

## EZEK 36-39

### GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE.

Gen 18:17-19; Deut 7:6; Deut 14:1-2

### THE LAND:

God gave them the land as He promised. Gen 15:18; 50:24; Josh 21:43-45 –

It was to be an everlasting possession, an unconditional promise to possess the land. Gen 48:3-4; 17:7-8;

### CONDITIONS

There were conditions for living in the land. **Ownership was unconditional but residence** was conditional on behavior. There would be Blessings for Obedience: Deut 28:1; 9 - 14.

### ISRAEL, THE MODERN MIRACLE

If you read Ezek 36 & 37 you will probably come to the conclusion that much contained in these chapters have already come true.

For Example - God vows to bring them back to the land of Israel - Ezek 36:10, Ezek 36:24-2; Isa 27:6

God promises “to give you great harvests from fruit and fields - Ezek 36:30

I'm going to start drawing people back to Israel - Ezek chapters 36 & 37 **The Valley of dry bones** - Israel is rebuilt.

### MODERN ISRAEL – CONSIDER THE NUMBERS:

When Israel declared her independence on May 14, 1948 the countries population was only 806,000. By the end of 2005 there were 7,000,000 living in Israel of which 5.6 million were Jews. Thousands more arrive every year. It will not be long before more Jews live in Israel than Jews who live elsewhere in the world.

The deserts of Israel are blooming again after centuries of neglect. They help fill the world with fruit, veggies and flowers just as the Bible said it would. In 1980, Israeli citrus exports hit nearly one billion dollars. Agriculture is now a \$3.3 Billion business.

Israel has a few million immigrants surrounded by a sea of 300 million enemies yet has proven victorious in the 1948 War of Independence, the 1956 Suez crisis, the 1967 war, the War of Attrition 1968-1970, the Yom Kippur War of 1973, and the Lebanon war of 1982. They also took out the Iraqi nuclear bomb threat when Israeli pilots took out the their reactor in June 1981.

In 2008 there were reported some 6,600 millionaires in Israel.

**A BIBLICAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT - Ezek 38 & 39** is like a storm warning coming from a loving God to the enemies of Israel

Ezek 38:1-8 & v 11

**SECURITY** - Today, Israel is feeling more secure than at anytime in their modern history but they are not secure,..

### THE COALITION FORCES as laid out by the prophet Ezekial:

- “Gog” is a title – dictator. (It's well known that Putin wants to be President for life. He wants to be the Czar of Russia).
- Magog, Rosh, Meshech and Tubal – Russia and the former Soviet republics
- Persia - Iran
- “Cush” is south of Egypt – Sudan and Ethiopia
- “Put” is Libya, Algeria, and Tunisia.
- Beth-togarmth – Turkey, Armenia, and the Turkish-speaking peoples of Asia Minor and central Asia
- Gomer - Turkey & possibly Germany & Austria
- Sheba & Dedan – Saudia Arabia, Yemen, Oman and the Gulf States
- Countries with mountainous borders – Syria, Lebanon and northern Jordan
- “Many peoples with you” – Possible additional Russian Islamic allies
- Watch Turkey and the “...stans” - a mixture of Persia and Turkey.

**Most if not all of the countries are mostly Muslim**

**INTERESTING NOTE: nowhere in Ezekiel ch 38 or 39 are EGYPT & IRAQ mentioned.**

- **Egypt** was a driving force in all of the major wars against Israel, including 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973. Why would Egypt not participate in what could be the next great war against Israel? The 1979 Camp David Accord signed by Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime minister Menachen Begin as held for nearly three decades. It's a fragile peace treaty but it's still holding. It's actually plausible that for the first time since Ezekiel wrote the prophecy 2500 yrs earlier, that Egypt could indeed sit this one out. This was not realistic prior to the Camp David Accord
- The second missing country makes no sense at all. **Iraq** had also been heavily involved in the 1948, 1967 and 1973 wars and Saddam Hussein had vowed to destroy Israel with chemical weapons during the 1991 Gulf war. So why no mention of Iraq? Today we know the answer.

#### Consider this:

- In 1946 the Shah of Iran was selling oil to the U.S. and to Israel. Russia had just pulled out after years of occupying N. Iran. Iran and Russia hated each other.
- In 1970's, Iran and Russia started trading!!! Iran had oil (cash), Russia had weapons.
- Today, the current leaders of Russia have no desire to rein in Tehran, much less help advance US national security.
- Russia is building strategic alliances with Iran and Islamic nations in Central Asia.
- Russia is selling arms and nuclear technology to Iran
- Russia is selling arms and advanced missile systems to other Islamic nations
- Russia is now considering signing alliances with Cuba and Venezuela
- China has just signed a \$3.2 billion natural gas deal with the Iranians so China will not help
- U.S. and Israeli intelligence officials, a top Russian analyst and some Iranian dissidents living in the US (per Sac Bee Tuesday, March 17) believe Iran could have the bomb within the next year or two.
- Washington does not have a credible plan to stop Iran peaceably and seems unwilling to consider military action.
- President Obama seems to be hoping Russia – of all countries – will pressure Iran into stopping its pursuit of nuclear weapons. So far, Russia has dismissed all overtures from the U.S.
- That leaves Israel standing alone to head off Iran.
- Newsflash from Israel 3/16/09 – The incoming Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu may be the only elected leader on the planet even remotely considering taking military action to stop Iran from getting the bomb.
- He is not afraid of this future conflict nor does he care what the world thinks. He cares only for Israel's protection.
- One thing we do know from the text, once life was breathed back into Israel by God, it will NOT be annihilated by a nuclear Bomb.

