

Israel At The Time Of The End

EZEKIEL:

THE LORD'S WATCHMAN

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We have been studying in God's Word the prophetic book of Ezekiel and have seen God's love for everyone. That love is not hidden or disguised just for the followers or imitators of Jesus Christ, the Christian, but that love has and is revealed in many ways for everyone to see.

There are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament about the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ. Those Prophetic writings told us of the birth of Jesus Christ, that He would show us how to live, that He would die on the cross, and through death He would crush the head of the serpent. The Word prophesied that He would rise again in 3 days and that He would then go to heaven but give us the Holy Spirit to bring all these "things" His Word, His Promises and Prophecies back to our remembrance.

You and I, knowing all that has happened and that it was prophesied, also have the rest of God's Word and the prophesies that it contains about: heaven and hell, sin and righteousness, consequences of obedience and disobedience, the command to witness and make disciples and the "Time Of The End".

So, do we believe it? If we believe it then we speak it and in order to speak it, you have to read it. When we read it and get the information, the Holy Spirit will give us revelation in order to bring the transformation. A transformed life is always the proof or fruit of a someone who is spirit filled.

Isaiah 46:9-10 KJV

9 **Remember the former things** of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

10 **Declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] **remember the former things**, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 **Declaring the end and the result from the beginning**, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,

The Holy Spirit is not just for the remembrance but the revelation of the "things" in God's Word. That revelation or understanding brings the conviction for transformation.

John 14:26 KJV

*26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.***

John 14:26 AMPC

*26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], **He will teach you all things.** And He will cause you to **recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.***

Jesus continued in His instruction to His disciples, that's you and I today, about what was to come at the Time Of The End. HE said it would be like the days of Noah and Lot. Paul said it would be a very difficult time spiritually to be a Christian.

Remember, Jesus is the Word. The entire Bible was the Word of God being manifested or being made known to you and I.

In John Chapter 1 verse 1,14 it says, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...*

Jesus, the Word, in John 16 was preparing His disciples of "things" to come and how to handle them. This is so important for us today as we continue our study in Ezekiel and how to get rid of the fear, confusion, and let the peace of God come over us.

John 16:1-15 AMPC

1 I have told you all these things, so that you should not be offended (taken unawares and falter, or be caused to stumble and fall away). [I told you to keep you from being scandalized and repelled.]

2 They will put you out of (expel you from) the synagogues; but an hour is coming when whoever kills you will think and claim that he has offered service to God.

3 And they will do this because they have not known the Father or Me.

4 But I have told you these things now, so that when they occur you will remember that I told you of them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I am going to Him Who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me, Where are You going?

6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts [taken complete possession of them].

7 However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me];

10 About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer;

11 About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him.

12 I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now.

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

14 He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

15 Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

God's Word is disclosing "things" to you and I today from the writing of the Prophet Ezekiel which was written 2600 years ago. Ezekiel prophesied Israel would become a nation again and what it would look like in Israel prior to the War of Gog and Magog. We have looked at several of these prophecies that were foretelling and have identified them (forth-telling) as "this is that" as commanded by Jesus to see where we are in the time line of the Rapture of the Church.

Timeline of where we are at in our study with: Israel At The Time Of The End

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- o Holocaust**
- o Israel becoming a nation again (1948)**
- o Return of the Jews from the four corners**
- o Jews upon return would no longer identify as tribes**
- o Descendants of Esau (Mount Seir) would take ancient high places...Judea and Samaria (modern day West Bank)**
- o Palestinians would desire for 1/2 of the land of Israel**
- o Israel would be surrounded (Egypt, Gaza, Syria, West Bank)**
- o Inside of Israel it would be safe travel - secure and safe**
- o No walls or gates separating cities**
- o Palestinians along with the rest of the world would blame Israel for the world's problems**
- o Israel would have a great army**
- o Great armies/nations to the north would begin to build alliances with one another to come up against Israel (Russia, Turkey, Syria, Iran etc..) War of Gog and Magog**

You and I are living in the time of the formation of the nations that will be leading the war of Gog and Magog against Israel which is right at the time of the Rapture of the Church.

Last week we began to look at Gog and Magog. Ezekiel speaks of a leader that will gather nations against Israel and he identifies the nations as well. He gives us great insight into this leader with his location of where he will come out of.

