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# Bible Prophecy

*The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39*

# Ezekiel 39:17



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## **Ezekiel 39:17**

And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

### **Every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field...my sacrifice.**

- What is described here is very similar to the description of Armageddon in Revelation 19:17-18, with two notable exceptions that make it clear they are not identical events
- The first is that the fowls of the air AND the beasts of the field are called here, in contrast to Armageddon where only the fowls of the air are called
- The second notable difference is that the word SACRIFICE is used 5x (5= # of DEATH) to describe what happens here, but the word used to describe what happens at Armageddon is SUPPER

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## Rev 19:17-18

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to **all the fowls** that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto **the supper** of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great.

- What is described here (v.17) could be the same as what is described in Isaiah 18:6 and Zephaniah 1:7
- Isaiah 18:6 is part of the judgment on Ethiopia, and Ethiopia participates in invasion of Ezekiel 38 (38:5); Zephaniah 1:7 mentions the PRESENCE of the Lord (38:20), the day of the Lord being AT HAND (30:3), and a SACRIFICE

## Isa 18:6

**They shall be left together unto the fowls** of the mountains, **and to the beasts** of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

## Zep 1:7

Hold thy peace at **the presence of the Lord GOD**: for **the day of the LORD is at hand**: for the LORD hath prepared **a sacrifice**, he hath bid his guests.

# Ezekiel 39:17

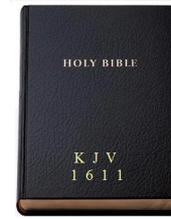


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## Assemble yourselves.

- This phrase appears 7x: (v.17; Isa 45:20; 48:14; Jer 4:5; 8:14; Joel 3:11; Amo 3:9) and is usually in the context of judgment

# Ezekiel 39:18



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## Ezekiel 39:18

Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

### The mighty, and...the princes.

- A reference to the armies (i.e.- men of war) (v.20) and leaders of the nations involved in the invasion
- The same event may be prophesied by Zephaniah:

### Zep 1:7-8,14

Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

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## **Rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings.**

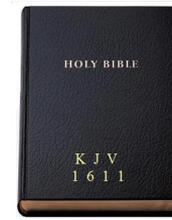
- The slain invaders are likened to SACRIFICIAL animals because this judgment is a SACRIFICE (v.17,19)
- There are 5 different sacrificial animals mentioned just as there are 5 sacrifices in Leviticus 1-5 (5= # of DEATH)

## **Fatlings of Bashan.**

- Sacrificial animals are linked with Bashan 4x (v.18; Deu 32:14; Psa 22:12; Amo 4:1) cf. (27:6; Isa 2:13; Zec 11:2)
- Why liken them to fatlings of BASHAN, specifically, unless Bashan is either where they are from or where they are sacrificed?
- BASHAN fits the geographical description of being EAST of the sea (of Galilee) (v.11)
- As stated earlier, the land east of the sea of Galilee is currently the Golan Heights but will be IN ISRAEL when the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 occurs
- Bashan was the land of the GIANTS (Deu 3:13) and GOLAN in Bashan was one of the cities of refuge east of the Jordan River (Jos 20:8)



# Ezekiel 39:19



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## **Ezekiel 39:19**

And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

### **Drunken.**

- The word *drunken* does not primarily mean “intoxicated; under the influence of alcohol”
- As revealed by the context (v.19-20), the word *drunken* simply means, “to be full (of drink)”
- If someone is FILLED with STRONG or INTOXICATING drink, they are obviously “drunk” in the sense we use the word today

### **My sacrifice.**

- cf. (v.17) note

# Ezekiel 39:20



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## **Ezekiel 39:20**

Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.

### **Be filled.**

- Defines the word *drunken* (v.19)

### **Filled at my table with horses and chariots.**

- Some believe that because these horses are eaten, they must be literal; subsequently implying that Gog and his allies employ primitive means of warfare for this invasion (38:4)
- Continuing with this argument, some further allege that an unprecedented event, like a global EMP or military disarmament treaty, must cause Gog to use this primitive means of warfare
- This is possible, but it is also possible that future military technology will involve some sort of organic means of transport currently unknown to us

## Ezekiel 39:20



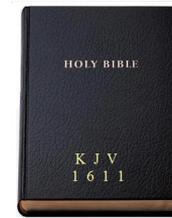
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- It is also possible that the horses are not literal horses; after all, the text does not state that the fowls and beasts will eat the FLESH of these horses as it does in Revelation 19:18 and like it specifically states regarding the mighty men (v.18)
- In addition, the text also states they will be filled with CHARIOTS, and it is hard to conceive of fowls and beasts consuming literal chariots (i.e.- machines of warfare)
- The HORSES and CHARIOTS more likely refer to the MIGHTY MEN and MEN OF WAR that occupy them, mentioned later in the verse
- The same language is used in 1 Corinthians 11:26 where it says we drink THE CUP of the Lord's Supper- we do not literally drink the cup, but the CONTENTS of the cup

### **With mighty men, and with all men of war.**

- Explains how the fowls and the beasts are filled with horses and chariots- it is the OCCUPANTS they are filled with
- These MIGHTY are the same mentioned in verse 18

Ezekiel 39:21



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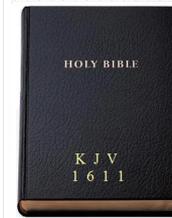
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### Ezekiel 39:21

And 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.

#### Set my glory among the heathen.

- The phrase MY GLORY appears 24x and refers to the glory of the Lord 15x
- It refers to the pillar of the cloud that resided upon the tabernacle and temple (Exo 29:43; Num 14:22; Isa 60:7), Jesus Christ (Isa 66:18) cf. (2 Cor 4:6), and Israel (Isa 43:7; 46:13)
- While the phrase MY GLORY could refer to the presence of Jesus Christ in the Millennium, it more likely refers to the nation of ISRAEL based on the context
- The word HEATHEN refers to the non-Jewish nations; the Gentiles; the term is specifically used to characterize their unbelief and separation from the one true God (Psa 79:6)



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