

**Ezekiel**  
**Chapters 37-38**

**Chapter 37 NKJV**

**The Vision of the Dry Bones**

1 The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in **the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones**. 2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were **very dry**. 3 And He said to me, **“Son of man, can these bones live?”**

So I answered, “O Lord God, You know.”

4 Again He said to me, **“Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. 6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.” ’ ”**

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

9 Also He said to me, **“Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ’ ”** 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11 Then He said to me, **“Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we**

ourselves are cut off!’ 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. 14 I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it,” says the Lord.’ ”

### **The Sign of the Two Sticks**

15 Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 16 “As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: ‘For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.’ ”

17 Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.

18 “And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, ‘Will you not show us what you mean by these?’— 19 say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be **one in My hand.**” ’ 20 And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

21 “Then say to them, *“Thus says the Lord God: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; 22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. 23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.* ”

**24 “David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. 25 Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 28 The nations also will know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.” ’ ’ ”**

“Twice Ezekiel refers to David being the king of Israel and a prince of His people. This will occur when Christ returns to rule on earth for 1,000 years; David will be resurrected and will serve in Jerusalem as the ‘shepherd of the people’ and Christ will be King of kings [Rev. 19:16] over the entire world, also ruling from Jerusalem [Zech. 14:16-17]. Note that Ezekiel 37:27 says God’s Tabernacle will be with them. The Hebrew word for tabernacle is *mishkan* and refers to God’s dwelling; it is the same word used almost 60 times in the book of Exodus for the Tabernacle of Moses. The dwelling will be the new temple to be constructed in Jerusalem for the Messiah and for the people of the earth to come and worship Him.” Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1288.

**The following is taken from Perry Stone’s OT Hebraic Study Bible, pp. 1311 – 1314.**

“The great Ezekiel wrote an entire chapter, chapter 37, that previews one of the greatest tragedies in Israel's history and yet predicts the amazing restoration of Israel and its aftermath.

Scholars describe this as the dry bones living again. Ezekiel, God's prophet in exile, predicted a time when Israel would reach a point of total annihilation; then by the Spirit of God, they would arise from their graves and return to their land, forming a great nation and a mighty army. (Ezekiel 37:10-12)

Many Hebrew and Christian scholars believe Ezekiel's vision is an amazing preview of the Holocaust and God's intervention to save his chosen people, noting that Holocaust survivors were some of the first to return to a newly reformed nation called Israel in 1948.

Ezekiel, however, was not the first prophet to reveal Israel's time of trouble. In Deuteronomy, Moses issued the young nation a warning of severe, future persecution that the Hebrews would experience because of their disobedience to God's Commandments.

In the Torah, God established the blessings and the curses of the law.

If Israel obeyed God's 10 commandments, following his written statutes, they would be blessed coming in and going out. Deuteronomy 28:6, Made the head and not detail, lend and not borrow. Deuteronomy 28:12-13. Their animals, produce, and families would be blessed. Deuteronomy 28:1-14. If Israel turned from God to idols, willfully disobeyed Him, and lived in unrepentant sin, the end curses of sickness, drought, lack, poverty, and captivity would overtake them, and they would be scattered among the nations. Deuteronomy 28:15-61.

Moses predicted that they would be "few in number". Deuteronomy 28:62. Moses also warned in Deuteronomy 28:66-67: and Thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: in the morning thou shalt say, would God it were even! And at even thou shalt say, would God it were morning! For the fear of thine heart where with thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

More than 900 years later, king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invaded Israel, destroyed the temple in Jerusalem, and had his armies take the sacred Temple treasures to Babylon. ( see Jeremiah 51-52).

In chains, the Jews were led out of the burning city to Babylon, where they stayed in captivity for 70 years. (Jeremiah 25:11)

The captives eventually returned and rebuild Jerusalem under Ezra and Nehemiah. Hundreds of years later in AD 70 , the Roman 10th legion repeated the tragedy, slaughtering the Jews, again burning the temple, and seizing the temple sacred vessels as trophies for the Roman Empire.”

