

Ezekiel 38:1-11

Restoration of Israel

God's Faithfulness

Remember, people, it is because of **God's Faithfulness** that we are confident of our eternal salvation!

If He is not faithful to Israel in fulfilling the unconditional covenants to Israel, what is to guarantee that He will be faithful to our salvation by faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 38:1-16

- 1 **AND THE WORD OF THE LORD PROPHECY CAME TO ME SAYING,**
- 2 **"SON OF MAN, SET YOUR FACE TOWARD GOG leader of THE LAND OF MAGOG, modern Russia THE PRINCE OF ROSH, remotest parts of Russia MESHECH AND TUBAL, modern Turkey AND PROPHECY** what is going to happen, it had not happened in Old Testament history and has not happened as yet in human history **AGAINST HIM** wrath of God against Russia

The Prophecy

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

- 4 **“I will TURN YOU ABOUT AND PUT HOOKS INTO YOUR JAWS,** note who is doing this... **I** Jehovah Elohim; is pictured as a rider of an animal who puts hooks into the animal’s jaws to control him **AND I will BRING YOU OUT,** against Israel, His Anointed **AND ALL YOUR ARMY, HORSES AND HORSEMEN, ALL OF THEM splendidly ATTIRED, A GREAT COMPANY with BUCKLER AND SHIELD, ALL OF THEM WIELDING SWORDS;**

Alignment of the nations against Israel



- 5 **PERSIA,** modern Iran **ETHIOPIA AND PUT** Libya **with THEM, ALL OF THEM with shield AND HELMET;**
- 6 **GOMER** eastern Germany **with ALL ITS TROOPS; BETH-TOGARMAH** This seems to refer to modern Turkoman tribes in Central Asia-Turkes and Armenians **FROM THE REMOTE PARTS OF THE NORTH WITH ALL ITS TROOPS—MANY PEOPLES WITH YOU.** All those nations who will align themselves with Russia.
- 7 **“BE PREPARED, AND PREPARE YOURSELF,** addressed to Gog (Russia) **you AND ALL YOUR COMPANIES** all those nations that have aligned themselves with Russia against Israel **THAT ARE ASSEMBLED ABOUT YOU, AND BE A GUARD FOR THEM.**

Verse 8 pictures the modern state of Israel which for centuries had been a waste land in the wilderness, but look at the rich production of the land today.

8 **AFTER MANY days** throughout history, including Church history now some 2500 years **you Gog will be SUMMONED** by God **IN THE LATTER YEARS** of history of the Gentiles, of the Tribulation into **THE LAND** Palestine, modern Israel, **THAT IS RESTORED FROM THE SWORD** military assault— God's description of the land of Palestine throughout all its history, so many people have brought the sword against the Jews. But at the end of The Tribulation Jesus Christ will return to earth and restore Israel for the last time. **WHOSE INHABITANTS HAVE BEEN GATHERED FROM MANY NATIONS** gathered from all over the world, this started historically after May, 1948 **TO THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL WHICH HAD BEEN A CONTINUAL WASTE** that is without their Messiah-King. In the wilderness! **BUT ITS PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT OUT FROM THE NATIONS, AND THEY ARE LIVING SECURELY, ALL OF THEM.** This is because of the treaty made with Israel with the dictator of Revived Roman Empire the king of West, and by this treaty he agreed to protect Israel.

9 **"And you Gog will go up, you will come like a storm; blistering warfare you will be like a cloud covering the LAND,** with his troops **you AND ALL YOUR TROOPS, AND MANY PEOPLES WITH YOU** we studied these nations in the

Alignment of the Nations against Israel in verses 5-6; note end of verse 6 is repeated here in verse 9 **MANY PEOPLES WITH YOU**

What is it that will cause this coalition of nations to invade the land of Palestine? Often armies invade a land in order to add to their territory, gain material wealth, revenge, etc.

10 **'THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD,** Jesus Christ **"IT WILL COME ABOUT ON THAT DAY,** This is *Day of the Lord* the day of His return and defeat all the enemies of Israel. The Day of His return to earth. **THAT THOUGHTS WILL COME INTO YOUR MIND,** *thoughts against Jews and Palestine, thoughts of controlling the strategic land of Palestine,* **THOUGHT PUT THERE BY SATAN—WORLD-WIDE HATRED OF THE JEWS IS SUPERNATURAL HATRED INSTIGATED BY SATAN AND HIS DEMONIC FORCES.**

You will recall from our study in Daniel that nations have demons over them.

