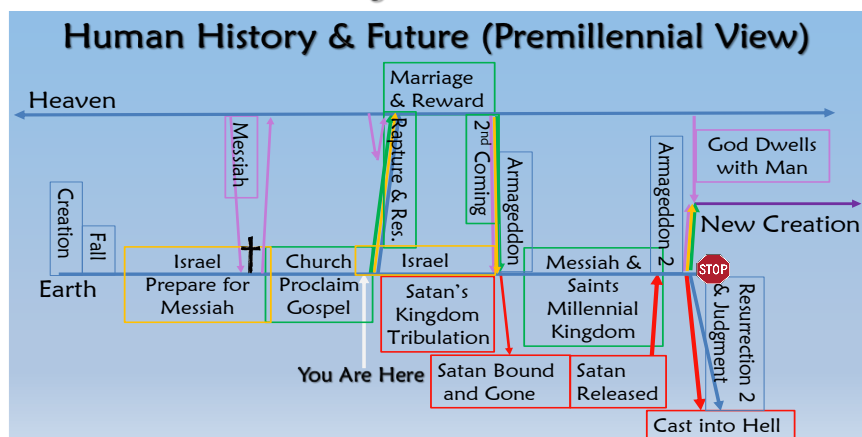


## Future Events Goal: Piece together God's Plan Ezekiel 38-39



### Who, What, When, Where is the Ez. 38-39 war?

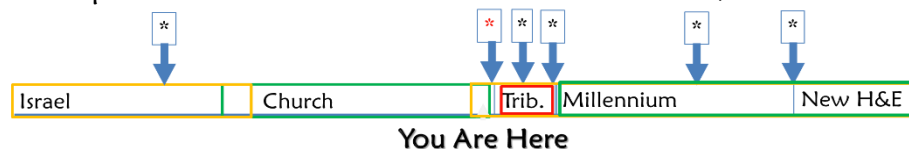
Clues: Who attacks (Does 'rosh' mean 'chief' or 'Россия')

Which countries do not attack? Why? (Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria)

What? The Contextual events limit when the war occurs.

When? Before the rapture? Before the tribulation? Does the Israel / Hamas war connect to this war?

### When is the battle?



[https://www.blueletterbible.org/comm/guzik\\_david/study-guide/ezekiel/ezekiel-38.cfm](https://www.blueletterbible.org/comm/guzik_david/study-guide/ezekiel/ezekiel-38.cfm)

Collectively, these markers help us suppose when in God's future prophetic plan this battle may happen. Yet, the information is not complete enough for much certainty among several options.

This battle may happen before the beginning of the last seven-year period of human government, before the glorious return of Jesus Christ. It may in some way usher in the dominance of the final world leader and his government.

This battle may happen in the middle of the last seven-year period of human government before the glorious return of Jesus Christ. It may mark the promised hostility against Israel and the Jewish people and their promised protection by God.

This battle may happen at the end of the last seven-year period of human government before the glorious return of Jesus Christ. There is a connection between Revelation 19:17-18 and Ezekiel 39:17-20.

This battle may happen as referenced by Revelation 20:7-9. . . some think that the Gog invasion happens at the end of that 1,000 years, as Revelation 20:7-9 mentions Gog and Magog.

Each one of these scenarios has its own objections and problems, and this may be a case where the specific fulfillment of the prophecy is not truly understood until its fulfillment.

### Edge Pieces: Daniel 9:24-27 (ESV) 70 sevens (of years) determined for Israel.

"Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.

(START) Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

Edge Pieces: Ezra 1:1-4 (ESV) – Rebuild the Temple.

Edge Pieces: Ezra 6:1-3a (ESV) – Rebuild the Temple (renewed).

Edge Pieces: Ezra 7:11-15 (ESV) – Go to Jerusalem, offer sacrifices.

Edge Pieces: Nehemiah 2:1-6 (ESV) – Rebuild Jerusalem.

## Edge Pieces: Mark 13:28-32 (NET) End-time length

“Learn this parable from the fig tree: Whenever its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also you, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

When do these events start? Possibly when Israel became a nation in 1948.

How long from then until all the events have happened? One generation

It seems there will be some people born in 1948 that are still alive.

Maria Branyas of Spain is the oldest living person today (116.9 years)

1948 + 117 = 2065    42 years from now    Possibly a little later  
Likely sooner (average age of death = 73.4 years)  
in 2022 half that generation was gone

## Translating “Rosh”

old NASB, NKJV

Prince of “Rosh” (noun, a country)

Septuagint (Brenton English translation)

“Rhos”(noun, a name), prince of

new NASB, old KJV, ESV, NIV, HCSB, NET

“chief” prince of (adjective)

Ezekiel 38:1-6 (NKJV) Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Son of man, set your face against Gog (Leader), of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh (Russia), Meshech (Moscow), and Tubal (Tobolsk), and prophesy against him, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer (Germany) and all its troops; the house of Togarmah (Russia) from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you.

