

America in Bible Prophecy

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Is America mentioned in Bible prophecy? The number one question that many people ask about prophecy is what role the United States of America will have in the end times. People in America want to know if the Bible has anything to say about the future of their beloved country. Will God continue to bless America in the future? Will the United States survive? How does the United States fit into the sockets of Bible prophecy?

Tim LaHaye has observed:

“One of the hardest things for America prophecy students to accept is that the United States is not clearly mentioned in Bible prophecy, yet our nation is the only superpower in the world today.”

Throughout the years I have read various books and articles on this subject. Many of these are speculative and farfetched. There are others who take a more reasoned approach to this question. None of us can be dogmatic on America’s role in the future. However, we can come to some basic conclusions, as we study the prophetic Scriptures.

It’s interesting that you will never find America specifically mentioned in the Bible by name. However, this is also true of many other modern nations such as India, Scotland, Australia, Canada or Japan. It really shouldn’t surprise us that America isn’t directly mentioned by name in Scripture. In fact, only those ancient nations and kingdoms that were adjacent to the land of Israel are mentioned in the prophetic Scriptures. This is due to their location and historical significance with Israel. America is not emphasized and mentioned, as a specific nation, in the prophetic Scripture, since this specific land was not in existence during the Biblical era, nor was it an ancient land that bordered Israel or Palestine.

When studying the Bible, one must consider the context of the surrounding areas and nations that were in the vicinity of the land of Israel. As already mentioned, this may be enough reason to assume

why America is not mentioned in Bible prophecy at all. The North America Continent does not border the nation of Israel and was not an existing ancient land when the Bible was written. However, this does not mean that America and other nations will have no part in the end times.

Using proper exegesis and sound hermeneutics, one cannot find the mention of the United States in any Bible prophecy. There is no direct reference to the United States. However, there are no doubt indirect references, as we will see in this study. However, we must begin this study by solving some of the interpretive mistakes committed by prophetic students who are bent on trying direct references to the United States in Scripture.

Misunderstood Prophecies About America

Some well-meaning prophecy students try to find America in certain Bible passages. One such passage is Isaiah 18:1-7 which reads:

“Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia: That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible (fearful) from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled (divided)! All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye. For so the Lord said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruninghooks, and take away and cut down the branches. They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. In that time shall the present be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled (divided), to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, the mount Zion.”

The fact that a nation is mentioned who has “wings” (vs. 1) is taken to mean America whose national emblem is the eagle with its wings. However, the “wings” have reference to the well known locusts that inhabited the region which is being portrayed in this Bible passage. It also speaks of “whose land the rivers have divided” (vss. 2, 7). This allows some students of prophecy to interpret these rivers as the Mississippi river and many other rivers that divide the land masses within the United States. The nation is called “a people terrible (fearful) from their beginning” (vs. 2) which seems to give further proof to some prophecy students that this must be referring to America. But this is only wishful thinking and pure speculation, since America is not the land or kingdom of people that lies just “beyond the rivers of Ethiopia” (vs. 1). This would be the ancient land called “Cush” that is equivalent to modern Sudan, which is south of Egypt. Cush was Cush is divided by rivers (Isa. 18:7) which refers to the branches of the Nile.

Historically, Cush wanted to make an alliance with the Jews to defeat Assyria. But the prophet of Isaiah says this is not necessary and sends them back where they came from (vs. 2). God would judge the Assyrians in His own way and in His own time (vs. 5-6). In any event, this text has been historically fulfilled and has no reference to any future prophecy relating to America. We must be careful to not read America into various texts of Scripture and draw fanciful allusions from the Bible that are not really there.

Another misunderstood text that some people equate with America is Ezekiel 38:13 which reads: “Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?”