And you will devise an evil plan, to destroy Israel, while it is defenseless. Some of you may be thinking, how could Israel be defenseless, look how strong they are now? Remember this is at the beginning of 7 years of the worst 7 years of human history.

So his **evil plan** is to destroy Israel and use what is left of Jerusalem as a supply line, with its main objective to turn back and take Africa.

All through history, invaders have taken over peoples who were not armed. In America, we are led by those who do not know history or in bold arrogance think they can get away with it. You must never underestimate the Big 5 of the nature of man.

continually being corrupted - Ephesians 4:22

most deceitful - Jeremiah 17:9

incurably sick - Jeremiah 17:9

full of evil - Ecclesiastes 9:3

Insane - Ecclesiastes 9:3

Man **has** and **does** and **will** continue to invade areas, especially those least armed to gain wealth, the land or just because they hate them.

- 11 **AND YOU GOG WILL SAY**, prophesy of even what he will say. **'I will go up against the land of un-walled villages.** This is a description of Israel after signing the covenant with the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire at the beginning of The Tribulation. **I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely**, depending on Roman alliance to protect them. Dating way back into the Old Testament Israel has turned to foreign powers instead of to God, they went to Egypt to protect them and paid dearly for not turning to God. **ALL OF THEM LIVING WITHOUT WALLS AND HAVING NO BARS OR GATES.**

Israel considered itself **SECURE!**

Security!

National Security,

Homeland Security;

Financial Security,

America loses security almost Daily!

We hear a lot about Homeland Security, while all it is –is a plan to **DISARM** American people, take away arms of the people, while at the same time weakening our military forces. And while all this is going on, we are told that the government will take care of us, and more and more people **BELIEVE THESE LIES.**

And that is exactly what the Jews will do in The Tribulation. The Jews have no protection, no fortifications, without military installments, without strong barriers to others invading their land.

They will lay down all their arms they have today. Apparently they will rely on the powerful army of the West, so they will give up their own arms relying on a piece of paper to protect them and because of an alliance with the King of West, they feel that they are secure.

So, these nations will see this as an opportunity to invade

**AN ARMED PEOPLE IS THE BEST
DETERRENT FOR INVASION OR TAKE
OVER, THIS IS WHY, OUR OWN PRESIDENT**

HAS A PLAN TO DISARM IT'S PEOPLE.

In verse 12 we see more reasons for the invasion---reason for the attack

- to gain control of the middle east because of its strategic location, -
- and-
- they are after the wealth of the middle east

12 TO CAPTURE SPOIL AND TO SEIZE PLUNDER, there is great wealth both in the ground and on the ground. While much of the world is becoming hungry and unable to feed itself, Israel is so rich in soil, in food and in production. And the rest of the world will become jealous and come to take all this wealth.

TO TURN YOUR HAND Gog, as representative of all the Armies to move against Israel.

AGAINST THE WASTE PLACES WHICH ARE NOW INHABITED, for some 2000 years this land has laid waste, even early on the Muslims did not want it, but once the Jews moved back into the land, it has become extremely productive **AND AGAINST THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GATHERED FROM THE NATIONS**, again, Jews who have migrated to Israel from all over the world especially after May 1948 **WHO HAVE ACQUIRED CATTLE AND GOODS**, Israel is now a rich and desirable land.

WHO LIVE AT THE CENTER OF THE WORLD.'

We saw in Ezekiel 5:5

THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD,

"THIS JERUSALEM; I HAVE SET HER AT THE CENTER OF ALL THE NATIONS"

In the Beginning, God Created...



CHOSEN BY GOD!

NOT BY ABRAHAM,

NOT BY DAVID, AND

CERTAINLY NOT BY THE HERETIC MOHAMMAD WHO

DID NOT EVEN COME ALONG UNTIL CA 570 AD, and

the Muslims have to *slaughter, invade, destroy, kill, murder*

people to establish themselves, *force themselves on those who do not believe in Mohammad and horrible Islamic teachings.*

Because they know that people all over the world would reject it, they simply force it on the world... all over the world.

Terror all through Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Europe and now in the middle east and building a base in America.

