

The Coming Kingdom & the End of the Age 將來的國度和世代的末了

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你降临和世代的末了有什麼预兆呢？。。民要攻打民，國要攻打國；多處必有饑荒、地震。
What will be the sign of your coming, and of *the end of the age*?..... For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

這都是災難〔災難：原文是生產之痛〕的起頭。

But all these things are merely *the beginning of birth pangs*.

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blowback (Zakaria supports
Tahrir Square to clash with antigovernment
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THE REVOLUTION

Even with counterrevolutionary forces challenging change in Egypt, democracy can still work. Here's how **By Fareed Zakaria**

Rage Across the Region. After Egypt and Tunisia, other governments in the Arab world are feeling the heat



ALGERIA

Weeks of protests forced the government to cut taxes on sugar and cooking oil.



LIBYA

Taxes on some foods have been abolished. With protests planned, soccer



SYRIA

Calls for anti-government protests have grown on Twitter and



LEBANON

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JORDAN

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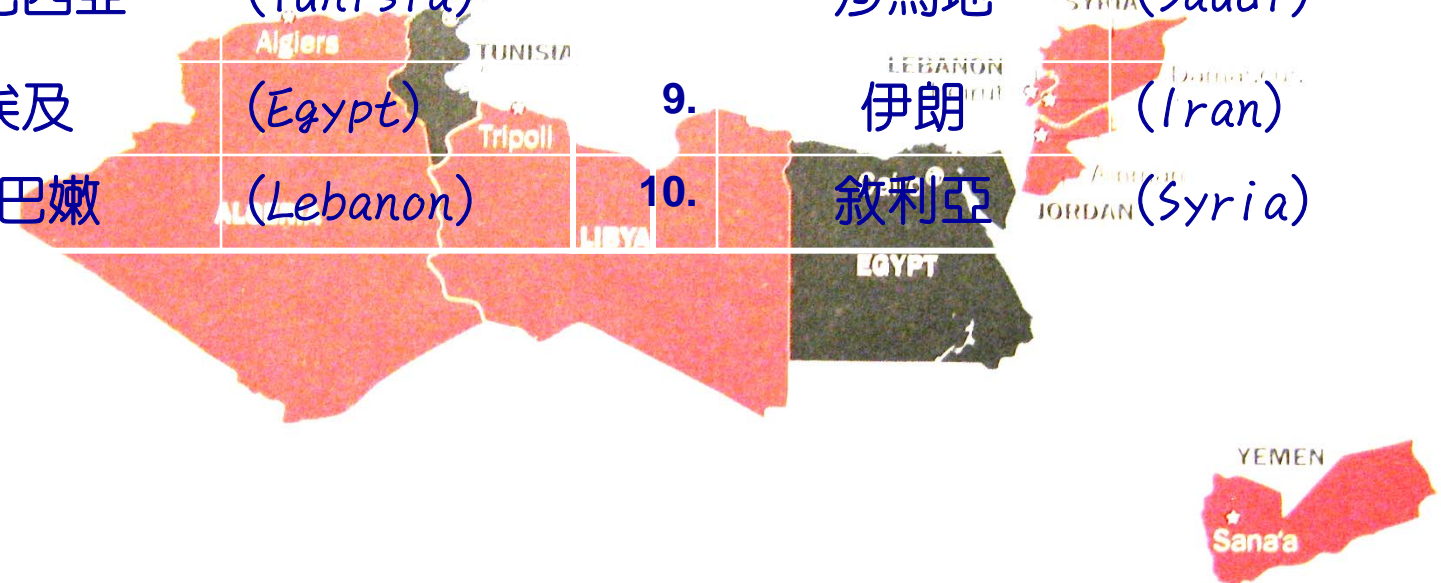
YEMEN

Protests. President announced not to

Rage Across the Region.

Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Yemen are leading the protests.

1. 阿爾及利亞 (Algeria)
2. 利比亞 (Libya)
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U.N. Clears Way for Attack on Libya

U.S., Europe Ready to Launch Air Strikes Against Gadhafi Forces; Rebels' Worsening Plight Jolts White House to Act

The United Nations Security Council authorized military force Thursday against Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi's security forces, opening the way for European and U.S. airstrikes within days.

The U.N. action, pushed aggressively by France and the U.K., came as Col. Gadhafi's security forces continued their assault toward Benghazi, the de facto capital of rebels trying to

end his 42-year rule.

European and American officials argued on the Security Council floor that an interna-

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tional campaign to stop Col. Gadhafi's forces was required immediately to stave off a potential massacre of opposition

forces and civilians.

French officials have indicated that military strikes could take place within hours of the resolution's passage. Others were more cautious about how quickly any attacks would begin.

In Benghazi, the rebel administration unleashed fireworks over the harbor seconds after the U.N. vote, and in the eastern port city of Tobruk, tracer bullet volleys lit up the sky as boats in

the harbor blew their horns.