“These were dark, depressing times for the Hebrew people. However, no previous National disaster in Israel history can be compared to the Holocaust [1938-1944-45].” Adolf Hitler began a series of raids upon Jewish communities, which led to the arrest and seizure of Jewish wealth and personal possessions. Hitler’s Third Reich and the Nazis killed more than six million Jews, including one and a half million children, in a time span of seven years.”

“According to Deut. 28:62, 67, the Jews were literally made ‘few in number’.”

“When the Allies arrived at the concentration camps and saw the Holocaust survivors, they were shocked to see the frail, skeletal bodies of those whose lives hung, like a weak thread, between life and death. The prophecy of Ezekiel 37 accurately expressed the imagery these soldiers saw.”

“Here Israel is described as a mass of divided, separated bones and skeletal remains = not just bones, but dry bones. The people were so close to death and extinction that even Ezekiel questioned whether or not they can live again. God proclaimed they would come out of their graves and live again!”

“God brought forth a Jewish remnant out of the graves of the holocaust just as Ezekiel had predicted. Ezekiel 37:12-14.

The surviving Jews desired a homeland of their own to avoid the possibility of this type of terror ever happening again in the land of the Gentiles. At the conclusion of World War II the holy land was called Palestine. It's population consisted of Muslims, Christian Arabs, foreigners, and a remnant of Jews. In 1944 to 45 Israel as a nation was nonexistent.

In 1948, at the UN communist Soviet Union, by vote, lead the way for the Jews to have a new homeland within Palestine. The UN partitioned Palestine, given the Jews access to a new land and a new nation. THE US under the leadership of President Harry Truman, followed suit and gave its approval to the new nation.

The Jews were returning from captivity back to their nation."

### **Prediction of a great army**

Another interesting clue to proving the accurate nature of Ezekiel's vision of dry bones as a prophecy of the holocaust is the verse predicting that Israel would become a great army. Ezekiel 37:10

Since it's reestablishment as a modern nation in 1948, Israel has developed one of the most powerful armies in the world. They have fought and won numerous wars.

- The war of independence in 1948
- The Suez war with Egypt in 1956
- The six day war of 1967
- The Yom Kippur war in 1973
- The war with Lebanon in 1981
- The gulf war in 1992 (they were attacked but didn't fight back)
- They easily survived the attacks from Hezbollah in 2006

Israel has survived these wars and will continue to survive in the future. In order to survive, they have found it necessary to develop exceptional military technology, knowing they are surrounded by enemy nations, and they have done so."

### **A united not divided nation**

“Ezekiel predicted that when Israel was restored as a nation they would no longer be divided between the northern and southern kingdom. After Solomon's death, his son Rehoboam divided the kingdom of Israel, creating two separate kingdoms with two different Kings; one was in Northern Kingdom, and one was a southern kingdom of Judah. This division continued until the day is the Babylonian captivity.

Then in 722 BC, the Syrians invaded Israel, taking Samaria and capturing 10 tribes. These tribes were eventually scattered throughout the world. The southern half of Israel, the area of Judea, situated near the temple, and Jerusalem remain consistent with a Jewish population until the Babylonian captivity; then the captives returned and rebuilt the city. That's from the days of Ezra and Nehemiah until AD 70 , the Jews were Judea and the 10 tribes were scattered. Ezekiel predicted however that once the dry bones lived again the nation would be united.

Ezekiel 37:16-17, 22

Since 1948 Israel has been one United Hebrew nation, no longer divided between the north and south or between the northern kingdom and Judah. Again, this fact proves that his prophecy was not fulfilled at any previous time in history, that is perfect imagery of the seven-year holocaust, the survival of the Jewish remnant, the raising up of a mighty army, and the uniting of one nation, called by its biblical name, Israel.”

