1 Countdown To

Armageddon?

*With problems in the Middle East and so much hatred for Israel are we about to see in our generation, the fulfillment of Christ's return?

2 Fighting in Lebanon

- •Cross-border Hezbollah raid.
- *Hezbollah demanded the release of prisoners.
- •Israel retaliates by air strikes and a naval blockade of Lebanon.
- •Hezbollah launches numerous rocket attacks into northern Israel.

3 What is Hezbollah?

•Shi'a Islamic Political Organization

in Lebanon.

- Militia
- ■Political Party
- Social Development
- Purpose
 - *Fight Zionism (Israel's right as a Nation).
 - •Promote Islamic Revolution.
 - •Impose Islamic Law.
- •CIA
 - *It is Fascist (radical, authoritarian, militant, nationalistic/religious) in nature.
 - Terroristic in practice.

4 History of Israel

- •1948 War of Independence
- ■1956 Sinai Campaign
- ■1967 Six-Day War
- •Yom Kippur War
- ■1982 War in Lebanon
- •2006 Hezbollah

5 Image Hatred of Israel

- •Today in the Palestinian School System
 - *Textbooks are replete with strong expressions of hatred toward Israel and its right to exist.

- *Praise is given for those who struggle against the Jews as well as anti-Semitic expressions against the Jews.
- In the 2nd grade, Palestinian pupils learn that Jordanian young men are eager to sacrifice their lives for the jihad.
- •In the 8th grade, the students learn that the usurpers have crossed all boundaries and therefore the time has come for jihad, to unsheathe the sharp sword.

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7 Iran's Threat to Israel

- •Iran's 68 Million
- *Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has said . .
 - *Israel needs to be driven into the sea.
 - *The Holocaust was a hoax.
 - *Wants Nuclear Bombs.

8 Summary

- *The whole Middle East is overflowing with hatred towards Israel.
- *Terrorism and hostilities are an every present threat.
- *Islamic Fascist are dominating politics in the region and are dedicated to destroying Israel and America's influence in the area.
- *Much of Europe and the American political left is starting to drop their support for Israel.

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11 Possible Scenario

- •More and more people and nations will become intimidated by Islamic radicals and turn on Israel.
- *However, centuries of distrust and jealousies between the Shi'as and Sunnies will once again raise its ugly head and engulf the region in an Islamic Civil War.
- •Oil fields will be one of the prize targets of these waring parties and will create world-wide chaos as oil production slows or comes to a halt.
- *All nations of the world will be in a panic and earnestly seek a solution or someone who can once and for all bring peace and stability to the Middle East.

12 The Rise of the Antichrist

- *"While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape."(1 Th 5:3 NIV-G/K)
- *High-ranking political leader or diplomat, who will initially bring peace and insure Israel's safety, but will betray Israel and persecute all believers in Christ.

13 What Shall We Do?

- *"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. . . what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives" . . . So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. (2 Pet 3:10-12, 14 NIV)
- *But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. (Eph. 5:3)

14 What Shall We Do?

- *"Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26 NIV)
- *"The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:5-7 NIV-G/K)

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