

#1772 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 31, *Irving Berlin and God Bless America: November 10-11, 1938: “While the storm clouds gather far across the sea/Let us swear allegiance to a land that’s free” compared Nazi Germany with America*

**While the storm clouds gather far across the sea.** The original lyrics to “God Bless America” when it was released in 1938 included an introduction that is now rarely heard: “While the storm clouds gather far across the sea/Let us swear allegiance to a land that’s free/Let us all be grateful for a land so fair/As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.” The words “While the storm clouds gather far across the sea” were directly referring to the Adolf Hitler-inspired storm cloud that loomed over Europe.

In March 1938, German soldiers marched into Austria and united it with Germany. Hitler then sought control of the Sudetenland, a region of western Czechoslovakia where most of the Germans of Czechoslovakia lived. The Sudeten Germans began to clamor for union with Germany. Tension mounted. British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Hitler had several meetings in September 1938 as Europe teetered on the edge of war. Hence Irving Berlin’s words, “While the storm clouds gather far across the sea.” Although the Sudetenland portion of Czechoslovakia was ceded to Nazi Germany in 1938, Hitler was not appeased and seized all of Czechoslovakia in March 1939. Germany’s invasion of Poland that officially began World War II came on September 1, 1939.



While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God Bless America,  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam  
God bless America, My home sweet home.



**Key Understanding: Nazi Germany vs. America in “God Bless America.”** When it was released in 1938, “God Bless America” included an introduction that began “While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,” directly referring to Nazi Germany’s impact on Europe, followed by “Let us swear allegiance to a land that’s free.” Thus, the comparison of Nazi Germany with America was a significant part of the spirit of the release of “God Bless America” on November 10-11, 1938.

**Daniel 8:23 (KJV) AND IN THE LATTER TIME OF THEIR KINGDOM** [NIV . . . **IN THE LATTER PART OF THEIR REIGN**], **WHEN THE TRANSGRESSORS ARE COME TO THE FULL** [NIV . . . WHEN REBELS HAVE BECOME COMPLETELY WICKED], **A KING OF FIERCE COUNTENANCE** [NIV . . . **A STERN-FACED KING** (represented by the United States through Irving Berlin and Woodrow Wilson in World War I, Irving Berlin and Roosevelt/Truman in World War II, and Irving Berlin and Ronald Reagan in the Cold War)], **AND UNDERSTANDING DARK SENTENCES** [NIV . . . A MASTER OF INTRIGUE], **SHALL ARISE** [NIV . . . WILL ARISE].



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