

Ezekiel 38-39
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Title:
"Behold it is coming and it shall be done"

God's Judgment on Magog
God's Protection of Israel
God's ultimate purpose

Intro:

Tonight, we are going to be looking at Ezekiel 38 and 39. I've titled the Message. "Behold it is coming and it shall be done".

At first glance these chapters can be confusing and there are different views as to who these chapters are talking about and when these events, we will be looking at will take place. Some Pastors and churches don't even bother teaching these chapters because they think Prophecies like these seem just too mystical and far away. And I can understand this kind of thinking because most of us are just working as hard as we can just to feed our families. You may be one of those who think,....Is this Prophecy stuff really important for me to understand? I was one of those people until I had a very unusual experience in Helsinki Finland.

My story of Helsinki Finland 1986 and the ministry that was there waiting for Prophecy to be fulfilled and the Jews to be released out of Russia.....

Well what I hope we will see tonight, as we look into the most famous of Ezekiel's prophecies,... is that the events that are being described to us here, about a major war in the middle east, are not allegorical in meaning nor are they purely symbolic. This war will be real, and it is closer than most of us can even imagine. And the one thing God wants us to know He states right in the middle of these two chapters. In Ezekiel 39:8 God says.....

“Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,” declares the Lord God. “That is the day of which I have spoken.” (Ezekiel 39:8, NASB95)

So it is coming, it will happen. But the Good news is. If this battle is about to happen,... that also means that everything in the world is about to change and we are about to go home.

But before we look into these verses lets pray and Ask the Lord to not only bless this time we spend together, but also to open up our minds and hearts to the right understanding of these verses and well as the lessons that the Lord wants to communicate to us from them.

The Chapters a laid out fairly straight forward. There is

Ezekiel's prophecy

- 1. Judgment against Gog**
- 2. Protection and restoration of Israel**
- 3. God's ultimate Purpose in bringing about this war**

V.1-2 *“And the word of the LORD came to me saying, “Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him” (Ezekiel 38:1–2, NASB95)*

In chapter 37 God promised the Israelites in captivity in Babylon that there would be a day when they would come back in the land and they would be secure. The nation would come back to life represented by the dry bones coming back together and being covered with flesh.

Now here in chapter 38 after these poor captives in Babylon receive this amazing prophecy that they would once again rise up as a nation, Ezekiel continues Prophesying to the people that there would be yet another time in their future when they would see war again. They would see another invasion. But which invasion is Ezekiel prophesying to the about? I'm going to suggest to you that this battle is not the battle of Armageddon which many people think that it is.

Armageddon is the one battle that everyone seems to know about even if you're not a Christian. So any time someone reads about a future battle against Israel they think that it must be Armageddon. This battle is better known as the battle of Gog and Magog. Ok so who is what or who is Gog and Magog. And who is Rosh.

When you look into secular history many historians have noted that Gog is more of a title than a proper name. Ezekiel uses it to identify the leader of a people Group. The word Gog has been linked to an ancient people group called the Scythians. The Scythians lived up in the north of what is today known as Russia. Magog is a combination of two words May and Gog. **MAY** means the land of, and Gog being a Title of a ruler ...so Magog simply means the land of Gog. We are then told that Gog is the prince of Rosh. Some people conclude that the word Rosh is an ancient name for Russia, but there are a number of theologians that are not in agreement with that. Even so, Many if not most Bible scholars are in agreement that MaGog most likely is Russia. Verse one also mentions Meshech and Tubal. Meshech may be the name for Moscow and Tubal the ancient name for the modern city of Tbilisi. Both important cities in Russia.

And what does God want to say to this ruler over the land of Russia?

V.3-4 *“and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. “I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords;” (Ezekiel 38:3–4, NASB95)*

Ezekiel would've understood what God meant because the Babylonians and the Assyrians used hooks when they captured people in war. They would put them in their jaw or in their nose so that they could easily walk them back to where they were from.

So God is saying **(He)** was going to be the one bringing these people to battle against Israel but actually in a few verses down were going to see that they themselves think that they are attacking Israel for their own benefit and for their own reasons.

