

## **THE GOG AND MAGOG WAR: PART 2 OF 4 EZEKIEL 38**

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**Greg:** Just this past week and this is going to sound like I am anti-Israel when I say this, but the blind leaders in Israel just demonstrated they are still blind. They gave the pope part of his request for the city of Jerusalem. And the word is, they are lining up to hand over huge portions of Israel to Vatican control. Why would they do that? They think they are going to get peace by giving up land.

They are blind. I don't know if you know this or not, but the Vatican claims Jerusalem as their capital. You say, what do you mean? It's a country. Vatican is a state in the United Nations.

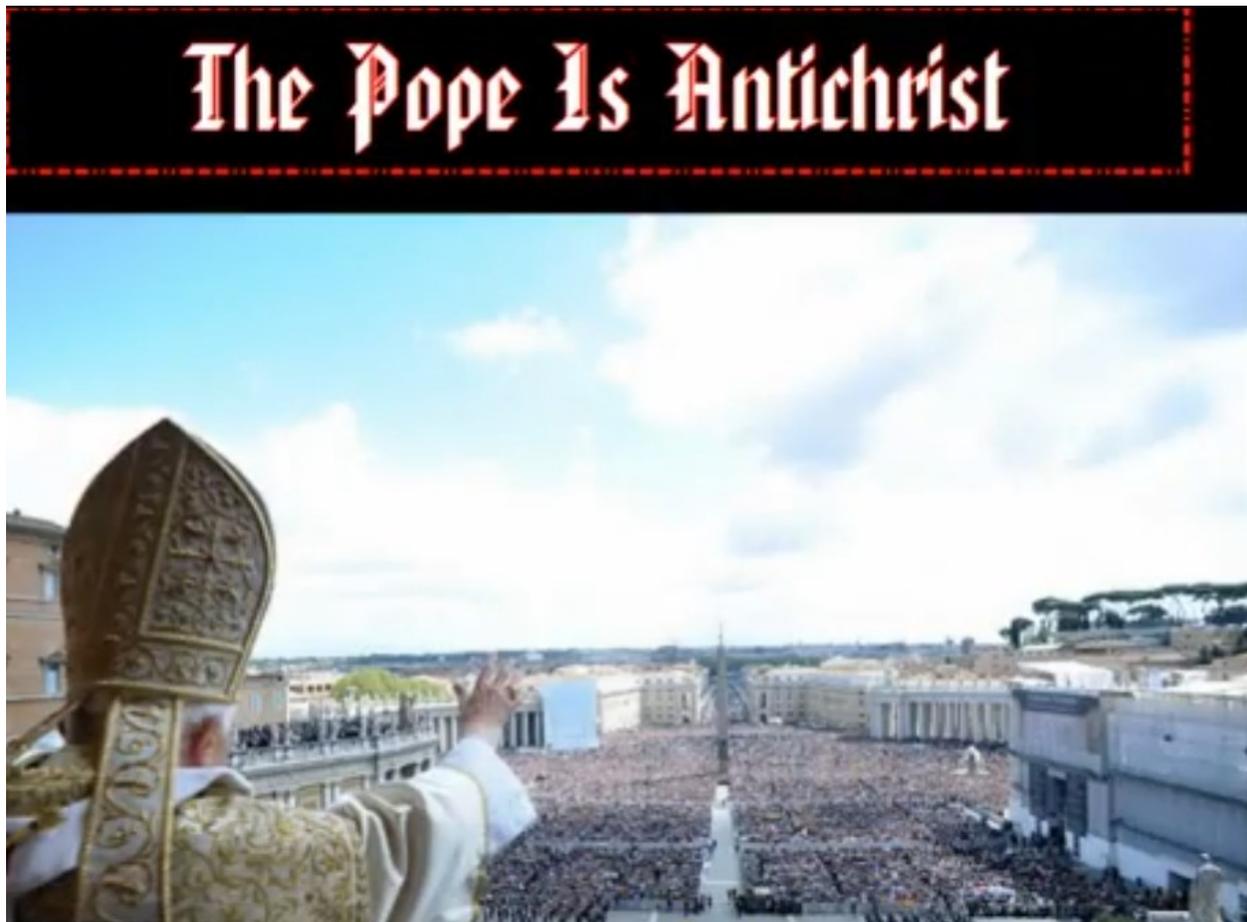
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**Reporter:** In its 80 year history, the Vatican state has proved itself to be adaptable and capable of rising to both past and future challenges, be they related to the pope's mission, the church's needs or the constantly changing situation in society. Pope Benedict's remarks came in an address to participants of the seminar held in Rome marking the anniversary of the Lateran pacts, signed on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1929.