This passage reveals that during the Tribulation Period the invading forces of the north are aimed at Israel. However, there will be some nations that question the motives of the northern aggressor. In the Old Testament, Tarshish was the farthest western region in the known world at that time. Remember that all directions, when given in the Bible, unless otherwise indicated, are to be interpreted in relationship to the land of Israel, since this is where God was working

with His covenant people. Some claim that Tarshish could be used in the context to represent all the western nations from the land of Israel, including Britain, and those trans-Atlantic colonies who evolved from Britain such as Canada, Australia and the United States. The “young lions” are taken to mean those nations such as America who stemmed from Britain. Thus, it is suggested that Tarshish with her young lions is a veiled reference to the United States. However, this seems to strain the obvious meaning of the text (eisegesis) and make it say much more than God ever intended it to mean. It’s like trying to find a needle in a haystack.

There is no Biblical evidence for taking “Tarshish” as a veiled reference to the United States. The land of Tarshish actually existed during Bible times and was not a nation that would give birth to other nations. It had reference to the existing land of either Spain, where oil was mined, or to a place in southwest Arabia, where ore was smelted and animals were prized for their furs (1 Kings 10:22; 2 Chronicles 9:22). It seems probable that the ships of Tarshish have reference to those vessels that sailed the seas to pick up ivory in the south and then would return to the area of Spain to cash in their goods with King Solomon.

Sheba and Dedan are also mentioned. For centuries, people known as Sheba and Dedan were a wandering, nomadic people, migrating back and forth through the desert wastes of Arabia (Gen. 10:7). Their origins are ancient. Today they correspond to some specific Arab lands that will protest the invasion. Sheba and Dedan may be a reference to the modern-day land of Saudi Arabia, since this is the area where these ancient people settled (Gen. 25:1-6). Apparently there will be some Arab opposition to the invasion of Israel. Not all Arab nations will participate since they will have a lucrative trade or business in this area.

Tarshish and Sheba and Dedan were ancient merchant lands that were linked with the wealth of Israel. These peoples and countries will obviously dispute the Russian invasion of Israel at the middle of the Tribulation Period. Most prophetic scholars understand the “young lions” as referring to the energetic greedy rulers or merchants of Tarshish who will want to keep trade with Israel alive for economical

reasons. A Russian invasion from the North will be an obvious threat to them economically.

A third passage that is often cited as referring to the United States is Revelation 17-18. In this section of Scripture Babylon is sometimes seen to be the United States and more specifically as New York City (Rev. 17:18) with an economic world trade center being centered in this place. Some people suggest that the United States is immoral, excessively rich, and invulnerable. Therefore, Babylon must be a reference to the United States. In fact, more recently they claim that Babylon was judged with the fall of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Again, this is pure conjecture, since Babylon in Bible times always referred to the actual city of Babylon (Rev. 18:2). Babylon is originally pictured as Satan's capital upon earth where man rebelled against God (Gen. 11:1-11). Furthermore, the Euphrates River is mentioned twice in the book of Revelation in connection with Babylon and this river must be taken literally (Rev. 9:14; 16:12). Apparently the literal city of Babylon, along the Euphrates River in modern Iraq, will be restored to an economic world center during the Tribulation Period and it's from here that the Antichrist will regulate the wealth of the world.

Babylon is seen to be the city in relationship to the Middle East and is one of Israel's enemies. Once again, we must understand that references to nations and cities must be taken in relationship to the land of Israel since the Bible only speaks of those nations, which were in close proximity to the land of Israel. We are never given the right to interpret certain nations and cities, as referencing America, since America had no dealings with ancient Israel and was not even in existence, during the biblical times that these nations dealt with Israel. Therefore, to interpret them as a reference to America is an exegetical error of the worst sort.

Jack Van Impe, a popular Television evangelist, believes Babylon is America. Commenting on Revelation 18, he writes in his book, "The Great Escape," these words: "As I continue to read and study the prophetic Scriptures, I become more and more convinced that this is a direct reference to the United States."

