

PROPHECY #3 THE INVASION OF ISRAEL

Eze 38, 39

These chapters are among the most mysterious in all of scripture. They were not placed there without purpose. We must look at them carefully and meditate on them.

We must lay a few foundational truths that need to be laid in this study.

1. God has a plan for the nation of Israel.
2. God has a plan for Israel's enemies.
3. None of the scriptures we are going to look at today have been fulfilled.

I. THE INVADERS OF ISRAEL.

A. Gog and Magog

Gog being the leader of a people

Magog being a nation

Three areas of proof that give us their identity.

1. Geographical evidence

Eze 38 6, 15, and 39 2 say it is a nation from the north.

The Heb. literally can be translated "the uttermost part of the north"

2. Historical evidence

GEN 10:1 Now these [are] the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

GEN 10:2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

When Noah's sons came out of the ark their seed populated the earth.

Josephus a first century historian that that the descendants of Magog migrated to the area north of Palestine.

Greek historian Herodotus in the fifth century BC writes that Meshech's descendants settled north of Palestine.

Jerome, an early church father and prominent leader from AD 345 to AD 420 declared that Magog was located North of the Caucasus Mountains. This we know is Russia.

Caucasus Mountains literally means "Gog's Fort".

3. Linguistic evidence

- . Meshech- in Greek is “Muschoi, Assyrian records “Muski” and old
- . Russian name for Russia was “Muscovy”

- . Rosh- Heb means “head” or chief”; thus he is referring to the chief of Russia.
- . Tubal- located in the central part of Turkey, immediately west of “Togarmah.

B. Five other nations

EZE 38:3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I [am] against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

EZE 38:4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts [of armour, even] a great company [with] bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

EZE 38:5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

EZE 38:6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: [and] many people with thee.

1. Persia- Modern Iran, Islamic fundamentalist.
2. Ethiopia- Northern Africa, Islamic fundamentalist.

Could be “Cush and Put” if 1CH 1:8 ¶ The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

3. Libya- Islamic fundamentalist
4. Gomer- The Jewish Talmud would tell us that Gomer is Germany, especially East Germany.
5. Togarmah- Josephus identifies it as the Phrygians who settled in Cappadocia, which now Eastern Turkey. Turkey is being leaned on greatly by the Moslems.

II. THE ALLIES OF ISRAEL

EZE 38:13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

- A. Sheba- Jesus called the “Queen of Sheba” the “Queen of the South”. This is no doubt an Arab nation. Many believe It to be the western border of Arabia or Yemen.
- B. Dedan- Unger’s Bible Dictionary indicates it could be Edom. This would be Jordan.
- C. Merchants of Tarshish- Western Europe, Spain, and British Isles. This may include the USA. We came from England. “with all the young lions”

III. THE REASONS FOR THE INVASION.

A. Anti-Semitism

Germans may not be Islamic but there is a spirit of antichrist working in that nation because of the generational sin of anti-Semitism. (Nazi’s)

The majority of Jews in Russia have now left because of persecution.

B. Desire for world status

According to the Independent Intelligence Agency, officers of Armed Forces of the former Soviet Union believe that Russia can still have superpower status. The reason they believe is can happen is if Russia will ally itself with Islamic nations against Israel.

The Russians stated in 1990’s that young people in their schools are being required to learn Arabic as their second language. The reason given “ Because this government has concluded that the future of their nations lies with the Islamic nations of the world”.

C. Riches or spoil

EZE 38:12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places [that are now] inhabited, and upon the people [that are] gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

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1. a waterway into the Persian Gulf and right across Asia.

2. Oil- If they can take Israel they can get into the rest of Arab nations.
3. Dead Sea deposits- 2 bill. tons of Potash
 - 2 bill. tons of potassium
 - 22 bill. tons of magnesium chloride
 - 12 bill tons of sodium chloride
 - 6 bill tons of magnesium chloride
 - cerium, cobalt, manganese, and gold!

EZE 38:4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws,
What is that but bait?

Ancient conquerors have always known that if they could conquer Palestine they could have control into Europe, Asia and Africa.

D. To challenge the authority of the antichrist.
This perhaps is the beginning of the rise of the antichrist to make peace.

IV. THE TIME OF THE INVASION

When is this going to happen?

I do not believe this to be Armageddon.

A. Opinions of scholars

1. Before the rapture
2. At the beginning of tribulation
3. At the end of the tribulation
4. Others that it is the last battle at the end of the millennial reign of Christ. The same battle as Rev 19 Gog and Magog.

B. A time is given.

EZE 38:11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

When will Israel have peace?

DNL 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:

The antichrist will make a 7 year peace pact that will bring temporary peace in Israel. It may be that it will take place in the middle of the tribulation.

However even in the beginning of the rise of antichrist it will be a time of war. Ten kingdoms are reduced seven by mid-week. Therefore I feel it may be speaking of a time when they have strong defense making way for this battle to occur at any time.

V. GOD DEFEATS THE INVADERS.

A. Earthquake 38 19,20

B. His army will fight among themselves v 21

C. They will receive a plague

EZE 38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; ...

D. Floods, hailstones, fire and brimstone

....and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that [are] with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

E. 5/6ths of the army will be destroyed.

EZE 39:2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

EZE 39:3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

EZE 39:4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that [is] with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and [to] the beasts of the field to be devoured.

F. Animals will feed on them.

G. It will take 7 years to burn the weapons of war and 7 months to bury the dead. Eze 39 9-11

VI. GOD'S USE OF THE INVASION

EZE 39:7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not [let them] pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I [am] the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

EZE 39:13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury [them]; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.

EZE 39:21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

EZE 39:22 So the house of Israel shall know that I [am] the LORD their God from that day and forward.