

GOG and MAGOG

INTRODUCTION

The Word of the Lord came to me...	Ezk 38:1
Thus says the Lord God....	Ezk 38:3,10,14; 39:1,17
Declares the Lord God....	Ezk 38:18,21
Son of man, set your face...	Ezk 38:2
prophesy....	Ezk 38:14; 39:1
speak...	Ezk 39:17

The message is directed to:

Gog of the land of Magog; the prince of Rosh, Mesheck, and Tubal

OVERVIEW

1. Russia makes an alliance with Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, Libya, Germany, & Turkey.
Vs 2,5,6
2. It is because Israel looks like easy pray
Vs 11
3. This confederation invades the land for the spoil (oil and natural gas).
Vs 12
4. A protest is made at this invasion.....but is unheeded.
Vs 13
5. Ezekiel describes the destruction of the invaders on the mountains of Israel.
Ezk 39:2-5
6. As the result of Divine Intervention, through a convulsion of nature...
Ezk 38:20-22
7. As a result the army is destroyed
8. Seven months are required in disposing of the dead.
Ezk 39:12
9. Seven years for cleaning up the mess.
Ezk 39:9-10

The result will be the opening of the eyes of Israel and "many" nations.
Ezk 38:23; 39:7
Additional observation: The Land will have been reforested. Ezk 39:10
10. It will happen on the mountains of Israel.
Ezk 39:2-4
11. The time this will take place: (CONTEXT: Between Israel's regathering - Chapter 37
and

and the Millenium - Chapter 40ff

a. the latter years 38:8
b. the latter days 38:16
12. This destruction will be a sign
a. to the nations 38:23
b. to Israel 39:21-24

TIMING OF SPECIFIC EVENTS

Does the invasion take place prior to the Rapture of the Church - or in the Beginning, Middle, or End of the Tribulation???

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

1. In the OT context of Ezekiel, the "latter years" of 38:8 and the "latter days" of 38:16 have

reference to the Nation of Israel and not to the Church. (e.g. 1Cor 14:21-22)

AS TO THE PHRASE:

A. "LAST DAY" Jn 6:39-40, 44, 54; 11:24; 12:48

B. "Last Days" Isa 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-7

C. "Latter Days or Latter Years" Deut 4:26-31; 10:14

D. Time of the End Deut 8:19, 23; 11:40

Ezekiel 38 and 39 are surely connected with the above.

2. Israel dwelling securely (after their regathering) would fit well with the idea of anti-christ's

peace agreement.

Ezk 38:8; Dan 9:24-27

3. The seven year requirement - Ezk 39:9-10 - causes the time to run into the Millennium.

4. Would Gog and Magog be a "sign" for the expected coming Rapture? (Are there any signs?)

Matt 24:4-15ff

5. Will God be "dealing" once again with the Nation of Israel while the Church is still on earth.

6. Is there any indication of a mass salvation taking place in Israel before the end of the Tribulation?

Ezk 39:22; Rom 11:11-29

7. Does the Tribulation begin with such a war?

8. Is such an event as Ezk 38:20-21 occurring before the end of the Tribulation? Would that

not move the clean up into the Millennium?

This passage speaks of a Limited War engagement while Revelation describes a World-wide confrontation at the time of the end.

Rev 19:11-19; Zech 14:1-6

TIMING continued.....

9. In Ezekiel the destruction takes place on the mountain of Israel (39:2-4).
Armageddon takes place outside Jerusalem in the valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2) and Edom (Isa 63:1)
10. In Ezekiel, Israel is dwelling in the Land in peace and safety.
Ezk 38:11
Rev 12:14-17 clearly states that this will not be the condition in the 2nd half of the Tribulation.
11. Is there going to be another re-gathering of Israel after 1948 but before the end?
Ezk 38:8,11
12. If the Land is "defiled" with dead bodies for seven months (39:12) and Christ cleanses
the Land at His Second Advent, would not Gog and Magog have to occur at least 7 months prior to Christ's Return, which would push its start to at least 7 months before the Tribulation begins?
13. In Jer 25:32-33 "all the wicked will be destroyed"; while in Ezekiel only the armies gathered are destroyed.
14. According to Rev 20:1-3 Satan will be removed at the end of the Tribulation. Any participation by him would require all events fulfilled by this end.
15. God and Magog of Ezk 38&39 cannot be the same event as described in Rev 20:7-9 because disposal of the bodies is accomplished with fire in Revelation and God is focused on Israel at the time described.

The question is whether God will be focused on the re-establishment of Israel, while the Church is still present on the earth?
16. It may be that the antichrist is motivated to break his covenant with Israel as a result of the action of Gog and Magog, but again, this would require the clean-up to run 3 1/2 years into the Millennium.
17. There must not be a Gog and Magog at the middle of the Tribulation.
Rev 13:7

