

Paraphrasing of Ezekiel Chapters 38 & 39

Background Information: Ezekiel was a Jewish priest and prophet who was taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon during his second invasion of Jerusalem in 597 B.C. Daniel was taken into captivity during Nebuchadnezzar's first invasion around 606 B.C. The Lord commissioned Ezekiel as the prophet to the Jews in exile. He began prophesying to them when he was 30 years old. In Chapters 38 and 39 the Lord tells Ezekiel to speak to Russia concerning the Jews and the Battle of Armageddon set aside for the end time, referred to as the *latter years*. These two chapters are distinctly different from Daniel and Revelations as the Lord is speaking directly to Russia, and further clarity is provided about earthly happenings going on in Israel once the Battle of Armageddon is over. The Lord also tells us why He will allow the bloodiest, deadliest war in the history of planet earth.

Ezekiel Chapter 38

Synopsis of verses 1-15

The Lord tells Ezekiel that He will bring Russia (Gog and Magog) against His people Israel at the end time (verses 1-9, 14-16). In verse five, the Lord says which nations will accompany Russia: Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer and Togarmah (regions of Turkey), Sheba and Dedan--Saudi Arabia (verse 13).

Please take note of the following:

Verse 8

“After many days thou (Russia) shalt be visited: in the latter years thou (Russia) shalt come into the land (Israel) that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people . . .” Russia will come against Israel in the end time when millions of them will have returned home from living as immigrants in various countries.

Verse 11

“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.” Russia, the leading country in the Battle of Armageddon, will wage war against Israel while they are at peace with their surrounding countries. Peace will come when the Middle East peace agreement is officiated by the World Leader/Anti-Christ. The inauguration of the treaty will mark the beginning of the Tribulation Period (Please see Daniel 9:27).

Synopsis of verses 16-23

God will prove to all nations (especially the Jews because most of them rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah), that there is no other Lord and Savior when He physically shows up to end the Battle of Armageddon.

Please take note of the following:

Verse 16

“And thou shalt come 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.”

The Lord will use the vain and evil intentions of Russia as a global stage by which He will glorify Himself. The Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified among all nations that have rejected Him as Savior and Lord. Let's read Revelation 19:16 – *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Verse 20

“So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and 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 shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down . . .” Jesus Christ will descend from heaven to end the Battle of Armageddon, and all of creation will tremble at his appearance! Please reference Revelation 19:11 – *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

Verse 21

“And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother.” The Lord will speak words (the sword) that will cause the men of the Russian alliance to turn on each other. Read Revelation 19:15 – *And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

Verses 22-23

Besides the sword of His mouth, the Lord will call for rain, hailstones, and fire to come down to devour the Russian alliance (and the World Leader/Anti-Christ). Everyone will know that He is the Lord, and there is no other!

***Please Note:** Although The Anti-Christ/World Leader is not mentioned in these two chapters, he is ruling the nations during the time of Russia's invasions of Israel. When the Lord destroys the Russian alliance, the Anti-Christ and his alliance will also be destroyed.

Ezekiel Chapter 39

Synopsis of verses 1-21

Verses 7-8 - “So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. (Vs8) Behold it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken.”

Please take note of the following:

Verses 2-5

“And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee.” Russia will wage two invasions against Israel and the Anti-Christ (Russia will rebel against his world domination). The Russian alliance will be defeated by the Anti-Christ's armies during their first invasion, leaving 1/6 of them alive. During their second and last invasion of Israel, they will be defeated by Jesus Christ (along with the Anti-Christ). Chapter 38:4 reads, *And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws. . .* Daniel 11:40&44 records the two invasions.

Verse 9

“And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons . . . and they shall burn them with fire seven years.” After Armageddon, the Jews will be burning the enemy armies' weapons for seven years.

Verses 11-12

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog (Russia) a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea . . . and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog. (Vs12) And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.” The Jews will be burying the bodies of the armies for seven months.

The remainder of Chapter 39 through 46 coincide with Revelation Chapters 21-22 on the New Jerusalem (The Holy City) and eternal life with Christ.

God's Purpose for Armageddon

Ezekiel 39:7-8

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