

## Chapter 16

### The Beginning – Phase 1

Since this entire scenario is dependent upon positive identification, let's look at that issue now.

We are suggesting that the Madhi (Also called the Blue Turban) and the White-Turban-reincarnated-Jesus (simply called White Turban from here on out) exist in time simultaneously, and are present in a future Islamic War on Europe (not in past history).

Century 5 Quatrain 54

54

*From beyond the Black Sea and great Tartary,  
There will be a King who will come to see Gaul,  
He will pierce through Alania and Armenia,  
And within Byzantium will he leave his bloody rod.*

Beyond the Black Sea is from the perspective of Nostradamus, in other words, from France. This would be to the east of the Black Sea, and beyond "Tartary". Tartary incorporated the current areas of Pontic-Caspian steppe, Volga-Urals, Caucasus, Siberia, Turkestan, Mongolia, and Manchuria.<sup>[1]</sup>

The Oriental angle is supposed by the reference to Genghis Khan in Century 10 Quatrain 72.

72

*The year 1999, seventh month, [or simply "sept"]  
From the sky will come a great King of Terror.  
To bring back to life the great King of the Mongols,  
Before and after Mars to reign by good luck.*

The great King of the Mongols is Genghis Khan, who terrorized Europe in 1200 AD, almost 400 years prior to Nostradamus. The "King of Terror" is probably not a person but an event, commonly understood to be an asteroid strike, in the wake of which this "King of the Mongols" will surface and begin his empire through war (the reference to Mars). He will have amazingly good luck, seemingly winning victory after victory.

The reference to the "King of the Mongols" also gives us some insight into how the war will be fought, using many of the strategies that Genghis Khan used almost 1,000 years ago.

Genghis Khan would allow a city to surrender, if it did, he would enroll all the men in his armies front lines to proceed to the next battle. If they did not surrender, after the city was taken, every living person was killed and the city was razed.

The first line has tripped up the best scholars. It seems to be very clear. In July of 1999, an asteroid strike stirs up this world war. Upon reflection however, it is quite unlike Nostradamus to give in so easily to a dated quatrain. Many other of his dated quatrains carry qualifiers such as "after the Liturgy", which imply that there is some mathematical operation that needs to be performed on the date itself.

Since you are still here reading this, suffice it to say that the date is not a literal one. The date may even be an anagram of sorts, which would make infinitely more sense.

Continuing with our original quatrain, this King of the Mongols will have “Gaul” as his destination. “Gaul” is an old French word for ‘France’. To get to France, he will ‘pierce’ through Albania and Armenia. He will leave his ‘bloody rod’ in Byzantium (Constantinople, Turkey).

Century 2 Quatrain 29

29  
*The Easterner will leave his seat,  
To pass the Apennine mountains to see Gaul:  
He will transpire the sky, the waters and the snow,  
And everyone will be struck with his rod.*

Here again we have the same elements, the Oriental (the ‘Easterner’) travelling to see “Gaul” (France) and striking everyone with his “rod”. This quatrain gives some detail about the route as well, he will ‘transpire’ the sky (air), the waters (the sea), and the snow (mountain passes), specifically here is mentioned the Apennines, which run north and south through central Italy.

Century 10 Quatrain 75

75  
*Long awaited, he will never return in Europe,  
He will appear in Asia **[instead]**:  
One of the league issued from the great Hermes,  
And he will grow over all the Kings of the East.  
**[bold contextual insertion mine]***

Who is being awaited in Europe? Well, the last ‘antichrist’ originated in Europe (Hitler) as did a previous one (Napoleon). Those expecting another antichrist to arise from Europe will be surprised. He will ‘appear in Asia’ instead. Hermes refers to the messenger mythology, and it will be a message he brings to Europe, “convert or die”, the message of Allah.

This King of the Mongols will grow greater than other kings (rulers) in the East.

We still have not properly identified him, however.

Century 4 Quatrain 99 – “son of daughter”

99  
*The valiant elder son of the King's daughter,  
He will hurl back the Celts very far,  
Such that he will cast thunderbolts, so many in such an array  
Few and distant, then deep into the Hesperias.*

Here we get a bit more information. This man appears to be the oldest son of “the Kings Daughter”. The Islamic Imam line is inherited from the matriarch side, and records are closely kept of these lineages. It appears this man will be descended from Mohammed on the distaff side. (see chapter 5, “The Players” for details on this).

