

## The Gog and Magog War (Pt.1) Ezekiel 38

### The 5 W's

#### **What:**

This is a literal future war that is going to take place. There are theologians who interpret this symbolically, and say that this is just a representation of the forces that are against God and His kingdom, and one day they will be defeated, but this text needs to be interpreted literally.

#### **Who:**

**Gog**, of *Magog*, chief prince of *Rosh, Meshech and Tubal* (vs. 2-3). They will come from their place out of the *uttermost parts of the north* (vs.15). **Magog** - These are the ancient Scythians, who settled to the north of the Black and Caspian Seas. **Rosh** - Also known as the "Ros" people. In Ezekiel's day, these people settled in modern day Russia, where they stayed. **Meshech** and **Tubal** are modern day Turkey. **Persia** is modern day Iran, **Cush** is Sudan and Ethiopia, **Put** was located in modern day Libya, and both **Gomer** and **Beth-togarmah** were known to have settled in Turkey.

#### **Where:**

Vs.21 "I will summon a sword against Gog on *all my mountains*, declares the Lord God." This war is going to take place on the mountains of Israel, in their own land.

#### **When:**

This war will take place after the rapture of the Church. Once the church is out of the way, the Antichrist will be set to make a 7 year peace treaty with Israel. This is the beginning of the Tribulation. Vs. 38:10-11,14,16 show us that Israel will be dwelling securely, with no need for walls, bars or gates. The way this will be brought about is a false sense of peace that comes from the treaty with the Antichrist.

#### **Why:**

Human Agency: vs.10-13 shows us that these nations desire the riches that Israel possesses. The Dead Sea, with the sheer amount of mineral deposits, would be useful for any country to have access to. On top of this, the world may have started to go through at least some of the Seal Judgements described in Revelation 6:1-17. This would be enough cause for world powers to take drastic action.

God's Sovereignty: God knew exactly what thoughts would come into Gog's mind (38:10, John 2:24-25, 1 Chronicles 28:9, Jeremiah 17:10). Gog is responsible for his own actions, but God providentially brings this about (38:2-4, Proverbs 21:1, Gen 50:20).

#### **The Outcome:**

First, a massive earthquake (vs. 19), Second, anarchy and fear (vs. 20). Third, Mass confusion for Gog's army (vs.21). Lastly, hailstones, fire and sulfur will rain down to finish off Gog's army (vs. 22)

**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.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, August 10th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast will be on 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.

★**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!

★**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!