### **Chapter 38 NKJV**

*Ezekiel predicts that a coalition of nations surrounding Israel will rise up and ascend 'like a cloud to cover the land' [38:9]; entering Israel on the northern mountains bordering Lebanon and Syria, called the Bashan [39:18], and east of the [Dead] Sea [39:11], to 'take a spoil' [38:13]. However, this coalition of Israel's enemies will be utterly defeated by divine intervention. Scholars refer to this situation as the '**Battle of God of Magog**', and other, more contemporary commentators often call it 'WW III'." Perry Stone, OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1315.*

### Gog and Allies Attack Israel

1 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **2** "Son of man, set your face against **Gog, of the land of Magog**, [a]the **prince** of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

***2** "Son of Adam, set your face at Gog in the land of Magog, the head chief of West-Turkey and East-Turkey, and prophesy toward him." Ancient Roots Translinear Bible*

3 and say, "Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, **O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. [the head chief of West-Turkey and East-Turkey]** 4 I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. **5 Persia [Iran] [b]Ethiopia [Cush, Sudan], and [c]Libya [Put]** are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 **Gomer** and all its troops; the **house of Togarmah** [Georgia] from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you.

### Who is Gog?

The name **Gog** appears in Ezekiel 9 times in seven verses: (Ezekiel 38:2-3, 14, 16, 18; 39:1, 11), and God foretold the former prophets about him. (38:17). This name is first mentioned in I Chronicles 5:4 as a descendant of Reuben, Jacob's first son.

Numerous theories exist about the **meaning of Gog**, especially the name itself:

- Chief warrior of evil tribes or peoples
- Among ancient Sumerians who lived in the land of Mesopotamia, the inhabitants had a word, *gug*, which means *darkness*. Thus, a form of

the word Gog, could refer to a *spirit of darkness* directing the minds of Israel's enemies.

*“10 ‘Thus says the Lord God: “On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan:”*

- In Eastern European nations, including Russia, the surname of God can be a family name, as thousands of families with the last name Gog live in that region of the world today.
- Gog would be classified as one of the strong prince spirits from the north, as he is called, ‘chief prince’. [Ezekiel 38:2]. This refers to Gog’s leadership and control over the coalition of nations as the ‘head’ of the invaders.
- Gog is not a man but is the name of a strong ‘principality’ that directs this massive army through supernatural power. [Ephesians 6]. This theory that Gog is a spirit and not just a man can be undergirded when realizing that this war, according to most scholars, occurs in the ‘last days’ – after Israel is restored as a nation and dwelling safely [Ezekiel 38:8, 11].
- Gog appears again at the end of the 1,000 year reign of Christ, after Satan is loosed for a season. Gog is identified by name twice, with at least a thousand years between the two prophetic wars. John’s vision indicates a final battle with Satan, Gog, and Magog at the end of Christ’s millennial reign.

*“7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. **And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.**” Revelation 20:7-9 \*\*\*\*\*  
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- **The best interpretation is that Gog is a strong demonic spirit ruling over and rising up from the nations north of Israel.** Note **Ezekiel calls Gog the ‘chief prince’** of Meshech and Tubal (38:2). In Ephesians 2:12, Paul identifies Satan as the ‘prince of the power of the air’. In Daniel 10:13, a ‘prince’ of Persia hinders Daniel’s answers to a prayer, and later this same prince is joined by another strong spirit identified as the ‘prince of Grecia’ (Daniel 10:20). This was a cosmic conflict whose heavenly warfare impacted the rise and fall of leaders in Babylon and Greece.