The “Celts” in line two are equivalent to “Gaul” we saw earlier, a reference to France, which was part of Celtic territory, as was Germany and parts of Spain. It is interesting that this entire area is the same area to be attacked, so it accurately described all of Western Europe, not just France.

The ‘thunderbolts’ are obviously missiles of some type, probably SCUD like weapons which are cheap to manufacture and plentiful in the Mideast. It appears he launches a few at first against distant targets, then begins raining them down in a torrent. Hesperias in this sense probably applies to Spain, not the Americas.

Century 8 Quatrain 77 –

77  
The antichrist soon annihilates three,  
twenty-seven years his war will last.  
The unbelievers are dead, captive, exiled;  
with blood, human bodies, water and red hail covering the earth.

The literal translation of the first line is “The antichrist three soon annihilates”. Shown above is a common translation of that line. I think both are correct. In Nostradamus’ counting, this would be the third antichrist he has described, Hitler and Napoleon being the first two. There is also a previous reference to other “kings of the East”, so these may be the three annihilated. This sounds suspiciously like the passage in the Book of Daniel describing the rise of the antichrist as well.

*“I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words” (Daniel 7:8).*

So here Daniel is describing a beast (The Beast), with horns on his head. These horns represented kingdoms, and the little horn took the place of three of the existing (bigger) horns.

So we have a fairly good link between our antichrists, but still no direct link to this war. Not to fear, we will get to that next.

The other critical thing to note in this quatrain is the length of the war, 27 years. This is the key.

Century 9 Quatrain 73 – “Present your ID please...”

73  
*The Blue Turban King entered into Foix,  
And he will reign less than a revolution of Saturn:  
The White Turban King Byzantium heart banished,  
Sun, Mars and Mercury near Aquarius.*

The “Blue Turban King” enters Foix. Foix is in France. This king will reign less than one revolution of Saturn, which is 29 ½ years. Look who else appears here, our friend in the White Turban, and Byzantium again, imagine that. The astrological date appears to be the time that the White Turban is banished to Byzantium, but it is a common conjunction and only be used after the fact.

So we have tied the Blue Turban to the antichrist, the White Turban to the Blue Turban, and both to France and Turkey, along with the length of time the war will last. Now we can proceed without any doubt.

The Mahdi (Blue Turban) and the Islamic-Jesus (White Turban) are both commanders of the Islamic forces, but here at the beginning, they are widely separated.

Some signal or event occurs that sets up the White Turbans' push in Yemen. This could be what we are seeing now in the news, with Saudi Arabia and its coalition attacking the rebels in that country. The White Turban could appear as a result of military actions in this region.

The apparent goal is to link up armies in the area of Turkey and Iran, and to overtake some strategic countries on the way.

While nothing specific is mentioned about Saudi Arabia, it should be noted that it sits directly above both Yemen and Somalia, as well as Oman.



There are a few possibilities here, and worth noting carefully, since the Saudis have recently been attacking the Houti rebels in Yemen with a full scale 'Desert Storm' type of air campaign.

The government of Yemen has fallen, the country is nominally in the control of the rebels, who are closely associated with ISIS fighters. There is much suspicion that the rebels in Yemen are supplied and coached by the government of Iran, and that would be likely, since throughout this World Jihad, Nostradamus calls the players 'Persians'. Cyrus the Great (550 BC) set up Persia as the ancient major world power. Persia was located in what is now Iran.

It is fairly clear from the quatrains of Nostradamus that he is talking about a military movement led by Iran throughout this coming World Jihad.

Whether this army of the White Turban attacks Saudi Arabia or not is an unanswered question, and a puzzling one considering the current state of affairs.

Only a few possibilities are possible here.

- The government of Saudi Arabia collapses, and the hard line Muslims take control –
- The army of the White Turban goes around Saudi Arabia (up through Eritrea and Sudan) –
- The Army of the White Turban takes the water route up the Red Sea –

At this moment it appears that Saudi Arabia can hold its own against any invading army from the south, but this could change due to environmental or political events anywhere in the region.

