



# A FRENCH REVOLUTION!

## How might an Islamic inspired French revolution effect Europe?

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Hello everyone—this is Paul Billington bringing the News and the Bible together again in another edition of our weekly look at what is going on. This week, as most of you will be aware, France has been experiencing its worst unrest for many years. Violent riots in Paris and in the rest of the country have led the government to declare a state of emergency and impose curfews in many cities. Some 300 cities and towns have been affected by the riots. Over a thousand cars have been burnt and rioters have torched schools, businesses and churches. *The Jerusalem Post* called it an “ongoing French Revolution” and London’s *Daily Telegraph* ran an editorial saying that the “Riots in France could spread through Europe.” Once again we are reminded of the words of Jesus recorded in Luke 21:25-26.



*Rioting in France*

He said that there would be “... upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”

“*The sea and the waves roaring*” is a metaphorical expression describing an agitated condition of society—really it is the peoples who are roaring, just as we see in the events reported this week. Isaiah the prophet says that “the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt” (Isa. 57:20). France is no stranger to revolution of course. Newspaper editors over the past week could scarcely avoid referring to 1789, to 1848 and to the 1968 student riots. But there is a difference this time in that the current riots are being waged by immigrant communities of African and Arab descent. It is a consequence of the policy of multiculturalism that is failing in many parts of Europe. The religious, cultural and ideological divides have not been bridged, and so it is that violence and lawlessness has erupted in the way that we now see it. What it does have in common with the historic revolutions in France, is the discontent and frustration of those who feel underprivileged. For these immigrant communities, the Equality and Fraternity isn’t happening.

But there are always those who are keen to exploit these situations for their own ends—and in this case the

situation is being exploited by Islamic radicals, whose purpose it is to overthrow western civilizations. The community of Muslims in France is about 5 million—the largest in Europe—and there, as elsewhere, is a reluctance to face up to the challenge that



*The spreading flame of Islamic inspired revolution in France earlier this week*

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is threatening.

The immigrant population of France that has been involved in this rioting is made up of Arabs, North Africans and black Africans. *They are Moslems* and are being manipulated by Islamic extremists—and so what we are seeing is just another face to the system that sets off bombs on the London underground, in Bali, or who only this week were found to be planning terror attacks in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia. Since September 11 2001 when Islamic terrorists hit the World Trade Centre in New York, this Moslem menace has grown like a cancer—but very few western nations want to face up to the challenge because as one of them said quite recently, the consequences are too terrible to contemplate.

We are in a period just like the 1930's when no one wanted to recognize where Adolf Hitler was going—when appeasement and compromise seemed to be preferable to the horror of all out war. But that war came anyway.

Just how the present situation will play out remains to be seen, but if *The Daily Telegraph* editorial proves correct, and the riots spread through Europe, there will have to be some kind of response at some point. Copy-cat incidents have already been reported with cars being torched in Berlin and Brussels last weekend. There is “the sense of impending crisis” says the *Telegraph*.

Well, as you may know, France is the Gomer of Ezekiel 38:6 and it is linked with the North African Libya of verse 5. The Biblical Libya of course involved far more territory than the modern country of that name—and it would take in those North African countries from which the French immigrants came. So there is an alliance of some kind indicated by Ezekiel involving (verse 5) “Persia (Iran), Ethiopia (Africa), and Libya (North Africa)... Gomer, and all his bands, the house of Togarmah...” and so on. Here are several Islamic nations seen in alliance with Europe—but under the military guardianship of Russia.

Now the question is, how does this alliance come into being? What welds them together under the leadership of Gog? The relationship of France to the Islamic world is worth watching. The Islamic penetration of Europe would bring a forceful response from the Roman Catholic Vatican—and may yet do so. But who would act as her military champion? There can be no doubt that Russia will fulfill that role—for she is the “Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.” She will be a guard unto them, says verse 7. In order to overcome the secular drift in Europe, and the Islamic ideology, we can expect the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches to combine their efforts. Russian force would be ruthless, and would replace the weak and vulnerable model that we now see in Europe.

There is much more that we could say about this, but that must suffice for now. The situation that is described in Ezekiel's 38th chapter is the key. This is the situation that must be arrived at—and will be arrived at in God's good time.

That is what makes the Bible in the News so compelling. We are told where events are leading, so we merely watch it taking place in the News headlines—so join us again next week for another jolt of spiritual energy. Talk with you next week, God willing.



*Torching cars in France*

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