

Gog And Magog War

Ezekiel 38:2 to 23: 'Son of man (the Prophet Ezekiel), set your face against Gog (a future evil ruler) of the land of Magog (Northern Asia), the prince of Rosh (modern day Russia), of Meshech (Moscow), and of Tubal (Turkey), and prophesy against him and say, "Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief ruler of Rosh, of Meshech, and of Tubal. I will turn you back and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you forth and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armour, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords. Persia (Iran), Cush (Ethiopia), and Libya with them, all of them with shield and helmet. Gomer (another future ruler) and all his hordes, the house of Togarmah (Siberia) in the uttermost parts of the north and all his hordes, many people are with you. You (Gog) be prepared; yes, prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and you be a commander for them. After many days you shall be gathered for war; in the latter years (in the future) you shall go against the land that is restored from the ravages of the sword, where people are gathered out of many nations upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste; but its people are brought forth out of the nations and they shall dwell securely, all of them. You shall come like a storm; you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you and all your hosts and many people with you."

Ezekiel 38:10: Thus says the Lord God: "At the same time thoughts shall come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan. You will say, 'I will go up against an open (free) country; I will fall upon those who are at rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls and having neither bars nor gates, to take spoil and prey, to turn your hand upon the desolate places now inhabited and assail the people gathered out of the nations, who have obtained livestock and goods, who dwell at the centre of the earth (Israel)'.

Ezekiel 38:14: Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, "Thus says the Lord God: In that day when My people Israel dwell securely, will you not know it and be aroused to jealousy? You will come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great host, a mighty army. You shall come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. In the latter days I will bring you against My land, that the nations may know Me when My holiness shall be vindicated through you, O Gog, before their eyes."

Ezekiel 38:17: Thus says the Lord God: "Are you (Gog) he of whom I have spoken in olden times by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for years that I would bring you against them? In that day when Gog shall come against the land of Israel", says the Lord God, "My wrath shall come up into My nostrils for in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath have I said, 'Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel so that the fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall tremble at My presence; and the mountains shall be thrown down and the steep places shall fall and every wall will fall to the ground, and I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains', says the Lord God, 'Every man's sword shall be against his brother, and with pestilence and with bloodshed will I enter into judgement with Gog, and I will rain upon him and upon his hordes and upon the many peoples that are with him torrents of rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone'. Thus will I demonstrate My greatness and My holiness, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations; yes, they shall know that I am the Lord."

Ezekiel 39:1 to 7: You, son of man (Ezekiel), prophesy against Gog, Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief ruler of Rosh, of Meshech, and of Tubal. I will turn you about and will lead you on, and will cause you to come up from the uttermost parts of the north and will lead you against the mountains of Israel. I will smite your bow from your left hand and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand. You will fall dead on the mountains of Israel, you and all your hosts and the peoples who are with you. I will give you to the ravenous birds of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. You will fall in the open field, for I have spoken," says the Lord God. "I will send fire on Magog and upon those who dwell securely in the coastlands, and they will know that I am the Lord. I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name any more; the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One of Israel."

Revelation 19:20 to 20:10: The beast (an evil ruler) was seized and with him the false prophet (yet to be identified) who in his presence had worked wonders and did miracles by which he deceived those who had accepted the mark of the beast and those who paid homage to his statue. Both of them were hurled alive into the fiery lake that burns with brimstone. The rest were killed with the sword that issues from the mouth of Him Who is mounted on the horse, and all the birds fed ravenously with their flesh. Then I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the key of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and a great chain was in his hand. He overpowered the dragon, that old serpent that is the devil and Satan, and securely bound him for a thousand years. Then the angel hurled the devil into the Abyss and closed it and sealed it above him,

so that he should no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years were at an end. After that he must be liberated for a short time. Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges, to pass sentence, was entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witnessing to Jesus and for preaching the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. They lived again and ruled with Jesus the Messiah a thousand years. The remainder of the dead (the unsaved people) were not restored to life again until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the person who takes part in the first resurrection! Over them the second death (the lake of fire) exerts no power but they shall be ministers of God and of Jesus the Messiah, and they shall rule along with Him a thousand years. **After the thousand years are completed**, Satan will be released from the Abyss and he will go forth to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, **Gog** and **Magog**, to gather them for war; their number is like the sand of the sea. They swarmed up over the broad plain of the earth and encircled the fortress of God's people and the beloved city (Jerusalem); but fire descended from heaven and consumed them. Then the devil who had been deceiving them was hurled into the fiery lake of burning brimstone, where the beast and false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever'.