V.5-6 *Persia, Ethiopia and put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer with all of its troops; Beth-togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops many peoples with you.*

We know who Persia is even today. Persia is Iran. Ethiopia is still Ethiopia in northern Africa. Put is Libya also northern Africa. Gomer is most likely a reference to East Germany, Poland and some other Eastern Europeans countries.

Beth-togarmah is modern day Turkey

So what we see here is these nations around Israel are going to come against Israel in a battle with all of their military and all of their weapons of war.

V.7-9. *“Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them.” “You will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you.”*

God tells them to prepare for battle. That there is coming a day in which they would be summoned to come against the people that have been re-gathered from many nations and are now living securely within the land. This is an amazing prophecy in its accuracy. Not only because Israel is a nation that has been re-gathered from many nations.....by the way sense covid and the war in Ukraine there has been and continues to be hundreds of thousands of Jews still gathering back to their home land.

And not only because they live securely due of their military. But also because of the nations mentioned here that are going to come against Israel.

As some of you know Iran has never had an alliance with Russia until just these last few years. They were always enemies. Turkey has always had good relations with Israel until just recently. They used to be strongly pro-west and pro-democracy but are now shifting to being much more Islamic and anti-west and anti Israel.

Ethiopia has had conflict with Israel and Libya has sanctioned terrorism for years against Israel. In ancient times none of these countries would've had any reason to unify with Russia. For the most part they were hostile towards each other.

But there is one thing that has developed sense Ezekiel wrote this prophecy 2500 years ago,...and that is Islam. **Islam has been the one factor that is unifying all of these countries today** and a lot of this has just happened in the last 5-10 years.

Now the way that this army is going to come upon Israel, it says here in verse nine, will be like a **storm cloud** with an overwhelming number of troops.

Your first thought when reading this is likely to be,.....this certainly won't happen while I'm alive, it seems too fantastic. But how many of us know that an invasion very similar to this has already come very close to happening to Israel two or three times just since 1948.

Most of us know about how the Arab nations attacked Israel when they were first established, and they almost lost the war then. In 1948 just after the re-formation of Israel they were attacked by five Islamic nations along with the help volunteer fighters from 4 other Muslim nations. And Israel just barely defeated them.

What a lot of us don't realize is what happened in 1973 and also 1982.

Renée and I got to go up on the Golan Heights when we went to Israel and listen to the story from our guide on what happened in 1973 when Israel was attacked on Yom Kippur, their holy day.

Russia who Ezekiel calls Magog in 1973 supplied some 1400-1600 tanks to the Syrians. That's more tanks than the Germans used on the Russian front in World War II. And those tanks came from the north to invade Israel. The Russians were supplying Syria and helping them and watching them and hoping they would be able to sweep down on Israel like a **storm cloud** and overwhelm them.

But an interesting thing happened. Israel was caught off-guard. They were all celebrating a holy day and there were almost no soldiers watching the borders. They were defenseless.

When the Syrian tanks came up to the Golan Heights, they realized that there was no resistance, it seemed too easy. They thought that they were coming into a trap, so all the tanks stopped. They waited to see if their commanders could find out more information why they were not encountering the Israeli Army.

So they decided to just stay there and not fall into a trap. Well, finally the Israeli defense force realized they were being invaded and started to fight back by mobilizing their forces from the south of Israel to the North.

At the same time,...the Syrians began to be concerned about what the United Nations would think about their invasion. So, they decided to broadcast a false radio message in Damascus that would give them a defensible reason for why they were invading Israel.

So on Damascus radio, they said that Israel was attacking them in Damascus in large numbers. Of course, Israel wasn't attacking at all, but this is what they were saying on the radio. The tank commanders listening to the radio heard that Damascus was being attacked and they believed it, so they turned around and drove their tanks back to Damascus as fast as they could to defend the city. In other words, God. Protected Israel.

God had not yet Summoned Russia to come fight against Israel but they came very, very close in 1973.

