

THE GOG AND MAGOG WAR: PART 3 OF 4 (EZEKIEL 38)

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Greg: Sadly what's going on in the world today basically catches most Christians off guard, because when they go to Bible study or church they learn how not to punch Susie in the nose when she says something mean or how to be nice to everybody and what God wants for you, and there is a place for that; but that is all they are ever hearing. It is a man-centered religion today.

True Christianity is a God-centered religion. If you go to church and all they talk about is you...you should be worried. Now, our study of the word of God on Sundays is to make you a Bible student; to enable you to understand the Bible. But it is also to enable you to understand what is going on in the world around you. So when you turn on the news at night and there is something going on, like a blizzard in the Northeast United States, it might not just be a "freak of nature."

I think what you might find out is that behind the scenes the European Union is pushing a peace treaty on Israel, and the United States and the State Department is also behind the scenes pushing the same thing. Now, if you understand what God's word means when it talks about those who try to divide the land of Israel, and you see things like that

happening, you start to put two and two together. We always like to advertise a book titled: As America Has Done to Israel.



This book lays it all out going back further than the last couple of decades. It shows that major disasters in America are connected directly to the United States government going against Israel. By the way, on our website, we put a new article up. How many people have heard about the U.S.S. Liberty attack? They are claiming that Israel just attacked the United States for no reason...and the reason we haven't

heard much about it is because, of course, the Jews control the media (sarcasm).

But there is a whole story behind that; that the United States of America was actually helping the Arabs in the 1967 six day war, and Israel had no choice but to disable the U.S.S. Liberty in order to protect themselves from being destroyed. They could have sunk it and killed everybody on board, but they didn't. So, we have an article on the website about that.

So, there are many reasons for why we teach here, but one of the reasons is there are many people who can't make it, but there are also literally thousands of people listening on the radio and the internet. All messages from the Bible are important, but these messages are very pertinent to the times we are living in now. What year is it?

Church Member: 2013

Greg: I'm just kidding, I know what year it is...2012. (laughter)

I can't keep up...that's when you know you are getting old; when you can't keep up. (more laughter)

So we are seeing this prophesied Gog Magog war, it's what we started last week, and I'm not going to go back over everything, but I just wanted to give you a bird's eye view of what we talked about last week.



You read the first sixteen verses of Ezekiel 38 and you see we've identified the nations involved in this war. Gog being Russia, Magog being the Islamic "stan" nations; and I mix that up because it is not exact, and we will talk more about that a little later on. Meshech is East Turkey, Tubal is Northeast Turkey. Persia encompasses modern day Iran and Iraq, Ethiopia takes up more than just today's Ethiopia, but actually takes up most of the East continent of Africa. Libya is the horn of Africa, and Gomer is North Turkey but even goes up into Europe. Gomer's bands would be West Turkey up into Europe and then you have Togarmah which is identified with modern Afghanistan and Togarmah's

bands would be some of the other Islamic “stan” nations; and this map lays that out.

I want to show this, it is not a contradiction, it is just additional information that lends to understanding who these nations are referring to. I didn't want to get bogged down on this, and I didn't want to get bogged down on this last week so I saved it for this week to share this; so I want to just lay this out and move on. The word “Magog”, this is a quote from J. Vernon McGee:

“Magog means ‘head’; it is the Hebrew word Rosh, which means head. Dean Stanley, in his exhaustive work called **History of the Eastern Church** has a note founded on Gesenius, who is considered to be a great Hebrew scholar, to the effect that the word Rosh should be Russia...”

So the Hebrew word Rosh, in 1611 they translated that into Magog... that is not an error. But it is understood that it is the same as the word that is today understood to be Russia; Rosh. He continues in this quote and says:

“Bishop Lowther made the statement that Rosh taken as a proper name in Ezekiel signified the inhabitants of Scythia from whom the modern Russians derive their name. You see, Russia was first called Muscovy, derived from Meshech. Ivan the Fourth, a czar of Russia, who was called

Ivan the Terrible came to the Muscovite throne in 1533...I am sure you detect that the name Meshech and Tubal certainly could like Moscow and Tobolsk, which is way over in Siberia.”

-J. Vernon McGee, “Thru the Bible,” Volume III, Pg. 512

You can't always make a name association...but a lot of times you can. There is a reason why one word sounds like another word a lot of times. My name is Miller and if you go back far enough in my lineage you'll find Mueller's; the name Mueller became Miller. I am sure a lot of you would find the same thing...some people with the last name Smith might have at one point been called Blacksmith, or Schmidt. So, I don't want everyone shouting out their names or anything, but you get the idea. (quiet laughter)

A few more examples of some of these nations involved in this war:



Some of the Islamic "stan" nations would be Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan; all those with the word "stan" on the end are Muslim. You just learned a HUGE lesson in geography, you're welcome! (laughter) You can really show off with that telling people "well, all these nations right here are Muslim" and people will be like, "Man, he really knows his stuff." (more laughter).

Well Sheba and Dedan used to just be known as Arabia, but now most of it is known as Saudi-Arabia because of the Saudis who control it.

Tarshish; a lot of people say this is identified with Spain. I put Central/South Europe because it would have been much bigger back then than today. That's what you have to understand. Iran, for example, was once known as Persia; and if you go back to Ezekiel's day, Persia covered a whole lot more land than Iran does today. So you have to take in all that information.

Young Lions: Then there is this reference to Tarshish "young lions." I believe that was the newer European nations that in Ezekiel's day were just being founded and settled.

So we saw in verse two, this war is God going against Gog, the land of Magog which we know includes: Russia and all these other "stan" nations and all that; we call it an Islamic Confederacy. He says in verse four, he is going to put a "...hook into thy jaws..." and He is going to bring them down onto or against the mountains of Israel. So basically now, you should understand the whole jest of this war that is going to go on.

