

MISTAKE 9

THE UNITED STATES IS NOT IN LAST DAYS BIBLE PROPHECY

When we look at the lineup of the nations involved in the Ezekiel 38,39 invasion, we discover a number of things. Not only will there be certain nations in the geographical area around Israel that will not participate in the invasion of Ezekiel 38, 39, there is something else missing from this battle—there is no superpower who will rally to Israel’s side at the time of the end. So, where, we ask, is the United States of America?

We can make the following observations about the scenario the Bible provides for us.

THE EVIL THOUGHT OF GOG

The Bible explains the motivation of Gog—the leader of this “last days” coalition:

Thus says the Lord God: On that day, thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme and say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwallled villages. I will fall upon the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates,’ to seize spoil and carry off plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and the people who were gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell at the center of the earth (Ezekiel 38:10-12 ESV).

Interestingly, we see that an evil thought comes across the mind of the leader. When he has this thought, there is seemingly no hesitation on his part to carry through with his plan. In other words, he hasn’t the slightest worry that some superpower will come to the aid of Israel.

THE WEAK RESPONSE FROM NATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF ISRAEL

In fact, the only response we are told about comes from Sheba and Dedan—the modern day Gulf States including Saudi Arabia. They are merely protesting the invasion:

Sheba and Dedan and the traders of Tarshish with all its young warriors will say to you, “Have you come to loot? Have you assembled your armies to plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to haul away a great amount of spoils?” (Ezekiel 38:13 NET).

To the point, these countries, while protesting, will not intervene militarily on the side of Israel.

DOES THE UNITED STATES PROTEST?

Some have tried to equate “the traders of Tarshish with its young warriors, or young lions” in Ezekiel 38:13 as referring to the United States. In other words, the U.S. does protest the invasion but does not get directly involved.

The problem with this view is that it is anything but clear that the “young lions” of Tarshish can be confidently identified with the USA.

We discuss this in one of our other common mistakes that people make with respect to last days Bible prophecy: The young lions of Tarshish is not referring to the United States (Ezekiel 38:13)

THERE WILL BE NO INTERVENTION BY OTHER NATIONS

Finally, as the invasion occurs, nothing is said about any nation coming to the aid of Israel. Nothing is said about any other nation wishing to send any help to Israel.

To sum up, Israel is left on its own when this attack takes place.

SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN TO THE UNITED STATES

This scenario assumes that something will happen to the United States where it cannot, or will not, come to the aid of Israel. While we do not know exactly what will take place, there are a number of possible scenarios.

POSSIBILITY 1 THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT EXIST

While frightening to think of, it is possible that the USA will no longer exist. Some type of nuclear attack, terrorist attack, plague, etc. could make the United States a wasteland.

Can it happen? Yes. Will it happen? Nobody really knows.

However, we should not rule it out as being beyond the realm of possibilities. If the United States was not in the picture at all, this would explain why this leader, Gog, had no second thoughts about invading Israel.

POSSIBILITY 2 THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO GET INVOLVED

A more likely scenario is that the United States has reduced its military force to such a degree, or that it is spread so thin around the world, that it would not be possible for it to come to the aid of Israel in any meaningful way.

In other words, while possibly being willing to help, the USA would find itself in a position that it could not help the Israelis.

There could be other factors that would not allow the United States to become involved. Whatever, the case may be, the USA may be willing to help Israel, but for some unstated reason, they are not able.

POSSIBILITY 3 THE UNITED STATES IS NOT WILLING TO GET INVOLVED

Sadly, it is possible that the United States, while having some capacity to intervene on Israel's behalf, does not wish to. For whatever reason, America chooses to stay out of this battle. This would cause a horrific judgment by the Lord upon the USA.

A WARNING TO THE UNITED STATES

As we documented in "Sign 2" in our book *25 Signs We Are Near The End*, the Bible made it clear that those nations who have attempted to undermine Israel will be punished by God. We documented the fact that five ancient peoples, the Amorites, Moabites, Amalekites, Philistines, and Ammonites, no longer exist because of their repeated attempts to destroy Israel.

This supernatural protection of Israel, promised by God, has never been rescinded. This will be particularly true in these last days with Israel back in the land, as the Bible has predicted. According to Scripture, Israel *must* exist to the very end.

The United States Is Not In Bible Prophecy

We can only hope and pray that this does not become the situation in the United States. If indeed it eventually does happen, then the United States will be judged by God for undermining Israel. There is no doubt about this.

GOD WILL INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL

One final thing should be mentioned. Israel does indeed have someone who will intervene on their behalf during this invasion—it is the Lord Himself. The Bible explains what will take place in this manner:

As for you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say: “This is what the sovereign Lord says: Look, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal . . . You will fall dead on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the people who are with you. I give you as food to every kind of bird and every wild beast. You will fall dead in the open field; for I have spoken, declares the sovereign Lord. I will send fire on Magog and those who live securely in the coastlands; then they will know that I am the Lord’ (Ezekiel 39:1,4-6 NET).

Scripture records the Lord completely destroying the invading armies. Hence, at the end of the day, we find that it is God Himself who will fight for Israel and defeat their enemies.

THE BIBLE IS ALL ABOUT ISRAEL, NOT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In 1889, James Brookes offered a fitting summary of why we do not find America in Bible prophecy:

The vast American republic is not mentioned distinctly in prophecy nor are the Power of Europe, except to announce their doom, while Israel is constantly before the mind of Jehovah through the sacred Scriptures. With Israel was inseparably bound up the fate of the mightiest empires of antiquity, as Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon, and so in the future, as the chosen hand for inflicting God’s righteous judgments, it will become the center of His earthly government, and the source of earthly blessings to the nations when Jesus comes to reign (James Brookes, *Maranatha, The Lord Cometh*, Fleming H. Revell Company, 1889, pp. 398, 399).

Lest we forget, God has given us a timepiece, a clock for time and eternity—the nation of Israel. For whatever reason, we, the United States of America, is not a “player” in last days Bible prophecy.