Col. Gadhafi, shortly before the vote, said his troops would launch an all-out assault in the coming hours against rebels and members of the opposition in Benghazi even if the whole world opposed him.

Ten members of the Security Council voted for the imposition of a no-fly zone in Libya and other security measures, with no members opposing the resolu-

tion. Russia, China, Germany, India and Brazil abstained.

The resolution authorized other nations to board ships and planes to enforce an existing arms embargo on Libya, and approved "all necessary measures" to protect Libyan civilians from Col. Gadhafi's security forces.

U.N. members, aware of the sensitivity such a military campaign could have in a Muslim country, stressed that there

would be no foreign military occupation of Libya—an outcome that is barred by the resolution.

"Our resolution is aimed to protect Libyan civilians," said Lebanon's ambassador to the U.N., Nawaf Salam, a central player in the drafting of the resolution. "It will not result in the occupation of even an inch of Libyan territory."

The assertive U.S. posture
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What's News—

Business & Finance

World-Wide

G-7 nations are banding together to stem a rise in the value of the Japanese yen, the first time they have joined to intervene in currency markets since 2000. The yen fell in early Asian trading Friday and Tokyo shares were up 1.8%. **A1, C6**

Traders and bankers blamed a freak onslaught of buying for the yen's sharp ascent on Wednesday. **C1**

U.S. and European stocks broke losing streaks on Thursday. The Dow industri-

The Senate approved a short-term spending bill. The measure funds the government for three more weeks and now goes to Obama for his signature. Separately, the House voted 228-192, largely along party lines, to block public radio stations from spending federal funds on programming. The bill faces dim prospects in the Senate and is opposed by the White House. **A4**

The GOP and Democrats are \$50 billion apart on the

The U.S. government, signaling distrust of reports from Japan about the nuclear crisis there, moved Thursday to evacuate U.S. citizens and set up its own channels of information—a step echoed by some American companies that laid plans to trim their operations in the stricken country.

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Jonathan Weisman
And Andrew Morse*

In the latest sign of international skepticism about progress at Japan's crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear facility, the U.S. embassy in Tokyo said Thursday

Japan Reassures, Others Flee



世界七(八)級以上大地震頻率紀錄 Earthquake Larger Than 7 (8) Richter Scale Frequency Record

(Data from USGS; 0 - 16 KM; 1801 - 2011)

- 十九世紀： 30 次 (10)
Nineteen Century: 30 (10)
- 二十世紀： 265 次 (73)
Twenty Century: 265 (73)
- 本世紀頭10年： 274次 (14)
First ten years of 21th Century: 274 (14)

海水漲起，漫過巴比倫；她被許多海浪遮蓋。

The sea has come up over Babylon; She has been engulfed with its tumultuous waves.

她的城邑變為荒場、旱地、沙漠，無人居住，無人經過之地。

Her cities have become an object of horror, a parched land and a desert, a land in which no man lives, And through which no son of man passes.

耶 51: 42 - 43







Rescue workers search for bodies under an upturned house.





cars and planes tossed about like toys at Sendai Airport in northeastern Japan.



the Japanese authorities are seeking to allay fears following a third explosion and a fire at the Fukushima nuclear plant which

天就挪移，好像書卷被捲起來；
山嶺海島都被挪移離開本位。

**And the sky was split apart like a
scroll when it is rolled up; and
*every mountain and island were
moved out of their places.***

啓 6:14

那時，人子的兆頭要顯在天上，地上的萬族都要哀哭。他們要看見人子，有能力，有大榮耀，駕著天上的雲降臨。

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

太 24:30

你們可以從無花果樹學個比方：當樹枝發嫩長葉的時候，你們就知道夏天近了。

Now learn the parable from the fig tree:
when its branch has already become tender,
and puts forth its leaves, you know that
summer is near;

這樣，你們看見這一切的事，也該知道人子
近了，正在門口了。

even so you too, when you see all these things,
recognize that He is near, right at the door.

太 24:32 - 33

我實在告訴你們，
這世代還沒有過去，這些事都要
成就。

Truly I say to you, *this generation* will
not pass away until all these things take
place.

太 24:34

那日子，那時辰，沒有人知道，
連天上的使者也不知道，子也不
知道，惟獨父知道。

**But of that day and hour no one
knows, not even the angels of
heaven, nor the Son, but the
Father alone.**

太 24:36

當洪水以前的日子，人照常吃喝嫁娶，直到挪亞進方舟的那日；

For as in those days which were before the flood *they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage*, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

不知不覺洪水來了，把他們全都沖去。人子降臨也要這樣。

and *they did not understand* until the flood came and took them all away; *so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.*

太 24:38 - 39

那時，兩個人在田裏，取去一個，撇下一個。

**Then there shall be two men in the field;
one will be taken, and one will be left.**

太 24:40