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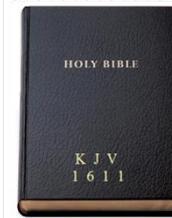
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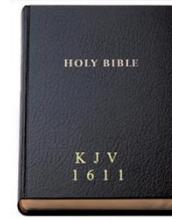


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Bible Prophecy

The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

Ezekiel 39:26



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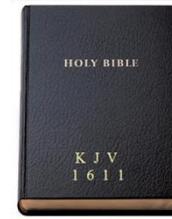
Ezekiel 39:26

After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made *them* afraid.

When they dwelt safely in their land and none made them afraid

- Israel trespassed against God when he made them to dwell safely
- The condition for Israel dwelling safely in their land and having rest from their enemies (Deu 12:10; 25:19; Jos 21:44) was OBEDIENCE to the word of God (Lev 26:3-6) cf. (Jud 3:11,30; 5:31)
- The pattern often repeated was that they became arrogant, self-sufficient, and disobedient from their prosperity rather than being humble, thankful, and continually obedient
- Their persistent lack of repentance and disobedience led to divine chastening whereby they were removed from their land and placed into captivity in heathen lands (v.23)
- This pattern will be repeated from the days preceding the Tribulation to the middle of the Tribulation

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When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

Brought them again from the people...their enemies' lands.

- The word AGAIN shows this is a SECOND and final restoration from GLOBAL dispersion so it does not apply to: (1) the restoration during the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, which was a return from captivity in Babylon; or (2) the restoration that began after they became a nation in 1948

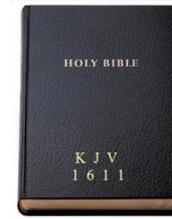
Deu 30:1-3

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and **gather thee from all the nations**, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

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Psa 107:3

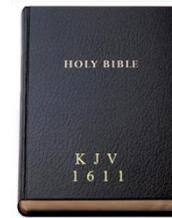
And gathered them out of the lands, **from the east**, and **from the west**, **from the north**, and **from the south**.

- This second or final restoration is the one that takes place at the end of the Tribulation right before the Millennium (v.25) note

Sanctified in them in the sight of many nations.

- The resurrection of the nation of Israel from the grave of nations on May 14, 1948 was the greatest miracle since the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- This sanctified (set apart) the God of the Bible, the God of Israel; yet many chose not to acknowledge this miracle and reject Israel's right to exist even to this day
- The restoration of Israel at the end of the Tribulation will also be miraculous and sanctify the God of Israel in the sight of the nations

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Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

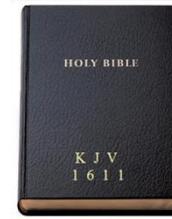
Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God.

- The third of 3x the prophecy states that Israel will KNOW that the Lord is their God (v.7,22,28)

Left none of them any more there.

- If this has a partial fulfillment in the current restoration of Israel, then approximately 8,000,000 Jews will need to leave the nations they currently dwell in and move to Israel
- There are 6,600,000 Jews currently living in the United States, 1,100,000 in the European Union nations, and about 300,000 in the nations that participate in the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39
- While this is entirely possible as a result of Israel's ascension to global power status, and the miraculous judgment of Gog and his allies, the more likely fulfillment is the final restoration at the end of the Tribulation

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Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

Neither will I hide my face any more.

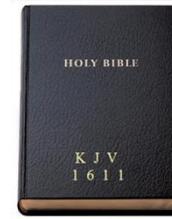
- It is SIN that causes God to hide his face (v.23; Isa 59:2); so this phrase implies Israel's national repentance and forgiveness, which does not take place until the Second Coming of Christ
- God said he would hide his face from Israel and they would be devoured by TROUBLE if they turned to other gods

Deu 31:17-18

Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and **I will hide my face from them**, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and **troubles shall befall them**; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God *is* not among us?

And **I will surely hide my face** in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that **they are turned unto other gods**.

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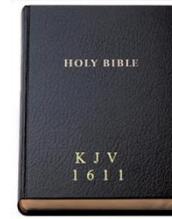
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- The truth is, Israel has sinned since the current restoration began, and will continue to do so, even to the point of receiving the Antichrist as their Messiah
- This verse must be referring to the final restoration at the end of the Tribulation- it is then at the Second Coming of Christ that all Israel is saved (Rom 11:26), born again (Isa 66:8), receives a new heart (36:26), and has their sins blotted out (Acts 3:19-20)

My spirit.