Ezekiel 38:1-6 (NET) The Lord’s message came to me: “Son of man, turn toward Gog (Leader), of the land of Magog (Türkiye), the chief (Rosh) prince of Meshech and Tubal (regions in Türkiye). Prophecy against him and say: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look, I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and bring you out with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all of them fully armed, a great company with shields of different types, all of them armed with swords. Persia (Iran), Ethiopia (Sudan), and Put (North Africa) are with them, all of them with shields and helmets. They are joined by Gomer (Türkiye, Stan area) with all its troops, and by Beth Togarmah (Türkiye, Stan area, Armenia) from the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples are with you.

<https://www.jewishvoice.org/read/article/rise-turkey-and-ezekiel-38-39>

“Many people are familiar with Ezekiel 38-39. They know this prophecy speaks of a military invasion of Israel led by a figure known as “Gog of the land of Magog.” Unfortunately however, many prophecy teachers today erroneously connect Gog to Russia. Part of the reason for this is because in both the New American Standard and New King James versions of the Bible, “Gog” is not only said to come from “the land of Magog,” but is also further described as “the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal” (Ez. 38:2). Because the word “Rosh” sounds similar to Russia, and because “Meshech and Tubal” sound similar to the Russian cities Moscow and Tobolsk, it has often been assumed in conservative prophecy circles that Gog must be a Russian.

“In reality however, most scholars now recognize that Ezekiel 38:2 actually describes Gog as the “chief prince of Meshech and Tubal,” not the “prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.” In other words, the Hebrew term rosh, which means, “head, chief, or foremost,” is modifying Gog’s title as a prince (nasi). It is not the name of a particular place, which in turn, rules out any possible association between Gog and Russia. The idea that Gog is actually the “chief (rosh) prince (nasi) of Meshech and Tubal” is found in the ESV, NIV, HCSB, TLV (Tree of Life Version) and JPS (Jewish Publication Society) translations of the Bible.

Now that the association between Gog and Russia has mostly fallen out of favor among scholars, there is near unanimous agreement in scholarly Bible commentaries and Bible atlases that in Ezekiel’s day, Magog, Meshech and Tubal were all located in what is now modern Turkey.”

## The most powerful armies in Europe: Russia, France, UK, Türkiye. . .

“In December of 2017, the state-run Turkish newspaper Yeni Safak ran an article calling for a united “army of Islam” to invade Israel. More recently, Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan . . . has even said that Muslims should embrace the cause of Jerusalem “to the death.” <https://www.jewishvoice.org/read/article/rise-turkey-and-ezekiel-38-39>

Ezekiel 38:7-12 (NET) “Be ready and stay ready, you and all your companies assembled around you, and be a guard for them. After many days you will be summoned; in the **latter years** you will come to a **land restored from the ravages of war**, from many peoples gathered on the mountains of Israel that had long been in ruins. Its **people were brought** out from the peoples, and all of them will be living securely. You will advance; you will come like a storm. You will be like a cloud covering the earth, you, all your troops, and the many other peoples with you. “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: On that day thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan. You will say, “I will invade a land of unwalled towns; I will advance against those living quietly in security—all of them living without walls and barred gates—to **loot and plunder**, to attack the inhabited ruins and the people gathered from the nations, who are acquiring cattle and goods, who live at the center of the earth.”

Ezekiel 38:13-16 (NET) Sheba and Dedan (Saudi Arabia) and the traders of Tarshish (Likely Britain) 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?”

“Therefore, prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: On that day when my people Israel are living securely, you will take notice and come from your place, from the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them **riding on horses**, a great company and a vast army. You will advance against my people Israel like a cloud covering the earth. In future days I will bring you against my land so that **the nations may acknowledge me, when before their eyes I magnify myself through you, O Gog.**

Ezekiel 38:17-23 “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Are you the one of whom I spoke in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days that I would bring you against them? On that day, when Gog invades the land of Israel, declares the Sovereign Lord, my rage will mount up in my anger. In my zeal, in the fire of my fury, I declare that on that day there will be a **great earthquake** in the land of Israel. The fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the wild beasts, all the things that creep on the ground, and all people who live on the face of the earth will shake at my presence. The **mountains will topple, the cliffs will fall, and every wall will fall to the ground.** I will call for a sword to attack Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign Lord; **every man’s sword will be against his brother.** I will judge him with **plague and bloodshed.** I will rain down on him, his troops, and the many peoples who are with him a **torrential downpour, hailstones, fire, and brimstone.** I will exalt and magnify myself; I will reveal myself before many nations. **Then they will know that I am the Lord.’**

Ezekiel 39:1-8 (NET) “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! I will turn you around and drag you along; I will lead you up from the remotest parts of the north and bring you against the mountains of Israel. I will knock your bow out of your left hand and make your arrows fall from your right hand. 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 (Russia?); then they will know that I am the Lord.** “I will make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; I will not let my holy name be profaned anymore. **Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One of Israel.**

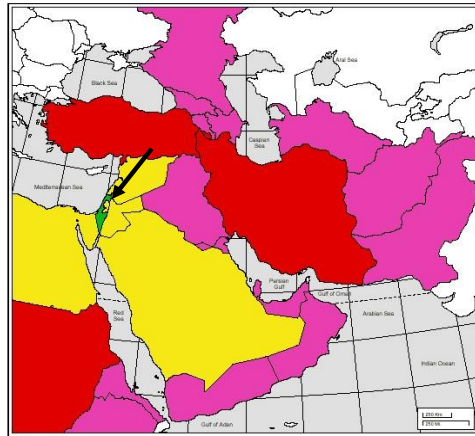
Realize that it is coming and it will be done, declares the Sovereign Lord. It is the day I have spoken about.