The pope especially praised the far-sighted works carried out by Pope Pius the eleventh, who wanted the treaty in order to give the church full independence. Today, the Vatican state with its treasures of faith, history and art is the custodian of a precious heritage for all mankind. And from its heart, the tomb of St. Peter, where the pope resides, it raises an unceasing message of true social progress, hope, reconciliation and peace.

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**Greg:** The pope isn't a religious leader, he is a political leader; who also heads up a cult. He claims to be the head of the world. And one of these days, there is coming a pope who is going to be the head of the world; he is called the anti-Christ.



These evangelical preachers that don't preach that to you today, do it because of cold hard cash. They don't tell you the truth about the pope being the anti-Christ and there coming a final pope that is going to be **the** anti-Christ because they will lose money if they do so. And I'm not going to get going off on that right now, but that is the background you need to understand about this whole thing going on over there.

The Vatican wants control of Jerusalem and one day they're gonna get it. And one day the pope is going to declare himself, now brace yourself – he's already done it, he's going to publically announce that he is King of Kings and King of Jerusalem! The Bible calls Jerusalem the city of the great King; talking about Messiah Jesus Christ. It's not talking about some pope.

And all that you see going on over there in the news is...the stage is set folks. Never in humans history has the stage been set the way it is right now. So yeah, I know that you get a little ticked off when you see this stuff, and you're like "oh man, how can they do that?" But no, get yourself ready! Look up!

**Mike Khaler:** We are getting ready to get yanked out of here!

**Greg:** Yes!

The temple is already ready to be built. What it is waiting on, I believe is the rapture, and then the anti-Christ will confirm the covenant (Daniel 9:27) which includes blood sacrifice of animals again, which means there will be a temple.

Alright now, I want to move on with this study, but that is the background you've got to keep in mind.

“the land brought back from the sword...  
against the mountains of Israel,...

There is no basis for NOT  
taking this at face value.

This is WAR with Israel.

This is war with Israel, and it's shaping up. Ezekiel 38:9, read that with me:

Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

This is the blitzkrieg on steroids! This will make Hitler's invasion of Russia and Hitler's invasion of France look like slow motion. It is **real** shock and awe. What you saw on CNN back in the Iraq war; that was practice. That was just the news media getting used to covering that kind of stuff. They've gotta hone their skills, cause when this happens, it will be covered; the world will see what's going on.

So this huge massive storm trooper invasion from the North comes into Israel; now let's read a couple of verses: Ezekiel 38:10-11.

Thus saith the Lord GOD; it shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates...

Now listen, you go to Israel today, and they only have a small portion of land where they have a wall; the rest is just open. That's why they don't want to give up, for example, the West Bank. Because if they do, that leaves a tiny little sliver between the North and the South and it is indefensible. When American politicians try to tell them to give up the West Bank, they may as well say "cut your throat" because that is what will happen.

Now, we're not going to look at it right now, but there is a passage in Ezekiel that does talk about him taking Israel and making it two sticks; Israel and Judah. And if something happens in that mid-region, which is really just a sliver of land (if you don't count the West Bank), then what you'll have is just like back in the Old Testament; Israel to the North, Judah to the South. Split by land where there might just be a Nuclear holocaust...that is a possibility. And we're going to see that in a later study.

Continue on in verse 12, read with me:

To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are inhabited, and up the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

Now, this will blow your mind! If you know what Israel **was** a hundred years ago, and what it is **now**, and you look at this, and he even says: **“thine hand upon the desolate places”** (in Ezekiel’s day) that are now inhabited (our day). He is telling you that right now it is desolate but in these latter days it is inhabited. And Israel, doesn’t it have something like 12 million people now?

**Church member:** It’s actually closer to 8 million. It is very prosperous right now in so many areas.

**Greg:** 8 million. Oh, it’s unbelievable! Just do a search on the internet about Israel and the word “technology”, Israel and “medical technology”, Israel and “military”, diamonds...They are Europe’s number one importer of oranges! Now listen, if you would have gone back to, I don’t care, 1950 or beyond that and told people this, they would have said, “You’re loony. There is no way that’s gonna happen”; especially, if they had actually visited over there.

And look back in verse 12 it even says, **“...gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods...”** Did you know there are cowboys in Israel today? (quiet

laughter) They've got cowboys in Israel today!



The screenshot shows the MailOnline website header with a navigation menu. The main article title is "Cowboys riding the Israel trail" by Max Wooldridge, last updated on September 22, 2000. The article text describes a Mancunian cowboy named Dave who works as a ranch hand at Vered Hagail farm near the Sea of Galilee. A sign on the wall reads: "The more people I know the more I love my horse." He'd obviously been expecting us.

And they know how to grow 'em! (laughter)

It's like Jacob and the speckled cattle, and how his were growing leaps and bounds and the others didn't; that's the way this is.

