

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**

The Anti-Christ and the Desire of Women

Preparation for Armageddon

Wide World Hatred of the Jews

Why Armageddon

Alignment of the Nations for Armageddon

Gog of Magog enters the War

Ezekiel 38:

The section of Ezekiel that deals with Restoration, the first part deals with God's retribution against Israel and the Gentile world. Chapter 38 deals with Jews from the world coming back to Israel. God has promised to give to Israel half of Egypt all of Israel, all of Lebanon, all of Syria, all of Jordan, $\frac{3}{4}$ of Iraq, all of Kuwait, $\frac{3}{4}$ of Saudi Arabia.

The re-gathering of Israel that we are seeing is the formation of the Jewish State. The formation of the Islamic State has set its primary objective on the annihilation of all Jews and Ezekiel tells us that these Jews will return to their land in *unbelief*.

Most of the Jews in Israel today have little or no understanding of their own place in God's prophetic plan. Oh, people, I hope this study of Daniel has caused you to become aware of God's history. Remember, if you do not know history from the standpoint of the Jews, then you do not understand history according to God.

Ezekiel 5:

**5 “THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD, “THIS IS JERUSALEM;
I HAVE SET HER AT THE CENTER OF THE NATIONS, WITH LANDS
AROUND HER.”**

Every living Jew today, whether a believer in Jesus as the Messiah or an unbelieving secular Jew, is a witness that our God is the Almighty God; The Only Sovereign God. *‘you are my witnesses’*

So in Ezekiel 38 we read of the **ALIGNMENT OF NATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL.**

Why?

Why must Satan get rid of every Jew?

If he can get rid of every Jew,

then God cannot keep His word,

HIS PROMISES TO ISRAEL.

***AND IF GOD CANNOT KEEP HIS WORD,
THEN HE IS NOT GOD.***

And many 'Christians' have bought into this with **REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY**. **REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY** contends that the Church 'replaces Israel'. It is another way of expressing Anti-Semitism.

Ezekiel 38:

1 AND THE WORD OF THE LORD PROPHECY CAME TO ME SAYING,
2 "SON OF MAN, SET YOUR FACE TOWARD GOG OF THE LAND OF MAGOG, Gog is the person and Magog is the location which is modern day Russia **THE PRINCE OF ROSH,** the remotest parts of Russia **MESHECH AND TUBAL, MODERN TURKEY AND PROPHECY** what is going to happen **AGAINST HIM** what is going to happen to Russia.

See, this is why we are here in **Ezekiel 38**. This is the area where the Anti-Christ will hear news, "rumors from *the north*." That is from Gog of the land of Magog—Russia or North.

Now we have the prophecy

3 AND SAY, 'THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD, "BEHOLD, I AM AGAINST YOU, O GOG, PRINCE OF ROSH, MESHECH, AND TUBAL.

The people of Israel know what it is like to have the Sovereign God against them, it is devastating.

4 **"And I will TURN YOU ABOUT, AND PUT HOOKS INTO YOUR JAWS,** This refers to a rider of an animal who puts hooks into the animal's jaws—to control... determine the direction he goes (*riding a horse—control bridle –control the horse*)

Jesus Christ controls all of history—He controls this animal, king of the North.

4. **AND I will BRING YOU OUT, AND ALL YOUR ARMY, HORSES AND HORSEMEN, ALL OF THEM splendidly ATTIRED, A GREAT COMPANY WITH BUCKLER AND SHIELD, ALL OF THEM WIELDING SWORDS;**

This describes a great army by time of the end of The Tribulation.

ARMY—infantry

HORSES AND HORSEMEN—cavalry—mobility – as referenced to our modern military; Equipment –tanks, etc.

But it refers to army at time of end of The Tribulation—a massive military machinery.

splendidly ATTIRED, A GREAT COMPANY WITH BUCKLER AND

shield, all of them wielding swords

This refers to the well-designed heavy armament.