Ezekiel 38:2 AMPC

*2 Son of man, set your face against **Gog**, of the land of **Magog**, the prince of **Rosh**, of **Meshech**, and of **Tubal**, and prophesy against him,*

Gog, is the name of the leader. The word means “ruler” or “the man on top.” In verse 2, Gog is explicitly called “the prince” and Ezekiel is identifying the leader of this massive army as “Gog”.



God told Ezekiel that a leader, Gog would come against Israel from Magog or the land of the Scythians (territory from Central Asia across the southern parts of modern Asia across the southern parts of modern Russia).

An old Assyrian tablet confirming that the leader named Gog would come from the old Scythian area as the Bible said he would. Also, the word “Gog” from the old Samaritan language was used in Iraq meaning “darkness”.

Ezekiel 38:3 AMPC

3 And say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince (ruler) of Rosh, of Meshech, and of Tubal.

Ezekiel identifies Gog as a chief prince and this is a clue. So, why is this a clue? Paul wrote in Ephesians about the prince of the air. These are demonic angels, spirits and rulers in high places.

Ephesians 6:12 KJV

*12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against **spiritual wickedness in high places**.*

Ephesians 2:2 KJV

*2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

Now, let's go to the book of Daniel...

Daniel 10:13 KJV

*13 But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

Daniel 10:20 KJV

*20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the **prince of Persia**: and when I am gone forth, lo, the **prince of Grecia** shall come.*

These are strong demonic angels/spirits and leaders in Babylon at the "Time Of The End".

Remember, Daniel Chapter 10-12 is a summary of the prophetic dreams and vision of the future kingdoms of this world, the death and rise of the Babylonian Empire at the end of time and where the antichrist will come and rule from the first 42 months of the Tribulation before taking out Jerusalem and being joined by the False Prophet.

The prophet Daniel in summarizing the first 9 chapters of the prophetic book said these demonic spirits would be from the Babylonian Empire (Syria/Iraq/Lebanon) - where the Grecian and Medes/Persian Empire intersect. This is from Daniel Chapter 4 in the vision of the stump, Daniel Chapter 10 and spoken of by Ezekiel in chapters 38 and 39.

In Ezekiel 38:2: Gog will lead an army from southern and central Asia, southern Russia and Kazakhstan, Kirghizia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan (Magog), the prince (President/leader) of Rosh (Russia), Meshech and of Tubal, (Turkey/Georgia and N. Syria/Georgia) to go against Israel. There are more nations that join this battle as well...

Based upon scripture I believe Gog is not so much a man but a principality or a wicked spirit that will cause these leaders from these nations to go against Israel. There are several examples in the Septuagint Translation of the Bible.

The Septuagint is a Greek translation of the canonical Hebrew Bible. As the primary Greek translation of the Old Testament, it is also called the Greek Old Testament. This translation is quoted a number of times in the New Testament, particularly in Pauline epistles.

Remember, God said to Ezekiel 38....

Ezekiel 38:17 AMPC

17 Thus says the Lord God: Are you he of whom I have spoken in olden times by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for years that I would bring you [Gog] against them?

So, at the time of Ezekiel they knew about this wicked spirit, this leader that came against God's children. God is telling Ezekiel and you and I today that this is known, this dark spirit of wickedness will be in these Islamic nations and will come up against My people just like the leaders in the past.

This is another reason why I personally believe that Gog isn't a man, these leaders of these nations are men but the "Gog" that is being referred to here in Ezekiel is a principality. The War of Gog and Magog mentioned here in Ezekiel Chapter 38 & 39, I believe happens before the 7 year Tribulation period.

Now, Gog reappears in the latter part of the book of Revelation Ch. 20, at the end of the 1,000 year Millennium Reign of Christ.

Revelation 20:1-8 AMPC

1 Then I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the key of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and a great chain was in his hand.

2 And he gripped and overpowered the dragon, that old serpent [of primeval times], who is the devil and Satan, and [securely] bound him for a thousand years.

3 Then he hurled him into the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and closed it and sealed it above him, so that he should no longer lead astray and deceive and seduce the nations until the thousand years were at an end. After that he must be liberated for a short time.

4 Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges and to pass sentence was entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes [beheaded] for their witnessing to Jesus and [for preaching and testifying] for the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark or permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived again and ruled with Christ (the Messiah) a thousand years.

