

THE GOG AND MAGOGG WAR: PART 1 OF 4 (EZEKIEL 38)

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Greg: You could just come in here and I could just preach a fluffy message and say “God loves you” “You’re wonderful” and that kind of stuff; and that’s what most people want today, but the reason we exist is that we want to be Bible students. We want to understand what is going on in the world; and the way to understand what is going on in the world is to understand the book. And so, I hope you come here with the attitude “Gimme some meat preacher, gimme some meat. Give me something I can really chew on, something that really matters, something that really means something.”

I want to tell you: THIS MEANS SOMETHING. And, I’m going to say this again at some point in the message I am sure but, we don’t know for sure when this is going to happen. This may happen before the rapture; it may happen after the rapture. Good solid teachers differ on when they think this going to happen. But one thing I believe is by looking at the world’s situation, seeing this size up, we know that it’s close, and if it’s close, the rapture has got to be close.

So that is our motivation for getting in here, and I hope that stoke’s your interest enough to at least pay attention this morning (quiet laughter). Let’s open with a word of prayer:

Father, thank you for this time we can spend in your word. We thank you for the fact that we have a God who is in control and has told us ahead of time what is going to happen. Lord, may this encourage us, may it cause us to be re-invigorated in our faith in your word and allow it to light a fire in us; that we will use what time we have left on this earth to serve you, to live a Holy life. To live in a way that is pleasing in your sight and in a way that you can use us. We want to be your vessel Lord, to be used to reach out to others, to preach the gospel, to give someone a Christ-like word of encouragement when they need it, to give them a helping hand when we can do something to help them. To show them the love of Jesus Christ by telling and preaching the truth as well as living it out. And Lord, we

thank you for every opportunity, including coming here this morning and being able to obey your commandment not to forsake the gathering of ourselves together, even more so as we see the end coming. We just ask Lord, that you would help us to pay attention and be taught by the Holy Spirit and we pray all of this in Jesus name, amen.

Alright, you're going to see this map a few times so I'm not going to get into it right now, but this was given to me some time ago, I don't even know where it came from.



I went on the internet to look and I have seen other people use it, but no one seems to know where it came from. But my research shows it is very likely very accurate relating the Biblical names of the countries involved in this thing and where they are located today; so that is the point of that map and the reason you see that up there.

We are going to see as we study this and see these as nations, and as you pay attention to the news...Now listen, I am not telling you to go watch ABC, NBC, CBS, MSNBC, CNN, TIME, Newsweek...that's not news, that's propaganda. I am telling you to simply pay attention to what is going on in the world. No you can glean some things from those news agencies, but I recommend you go right to the source. If you want to find out what is going on in Israel then you can go to the library or get on the internet and get the papers in Israel.

The Jerusalem Post, the Israel Times, there are numerous different papers that will tell you what is going on over there. There are also some good news organizations that I think are pretty trustworthy like World Net Daily, American Family News and One News Now. So there are good news sources out there. But no matter where you get your news, you judge it just like you judge anything else; by the word of God. So when they say, "Israel is wrong for building on their own land" you can look in God's word and see that actually no, Israel is right. So you have to watch that. Judge everything by what the scripture says.

So let's start with a couple of verse in Ezekiel 38:1-2:

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him...

So in those first two verses, you are already introduced to some of the main players in this war that is going to take place:



Gog: which is not actually listed on this map, is referring to Russia. Now if you went back to the days of Ezekiel, it may not be the entire nation of Russia; they may not have the exact same borders. But you get the idea, as you are reading this that Ezekiel is referring to a whole region. And he names the different people that are living in that area during his day.

Magog: is identified with the land mass that is today covered by the Stan's: Uzbekistan, Pakistan, all those "stan" countries. When a country has the last name of "stan" that pretty much means it is Muslim. You are talking about the Muslim confederation that is south of Russia.

Meshech: is identified with the East area of Turkey in Ezekiel's day.

Tubal: which was East, but Northeast of Meshech.

He continues in verses 3 & 4:

And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all fo the clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with buckelrs and shields, all of them handling swords:...

“...hook into thy jaws.”

Russia will not really want to fight, but God will force their hand. You ask, “If they don’t want this war, then why would they fight?” Go study all the wars. The revolutionary war: our founders didn’t want war; they were forced into it. There were some in America and England that wanted to force us into war, but the majority of people who fought in the revolutionary war wanted to get along with King George. They were saying “stop taxing us to death, stop taking our property, stop putting soldiers to quarter in our personal and private homes, stop taking our goods, stop taking our horses”, they were just raping and pillaging. They had no choice but to go to war. That is why they came up with the Declaration of Independence.

