

"PREPARING FOR THE END OF THE AGE"
PART 2
"TAKING A LOOK AT THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG"
EZEKIEL 38:1-39:29

INTRO: In our last study we took a look at what is taking place in the MIDDLE-EAST as we draw closer to the END OF THE AGE. There is no doubt about the fact that **THE FOCUS OF THE WORLD IS ON THE MIDDLE EAST THESE DAYS WITH:**

- 1) The Growing Strength Of Vladimir Putin in the whole world.
- 2) The Expanding Influence of Russia in the Region.
- 3) The Invasion of Russia into Ukraine to take over Crimea.
- 4) The Involvement of Russia in Syria to support the Dictator Bashar al-Assad.
{Russia had asked the U.S. to get out of Syria and in just last few days it was announced that the U.S. will NO LONGER train the Syrian rebels to fight against Assad. Virtually the U.S. has left Syria and Russia is in there for the long haul}.
- 5) The Announcement that Iran is seeking a relationship with Russia to help them fight against ISIS. This happened because the U.S. appears not to be keeping her commitment to support Iran.
- 6) It appears that all of the groundwork is being laid for the build-up of the BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG.

WE KNOW THAT ALL OF THAT IS TAKING PLACE AS WE SPEAK! BUT WHEN WILL THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG OCCUR?

- 1) It is yet future as no other battle as described in Ezekiel 38 & 39 has ever taken place.
- 2) It will happen in God's Perfect Timing.
- 3) It appears that even though the build-up of the nations is taking place RIGHT NOW that the BATTLE itself will not happen until after the RAPTURE. From this perspective this is what we can expect: **PLEASE NOTE THAT MANY GOOD PREACHERS HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS AS TO THE TIMING OF THIS BECAUSE THOUGH THE BIBLE GIVES THE "BIG PICTURE" IN PROPHECY, THERE ARE MANY SMALL DETAILS IT DOES NOT REVEAL.**
 - a) The build up will continue and Russia will become stronger and the U.S. will become more and more insignificant.
 - b) The Rapture will occur.
 - c) After the Rapture the Anti-Christ will appear and make a peace-treaty with Israel that will enable them to dwell in the Promised Land in "supposed" peace and safety (Daniel 9:27).
 - d) After the peace-treaty eventually the wicked nations of the world will come down upon Israel and the BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG will occur.
 - e) It appears that THIS ALL WILL TAKE PLACE right after the Rapture and before the actual beginning of the GREAT TRIBULATION PERIOD.

NOTE: One of the MOST INTERESTING AND FREQUENTLY DISCUSSED prophecies in the BIBLE is the PROPHECY OF THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG as recorded in Ezekiel 38 & 39. In fact, the BATTLE has been described as **"ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC PROPHECIES FOUND IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES."** An understanding of the PROPHECY OF THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG in comparison to what is taking place in the MIDDLE-EAST THESE DAYS leads us to recognize that the END OF THE AGE is VERY NEAR and WE ALL BETTER PREPARE FOR IT. HOW?

- 1) By making certain of your salvation.
- 2) By making certain of your sanctified living.
- 3) By making certain of your service unto the Lord.

WARNING: DO NOT DELAY YOUR PREPARATION AS THREE SIGNIFICANT JUDGMENTS ARE ON THEIR WAY:

- 1) The Judgment Seat of Christ for Believers - 2 Corinthians 5:10
- 2) The Judgment of the Great Tribulation upon Israel and the Unbelieving world - Matthew 24:21
- 3) The Judgment of the Great White Throne for Unbelievers - Revelation 20:11-15

ARE YOU READY FOR THE END OF THE AGE?