Today, Russia is building the largest infantry and mobile forces in the world and China is doing the same.

IT AMAZES ME THAT THE PACIFIST,
ANTI-MILITARY,
ANTI-AMERICA PEOPLE ALL OVER AMERICA,
WHO DO NOT HAVE THE REASONING ABILITY TO REALIZE
THAT ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD
ARE BUILDING UP THEIR MILITARY FORCES,
AND AS THIS IS HAPPENING,
OUR PRESIDENT DECREASES OUR MILITARY.

What do you think they are building up forces to do?

Take America,

for example !!!

These people, here in America, follow our President in thinking that if we decrease our military... all these other countries will decrease theirs and this will lead to world peace...

Denying all of history and ignorant of human nature... they cannot understand that there will always be wars and rumors of wars;

But unfortunately most of these people were educated in an educational system that does not teach the truth of history...which teaches that America is a horrible country who seeks to control the world and should

be taken down from within....

Yet the **“truth of the matter is”** that **AMERICA, HISTORICALLY, HAS BEEN THE LEADING FREE COUNTRY OF THE WORLD.** But we are now demonstrating that we cannot handle our freedom.

Freedom is a great challenge to all the people, to make sound decisions through their lives.

This is especially true in Christianity:

Galatians 5:1 and 13

¹ IT WAS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST SET US FREE; THEREFORE KEEP STANDING FIRM AND DO NOT BE SUBJECT AGAIN TO A YOKE OF SLAVERY.

Galatians 5:1, 13

¹³ FOR YOU WERE CALLED TO FREEDOM, BRETHREN; ONLY *do* NOT *TURN* YOUR FREEDOM INTO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH, BUT THROUGH LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER.

In these two verses we have **two fundamental warnings about freedom.**

(first warning)

In Chapter 5 verse 1—**“going back into slavery”**...where someone or something rules over you;

(second warning)

and chapter 5 verse 13 **using your freedom to satisfy your flesh nature**, that is your **INHERITED SIN NATURE**.

Both of these warnings characterize America today.

In Russia's attempt to destroy Israel, Gog will have several allies

5 PERSIA, ETHIOPIA, AND PUT WITH THEM, ALL OF THEM WITH SHIELD AND HELMET;

PERSIA —Is used to refer to Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran; it is modern Iran—to which to whom America has sold arms and planes, and this is documented in the news —daily.

Ethiopia south of Egypt

PUT or Libya

So again we have the alignment of nations moving against Israel.

6 GOMER WITH ALL ITS TROOPS;

Gomer—organized aggregation—the eldest son of Japheth and his descendants have been identified with people who lived in Russia and were driven out by the Scythians. These people were driven into an area now known as southern or eastern **Germany**.

BETH-TOGARMAH FROM THE REMOTE PARTS OF THE NORTH WITH ALL ITS TROOPS-- MANY PEOPLES WITH YOU.

TOGARMAH –Son of Gomer – associated with and named in in the records of Assyria. It may refer here to Turkoman tribes in Central Asia—Siberia, Turks and Armenians.

And it says these people are **FROM THE REMOTE PARTS OF THE NORTH WITH ALL ITS TROOPS, MANY PEOPLES WITH YOU.**

Again, this is talking about Russia.

A very important principal of **‘hermeneutics’ = the interpretation of the Bible.**

We had an entire course on hermeneutics in Seminary. The hermeneutics that a pastor or any student of the Bible takes is extremely important.