Now we are going to be introduced to a few more characters in this, verse 13, read it with me:

[Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? Hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? To carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?](#)

Now, we are going to look at these characters in bold a little closer:

## **Ezekiel 38:13\***

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Sheba, Dedan, Tarshish and the young lions; but look, they don't like what is going on in this war; but they don't do anything. They look at these others who have been invading; Russia, the "Stan" countries, Libya, Ethiopia and they were saying "what are you doing?" They were protesting; but they're not doing anything. They're just not happy with it diplomatically.

Just why did those countries come down there? They came down there to rape Israel of its natural resources, and its goods and its people. If you don't know it, you need to know it; Russia is very, very, very poor. And their economy started to take off in the 90's, but they have so much corruption, so much mob rule. So the normal citizens are so poor, they're destitute and diseased. The healthcare system

there is almost null and void; there is very little healthcare for those who get sick, the sexually transmitted diseases just sky-rocketed. It is like looking into the dark ages in Russia today.

One guy on the internet said their healthcare right now is vodka. He wasn't kidding, he said you get sick or injured they just keep you drunk. And if you get better then fine, and if you die then that's it. Well...that's what's gonna bring them down, that is the hook in the jaw. That is the inter-related treaties and the desperation for food and for goods.

Now, just so you know who he is talking about there...

Sheba is Arabia (includes Saudi Arabia and Arabian nations)

Dedan is Arabia

Tarshish is Central/South Europe (not on the map) \*A lot of people identify it with Spain because in Spain's early years, it covered a lot of France, England and other parts of Europe. Spain was huge.

Young Lions is West/North Europe: the offspring of Spain...the colonies. You might even include England in that.



I do not think that England is going to be involved in this war at all. I think they'll do exactly what it says here...so it makes sense. Saudi Arabia is like the home of Islam, but if you notice, they don't get involved; that is their history with Israel. I think they did get involved in the first war, to some extent, but they haven't really *fought* Israel. They will publically voice opposition against Israel, but in the United Nations, they vote with the United States most of the time in *favor* of Israel.

So if you look at these countries, Europe is very anti-Semitic still, but they don't get involved in the wars with Israel and diplomatically they usually defend Israel; especially when they are being attacked.

So if you look again at verse 13 at what it says:

**“...art thou come to take a spoil? Hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey?”**

He’s saying, “You’re just in this for no good reason. You haven’t been attacked. you don’t have a right to go to war just because you want what they have.”

Well...that’s what’s going to happen. You’re going to have Russia and all those Stan countries come down on Israel and the UN Security Council will verbally protest, and this is an actual picture of what the UN Security Council looks like. And they will sit back and “Observe”.



**The UN Security Council will verbally PROTEST.**

**And sit back and “Observe”.**

And if you look at it, what did they do in previous wars when Israel was attacked? They didn’t get involved. And what I’m saying is, really, that’s what ought to

happen. America is not the savior of Israel; the Lord is. That is what he is saying here in this text. This is where we are going to close it for this week's study.

But God is going to say, "Looks gloomy!" This little tiny sliver of land called Israel being attack by all these countries all around it. And by human understanding, that is a lost cause. They should have no chance whatsoever to win that war. But look at what God says in verses 14 and 15:

Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

Just as a footnote, yes, I do believe it's going to be horse back. Here's how I think it's going to play out: If you don't think they've got a lot of horses over there already, you need to study up on your equestrian situation over there. (light laughter) Here's why: Israel is going to see this coming. They're not just going to be sitting there eating bagels and, whatever else we stereotype them as doing you know, counting money (laughs). They are always watching! They put our intelligence here in America in the CIA and NSA to shame.

What I believe is going to happen, I'm not prophesying, this is just how I think it's going to go down. As soon as they start to come down, yeah they are going to come in tanks and airplanes and everything got, Israel is going to set off about a dozen nuclear bombs about 3,000 miles high in the sky. That is called an electromagnetic pulse. Everything with electronics is rendered useless. But that's not going to stop them; that is when they will change horses...and they will go from the tank, to the horse. And I think that is really going to happen.

I think during the great tribulation a lot of those things you read about in passages that look archaic, but if you realize that if we lose electricity that is what we go back to. We go back to all those old ways of doing things. Our military, if you talk to the right people in the right parts of our military, they'll tell you, they train for that. They are training to be able to cope with the loss of electronics; which is why the American military has so many horses themselves.

**Church Member:** Exactly, that's like when we first went to Afghanistan, you think they rolled up in trucks and jeeps? No, they rode up on horses there.

**Greg:** Yeah! Iraq, the troops that we down there; one of the things that they learned from the first desert storm was, you don't even need and EMP, you have so much trouble with the sand. It gets into the hydraulics and the engines and they have trouble keeping things running.