- The invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 is PERSONAL for the Lord; he takes it personally and he deals with it personally
- This is the last of 69x the first person pronoun appears in Ezekiel 38-39; 42x in chapter 39 cf. (38:3) note
 - The word “I” appears 27x (v.1-8,11,13,17,19,21-25,27-29)
 - The word “me” appears 2x (v.23,26)
 - The word “my” appears 13x (v.7,17,19-21,23-25,29)

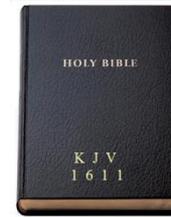
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- This is the last of 23x the word MY appears in Ezekiel 38-39

1) My PEOPLE (OF) ISRAEL (38:14,16; 39:7)	9) My MOUNTAINS (38:21)
2) My LAND (38:16)	10) My HOLY NAME (39:7,25)
3) My SERVANTS (38:17)	11) My SACRIFICE (39:17,19)
4) My FURY (38:18)	12) My TABLE (39:20)
5) My FACE (38:18; 39:23-24,29)	13) My GLORY (39:21)
6) My JEALOUSY (38:19)	14) My JUDGMENT (39:21)
7) My WRATH (38:19)	15) My HAND (39:21)
8) My PRESENCE (38:20)	16) My SPIRIT (39:29)

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I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel

- This is the first of two future outpourings of the Spirit upon Israel
- The first outpouring occurs AFTER the judgment of Gog and the removal of THE NORTHERN ARMY, but BEFORE the day of the Lord and the salvation of Israel at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

Joel 2:20,28-32

But **I will remove far off from you the northern army**, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

And it shall come to pass **afterward**, that **I will pour out my spirit** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

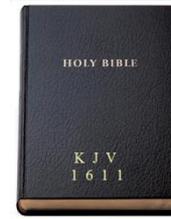
And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come**.

And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered**: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

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- This first outpouring takes place in the **LAST DAYS** (Acts 2:17) cf. (38:8,16) and could lead to the conversion of the 144,000 (Rev 7:4)
- The second outpouring occurs at the Second Coming of Christ and leads to the conversion of the entire nation of Israel

Zec 12:9-10

And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

And **I will pour** upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **the spirit** of grace and of supplications: and **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced**, and **they shall mourn for him**, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

Acts 3:19-20

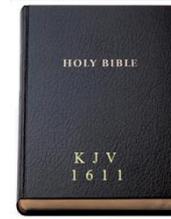
Repent ye therefore, and **be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

And **he shall send Jesus Christ**, which before was preached unto you:

Rom 11:26

And so **all Israel shall be saved**: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

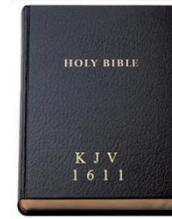
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- Israel will not differentiate between these two outpourings of the Spirit nor will they differentiate the defeat of Gog from the final battle of the day of the Lord; consequently, they will believe in the imminent appearance of Messiah to rebuild the temple (Zec 6:12-13) and set up the kingdom
- Israel did not rightly divide the word regarding the two COMINGS of the Messiah and as a result, they REJECTED the true Christ when he came
- Because they will not rightly divide the word regarding the two national RESTORATIONS (one before the Tribulation and the other after the Tribulation) and subsequent events, they will RECEIVE the false Christ when he comes

A time of trouble	The Holocaust; wars with Arabs/Muslims
A re-gathering and restoration to the land	National statehood (1948) and re-gathering
A final great persecutor and enemy	Gog
Miraculous defeat of final enemy on the day of the Lord	Miraculous defeat of Gog
An outpouring of the Spirit on the nation	An outpouring of the Spirit on the remnant

The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

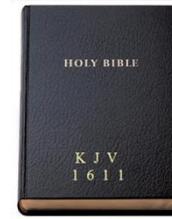


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Certainties Regarding The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

1. Israel will be invaded from the north by a coalition of nations that does not include any of their immediate neighbors to the north (i.e.- Lebanon and Syria) (38:3-6,15)
2. The nations comprising this coalition represent three continents and all three sons of Noah
3. The invasion takes place at a time referred to as “the latter years” (38:8) and “the latter days” (38:16)
4. There is minimal protest to the invasion and no military assistance from other nations (38:13)
5. The Lord directly and miraculously intervenes to save Israel from certain destruction (38:18-23; 39:2-6) cf. (2 Kin 19:32-35)
6. Israel will come away with a great spoil (39:10)
7. The effects of the invasion will be evident for at least 7 years (39:9)
8. The nation of Israel will experience a spiritual revival and the nations shall know that the God of Israel is the Lord (38:23; 39:6-7,22,28)

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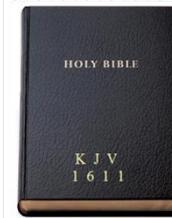


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Probabilities Regarding The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

1. The invasion takes place BEFORE the Tribulation (39:9)
2. The judgment upon Gog, his allies, the land of Magog, and those that dwell carelessly in the isles will produce an enormous geo-political, economic, and religious vacuum in the world (38:19-23; 39:1-6)
3. Israel will believe that the judgment upon Gog is the fulfillment of the prophecies related to the final battle of the day of the Lord and will expect the imminent appearance of their Messiah, and the re-establishment of the Davidic kingdom

Far from being the end of Israel's troubles, the results of the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 will put the final pieces in place for the beginning of the Tribulation...Jer. 4:9-18



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