

The Gog and Magog War (Pt.2) Ezekiel 39

The Outcome: (vs. 1-6, 9-20)

God brought this about, and yet it was the evil scheme of Gog that leads to this moment. God uses the evil purposes of man for good. (39:1-2)

- King Nebuchadnezzar is called the “servant of God” in Jeremiah 25:9, showing how the Lord used him to accomplish His purposes of disciplining Israel for their disobedience.
- But God also holds King Nebuchadnezzar responsible for his own evil intentions. (Jer 50:15, 24, 29, 31-32)

The destruction of Gog is vast. 7 years of burning weapons, and 7 months of burying the bodies of the fallen soldiers. (Vs. 9-16)

- The Valley of the Travelers is renamed to “The Valley of Harmon-gog” which means “The Valley of Gog’s hordes”.
- The Bodies had to be buried to purify the land (Num 35:33).

Ezekiel paints the image of a sacrificial feast (vs. 17-20). The fat and the blood were normally reserved for the Lord in the OT sacrifices, but here He gives them for the animals to consume. God does this as a sign for the nations to see who He is. (1 Samuel 17:43-47)

God’s Purpose: (vs. 7-8, 21-24)

”And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them.” (Vs. 21)

- God uses this to draw people to Him and cause fear of His name to spread (ex, Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:1-11)

God does not hide His people’s sin or make excuses for it. He redeems them from it.

- Without understanding our sin, we would never understand our need for a savior. This brings Him great glory.

”My Holy name I will make known in the midst of my people Israel. (Vs. 7, 22)

- God is perfectly set apart above His creation. He is transcendent, blameless and perfect. He has never once sinned, but Israel repeatedly broke her covenant with Him (vs. 23-24)
- God has not rejected Israel despite their sin (Rom 11:4, 25-27).

God’s Promise to Restore Israel: (vs. 25-29)

We all have had faithless days as Christians. But He remains faithful because He is jealous for His holy name (2 Tim 2:13).

This war is a catalyst which sets in motion God’s plan to redeem His people. Israel seemed hopeless (Ezk 37:11) but God promises to raise them from their spiritual graves and put His Spirit within them (37:12-14).

While still in the Church age, God is calling us to repent while His patience still holds. (2 Cor 6:2, Isaiah 55:6)

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of August we are collecting monetary donations for Shannon and Vikki Bobb. The Bobbs currently live and serve in Cambodia, meeting the practical and spiritual needs of those that they serve. For more information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the August Newsletter and the board at the back of the sanctuary.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast is THIS Saturday, August 16th, at 7am, at Big Apple Café — Log Pond location. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Pastor Zach (740)618-0739.

★**CEDAR POINT:** Christina Strawn is organizing a group trip to Cedar Point on Saturday, August 23rd. Group Admission tickets are \$50 each. Please contact Christina Strawn if you would like to go or if you have any questions (740)755-6512.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, August 24th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer.

★**LEGACY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** We will begin our new study on the Book of Romans in our Sunday School Class beginning Sunday, **August 31st**, from **9:00-10:00am**, in the Fellowship Hall, each Sunday before Church. Breakfast and Coffee are supplied. For all of the information about this new class, please see the August Newsletter. Please let Elder Richard know if you're interested in this study, so he can make a Syllabus for you.

★**END OF SUMMER PARTY:** We will be having an "End of Summer Party" on Sunday, August 31st, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. There will be swimming, but we also ask that you bring yard games and/or board games to play as well. We would love for EVERYONE to join us for this wonderful time of fun, food, and fellowship! There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something!

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** Summer break is almost over! The Legacy Practicum will be starting back up on Monday, September 8th. This new 6-week, 16 lecture-hour course will be "The Kingdom of God" taught by Dr. John C. Whitcomb. Please see the August Newsletter for all of the details on this course. If you are interested in participating, please see Elder Richard!