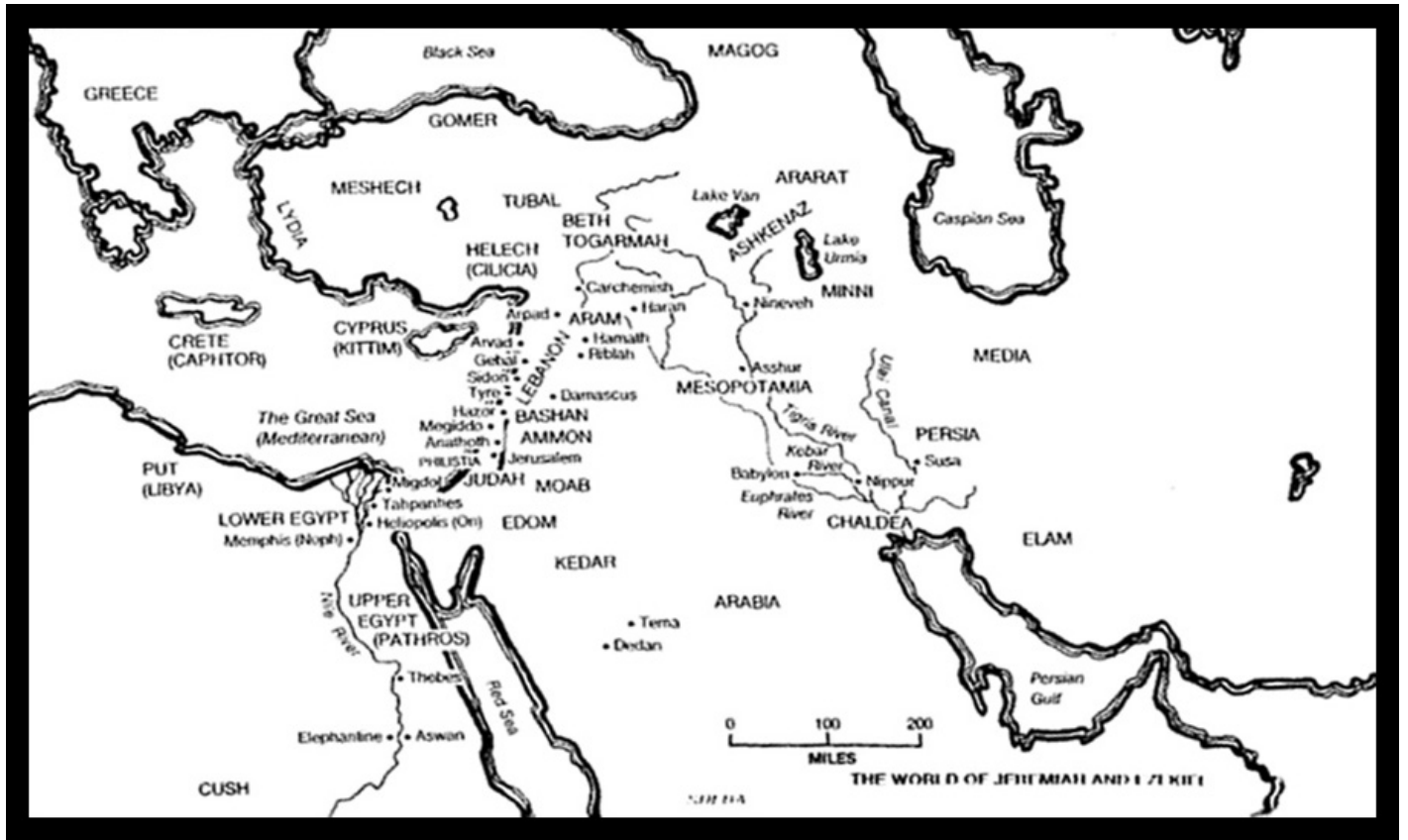
One important view of hermeneutics is **“Who was the author writing about when he wrote the book?”** When Ezekiel wrote some 2500 years ago, what did he have in mind when he wrote Ezekiel 38 about Gog of Magog?

Or what did he have in mind when he wrote about Rosh?

He wrote about the land way north of Jerusalem.

If you take a map, and draw a line northward, it will go through North Russia. Russia today spreads east and west some 6000

miles. (wider than Texas)



By its usage, Rosh, refers to the people living in a specific geographical area. The northern part regardless of who the inhabitants might be at any particular time in history.

