

ALIGNMENT OF THE NATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL FOR THE BATTLE ARMAGEDDON

GOG OF MEGOG

ENTER THE FINAL WAR

Alignment of the nations against Israel setting up Armageddon begins in Daniel 11:40-45

40 *“AT THE END TIME* Seven years of Tribulation *THE KING OF THE SOUTH* Egypt *will collide with him*, dictator of REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE—The Beast, The Anti-Christ *AND THE KING OF THE NORTH* Syria *will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he* The Beast *will enter countries, overflow them and pass through.*

Why would Egypt and Syria come against the Beast?

Because he has made a covenant with Israel to protect her, and Egypt and Syria hate the Jews and want them eliminated.

41 ***“HE*** the Beast ***will ALSO ENTER THE BEAUTIFUL LAND,*** Israel ***AND MANY COUNTRIES will fall; BUT THESE will BE RESCUED OUT OF HIS HAND: Edom, Moab AND THE FOREMOST OF THE SONS OF AMMON.*** Modern Jordan will escape because this is the place God has set aside to protect those in Israel who get out as per Matthew 24. (*Bozrah or Petra*)

42 ***“THEN HE*** The Beast ***will STRETCH OUT HIS HAND AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES,*** he will move his military into other lands in the Middle East ***AND THE LAND OF EGYPT will NOT ESCAPE.*** He will put down Egypt.

43 ***“BUT HE will GAIN CONTROL OVER THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF GOLD AND SILVER AND OVER ALL THE PRECIOUS THINGS OF EGYPT; AND LIBYANS AND ETHIOPIANS will FOLLOW AT HIS HEELS.*** This is an interesting phrase— ***AT HIS HEELS;*** It pictures him turning around and digging in his heels into Libya and Ethiopia.

ALIGNMENT OF NATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

Syria, Egypt and Libya and Ethiopia will be the first four nations to make their move against Israel. Syria and Egypt and Libya are all in an inner-turmoil over who is in power. In December 2013 Libya voted to be an Islamic Republic.

DeYoung: Current events don't drive our understanding of "Bible prophecy," that is we do not interpret "Bible Prophecy" by current events but "Bible Prophecy" helps us to understand events going on in the world.

Having quieted the resistance in the south, he turns north and is headed back to Jerusalem. Remember, he is the self-appointed Messiah of the Jewish people—a false-Messiah.

Then:

44 *"BUT RUMORS FROM THE EAST AND FROM THE NORTH will disturb him, AND HE will GO FORTH WITH GREAT WRATH TO DESTROY AND ANNIHILATE MANY.*

The Hebrew word translated 'rumors' is simply the word for news, a report. News or rumors perhaps by the press that the East and North are preparing for movement. It refers to what is heard by the Beast while he is making his way towards Jerusalem.

What it says in these reports that he is hearing, 'disturbs' him.
THIS IS IMPORTANT.

This is the Piel stem which conveys the idea of intensity of the Hebrew word meaning 'to terrify.' **THIS IS NOT GOOD NEWS FOR HIS ONE WORLD RELIGION OF WORSHIPPING HIM.**

First from the '**EAST**'—this is a military build-up and movement toward Jerusalem. This is a reference to the Orient of China and perhaps Japan.

Revelation 9 and 16 speak of the armies coming from the '**EAST**' across the Euphrates.

Revelation 9:16

¹⁶ THE NUMBER OF THE MOUNTED TROOPS WAS TWICE TEN THOUSAND TIMES TEN THOUSAND. I HEARD THEIR NUMBER.

Revelation 16:12

¹² THE SIXTH ANGEL Poured out his bowl on the GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES, AND ITS WATER WAS DRIED UP TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE KINGS FROM THE EAST.

Headline news this week:

'MILITARY BUDGETS SPIKE ACROSS ASIA'

The military budget across Asia is recorded to be the following:

China \$200 billion;
Japan \$50 billion;
Philippines \$3.5 billion and
Vietnam \$5 billion.

