IRAN'S GREAT INVASION AND WHY IT'S NEXT IN BIBLE PROPHECY

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ENDORSEMENTS

We are quickly approaching the time where "realities on the ground" will force people to reconsider Bible prophecy. The coming Iranian invasion of the Middle East will do just that. What Mark has done is create a very quick read for those Christians who can feel something coming, but can't put their finger on it; who know that God is in control, but in a world spiraling into chaos, don't know where to go scripturally. I believe this will also provide a "lifeline" to non-Christians who know they are missing something and will look to an ancient book and an omniscient God for answers. As the pastor in this story does, many will have to reevaluate their understanding of Daniel 8 . . . and fast. Hand this book out to all you can.

—Christopher Mantei, Managing director, WingsOfTheEagle.com, and Northeast Region Community Voice, Voice of the Martyrs

In 2014, I ordered a book by Mark Davidson, entitled Daniel Revisited, that transformed my thinking and theology regarding Daniel's visions in the biblical book of Daniel. I had always taught a revived and revised Roman Empire that would arise in the last days, with a European Antichrist. After reading Mark's book, I realized the last days' empire is going to be Islamic, with an Islamic Antichrist.

Now Mark has written a short version entitled *Iran's Great Invasion* that describes the soon-coming Iranian invasion of the Middle East. He says, "The next great prophetic event is not the rapture, but a Sunni/Shia war that will affect not only the Middle East, but the nations of the world." If you want to know the truth regarding present-day events in the Middle East, and how they will affect you and your family, you need to get the book. A major fire has been lit and few are paying attention.

-Dr. W. L. "Sonny" Payne,

Founder and president of New Gate Ministries, author of the book *The DNA of Jesus Christ*, and host of the international television program, *Jerusalem Chronicles*.

I'm excited and encouraged to highly recommend a compelling book that is biblical, insightful, provocative, and hopeful as we speed rapidly into the mystery of the future. Mark Davidson's book, *Iran's Great Invasion and Why It's Next in Bible Prophecy*, takes a deep and careful look at passages in the book of Daniel and how they line up with the events in the Middle East happening today.

Written as a story, this is a quick and enlightening read as Davidson prepares us for the next events to happen on God's timetable. My mind was captured and my heart was warmed with the powerful combination of biblical truth measured with all the fascinating and troubling developments that are taking place in the world today.

The message in this book needs to be heard today! I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically recommend this book. It will change the way you face the future!

> —Carl Sutter, Senior and founding pastor, Foundations Church, Loveland, CO

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What you are about to read is presented in the form of a story, but the subject matter is real and fully presented in *Daniel Revisited* by Mark Davidson.

The story is based on dozens of conversations the author has had with pastors and ministry leaders concerning the message of this book.

PROLOGUE

What if you stumbled across a message, a simple interpretation of Scripture—much simpler than scholars had been telling us—and it opened your eyes and completely transformed your perspective of the end times? You knew in your heart and mind it was true, because news events coming from the Middle East confirmed this message every day.

What if this message showed that the Rapture was not next, nor the Tribulation, but rather some terrible events triggering several years of very hard times affecting the entire world—events that would shake the foundations of your faith, as well as that of the whole church?

What if the message was also a dire warning to watch for, and get ready for, the second coming of Jesus?

What if millions of lives were about to be deeply affected, and someone had to say something? And what if that someone had to be you?

What would you do?

Would you reach out to everyone in the church that you could and risk being called a kook? Would you feel a moral imperative to warn unsuspecting Christians? Would you just sit on the message and do nothing? Would you do what the Holy Spirit, and your conscience, was telling you to do?

What is this message? It is the message of the real end times. For years, the world and the church have witnessed Iran getting ready—for something. Only those believers who know the message can see what is coming. And what is coming will cause economic chaos and change the way we live our lives.

Iran is about to invade the Middle East. That nation will be used by God to set events in motion that will end years later with the Antichrist coming to power.

This will be the second most important message in the world when the events it predicts come to pass. This second most important message will allow those who spread the most important message—the gospel of Jesus Christ—to keep doing so calmly, providing answers to the lost, about salvation and the terrible things going on around them. They will know from God's Word what is really happening, while chaos grips the world.

Christ is coming, and time is short! It is time to wake up!

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A VISIT

here it was. His destination was in sight—the large church building standing by the side of the road. Behind it was the office of the pastor with whom Mike Branch was scheduled to meet. It had been a long drive, so stopping to refill the gas tank seemed prudent.

The building was large and square, painted all white, with paned windows that seemed too small, and a tower. The church looked like the builders couldn't decide whether the style should be traditional with ascending roof, steeple, and stained glass, or boxy and contemporary, with no windows, as if a nightclub were inside.

Fittingly, the church seemed representative of the greater church, steeped in tradition but attempting to reach out to be relevant to society today. The road it stood by was a major thoroughfare of the city, with traffic speeding by. Is this scene symbolic of the way most people are these days—too busy to stop to know their Lord, to allow Jesus Christ to reign in their hearts? He is coming soon, though the next sign of his coming is sooner than many may realize.

It occurred to Mike that this was an appropriate place to share his urgent message—at this building that seemed to embody American Christianity both in its traditional and contemporary flavors. The pastors and congregation stood ready to receive all from the local populace who cared to hear about salvation through Jesus Christ. It stood ready to preach the gospel and lead the lost to Christ. This message would help it in the times soon to come as it was meant to—the real end times that God had disclosed in his Word two-and-a-half-millennia before.