Ezekiel 39:9-16 (NET) “Then those who live in the cities of Israel will go out and use the weapons for kindling—the shields, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears—they will burn them for seven years. They will not **need to take wood from the field or cut down trees from the forests because they will make fires with the weapons.** They will take the loot from those who looted them and seize the plunder of those who plundered them, declares the Sovereign Lord. “On that day I will assign Gog a grave in Israel. It will be the valley of those who travel east of the sea; it will block the way of the travelers. There they will bury Gog and all his horde; they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog. For seven months Israel will bury them, in order to cleanse the land. All the people of the land will bury them, and it will be a memorial for them on the day I magnify myself, declares the Sovereign Lord. They will designate men to scout continually through the land, burying those who remain on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. They will search for seven full months. When the scouts survey the land and see a human bone, they will place a sign by it, until those assigned to burial duty have buried it in the valley of Hamon Gog. (A city by the name of Hamonah will also be there.) They will cleanse the land.’

Ezekiel 39:17-24 (NET) “As for you, son of man, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: Tell every kind of bird and every wild beast: ‘Assemble and come! Gather from all around to my slaughter that I am going to make for you, a great slaughter on the mountains of Israel! You will eat flesh and drink blood. You will eat the flesh of warriors and drink the blood of the princes of the earth—the rams, lambs, goats, and bulls, all of them fattened animals of Bashan. You will eat fat until you are full and drink blood until you are drunk at my slaughter that I have made for you. You will fill up at my table with horses and charioteers, with warriors and all the soldiers,’

declares the Sovereign Lord. “I will display my majesty among the nations. All the nations will witness the judgment I have executed and the power I have exhibited among them. **Then the house of Israel will know that I am the Lord their God, from that day forward.** The nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile due to their iniquity, for they were unfaithful to me. So I hid my face from them and handed them over to their enemies; all of them died by the sword. According to their uncleanness and rebellion I have dealt with them, and I hid my face from them.

Ezekiel 39:25-29 (NET) “Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob, and I will have mercy on the entire house of Israel. I will be zealous for my holy name. They will bear their shame for all their unfaithful acts against me, when they live securely on their land with no one to make them afraid. When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from the countries of their enemies, **I will magnify myself among them in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord their God because I sent them into exile among the nations and then gathered them into their own land. I will not leave any of them in exile any longer. I will no longer hide my face from them, when I pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign Lord.**”



Green = Israel  
 Red = Attackers  
 Yellow = Nonattackers (why)  
 Pink = Possible attackers

Attackers must cross yellow to get to Israel.

??? Are Lebanon and Syria gone? They are part of Israel in Ezekiel 47.

Are the red countries the four headed leopard or the ten horned dragon of Daniel 7?

### Will Israel become wealthy? When?

Three drilling sites on the Golan have uncovered what is potentially billions of barrels of oil, enough to fulfill the Israeli market’s 270,000-barrel-per-day consumption for a very long time, the report claimed. Since Israel’s founding, companies searching for oil across Israel have drilled 530 exploratory wells, and none of them has turned up commercially viable oil. . . <https://www.timesofisrael.com/major-oil-reserve-said-found-on-golan/>

Ministry says classification of offshore field, which holds an estimated 68 billion cubic meters of gas, marks the first natural gas discovery recognized by Israel since 2015  
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-officially-recognizes-energeans-katlan-reservoir-as-natural-gas-discovery/>

### What if ???

Hamas War is finally settled and Israel is at peace. . .  
 Israel grows wealthy from peace, oil, and natural gas. . .  
 The Arab nations remember Gaza and see Israel’s wealth. . .  
 Ezekiel 38-39 battle. Gog defeated. Israel and the world know God. (wood for seven years)  
 Shortly thereafter a world leader brokers an international peace treaty with Israel.  
 This begins the first 3.5 years of Satan setting up his kingdom on earth  
 Israel flees and flies to mountain wilderness. The great tribulation 3.5 years of God’s wrath

Or, what if ???

Hamas War expands and Israel is at war on all sides  
 A world leader brokers an international peace treaty with Israel. (tribulation)  
 Israel grows wealthy from peace, oil, and natural gas. . .  
 Ezekiel 38-39 battle. Gog defeated. Israel and the world know God. (wood for seven years)  
 Satan sets himself up as God in the Temple.  
 Israel flees and flies to mountain wilderness. The great tribulation 3.5 years of God’s wrath

### What do we know?

Israel will be attacked in a time of peace. Türkiye is the likely leader.  
 God will miraculously orchestrate some interesting events to make this war fit the Biblical prophecy.  
 God will level Israel and Türkiye and deliver Israel.  
 After this event Israel and the world will know God.  
 We don’t know when this will occur, but most scholars place it soon.