'China's goal is to dislodge the U.S. as the dominant power in the Pacific.'

Other Asian countries such as India and South Korea are quickly modernizing their military forces. "Asian countries now account for about half of the world's arms imports"

The **'NORTH'** here is not the same area as the King of the North in verse 40—there it was the King of the North, that is Syria, but he has already put them under his control. Here it is from the direction of the north, which refers to modern day Russia.

In identifying the 'north' here we have to look at Ezekiel 38-39

This is a reference to **GOG** of **MAGOG**.

GOG is the person
and

MAGOG is the location.

Meaning of words

GOG elastic, stretched out, extended

MAGOG extreme; extension, enlargement

GOG is an official title (like Pharaoh) a designated leader of nations or number of clans of the North, the extreme North

MAGOG – small part, small territory of **GOG**.

1. Ezekiel Prophesied before, during and after completion of the siege of Jerusalem by Babylon:

His name, ***Ezekiel***, means *God strengthens*

2. Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem in three stages:

1st 605_{bc} Taking Daniel and his friends in hostage back to Babylon.

2nd 597_{bc} Due to rebellion by the Jews, Nebuchadnezzar brought great suffering the Jews and Nebuchadnezzar brought back 10 thousand hostages, including Ezekiel.

3rd 586_{bc} After a long siege Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple and the city.

3. Date of the writing of this prophecy by Ezekiel Ca 592-570

This means that the prophecies of Ezekiel were given
some 2590 YEARS AGO AND THEY HAVE NOT AS
YET COME TO PASS .

Do you believe that they will still come to pass?

I do!! (After the rapture of the church and during The Tribulation culminating with the Second Advent of JESUS CHRIST)

4. The (FIRST PART) of Ezekiel is God's retribution, of judgment from God against the Jewish people and the nations... and the (SECOND PART) is God's restoration of the people and nation of Israel.

Ezekiel was a **prophet**, a **priest** and a **watchman** for Israel, but Israel would not listen to him.

Ezekiel 3:17

¹⁷ “SON OF MAN, I HAVE APPOINTED YOU A WATCHMAN TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL; WHENEVER YOU HEAR A WORD FROM MY MOUTH, WARN THEM FROM ME.

Ezekiel 33:7

⁷ “NOW AS FOR YOU, SON OF MAN, I HAVE APPOINTED YOU A WATCHMAN FOR THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL; SO YOU WILL HEAR A MESSAGE FROM MY MOUTH AND GIVE THEM WARNING FROM ME.

You will notice both verses end with **FROM ME.**

People this is the Word of God (Bible).

It is from God, to us, ***PAY ATTENTION.***

Before we move on in Ezekiel, I want to entertain you with one of the most fascinating stories in the Bible.

I know most Christians know about Jonah, the reluctant preacher who went the opposite direction of where God told him to go and so God gave Jonah a submarine ride in belly of a whale to where God wanted him.

*WELL, EZEKIEL IS TOLD TO PREACH A GREAT MESSAGE TO **dead, dry bones.***

Look for a moment at Ezekiel 37:1-10

¹ THE HAND OF THE LORD WAS UPON ME, AND HE BROUGHT ME OUT BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD AND SET ME DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE VALLEY; AND IT WAS FULL OF BONES.

² HE CAUSED ME TO PASS AMONG THEM ROUND ABOUT, AND BEHOLD, THERE WERE VERY MANY ON THE SURFACE OF THE VALLEY; AND LO, THEY WERE VERY DRY.

³ HE SAID TO ME, "SON OF MAN, CAN THESE BONES LIVE?" AND I ANSWERED, "O LORD GOD, YOU KNOW."

⁴ AGAIN HE SAID TO ME, "PROPHESY OVER THESE BONES AND SAY TO THEM, 'O DRY BONES, HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD.'

⁵ THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD TO THESE BONES, 'BEHOLD, I WILL CAUSE BREATH TO ENTER YOU THAT YOU MAY COME TO LIFE.