5 The remainder of the dead were not restored to life again until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed (happy, to be envied) and holy (spiritually whole, of unimpaired innocence and proved virtue) is the person who takes part (shares) in the first resurrection! Over them the second death exerts no power or authority, but they shall be ministers of God and of Christ (the Messiah), and they shall rule along with Him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his place of confinement,

8 And he will go forth to deceive and seduce and lead astray the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth—Gog and Magog—to muster them for war; their number is like the sand of the sea.

So, how could Gog, a natural man appear in the war that is just about to happen in the very near future and then reappear 1,000 years later after the Millennium Reign of Christ? If he is a natural man, killed in battle and is a sinner he is thrown into hell and can't come back until the Great White Throne Judgement after the 1,000 years is over (Revelation 20:12) and then is cast into the lake of fire.

How does Gog reappear if he's a natural man? He can if he's a spirit/principality that is bound when satan is bound.

Revelation 20:1-3 AMPC

1 Then I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the key of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and a great chain was in his hand.

2 And he gripped and overpowered the dragon, that old serpent [of primeval times], who is the devil and Satan, and [securely] bound him for a thousand years.

3 Then he hurled him into the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and closed it and sealed it above him, so that he should no longer lead astray and deceive and seduce the nations until the thousand years were at an end. After that he must be liberated for a short time.

Revelation 20:1-3 KJV

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Then these spirits get released for this final battle. So, I believe that the Word of God specifically speaks of “Gog” as a spirit/principality of darkness. He is a demonic spirit directly under satan as the chief prince eludes to a leader or earthly leader as we have studied. These principalities in the Word reveal that they work through personalities.

Remember in Ezekiel 38:2: Gog will lead an army from southern and central Asia, southern Russia and Kazakhstan, Kirghizia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan (Magog), the prince (President/leader) of Rosh (Russia), Meshech and of Tubal, (Turkey/Georgia and N. Syria/Georgia) to go against Israel.

Now, lets look at more nations that are going to be involved when this great war of prophecy takes place in Ezekiel 38 and 39. The Bible lists the nations and there is a real clue that we are going to go over that connects all these nations together.

Ezekiel 38:5-6 KJV

*5 **Persia,** Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:*

6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

Ezekiel 38:5-6 AMPC

5 **Persia**, Cush, and Put or Libya with them, all of them with shield and helmet,

6 Gomer and all his hordes, the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north and all his hordes—many people are with you.



First, is the nation of Persia and we know that is Iran today. It was called Persia until 1935 and was named Persia back in 9th century B.C. In 1935 the Iranian government requested those countries which it had diplomatic relations with, to call Persia "Iran," which is the name of the country in Persian.

The suggestion for the change is said to have come from the Iranian Ambassador to Germany, who came under the influence of the Nazis.

So, we know by this prophetic writing that Iran will be involved in this war against Israel. I don't think it is a difficult stretch to see this now but remember, this was written 2600 years ago when Israel wasn't even a nation.

The second country listed in this passage is Ethiopia and the Hebrew word for it is Cush.

Ezekiel 38:5-6 KJV

*5 Persia, **Ethiopia**, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:*

Ezekiel 38:5-6 AMPC

*5 Persia, **Cush**, and Put or Libya with them, all of them with shield and helmet,*



This area of Cush is referencing not just the area of Ethiopia but is also referencing in the ancient times as the area we now know as the Sudan.

There is Islamic fanaticism that is taking place all throughout the Sudan. There are several Islamic terrorist organizations that are on the news daily that are in the Sudan.

The next country listed in Ezekiel 38:5 is Libya or Put (Hebrew).

Ezekiel 38:5-6 KJV

*5 Persia, Ethiopia, and **Libya** with them; all of them with shield and helmet:*

Ezekiel 38:5-6 AMPC

*5 Persia, Cush, and **Put or Libya** with them, all of them with shield and helmet,*



Now, you have the country of Gomer which is listed as one of the nations that will attack Israel during this short war.

Ezekiel 38:6 KJV

6 Gomer, and all his bands; *the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.*

Ezekiel 38:6 AMPC

6 Gomer and all his hordes, *the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north and all his hordes—many people are with you.*

Gomer is the Germanic tribes throughout Europe. History tells us about the people of Gomer, the Gomerites. They were expelled from Turkey around 700 B.C. They first settled in Germany and then groups/bands settled in the European nations.



There is incredible history behind Gomer, as this group/bands or groupings in nations that have settled throughout Europe descended from Japheth who was one of the sons of Noah.

