

## Reflections on Present World Conditions

1. The funeral of the Queen of England has many wondering “Is this the end of an era?”

A. B.B.C News recently reported:

1. Europe is having the worse drought in 500 years.
2. In Germany the shrinking of the Rhine River is causing less shipping in Eastern and Western Europe potentially causing food shortages.
3. In China there is the beginning of a vast climate change, causing extreme droughts in some places vs. flash floods in others.
4. In Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia) the U.N. warns that a coming famine could cause 22 million deaths.

B. The war between Russia and Ukraine continues to pull more nations into its conflict.

1. There is fear that Russia may engage nuclear weapons in this war.
2. Note the number of nuclear warheads in these nations.
  - Russia 5,977
  - U.S. 5,428
  - France 290
  - U.K. 225
  - China 350
  - Pakistan 165
  - India 160
  - Israel 90
  - N. Korea 20

A world total of 12,190 Nuclear Warheads.

## Ezekiel's Prophecy and the Eastern Gate

2. Jesus said...**Luke 21:10-11, 28, 31, 34-36**
3. Ezekiel's Experience: What God showed him.
  - A. Israel's backslidden condition at this time: Judah was in captivity; Jerusalem and The Temple were on the verge of being destroyed.
  - B. Ezekiel was in captivity in Babylon and God gave him a vision.  
**Ezk. 1:4, 26-28**
  - C. Ezekiel had another vision in which he was taken to Jerusalem and saw the sins of Israel **Ezk. 8:3-4**
  - D. The Glory of God leaving the temple and Jerusalem.  
**Ezk. 10:3-4, 15, 18-20; Ezk. 11:1, 23-24**
  - E. The promise of God's return to Jerusalem and the Temple would be back through the Eastern Gate. **Ezk. 43:1-2, 4-5**
  - F. Then the Eastern Gate would be shut until the Messiah returns.  
**Ezk. 44:1-3** See also, **Acts 1:9-12** and **Zech. 14:4-5**
  - G. Pictures of the Eastern Gate and The Church of all Nations.
    1. The Four Gospels recording of Jesus' return.  
**Matt. 24:27; Mk. 13:26; Lk. 17:24; Jn. 14:3**