⁶ I WILL PUT SINEWS ON YOU, MAKE FLESH GROW BACK ON YOU, COVER YOU WITH SKIN AND PUT BREATH IN YOU THAT YOU MAY COME ALIVE; AND YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD.'"

⁷ SO I PROPHESIED AS I WAS COMMANDED; AND AS I PROPHESIED, THERE WAS A NOISE, AND BEHOLD, A RATTLING; AND THE BONES CAME TOGETHER, BONE TO ITS BONE.

⁸ AND I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, SINEWS WERE ON THEM, AND FLESH GREW AND SKIN COVERED THEM; BUT THERE WAS NO BREATH IN THEM.

⁹ THEN HE SAID TO ME, "PROPHESY TO THE BREATH, PROPHESY, SON OF MAN, AND SAY TO THE BREATH, 'THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD, "COME FROM THE FOUR WINDS, O BREATH, AND BREATHE ON THESE SLAIN, THAT THEY COME TO LIFE.'"

¹⁰ SO I PROPHESIED AS HE COMMANDED ME, AND THE BREATH CAME INTO THEM, AND THEY CAME TO LIFE AND STOOD ON THEIR FEET, AN EXCEEDINGLY GREAT ARMY.

This is apocalyptic teaching that is telling the future prophesy... **WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN FUTURE.**

It is not allegory, it is telling what is going to happen in the future in symbols.

THERE ARE
FOUR BOOKS OF THE BIBLE
THAT ARE APOCALYPTIC:
Revelation, Daniel, Zechariah and Ezekiel.

Now here in **Ezekiel 37**: There are 3 parts:

(A) *dry bones,*

(B) *flesh* coming on these bones and ***breath*** given to them
and

(C) they stand up *like a great army.*

Apocalyptic literature interprets itself. We saw this in our study of Revelation.

Now to understand the dry bones, look at verse 11 This is, in part, what we have seen since May 15th of 1948.

Look at Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹ FOR THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD, “BEHOLD, I Myself will SEARCH FOR My SHEEP AND SEEK THEM OUT.

¹² AS A SHEPHERD CARES FOR HIS HERD IN THE DAY WHEN HE IS AMONG HIS SCATTERED SHEEP, SO I will CARE FOR My SHEEP AND WILL DELIVER THEM FROM ALL THE PLACES TO WHICH THEY WERE SCATTERED ON A CLOUDY AND GLOOMY DAY.

¹³ I will BRING THEM OUT FROM THE PEOPLES AND GATHER THEM FROM THE COUNTRIES AND BRING THEM TO THEIR OWN LAND; AND I will FEED THEM ON THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL, BY THE STREAMS, AND IN ALL THE INHABITED PLACES OF THE LAND.

¹⁴ I will FEED THEM IN A GOOD PASTURE, AND THEIR GRAZING GROUND WILL BE ON THE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS OF ISRAEL. THERE THEY WILL LIE DOWN ON GOOD GRAZING GROUND AND FEED IN RICH PASTURE ON THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL.

¹⁵ I will FEED My flock AND I will LEAD THEM TO REST,” DECLARES THE LORD GOD.

¹⁶ “I will SEEK THE LOST, BRING BACK THE SCATTERED, BIND UP THE BROKEN AND STRENGTHEN THE SICK; BUT THE FAT AND THE STRONG I will DESTROY. I will FEED THEM WITH JUDGMENT.

Now, why will God do this for Israel? (*and we could also ask, why God will save any of us?*)

Look at Ezekiel 36:22

**22 “THEREFORE SAY TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, ‘THUS SAYS THE
LORD GOD,
“IT IS NOT FOR YOUR SAKE,
O HOUSE OF ISRAEL,
THAT I AM ABOUT TO ACT,
BUT FOR My Holy Name,
WHICH YOU HAVE PROFANED
AMONG THE NATIONS WHERE YOU WENT**

Ezekiel 38-39 which is in the section of Ezekiel concerned with

the Restoration of Israel

—Armageddon—

**2nd Advent of JESUS CHRIST
and
the Removal of Israel’s Enemies;**

5. Ezekiel 38 is the prophecy of the attack against Israel by **GOG** and chapter 39 is concerned with Divine Judgment against **GOG**.