—it is here, but America will not wake up and even votes one as their President.—

NO, IT WAS GOD HIMSELF
WHO CHOSE THIS PLACE
FOR HIS PEOPLE.



I am forced to acknowledge that TEXAS is not the center of the earth.

But when God designed the earth
it was with JERUSALEM at the very center!

Rabbinic literature

*“As the navel is set in the center of the human body,
○○○ so is the land of Israel the navel of the world...
situated in the center of the world, ○○○ and
○○○ Jerusalem is the centra of the land of Israel ○○○ and
○○○ the sanctuary in the centra of Jerusalem, ○○○ and
○○○ the holy place in the centra of the sanctuary ○○○ and
○○○ the ark in the centra of the holy place ○○○ and
○○○ the foundation stone before the holy place ○○○
because from it the world was founded.”*

[the stone under the dome of the Rock,
under control of Muslims,
is where they have put their **MYTH** of
“from this place where Mohammad ascended into heaven.”

The reason they picked this spot
is that Mohammad lusted to control Jerusalem
as a sacred place of Islamic,
to take over Jews sacred history of this land.

When neither Christians nor Jews would follow him,

and he hated them and demanded they all be killed.

So, Muslims claim this is the rock from which Mohammad ascended into heaven and the Jews believe this rock was the first placed created by God. (*without biblical proof*)

ONE THING THAT WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND WHY TWO CHAPTERS DEVOTED TO **GOG OF **MAGOG** IN BIBLE IS TO SEE THE INVISIBLE BATTLE GOING ON BETWEEN **GOD** AND **SATAN**.**

SEE **SATAN AS **GOG**, AND ISRAEL FROM THE TRUE **GOD**, AS ALL BELIEVERS IN **JESUS CHRIST**;
THE EXCITEMENT OF **GOG** IS THE EXCITEMENT OF **SATAN**.
AND THE JUDGMENT OF **GOG** IS THE JUDGMENT OF **SATAN**.
AND HOW ALL THE NATIONS THAT FOLLOW **SATAN** AS HOW ALL THE ANGELS AND MAN CHOOSE TO FOLLOW **SATAN**.**

Ezekiel 38:

13 "Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all its villages, will say to you, 'Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?'"

In the invisible Warfare....Satan sees so much he lusts to grasp.

What is this verse 13 about?

Throughout history, when there is any kind of war, or possible war, whenever there is any turmoil in a nation or between nations, there are always those who seek

to make money out of the situation; make an easy buck, legally or illegally.

It does not matter to them who wins, or which side they take and they have no moral conviction. They are only concerned about making a big haul, quickly.