The North and the South in the Civil War; neither side wanted that war. The Yanks, most of the people in the North and the politicians didn’t want that war, and the people in the South knew they were very outnumbered and very likely to lose the war. Abraham Lincoln said if he could have saved the union without freeing a single slave he would have done it, but then he did instigate it at Sumter; I’m just saying.

Go through all the wars; World War I. Neither America nor Europe wanted to get into that war. Arch Duke Ferdinand was assassinated and then it was just a domino effect. Because one country had signed a treaty with another country, they were obligated to go to war and then other countries who had signed treaties had to and then overnight you ended up with a world war.

That is kind of what is happening with Russia today. Russia has agreements with Iran, the “Stan” countries, Turkey and Syria. Look at what is going on with Syria. Russia is in neck deep with that. They have made agreements with Syria; they have supplied Syria with arms, and Syria has supplied Russia with things they need. It is a mutual back scratching situation and if one goes to war, they both go to war. That is what is going on.

That is what it means in Ezekiel verses 3 & 4: Russia will not want to go to war, but God will force their hand. God is going to put a hook in their jaw and drag them... just like you catch a fish. You don't always need bait. I have caught a fish without bait...has anyone else? I'm not saying that is the best way to do it, but I have caught fish without bait.

Verse 5 adds some of the secondary characters to this thing, but they are still going to be a part of it:

Persia, Ethiopia and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:...

Now, those three nations; two of them are still called the same thing today.

Persia: refers to Iran, but also includes Iraq.



Persia:
Iran-Iraq

Ethiopia:
East Africa

Libya:
Horn of Africa

Ancient Persia: was not just Iran...it was Iran and Iraq, which you will see if you go back and look at the Persian territory in Ezekiel's day. It was known as Persia right up until the time that the Shaw took over, which was just in the last hundred years.

Ethiopia: back in Ezekiel's day was much bigger than it is today; it took up a large portion of East Africa.

Libya: took up the whole horn of Africa; the top area that kind of "hooks" around.

Modern Libya is included in this too, but is actually more of the countries around Libya as well.

Verses 6 & 7:

Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.



Gomer: Extends from Turkey and even down into southeast Europe.

Gomer's Bands: Include west Turkey and those small islands around there.

Togarmah: Points us in the direction of modern take Afghanistan.

Togarmah's Bands: would be some of those other Islamic "Stan" nations. Turkmenistan is one of them.

Verse 8:

After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

“...in the latter years.” It is important to note here to read this in context. CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT. Today, people will dismiss this and say “This is talking about something that happened years ago.” Listen folks, you can’t find anything in history that matches this. You cannot find anything in history where all of those nations do what we read they are going to do here. This is future, and it tells you right there. The reference to “the latter years” is equivalent to the last days; it is the same phrase. We refer to the “End times”.

Read it closely and pay attention. What land has been brought back from the sword and is gathered out of many people? That’s Israel! He is talking about all these nations come together into this land called the Mountains of Israel. You cannot spiritualize this, which a lot of people try to do. He specifies that it came back from the sword.

70 A.D. and again in 135 A.D. the Jews were completely decimated and run out of that land. In 70 A.D there was still a good sized remnant remaining, but in 135 thanks to a false messiah they were dispersed finally until the late 19th century. In the 19th century, a bunch of unbelieving, illuminatus Jews worked to get the Jews back in their land. Then because of the holocaust and the slaughter of the Jews in Europe, the world community gave them their land by an act of the United Nations and in 1948 they declared themselves a nation. The British left and the Jews established themselves as a nation and our President Harry Truman immediately recognized them as a nation. I believe that is why we got the atom bomb and Hitler didn’t.

God says, “I will bless them that bless thee, and I will curse them that curseth thee.” A bunch of German Jews gave us the atom bomb. Hitler cut his own throat, ran the Jews out of his country, they came to America, America blessed Israel

recognizing them as a nation so that no one could deny it after that, and we got the atom bomb. I believe that is all tied together.

Back to verse 8:

“...which have been always waste:”

The news media liars pretend that there was a big, thriving, Arab community over there and the Jews ran them out and stole their land. That is a lie! And don't believe me, believe Mark Twain. Go read the reports of anyone who lived during the end of the 19th century, read the reports of people who visited over there through the centuries, and you will find out that other than some times where the Muslims and the crusaders setup camp there, it was nothing but a desolate wasteland.