- For example: Had the rapture occurred in 1975 Rosh would have been referring to Communist Russia—the Soviet Union.
- If the rapture had occurred between 1500 and 1917 Rosh would have referred to the peoples living under the regime of the Czars;
- If the rapture would have occurred in the 12th century, Rosh would have been the Mongolians.

So **Rosh** refers to whoever is in Russia at the time of the Rapture.

Also, because there have been great-movements of these people there has been a great mixture of many nations in Russia and, therefore, **Rosh** does not designate any one ethnic people. **Rosh** does not refer to a race but a geographical area, including east Germany.

From the first 6 verses of Ezekiel 38 it is clear that there will be a great confederation, known as the **Northern Confederation**, **Northern Block**, under the leadership of one who arises from the land of **MAGOG-NORTH RUSSIA**.

Allied with Russia will be **Persia**, --modern Iran; **certain Arab states (Put or Ethiopia)**; **modern Egypt and Libya**; **Germany—East Germany**; and **some Asiatic peoples** including both **Arminian**, or **Turks**, and **MANY PEOPLES WITH YOU** clans of people not mentioned.

This prophecy speaks of an extensive alliance of powers along with Russia that will come against Israel.

If ever overpowering numbers would succeed, in all the annals of military history, this would surely be it, especially when you consider the four other military blocks moving against Israel.

Alignment of the Nations against Israel.

All this is talked about throughout the Old Testament.

Look at Psalm 83:

1 **O God, do NOT REMAIN QUIET; DO NOT BE SILENT AND, O God, do NOT BE STILL.**

2 **FOR BEHOLD, YOUR ENEMIES** FACT: if you are an enemy of the Jews, you are an enemy of God **MAKE AN UPROAR**, they are going to annihilate the Jews **AND THOSE WHO HATE YOU** deny it all you want, if you hate the Jews, you hate God **HAVE EXALTED THEMSELVES**. that is they have exalted themselves over the plan of God, the people of God.

3 **THEY MAKE SHREWD PLANS AGAINST YOUR PEOPLE**, the Jews **AND CONSPIRE TOGETHER AGAINST YOUR TREASURED ONES**. Alignment of the nations against Israel.

Verse four tells what they are saying:

4 **THEY HAVE SAID, "COME, AND LET US WIPE THEM OUT AS A NATION, sounds like a modern speech at the UN. **THAT THE NAME OF ISRAEL BE REMEMBERED NO MORE.**"** Here is the objective of the nations around Israel.

5 **FOR THEY HAVE CONSPIRED TOGETHER WITH ONE MIND;** get rid of the Jews **AGAINST YOU THEY MAKE A COVENANT:** they have come together to destroy Israel.

6 **THE TENTS OF EDMON AND THE ISHMAELITES**, descendants of Hagar, modern day Saudi Arabia **MOAB AND THE HAGRITES;** modern day Iran

7 **GEBAL AND AMMON AND AMALEK, PHILISTIA WITH THE**

INHABITANTS OF TYRE; modern day Lebanon

8 **ASSYRIA** modern day Syria **ALSO HAS JOINED WITH THEM;**
THEY HAVE BECOME A HELP TO THE CHILDREN OF LOT.

In July 9, 2006 the president of Iran, gave a speech where he all but quotes Psalm 83:4... 'come let us unit as Muslims and wipe out all the Jews off the face of the earth, that their name be not remember forever.'

By the way Ishmael did not start the Arab world. According to Genesis 10, they were on the earth some 500 year before the birth of Ishmael recorded in Genesis 16. Between Genesis 10 and 16 is over 500 years.

In Genesis 17:20 God said that Ishmael would be the father of one nation! Not nations, but **one nation**. Now where was that?

In Genesis 25:18... in modern day Saudi Arabia. Notice in verse 16 (speaking of Ishmael,) ...***ACCORDING TO THEIR TRIBES*** not nations as you have it in the King James. So Ishmael is not the Father of Arabs, they were here long before he was born. He built his one nation in what is today Saudi Arabia.