Then again in 1982 the Israeli army invaded Lebanon and found an enormous cache of arms. Rifles, explosives, grenades, everything to launch an attack. They also found plans to invade Israel and the United States.....included in the plans was an attack from the north on Israel while at the same time poisoning our water reservoirs. All the weapons were Russian-made and there was enough weapons to supply 13 divisions of soldiers. It took the Israelis 5 months to remove all of the arms that were being stored there in secret to supply an invading army that would come from the north.

So once again, Russia and her companion countries had plans to invade Israel but God was not to summon these countries and allow them to come in to attack Israel.

What this should tell us is that there are people who every single day are planning how that they can come and attack Israel like a swarm, like a cloud in order to wipe them out.

Now up to this point, the motivation for attacking Israel has been largely Religious and geographic. Islam wants to dominate the Middle East and has a deep dislike for Jews and for Christians.

In fact Iran today is made up mostly of Shia Muslims have a belief that their messiah cannot come back until they create a holy war against Israel and even against the United States. So their motivation has always been a demonic one to wipe out Judaism and Christianity.

V.10-12. But now look at verse 10 where it **says,....**

“Thus says the Lord God, “It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan, and you will say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls and having no bars

or gates, to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are now inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world.” (Ezekiel 38:10–12, NASB95)

How interesting that Ezekiel sees a time in the future when this demonic influence over the leadership of Russia and these other countries will say,..... let's go up against the cities in Israel that don't have walls.

In Ezekiel's day it would be foolish to have a city without a wall of protection around it. But Ezekiel is looking into the future into our time we're cities no longer had need of walls for protection. And what is their evil demise as it says,.... their evil plan?

They want to go into Israel in order to ***capture spoil and seize plunder***.

God is saying that Israel in the last days will be a nation of great wealth. In Ezekiel's mind a wealthy nation was one that had a lot of cattle and a lot of goods and merchandise. Where a country was situated geographically also made a country rich. Israel was right at the center of the world. They still are by the way. And many people have looked at this and said yes Geographically Israel is in a key location to control trade between Asia and Africa.

This may be one of the reasons why they come down. But notice a couple of things that Ezekiel is saying here 2500 years ago.

Number one,..... Israel is a nation again. And of course, Scholars for years misinterpreted Ezekiel 38 because Israel did not exist. Israel did not exist when Ezekiel gave this prophecy.

And number two,..... Israel was wealthy. What was once wastelands and swamps and unusable land,...as it was in the days of Ezekiel,... have been turned from deserts and Swamps into beautiful farmland making the country very rich and prosperous. In fact, the income of all Israelis was increasing all the way up to covid. Now I believe there are beginning to make a comeback. This at a time in United States and Mexico and other nations have economies that are falling apart and people losing jobs. Israel has 17 Billionaires and 88,000 millionaires. Israel's economy is the third largest in innovation, ahead of even the U.S. and Japan. They have 590 start ups each year

So, from what these verses are saying, Russia and these other Islamic countries will invade the land more for its wealth than for ideology. Also Just in the last 10 years, Israel has announced that they have 8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas sitting just off their coast. That's more natural gas than any of us can even think about. They have already built their offshore drilling platform, (Which interestingly enough Russia offered to build for them) It's a phenomenal treasure of wealth of which is changing the economic course of the nation.

They are now building an underwater gas line over to Cyprus where the gas will be liquified and shipped over to Europe. This is Interesting considering What just happened with a certain Government blowing up Russia's natural Gas line causing one of the worst ecological disasters of all time. Could there be a connection to this prophecy?

It is also suspected that there is a huge reservoir of oil up on the Golan. This realization coming as we've been hearing that the Middle East has peaked on the oil production. In other words, the Islamic nations now know their oil is not going to last forever and they're going to run out. Now what if Israel were to announce to the world that they were now beginning to extract out of the ground a massive oil supply.

That could be like a hook in the Jaw for Russia. Russia has a huge dependency on oil and gas. And they don't have any oil of their own. They rely on the Islamic nations to sell it to them.

With or without the oil being there, Magog will continue to join with these other Islamic nations to come against Israel like a storm in order to capture all of the wealth that they have. If the wealth is not their reservoir of natural gas or oil maybe oil it may well be their technology.