#### Only time will tell how this will all play out but it could well play out in our lifetime!

#### Here's a plausible scenario:

- Per the prophecy, Ezek 38: 4-5 Russia (Magog) will build an alliance with Iran (Persia). It may already be built.
- Iran defies the West and proceeds to make a nuclear bomb capable of destroying Israel and the west
- Iran continues to arm Islamic terrorists for a possible attack on the U.S. using a "dirty suit case bomb" in many cities
- Israel has no allies to stop Iran so attacks Iran and takes out their nuclear facilities
- The world leaders do not condone Israel's actions (never have to date).
- This would cause a world wide Islamic uprising against Israel & possibly the U.S.
- A weak U.S administration may break ties with Israel bringing about God's wrath instead of blessing
- U.S. could experience a further economic meltdown
- Israel may well discover vast quantities of oil prompting Russia to invade. *"I will make you even more prosperous than you were before " Ez 36:11*
- History repeats itself - In the past, the Soviets had armed the Arab nations to the teeth in the 1956, 1967 and 1973 wars so a future leader may recklessly play the same game again
- The Pentagon planners have been preparing for a Moscow-led invasion of the Middle East for years.
- Former Reagan defense secretary Casper Weinberger and others laid out five scenarios for war planners to consider in a post-Soviet world. One of these was for a radical to seize control of Russia to re-conquer the former Soviet empire.
- Russia and its allies march south picking up satellite Islamic nations on the way.
- The United Nations, Europe and the U.S. do nothing

#### So the stage is being set and this is what the prophet says will happen next:

Ezek 38:9

It's a straight line south from Russia to Israel. When they come to Israel's borders we will see God's wrath poured out. Ezek 38:15-19

The earthquake in Israel will shake the whole planet. Possibly physical, economic, spiritual, psychological shaking.

The worst day in human history to that moment **BUT THE TEXT DOESN'T SUGGEST IT'S NUCLEAR!** Note – Israel **does not** have to defend herself as the coalition forces turn on each other - a supernatural action from God. Enemy forces turn and kill each other.

Ezek 38:21-22

**WHY??**

Ezek 38:23

**TIMETABLE:**

There are many who believe the war of Gog and Magog is prior to the rapture and the 7 year tribulation period and this war is not part of the final battle of Armageddon. Why?

The Daniel 11 chapter refers to many battles against the Antichrist. Even Egypt is mentioned. This chapter in Daniel reads nothing like Ezekiel 38 or 39 - for example:

Dan 11:40-45

- No kings referenced in the battle of Gog and Magog only specific countries. No reference to invading the south and returning to attack Israel. Could it be that this prophecy suggests a different destruction at a different time so the whole earth will see God's awesome power? Many will turn to him in the last days. Many will not!
- The invasion from the North happens when Israel feels secure in their land. If the rapture has already taken place, then the world will be in economic turmoil. How could they feel secure?
- The only time they could feel relatively secure is now. They have the worlds best air force and still have the might of America to support them.
- The two chapters, Daniel & Ezekiel, don't appear to be talking about the same battle.
- One could argue that they could be feeling very secure after the Anti-Christ makes a peace covenant with them during the tribulation.

Ezek 39:21-22 - **The text says Israel and All nations will see God's judgment and know that "I am God" (no reference to Messiah's reign on earth yet).**

**Possibilities:**

- There are various thoughts as to the timing of this prophecy. Many think its part of the tribulation period and after the rapture. Here's an alternative plausible view:
- This Ezekiel prophecy could very well be fulfilled in our time and possibly **before** the rapture.
- As these nations are predominantly Muslim then once their destruction by God is complete, would that not open a way for the Temple to be rebuilt? Perhaps the earthquake destroys the Dome of the Rock, we don't know. We do know that Jews are standing by ready to build at sometime in the future.
- We do know from the text that this event will trigger the greatest spiritual awakening in human history and thousands will turn to Christ in that day (Ez 38:23) so there'll be a great need for teachers and shepherds in surrounding nations and worldwide to teach and disciple these new Christians.

Joel 2:28-32

This verse from Joel seems to fit the same time frame

Since the fall of Saddam Hussein, thousands of Iraqis have come to faith through dreams and visions. Today hundreds have become pastors.

I believe in the end days, Jews and Gentiles will cooperate in evangelism together.

In Acts the Jews were surprised that Gentiles were included. Today, many Gentiles are surprised that Jews are included!

We should pray for the salvation of our friends in Israel.

Recommend you read Epicenter Version 2.0 (Amazon.com)

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