With Iran directly across the Persian Gulf, a coordinated attack on both the southern and eastern fronts could be difficult for Saudi Arabia to counter, and even Scud type missile could be quite effective across this short distance. Attacks on oil production facilities could severely damage the economic viability and stability of the region.

Given what we have seen of the 'Arab Spring', it is certainly not farfetched that the government could be brought down from within.

Note also that Saudi Arabia hosts the 'Hajj', the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca, considered a holy obligation by Muslims. This makes it even more unlikely that it would simply be bypassed in the conquest about to begin.

What we do know is that the attacks will be simultaneous in two countries, Egypt and Turkey. This will be the signal to the world that the World Jihad has started.

At this sign, those in Europe must take immediate action to save themselves and their families.

Century 5 Quatrain 25-

25  
*The Arab Prince Mars, Sun, Venus, Leo,  
The rule of the Church will succumb by sea:  
Towards Persia very nearly a million men,  
The true serpent will invade Byzantium and Egypt.*

Phase one has started.

"Mars, Sun, Venus and Leo" represent an astrological conjunction with three planets in Leo. This would denote War (Mars), Rulership (Sun), and Venus (?) all in late summer, as the Sun is in the constellation Leo every year in late July early August. This gives us the approximate season of the invasions.

The million men “towards Persia” are conscripts being sent from the White Turbans conquests to the Madhis army.

In the last line we see the invasion destinations of ‘Byzantium’ (Turkey) and Egypt. A side note here in that Nostradamus calls this invader “the true serpent”, which brings to mind the Biblical Satan and the chapters in Revelation where the “Beast” is synonymous with, or possessed by Satan.

In this phase, the consolidation of the middle eastern countries will be accomplished. All the countries that now have large Muslim populations will be absorbed into the final ‘global caliphate’. Whether this is brought about by ISIS or not remains to be seen, but it is certainly a strong contender.

Phase one is likely to take several years to accomplish fully. We have seen evidence that there will be resistance against these attacks, but it will eventually prove futile.

Century 5 Quatrain 23

23  
*The two contented ones will be united together,  
When for the most part they will be conjoined with Mars:  
The great one of Africa trembles in terror,  
Duumvirate disjoined by the fleet.*

The move on Egypt is critical, as it controls the access to the Mediterranean through the Suez canal. This will be a strategic asset for the Mahdi, so bringing Egypt under total control will be vital since it could close off access of the US fleet operating in the Persian Gulf. This fleet would be forced to travel around the Horn of Africa to get back to access Europe.

The “Two contented ones” are the Madhi and the White Turban, as they are working together. “Conjoined by Mars” simply means the work together in the art of war. The “Great one of Africa” represents Egypt.

“DUUMVIRATE” is taken to be an anagram, although I discount this. A ‘Triumvirate’ is a group of three people sharing power. I believe “Duumvirate” is a word Nostradamus made up to designate two people sharing power, as in the Madhi and the White Turban. “Duu” might be his attempt at using “Duo”, meaning two.

Another interpretation is that the “Duumvirate” represents the two holdouts to the Islamic caliphate, Turkey and Egypt themselves.

The mention of the fleet is the first one so far, and an important one.

Nostradamus tells us that the primary naval assets of the Madhi are ‘fast boats’, which he calls “foists”.

First, a quick rundown of the word, since it appears he wrapped many meanings into this one.

“foist (*third-person singular simple present*)

- To introduce or insert surreptitiously or without warrant.
- To force another to accept especially by stealth or deceit.
- To pass off as genuine or worthy.

### Synonyms

- fob off
- pass off
- pawn off
- palm off

### Translations

- introduce or insert surreptitiously
- force another to accept
- pass off as genuine

### Noun

foist (plural foists)

1. (historical slang) A thief or pickpocket.

### Etymology 2

Old French fuste (“stick, boat”), from Latin fustis (“cudgel”).<sup>[10]</sup>

What a bonanza of meanings here!

We have “insert surreptitiously”, to “force acceptance by stealth or deceit”, a “thief” or “pickpocket”, and of course the shipbuilding meaning, a “sticklike boat”, like a “cudgel”, which was a sharp, thin blade knife, for close in fighting. Nostradamus is making clear that these boats will be all of these things.