Samuel Clemens (AKA Mark Twain) published a report in the papers during his day regarding his astonishment at how desolate the land was:

“Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes. Over it broods the spell of a curse that has withered its fields and fettered its energies... Palestine is desolate and unlovely... It is a hopeless, dreary, heartbroken land... [a] desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds - a silent mournful expanse...

“A desolation is here that not even imagination can grace with the pomp of life and action... We never saw a human being on the whole route... There was hardly a tree or a shrub anywhere. Even the olive and the cactus, those fast friends of the worthless soil, had almost deserted the country...”

– Mark Twain (*describing Palestine on a visit in 1867*).

When the Jews came back, they started buying the land...they didn't steal it! They bought huge portions of swamp and desert. They drained the swamp and got rid of the mosquitos and malaria, and they irrigated the desert and suddenly things began to grow there for the first time since 135 A.D. They brought back a dead language called Hebrew, practicing a religion and culture that had been maintained since the time of 135 A.D., as apostate as it is seeing as they still reject their Messiah. They still pretend to keep the Sabbath and have a temple called a synagogue. It is all fake, it is not biblical, but it has been maintained since 135 and they all came back to the land in unbelief.

The reason I just went into all of that is because you have a bunch of dumb, stupid gentiles here in America trying to tell you that what is going on in Israel is not a fulfillment of Bible prophecy because, even though the Jews went back, they are still in unbelief. That is exactly what God said would happen. God said they would go back in unbelief. In Zechariah it says that when He returns, 2/3 of the Jews will be killed and the 1/3 that is left will look upon whom they have pierced and they will mourn...because they had rejected Him right up until that moment.

Zechariah 12:10

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

So when some ignoramus gentile tells you that the Jews in Israel today are not a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, feel free to tell him how dumb he is. Somebody's got to start! They are taking over the churches and the seminaries and turning the whole gentile population into a bunch of twits! How can anyone look at what is going on in Israel and deny God's hand?! That is like the epitome of stupidity!

Gentiles, that is why. They have always been jealous of the Jews. Jews are business tycoons, man. Noah prophesied about us Gentiles; that Japheth would dwell in the tents of Shem. Think about that. That is exactly what we have been doing. We have been living off of the Jews throughout most of our history. The Jews built up the economy.

There is a story, I cannot remember where I heard it from, but it takes place in Russia. A Russian man is talking to a Jewish man and he says,

Jew: "You live in the village down the road, correct?"

Russian: "Yes, I live there and we don't have any Jews."

Jew: "Yes, that is why it is still a village."

(Laughter)

Now, getting back to the verse. It's always been waste and it has been brought forth out of the nations and now they shall dwell safely, all of them.

People will try to tell you that Israel is not dwelling safely, they are under threat all the time. This is partially true...they are under threat BUT...they are safe. Every time the Arab's have tried to attack them, the Arabs have tucked tail and RUN. Man, if you want to see the hand of God, go watch the documentaries of these wars with Israel. Whether it is the 1948, 1967, 1973, Yom Kippur war...it doesn't

matter. They were outnumbered and should have lost every single one of those wars. God will not let Israel die.

If I could get political for just a second, if the Christians would stop selling their souls out to the Neocon's in the Republican Party, things might change in this country. You've got a bunch of republican Neocon's like George W. Bush who says things like "I love Jesus" and "I support Israel", and what's he do...he tries to force Israel to disobey God and divide their land. And God says, I'm gonna destroy you, America. Joel 3: 1-2 says, I am going to take every one of you who tries to divide her land and I am going to take you and bring you down to Armageddon, and I'm going to deal with you.

Christians have been misled by the leadership; the evangelical leaders of this country. You should be pro-Israel. But that doesn't mean that just because some politician claims to be pro-Israel, you should back him. The best thing that could happen is for American Christians to start believing the Bible. The Bible says God is the defender of Israel, not the United States of America. We need to butt out. And if America would butt out and not do anything against Israel, voicing our support for Israel, things would change.

But it's not going to change, because both parties want to divide that land. And in mid-February of this year, (this is going to make me sound anti-Israel, but I am not) the blind Jews just demonstrated they are still blind, and they gave the pope part of his request for the city of Jerusalem. And the word is they are lining up to give over huge portions of Jerusalem to Vatican control. They think they are going to get peace by giving up land; they are blind. The Vatican claims Jerusalem as their capital. It is a country...Vatican is a state in the United Nations.

The pope isn't a religious leader...he is a political leader. Who also heads up a cult. And he claims to be the head of the world. And one of these days, there is coming a pope who is going to be head of the world, and he is called the antichrist. And the evangelical leaders, who don't teach that, do it because of cold hard cash. They don't tell you the truth about the final pope becoming the antichrist because they will lose money.

