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## The Unfolding Drama of Redemption # 7 “The Repudiation of Gog and Magog” Ezekiel 38-39

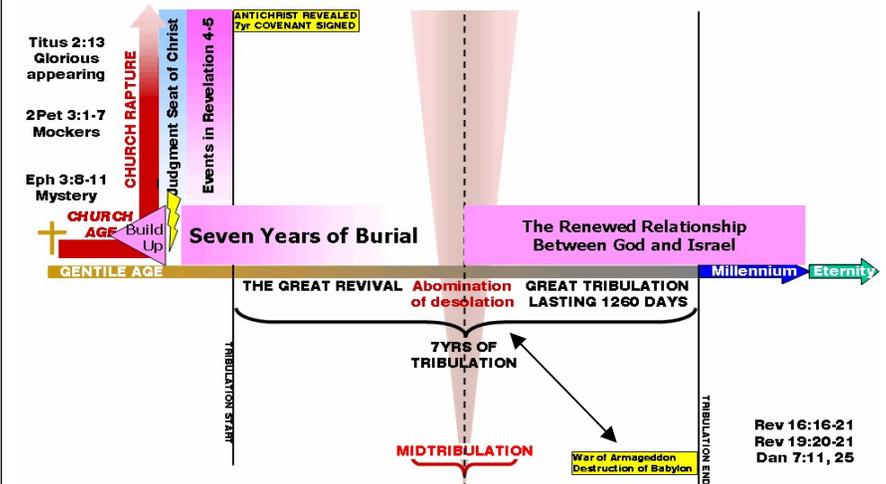
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According to Biblical Prophecy, there will be three attempts to destroy the nation of Israel at the end of the age:

- **The Psalm 83 war** – an “inner circle” of Arab nations that will come against Israel, primarily out of vengeance, to annihilate the Jews from the earth.
- **The Isaiah 17 war** – because of Syria’s threat against Israel, Israel will destroy the ancient city of Damascus in one day.
- **The Gog-Magog war** – Russia will lead a new coalition of Arab nations to come against Israel, not only to exterminate the Jews, but to capture the newly discovered oil reserves.

*“And so, I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD!”*

Ezekiel 38:23



- Ezekiel means – “God Strengthens”
- Ezekiel and his wife were taken as captives to Babylon with over 10,000 other Jews to serve as slaves.
- Ezekiel said, while he was “among the captives by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw visions of God.”

### 1. Who are Gog and Magog? – Ezekiel 38:1-6

- “Gog” – the name of a military and political leader.
- “Magog” – the land from which the leader originates. Jewish historians identify that land as Russia.
- **Conclusion** – near the end of this age, a Russian dictator will build a diplomatic and military coalition to come against the nation of Israel.



- “Rosh” – Russia
- “Meshech/Tubal” – Moscow and Tobolsk – former capital of Siberia
- “Persia” – Iran
- “Cush” – Ethiopia – Sudan
- “Put” – Libya and Algeria
- “Gomer” – Turkey
- “Beth Togarmah” – the “stans” of the former Soviet Union.

### Nations taken by surprise at “Gog’s” action against Israel:

- “Sheba and Dedan” – Saudi Arabia
- “Merchants of Tarshish” – Great Britain
- “Young Lions” – America, Australia, Canada

### 2. When is the Gog-Magog War? Ezekiel 38:16

- Vs 16 – “It shall be in the latter days” – the last days of this age, but before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
- Vs 8 – when the Jews are “gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate!” Israel lay desolate from AD 70 to 1948. Since then, more than 3 million Jews have returned to Israel.
- Vs 8 – when Israel has been “brought back from the sword” and “dwells in safety!”
- Vs 11 – when Israel is a “land of unwalled villages” - possibly after the Psalm 83 war.
- Ezekiel 39:9-12 – since the Jews will be evicted from Israel midway of the Tribulation, the “Gog-Magog” war must start at least 3 ½ years before the beginning of the Tribulation for them to be burning the implements of war for 7-years.

### 3. What is the purpose of the Gog-Magog War? Ezekiel 38

- The contemporary threat against Israel is Russia –
  - They have funded every war against Israel since 1948.
  - They have supplied weapons for Israel’s enemies.
  - They loaded Iran’s nuclear reactors, and have drastically modernized their weapons of war.
  - Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Russia has developed military ties to all of the Islamic countries, including Iran.
- The “Russians” descended from the tribe of Magog through the Scythians –who have always been against Israel.
- God is going to allow “Gog” to come against Israel, but in reality, “Gog” will be facing “God”!

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### 4. Who wins the Gog-Magog War? Ezekiel 38:18ff

- An earthquake will occur so strong that “*all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence!*”
- The population of the nations who will come against Israel is over 500-million. If only 10% of them are involved in the battle, that would be 50-million soldiers against Israel’s 700-thousand.
- However, God Himself will intervene to achieve His purposes.
- An “overflowing rain” of hailstones will fall, followed by balls of fire – burning sulfur and brimstone.
- Great Confusion will fall upon the armies of Israel so much that they will turn upon themselves or run from the battle.
- God will send the same fires upon “Magog” – meaning the nations from where the armies came.

***“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!”***

Ezekiel 39:21

- Ezekiel 38-39 describes the end of Radical Islam.
- Millions of Muslims will abandon the religion of Islam and express their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

***“So, the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward!”***

Ezekiel 39:22

- That phrase – “**Then they will know that I am the Lord**” is repeated 60 times in Ezekiel.
- On that day when God pours out His Spirit on the people of Israel, the surviving millions will be “saved in one day”!
- The “Gog-Magog” War starts the Time of Tribulation and triggers the introduction of the Antichrist.
- Since the rapture of the church must occur before the Antichrist can be revealed, **how close are we to the end of this age?**
- If the rapture of the Church occurred today, would those you love, who will be left behind, know why you are missing?