Century 2 Quatrain 81

81

*Through fire from the sky the city almost burned:  
The Urn threatens Deucalion again:  
Sardinia vexed by the Punic **foist**,  
After Libra will leave her Phaethon.*



*Iranian Navy Fast Attack Craft*



*Fast Attack Flying Boats*



*Fast Attack boat in Flight*

Astoundingly, Iran has indeed concentrated on a multitude of very small fast boats and jet ski type craft, capable of at least limited flight above the water, probably equipped with shoulder fired anti-ship missiles, although heavily armed high explosive 'suicide boats' would also be typical, since they have much success with this attack on land.

This fleet will most likely be deployed directly from Iran into the Black Sea, with the goal of swinging them around through Greece and into the Mediterranean.

These craft will be short distance attack craft, most likely carried aboard a large converted freighter, and capable of launching from inside the ship through an opening in the rear. These "motherships" will be the primary servicing and refueling station for several thousand of these minicraft, capable of being deployed near the target and releasing a literal swarm of attack boats against any land or sea target.

Iran has taken an old Russian axiom to heart. *Mass production of extremely cheap weapons and overwhelming amounts of them.* Our naval fleet has no defense against this type of opposition. We will run out of ammunition and there will still be attackers coming. Air attacks against these tiny ships will be fruitless also, there will be no way to sink them all, and it only takes one, armed with a silkworm missile, to disable and sink one of our carriers. It would be like trying to find a needle in a haystack, *with a thirty second time limit!*

There is a weak link in the plan of course, at least an obvious one, but before I spill the beans, I will give you some time to think about it. Be warned though, the Madhi has a defense planned for this option as well!

Early on in the Turkish campaign, the Mahdi will set up a forward command post at Trabzon, Turkey, which is a port directly on the Black Sea. It is likely that this command post will be set up early in the battle, and long before Turkey is completely overrun.

Century 5 Quatrain 27

27

*Through fire and arms not far from the Black Sea,  
He will come from Persia to occupy Trebizond:  
Pharos, Mytilene to tremble, the Sun joyful,  
The Adriatic Sea covered with Arab blood.*

A quick glance at a map shows that Iran lies only 200 miles from the Black Sea, separated only by a short stretch of Turkey. There is also a direct route through Armenia and Azerbaijan to the north, which appears will also be taken. Remember that another title of the Madhi will be "Duke of Armenia". It appears this takeover will be one of the very first conquests of the Madhi. Nostradamus also mentions a 'fort of Armenia' which is likely the very first command post established. Rather than one front, the Madhi will launch several in the hopes of dividing and distracting any opposition.

While the Madhi is occupying Trabzon (ancient Trebizond), Pharos and Mytilene will be in deep concern. Pharos is just off the Egyptian shoreline, close to Alexandria, Mytilene is a Greek Island close to Turkey. These islands would be the last safe zones if the Madhi would be content with the primary continental areas, but it appears otherwise. The Adriatic Sea is off the east coast of Italy, and if it is covered with Arab blood, a likely invasion received a temporary setback there.

Meanwhile, back in Egypt, the ambassador is sent to the White Turbans camp to discuss the surrender of Egypt.

Century 2 Quatrain 86

86

*Wreck for the fleet near the Adriatic Sea:  
The land trembles stirred up upon the air placed on land:  
Egypt trembles Mahometan increase,  
The Herald surrendering himself is appointed to cry out.*

This could be the reason for the previous quatrain mentioning that the Adriatic Sea was covered with Arab blood, maybe it was the invasion fleet that was wrecked there, apparently by a tsunami although the wording is not very clear. In fear, Egypt surrenders (the 'Herald') and is spared complete annihilation. The pyramids may not fare as well. ISIS has a nasty habit of blowing up ancient artifacts.

Century Quatrain (flood) [page 226](#)

The collapse of Egypt opens the floodgates in North Africa. Libya, Algeria, Morocco all succumb rapidly, if not voluntarily. We can assume that other countries such as Sudan, Chad, Kenya, Uganda, Somalia and Ethiopia, among others are also early adopters. Already this creates a huge reservoir of combat

troops ready to be absorbed into the Islamic Army, making this southern division the larger of the two this early in the campaign. Some of these troops are apparently sent up to bolster the Madhi Army for the invasion of Turkey (see previous quatrain).