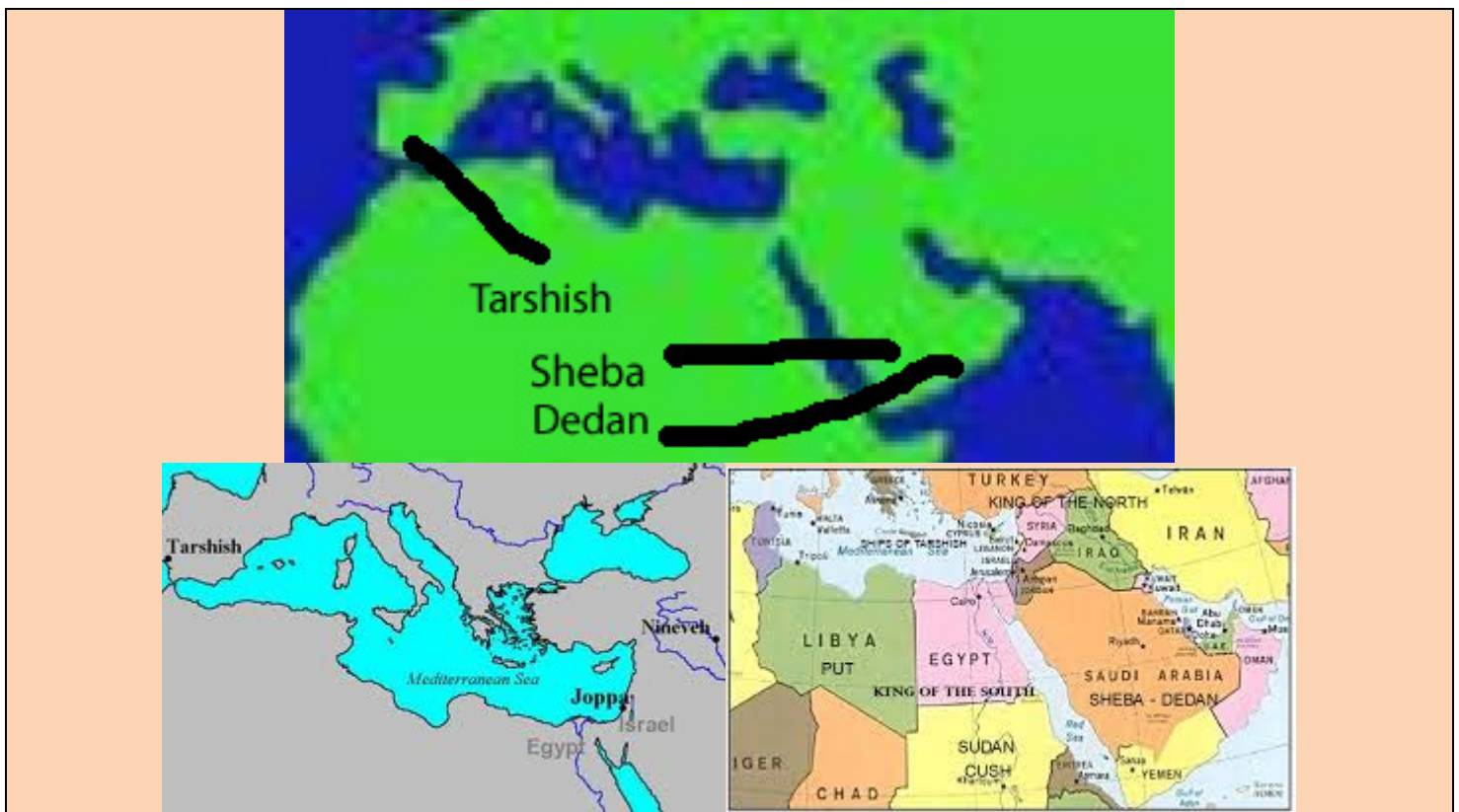
So, even during The Tribulation, *and especially at the time when troops begin moving*, these merchants and slave dealers all over the world are interested in this world-wide campaign to make what they can for themselves.

The three places mentioned next are all commercial trade centers

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13 "SHEBA, AND DEDAN, AND THE MERCHANTS OF TARSHISH, WITH ALL ITS VILLAGES, WILL SAY TO YOU, 'HAVE YOU COME TO CAPTURE SPOIL? HAVE YOU ASSEMBLED YOUR COMPANY TO SEIZE PLUNDER, TO CARRY AWAY SILVER AND GOLD, TO TAKE AWAY CATTLE AND GOODS, TO CAPTURE GREAT SPOIL?'"

SHEBA located in Southwest Arabia—in the region of **Sheba**, where the **Queen of Sheba** came. **Sheba** was a trade center from here they traded in gold, incense, and precious stones. They not only traded things in their own land but from all around them: India and westward, Egypt and Ethiopia. So these people were familiar with all kinds of trading. **Sheba** was in Southwest Arabia, in the southern part of the *Sinai Peninsula*. A well-known trade area.



DEDAN Southwest Arabia along the side of the Red Sea. They also were long heritage of trade and commercial activities. It was in this area where caravans from all directions of the compass converged.

TARSHISH off the coast of Spain, noted for its trade and smelting

of iron.

So all four of these trade centers are trying to make some money off the campaign of Gog and its effect on world trade.

Ezekiel 38:

13 **"SHEBA, AND DEDAN, AND THE MERCHANTS OF TARSHISH, WITH ALL ITS VILLAGES, WILL SAY TO YOU,** KJ says *young lions* while the NASV and NIV say **villages** the Hebrew word used is *young lions* AND YOU WILL RECALL HOW SATAN IS PICTURED AS A YOUNG LION PROWLING ABOUT TO SEE WHO HE MAY DEVOUR but is used in the Old Testament for people who have the characteristics of a young lion; ferocious, etc.

So what **is** being said here is that other traders, who are greedy, ferocious in their trading, are like **Tarshish**---meaning they cross bounds to make a killing in the trading during turmoil.