6. Why **GOG**? Why isolate one area from the North? God will use a Northern Army - **GOG** as a great object lesson of His Sovereign power and authority over all nations of the world, who have rejected His Son and moved against all the Jews. Ezekiel 6:10

Now let us start on Ezekiel 38

Ezekiel 38-39 describes the **GOG REVOLUTION** in between the covenant made with Israel at the beginning of The Tribulation.

With the Dictator of REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE—chapter 37—and then the restoration of Israel in the Kingdom = the beginning of Millennium in chapter 40.

Ezekiel 38:1

AND THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO ME SAYING,

Ezekiel 38:2

"SON OF MAN, title of the Prophet ***SET YOUR FACE*** direct your attention ***TOWARD GOG OF THE LAND OF MAGOG,*** from a study of the table of nations in Genesis 10 we know that **GOG** and the land of **MAGOG** is Russia.

Ezekiel 38-39 is clearly a prophecy directed against the Russia.

1. The name **GOG**, means elastic, stretched out, extended
2. He is chief of large army of people who will make a final attack against Israel, near the end of The Tribulation as part of the Armageddon campaign.
3. He is the one who will lead a strong Anti-Semitic movement in the whole land of **MAGOG**--Russia
4. He is the leader of all the peoples of **MAGOG**.
5. Back to meaning of the word: **GOG**—it contains the idea that UNITY OF PURPOSE is the means to attain any desired goal.— — He unifies this large area with UNITY OF PURPOSE - and the purpose—

annihilate the Jews

Of the Land of Magog is first applied to proper name in Genesis 10:2; as the second son of Jahpath. **MAGOG** was later used of Japeth's descendants, and latter applied to their land.

The region of **GOG**; from the upper; ie. north; northern extreme, extension.

1. Josephus, the great Jewish historian equates **MAGOG** with the Scythians, the inhabitants of ancient Russia.

Colossians 3:11

¹¹ A RENEWAL IN WHICH THERE IS NO *distinction* BETWEEN GREEK AND JEW, CIRCUMCISED AND UNCIRCUMCISED, BARBARIAN, SCYTHIAN, SLAVE AND FREEMAN, BUT CHRIST IS ALL, AND IN ALL.

2. The term Scythian is a collective term referring to remote savage tribes who were regarded as the enemies of religion and civilization the word itself means cut off, rough, barbarous, fierce looking and degraded.
3. Herodotus, the famed Greek historian, states in his day the Scythians were savages, and that Scythia was region of vast boundaries, lying north of the Black Sea, and the Caspian Sea. Herodotus describes these people as men of terror who lived off the spoils of war. They became nomads of filthy habits, never washing with the water, drinking the blood of their enemies, making dollies of their scalps and vases of their skulls they were a blood thirsty band who only worshipped the sword and destruction and the power they gained.
4. Josephus said **MAGOG** founded those that from him were named **Magogites**, but who by the Greeks were called Scythians.
5. These people recorded by Byzantine writers as part of the waves of invading people from the territory of Russia - the **Goths, Huns, and Mongols**. So there is a history related to the Bible's prophesy of **GOG** of **MAGOG** invading from the territory of Russia.

Next problem is the title **prince of Rosh** or **chief prince Rosh** –is regarded as a geographical name.

1. The name **Rosh** appears in Byzantine and Arabic sources denoting a people reckoned among the Scythian tribes. Also the name appears in a Syrian chronicle of the middle of the 6th century.
2. There is an anonymous Greek writer in the 5th century calls the Volga River (River in Russia flowing into the Caspian Sea) he calls this river **Rhos**, the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew **Rosh**. It is seen that the name **Rosh** for centuries has been connected with the territory of modern Russia.
3. **Rosh** may also be the root of the modern term Russia. In a study of how ancient words come into modern language it is quite common for the consonants to remain the same and vowels to change. In the word **Rosh**, if the vowel ‘o’ is changed to ‘u’ it becomes the root of the modern word Russia, so even the word could be the earlier form of Russia.
4. **THEREFORE IN SUMMARY** –it seems clear that all of the occurrences of the name **Rosh**, or Greek **Rhos**, refers to the land that is modern Russia. This fits well, the Ezekiel **Rosh** since the **prince of Rosh** is from the remotest parts of the north. Ezekiel 38:6 and 39:2

Meshech Means perceptible cause, again emphasizes the cause of the North, against Israel, and the Jews.

