

Ezekiel 39:1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal

God begins this section with: 'Therefore.' To understand why, we must look back at the previous verse, the last verse of chapter 38: God said, 'Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.'

Here it is again: God's number one purpose in all time and eternity: the Glory of God. This entire scenario, the alliance of all these ungodly nations, their invasion of Israel and their destruction has as its main purpose: the Glory of God. The reason for His creation of angels, humans, the Earth, the Universe and all it contains... everything that exists does so to ultimately glorify God.

'The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.' Psalm 19:1

God will preserve His chosen land and people, Israel, while He destroys the armies of this godless coalition and it will all be accomplished in order to cause the World to recognize that it is God Who has done this thing. He will glorify Himself in those He protects and He will glorify Himself in those He destroys.

He repeats the same words which began chapter 38: 'Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal...'

This is common in Hebrew literature: to repeat an account in order to emphasize and give additional details which is what we have here in chapter 39. Verses 1-8 is a summary of what we learned in chapter 38 but with more details added.

Verse 2: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel

Remember, from our previous chapter, God is the One Who will cause this plan to grow in the mind of Gog of Magog. The rest of these invading nations: Iran, Turkey, Northern and Eastern Africa, as well as Southeastern Europe, will join with Russia believing they will be protected by its army and weaponry. God will 'pull' Russian troops, probably led by Vladimir Putin, down into Israel where He will destroy 5/6ths of the armies of these invading nations; there will be millions of dead bodies strewn across this area of Israel and Jordan.

We're told that Gog will come down into Israel with the plan, 'to take a spoil.' There must be something so valuable that Gog would risk the condemnation of the United Nations... I know, big deal! The UN is a toothless puppet now and then, later, in the hands of the Antichrist.

Currently, much of Europe must buy their energy needs from Russia, and Russia is never above holding all of them up for ransom, charging high prices. So... Europe will turn to Israel for her energy needs: '

In 2009, Israel discovered massive natural gas deposits in her territorial waters of the Mediterranean, estimated to hold 8.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Israel is now energy independent and plans to build an undersea pipeline which will carry enough gas to allow European countries to diversify away from complete dependence on Russia; Russia is not happy. Reuters reports: 'The Israeli government on Sunday approved an agreement with European countries for the construction of a subsea pipeline that would supply Europe with natural gas from the eastern Mediterranean.' And, just as importantly, 'The Russian Times (RT) and many other sources report that **Israel has indeed discovered a major deposit of oil** under the Golan Heights.' This is huge! From Harretz: '**Russia Slams Israeli 'Occupation' of Golan Heights After Jerusalem Supports Ukraine!**

Russia claims that Israel's control over the Golan Hts is illegitimate. Russia is furious over Israel's discovery, and future shipment to Europe of desperately needed energy. Now we can clearly see the reality of the 'hook' God has placed in Gog's jaw... energy: billions and trillions of dollars worth of energy in the hands of those hated Jews! And when Russia and allies do come down... God says,

Verse 3: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

⁴Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. ⁵Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

As we said last time, God is showing, and Ezekiel is writing about, armies and warfare which he could understand. Missiles, tanks, submarines... if God had shown these kinds of modern weaponry to Ezekiel, he would have had no concept of what he was seeing. By showing Ezekiel bows, arrows, horses, shields and spears, God was able to give a picture of warfare which would be understandable to anyone over the next 2500 years.

God will disarm the invading armies and then destroy them on the mountains of Israel; they will become a feast of flesh and blood for every sort of bird and beast... especially vultures. In verse 5 we see that, not only will the dead cover the mountains of Israel but also they will cover the open field... the plains of Jordan on the East side of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea.

Notice that God tells us that Gog, the leader, will hold a bow and arrows; in other words, this is real warfare. In Revelation 6, where we read of the Antichrist riding the first of four horses, the white horse, he holds only a bow but no arrows. He, the Antichrist, will not conquer through warfare but, rather, by stealth and deception.

Verse 6: *And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles; and they shall know that I am the LORD.*

Here we see something interesting: not only will God rain down fire, brimstone, rain and hail on the armies attempting to invade Israel, but He will also send down fire on Magog, that is, the land of Magog, the land of Russia. So, not only will Russia's armies be destroyed but also many civilians. God does not say He will rain down fire on the lands of Persia (Iran), Turkey or the other nations in this alliance but, rather, only on Russia, probably because Gog of Magog was the leader, the instigator of this attack. But, God does say that He will rain down fire on those who dwell *carelessly* in 'the isles.' These are, perhaps, those we saw in chapter 38: *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? We said that many see Tarshish and the young lions as Great Britain and those nations born out of Britain. Perhaps this is the destruction of the United States and why we don't see her in prophecy. Perhaps this is God's retribution on the nations which merely stood by and watched the invasion of Israel but did nothing to help Israel.*

Also, this destruction of Russia fits into the fact that all nations of the World will follow the Antichrist. It's clear that if the Antichrist were to come to power today, Russia would, most definitely resist being subject to his rule as would China. However, we do learn in Daniel that 3 of the 10 World kings will be brought under the Antichrist's rule, by force.

Verse 7: *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. ⁸ Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; **this is the day whereof I have spoken.***

This is the day that begins the **Day of the Lord**, God's seven year judgment of the World; this is what 'kicks off' the Tribulation, along with the signing and confirmation, by the Antichrist of the seven year peace agreement between Israel and her remaining neighbors. I believe that having seen what the God of Israel has done, protecting Israel while destroying her invading enemies, just like He had done throughout the Old Testament, they will all be lining up to sign that peace agreement as quickly as they possibly can.

