon them. The land will be utterly cleaned out for God's people. This process will involve an aerial attack from the North.

**Read: Micah 5:4-6**

This shows that Christ (this man) will be the strength of the righteous when the Assyrian comes into Palestine. It is there in Palestine that Assyria will be beaten down. (1 TG 26:18,19)

**Read: Zech. 14:1,2**

**HERE WE SEE THAT THE RULERS OF THE PROMISED LAND WILL BE DEFEATED IN A WORLD WAR CENTERED IN PALESTINE.** During that war the city is besieged and spoiled, the houses robbed, and the women misused. Some (the residue) are left. The righteous left in Jerusalem, the faithful found therein, will join the purified church when the kingdom is established. **IN THE WAR, JERUSALEM WILL FALL**, but it will prepare the way for God's people.

**Note:** The house (or kingdom) of Judah is not yet established where this war takes place. However, the land is cleaned of the wicked and the way is prepared for God's kingdom. Hence, this war takes place around the purification of the church. (See 1 TG 19:3,4; 1 TG 20:11,12) **THE "GREATEST OF ALL WARS IS TO BE FOUGHT ABOUT JERUSALEM".—** 2 TG 41:18.

**Summary:** It is therefore clear that the mightiest of all wars is yet to come and will center in Jerusalem, at which time the city will be devastated and robbed. However, the faithful will be spared, left to join the kingdom church. Since all nations will be involved in this war, Assyria

(America and her allies) will be involved and will lose out.  
For further study, see Zech. 1:18-21; 13 SC 1:3-6; 1 TG 11:10,11; 2 TG 44:50,51.

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### How Will Assyria Fall?

**Read: Isa. 30:31**

**It will be the voice of the Lord that will cause Assyria to fall,** not the enemy as such. We may not now know what the voice will say but when it comes we will recognize it. (13 SC 1:26)

**Read: Isa. 31:6,7**

**When a thorough reformation takes place among us,** then will Assyria fall. Hence, we cannot delay in putting away of our idols. 1 TG 5:15; 1 TG 24:15; 1 TG 33:4,5; 12 SC 6,17,18; 13 SC 1:29.

**Read: Isa. 31:8**

- a. "Assyria will fall by a sword which the **Lord Himself shall send.** . . . His fall will come under circumstances that will clearly show that God caused it to happen..." (13 SC 1:30). Assyria will fall not by an enemy ("a mean man or mighty man"). 13SC 1:30; 1TG 24.
- b. Assyria will fall not because she is weaker but because God will determine her doom.

**Note:** "From the dawn of history till today the great nations have fallen, fell when they were best armed and most independent of God." 2 TG 41:17.

**Read: Isa. 31:9**

Assyria is to lose out first in Palestine, then flee to her "strong hold" — a place to refortify or find refuge, but she is to lose her strong hold as well. However, the kingdom (the ensign) will be established before she loses here stronghold. Hence, she does not return to the promised land for she is afraid of God's people or kingdom for His presence (the fire) is with them. Assyria then will not lose out completely in Palestine, but when she flees from Jerusalem in humiliation. 13 SC 3:30,31.

**Summary:** Assyria will fall because

- a. God's people will "forsake every sin and embody truth and righteousness" (1 TG 24:15), and
- b. Because God Himself will cause her to fall by His voice, and his direct intervention.
- c. Assyria will lose in Palestine first, then lose her stronghold (we do not yet know where that stronghold will be)

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### Assyria's Preparation For War — The Confederacy And The Faithful's Response

**Read: Isa. 8:8-12 —The Confederacy**

- a. The nations will unite in preparation for war (13 SC 3:10), verse 9.
- b. The warning is repeated 3 times which may indicate three attempts. Inspiration gives some indication that the League of Nations (formed after World War I) may have been the first

- attempt, the United Nations a second attempt, and possibly a third. 13 SC 3:8
- c. The confederacy is doomed to failure for God is not in their plans.
  - d. The people of God are commanded to oppose and not to participate in this union of nations. 13 SC 3:8
  - e. We must have enough faith to believe that God will be with us though all things appear against us. We must develop that faith now. 13 SC 3:7,8,9.
  - f. This confederacy is formed when the nations are preparing for war "before" the slaughter of Ezekiel 9 but "after" the sealing of the 144,000. 13 SC 3:10 (2nd paragraph)

**Read: Isa. 8:12-13**

The confederacy is based on some fear. But the people of God are not to fear what the nations fear. Instead we should reverence and fear God.

