# **BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Good morning, you might have heard that the Euphrates River dried up. The river starts in the mountains of Eastern Turkey and runs south to join the Tigris and flow into the Persian Gulf. The "fertile crescent" isn't so fertile anymore. Some claim "climate change." Syria blames Turkey Iraq blames Iran and archeology is fascinated.

You might have read in Rev. 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

Don't pack your bags yet – oh that's right you can't bring it with you anyway.

Over the years dams have been built to regulate the flow and create lakes, and produce electrical power resulting in a control of the river. Drought has been affecting the area for 30 years and so it has been progressive.

But the talk of it most recently has caused Moslems to think the Madhi (guided one) will come and usher in a golden age of seven or so golden years before the end of the world. *That sure helps set up for the antichrist*.

And of course some Christian world thinks that this is the beginning of the prophecies spoken of in Revelation.

Other religions have view of the coming one. Jew - Messiah - Son of David;

Buddhist – Maitreya; (enlightened one) Hindu – Kalki; (Avatar)

Conservative – Donald Trump; Sci-Fi crowd – Elon Musk

Humanist - the savior we are looking for is hidden with us and is the most real.

When we can accept and respect one another, we'll enter a new age of the "divine self" and world peace. Nice variety - *Take your pick*.

The river is not completely dried up and it is so easy to run with rumours; but if you do so you will be like the dog chasing its tail and running in circles. Oh it's entertaining! *Last one was the "blood moons"* 2014, 2015 John Hagee.

The projected date for Iraq to be out of water from the river is 2040. And that could change if there was increased rain fall. BUT we know that just as Elijah called for a drought in Ahab's day, another is planned during the Tribulation period – I think that is the one that is going to cause the Euphrates to dry up.

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

*Application*: Redeem what time we have left, lay up treasures in heaven, Abide in Him; that, when he shall appears, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

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### "THE PROMISED RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD"

Jn 10:18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. ...

Ac 13:32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the **promise** which was made unto the fathers,

Ac 26:6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the **promise** made of God unto our fathers:

#### • Promise Inferred with Abraham & Isaac

Gen. 22:5 ..., and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

Jn 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

#### • Promise Prophesied in the Psalms

Ps 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

• **Prophesied** by Jesus

Mt 16:21

Mt. 17:9

Mt.26:32 Remembered by the Pharisees Mt. 27:63

### • Preached & Proven at the tomb

Mt. 28; Mk. 16; John 20 & 21

Lk 24:6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

Lk 24:7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

# Tonight at 5:00 "THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL"

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation

Wed. at 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Roberts - Vietnam

Can you think of some Biblical things that happened? When you called on the Lord to save you from your sins?

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