This is the moment Israel, as a nation, begins to come back to their God and have faith in Him. This is the moment when the whole World begins to take notice that the true and Almighty God is, in fact, the God of Israel... but they will soon flush that thought out of their minds.

They, Israel and the World, here, are still not recognizing and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah although there will continue to be Jews and Gentiles who will, beginning with the 144,000 Jews as well as all those who had heard the Truth and believed the truth but had never put their faith and trust in the Truth; one by one, they will come to faith in Jesus Christ; they will be the ones who end up dying for their faith as they refuse the Mark of the Beast (666), 3½ years later.

The great deception will continue: the entire world will recognize that the God of Israel is God but... their faith and trust will be in the great deceiver; all the World, including Israel, will believe in and follow after the Antichrist, believing him to be their long awaited messiah while the World believes him to be the true son of god. The false prophet will perform great lying signs and wonders to prove the Antichrist's claim to be the son of god. It is generally believed that the Antichrist is a Jew who will quickly rise to prominence... as Volodymyr Zelenskyy so

recently has ... not that Zelenskyy is the Antichrist... but just imagine... *imagine if the pope suddenly began to do marvelous wonders in the sight of Zelenskyy while claiming that he is the son of god...* just imagine.

Israel will not recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as their true Messiah until He returns at the end of the seven year Tribulation stepping onto the Mount of Olives at the last moment of Armageddon.

All of what we've read so far, this invasion and destruction, along with the Rapture, the appearance of the Antichrist and false prophet with the signing of a seven year peace agreement... all of that could, conceivably happen in one day or just a few days... and all of it is, right now, ready to begin... nothing else needs to occur, prophetically, before this, along with the Rapture, likely becomes the catalyst, the fuse that fires off the chain reaction of the beginning of the Tribulation.

Verse 9: *And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:¹⁰ So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.*

It appears that, for the seven years of the Tribulation, Israel will be using enemy armaments as fuel for fire and energy... we're not sure how, exactly... but God's Word is always true.

Verse 11: *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea; and it shall stop the noses of the passengers, and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude, and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog.*

The place of burial will be somewhere to the East of the Dead Sea; see the attached map. 'It will stop the noses;' it will be a very bad smelling place... pity the poor bulldozer drivers.

Verse 12: *And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. ¹³ Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.*

It will take seven months to bury all the bodies, while being constantly reminded that it was God who saved them and not they, themselves.

Verse 14: *And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it; after the end of seven months shall they search. ¹⁵ And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.*

Many will be employed full-time burying these millions of bodies. After seven months, there will still be bones discovered here and there; so, when a traveler sees a bone sticking out of the sand, they will put down a marker for the buriers to retrieve it. The Valley of Hamongog means: the valley of the *Multitude of Gog*; here, then, is where they will bury a multitude of dead from several nations, especially Russia, Iran, Turkey, North and West Africa, and South and East Europe.

Verse 16: *And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.*

A city will be founded there, to the East of the Dead Sea, to commemorate, once again, God's miraculous intervention on Israel's behalf; its name, Hamonah, will mean: *Multitudes*.

Verse 17: *And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. ¹⁸ Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. ¹⁹ And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. ²⁰ Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.*

God will call every flesh eating bird and beast to come and feast on His enemies. This is why we read of bones later being found and buried... the bones will have been carried off and picked clean by all of these carnivorous beasts.

Verse 21: *And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.*

They will see and they will understand; this slaughter, having happened at the beginning of the Tribulation, will be just one more proof of Himself, which God shall cause all the World to see and understand; from that day forward, every man's blood will be upon his own head because no one, anywhere, will have any excuse for continuing to deny, reject and hate the God of Israel and yet, multiplied millions will continue to reject Him and His Son, suffering the fires of eternal punishment which awaits each and every one.

Verse 22: *So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.*

All Israel will see and know that their God has done this great thing but they will continue to be blind to their Savior until the moment He returns at Armageddon. But, this will possibly be the final sign to many Jews who will then come to true faith in their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 23: *And the heathen shall know that **the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity**: because they **trespassed against me**, therefore hid I my face from them, and **gave them into the hand of their enemies**; so **fell they all by the sword**. ²⁴ **According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them**, and hid my face from them. The whole World will understand that God is real, **that He has dealt with Israel for her sin** and that He will deal with everyone who rejects His Sovereignty over them, and over all things, and His Son whom we all crucified with our sin.*

Remember: this now begins **the Day of the Lord**, the beginning of His Judgment of the World. This is the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel where we learned **why Israel would be harshly dealt with throughout the centuries**: *Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity*, Dan 9:24

All these centuries, all the attempts to exterminate the Jews, Hitler and the Nazis... sadly, **the Jews have been 'paying' for their sin of rejection of God and for their crucifixion His Son**. Yes, we know that Rome crucified Jesus but it came about because the Jews were crying out: *They all say unto him, Let him be crucified... Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children*. Matt 27:25

Jews and Gentiles alike are guilty of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ... all of us! It is not anti-Semitic to recognize that the Jews have been being punished all these centuries but God is faithful to all His promises to Israel and He will, after the Tribulation and *after they've paid in full*, Glorify Israel far above all other nations of the Earth.

Verse 25: *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; ²⁶ After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.*

Israel's punishment has been severe because they've had no excuse... no other people have had God so clearly identify Himself to them; more than any other people... they should have known better. Soon they will.

Verse 27: *When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; ²⁸ Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them anymore there. ²⁹ Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.*

Possible Burial Areas (in red) (Ezekiel 39:11)