**Where is the land of Magog?**



- There are various opinions concerning the land of Magog [38:2].
- The Great Wall of China has been called by some Sud Yagog et Magog, which interpreted means the ‘Rampart of God and Magog.’
- The Jewish historian Josephus wrote that Magog founded the Magogians named after him but were also named by the Greeks and called the Scythians.
- In the first century, Philo identified Magog with the region in the southern part of Russia. This is interesting, considering that when the Soviet Union broke apart in the late 1980’s and early 1990’s, there were several nations in the southern part of Russia that were once part of the Ottoman Turkish Empire and are populated with a majority of Muslims. ***These former Soviet states are today located in Russia and are directly north and northwest of Jerusalem and Israel.*** (As of this writing) They include Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan – states linked to the Russian Federation.
- The Islamic link to the nations involved in the Ezekiel battle is undeniable. Ezekiel begins by naming **Persia** (38:5), the ancient name, dating back to the 9<sup>th</sup> century BC, of the nation now known as Iran. Those living today in Persia call themselves Persians; the name **Iran** is a more modern name given to the territory in 1935, although the names Persia and Iran are used interchangeably.
- Ezekiel also lists the nation of **Ethiopia** [38:5]. This country retains the same name today. The older name for this part of Africa is **Cush**, and in Ezekiel’s time would include not only Ethiopia but also the southern Nile Valley including the Sudan.
- Ezekiel continued expanding his list, adding a third nation in the horn of Africa, **Libya**. ***These 3 nations – Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya – are all modern nations and scholars have no question to their locations or their Islamic structures and governments.***
- Ezekiel’s ‘war file’ continues with **Gomer** [38:6]. Early writings indicate that Gomer is linked with the Gomerites, or the ancient Cimmerians who were expelled from southern Turkey in 700 BC. In the Babylonian Talmud and in Genesis 10:3, the biblical Gomer was the father of Ashkenaz and is often rendered Germania or Germany. The territory was established in the area between the Rhine and Danube Rivers. Gomer would have thus been apart of the many Germanic tribes scattered in sections of Europe.
- Ezekiel adds another ‘unit’, **‘the house of Togarmah’**, as one who joins with the coalition. Many prophetic scholars believe Togarmah in Ezekiel’s day to be ***Cappadocia, which is modern-day Turkey.*** There was a city known as Tegarma and Takarma existing in this

region. Turkey is located north of Israel, and according to my military resources in Israel, Turkey is the country that would provide the greatest future threat to Israel, due to their strength, location, and military technology.

### **Is Russia Involved?**

- Note that all the nations joining together in the assault on the mountains in Israel are presently all strong Islamic countries, with a majority of their population being very anti-Semitic and continually projecting negative political feelings towards the Jewish state.
- In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Persia [Iran], Ethiopia, and Libya were all friendly toward the West and some had a Jewish population, which began departing out of these former moderate Islamic nations soon after Israel became a nation in 1948.
- Modern history reveals that Russia was the leading seller of military weapons such as tanks, jeeps, missiles, and guns that Arab nations used during the 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973 wars. Today, Russia continues to support the enemy nations surrounding Israel and has strong oil, gas, and technology contracts with Syria, Iran, Egypt, Libya and many of the nations that will be involved in this invasion. Thus, Russia will more than likely be a supporter of the war, at least through the weapons and battle strategies initiated by the attackers.

### **The Place of Battle**

- ***The battle will take place in Israel***, meaning the war could not have occurred between the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 and 1948, as Israel was not a nation and the Jews did not control the government until Israel was restored as a nation in 1948.
- Ezekiel names **2 locations where this battle will become the most intense: *the Bashan*** [39:18] and ***the Valley of the Passengers on the east side of the Dead Sea*** [39:11]. Bashan is north in Israel and the Valley of the Passengers is a valley between two mountains, just north on the east side of the Dead Sea. Both Bashan and the area east of the sea have massive mountains and mountain ranges running for miles. **This is significant because chapters 38 and 39 mention the mountains of Israel in six verses (38:8, 20-21; 39:2, 4, 17) as places where the armies will sweep into Israeli territory.**
- **The Bashan** is located east of the Jordan River. [Numbers 21:33; 32:33; Deut. 1:4]

