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# THE BIBLE AND IRAQ

Read especially the last part. Interesting!

Just in case you might think of Iraq as "only" an oil rich nation, ruled by an evil dictator for 30 years, whether it has been supporting terrorists may not be very important. Here are a few facts regarding the roles this nation has played down through history.

## DID YOU KNOW???????

1. The garden of Eden was in Iraq. (It sure doesn't look much like Paradise on earth today.)
2. Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq, was the cradle of civilization!
3. Noah built the ark in Iraq.
4. The Tower of Babel was in Iraq.
5. Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq!
6. Isaac's wife Rebekah is from Nahor which is in Iraq.
7. Jacob met Rachel in Iraq.
8. Jonah preached in Nineveh - which is in Iraq
9. Assyria, which was in Iraq, conquered the ten tribes of Israel.
10. Amos cried out in Iraq.
11. Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem.
12. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq!
13. The 3 Hebrew children were in the fire in Iraq.
14. Belshazzar, the King of Babylon saw the "writing on the wall" in Iraq.
15. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, carried the captive Jews into Iraq.
16. Ezekiel preached in Iraq.
17. The wise men were from Iraq.
18. Peter preached in Iraq.
19. The "Empire of Man" described in Revelation is called Babylon which was a city in Iraq.

Israel is the nation most often mentioned in the Bible. But do you know which nation is second?

It is Iraq. However, that is not the name that is used in the Bible. The names used in the Bible are Babylon, Land of Shinar, and Mesopotamia. The word Mesopotamia means between two rivers, because it is between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

The name Iraq, means country with deep roots. Indeed Iraq is a country with deep roots and is very significant in the Bible. e.g. \* Eden was in Iraq--  
Genesis 2:10-14

\* Adam & Eve were created in Iraq--Genesis 2:7-8

\* Satan made his first recorded appearance in Iraq--Genesis 3:1-6

\* Nimrod established Babylon & Tower of Babel was built in Iraq--Genesis 10:8-9 & 11:1-4

- \* The confusion of the languages took place in Iraq--Genesis 11:5-11
- \* Abraham came from a city in Iraq-- Uru of the Chaldees (now Baghdad) -  
-Genesis 11:31 & Acts 7:2-4
- \* Isaac's bride came from Iraq--Genesis 24:3-4 & 10
- \* Jacob spent 20 years in Iraq--Genesis 27:42-45 & 31:38
- \* The first world Empire was in Iraq--Daniel 1:1-2 & 2:36-38
- \* The greatest revival in history was in a city in Iraq--Jonah 3
- \* The events of the book of Esther took place in Iraq--Esther
- \* The book of Nahum was a prophecy against a city in Iraq--Nahum
- \* The book of Revelation has prophecies against Babylon, which was the old name for the nation of Iraq--Revelation 17 & 18 No other nation, except Israel, has more history and prophecy associated with it than Iraq.

millennial earth will simply be a precursor of the new earth—not as perfect, wonderful, or spectacular as the eternal earth, but a preview of some of its coming features.

Jesus came the first time to become our Savior, and He's coming the second time to be our King. The coming of Christ to set up His kingdom will be so much different than when He came before. Consider the contrast between His first and second comings.

He entered the world the first time in swaddling clothes;  
He will reign the second time in majestic purple.

He came the first time as a weary traveler;  
He will return the second time as the untiring God.

Once when He came, He had nowhere to lay His head;  
When He comes back, He will be revealed as the heir of all things.

Once He was rejected by tiny Israel;  
When He returns, He will be accepted by every single nation.

Once He was a lowly Savior, acquainted with grief;  
Then He will be the mighty God, anointed with the oil of gladness.

Once He was smitten with a reed;  
Then He will rule the nations with a rod of iron.

Once wicked soldiers bowed the knee in mockery;  
Then every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord.

Once He received a crown of thorns;  
Then He will receive a crown of gold.

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Once He delivered up His Spirit in death;  
Then He will be alive forevermore.

Once He was laid in a tomb;  
Then He will sit on a throne.

When He comes again, there will be no doubt and no delay. He will be "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16). We need to prepare our hearts now by installing Him as King of our lives. The Bible says one day "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10-11).

On that day we truly will sing with fresh meaning and everlasting exuberance:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.