I think certain students of prophecy want to search for America in the Bible since they view America as a formidable world power today. As a result, they must try to make America fit into certain Bible passages. But the fact of the matter is this, only those specific nations, which exist in the surrounding areas of the Middle East, are mentioned in Scripture, as having part in the end-time events, since they were historically associated with Israel. This is because Israel has dealt with them in the past and they will continue to be in existence in the future, some in the form of new nations, when Israel is back in the land in unbelief. Once again, these same ancient kingdoms and cities, many of which were forerunners of the nations we see today, will be involved in the end time events that are connected with Israel's future. This does not mean America will have no part among these ancient nations; however, what it means is that America is not emphasized and mentioned, as a specific nation, since she was not a historical nation that existed in the vicinity of the land of Israel.

Let us beware of sensationalism when it comes to studying Bible prophecy. It's important that we study the prophetic Word in context and not commit the error of newspaper exegesis. In other words, we should not directly apply the prophetic Word to those events transpiring in our world today and consider these events a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Bible prophecy is going to be fulfilled in the future. What is occurring today is stage setting events that will lead up to the actual fulfillment of these events during the Tribulation Period.

The Nations in Prophecy

There are various ancient nations that are mentioned in Bible prophecy, which harbor or surround the nation of Israel. They are nations that existed in Bible times and therefore are recorded as existing in the end times. Although some of the names have changed over the years, the nations in Bible prophecy were existing peoples and nations during the era of Biblical history. Therefore, they are mentioned in Bible prophecy.

Such ancient nations, such as Russia and her allies of ancient nations, will swoop down from the north during the middle of the tribulation period and play a vital role in end time events (Ezekiel

38:1-6). Russia is identified as the “land of Magog” (vs. 1) which was located near the Black and Caspian Seas north of Caucas Mountains. This is where the ancient Scythians settled in what we now know as modern Russia. Russia will descend upon Israel with other allies such as Persia (whose name was changed to Iran in 1935), Ethiopia (Cush or modern Sudan), Libya (west of Egypt), Gomer (central Turkey), Togarmah (eastern Turkey) and all his bands (troops) along with “many people with thee” (other Arab supporting nations such as Germany, Hungary, Romania, Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria). They will invade the land of Israel right at the beginning of the Tribulation Period to contest the power of the Antichrist. Here are some nations directly mentioned as having a part in the future end-time scenario.

These historic nations are mentioned, since they will play a direct role in end time events associated with Israel. It’s very obvious to see that nations, which harbor Islamic fundamentalist teachings, like modern Iran, Sudan and Libya and even Turkey, which possess a radical hatred toward the Jews, will side with the Russian bear, as she seeks to plunder Israel. Some of these same nations are mentioned in Daniel 11:40-42 where the prophetic Scriptures reveal how the power of the Antichrist will be contested at the closing of the tribulation period leading up to the battle of Armageddon. These nations include such places as Egypt, Edom, Moab and Ammon. Of course, America does not directly fit into any of these prophetic scenarios since the United States does not directly surround the area of Israel or the land of Palestine.

The reunification of the Roman Empire (The United States of Europe) is also predicted in the prophetic Scriptures (Daniel 2:40-42; 7:7; Rev. 17:12-13, 16-17). The Antichrist will unite the old Roman Empire together consisting of ten modern nations that inhabit the same general area of the old Roman Empire. The figures of “ten toes” “ten horns” and “ten kings” all point to this reunification and birth of what was once the old Roman Empire. The boundaries of the world power of Rome were extensive and revolved around the entire Mediterranean area. From north to south the Roman Empire stretched for two thousand miles. From west to east its extent was nearly three thousand miles. In modern terms, it would encompass such areas as Rome, Spain, Portugal, France, the Lowlands, Britain, Switzerland, South Germany, Austria, Hungary, the whole of the

Balkans, Romania, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Egypt and North Africa.

