

**UNDERSTANDING BIBLE  
PROPHECY:  
*ISAIAH 21 THE BURDEN OF  
SAUDI ARABIA***

1. 2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
  - When studying in prophecy in the Tanakh we must remember that in the same chapter, in successive chapters, or in random of chapters of the same book; a prophecy can be dealing with a nation or people during those current times, the immediate future, or the last days. Also when referring to Babylon it can be discussing their current Babylon (City in modern day Iraq) or Babylon the whore (Rome/Vatican/Roman Empire or European Union)
2. Isaiah 21:1-5
  - Verse 1= Desert of the Sea is referring to the land around the Euphrates that will be impacted by it drying up/draining out at the hand of angels. See Isaiah 19:4-7 for an example.
  - Verse 2= Elam here is referring to the Persians not the actual Elamites. Remember the Persians who descend from Japheth supplanted the Elamites in Southern Iran. The Medes are referring to Russia and her Satellite states in Central Asia. The spoiler/treacherous is referring to the armies of the West (Rome/Europe).

- These nations are making their way toward Northern Israel for the Battle of Armageddon. See Isaiah 13:1-6\_9-21, & Jeremiah 51:47-56.
- Verses 3-5= Isaiah thought he wanted to see the day of the Lord but when he saw how terrible it was he did not.
- Verses 6-8= Isaiah is told to declare what he sees in the vision. A couple means two. A couple per two chariots means four. Ward means prison/bound. These are the four angels that have been bound at the river Euphrates till the sixth angel blows his trumpet/pours out bowl of wrath. See 2 Kings 2:11-12\_ 6:16-17, Psalms 68:17, Revelation 9:13-21, & Revelation 16:12-16
- Verses 9-10= After the sixth angel comes the seventh See Revelation 16:17-21 & Revelation 18
- Verses 11-12= Isaiah is now about to prophecy about the Arabs. Dumah was a son of Ishmael and dwelt in Northern Arabia. See Genesis 26:12-16 (This passage list other groups we will be dealing with as well.) Yah is the one calling out of Seir/Edom/Idumea. See Isaiah 34:1-8, Isaiah 63:1-6, & Revelation 19:11-21



- Verse 13= Isaiah further prophecies about the Arabs. Dedanim are the descendants of Dedan. This can be referring to Cushites modern day Djibouti and Somalia or to the Descendants of Abraham through Keturah in modern day Yemen, Qatar, Kuwait, and Eastern Arabia. See Genesis 10:7 & Genesis 25:1-4.
- Isaiah 21:14 Young's Literal Translation (YLT) "To meet the thirsty brought water have Inhabitants of the land of Tema, With his bread they came before a fugitive."
- Verses 14-15= The people mentioned above after the sixth angel will try and flee to the wilderness where the church is during the tribulation and Israelites will be gathered to be purged in modern day Jordan. The Arabs in Tema or Northern Arabia will prevent them by offering help to them along the way. They will stay in Tema instead of continuing on their journey and will be destroyed. See map next page. See Isaiah 16:1-5, Hosea 2:14-20, Revelation 12:1-6 & Ezekiel 20:33-38\_40-44
- Verses 16-17=Year of a hireling represents the year they go free which is the sabbath year or seventh. The sabbath rest or millennial reign. So at Christ second coming Saudi Arabia (Kedar) will be destroyed. The Qedarite Kingdom, or Qedar (Arabic: مملكة قيدار, romanized: Mamlakat Qaydar, also known as Qedarites), was a largely nomadic, ancient Arab tribal confederation. Described as "the most organized of the Northern Arabian tribes", at the peak of its power in the 6th century BCE it had a kingdom and controlled a vast region in Arabia. See Exodus 21:1-2 (We will discuss the Lord's return and how it relates to Sabbath on Pentecost)



# ARABIA IN ISAIAH'S TIME

ASSYRIA

PERSIA

Tadmor  
(Palmyra)

Assur

Damascus

Babylon

Jerusalem

Basra

SINAI

KEDAR

Tema

ARABIA

DEDANITES

Gerrha

SHEBA?

Persian Gulf

Red Sea



Secacah?

Nibshan?

City of Salt?

En-gedi

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Zereth-shahar?

Ataroth?

Beth-baal-meon

Bamoth-baal?

Kiriathaim

Mount Nebo

Nebo

Medeba

Beth

Dibon

Aroer

Ar??.

Jordan River