History tells us that before moving to Europe, Gomer, son of Japheth, was to be found in the Middle East. The Book of Hosea indicates a union of the exiled northern Israelites with Gomer.

The name Gomer was also the name given to the Cimmerians. The Cimmerians were a people who first appeared on the fringes of the Assyrian Empire shortly after the Israelites were exiled. From the Cimmerians emerged the Scythians and Goths which is in the land of Magog that we studied last week from Ezekiel 38:2.

Now, let's get into the history of Noah and his three sons. There are numerous prophetic story lines that come from this story as well as Jesus saying at the End of Time it will be as in the days of Noah and Lot (Matthew 24).

Remember, God's Word from the beginning of time has been telling us ***the things*** that will happen at the End Of Time .

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] **remember the former things,** [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 **Declaring the end and the result from the beginning,** and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,

God is telling us to remember the former things (His Word) because it declares the things (His Word) at the End. So let's find out about Noah and his three sons because Gomer was a descendant of Japheth. We need to find out who were the sons of Noah, and what happened to them and their descendants.

Noah had three sons born to him, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, before God sent a flood to destroy the world.

Genesis 5:32 KJV

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Whenever the names of Noah's three sons are recorded, Shem is always mentioned first (e.g., Genesis 9:18; 10:2, 21), even though Shem was the second-born (the Bible often lists people according to prominence rather than age). Japheth was the oldest (Genesis 10:21), and Ham was the youngest (Genesis 9:24).

Japheth was born when Noah was 500 years old, and the flood came 100 years later (Genesis 7:6–7). Since Shem was 100 two years after the flood (Genesis 11:10), he must have been born when Noah was 502 years old. There is no record of when Ham was born other than the fact that he was born sometime after Shem (Genesis 9:24).

Genesis 7:6 KJV

6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

“Shem was the ancestor of all the sons of Eber” (Genesis 10:21), and this is important because the word Eber is the origin of the Hebrew word for “Hebrew.”

The word Shem means “name,” which meant that Noah expected this son’s name to become great. He was right—the modern words Semitic and Semite are derived from Shem’s name.

The Bible records that Shem had five sons: Elam, Ashur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram (Genesis 10:22). Shem lived to be 600 years of age (Genesis 11:10–11) and became the ancestor of the Semitic peoples (Genesis 10:1, 21–31). Abraham, a descendant of Shem, is the first person in the Bible who is referred to as a “Hebrew” (Genesis 14:13).

Noah blessed Shem above his brothers (Genesis 9:26–27), and it was through Shem that the promised seed destined to crush Satan came (Genesis 3:15). That seed is traced back to Adam’s son Seth (Genesis 5:1–32), through Shem, and on to Abraham, Judah, and David, leading all the way to Christ (Luke 3:36).

Noah’s firstborn son, Japheth, is listed as the father of Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras (Genesis 10:2).

Genesis 10:2 KJV

2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

In blessing his son Japheth, Noah said, *“May God extend Japheth’s territory; / may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, / and may Canaan be the slave of Japheth”* (Genesis 9:27).

Ham, the youngest of Noah’s three sons, had four sons: Cush, Mizraim (Hebrew for “Egypt”), Put, and Canaan (Genesis 10:6; 1 Chronicles 1:8). Egypt was later called the “Land of Ham” (Psalm 78:51; 105:23; 106:22). The Hamitic peoples are shown in Genesis 10:6–20 as becoming a godless and worldly power.

It was the land of Palestine that was assigned to Ham’s son, Canaan, and for centuries it was under the control of the Egyptians. **Ham is the father of the Arabians, Canaanites, and Africans, including the Egyptians.** Due to Ham’s sin against his father (Genesis 9:20–25), Noah cursed Canaan, saying Canaan would be a servant to Shem (Genesis 9:26). This was fulfilled centuries later when the Israelites entered the land of Canaan and subdued the inhabitants of that land (1 Kings 9:20–21).

Now you can see here in this story of Noah and his three sons the division taking place and the defining of the areas that will come up against Israel that the Time Of The End. As we studied with the story of Jacob and Esau and the revelation that Esau would once again come back to attack Jacob or Israel at the time of the End. The stage is being set just as God has said since the beginning of time of how it would look prior to Jesus Christ parting the clouds and rapturing us up out of harms way from the Tribulation.

