

Old Testament – Isaiah 46:1-13
New Testament – Revelation 20:1-10

The Glorious Return of Christ
“The Repudiation of Gog and Magog”
Ezekiel 38-39

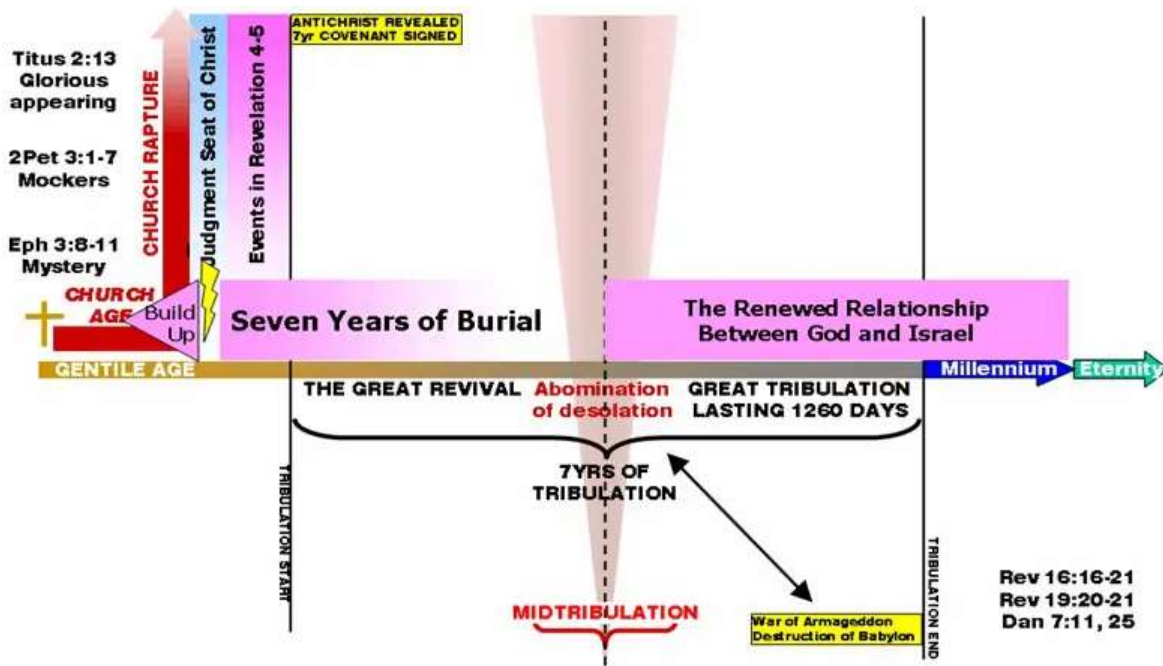
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According to Biblical Prophecy, there will be three attempts to destroy the nation of Israel at the end of the age:

- **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 serious threat, 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
- • “Mesheck/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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Ezekiel 38:23

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?**