Now while this attack from the north is going on, and they're coming to take whatever they can get from Israel, verse 13 says

V13. *““Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages will say to you, ‘Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?’ ” ” ” (Ezekiel 38:13, NASB95)*

Sheba and Dedan are the ancient names for the area of modern-day Yemen and Saudi Arabia. The merchants of Tarshish we really don't know who they are, ancient sailors said it was the land west of Gibraltar in Atlantic. so it's probably a European or a number of European nations , maybe even the United States.

But these two nations will be standing on the sidelines watching this attack from the north and basically saying,..... what are you doing, and why are you doing this?

which is interesting again, in light of what is happening today in the Middle East. Saudi Arabia is an Islamic nation and they have not historically ever been a friend of Israel. But guess what's been going on Just in this past couple of years?

Saudi Arabia has been in negotiations with Israel and is willing to fund Israel and give them all they need to attack Iran who are continuing to develop close ties to Russia. The Saudis do not want Iran to develop a nuclear bomb... Just yesterday an article I read stated: *Israel's Chief of Staff, Lt. General Hertzi Halevi: “Iran has made more progress in enriching uranium than ever before, and there are negative developments on the horizon that could lead to action. We have capabilities, others also have capabilities.”*

People in the world scratch their heads and say why would a Muslim nation want to help Israel fight against another Muslim nation? But most people don't understand that there is a deep hatred between the Shia Muslims which dominate Iran and the Sunni Muslims which dominate Saudi Arabia. And the Sunni Muslims know that if Iran is successful in building an atomic bomb and destroying Israel. Then they would be next.

So you can interpret verse 13 as Saudi Arabia objecting to this attack and supportive of Israel along with someone from the far west...maybe the U.S. which is scary to think that the U.S. will either not want to help Israel or will not have the power to do so.

V.14 *““Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “On that day when My people Israel are living securely, will you not know it?” (Ezekiel 38:14, NASB95)*

Russia today as well as all these nations mentioned here know very well that Israel is living securely. They do not live peaceably, but they are secure financially and militarily. As I mentioned earlier, Israel just announced that the yearly income of every person living in Israel has just gone up. So their economy is doing very well. And their future looks even brighter.

As far as Israel's militarily security. Most people know that the Israelis are the best trained fighting force in the world and besides their tanks, and missiles and aircrafts and Ships, they also have at least 13 nuclear bombs and a few nuclear subs. So, any nation wishing to destroy Israel knows that Israel will use them if they have to.

V.15-21 *“You will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army; and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It shall come about in the last days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I am sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog.”* ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Are you the one of whom I spoke in former days through My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them? “It will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” declares the Lord GOD, “that My fury will mount up in My anger. “In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. “The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground. “I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains,” declares the Lord GOD. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother.”” (Ezekiel 38:15–21, NASB95)

Gog will attack Israel from the North, the east, south and the west surrounding Israel with the expectations of an easy victory. Israel only has about ½ million active soldiers plus another 200 thousand or so in reserve. These nations with their combined armies could have up to 6 million soldiers or more. Now try and imagine ½ a million soldiers being surrounded on all sides by 6 million soldiers plus their hundreds of thousands of rockets.

But as verse 18 says this will only cause God’s Fury rise up and he will begin to shake the lans of Israel beneath their feet and in the process, these attacking armies end up turning and fighting each other.

Verse 22 might also add insight to why these armies will end up shooting each other.

V.22 *“With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone.”* (Ezekiel 38:22, NASB95)

Visibility will be greatly reduced by the torrential rain. Through in hailstones and fire mixed with it and you can see how these armies will be completely confused, stuck in the mud and shooting at anything that they can see.

V.23 *“I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the LORD.”* (Ezekiel 38:23, NASB95)

Rather than letting Israel win through their superior fighting skills and weapons, God Chooses to intervein super naturally to Magnify, sanctify, and Make Himself known to the world.

This will wake the world up to the fact that Israel has supernatural protection. And it seems this will only be at the beginning of the invasion.

In chapter 39 we are going to see how God whips out the rest of the attacking troops and what happens after the battle.