- **The ‘Golan’** was an early town located in the Bashan region [Deut. 4:43; Joshua 20:8].
- The entire landmass that begins north of the Sea of Galilee and today borders Lebanon and Syria is also called **the Golan Heights** [Joshua 20:8; 21:27]. The Israelis annexed this area after the 1967 Six-Day War; that action has been a source of contention with Syria.
- The east side of the sea [39:11 KJV] here refers to the Dead Sea, and the mountains are today located across the Jordan River on the east bank. The word for **‘Valley of the Passengers’** in Hebrew *ha-obriym*, called *abarim* in Numbers 27:12. This was part of the area where the ancient tribes and caravans traveled when coming from Jordan to Israel. Its located across from Jericho and above the northern section of the Dead Sea. Ezekiel says that the armies will fall upon **an ‘open field’ [39:5]. In the Bashan**, there are miles of open fields between numerous mountain ranges, along with a long valley called **the Jordan Valley where the Jordan River winds through the border of Israel and Jordan**.
- The number of deaths at the Valley of Passengers implies that a huge army will come through, or march, in the lower mountain ranges of Israel’s neighbor, the country of Jordan, at the time of this war.

7 “Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them. 8 After many days you will be visited. **In the latter years** you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on **the mountains of Israel**, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. 9 You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you.”

10 “Thus says the Lord God: “On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will **make an evil plan**: 11 You will say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell [d]safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’— 12 to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. **13 Sheba [Yemen], Dedan, [oasis, Saudi Arabia/NW Arabia] the merchants of Tarshish [the inhabitants of the sea-coast westward[Spain]**, and all their young lions will say to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’ ” ’

14 “Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it? 15 Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. 16 You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that **I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.**” 17 Thus says the Lord God: “Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?”

### **The Strategy of the Enemy**

- The invaders of this coalition of nations have a four-fold plan. They come to take a spoil and to turn their hand upon the places now inhabited [38:12].
- The plan is to carry away ‘silver and gold’, and to take ‘cattle and goods’ [38:13]
- In these passages, the word, ‘spoil’ means to ‘strip someone’ and ‘to take away booty or spoils of war in a victory’. The Hebrew word for goods can also refer to money, riches, or valuable substances.
- Note: the Dead Sea is estimated at \$2 trillion. Note: the wealth of the minerals that are found in the waters, are also found in many commodity-producing nations in the world. Note: the Dead Sea is shared by 2 nations, Jordan and Israel, not just Israel.
- Scripture says that God will put hooks in the jaws of the enemy armies and bring them down upon the mountains [38:4]. This Hebrew word for hooks, *chach*, can refer to a ring in a person’s nose or lips.
- Today, around the Northern part of the Dead Sea and to the extreme south of the sea are thousands of acres of vineyards, fruit-bearing trees, and, in the south, countless farms that produce numerous types of vegetables. Many of the nations surrounding Israel and some north of Israel have limited land for farming, and they experience continual drought and water shortages that make irrigation difficult or impossible; the ‘hooks’ may well be ‘goods’ or ‘spoil’ connected to food, as the hooks in the jaw can be a similar metaphor indicating God’s pulling the armies down. Another way to look at the hooks is that, since people eat with their mouths, the jaws could be a figurative reference to God’s using the need for food to pull down a coalition seeking to exploit the land for their personal benefit.

- In the prophecy, Ezekiel said God would turn them back, put hooks in their jaws, and then bring them forth [38:4]. Scholars have discussed the meaning of **God's turning them back**. It appears possible that the Islamic nations mentioned in the prophecy intended to attack Israel, but instead turned back; later, **God Himself drew them into the war with Israel, knowing about their demise because He determined it in advance.**

### **Horses in the Battle**

- Ezekiel saw armies of soldiers riding upon horses [38:4, 15].
- A critical argument against this being a modern war because military personnel and soldiers fight on foot or ride into battle on modern equipment, not on horseback.
- However, today, numerous Islamic nations, thousands of horses are ridden as forms of transportation due to rough terrain, narrow mountain passages, and steep, rugged mountains. Horses are used in the more primitive, rural types of communities in Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and in many of the Islamic nations in southern Russia.
- From a purely military perspective, in future wars it is quite possible that an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) weapon or some other form of unknown weapon could be detonated over the mountains of Israel. An EMP or similar weapon would destroy the ability of electricity to work in any form of copper wiring and could shut down computer systems and other types of technology that could be used in activating missiles or communicating with an army on the field. **This is speculation**, and certainly, technology will change, but any impact on the electrical grid could initiate the need to return to a more primitive form of transportation.
- Also, the region in northern Israel where much of the battle will occur is filled with large, rugged mountains that would make fighting with modern weaponry difficult; however, this area could be accessed using horses.