It is unlikely that any of these countries, with the exception of Egypt, will put up any serious fight when faced with an Islamic Army such as ISIS. It is also unlikely that the world will get involved in any of these campaigns, since this will be seen as an internal issue, much like the Arab Spring was viewed by the rest of the world. The fact that Islam is both a political entity and a religious one helps blur the lines when it comes to estimating any potential danger. The West is not familiar with dealing with religion as a political entity, and it will take some time for this to sink in.

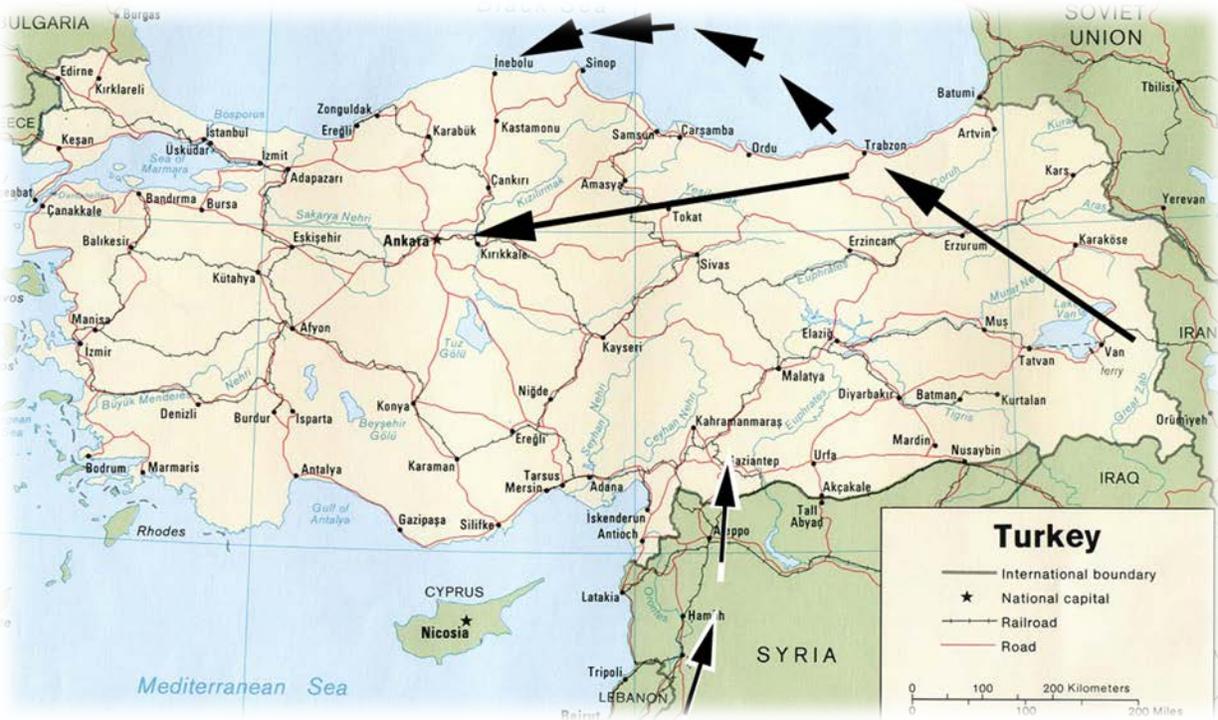
None of the countries shown are NATO members either, so Europe will not be invested with any outcomes here.

Turkey however is another matter entirely. While the political leadership in Turkey has leaned towards the Islamists in the past few years, it still is heavily dependent on US support for its military. As a result, the strategy the Madhi uses is different than the White Turban down in Egypt.

Here we will see the German Blitzkrieg strategy utilized to maximize the ground seized in the initial push. Knowing that NATO will be forced to respond, and counting on NATO to take some time to deliberate a plan, the Madhi will push straight in from Iran, while leapfrogging along the coastal route along the Black Sea.

The White Turban will have an excess of troops at this time, and one section will probably be diverted up through Syria to reinforce the push inland. After hitting little resistance initially, the Madhi will send troops racing towards Ankara. The rail system here is not very robust, but if that is to be utilized then

the route to Ankara will be through Kayseri. Major roads are not much better as far as direct routes go, so either route is possible.



