

Ezekiel 38 – 1 May 2025

“Final Attack: God’s Victory Over Gog”

‘Episode 1 of 2’

Introduction

- *1st Section was (Chap 1-3): Ezekiel’s Commission
- *2nd Section (Chap 4-24): Prophecies Against Judah
- *3rd Section (Chap 25-32): Prophecies Against Nations
- *4th Section (Chap 33-39) Of Israel’s Restoration
- *5th Section (Chap 40-48) Of the Millennial Kingdom
- *This 4th section of Israel’s restoration really mirrors & prototypes the restoration of any church or individual
 - *Chap 33-34 – we see the need of good leaders
 - *Chap 35-36 – we see the need to prepare the land for fruit production
 - *Chap 36-37 – we see the need for a unified new heart & life of the people
 - *Chap 38-39 – we see the need to trust in the Lord thru the attacks of the enemy until the end
- *Here in Chap 38-39, we’ll see 5 parts of this attack from Gog’s forces against Israel (2 of 5 today)**

#1 – Let's identify the players, places & what prompts them (Chap 38:1-13)

Read Chap 38:1-3

1. Let's identify Gog the head leader of Magog
 - a. Table of Nations in Genesis 10 gives us Noah's son and grandsons.
 - i. Magog was 1 of 7 sons of Japheth.
 - ii. Events of 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 – Magogites known as Scythians
 - c. Herodotus, called the Father of History, spoke much about the Scythians occupying Crimea & the lands north of it (Circa 450 BC)

- d. Thru 1600-1900 it became common to refer to the Russians as Scythians (like Voltaire)
 - e. Russian Alexander Blok – 1918 poetry called *The Scythians* Blok compared them
2. We can 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. Let's identify Meshech & Tubal
- a. They're both parts of modern day Turkey.
 - b. Magog is called the principle leader of Turkey
4. Thru Israel's history until this day, there's no mention of the Russians & Turkey as adversaries...until now

Read Vs 4-7

1. Let's identify these supporting nations
 - a. Persia – Iran's name up until 1935
 - b. Ethiopia – Modern Ethiopia and Sudan
 - c. Put – Libya
 - d. Gomer – Parts of Turkey
 - e. Togarmah – Parts of Turkey
 - f. Every one of these are “sons” of Japheth
2. Notice Russia is being compelled to come
 - a. They'll have *hooks in their jaws* & they'll *be a guard for them*
 - b. Later (vs 13) other nations ask if they've *come to take spoil*
 - c. So they're compelled to come for financial gain
 - d. In Koran, Surah 18:94-99, Satan forewarns his intention to use Russia in the end days
 - i. Speaks of Magog being held back by an iron wall until the set time
 - ii. In fact Satan has such interest in Russia that he uses them again 1000 yrs end (Rev 20)

3. Notice the language used for weapons
 - a. This is common language in the Bible
 - b. This is a *timeless* way of describing weapons
 - c. But it could be literal if the world experiences major changes before this occurs

Read Vs 8-9

1. So this military force is coming out against a restored Israel that's dwelling in safety
 - a. So Israel will grow more & more secure as we approach this day
 - b. Note, this is different in purpose & scope from what Russia will do in Rev 20
2. They'll specifically come in the last years, vs 16 even calls it *the last days*

Read Vs 10-12

1. Satan prompts Russia that it's to their economic advantage to invade Israel

- a. Russia has long been a major supplier of natural gas to Europe – but this has dropped dramatically since the Ukraine War began
- b. Israel has arisen as the alternative energy source for Europe (Leviathan & Tamar gas rigs)
- c. Israel already has partnerships w/ Egypt & Cyprus
- d. On 4/25/2025 Russia signed a 55 billion cubic meters LNG deal w/ Iran – Russia's getting desperate
- e. Both Israel & Russia want to use the Turkish pipeline system – keep an eye on this

Read Vs 13

- 1. Who are these nations?
 - a. Sheba & Dedan were Ham's grandkids (modern Saudi Arabia)
 - b. Merchants of Tarshish – what is now Europe that traded w/ Tarshish (modern Spain)

- c. The young lions thereof are the young nations that can from Europe which certainly include the USA
- 2. These nations look on without taking a side

#2 – Let's identify God's plan & activity (Chap 38:14-23)

Read Chap 38:14-17

- 1. Though Gog (Russia) has never had a historical exchange w/ Israel, there is prophecy thereto
 - a. Balaam was hired to prophecy against Israel
 - b. Turn to Num 24:2-9 in the LSB
 - c. What is this Agag – it should read Gog
 - d. LXX reads thus for vs 7 – *“There shall come a man out of his seed, & he shall rule over many nations; & the kingdom of Gog shall be exalted, & his kingdom shall be increased”*

Read Vs 18-20

1. So God will use an earthquake to begin His divine judgement against Gog
 - a. You ask, “how could this be a targeted earthquake?”
 - b. God did that when Korah & friends were destroyed in the days of Moses
2. Notice there’s a series of worldwide events that all people will notice

Read Vs 21-23

1. After the earthquake there’s a battle w/ destruction falling from the skies
 - a. Such confusion, Russia’s forces attack themselves
 - b. Is this “rain” chemical, biological, nuclear?
 - c. This would be an easy time to explain away the Rapture of the Church

Conclusion

So we've just begun looking at this final attack against God's people Israel, but we've already seen:

1. **The identity of the key players, places & what prompts them to attack Israel**
 - a. Not Israel's usual foes, but ones that Satan has been waiting to unleash for centuries
2. **God's plan & activity**
 - a. God's always known of Satan's plan to use Russia, Turkey, Iran & Libya & Sudan
 - b. And God Himself will intervene with earthquake & disasters to deal the fatal blow!

Next time we see the final 3 parts of this attack

Until then, keep trusting...

...In the God who keeps His promises

...In the God that's faithful to His people

...In the God that can not possibly fail in His love and protect for those He chooses to grace