

THE KOREAN CONFLICT

MAKING WAY FOR THE KINGS OF THE EAST

The purpose of this illustration is to provide a 'snap-shot' of North Korea with its now nuclear missiles. If any Korean invasion were to occur, both China and the US are pledged to support and intervene and go 'nuclear' even if necessary. China itself, like North Korea has often times threatened to 'nuke' the US due to the Taiwan issue. Prophetically speaking, North Korea is helping set the stage for a countdown militarily to Armageddon. North Korea has had a direct link to helping Iran also develop its nuclear capability, The Bible does speak of the 'Kings of the East' marching with a 200 million man army across the Euphrates to attack Israel at some future time. - Re 9:14-16. The Euphrates is in the midst of Iraq, a country that the US invaded since 2002. It was part of the nations that made up the 'Evil Axis' along side Iran and North Korea. Currently the US has the largest Embassy in the world there & several military bases. It would be hard to tread over the Euphrates without the US's direct intervention but perhaps that that time, the US would have either been invaded by the Chinese or so repressed due to its economic and social meltdown that no resistance would ensue to attempt at stopping the 'Kings from the East' from cross the Euphrates bent on world conquest and Israel's destruction.

North Korea has the 4th largest army in the world. For its size of only 25 million, it is staggering. It has currently a 1 Million Man army ready to mobilize at a given notice. The North Koreans have officially withdrawn from the 'Cease Fire' of 1953 and are technically still at war with South Korea and the USA. It is one of the most isolated countries in the world and for that very reason it is often referred to as the 'Hermit Kingdom'. It is an example of what communism leads to: a total Totalitarian State controlling every aspect of life for individuals. The year 2013 marks the 60th Year Anniversary of the end of the Korean War which at the beginning was called a 'Police Action' by the UN led by a coalition of 21 UN -US lead Member countries. Over 36,000 US soldiers died, making it the most in losses of any one singular country and out of the total 2 million lives lost from 1950-1953. The US made up about 88% of the over 300,000 combined force that repelled the North Korean invasion. When the UN led 21 force nation pushed the North Korean north beyond the 38th Parallel and near the Chinese border, subsequently over 2 million Chinese along with the USSR helped force the UN coalition to the current 38th Parallel. To this day, there are continued skirmishes and penetration by the North Koreans.



A SPIRITUAL DARKNESS OVER THE LAND

A report by the Korean Bar Association has details the daily life of religious and political prisoners based on the testimonies of survivors of the camps and former guards. For more than 50 years, North Korea has been operating prison camps that are actually forced labor concentration camps. These camps are estimated to be holding more than 200,000 prisoners. According to the communist rationale, these camps provide 'an opportunity for redemption.' North Korea has sunk into the 'Dark Ages' but with Nuclear Weapons. In one satellite image at night from the edge of space, North Korea is virtually 'blackout' due to shortages in energy. It is a befitting metaphor of also the spiritual darkness condition the communist ideology has produced.

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

As a closed materialistic and Marxist state, anyone discovered to be a Christian is usually executed or sent to prison camp or 'Concentration Camps'. The mere possession of a Bible can result in being jailed or death. Attending an Underground Church is considered treason. According to the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM), somewhere between 50,000 to 70,000 Christians are currently in these forced labor camps. Christianity is seen as a direct threat to the communist State. It is so ironic, given that the uprising of Kim il Sung's up-bringing was Christian and the fight for Korea's liberation since 1910 was supporting by Christian churches. It is a testament that what makes a follower of Christ Jesus is not where one was born or what 'Christian' family or how much church one had.

North Korea's government deny the existence of these prison camps but satellite imaging reveal the truth that persecuted Christians as well as political prisoners are being force to work, starved, tortured and killed in these camps. In an effort to reach out, South Korean Christians and other world ministries for decades have been launching tens of thousands of 'Scripture Balloons' carrying New Testaments, Scripture verses and other gospel messages into North Korea.



COMMUNISM

This ideology came out of the social scientific revolution of 19th Europe. It utilizes humanistic social Darwinism as it's core values. In essence, it is a theory that stipulates that the political STATE is the highest entity in terms of laws, order and all that is good and for the 'good' of mankind. Having this as a framework, humanity is reduced to the lowest common denominator in terms of worth and value; human life is expendable. It espouses collectivism in which the good for the STATE supercedes the rights, power and liberties of the individual. People are valued for their work and seen as units of energy. What matters is the present and all things material, thus any aspect of there being a spiritual, a soul, a 'GOD' is counterproductive, threatens the STATE is stamped out.