All of these nations will eventually pledge their allegiance to the Antichrist. Someday the Antichrist will rise from one of these areas of the old Roman Empire and rule the Middle East and this vast area (Rom. 9:26). This will be done by uniting ten modern kingdoms or nations, in the general vicinity of the old Roman Empire, who will give their total allegiance to the Antichrist. When these ten nations are united politically and militarily under the Antichrist, this will immediately result in a *western confederacy* of nations in Europe with unmatched military power and strength. It is important to understand that America does not fit into this end time scene of nations, since the United States was not part of the old Roman Empire.

The Bible also talks about an eastern alliance (oriental confederacy) of nations known as the "kings of the east" (Rev. 16:12) which will make their way to the land of Palestine for the campaign of Armageddon (Rev. 9:13-18). They will cross over the old eastern boundary of the Roman Empire, the Euphrates River, and come into the land of Israel to take part in the final showdown with the Lamb. These oriental nations would naturally include those nations which lie east of the land of Israel such as China, Japan, India, Cambodia and Korea. They will obviously become a key factor in the end time scenario of events and are specifically alluded to since they border Israel. Once again, we discover how America is excluded from these eastern nations and is not specifically mentioned in Scripture, since she does not border the land of Israel.

So the prophetic Scriptures mention about various key nations who will play a vital role in the end time events surrounding Jerusalem. We have discovered that many nations are mentioned directly, or they are alluded to indirectly, because of their strategic location, as existing nations in close proximity to the land of Israel. America does not have any strategic location to the land of Israel and as a result is not directly mentioned as having a key role in the end time prophetic picture. Nevertheless, this does not mean America is not indirectly mentioned in Scripture, nor does it mean that she will have no part in the end-times.

Options Regarding America's Future

Various options have been given why America is not directly mentioned in the prophetic puzzle of the end times. Let's consider some of these briefly.

1. America will eventually implode and be directly judged by God due to her spiritual and moral departure from God.

In response to this, one would have to conclude that all other countries could also be potentially destroyed by God on the same basis. In fact, some of them would be up for judgment before the United States. Others simply suggest that America will lose her influence because of internal moral and spiritual deterioration. However, there are other nations equally vile and God will not catastrophically judge them before the Tribulation Period begins. America is crumbling morally in her internal structure it is still reasonable and sensible to believe that America will seek to protect her borders and herself even as she is doing today. Remember, other nations are also deteriorating morally but still keep their war machines going and their borders protected. The same situation may occur as we escalate toward the Tribulation Period.

2. America is destroyed or greatly weakened.

There are those who opt for taking America out of the picture completely. They claim that America will be destroyed by a nuclear holocaust or greatly weakened by terrorist regimes that she is greatly weakened. Along with this, some suggest America could be severely debilitated by an electromagnetic attack which would take down all of our electrical power, telecommunication, banking, etc. In other words, it's suggested that America will be attacked and be reduced to a third world power through enemy warfare.

Of course, the great nations and empires of the past never thought they would fall, such as the Babylonian Empire (lasted 86 years), Persian Empire (lasted 208 years), and Grecian Empire (lasted 268 years). If the United States has a "tridentennial" it will beat the average! These ancient empires did fall and were no longer the

dominant force in the world. They were actually absorbed by other empires. A similar fate could happen to the United States. In fact, it's reasonable to conclude that the United States will in some measure be absorbed by the European Empire of the Antichrist during the end times (Revelation 17:12-13). However, a total destruction of our present civilization is unlikely. We are too close to the end times for this to take place. The United States has the greatest military power that has ever existed in the history of the world. It would seem that our military power will continue to exist during the end times, in some measure, but the United States will become subservient to the European power, politics, and economics of Europe and the Middle East. Everything is shifting from the west to the east.

3. America will become incapacitated due to economic collapse and weakness.

Others suggest that America will experience an economic crisis and fall from the inside before the Tribulation Period begins. Of course, this is certainly possible. However, since the entire world is linked together economically, if one suffers, all will undoubtedly suffer. In other words, other nations will also suffer economically and still be part of the end time prophetic scenario. Nonetheless, America needs to get her fiscal house in order!