The Blitzkrieg strategy backfires on the Madhi however, as the defenders, and possibly NATO forces conduct a raid on the supply lines that the Mahdi has outrun.

In a bid to get a large force deep into Turkey, the supply lines are stretched very thin over a marginal rail system and a minimal interstate road system. A successful raid on these supply lines cuts off the bulk of the advance force, leaving them without supplies deep in enemy territory. It appears that the bulk of the advance forces are wiped out. It seems that the new headquarters at Trabzon is not affected however, so the raid must occur between Trabzon and Ankara, probably near the coastal route since a Seal Team type operation is hinted at.

Century 5 Quatrain 47 – The surprise attack

47

*The great Arab will march far forward,  
He will be betrayed by the Byzantians:  
Ancient Rhodes will come to meet him,  
And greater harm through the Austrian Hungarians.*

Century 5 Quatrain 95 – Special Forces operation

95

*The nautical oar will tempt the shadows,  
Then it will come to stir up the great Empire:  
In the Aegean Sea the impediments of wood  
Obstructing the diverted Tyrrhenian Sea.*

It is unlikely that the Madhi himself leads the spearhead into Turkey. The quatrain, “betrayed by the Byzantians” makes it sound like there was some kind of secret agreement which will fall through. Possibly promised supplies were not delivered on time or at the correct location. The Madhi will suffer some early setbacks here. Between the betrayal, the Special Forces attack and the armies of “Rhodes”, (Greece) and the “Austrian Hungarians”, (this could be the “Noric” commander and his army from chapter 15), the Madhi will be severely tested.

Century 5 Quatrain 48 - Counterattack

48  
*After the great affliction of the scepter,  
Two enemies will be defeated by them:  
A fleet from Africa will appear before the Hungarians,  
By land and sea horrible deeds will take place.*

The “scepter” here is probably the same as the “rod” mentioned earlier, denoting a ruler and harshness or discipline (rod). Interesting choice of words since the Madhi is predicted to “beat men” until they return to Allah.<sup>[2]</sup>

The two enemies defeated by ‘them’ (the Madhi and the White Turban) are Turkey and Egypt, the rest of the overrun nations are apparently cooperating rather than resist. The fleet from Africa will be the White Turbans troops launching from all along the north shores of Egypt, heading up to the Madhi to assist in the battle for Hungary.

Century 4 Quatrain 39 - Greece

39  
*The Rhodians will demand relief,  
Through the neglect of its heirs abandoned.  
The Arab empire will reveal its course,  
The cause set right again by Hesperia.*

We saw earlier where Rhodes (Greece) attacks the Madhi forces in Turkey, causing some difficulties for the Madhi. Since Turkey is largely overrun now, the Madhi turns his attention to his attackers. Rhodes is “demanding relief” from mainland Greece, but line two implies that Greece will be unable to provide troops or equipment due to “neglect of its heirs”. Who are the heirs of Greece?

Since the relief will require financial aid, we see that Greece has no money to provide this, the “heirs” being the citizens who are receiving pensions and payouts from the government. Exactly what is happening today.

Line three states that the “empire” or the caliphate will reveal its “course”, or more plainly, the world will now realize that this war is not confined to “Arab” or predominately Muslim states, but is aimed at a larger area. “Hesperia” here means Western Europe, which now sees that this empire plans to engulf all of Eastern Europe at the very least. It is only at this point that Western Europe begins to make serious plans to fight the Madhi.



Century 2 Quatrain 3 – Nukes?

3

*Because of the solar heat on the sea  
 From Negrepoint the fishes half cooked:  
 The inhabitants will come to cut them,  
 When food will fail in Rhodes and Genoa.*

Regardless of global warming, it is unlikely that a focused area would receive so much heat that the fish are “half cooked”. Instead, we must look to the meaning of “solar heat”. The direct translation states “the fire of the sun on the sea”, which puts us closer to a solution. The heat from the sun is given off due to the nuclear reactions in the core.

It was fascinating to find that the first nuclear power plant in Greece was planned for the island of Euboea (Negrepoint) and was in the works as late as 2012.<sup>[3]</sup> A Fukushima-like disaster could dump radiation into the water off the coast and provide such a fish kill.