**Read: Isa. 8:14,15**

These verses show that both Protestant churches (the house of Israel) and the S.D.A. church (the house of Judah —Jerusalem) will be snared in the Confederacy, and the wicked in the church will be taken (slain by the angels with the slaughter weapons or "raptured" away. —Eze. 9) See 2 TG 41:21. See also 1 TG 24:12; 2 Ans. 24. Study 13 SC 3:9,10. This shows that the S.D.A. church will think the Confederacy a good thing but it will be their trap. 13 SC 3:10.3

- Summary:**
- a. Assyria's attempt to confederate in order to preserve her way of life will end in utter failure, and we the people of God must oppose this alliance. We must now develop that faith that will take us through this time.
  - b. We also see that the alliance will be a trap or snare for the Christian churches, who will join in the confederacy thinking it a good thing, including our beloved church —Seventh-Day Adventists.
  - c. The confederacy and the war will take place between the sealing and the slaughter of Ezekiel 9. Thus we must now draw nigh to God.

11. **Who Is The Enemy Or Opposing Power Of Assyria?**

Inspiration does not specifically say who Assyria's opposing force will be. However, some indication is made of communism.

- a. 2 T641:17 "The world sees communism as a hydra-headed monster"
- b. 2 T641:16 There are two opposing blocks in the world —the eastern block and western block —communist and democratic.
- c. 1 TG 12:24 Communism threatens the world.
- d. **12 TR 54** There are two distinct ideological camps— totalitarian (communist) and democratic. To free themselves from

totalitarianism (communism), the democratic governments will eventually (after Ezekiel 9) turn to the church, setting up the woman of Rev. 17. This will happen if they cannot preserve their way of life through victory in a **war**.

12. **Who Will Win Or Become The Beneficiary Of The War?**

Communism

**Read: Rev. 17:12,13,16,17**

- a. These horns of the scarlet-colored beast could only be communist-like powers, for only communism hates all religion (the women); they "hate" and destroy her (the women—false religion). See *2TG* 36:7; *2TG* 18:15,23; *12Tr* 35
- b. Comparing Rev. 17:16,17 with Rev. 18:9,10 we see that there are other "kings" who are mourning because she is destroyed. They love her because they were made rich from this woman (false religious system). Hence, they stand afar off and weep for her. (*12TR* 35; *2TG*18:23) These horns that cry for her cannot be the same as those that hated and destroyed her. They must be democratic or capitalist—the opposite of communism.

13. First Summary of Revelation 17

Thus we see that communism is represented by the ten horns of the scarlet-colored beast (the future church-state system). Communism will be the world's next leading political power, not democracy. Please note, however, that they do not take this power and rule the world but give it to the beast (the system).

**Read: Rev. 17:12,13,17**

Rather than ruling the world, they give their power to the beast (mark of the beast/church-state system). They do this because God puts it in their hearts that the Gospel ("the words of God") may be completed. (*2 TG* 41:17)

14. Second Summary Of Revelation 17

Thus we see that Communism will be the benefactor of the upcoming world-war.

- Conclusion:**
- a. It is for us to realize that the world today is not the world tomorrow. Soon our present way of life will change, the western world will fall, at which time the church will be purified, the righteous set free and the wicked "cut off", clearing the land of promise for God's people, and the establishment of the Kingdom. The fall of Assyria then ushers in the church-state system of Babylon (*12 SC* 1:7,9) — the image of the beast.
  - b. "We are approaching the parting of the ways where we must decide whether we will be among the many of whom Daniel spoke that shall be purified, and made white, and tried, and understand; or of those who shall do wickedly and not understand. If we would be among the wise and purified ones

we had better without delay find out what our idols are and put them away, **for that is the factor that will decide which of the two classes we will belong to.** Since none of the wicked shall understand in the day of the Lord, it shows that the Truth will become deeper and deeper until finally the wicked will not be able to comprehend it. The point where they first lost out or became blinded, however, was when they met their idol and refused to tear themselves from it. The things we love and esteem more than God's Kingdom are our idols." 12SC 6:18

- c. "From all appearances it looks as though we are very, very close to the fulfillment of these prophecies. **Only one thing hinders it and that is that we have not finished our work.** Had we taken the message of warning to the church, this could have all been finished by now, for the nations are all ready. God will hold it until we get our work done. Another thing that is certain is that it is for our good whatever happens and whoever wins, if we are followers of God in Spirit and in Truth." 12SC 1:24

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