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THE PROPHECY OF THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG

I. THE PROPHECY ITSELF - WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

- A. The Prophecy of the Battle of Gog and Magog was given by GOD to ISRAEL through EZEKIEL some 2600 years ago in 587 B.C.
- B. The Prophecy in EZEKIEL is the MOST DETAILED prophetic announcement found in the Bible about this great future war.
- C. The Prophecy foretells of an INVASION OF ISRAEL by a multitude of nations and ENDS with the SUPERNATURAL ANNIHILATION of ISRAEL'S enemies through the direct INTERVENTION OF GOD HIMSELF.

D. The Prophecy describes a battle known by various names including "THE NORTH-EASTERN INVASION," "THE RUSSIAN-ISLAMIC INVASION," and "THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG."

E. The Prophecy is a POWERFUL INDICATOR that we are living in the VERY PERIOD OF TIME just prior to Christ's return to earth.

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II. THE LEADER IDENTIFIED - 38:1-4: WHO WILL LEAD THIS BATTLE?

A. The Leader of the Battle is "GOG" of the LAND OF MAGOG who is also the CHIEF PRINCE OF MESHECH AND TUBAL. The word "GOG" means "THE HIGH AND SUPREME ONE."

B. GOG is mentioned 11 times in Ezekiel 38 & 39 and will be the MOST IMPORTANT PERSON, not only in the Battle, but in THE WHOLE WORLD at that time!

C. God will SUPERNATURALLY place the desire to invade Israel in GOG'S mind according to VERSE 4. (Note the verse). This is a REMINDER that GOD IS ULTIMATELY IN CHARGE OF NATIONS AND THEIR LEADERS! Note other examples where God worked in such a way:

1. God hardened Pharaoh's heart to prevent Israel from leaving Egypt, but the AFTER Israel finally did leave, God destroyed the Egyptian Army in the Red Sea.

2. God used Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to take the Jews into the 70 year captivity to punish them for their sins and eventually destroyed Babylon.

D. GOG could be alive and well today...Perhaps Vladimir Putin

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III. THE NATIONS INVOLVED - 38:2-6: WHAT MODERN NATIONS WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG?

A. The Nations mentioned in the Prophecy can be identified as the GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN of NOAH who migrated across ASIA to EASTERN EUROPE and gave rise to countries bearing their names. Note Genesis 10.

B. The Modern Day Counterparts include:

1. Magog, Meshech, Tubal - Vss. 2,3: These nations are RUSSIA and nations of the FORMER SOVIET UNION including KAZAKHISTAN, KYRGYSTAN, USBEKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, AND TAJIKISTAN.

NOTE: With the exception of Russia, all 5 of these nations are under ISLAMIC CONTROL which is the sworn ENEMY OF ISRAEL!

a. Each of these nations NOW controls OLD SOVIET nuclear weapons.

b. Kazakhstan retained the SOVIET INTERCONTINENTAL BALISTIC MISSILE SYSTEM.

NOTE: WITH ALL OF THOSE WEAPONS THESE NATIONS ARE CAPABLE OF BRING A LOT OF FIRE POWER DOWN UPON ISRAEL!

2. Persia - Vs. 5: IRAN

3. Ethiopia & Lybia - Vs. 5: NORTHERN AFRICA

4. Gomer & Togarmah - Vs. 6: TURKEY

NOTE: All of these nations will surround Israel from all sides to fight. Israel will be OUTNUMBERED humanly speaking but God will win their battle.

NOTE: All of these nations HATE ISRAEL today! THE BUILD-UP TO GOG & MAGOG IS TAKING PLACE EVEN AS WE SPEAK!!!

CONSIDER:

1) Vladimir Putin is now showing himself very strong in the Middle-East.

2) Under Putin Russia invaded Ukraine and took Crimea, has gone into Syria to support Assad, and has been invited to come into Iran to protect them from ISIS!

QUESTION:

COULD VLADIMIR PUTIN BE GOG? PERHAPS!

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IV. THE GREAT INVASION - 38:4-18: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND PROCESS?

