

God's Divine Sovereignty & the Inevitability of His Judgement

In Ezekiel 38, GOD tells Ezekiel to prophecy against Gog, a leader from the land of Magog. The prophecy details a future invasion of the land of Israel by a massive coalition of nations led by Gog. God states that He will put a hook in Gog's jaw and lead him and his vast army, including forces from Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, and Beth-togarmah, to invade Israel. This invasion is described as occurring in the "latter days," a time when the people of Israel are living in a state of peace and security after being restored to their land. Gog's motive for the invasion is to plunder and take spoil from the land of Israel, assuming Israel is defenseless. The main purpose of the invasion is not for Gog to succeed, but for God to demonstrate His power and holiness to all nations. God declares that He will unleash His fury against Gog and his forces. The ultimate outcome of this battle is to show all nations that God is the one true and holy God. The defeat of Gog serves as a dramatic display of God's sovereignty and His unwavering protection of His people.

Scripture Reference:

Ezekiel 38

Revelation 20:7-9

Genesis 10:2

Genesis 9:27

Matthew 16:27

Luke 19:11-14

Key Takeaways:

- Ezekiel chapter 38 is a prophecy concerning a future invasion of Israel by a powerful alliance of nations led by a figure named Gog from the land of Magog.
- Gog will lead a massive army, composed of nations including Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, and Beth-togarmah.
- Gog's motivation is to plunder and take spoils from the people of Israel, who will be dwelling securely.
- The invasion is not meant to succeed. God states that He is the one who will draw Gog and his army to invade Israel.
- The ultimate purpose is for God to demonstrate His power and holiness to all nations by destroying the invading army.

Practical Applications:

- ☐ God is in complete control, even over the actions of evil nations. Even when faced with seemingly overwhelming threats, we can trust that God is sovereign and has a plan, even if that plan involves allowing trials to occur for a greater purpose.
- ☐ God is a protector and a refuge for those who belong to Him.
- ☐ Ezekiel 38 should encourage us with the hope that when dealing with evil, no matter how powerful it appears, will ultimately be defeated. There will be a final justice where God will deal with all wickedness and rebellion against Him.
- ☐ Our lives should reflect God's holiness, serving as a testimony to those around us.

Heavenly FATHER, You are LORD of heaven and earth, You are The Ruler in the kingdom of men. As we hear and see events transpiring in the world today, help us to remember that You are Sovereign and that You are in control of kingdoms, nations and governments. Help us to be mindful to pray for our leaders, that they would acknowledge and fear You; and that we Your children in CHRIST would walk holy before You in our everyday lives. Help us to remember to be humble and to do those things that glorify You and Your SON. We pray for Your Kingdom to come and for Your will to be done throughout all the earth as it is in Heaven. In the name of Your SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD & SAVIOR we pray. Amen.