Now, I am not making fun of anyone today, but I am saying some of you might be a little clueless about why this is important if you haven't been paying attention to what is going on in the world. Syria, is in the midst of a huge civil war. They are finding hundreds of people shot down and

butchered; just like you would see in those pictures of Nazi Germany. Now, it's actually Muslim factions against each other. And because the Russians have aligned themselves with the leader named Assad, they have said that if anybody moves in against him, they would respond. Well, if that happens, then America has said that if anybody comes against Israel, they will respond. So if Israel moves in against Syria, then you would have Russia moving in against Israel and then America moving in...see all that?

Because of our current administration, I do not believe that Israel should count on America. But what you do have is an alignment of nations, TODAY, February 2013. If you turn on the news you can see that there is right now a confederacy of nations ready to come down against Israel. It will change your lives. If America gets involved in this, there will be a draft; if America doesn't get involved in this, there will be an economic collapse. You understand what I just said? It doesn't matter which side we find ourselves on it, you are either going to see hundreds of thousands of Americans go over and die for this, or you are going to see an economic collapse. It's going to change your life; IF that happens before the rapture.

We don't know for sure if this happens before or right after the rapture. I have studied and read and I cannot tell you that I land on either side of that question. There is where we are going to have to live by faith. Walking by faith and not by sight, Amen? (multiple "Amens" from the church)



Now, while that goes on and the Islamic/Russian confederation comes down, the UN Security Council will just verbally protest. We saw that in our last study; they will just sit back and observe. That is what happens every time Israel has been attacked by all the Arabs before. I don't know if you knew this, but the Yom Kippur war, Richard Nixon was President, and Henry Kissinger, who was the communication envoy to Israel...when the war broke out, Israel simply needed some logistical support and some armaments...they didn't need our troops.

Henry Kissinger went to New York, hid in a hotel so they couldn't reach him, hoping Israel would get wiped out. He's a Jew folks...so was Judas. Hey, George Soros is a Jew. There's a whole bunch of Judas Iscariots wearing Jewish skin today. The Israeli Prime Minister, Golda Maier,

decided she wasn't waiting on Kissinger and she called Richard Nixon directly. She said, "Mr. President, if you don't help us, we are done."

Richard Nixon was raised by a good Quaker mother; and he said he remembered sitting on his mother's lap and one day she was looking at him when he was a little boy and she said, "Dicky, one of these days you are going to be in a position to help the Jews; and when that day comes, you'll know it and you'll do what's right." He said when he got that call from the Israeli Prime Minister, he knew this was that moment. He sent what was needed, and Israel was able to overcome that attack in the Yom Kippur war. But all America did diplomatically was this... verbal protest. And that is all they are going to do when this whole Gog/Magog thing kicks in.

So we left off in verse 16; read that with me:

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.

Too many Christians are ignorant and they don't know that that is not Palestinian land, it is not U.N. land, it is God's land. And in this verse and many, many other verses, God says, "It is **my** land and I have given it to the sons of Jacob." And because too many Americans are ignorant of that, they are bringing our nation to the brink of destruction. They are

cursing Israel, and God said, “I will bless them that bless thee, and I will curse them that curseth thee” (paraphrase). They are bringing a curse on this nation with their ignorance.

The land does not belong to the Palestinians or to the United Nations and here is a couple of examples:

Deuteronomy 11:11-12>

But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: ***A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year...***

Listen, you want to be like Jesus? Love that land! God cares for that land! It says the eyes of the Lord are always upon it. Think of that. From the beginning of the year to the end...365 days, and He cares for it.

Jeremiah 16:14-15>

Therefore, behold, the days come, sayeth the Lord, that it shall no more be said, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into ***their land that I gave unto their fathers.***

This is a prophecy of today, when they were taken captive of Babylon, they went to Babylon. But when they were driven from the land in 70 A.D. they went all over the world. A lot of them went into Russia. We are talking about the end times, the great re-gathering we are seeing today. It is God's land, He gave it to the Jews, and even when they were scattered around the world, He said it is THEIR land, and He is bringing them back into THEIR land that He gave to their fathers. You better get that straight because almost every newscast, every documentary and most of the secular books you will ever read on the subject will tell you it is not Israel's land and that Israel stole that land from the Palestinians.

That is NOT what God says. God says it was His land and He gave it to Israel. That is not all He says. Read verse 18 of Jeremiah with me:

And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled *my land*, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things.

Did you see that? You wonder why the inquisitions, the crusades, the Muslims destroying Israel, the Holocaust...all those things. He said in the last days He was going to bring them back into their land but He also said **first**: I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land...Israel has defiled God's land, they rejected their Savior and shed His blood on that land. That blood from their rejected Messiah fell on that land. That is what 2,000 years has brought to the Jewish people; judgment. There were all kinds of

ungodly things going on all over Israel, even in the temple and they rejected their messiah to boot.

If you are a Christian, how many of you realize that your God is going to destroy His enemies over real estate? Amen! You think trespassing on land here in Ohio is bad...these people were trespassing on God's land, and He is going to wipe them out. Now, if that ain't your God, you are lost. Look at this:



If you reject this God that we are talking about this morning, you are going to hell. Amen! We've got a lot of professing Christians today going to hell. You say, what's this got to do with hell? Listen, if you believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ you are trusting your eternal soul in the hands of a Jew. That Jew is named Jesus Christ. If you attack the Jews, you are attacking the blood brothers of Jesus Christ.

Don't sing your fruity, shallow songs about Jesus today and then go attack the Jews. If you love Jesus, it will show itself because you love the Jews. The spirit of almighty God will cause you to love His people. One of the tell-tale signs of a false professor today is someone who attacks His people, the Jews; and God is going to deal with them.

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