Ezekiel now exhorts Gog to fully prepare for the battle.

7 **"BE PREPARED, AND PREPARE YOURSELF,** addressed to Gog
YOU Gog or Russia **AND ALL YOUR COMPANIES** allies **THAT ARE**
ASSEMBLED ABOUT YOU, AND BE A GUARD the protective
leader, commander **FOR THEM.**

Here again is the Alignment of the Nations:

Russia,
Eastern Europe,
Germany,
Iran,
Ethiopia,
Libya,
Lebanon,
Poland,
Czechoslovakia,
Hungary,
Bulgaria,
Turkey,
Iran,
Egypt,
Sudan,
Ethiopia,
Pakistan, and
Afghanistan.

8 **"AFTER MANY days** over 2500 days to the end of The Tribulation **you Gog will be SUMMONED;**

OK, summoned by whom?

By the one who controls history –Jesus Christ the commander through the workings of the Holy Spirit.

IN THE LATTER YEARS of The Tribulation; of history as we know it; of days of turmoil, war, Anti-Semitism.

There are a few phrases like this that are very important as to our understanding to what they are referring.

IN LATTER YEARS---here in Ezekiel 38:8

ON THAT day Ezekiel 38:10 and 14

IN THE LAST days Ezekiel 38:16, 18

THE day Ezekiel 39:8;

ON THAT day Ezekiel 39:11

Look at Ezekiel 30:9 and Jeremiah 23:20; Hosea 3:5; Micah 4:1

8 **AFTER MANY days** in The Tribulation **you Gog will be SUMMONED** by Jesus Christ **IN THE LATTER YEARS** near end of Time before Millennium.

8 **You Gog will come into the LAND** Palestine **THAT IS RESTORED FROM THE SWORD,** used for military assault.

So much is involved in these words.

8 YOU WILL COME INTO THE LAND land of Israel; land of issue for 4 centuries

8 THAT IS RESTORED brought back **FROM THE SWORD** –this is God’s description of the land of Israel throughout history in Old Testament and in the New Testatment and in between and during The Tribulation. So many people have brought the sword against the Jews.

But at this time in history Jesus Christ will come and Restore Israel for the last time.

8 WHOSE INHABITANTS HAVE BEEN GATHERED FROM MANY NATIONS

this is important

8 WHOSE INHABITANTS reference to the Jews who inhabited Israel and Jerusalem from all over the world. This started after WWII and especially after May 1948.

8 WHOSE INHABITANTS HAVE BEEN GATHERED FROM MANY NATIONS TO THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL WHICH HAD BEEN A CONTINUAL WASTE, BUT ITS PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT OUT FROM THE NATIONS, AND THEY ARE LIVING SECURELY, ALL OF THEM.

9 YOU WILL GO UP, YOU WILL COME LIKE A STORM; YOU WILL BE LIKE A CLOUD COVERING THE LAND, YOU AND ALL YOUR TROOPS, AND MANY PEOPLES WITH YOU.”

When Israel drops all its arms (*no walls*), when there is peace in Israel, then God will activate Gog (*Russia*) and the nations aligned with it, to move against Israel.

“Mark Twain visited Israel in 1867, and published his impressions in *Innocents Abroad*. He described a desolate country – devoid of both vegetation and human population:

“... . A DESOLATE COUNTRY WHOSE SOIL IS RICH ENOUGH, BUT IS GIVEN OVER WHOLLY TO WEEDS... A SILENT MOURNFUL EXPANSE... A DESOLATION... WE NEVER SAW A HUMAN BEING ON THE WHOLE ROUTE... HARDLY A TREE OR SHRUB ANYWHERE. EVEN THE OLIVE TREE AND THE CACTUS, THOSE FAST FRIENDS OF A WORTHLESS SOIL, HAD ALMOST DESERTED THE COUNTRY.”