John Walvoord observed:

“Although conclusions concerning the role of America in prophecy in the end time are necessarily tentative, the Scriptural evidence is sufficient to conclude that America in that day will not be a major power and apparently does not figure largely in either the political, economical, or religious aspects of the world.”

We simply don't know how powerful the United States will be during the end times. We can only surmise that she will still have military power and guard her borders but we don't know all the particulars regarding the digression and future state of America. America will likely invest in the economics of end-time Babylon (Revelation 18), along with the other nations of the world, and cause this land to become rich.

4. America is not mentioned as an ancient land.

The fact that America is not mentioned in Bible prophecy is because it was not an ancient country that existed during Israel's history and the Middle East. Without being redundant, we must once again remember that the primary focus of end time prophecies is on the Middle East and Europe. The rest of the world, including the United States, will obviously be involved in some measure. However, those countries that are not mentioned in Bible prophecy were not part of the original ancient lands that surrounded Israel. Therefore, they will not be in the spotlight, as far as God's prophetic program is concerned in the Middle East. Historic nations, mentioned during Bible times, are the same prophetic nations mentioned during prophetic times, since they bordered Israel and were part of the ancient land that surrounded Israel in the Middle East. This seems like a reasonable option when it comes to the absence of America in Bible prophecy.

5. America is weakened by the Rapture.

Another very plausible option that seems to explain why America is not directly mentioned in Bible prophecy is that she will become a much weaker and distressed nation overnight due to the Rapture of the Church. Think about it!

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 says:

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

The Rapture may be the end of America, as we know it today. Furthermore, it's possible that the Rapture will bring God's judgment on America. If the Rapture were to happen today the United States would probably lose more people than any other nation in the world. For instance, after the Rapture, the Islamic nations in the Middle East would feel almost no effect. This is because they worship the false God of Allah and the number of Christians, although growing, is not comparable to the United States. The pagan nations of the Orient, who worship other gods, would not feel a great loss following the

Rapture. But the United States would most likely be hit the worst and become a struggling country overnight due to the huge loss of millions of people in the Rapture. Millions of home mortgages would go unpaid, the stock market would crash, and millions of productive workers would be suddenly removed from the workforce.

This will cause great internal economic problems in America to such an extent that America will be preoccupied with her own set of internal problems. As a result, the United States will have to focus on these great internal problems as the Tribulation Period gets underway and progresses. But this will not be the case with other pagan nations who will be able to recover from the Rapture event much faster. The giant European confederacy will rebound and those nations, which do not promote true Christianity and the Gospel and have no Christian base, will have fewer problems to cope with. Fewer people missing from other nations will keep them from feeling the direct stinging effects of the Rapture.

Because of the momentous event of the Rapture of the Church and its economic ramifications, it is logical to believe that America will not be a key player in the Tribulation Period, but actually become a part and fellow participant in the Antichrist's western confederacy of nations in Europe. It seems rather apparent that America will side with the newly formed "United States of Europe" (ten nations under the Antichrist's power) and simply become absorbed into Europe's military machine and seek some kind of refuge with her allies in Europe under the confederacy of the Antichrist (Rev. 17:12). This move would also suggest that America would become one of the pawns in Antichrist's Euro-American empire.

John Walvoord once again remarks:

"Although the Scriptures do not give any clear word concerning the role of the United States in relationship to the revived Roman Empire and the later development of the world empire, it is probable that the United States will be in some form of alliance with the Roman ruler ..."

Elsewhere, he states: "Most citizens of the United States of America have come from Europe and their sympathies would be more

naturally with a European alliance than with Russian or countries in Eastern Asia.”

Charles Ryrie states something similar:

“It is not far-fetched to envision the United States someday aligned with the Western Confederation of Nations which will be formed by Antichrist. National origin could be the link, since many United States citizens originally came from the countries which will make up the Western alliance of nations.”

