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**God's
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God's Great Armies and Nuclear Weapons.

Topics.

- God calls Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon his servant.
- God uses Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon to judge Tyre.
- God's great army in the book of Joel.
- Nuclear bombs and their effect.

God's armies: the following verses show that God uses secular nations to achieve His plans and purposes, and His judgments:

GOD CALLS NEBUCHADNEZZAR KING OF BABYLON HIS SERVANT

- **Jeremiah 25:1-11:** The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), ²which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem - NOW GO TO VERSE - ⁹behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the LORD, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. ¹⁰Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the grinding of the millstones and the light of the lamp. ¹¹This whole land (of Judah) shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

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Jeremiah the prophet told all the people of Judah that God would use His servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to punish the people of Judah and bring their land to ruin and waste for 70 years (Jeremiah 25:1-2, 8-9) (see also Jeremiah chapter 49, 50, 51, 52)

GOD USES NEBUCHADNEZZAR, KING OF BABYLON TO JUDGE TYRE

- **Ezekiel 26:7:** "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will bring against Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, with horses and chariots, and with horsemen and a host of many soldiers.

God uses a secular nation (Babylon) to achieve and bring about His judgment against Tyre. The following shows God actually paid Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon wages (i.e., the land of Egypt), because he and his armies laboured and worked for God.

- **Ezekiel 29:17-21:** In the twenty-seventh year, in the first month, on the first day of the month (of Israel's 70 year captivity in Babylon), the word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁸"Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made his army labor hard against Tyre. Every head was made bald, and every shoulder was rubbed bare, yet neither he nor his army got anything from Tyre to pay for the labor that he had performed against her. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry off its wealth and despoil it and plunder it; and it shall be the wages for his army. ²⁰I have given him the land of Egypt as his payment for which he labored, because they worked for me, declares the Lord GOD. ²¹"On that day I will cause a horn to spring up for the house of Israel, and I will open your lips among them. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

An introduction to these verses: God used Babylon as his army to administer His judgment on the king and nation of Tyre because of the Kings great ego pride and self-exaltation in believing he was a god, the nation's arrogance in looking down on all other nations as being inferior to them and they used violence, murder, lying and deceit to become such a powerful wealthy and prosperous nation

God pays Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon wages: God is concerned that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his army laboured hard doing the work of the LORD when they went to war against Tyre and brought it to ruin. God is aware that neither Nebuchadnezzar nor his army got any payment for their labour in administering His judgment against Tyre. Therefore, the LORD is going to give the land of Egypt and its wealth to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon for payment and for the wages of his army because they worked so hard for the LORD against Tyre and received nothing for their labour (Ezekiel 29:17-21)

God will use Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon to Judge Egypt.

- **Ezekiel 30:10:** Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

God uses a secular nation (Babylon) to achieve and bring about His judgment against Egypt.

God will strengthen the armies of the King of Babylon.

- **Ezekiel 30:24-25:** And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms (Egypt), and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded *man*. ²⁵But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

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God uses a secular nation (Babylon) and strengthens his armies to achieve and bring about His judgment against Egypt (Ezekiel 30:10) (Ezekiel 30:24-25).

SUMMARY: God uses secular nations, kings, and armies: to achieve His plans and purposes, sometimes to bless and other times to bring judgment. In the Old Testament God used: Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon as His servant (Jer. 25:1-9) to bring judgment on Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the surrounding nations (Jer. chapter 49, 50, 51, 52). He also used Nebuchadnezzar to bring His judgment on Tyre and gave him the wealth, riches and spoil of Egypt and their horses and chariots for wages, because his armies laboured hard against Tyre and they worked for Him (Ezek. 26:7) (Ezek. 29:18-21), and even strengthened Babylon's armies to achieve and bring about His judgment against Egypt. (Ezek. 30:10) (Ezek. 30:24-25).

GOD'S GREAT ARMY IN THE BOOK OF JOEL

NOTE: since Babylon is not actually mentioned in the chapters and prophecies of Joel, it is only by knowing the history of Judah and reading the books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel etc., that it becomes clear that the titles Joel gives to the armies he mentions refer to Babylon.

- **Joel 2:11:** The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it? ¹²"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me (Israel) with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

God calls an exceedingly great and secular army (Babylon) His army and uses it to execute His word.

- **Joel 2:25:** And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

God's great army is given the following titles:

- Locusts.
- The cankerworm.
- The caterpillar.
- The palmerworm.

All these titles, refer to God's great secular armies, which the history of Judah and reading the books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel etc., show was the mighty armies of Babylon.

NUCLEAR BOMBS AND THEIR EFFECT

Effects of an atomic bomb explosion: when an atomic bomb explodes, a fireball creates shock and heat waves that destroy structures in the immediate vicinity of the blast. The rising fireball sucks up debris to form a mushroom cloud. Damage can occur over large distances. For example, the radius for severe damage could be approximately 18 km for a 10-megaton blast. Radioactive fallout may be dispersed worldwide through global atmospheric processes. Most of the damage to buildings and other structures from a nuclear explosion result, directly or indirectly, from the effects of a blast. The very rapid expansion of the bomb materials produces a shock wave, accompanied by powerful winds much greater than hurricane force that moves rapidly outward from the exploding bomb. The initial explosion in the detonation of an atomic bomb is catastrophic for the surrounding area, levelling structures with intense shock waves and releasing vast amounts of heat. The characteristic mushroom cloud sends debris and radioactive material into the atmosphere, which can cause biological damage thousands of miles away from the explosion site.

Thermal effects: the thermal radiation falling on exposed skin will cause flash burns, but most ordinary clothing provides protection from the heat radiation, as does almost any opaque object. Flash burns occur when the bare skin is directly exposed, or if the clothing is too thin to absorb the thermal radiation. The atomic bomb dropped by the United States, on Nagasaki on 1945, killed and injured some 70,000 people it released radiation that caused serious long-term injuries to thousands of people who survived the heat and blast of the explosion. The heat radiation can start fires in dry, flammable materials and secondary fires originate from things, such as electrical short circuits, broken gas lines, and chemicals in industrial plants etc., many of these individual fires can combine to produce a firestorm like those that accompany some large forest fires.

Penetrating radiation: the nature of radioactivity and the immense areas contaminable by a single bomb make radioactive fallout potentially one of the most lethal effects of nuclear weapons. When absorbed by the body, nuclear radiation causes serious injury. If a nuclear explosion occurs near the surface, earth or water is taken up into a mushroom-shaped cloud and becomes contaminated with the radioactive residues. The

contaminated material begins to descend within a few minutes and may continue for about 24 hours, covering an area of thousands of square miles downwind from the explosion. If a nuclear bomb is exploded well above the ground, the radioactive residues rise to a great height in the mushroom cloud and descend gradually over a large area.

Electromagnetic pulse: a nuclear explosion also produces a very powerful surge of electromagnetic energy capable of overloading power supply systems and burning out transistors and capacitors. A single 10-megaton nuclear bomb exploded high above ground would destroy or disrupt telecommunications and all electronic and electrical systems on a nationwide scale.

Climatic effects: a large-scale nuclear exchange between nations could conceivably have a catastrophic global effect on climate. The explosion of not even one half of the combined number of warheads in the United States and Russia would throw enormous quantities of dust and smoke into the atmosphere, sufficient to block out sunlight for several months. This would destroy plant life and create a sub-freezing climate until the dust dispersed. The ozone layer would also be affected, permitting further damage as a result of the Sun's ultraviolet radiation. Were the results sufficiently prolonged, they could spell the virtual end of human civilization.

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