There are many hundreds of people around the world who firmly believe we are about to be involved in the Gog and Magog war, but if we compare the verses in Ezekiel with the verses in Revelation we can see that according to the Bible, the Gog and Magog war will not be happening for over a thousand years – literally, **after the thousand years of peace are completed**, and as we know, the thousand years of peace has not happened yet, so that has to be in our future. The 'last days' and the 'latter years' are two different time frames. We are living in the last days of this age of grace, but we still have at least one thousand years left of human history that will bring us to the latter years. The latter years bring us to the end of this earth, which will be destroyed by fire. 'The present heavens and earth have been kept for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the unrighteous people. Nevertheless, do not let this one fact escape you, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day ... The day of the Lord will come like a thief, then the heavens will vanish with a thunderous crash, and the universe will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up ... Wait for the coming of the day of God, when the flaming heavens will be dissolved, and the universe will melt with fire. We look for a new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness dwells' (2 Peter 3:7 to 13).

In our time in history, there is no ruler or commander who fits the description of Gog. According to the prophecy of Ezekiel, the ruler named Gog rules the countries we now call Russia, Northern Asia, Iran, Turkey, Libya, down to Ethiopia and no past ruler or empire has ruled those particular nations together, but that could happen in the future. The ruler named as Gomer, rules a huge population in the whole of the northern part of the northern hemisphere, and that is not the case in this day and age. Further to that, Siberia is currently part of Russia, but in the prophecy, Siberia (Togarmah) is ruled by Gomer, while Russia (Rosh) is ruled by Gog.

The wording in both sets of prophecies; in Ezekiel and in Revelation are very similar. Both prophecies express the Lord's displeasure in Gog's leadership. Both prophecies make it clear that the hordes from the north come down to attack Israel because of jealousy of Israel's prosperity. In both prophecies, birds and animals feed on the slain bodies of the evil hordes that waged war on Israel. Both prophecies make it clear that the warlords will fight on horseback, with swords. In this age, tanks, guns and rockets are used for war. Life in over a thousand years from now might be very different from what we know today. In Ezekiel 38:8 and in Revelation 20:8, the hordes are gathered for war at the word of the Lord to show His sovereignty and power, and that He always fights for Israel. Israel was, is and will always be God's chosen land.

There are scriptural differences between the two future prophetic wars; the Battle of Armageddon and the Gog and Magog war. 'I (Apostle John) saw three loathsome spirits like frogs, coming out from the mouth of the dragon and from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet. For really they are the spirits of demons that perform miracles. They go forth to the leaders all over the world to gather them together for war on the great day of God the Almighty. Behold, I AM going to come suddenly like a thief! Blessed is he who stays alert and who guards his clothes (righteousness), so that he may not be naked and be exposed (as a hypocrite). They (the demons) gathered them (the leaders) together at the place which in Hebrew is called Megiddo' (Revelation 16:13 to 16). The Battle of Armageddon held at the site of the Valley of Megiddo, according to the Book of Revelation, involves all nations on the earth as they amass against Israel under the influence of demonic forces, solely to destroy the Jewish people during a time of immense

strife. Jesus will come suddenly to defend Israel. The Battle of Armageddon involves the whole earth; it is a world war, which precedes the Gog war.

In regards to the Gog and Gomer war, Ezekiel mentions specific allies that come down from the Asian north, solely to take the resources and riches of Israel, and they surrounded Jerusalem. They will be overcome by the forces of nature that begin on the mountains of Israel. The Gog and Gomer invasion begins when Israel is wealthy and secure, something it is not at this time in history. Other nations will stand up in opposition against the Gog invasion. 'Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish, with all their lion cubs (small neighbouring countries), shall say to you, "Have you come to take spoil? Have you gathered your hordes to take the prey? To carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take a great spoil?"' (Ezekiel 38:13). That war involves only a few nations in the Northern Hemisphere and does not come close to the Southern Hemisphere.

The people of Magog descended from Noah's son Japheth who moved to Persia, north to Java, China, Russia, north of the Black Sea, East of the Caspian Sea and Mongolia. 'This is the history of the descendants of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth. The sons born to them after the flood were: The sons of Japheth: **Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech**, and Tiras ... The sons of **Gomer**: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and **Togarmah** ... From these the coastland peoples spread in their lands, each with his own language, by their families within their nations' (Genesis 10:1 to 5). These are the nations that move south to attack Israel during the Gog – Gomer – Magog war, and they are mostly Asian nations. Gog and Gomer are unlikely to be the rulers' real names. Their Biblical names would be given to us by the Lord to reveal from where, and from which bloodline they came.

The scriptures reveal Israel is not going to suffer the Gog and Magog war just yet, but that does not mean we will have no wars. Jesus said there would be wars but we are to look to Him, because our eternal life is very near. 'When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not become alarmed for all this must take place first, but that is not the end (of the earth) ... When these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near' (Luke 21:9 & 28).

Amen and God bless you.

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