I could not ascertain whether this power plant was ever built however, and if not, then the only explanation left is an undersea detonation of a nuclear device. If so, it would be a safe bet that the Madhi would claim it was to provide food for the inhabitants, a true humanitarian mission, since it would be difficult for the Western powers to condemn this, and they certainly would not strike back with a similar device. Of course there would be a different motive in play.

An undersea detonation would create an artificial tsunami, which also could be played as 'accidental' or 'unforeseen' as far as official sources go, but would likely cause great damage to port facilities and ships, which may be the actual strategy all along.

There is one more reason why an undersea nuke could be deployed. I mentioned earlier that the naval plan had a weak spot. Since the motherships would be large, converted freighters, they would be huge and slow targets for submarines. Some bright naval guy, (Mabus perhaps?) will realize that the motherships make great targets, and submarines would not be at risk from the swarms of little craft. I suspect that NATO will have some initial success sinking the motherships. Since each freighter may be carrying up to ten thousand of these swarm craft, sinking a mothership will hurt the Madhis resources. Even if the swarm craft are deployed already, they cannot return or refuel without the mothership present, so they become useless floating canoes.

An undersea nuclear detonation would be catastrophic for undersea vessels, while not harming the ones on the surface. This may be the Madhis way of protecting the motherships.

In May of 1955, the US nuclear test "WigWam" detonated a 30 kiloton device at a depth of 2000 feet of water to determine the effects on submarines. <sup>[11]</sup> The determination was not revealed.

There are very few quatrains involving potential nuclear devices in these quatrains however, so it seems that either the Madhi is unwilling to use them overtly, or his deliver systems are not perfected, thus requiring manual placement as we see here. This is currently the state of the Iranian weapons systems.

#### Century 5 Quatrain 90 – The False Dust

90  
*In the Cyclades, in Perinthus and Larissa,  
In Sparta and the entire Peloponnesus:  
Very great famine, plague through false dust,  
Nine months will it last and throughout the entire peninsula.*

This is the same area we have been dealing with in the last few quatrains. Greece and all its many islands are the subject here, and a famine and plague as a result of "false dust". We mentioned the possibility of Anthrax weapons previously when we discussed the Greek commander "Anthony", but there is another possibility. This could be a continuation of the above quatrain with the potential nuclear device, in which case the "false dust" would be just that, radioactive fallout.

Whatever it is will last 9 months before it subsides, and it even chases the Madhi Army from the area in the meantime.

#### Presage 129 (November) - Big Mistake

129. November  
*The enemy, so much to fear, withdraws into Thracie,  
dalassend cries, howls and devastating looting .  
Omission noise, sea and land, religion feeds.  
Merry made their way, whole sect infatuated.*

The Presages were collections of twelve predictions Nostradamus posted in his Almanacs which he put out for many years. They are not part of the “Centuries”, but they are written by him directly. Many Presages are very similar to verses in the “Centuries” and shed a bit more light on certain subjects like this one.

The translation above is directly from the German, we will look at others as well.

This one from Paulus...

129. November  
*The enemy afraid, to fall back into Thrace  
Leaving cries, howling, pillage, desolated,  
To leave noise on land and sea, religion murdered,  
Jovial ones routed, every sect afflicted.* <sup>[4]</sup>

Admittedly this is a difficult one to translate, but here is what can be discerned.

Since Thrace (Thracie) was northeastern Greece and northwest Turkey, and the Madhi has already overrun Turkey, the ‘enemy’ here must be the Madhi Army. It is apparent that pillaging and looting is going on as they withdraw. Why would the Mahdi withdraw from battle in Greece? To escape the “false dust” that is killing the people of Greece. It appears he miscalculated this one, and now will have to wait this out before he can complete the takeover, although it will be a much reduced and weaken resistance he will face at that time. This may be why we never hear of “Anthony” ever again.

The rest of the quatrain is difficult to translate, but we can detect some elements, the ‘noise’ reference should probably translate as ‘chaos’, ‘Jovial’ and ‘merry’ may relate to ‘Jove’ (Jupiter), ruler of the gods, and by extension, Jehovah, meaning Christian.

