# THE NEXT NUCLEAR WAR ARE WE ON THE EDGE OF END TIMES?

## **By Steve Ashburn**

The next nuclear war will begin the End Times. We are rapidly approaching this period that the Bible refers to as "the time of the end." This 40-year period will commence with war in the Middle East and include the Rapture and the Great Tribulation. It will end with the glorious Second Coming of Christ.

*The Next Nuclear War* describes the End Times period as compiled from the Old Testament prophecies. Author Steve Ashburn provides a systematic and concise examination of each prophecy and places them in relation to the final timeline. A must read for this day, in preparing for that day!

After reading *The Next Nuclear War*, Christians will understand:

-The definition of *End Times* and similar terms in the Bible which relate to the 40-year period of history that ends human self-government and begins government under the Lord Jesus Christ himself.



-The role of various nations such as Egypt, Libya, Sudan, Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, and West Bank. The Bible describes these nations as attacking Israel at the beginning of the End Times conflict.

-The role of the United States as leader of the coalition invasions of Iraq (1991, 2003) and of the third and final invasion as described in Jeremiah.



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## Endorsements for The Next Nuclear War:

This is quite a provocative look at things to come from this point to Christ's Second Advent and beyond. In *The Next Nuclear War: Are We on the Edge of the End Times?*, Steve Ashburn provides unique, groundbreaking food for thought, as this generation moves ever closer to the final hours of this dispensation. — Terry James, co-partner in raptureready.com; author of The American Apocalypse

*The Next Nuclear War: Are We on the Edge of the End Times?* is a factual presentation of the times in which we live. The author has brought concrete evidence proving Bible prophecy is coming to pass in this present generation. Mr. Ashburn has brilliantly tied in biblical history and made the connections to the coming events which have not yet been fulfilled. This book is a must read for anyone who doesn't know about the future Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38 wars yet to be fought. — Frank DiMora, author of The Last Chronicles of Planet Earth

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## Suggested Interview Questions for Steve Ashburn, Author of The Next Nuclear War:

#### 1. What is the "End Times?"

The forty-year period of time beginning with the destruction of Egypt as prophesied in Ezekiel 29–30; also referred to the last days or latter years. This period includes the rapture (see below) and the invasion of Israel by "the kingdom of the north" (Ezekiel 38–39), and ends after the seven-year tribulation period.

#### 2. How do you know we are living in this time?

We're not quite there yet. This period begins with a nuclear war in the Middle East, as outlined generally in Psalm 83 and specifically in other Old Testament chapters.

#### 3. Why does the Bible say there will be a nuclear war in the Middle East?

Psalm 83 describes this war in general, whereas judgment on specific nations is recorded in Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Obadiah and other books in the Old Testament. After this war, Israel will be established in her ancient land with the original boundaries promised by God to Abraham (Genesis 15:21).

#### 4. Will Israel destroy the Aswan Dam with a nuclear weapon?

The Aswan dam ("the tower of Syene," Ezekiel 29:10) is so massive that it only can be destroyed with a nuclear weapon. Ezekiel 29-30, 32 describes the resulting flood of the Nile as well as the nuclear obliteration of Egypt so that "No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years" (Ezekiel 29:11). Israel is the only nearby power having nuclear weapons.

#### 5. What happens after this war?

The Bible indicates there will be a period of complacency of unknown length—perhaps several decades—culminating with the rapture. Jesus spoke of this time as being like the days of Noah, when men will be "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage... And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away" (Matthew 24:38-39). Israel also will blossom like a rose and become like "the garden of Eden," overflowing with agricultural produce and livestock (Isaiah 51:3; Ezekiel 36:35; Joel 2:23–24) during this period. The rapture, which ends this period of complacency, will take the entire world by surprise.

#### 6. What is the Rapture?

The rapture is the sudden, invisible return of the Lord Jesus Christ for his church. This will be accompanied by "a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).



#### 7. What happens after the Rapture?

Besides chaos and total world confusion, there will be an accounting of which nations have lost the most people. The United States by far will have suffered the greatest loss, so much so that other nations, led by Russia, will invade and conquer what's left of our nation (Isaiah 18).

#### 8. What is the Tribulation?

The tribulation is a seven-year period of intense suffering on earth, punctuated by nineteen direct judgments from God upon the earth and its inhabitants. This period will end with the physical, glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ to judge the nations, restore the devastated earth, and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. This period comprises the last seven years of the forty-year end-times period.

#### 9. Who is the antichrist and is it possible to identify him right now?

The antichrist is the leader of the one-world government during the tribulation. He will force everyone to worship himself or else be killed. He is also called the Assyrian (Isaiah 10:5–12), the beast, the man of sin, and the son of perdition. The Bible indicates he will be born in northern Iraq (or extreme eastern Syria) and be from a Christian family. Since the end times is only a few years away, it is likely the antichrist already has been born.

#### 10. What happens after Jesus returns at the Second Coming?

SHORT ANSWER: Jesus will destroy the armies of the beast and begin his 1,000-year reign on earth. The Old Testament and millennial saints also will receive their immortal bodies, rewards, thrones and authority, and will reign with him.