In other words, all evidence would suggest that America will amalgamate or be absorbed into the Antichrist’s European/Roman empire, after the Rapture takes place, as she faces great internal problems that will keep her bound to her homeland. Today, the United States is being drawn away from national and individual sovereignty into a globalist order, where there is interdependence upon one another and submission to multinational treaties, organizations and courts of law. In the future, America will submit to the Antichrist’s politics and economics and be content to follow his lead and direction in the Middle East. This will make good sense to America. It will allow her to deal with her own internal strife and lick her wounds that were created by the Rapture and still keep alert to military conflicts taking place around the world. It would then seem that America will gladly be absorbed into the super fighting machine of Europe and be content to sit there as her friendly ally throughout the tribulation period.

So, America will likely merge with the western confederacy of the Antichrist and be part of his superpower. This makes good sense, since the Antichrist will initially promise peace to Israel (Daniel 9:27). America has always been an ally of Israel. America has always been a peaceful nation. Therefore, the United States will like the idea of being friends with Israel, as long as she can, and will also look upon the new world ruler and his power, as a crutch to lean upon because of the internal crisis taking place within America, due to the Rapture.

In summary, the key players in the end time prophetic scenario are those nations, which make up the old Roman Empire in Europe. All other nations who side with the Antichrist will be welcomed military participants, but are not mentioned in Scripture, since they are not the

leading nations promoting military movements in the Middle East during the Tribulation Period. Also, they are not part of the ancient lands mentioned in Bible times which surrounded the land of Israel. In addition, the Rapture in itself will bring a judgment upon America, which will internally paralyze America in certain ways and cause her interests to be directed to her own internal structure, instead of focusing too heavily on world affairs.

The easiest route to any emerging world crisis would be to side with the Antichrist and his military machine, pledge your support to him, and hope for the best. Apparently this will be what America will do with other western nations such as Canada. Together we will join arms with the Antichrist, as he promises world peace, and stand by his side, even when the campaign of Armageddon gets under way with northern, southern and eastern world powers. Once again, the United States will become subservient to the European power, politics, and economics of the Europe and the Middle East (Dan. 2:42-44; 7:7; Rev. 17:12).

It's hard for Christian Americans to face the reality that our nation will not always be the sole superpower that it once was in the world. Although America will undoubtedly continue to house strong military capabilities, the crippling effect that the Rapture will have on America economically will cause so much internal breakdown that she will find it easier to side with another super power, which has emerged in Europe. And in doing this, America will find a certain amount of stability, as she seeks to recover from the devastation caused by the Rapture.

Indirect References to America in Prophecy

Although America is not mentioned by name in the prophetic Scripture, one cannot rule out the involvement of the United States in the end times. Since we are so close to the commencement of the end times, the United States will undoubtedly be a player and part of the world scenario during the end times.

America's connection with the Antichrist's western confederacy will mean involvement in world affairs. This will be true in the case of global warfare. The campaign of Armageddon will involve all the

nations of the world, including America, in whatever form it might exist during the end times. We must remember that the face of the world will drastically change between now and the end times, or it might remain somewhat similar. We do know that all the nations of the world will be represented in the battle of Armageddon and throughout Palestine.

Revelation 16:13-14

“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”

Revelation 19:19

“And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.”

Zechariah 12:2-3

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.”

Once again, this would be an indirect reference to America. Certainly America would be part of “all the people of the earth” which are represented by soldiers of world nations that are gathered together to destroy the Jews.

Zechariah 14:2

“For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.”

These prophecies indicate that all the nations of the world will be involved in the campaign of Armageddon. No nation will be left out.

Thus, America will be represented in the troops that will invade Palestine to conquer the Jews and it will be these same troops that will turn against the Lord Jesus Christ, the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, when He returns to earth (Rev. 19:16).

Psalm 2:1-2

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed ...”

America is part of this united front which will come into Palestine to fight against Jesus Christ as His Second Coming. The United States is definitely part of the end-time Armageddon scene.

