

# Gog Vs God!

Ezekiel 38:10-23; 39:1-12

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## Introduction

- Ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine
- Future Russian invasion of Israel
  - The Coalition—Russia, Iran, Ethiopia, Libya, Turkey
  - The Chronology—when will this occur
    - Proposed time slots
      - Middle of the tribulation period
      - Final battle of Armageddon
      - Intermission between end of tribulation and beginning of Millennial kingdom
      - End of the Millennium—Revelation 20:7-9
    - Preferred time slot: Prior to the tribulation period after the rapture of the Church

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### A. The CAUSE of the Conflict

- Ezekiel 38:10-12-- *“Thus says the LORD God: ‘On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan; You will say, “I will go up against the land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates”—to take plunder to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.”*
1. **“To take a spoil”**
    - a. Dead sea has 45 billion tons of unprocessed chemicals
    - b. Extremely large oil and natural gas deposits found in Israel
  2. **To control the “Center of the World”**
    - Ezekiel 38:12-- *“to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.”*
    - Ezekiel 5:5-- *“Thus says the LORD God: ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her.”*
  3. **To execute an “evil plan”**
    - Ezekiel 38:10-- *“Thus says the LORD God: ‘On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan.”*
    - a. Satan’s attempts throughout Israel history to thwart God’s plans and to destroy the Jewish people and their Messiah
    - b. If the Jewish nation and people are destroyed, then God could not fulfill the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel for there would be no Jews remaining to prepare for the reception of their Messiah, and none to populate the kingdom.. Thus there would be no millennial kingdom of Christ here on earth.
  4. **To meet God in judgment**
    - Ezekiel 38:15-16-- *“Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company, and a mighty army. You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land, It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, which I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”*

## B. The COURSE of the Conflict

- Ezekiel 38:17-23-- *"Thus says the LORD God: 'Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them? And it shall come to pass at the same time, when God comes against the land of Israel,' says the LORD God, ' that My fury will show in My face. For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all the mountains,' says the LORD GOD. 'Every man's sword will be against his brother. And I will bring to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.'"*
1. Russia and her allies will come up against Israel at God's command.
  2. As these armies surround Israel and Jerusalem, God will cause a great earthquake to happen.
  3. The invading forces will begin to attack and kill each other.
    - Judges 7:22-- *"Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords."*
  4. The killing will be aided by plagues, disease, and natural catastrophes.

## C. The CONSEQUENCES of the Conflict

1. **The BAD: Russia and her allies will not only be defeated but decimated.**
  - a. The invading forces will be destroyed on the mountains of Israel
    - Ezekiel 39:1-4a -- *"And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says the LORD GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O GOD, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel. Then I will know the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fallout of your right hand. You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the people who are with you."*
  - 1) It will take seven years to dispose of all the instruments of war.
    - Ezekiel 39:9-10 -- *"Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years. They will not take wood from the field nor cut down any from the forests, because they will make fires with the weapons; and they will plunder those who plundered them, and pillage those who pillaged them,' says the LORD GOD."*
  - 2) It will take seven plus months to bury all the bones that the buzzards picked clean.
    - Ezekiel 39:4-- *"You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the people who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort, and the beasts of the field to be devoured."*
    - Ezekiel 39:11-12 -- *"It shall come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by the east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury God and all his multitude. Therefore they call it the Valley of Hamon Gog, For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land"*
- b. God will bring major destruction on the cities of Russia and her allies.
  - Ezekiel 39:6-- *"And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."*

- c. Israel will plunder and pillage.
- Ezekiel 39:10b-- *"they will plunder those who plundered them, and pillage those who pillaged them"*
2. **The GOOD: Israel will be able to build the third temple on the Temple Mount**
- a. The first two temples were destroyed
- 1) Solomon's temple by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC
  - 2) Herod the Great's Temple by Titus in 70 AD.
    - Matthew 24:2 -- *"Assuredly I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."*
- b. A temple needs to not only be erected and functioning during the tribulation period
- 1) Jesus predicted a functioning temple in the tribulation.
    - Matthew 24:15-- *"Therefore, when you see the 'abomination of desolation' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place."*
  - 2) The Apostle Paul and John both concur.
    - 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4-- *"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."*
    - Revelation 11:1-2-- *"given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying 'Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city under foot for forty-two months."*
  - 3) Daniel 9:27 reveals that in the middle of the week, the Antichrist will cause the "sacrifices to cease"
- c. Problem: NO temple today PLUS the Dome of the Rock, the second holiest place of the Islamic faith stands on Mount Moriah, the place the temple is to be built.
- d. Preparations are being made today by religious Jews for the rebuilding of the temple.
3. **The BEST: God will be glorified!!**
- a. The purpose for defeating Russia and her Islamic allies is to protect and demonstrate the holiness of God.
- Ezekiel 38:16 -- *"You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes."*
  - Ezekiel 38:23-- *"Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."*
  - Ezekiel 39:7-- *"So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel."*
- b. God's holiness has long been profaned by atheistic communism and radical Islamic beliefs
- c. Our God is to be feared! He desires for us to live in such a way that we bring glory and honor and praise to His name!