### **Judgment on Gog**

18 “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord God, **“that My fury will show in My face. 19 For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great [e]earthquake in the land of Israel, 20 so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things**

*that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’ 21 I will call for **a sword** against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord God. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. 22 And I will bring him to judgment with **pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.** 23 Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.” ’*

Footnotes

Ezekiel 38:2 Tg., Vg., Aquila the chief prince of Meshech, also v. 3

Ezekiel 38:5 Heb. Cush

Ezekiel 38:5 Heb. Put

Ezekiel 38:11 securely

Ezekiel 38:19 Lit. shaking

**\*\*\*The Ezekiel 38-39 War and The Revelation 20:7-9 War\*\*\***

**Ezekiel 38-39 War**

**Revelation 20:7-9 War**

Gog is the chief prince

Satan himself directs the battle

Occurs on the mountains of Israel

Occurs at the city of Jerusalem

Takes spoil of cattle, gold, goods  
Jerusalem

To conquer the saints and Christ in

Takes 7 years to burn weapons  
final war [10-15]

Judgement in heaven follows this

An Islamic coalition surrounds Israel  
the earth

The nations from the 4 corners of

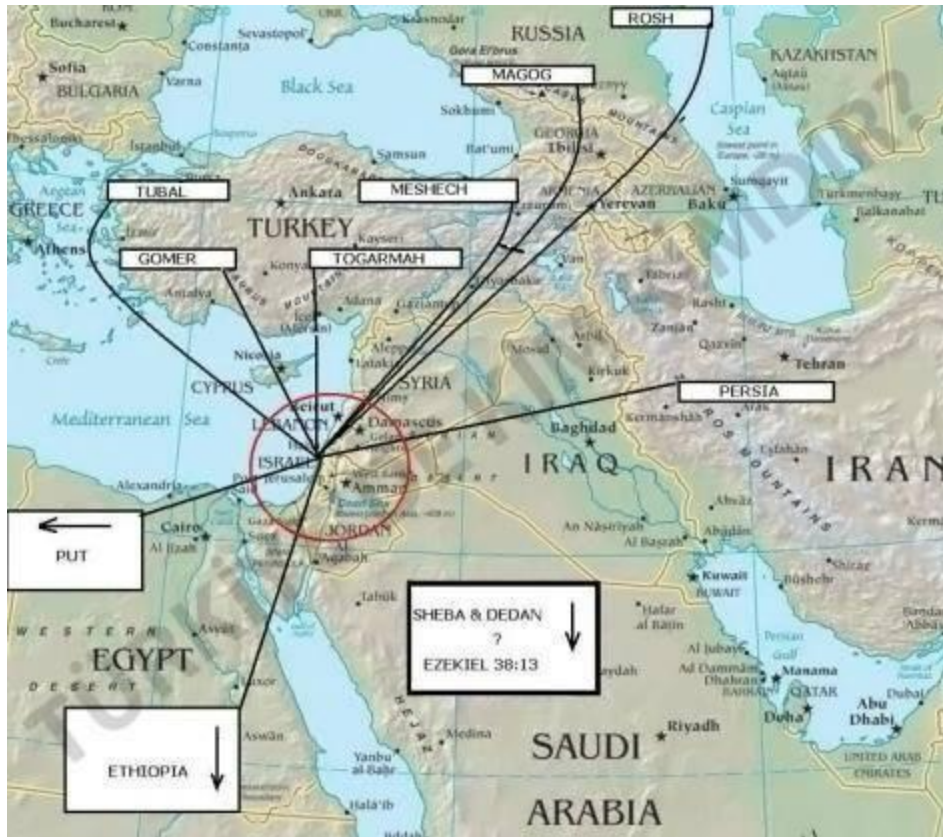
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