And the following phrases give an idea of how they were known.

These are rhetorical questions from those who trade with Gog.

**'HAVE YOU COME TO CAPTURE SPOIL? By force
HAVE YOU ASSEMBLED YOUR COMPANY vast army
TO SEIZE PLUNDER, TO CARRY AWAY SILVER AND GOLD, TO TAKE
AWAY CATTLE AND GOODS, TO CAPTURE GREAT SPOIL?''''**

Note the words used: **CAPTURE spoil; SEIZE plunder, CARRY AWAY silver and gold, TAKE AWAY cattle and goods,**

This gives you some idea of just **how 'rich' Israel will be** at this time in history and today Israel is already a rich nation.

Today: "Israel is considered to be the richest country in the Middle East. It has the highest HDI (*Human Development Index*) in the region and it is ranked behind France and before Finland in this ranking table. It has one of the highest life expectancies in the world and has developed a very modern economy and infrastructure."

The standard of living in Israel is high and is constantly improving.

As of 2014, Israel ranks **16th among 187** world nations on the UN's *Human Development Index*, which places it in the category of "Very Highly Developed". Israel also has one of the highest life expectancies at birth in the world.

So you can understand why some of the most sophisticated companies in the world are located in Israel today. And you can see why as economies get worst, Israel will be a most desirable nation to overtake, especially once they lay down all their military

defense.

So now here comes **Gog** and all those nations aligned with him and here comes the other power blocks against Israel, to take control of Israel, and to rule that land and rape it of all its wealth. ***“Through the centuries Israel has time and again, been the prey of one nation after another”***. But time and again, it is unmistakable that God moved in against those involved in trying to overrun Israel.

So over the centuries hatred has grown against the Jews. Nations and people have not learned from history. [“all we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history”]

Nations and people have not learned that **GOD CURSES THOSE WHO CURSE THE JEWS, ISRAEL AND GOD BLESSES THOSE WHO BLESS ISRAEL**. We are now moving into a period of our nation’s history where our own leaders plot against Israel.

**We learn nothing from history,
not to mention we learn nothing from the Bible.**

But nations have not learned about Israel, and continue to try to overtake the land once more. And Satan will lead nations in The Tribulation again, to come in and try to take the land only this will be the last time, for this time God will manifest His glory and the

whole world will see, the **GLORY OF GOD**. They will not turn to Him but they will know that He is God.

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14 **"THEREFORE**, because Israel is rich, and because Israel has laid down her own defenses and because nations are moving against Israel to take her possessions and make sure Israel is remembered no more **PROPHECY, SON OF MAN, Ezekiel AND SAY TO GOG,** modern Russia **'THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST,** here is the Lord, once again speaking directly to the leader of Anti-Semitic coalition army against Israel.

It is also important to note the time of the repetition of these words:

"ON THAT DAY Day of the Lord **WHEN My people ISRAEL ARE LIVING SECURELY**, under protection of the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire, as in days of old where Israel went to Egypt, Assyrians, etc., for security instead of the Lord.

Look back at verse 11 **UNWALLED VILLAGES AT REST;**
here **LIVING SECURELY**

**THIS IS A PICTURE OF BELIEVERS ALL OVER THE
WORLD IN THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE... WHO THINK
THEY ARE DOING JUST FINE,
SOME LIVING BY LEGALISM,
SOME BY RELIGION,
SOME BY EMOTIONS,
SOME BY THEIR INTELLECT,**

SOME BY IGNORING THE WHOLE ISSUE.

**BUT AS CHRISTIANS WE ARE HELPLESS AGAINST THE
FORCES OF DARKNESS—SATAN—,
WE ARE WEAK, HELPLESS,**

**SO THIS IS WHY WE NEED SO MUCH
TO, EVERY MOMENT, BE IN POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BY FAITH .**

***—SEE YOURSELF, WHEN YOU SEE ISRAEL AT THIS TIME.
SEE OUR OWN NEED OF POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT!!!***

DO NOT LET YOUR FAITH DOWN!

ON THAT day when my people Israel are living securely false security **will you NOT know it? Know what?** Know that these are God's people; and they are secure in the dependence on Western block; and this is a Rhetorical question, for God knows Gog is well aware of the vulnerable position of Israel, and easy taking!!