Psalm 9:17 says:

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

This includes America! The United States will not escape God’s future Tribulation judgment upon planet earth. In this prophetic context, all the nations of the world that unite against the Lord, at His Second Coming, will be turned into hell. He will punish all the nations that rise against Him and bring physical ruin (physical death) and spiritual ruin (spiritual death) upon their lives. America, like all other nations, is headed toward ultimate judgment. There is no hope for America in the distant future.

So, America is indirectly seen in Bible prophecy. The United States is obviously part of the military might that will fight against the Lord Jesus Christ as He returns to earth. But no direct reference is made about the nation of America in Bible prophecy.

In general, the seven-year Tribulation Period will also be a time of God’s judgment over all the earth. America is not exempt from God’s future judgment. During this time God will bring judgment upon the nations for their utter wickedness and rejection of God’s ways. The “nations” would include the nation of America. Here is another indirect reference to the United States in Bible prophecy.

Revelation 16:8-9

“And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.”

America will not be exempt from God’s coming judgment. She will be part of the nations mentioned in Bible prophecy.

Haggai 2:6-7

For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.

The citizens of America will experience all of the plagues of God as He pours out His righteous wrath upon a godless world. No nation will be exempt. The land of the free will become the land of the judged. America’s judgment is coming!

After the Rapture takes place and the restraining effect of the Holy Spirit is removed from this earth, through the sudden departure of millions of believers (2 Thess. 2:7), America will be ripe for God’s judgment. The United States is on a roller coaster ride, which will end in judgment and doom in the Tribulation Period and the subsequent return of Christ to judge all the nations of the world.

The prophetic scenario is grim and lacks any kind of hope for the nations and peoples who reject salvation through Jesus Christ. America will be among those nations who are judged following the Second Coming.

Matthew 25:32 unfolds the future scene:

“And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.”

Matthew 25:41 goes on to explain:

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”

Matthew 25:46 concludes:

“And these (the unsaved within the nations) shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”

These prophetic verses include America. Someday the Lord is going to personally return and judge all the nations - including America! When Jesus returns He will “smite the nations” (including America) and bring devastating judgment upon her (Rev. 19:15). In the scheme of the prophetic Scriptures, there is no future hope for America. The sun is about to rise on the prophetic horizon and when it does all of these events will begin to transpire. The fanciful dream that God will remain silent forever holds no truth or reality. A time of future judgment is coming for America and all nations who forget God. God is still on the throne and is moving the events of today and the future according to His sovereign plan.

America in the Millennium

Let us end this study on a brighter note. After a time of judgment on planet earth, the Bible predicts that there will be an era of blessing, peace, and prosperity over the earth. This time period will exist for one thousand years.

Revelation 20:1-4

“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

During this time period, America will undoubtedly be one of the nations that will be blessed and worship the Lord in Jerusalem.

Zechariah 14:16 records:

“And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.”

The saved people who survive the seven-year Tribulation Period will have the privilege of entering the earthly theocracy, the time when King Jesus will rule and reign over the earth. During this future dispensation all the nations and families of the earth are seen bringing homage or worship to Jesus Christ, the One who will sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem. America will be part of those nations which will worship the King during this future period of time. So, there is a time of blessing for the United States and all those nations that worship the Lord, during the Golden Age of the Millennial Kingdom. The worst is yet to come for America (Tribulation Period) and the best is yet to come for America (Millennium).

In conclusion, since we are evidently getting closer to the end times, or the events of the Tribulation Period (Rev. 6-19) which follow the Rapture of the Church (Rev. 3:10), it's best to conclude that America will not be destroyed as a nation. More likely, she will become a player during the end times, interact with the other nations of the world in the Middle East, be subservient to the Antichrist and his power and political sway over in Europe, and ultimately be judged with the rest of the nations during the Tribulation Period. However, a time of blessing will come for this nation during the Millennial Kingdom. God will once again bless America in the future.