Meschech Like **MAGOG** was a son of Japheth according to Genesis 10:2. and his descendants were later called Mosche which is sometimes applied to all Russians in general and specifically to those Russians who came from Moscow—called Muscovites - this region we know as Moscow, was first called Meshek then Muscovi and finally Moscow --the identity has always been the same: Russia

Tubal This name always occurs together with Meschech in Biblical references; another son, his name refers to motion flowing forth, Anti-Semitism flows forth from these people and joy at the very thought of getting rid of the Jews.

PROPHESY AGAINST HIM this is a key subject throughout the Bible, and for us it means to speak of the future by inspiration. This is a key issue between Satan who claimed **I am** and God who declared **I am**

Who is sufficient to be God -and one of the proofs of sufficiency to be God is who can tell, prophecy, what is going to happen and it does and no other is able to prevent it from occurring

Isaiah 41:4

“WHO HAS PERFORMED AND ACCOMPLISHED IT, CALLING FORTH THE GENERATIONS FROM THE BEGINNING? ‘I, THE LORD, AM THE FIRST, AND WITH THE LAST. I AM HE.’”

Isaiah 41:21-24

21 “PRESENT YOUR CASE,” THE LORD SAYS.

“BRING FORWARD YOUR STRONG ARGUMENTS,” THE KING OF JACOB SAYS.

22 LET THEM BRING FORTH AND DECLARE TO US WHAT IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE; AS FOR THE FORMER EVENTS, DECLARE WHAT THEY WERE,

THAT WE MAY CONSIDER THEM AND KNOW THEIR OUTCOME.

OR ANNOUNCE TO US WHAT IS COMING;

23 DECLARE THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO COME AFTERWARD,

THAT WE MAY KNOW THAT YOU ARE GODS; INDEED, DO GOOD OR EVIL, THAT WE MAY ANXIOUSLY LOOK ABOUT US AND FEAR TOGETHER.

24 BEHOLD, YOU ARE OF NO ACCOUNT,

**AND YOUR WORK AMOUNTS TO NOTHING;
HE WHO CHOOSES YOU IS AN ABOMINATION.**

Isaiah 42:8-9

**8 “I AM THE LORD, THAT IS My NAME; I WILL NOT GIVE
My GLORY TO ANOTHER, NOR My PRAISE TO [E]GRAVEN
IMAGES.**

**9 “BEHOLD, THE FORMER THINGS HAVE COME TO PASS,
NOW I DECLARE NEW THINGS; BEFORE THEY SPRING FORTH I
PROCLAIM THEM TO YOU.”**

Isaiah 43:10-13

**10 “YOU ARE My WITNESSES,” DECLARES THE LORD,
“AND My SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN,
SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW AND BELIEVE ME
AND UNDERSTAND THAT I AM HE.**

**BEFORE ME THERE WAS NO GOD FORMED,
AND THERE WILL BE NONE AFTER ME.**

**11 “I, EVEN I, AM THE LORD,
AND THERE IS NO SAVIOR BESIDES ME.**

**12 “IT IS I WHO HAVE DECLARED AND SAVED AND PROCLAIMED,
AND THERE WAS NO STRANGE GOD AMONG YOU;
SO YOU ARE My WITNESSES,” DECLARES THE LORD,
“AND I AM God.**

**13 “EVEN FROM ETERNITY I AM HE,
AND THERE IS NONE WHO CAN DELIVER OUT OF My HAND;
I ACT AND WHO CAN REVERSE IT?”**