Ezekiel 38:

15 AND you will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, modern day Russia, the area of the world that has kept the world in turmoil since the beginning of 20th

century. For a brief period in the 20th century under President Ronald Reagan and the world thought they had broken the power of Russia, but in truth we now know they did not, and in fact, now Russia is a world power that must be dealt with, and not by the then 3rd world power of USA. **But by God Himself** at 2nd Advent.

AND MANY PEOPLES WITH YOU, all those we studied and many not even mentioned who aligned themselves with Russia **ALL OF THEM RIDING ON HORSES**, mobilized infantry **A GREAT ASSEMBLY** all the supportive people **AND A MIGHTY ARMY**; powerful army

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16 **AND YOU WILL COME UP AGAINST MY PEOPLE** do not miss this MY PEOPLE note verse 14 and again here in verse 16.

Since the days of Abraham and the cutting of the Abrahamic Covenant the world has failed to see just how involved God is with the history of Israel, and this is especially true in America, today under the new monarchy, which does not have the slightest idea of how God looks over Israel, since he has concluded there is no God, so he has no idea of Israel's place in the Plan of God. and remember as part of that Covenant. **HE WHO CURSES YOU, I WILL CURSE.** How God protects, *His land, His people*, and this will come to full awareness when Jesus Christ intervenes in the final hour of Tribulation.

AND YOU WILL COME UP AGAINST MY PEOPLE, ISRAEL LIKE A CLOUD

TO COVER THE LAND. So many people, such a vast army
IT WILL COME ABOUT IN THE LAST DAYS of The Tribulation, last
days of the glory of Gog

THAT I SHALL BRING YOU AGAINST MY LAND, *My people—the Jews,*
My land—Israel, Palestine, much more land than they occupy right
now; note who is in control, It is God who incites all these armies
to move against Israel

I will bring you against my people

Question:

How?

How will God bring Gog against His people?

Does this teach hyper-Calvinism, where God is in control of
man's every thought?... and man really has no free will?

Let's note a flow in this chapter.

And it all starts in verse 3.

In verse 3 God starts the whole movement by telling Gog that God
is against him. This will excite Gog against God.

Verse 4 **I will TURN YOU ABOUT... I will put hooks into your
JAWS AND I will bring you out** by setting Gog's eyes toward
Israel and excite him against Israel--the land

verse 8 **you will be summoned** –Gog Excited;

example: just as a woman excites a man—she summons him, so God will excite Gog

you will come into the land Gog incited to action

verse 9 **you will go up, you will come**

verse 10 **thoughts will come into your mind** excited
and you will devise a plan

verse 11 **and you will say I will go up against the land** from excited to incitement

I will go against those who are at rest Gog will be incited to act against this land

verse 16 **I Jesus Christ will bring you against my land**

lets take a look at what is going on here by noting two English words to Excite and to Incite

EXCITE to call to activity, to awaken, to arouse emotional response to awaken inner feelings, inner emotions

INCITE move to action, put into motion, to move to external action

[1st a woman excites a man—arousing internal emotions, then

She incites him to action]

So what do we have going on here between God and Gog?

FIRST God **EXCITES** Gog, by pointing his attention to Israel, it's wealth, and how it is defenseless, this excites Gog, to go against Israel. Then as Gog looks he becomes **INCITED** to action against Israel.

This is much like the historical situation with Pharaoh, the Bible states that God hardened Pharaoh's heart, then, it says that Pharaoh hardened his own heart.

So what is going on?

Pharaoh, first started the **hardening the of heart process**, when he first rejected the request by Moses. Then God gave him 10 chances to change his heart, by sending 10 plagues, but with each plague, Pharaoh continued to harden his heart.

With 1st plague, Pharaoh, could have said yes, but he stiffened and said **No**...and so forth through the 10

plagues, with each one Pharaoh could have repented and said yes, but instead he hardened his heart all the more with each **No**.

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**16 AND YOU WILL COME UP AGAINST My people
ISRAEL INCITEMENT to action
like a cloud to cover the land.
IT SHALL COME ABOUT
in the last days of The Tribulation
THAT I will BRING YOU AGAINST My land,
SO THAT THE NATIONS MAY KNOW ME

WHEN I AM SANCTIFIED

THROUGH YOU BEFORE THEIR EYES,

O GOG."**