V.1-2 *“And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal; and I will turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north and bring you against the mountains of Israel.”*

Magog was going to understand one way or another that they were not fighting against Israel but against God himself. God was going to force these armies to attack the (mountains of Israel) a term He used back in verse 8 in chapter 38 where they would be whipped out.

V.3. *“I will strike your bow from your left hand and dash down your arrows from your right hand.*

Men who know their Hebrew tell us that BOW means a launcher. And an Arrow is defined as a long shaft.

So it is not hard for us to see how Ezekiel’s use of these terms could be describing modern day Missiles and their launchers. Israel, believe it or not, have even named a certain class of missiles they have as “the Arrow”.

It would seem from the text that God is going to cause Russia’s Missiles (that they will have aimed at Israel), to fail to launch. Will these be nuclear bombs? Maybe... there is no way that we can know at this point.

If they were attempting to launch Nuclear Missiles at Israel, and somehow they fail to launch or God destroys them midair or allows the Israelis to knock them out of the sky, you can be sure that Israel would launch a counterattack.

what many of us do not realize is that there are tactical Nukes that only affect a small area. And neutron bombs that kill people but do not destroy buildings.

Israel could take out Millions of soldiers advancing on them with a well-placed tactical nuke or Neutron bomb.

If and that is a big if this is what these verses are referring to,... then Israel will be setting off these nuclear detonations within their own borders. This means it will be the ultimate last resort to stop the millions and millions of troops coming at them.

But one idea that interests me is that of the attacking nations themselves turning their missiles on each other. They may believe they are firing on the Israeli’s when in fact they are firing on their allies. God could easily confuse the guidance systems of the Missiles and cause them to land on those attacking Israel. It goes back to what Ezekiel 38 says that every man’s sword will be against his brother.

V.4-5 *“You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field. “You will fall on the open field; for it is I who have spoken,” declares the Lord God.*

However, it happens, one thing for sure,... there is going to be a great slaughter. About 90% of the attacking soldiers will be killed on the mountains of Israel. There will be so many dead people in the battlefield that the bodies will be like a feast for the birds.

V.6-7. “And I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the LORD. “My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Again, this is where the idea of a nuclear Exchange make sense. Fire here is not limited to mean just flames.....the bible Dictionary states that fire means.....the state of combustion, and the visible aspects of it,. This can be a flame, or it can apply to another very visible form of combustion, like a nuclear explosion. If this is the meaning, then God will use Israel or perhaps even Russia to launch Nukes against Russia and those who inhabit the coastlands. The people inhabiting the coastlands have never been identified for sure by people who study prophecy think It could refer only to those people along the coastlands of the Mediterranean. But some feel it could be the only reference in the Bible to the United Stated or all of North America.

Another perspective is that God himself will rain down real hailstones that are on fire.....Like the brimstone in verse 22 of the last chapter.....by the way there is such a thing. Scientist have found ice that has methane trapped inside. You can actually light the ice on fire. And this is really interesting because.....

One of the things we see in Scripture is that judgment under the law was carried out by stoning. So it would not surprise me if what Ezekiel is talking about is supernaturally directed burning hail stones..God sending a firy judgment upon the armies of Magog and killing millions of them similar to what happen during the long day of Joshua and God killing thousands of the armies attacking Israel by Hail stones.

V.8. “Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,” declares the Lord God. “That is the day of which I have spoken.” (Ezekiel 39:8

Israel had been used to the Prophets warning them that the day of God’s judgment was going to come upon **them**. Here they hear that there was coming a day when God would be a wall of protection for them on all sides when they were being attacked from all sides.

But just as God will be a wall of Protection to the Jews during this time. I believe he will be more than a wall of protection for the Church. He will be Our Refuge from the storm. We will be taken out or raptured perhaps right at the beginning of this war.

I believe that there has never been a greater time in history where this verse should be taken seriously and at face value. God has declared this to happen, and it will happen. It is my belief and many others that it is going to happen much sooner than we think....

I feel this message is meant to be a follow up to Sundays' teaching by Pastor Rich. we will realize there is no time left to be just transactional in our church experience. Pastor Rick made the call on Sunday to be relational and engaged in our Christian lives and not just a Christian sitting on the side lines. He asked the question, are we open letting God define and direct our service to Him?

