What Does the Bible Say About Israel?

A Special Teaching Focusing on Ezekiel 38-39

Genesis 12:1-3– Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. <u>I will bless those who bless you,</u> And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Zechariah 2:8– For thus says the Lord of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; <u>for</u> <u>he who touches you touches the apple of His eye</u>."

Ezekiel 38: Gog and Allies Attack Israel and the Judgment on Gog

Understanding the Biblical names-*Original people group names from nations descended from Noah in Genesis 10: Gog = the princely leader of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, of the coalition of nations coming against Israel *Magog = "the land of Gog" Rosh = "Chief" in Hebrew *Meshech = Turkey *Tubal = Turkey Persia = Iran *Ethiopia/Cush = Sudan *Put = Libya *Gomer = Turkey *House of Togarmah = Turkey



(From left to right) President Putin (Russia), President Raisi (Iran), President Erdogan (Turkey) July 19, 2022 in Tehran, Iran Source: *The Times of Israel*

- 1. God is against Gog.
- 2. God will lead Gog and all his army <u>out of the far north</u> (area of Russia—every direction in the Bible assumes the point of reference is the land of Israel).
- 3. Gog and his army include the countries of modern-day Russia, Turkey, Iran, Sudan and Libya—this is the coalition of nations coming against Israel in this attack.
- 4. Gog and all his troops are to "prepare yourself and be ready." (Ezekiel 38:7)
- 5. Gog will be a guard for this company of troops.
- 6. This will happen "in the latter years"—a phrase from the OT prophets that focuses on Israel in the last days.

- 7. This will happen after Israel is a nation again (May 14, 1948) and dwells safely.
- 8. Gog and all his troops will ascend "like a storm, covering the land like a cloud."
- 9. "On that day" thoughts arise in Gog's mind, and he will make an "evil plan."
- 10. Gog will come against Israel "to take plunder and to take booty" because the land is full of "goods.".
- 11. Sheba and Dedan = Saudia Arabia; Merchants of Tarshish = Spain (Europe); young lions of Tarshish = America
- 12. Saudia Arabia, Spain (Europe) and America will say during this attack, "Have you come to take plunder?"
- 13. God allows Gog's coalition to come against Israel "so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes."
- 14. This attack would be prophesied for years before it happens by "My servants the prophets of Israel" (Ezekiel 38:17).
- 15. When Gog comes in to the land, God's fury will show in His face.
- 16. There will be a great earthquake in the land of Israel that all creation on the face of the whole earth will shake at His presence.
- 17. The mountains will be thrown down, the steep places will fall and every wall shall fall to the ground.
- 18. God will call for a sword against Gog throughout all His mountains.
- 19. Every man's sword will be against his brother.
- 20. God will bring Gog to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed.
- 21. God will rain down on Gog and his troops, and the many people with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.
- 22. God will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they will know He is the LORD.

Ezekiel 39: Gog's Army Destroyed, the Burial of Gog

- 23. Gog and his armies will fall upon the mountains of Israel.
- 24. God will give them to the birds of prey and the beasts of the field to be devoured.
- 25. God will send fire on the land of Magog and those who live in security in the coastlands.
- 26. God will make His holy name known in the midst of His people Israel. The nations shall show that God is the Holy One in Israel.
- 27. <u>"Surely it is coming, and it shall be done," says the Lord God.</u> <u>"This is the day of</u> <u>which I have spoken."</u> (Ezekiel 39:8)
- 28. For seven years those who dwell in the cities of Israel shall set on fire and burn the weapons.
- 29. Those who dwell in the cities of Israel will not take wood from the field or cut down any from the forests, because they will make fires with the weapons. They will plunder those who plundered them, and pillage those who pillaged them.
- 30. Gog will have a burial place in Israel. It will be called the Valley of Hamon Gog.
- 31. It will take seven months to bury Gog and all his multitudes.
- 32. All the nations shall see the judgment of Gog.
- 33. The house of Israel will know that He is the LORD their God from that day forward.
- 34. God will not hide His face from the house of Israel anymore, but will pour out His Spirit on the house of Israel.