A. The Purpose of the Invasion

1. To seize the Land from Israel

2. To seize the Wealth from Israel (A great oil deposit was just found)

3. To Destroy the Entire Nation of Israel

B. The Process of the Invasion

1. The Nations will come down upon Israel - 38:4-8

2. The Nations will Cover Israel like a Storm and a Cloud - 38:9-18

3. The Nations of SHEBA, DEDAN AND TARSHISH will object to the invasion but will not be STRONG ENOUGH to prevent it.

a. Sheba and Dedan = Arabia

b. Tarshish and the Young Lions = Europe and possible U.S.A.

ILLUSTRATION: Prophetic speaker Mark Hitchcock said, "WHEN IRAN AND HER ALLIES DECIDED TO INVADE ISRAEL THERE WILL BE NO STOPPING OF THEM. IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST MISMATCH IN HISTORY."

V. THE DETAILS IMPLIED - 38:19-39:6: WHAT ARE THE DETAILS AS TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE NATIONS AFTER THE INVASION?

NOTE: This passage presents the DETAILS of how God will JUDGE GOG and his NATIONS because of their actions against Israel. GOD WILL BE VERY ANGRY WITH THEM!

QUOTE: "THE NATIONS WILL ARROGANTLY, BOLDLY SWEEP DOWN ON ISRAEL TO RAKE HER LAND, BUT THE ONLY LAND THEY WILL CLAIM IN ISRAEL IS THEIR BURIAL PLOTS." -Mark Hitchcock (39:12)

A. A Great Earthquake - 38:19,20

B. A Mass Confusion - 38:21: Gog's people will fight against themselves.

C. A Terrible Plague - 38:22a: Perhaps from germ warfare.

D. A Rain of Fire and Brimstone - 38:22b: Perhaps from nuclear war.

E. A Destruction of Gog's Armies - 39:1-7

1. 5/6 of the wicked Coalition will be Destroyed - 39:2

2. All of the weapons will be Destroyed - 39:2

3. The Armies will be Destroyed - 39:4-6

THE RESULT! GOD WILL BE EXALTED AND GLORIFIED - 39:7

NOTE: No battle in history matches the details of this battle! This is a proof that it is YET FUTURE!

NOTE: As we study this prophecy and compare it to what is TAKING PLACE in the world right now, the Expanse of Russia in the Middle-East COULD TRULY BE THE BUILD-UP FOR THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG!

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VI. THE TIME INDICATED - 39:8 - IS THIS REALLY GOING TO HAPPEN?

A. This Judgment will definitely Happen according to God's Determination!

B. This Judgment is THE ONE God had His prophets to prophecy for years!

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VII. THE DESTRUCTIVE IMPAIRMENT - 39:9-21: WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO CLEAN UP AFTER THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG?

A. The Wicked Nation's weapons will be burned for 7 years - 39:9,10

B. The Great Leader Gog will be killed and buried in Israel - 39:11

C. The People of Gog will be buried in Israel which will take 7 months 39:12-16

D. The Birds and the Animals will be called to consume the flesh of those killed in the Battle - 39:17-20.

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VIII. THE GLORIOUS IMPACT - 39:22-29: WHAT IS THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG?

A. God will Destroy and Armies of the World and Exalt Himself - 39:22

B. God will Restore and Revive Israel - 39:23-29

1. Israel will be brought back into the Promised Land - 39:23-27

(This began in 1948)

2. Israel will return to God and Glorify him - 39:28,29

NOTE: ISRAEL WILL NOT ONLY SURVIVE THE BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG BUT WILL SUCCEED AND BECOME THE STRONGEST NATION IN THE WORLD UNDER THE REIGN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!

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CONCLUSION: This entire prophecy of GOG AND MAGOG in Ezekiel 38 & 39 WILL HAPPEN AND WILL BE FULFILLED LITERALLY! In doing so it will prove that GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL and that HE STILL LOVES ISRAEL! It will be the ultimate fulfillment of THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT of Genesis 12:1-3!