

When Jesus comesback

Part 2 - The Coming Russian & Muslim Invasion of Israel
Ezekiel 38-39

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I. THE SCENE OF A GREAT BATTLE DESCRIBED IN EZEKIEL 38 & 39. (Ezekiel 38:1-9)

A. Ezekiel 38:1-2 *“The word of the Lord came to me: ²”Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him.”*

B. This great battle that Ezekiel is describing has been called the War of Gog and Magog.

C. Gog and Magog are two terms connected with modern day Russia.

1. Ezekiel 38:1-2 *“The word of the LORD came to me: ² “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him...”*
2. Magog was a grandson of Noah. Magog’s descendants lived in the same geographic area we now call Russia.
3. The word Gog is referred to in prophecy as the leader of Russia who leads the invasion.

D. Ezekiel describes the nations that will join forces with Russia. (Ezekiel 38:5-7)

Ezekiel 38:5-7 “Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, ⁶ also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops-- the many nations with you. ⁷ “Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them.”

E. Cush and Put comprise all of the region of Sudan and Libya in North Africa. Beth Togarmah is Eastern Turkey. The best scholarship we have today suggests that Gomer would make up the rest of the region we know as Turkey. Persia is modern day Iran and Iraq.

II. WHEN DO THESE COUNTRIES INVADE ISRAEL?

A. Ezekiel 38 says that the battle will occur in “the last days.”

B. The exact timing of this battle is purely speculation. Many theologians who take a premillennial view of the Second Coming of Christ believe this battle will take place just before or just after Jesus comes back for His followers at an event called the rapture. Pastor Mark personally believes it will be a war that happens just after the rapture and that the rapture is what actually causes its timing.

1. This timing seems to fit the chronology of the various end time events described in Ezekiel 37-40.

2. The United States does not intervene at this moment to help Israel.

III. WHY DO THESE COUNTRIES INVADE ISRAEL?

A. First, because of hatred against the Jewish people.

B. Second, Russia and the Muslim nations can take back the land and its resources.

Ezekiel 38:12 "I will capture vast amounts of plunder and take many slaves, for the people are rich with cattle now, and they think the whole world revolves around them!"

C. Third, Muslims can once again gain control over Jerusalem.

Ezekiel. 38:11-12 *"You will say, "I will invade a land of un-walled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people-- all of them living without walls and without gates and bars. ¹² I will plunder and loot and turn my hand against the resettled ruins and the people gathered from the nations (this is a perfect description of modern day Israel), rich in livestock and goods, living at the center of the land."*

IV. WHAT IS THE END RESULT OF THIS INVASION? (Ezekiel 39)

Ezekiel 39:1-5 *"Son of man, prophesy against Gog and say: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. ² I will turn you around and drag you along. I will bring you from the far north and send you against the mountains of Israel. ³ Then I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows drop from your right hand. ⁴ On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your troops and the nations with you. I will give you as food to all kinds of carrion birds and to the wild animals. ⁵ You will fall in the open field, for I have spoken, declares the Sovereign Lord."*

A. Over 80% of the invading armies will be wiped out.

1. God will send a great well timed earthquake.

Ezekiel 38:19 *"In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel."*

2. God will create confusion and in-fighting within the invasion force.
(Ezekiel 38:21)

Ezekiel 38:21 *"I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign Lord. Every man's sword will be against his brother."*

3. God will bring disease and natural **disasters**. (Ezekiel 38:22)

Ezekiel 38:22 “I will execute judgment upon him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him.”

4. God will make sure Israel is rescued and it will be obvious that **God** is responsible for their deliverance.

B. There is a growing hunger and preparation to build Israel’s **third** Temple. Pastor Mark believes the result of this battle will set the stage for the Temple to be rebuilt.

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