He was amazed by the smallness of the city of Jerusalem:

“A FAST WALKER COULD GO OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM AND WALK ENTIRELY AROUND THE CITY IN AN HOUR. I DO NOT KNOW HOW ELSE TO MAKE ONE UNDERSTAND HOW SMALL IT IS.”

Summary of events

1. Rapture of the Church—the Church is not part of history of Israel. John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 3:10
With the removal of the Church, the Holy Spirit, the Restrainer is also removed 2 Thessalonians 2:7
2. Conditions around Israel were such that the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire, will come into power Daniel 7:20 and 24; also called the Anti-Christ or the Beast will make a covenant with Israel to protect her from all these nations. Daniel 9:27. This will take place soon after the Rapture of the Church. The clock starts when this covenant is made for the period of The Tribulation. Israel will drop all her defenses and think they are now secure. Daniel 9:26-27
3. Syria and Egypt will be the first to move against Israel—challenging the protection by the Anti-Christ. Daniel 11:40 This will cause the Beast to move against Syria and Egypt.

Events of the first half of the seven year period.

- (3.1) Covenant between the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire and Israel where the Roman alliance would protect Israel.
 - (3.2) Israel lays down all its arms and is deceived into thinking that it is safe and secure.
 - (3.3) 144,000 Jews saved and sealed and start their world evangelism Revelation 7:1-8 and Matthew 24:14.
 - (3.4) Temple sacrifices instituted Revelation 11:1-2
 - (3.5) The Anti-Christ strongly pushes his one World Religion.
Revelation 17
4. He hears rumors that Russia (the North) and China (the East)

are mounting an aggression against Israel.

Daniel 11:44 and Ezekiel 38-39

5. Nations around the world will get in the alignment against Israel.
6. Then in the middle of The Tribulation the Dictator of Revived Roman Empire will come to Israel and set up the abomination that causes desolation in the Temple which has been constructed by man. This is not the Temple Jesus Christ will construct in His Millennial kingdom. At this time, Jews who understand the bible, will get out of Jerusalem and travel south to Jordan. (Petra or Bozrah). From Matthew 24:14 the gospel will be preached to all the nations. This will be by the 144,000 virgin men who will evangelize the world in the first half of The Tribulation.
7. At this point the nations start their alignment we noted here in Ezekiel 38 in a movement against Israel. This will be, in part, due to the declaration of the Gospel. They will not only reject the gospel, they are angered by it;
by its all-inclusiveness...whosoever will and
by its exclusiveness of salvation...only those who believe.

While many Christians today do not believe in the dogma of the gospel that whosoever does not believe will spend eternity in lake of fire, (Revelation 20:15) all these nations do believe and they hate it and are going to try to prove God wrong.

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| 8. | As these nations move against Jerusalem near the end of The Tribulation the battle of Armageddon is fought. |
| 9. | Jesus Christ returns to the earth to rescue the Jews and all believers on the earth and save the earth from destruction. |
| 10. | What is going to happen to all the Muslims of the world?
Ezekiel 38:
4 I will TURN YOU ABOUT AND PUT HOOKS INTO YOUR JAWS, AND I will BRING YOU OUT, AND ALL YOUR ARMY, HORSES AND HORSEMEN, ALL OF THEM splendidly ATTIRED, A GREAT COMPANY <i>with</i> BUCKLER AND SHIELD, ALL OF THEM WIELDING SWORDS;

5 PERSIA, ETHIOPIA AND PUT WITH THEM, ALL OF THEM <i>with</i> SHIELD AND HELMET; |

Here is a grand plan of Satan, to gather Jews from all over the world, under “**ZIONISM**”... Jews from nations, like America, etc., and to rebuild the Temple, to get Jews back to the land so that he can destroy them in one blast... Zionism is not of God but of Satan; Jesus Christ will re-gather all the Jews back into the land at the 2nd Advent; and under **ZIONISM**, man tries to do what only God can do, for instance, trying to save Himself, instead of just receiving what God did at the cross.