

# The Next World War | Grant R. Jeffrey

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The next book I highly recommend was written by Grant R. Jeffrey titled, [The Next World War: What Prophecy Reveals About Extreme Islam and the West](#) (Water Brook Press, 2006). This book was recommended to me by a friend of the Village Schools. Since reading the book, I have strongly recommended it to others as a "must-read." The final chapters produce an excitement that stirs the heart, but I get ahead of the story.

In the early part of the book, Mr. Jeffrey takes the reader back to the Genesis account of Abraham, Ishmael, and Isaac. It is within the context of these men that the roots for the present discord in the Middle East develop. The author even enters the debate as to whom the land of Israel belongs from an historical and biblical perspective. In the middle sections of the book, the author presents the story of Muhammad and the rise of Islam and of the basic tenets of Islamic faith, including jihad. He quotes Michael Youssef, *Unlike other religions, Islam has as one of its most basic tenets the endless pursuit of jihad, the ongoing holy war being fought for conversion and domination, and all true Muslims believe in it and pursue it to some extent of another.* In 1998, Osama bin Laden wrote, *It is the duty of Muslims to prepare as much force as possible to terrorize the enemies of God.* This section is very complimentary to what Robert Spencer had written.

But, as I have stated, the final section of the book begins to relate what is happening in the world and what is said in the prophetic scriptures. Let me just share a highlight or two. First, the author is not alarmed by the increase in anti-Semitic hatred worldwide. He quotes the words of Jesus (Matthew 24:9-10) and then says, *Jesus Christ warned that one of the unmistakable signs of the return of the Messiah would be the rise of a terrible hatred of the Jews.* Friends, one needs look no further than the recent conference held in Tehran that denied the historical realities of the Holocaust. Furthermore, it seems that the majority of political leaders and main stream media view Israel as the reason for the problems, not only in the Middle East, but in the world.

Second, the author develops a fascinating scenario around the Ezekiel 38-39 passage of Gog and Magog and the invasion of Israel from the north. He writes, *I am convinced that the burden of prophetic evidence points to the War of Magog occurring at some point in the near future, prior to the Antichrist making his seven-year treaty with Israel.* Now both traditional and historical evidence points toward Russia as being the leader of a coalition of nations that will seek Israel's destruction. That coalition includes the ancient kingdom of Persia (today's nations of Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan), Cush (today's Ethiopia and Sudan), Libya, and Eastern Europe including Turkey. [For the past several months I have watched with interest the policies of the Russian President Putin, especially as they related to the Middle East. He is not a passive participant.] Friends, might the next war unite Russia and her allies, along with the radical Islamic extremists, in an attempt to wipe the nation of Israel off the map? Could this event be the prelude to the rapture of the Church and the seven-years of tribulation?

My friends, these are exciting days for the Church of Jesus Christ. As we watch the events of the world unfold, we should be driven to a deeper study of the Word of God, that we might know God's plans. Remember: He has told us how the story will end. We can read the final chapter. And we should be inspired toward aggressively sharing Jesus Christ with others. These are not days to be in despair. God is still in control. Amen!