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The Next Nuclear War: Are We on the Edge of the End Times? is a factual presentation of the times in which we live. The author has brought concrete evidence proving Bible prophecy is coming to pass in this present generation. Ashburn has brilliantly tied in biblical history and made the connections to the coming events which have not yet been fulfilled. This book is a must-read for anyone who doesn’t know about the future Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38 wars yet to be fought.

—FRANK DIMORA, author of *The Last Chronicles of Planet Earth*

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INTRODUCTION

The signs of our times are beginning to converge toward the end times, and our generation almost certainly will be the one privileged to see these momentous events begin to unfold. Israel rapidly is being surrounded by radical Islamist nations; strong earthquakes are being reported worldwide; the US is being affected by a multi-year drought which has diminished crop yields; influenza, sexually transmitted infections and other epidemic diseases are becoming more widespread; large meteors have started impacting the earth's atmosphere; governments worldwide have accrued insurmountable sovereign-debt loads, resulting in forced austerity, unemployment, and deflationary depression in many countries; and there is political paralysis in dealing with economic problems. All these are signs Jesus predicted would occur at the beginning of the end times.

Most people are unaware of the Old Testament prophecies relating to the end times (or even what this term means); for example, most Christians aren't aware of the significance of the prophesy in Ezekiel 29 which says that no foot of man or beast will walk across Egypt for forty years, and describes what can only be a nuclear attack. Most Christians also aren't aware of the many other amazing prophecies in Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and other books in the Old Testament which describe this time period—they think they've already been fulfilled, or that they're far in the future, or are simply too difficult to understand. This book systematically and concisely goes through these prophecies and puts them in their proper place in relation to the end times, along with a proper timeline of this period and definition of terms.

In particular, the Bible speaks of a forty-year period of time in the future called by various names, such as “the end times,” “the last days,” or “the latter years.” This period includes the tribulation as its final seven-year segment, culminating with the physical, glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ to reign upon the earth for one thousand years. What is somewhat unclear in Scripture is what events begin this forty-year period, and which subsequently lead up to the tribulation.

Understanding this period requires a study of several books in the Old Testament, for in them is contained a somewhat detailed—if fragmented—description of the beginning of the end times leading up to the tribulation, with the book of Revelation providing a detailed description of the tribulation itself. It is the purpose of this book to provide for the reader a description of the beginning and middle of this end-times period compiled from the various Old Testament prophecies; this covers a thirty-three-year time span leading up to the tribulation.

Perhaps the reason why most of these Old Testament books have not been understood until now can be found in Daniel 12:4: “...shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.” This means that many Old Testament prophecies relating to the beginning of the end times—for example, the regional nuclear war in the Middle East and subsequent coalition invasion of Iraq which begins this time period—have been “sealed” thus far because the time was not yet at hand. With the publication of this book, many of these prophecies which God commanded Daniel to “seal” now can be clearly understood. This means, by implication, that the end times are at hand.

I personally was amazed when reading these prophecies that many of them fell neatly into place in the context of a forty-year time period, which begins with a regional nuclear war in the Middle East and subsequently includes a third coalition invasion of Iraq, the rapture of the saints, the tribulation, and ends with the glorious second coming of Christ. I was gratified to learn from Scripture that God would—among other things—restore Israel to her ancient boundaries at the beginning of this conflict,

solve the Palestinian terrorist problem for good, and bless Israel exceedingly so that she would “overflow with wine and oil” (Joel 2:24).

Finally, in view of the imminent fulfillment of Scripture and the subsequent return of our Lord for his church, the reader is advised to remember the real purpose of prophecy: “for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Revelation 19:10). It is my heartfelt hope that this book will awaken many of you to the fact that the return of our Lord is very near, and motivate you to order your hearts and your lives so as to be ready to meet him when he comes!