Knowing what is about to take place is not given to us from God to scare us but to prepare us.... Maybe even to propel us forward in our worship and our service to Him rather than just focusing on our retirement or some new toys we want to get.

And it is here in verse 8 there is a change from the what would happen in the battle to what would happen after the battle.

V.9-10 *“Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will go out and make fires with the weapons and burn them, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears, and for seven years they will make fires of them. They will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, for they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the spoil of those who despoiled them and seize the plunder of those who plundered them,” declares the Lord God.* (Ezekiel 39:9–10, NASB95)

At this time the people in the cities of Israel will have been kept safe from the Magog invasion. The goal of these predominantly Muslim nations was to completely destroy the Jews and take all that they had.

But just like God delivered his people out of Egypt, it will be the Israel that survives and the enemy that is overwhelmingly defeated by God.

The land that they so badly wanted to possess would now possess them. The Israelis will also plunder the invading armies.

Now exactly what burning their weapons for fuel is all about is all speculation. Somehow they either will have need for either literal fire, because due to the war all of their electricity is down, they can't pump their natural gas and perhaps an EMP has rendered all electronics microwaves and the like useless. Or fire here again means something else.

One very interesting theory, suggests that the arrows of their weapon that could burn will be the un-used or unexploded nuclear war heads of Russia that Israel will gain possession of. They could use the plutonium to power their nuclear facilities. And as some of you probably already know the shelf life of a Nuclear bomb is 7 years.

This verse is one of the reasons many people place this battle at the beginning of the Tribulation. The Fuel from whatever these weapon are will last through out the duration of the tribulation.

V.11-13 *“On that day I will give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off those who would pass by. So they will bury Gog there with all his horde, and they will call it the valley of Hamon-gog. For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land. Even all the people of the land will bury them; and it will be to their renown on the day that I glorify Myself,” declares the Lord God.*” (Ezekiel 39:11–13, NASB95)

Here is where you really get an idea of just how many soldiers are going to be killed in this battle and why so many people see this as a result of some kind of nuclear explosion. It is going to take 7 months for the people of Israel(all the people? Or most of the people) to bury these soldiers.

. How many millions of bodies would that be.

This is why it says that the dead bodies will block the valley east of the dead sea.

the Valley of Hamon Gog, meaning “the Valley of the hordes of Gog.”

And we have to notice that God says here that this great defeat will be to Israel’s renown...an honorable day for Israel and it will bring Glory to God.

The world will be destabilized from this war. And it is my guess that they will be ready to sign any kind of peace treaty with Israel after this defeat. And the person who will bring that peace will be the one we call the antichrist. And with the church raptured by this point and most if not all of all the militant Muslims are dead, then the world will also be ready to follow a one world religion and allow the temple to be built.

Ok so after the people of Israel burry most of the people Verse 14 tells us

V. 14-16 *“They will set apart men who will constantly pass through the land, burying those who were passing through, even those left on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search. As those who pass through the land pass through and anyone sees a man’s bone, then he will set up a marker by it until the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.” “And even the name of the city will be Hamonah. So they will cleanse the land.” ” (Ezekiel 39:16, NASB95)*

Israel will hire professionals maybe the military to finish the clean-up operation. It will be important to them that every single bone gets buried. People passing through the land who see a bone will place a marker by it. Military officials tell us that this is actually the process that they would use to today after a nuclear exchange where there were many bodies on the battle field. The bones need to be buried because they absorb radiation and are contaminated.

The rest of the chapter goes on to talk about

1. God using the birds and the animals to clean up the rest of the remains of the fallen soldiers, *God will reverse the roles of animals and people. Usually people slaughtered and ate sacrificed animals. Here, however, the men of Gog’s armies will be sacrifices; they will be eaten by animals*

God’s ultimate purpose

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2. Israel being restored to God. Verses 25-29 seem to look ahead to the end of the Tribulation period when all Israel will know YHWH as their God and Jesus as savior,... if I can blend in the book of Revelation.

3. God will no longer hide his face from them and will pour out His Spirit upon them.

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