

Ezekiel 38&39 – 29 November 2015

Intro – There are those that would say you're a blood-thirsty crazy for believing this prophecy will happen.

This has to happen but no one is rooting for it to happen or working for it to happen.

This is a sheer matter in integrity of the scripture and simply believing what it says. WE SEEK TO DO THAT!

Chapter 38:1-2

1. Gog the leader of Magog = Russia
 - a. Table of Nations in Genesis 10 gives us Noah's son and grandsons.
 - i. Magog was 1 of 7 sons of Japheth.
 - ii. The events of the Tower of Babel were circa 2300BC
 - iii. Genesis was written circa 1400 BC
 - iv. Spoken in depth in I Chr 1-9 circa 450 BC

- v. Nations were originally known by their founder's name.
 - b. Read Josephus in *Antiquities of the Jews* Book 1, chapter 6, 122-123
 - i. Josephus wrote this around 100 AD.
 - ii. Josephus says Magogites were known as the Scythians.
 - c. Herodotus, called the Father of History, spoke much about the Scythians occupying Crimea and the lands north of it.
 - i. Circa 450 BC
 - d. Thru 1600-1900 it became common to refer to the Russians as Scythians.
 - i. Alexander Blok poetry.
2. Understand all ancient nations this same way.
- How?
- a. Founder's name, where did he travel to?
 - b. Read historians account of the name changes thru time.

- c. All the other nations in Eze 38 & 39 can be discerned this same way.
- 3. The chief prince of Meshech and Tubal
 - a. They're both parts of modern day Turkey.
 - b. Magog is called the principle leader of them.
 - i. Interesting the Russia is seen as the leader over Turkey.
- 4. Ezekiel is told to prophesy against them.

Chapter 38:3-7

- 1. Other Nations
 - a. Persia – Iran's name up until 1935
 - b. Ethiopia – Modern Ethiopia and Sudan
 - c. Libya- Same
 - d. Gomer – Turkey
 - e. Togarmah – Turkey
 - f. Every one of these are “sons” of Japheth.
- 2. In vs 7 Magog is told to be a guard unto their allies and in vs 4 that they'll be forced to come.

- a. Gog and Magog mentioned in the Koran as having the brass wall that's holding them back being removed.
- b. You see, no Christian leader or anybody is orchestrating these events.
 - i. It's the prince of the power of the air and his forces.
 - ii. As the angel that needed Michael's help to beat back the prince of the kingdom of Persia.

3. Weapons

- a. Could be actual horses and horsemen after some major earth change (war).
- b. Could be the best “timeless” way to describe modern weapons.
 - i. Notice that “hooks in their jaws” is obviously a metaphor as well.

Chapter 38:8-9

1. Not after the Babylonian captivity.

- a. “in the latter years”.
 - b. Vs 16 says in the “latter days”.
 - c. Against Israel that is brought back and “gathered out of many people”.
2. Has to be after the Roman Expulsion when they came back in 1948.
- a. After the land was waste and became fruitful again...that's today.
 - b. We just read in Eze that when land is restored and Israel comes back, they'll never be kicked out again.

Chapter 38:10-12

- 1. Although Russia is forced into coming to the Arabs defense, then look for a way to take an economic advantage out of it.
 - a. Israel just discovered massive amounts of natural gas under their land!!!
 - b. 2006 til present it's exploded in a big way!
- 2. Each action comes clear as the year pass by.

Chapter 38:13-16

1. Be sure, there is nothing like this event in past world history.
2. Sheba and Dedan –
 - a. TWO SETS: Ham's G-grandkids and Abraham's grandkids thru Keturah's Jokshan.
 - b. If Ham's g-grandkids, then these are arabs from the Saudi Arabian peninsula.
3. "The merchants of Tarshish"
 - a. Not merchants that live in Tarshish.
 - b. Merchants that did business w/ Tarshish.
 - c. These are England and such.
4. "All the young lions thereof"
 - a. America, Canada and Australia
 - b. These are only a few hundred years old, not like Europe.
5. Art thou come to take a spoil? The west sits helpless.
 - a. Unwilling to help?

- b. Unable to help?
- 6. Vs 15 – Magog comes out of the north parts.
 - a. Speaking of Babylon says, “from the north”
 - b. This is speaking of land to the north.
 - c. Moscow is on the exact line of longitude as Jerusalem!!

Chapter 38:17-23

- 1. Seems to indicate a great earthquake.
- 2. Russian soldiers killing each other for confusion.
- 3. Then some horrible rain.
 - a. Is this nuclear?
 - b. Is this chemical or biological weapons?
 - c. It would be quite easy for the heathens to explain away the rapture if it happened at a time like this.

Chapter 39:1-5

- 1. 5/6 of the Russian military will be defeated.

2. Remember, it does no injustice to the text to replace bow and arrow with missile launcher and missile.

Chapter 39:6-7

1. If this doesn't speak to nuclear war between Russia and America...nothing does.
2. "Carelessly in the isles" – In a place of refuge the whole way over at the coast. (America)
 - a. "The kings of the isles which are beyond the sea" (Jer 25:22)

Chapter 39:8-10

1. Burning the weapons will take the place of firewood for fuel.
2. Israel today are technologically genius. Will they burn nuclear parts?
3. 7 years of burning – Another indication that this could be at the start of the tribulation.

Chapter 39:11-14

1. Why the need of one specific burial spot?
2. This is chemical, biological or nuclear.

Chapter 39:15-16

1. They don't just leave it.
2. They don't touch it themselves.

Chapter 39:17-22

1. It finally happened.
2. Israel IAW Rom 11 comes to know the Lord.
 - a. Blindness in part is happened until Israel, until the times of the gentiles is fulfilled.
 - b. God will use this event, this prophecy, this scripture passage to convince the Jews of who the Lord is.
 - c. Does that convince you to want to know this text in order to share it?

Chapter 39:23-29

1. God does this to reveal Himself fully to Israel and remove their partial blinding.

2. Just like before war in a country, ambassadors are pulled.
 - a. The rapture is coming to pull us away.

Conclusion: Why should we know these things?

- 1. The study of prophecy promotes evangelism.**
 - a. Teach these things to Jews and anyone that will listen.
 - b. So when these things come to pass, they will know that he is God!
- 2. The study of prophecy prepares that Christian to avoid deception of false teachers.**
 - a. If you think God's going to make a Christian's life great in the future on earth...then you'll be let down and taken away by another doctrine.
- 3. The study of prophecy purifies the believer.**
- 4. The study of prophecy reminds us of the sure hope we have in Jesus Christ.**