That is when they decided that they needed more horses.

(News Clip)

**Reporter:** Three teams of U.S. Special Operations forces; just 34 men on horseback, taking on the terrorists who attacked America on 9/11.

**Soldier:** The falling of those towers launched us off on horseback.

**Reporter:** It was considered a suicide mission from a cavalry charge.

**Soldier2:** It really looking like something you would envision from the Old Testament. Cecil B Demil would be filming and Charlton Heston would come walking out of one of those villages.

**VP Joe Biden:** It sounds like something out of a movie, but this is real; this happened.

**Greg:** So it says here at the end of the verse: “...**a great company, and a mighty army...**”

I just want to ask this question: who else is North of Israel? Is there some country up in the arctic? Is Canada gonna come over and invade? (light laughter) The Eskimo invasion? (light laughter) No, but it is clear who he is talking about. Look at the map:



**What ELSE is  
NORTH of Israel?**

**Nothing but  
Russia, Turkey,  
the “Stans” and  
Eastern Europe.**

It's Russia, Turkey and all those Islamic nations right there in the north. Some make much of the fact that Israel is said to “dwelleth safely” and they claim that Israel is under constant threat; but it doesn't say they won't be threatened, but that they will be SAFE. And Israel IS Safe...until...we come to this verse. Look at verse 16 and read it:

**And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.**

Listen folks, don't let a bunch of dumb gentiles steer you wrong. That land is God's land. (Various Amen's from the church folk). He gave it to Israel; and it doesn't matter what the United Nations thinks, it doesn't matter what the Muslims think, it doesn't matter what American Patriots who claim to love their country but then turn on Israel think...THEY'RE STUPID! They're foolish! (Affirmations of Amen from church folk). You don't turn on God when He says "That's my land!" You go back and look, I believe it is in Deuteronomy or Leviticus, I used to have it memorized, but God says this is a land where He says "...my eyes are always upon it..." He says it's "My land". It has been given to Israel; nobody else.

God is going to use this situation, look it says: "...in the latter days". Notice also He refers to them as "...MY people Israel...". Again, a bunch of dumb gentiles are teaching that Israel has been replaced by the church. Listen, go to Romans chapter 11 and **read** it! It says that in the last days when the fullness of the Gentiles is come in that **then** God is going to save all Israel. It is clear that he is talking about the rapture...taking the church out and it comes down to that 70<sup>th</sup> week where God deals with Israel again. And in the end, all Israel that is still alive (he that shall endure to the end), shall be saved.

Now, this is part of the whole program; and I do believe that all of this is going to happen before the events of the book of Revelation.

Here is the reason why he is doing it, look again at verse 16 and here is where we are going to close, it says:

"...that the heathen may know me..."

Who are the heathen? Every single person that you know that is not a born again Christian. The whole PURPOSE of this war is to PROVE the Sovereignty of God to the NATIONS. God is going to prove again that He is Sovereign. The stage is being set before your eyes right now. God is proving Himself to those who really want to see it.

That is the question you have to ask yourself this morning: Do you want to see this? Is your relationship with the Lord about you or about the Lord? Today, most people are “coming to Jesus” so He can make their lives wonderful. Well, Jesus *will* make your life wonderful, but number one, that doesn’t mean that all your troubles are going to disappear; it means He carries you through those troubles. Number two, it still doesn’t mean it’s about you; it is still about God.

If you truly love the Lord, then your life is about His glory. Your life isn’t about you getting what you want out of life. Your life isn’t about you being happy. I believe Christians should be happy. We should have unspeakable joy and untold glory; but that is not the reason, the purpose or the goal. Psalm 24: 8-10, you ought to mark this down in your Bible. I will read it:

**Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates: even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.**

**Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.**

That is who is going to fight this war we are talking about. You see, God is going to show himself to the Nations in this war and then, He is going to pour out His wrath in seven seals, vials and trumpets, and He is going to judge the Nations. Then He is going to return in glory; and that is not just spiritual verbage. He is going to **walk** through the Benjamin gate and setup His Kingdom and rule and reign for a thousand years. It's real...it's real people. Amen? Amen. Let's pray.

Father we thank you for this study in your word, we thank you for the clarity you give us. We thank you that we live in days Daniel says, the End Times in which the wise will understand. Those who are born again, filled of the Spirit, who love the word, understand it and treat it with respect, understanding that is the word of God and not the word of men; those who rightly divide the word of truth...we can understand these things. We thank you for helping us Lord, for your Holy Spirit teaching us. We pray Lord, that these truths will settle into our hearts and motivate us to live our lives, lives of sacrifice. Lives were we sacrifice our own wants and our own needs; lives where we serve you and please you by serving others. Lord, may everyone in this room be challenged to do that; not for our own glory, but for the glory of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray, Amen.