Right around this time, I believe this quatrain comes into play –

Century 5 Quatrain 91 – Intermission

91  
*At the market that they call that of liars,  
Of the entire Torrent and field of Athens:  
They will be surprised by the light horses,  
By those of Alba when Mars is in Leo and Saturn in Aquarius.*

Note that Paulus translates “market” as “great agreement”. The actual wording is “Au grande marche qu’on dit des mesongers”<sup>[5]</sup>. This is ancient French, so many of the words are archaic, making translation a challenge. Current word translations lean toward ‘market’.

“Torrent” could be an anagram, as it seems to indicate a place or area rather than a thing. There are other quatrains that mention “torrent” and those refer to a ‘flood’ or ‘inundation’ of Islamic fighters. <sup>[9]</sup> ‘They’ must refer to the ‘liars’ in line 1, and because ‘those of Alba’ will do the surprising.

If my translation holds up, then there will be a great agreement, for example, a ceasefire or truce initiated at this point. One could say for a paraphrase translation that “The Mahdi was in the market for a truce” at this point.

Why a truce now? This quatrain follows immediately upon Quatrain 90, which is about the “false dust”. What better time for a rest and re-arming than when maneuver is impossible due to radiation or biological plague?

Everyone will know the truce will not hold, “that of liars”, and the truce will be broken when a light cavalry unit launches a surprise attack from Alba (Albania), across the Adriatic Sea. Keep in mind that modern cavalry units are heliborn operations, and our military has many such units, like the First Air Cavalry.

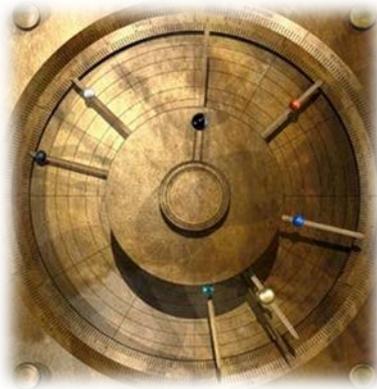


The distance across the Adriatic is about 50 miles making an easy jump.

There is a date involved here, in the last line, Mars is in Leo and Saturn is in Aquarius. According to Paulus, this configuration occurred last in 1993, and will not occur again until 2025. <sup>[6]</sup>

This brings up an interesting observation.

Throughout his book, Paulus inserts disclaimers about the astronomical dating. This one is typical, “But remember, planetary motions during the sixteenth century were not perfectly understood, and a great deal of error crept in for a prediction 400 years in the future! This configuration occurred last in 1993 and will not occur again until the year 2025. Is it possible for Greece to hold out for over 20 years while the rest of Europe is being overrun? Probably not, it is more likely that all of Nostradamus’ configurations are inaccurate.”<sup>[7]</sup>



This is quite a blanket statement. First, consider the Antikythera mechanism, an astronomical calculator found in a shipwreck site off the Greek island of Antikythera. It has been dated to at least 100 BC, and was used to calculate planetary configurations, eclipses, season, months and lunar cycles. In the 1600 intervening years between this development and Nostradamus, even more advances were made in planetary accuracy with the development of astrolabes.

Secondly, Paulus wrote his book based entirely on the “1999” date mentioned in Century 10 Quatrain 72. All of his subsequent developments had to be related to this date. When the configurations did not appear to work, he inserted these blurbs about inaccuracies.<sup>[8]</sup>

Absent the “1999” date taken literally, these configurations seem to be reasonable, and consistent. In many cases where he mentions these inaccuracies the 20 plus year shift occurs. This should have been a clue to look more closely at the “1999” interpretation, but given the time of publication (1996), his interpretation seemed reasonable. With the benefit of hindsight, we now know better.

As of the date of this writing (2015), this 2025 configuration date seems quite possible. Only time will tell if I am as wrong as Paulus.

#### FOOTNOTES

[1] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartary>

[2] Stefan Paulus, “Nostradamus, 1999”, pp 103, item 2.

[3] <http://zogaris.blogspot.com/2012/12/conservation-history-in-karystos-part-1.html>

[4] Stefan Paulus, “Nostradamus, 1999”, pp 131

[5] Stefan Paulus, “Nostradamus, 1999”, pp 129

[6] ibid

[7] ibid

[8] Stefan Paulus, "Nostradamus, 1999", pp 130, pp 182, pp 222, pp 243, pp 248

[9] Nostradamus, "Prophecies" - Century Quatrain

[10] <https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/foist>

[11] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Underwater\\_explosion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Underwater_explosion)