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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt 28:19)

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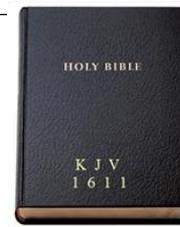
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IV. The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

1. What IS mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39

1) At least two nations in the invasion were part of the Roman empire

Eze 38:3-6

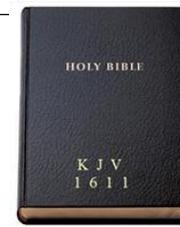
And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of *armour*, even a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

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

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

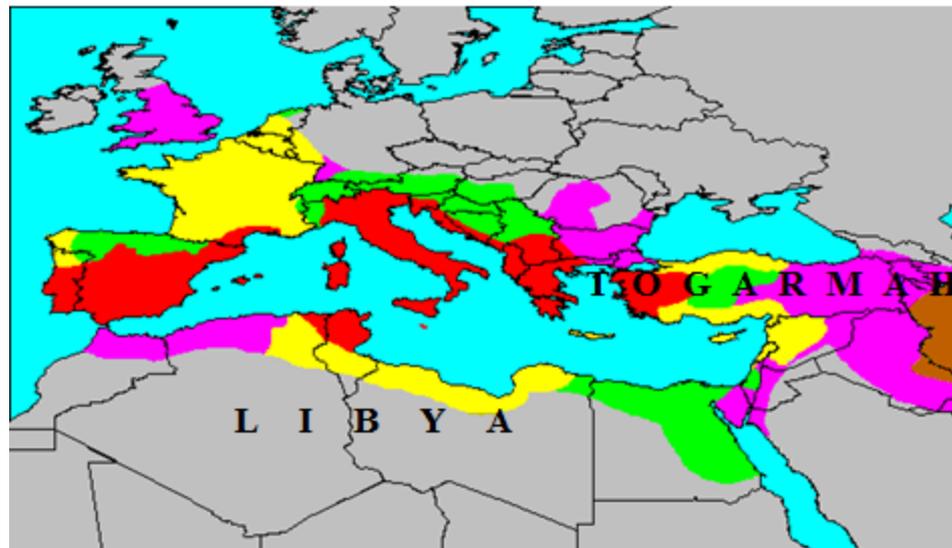
- *Libya* consists of present day Libya and the rest of the North African nations west of Libya (i.e.- Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco)
- *Togarmah* consists of present day Turkey and Armenia

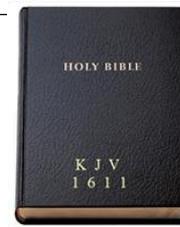


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- All of these nations were part of the Roman Empire but today are Islamic states
- Turkey has repeatedly applied for membership in the European Union but has been denied each time
- If the Roman Empire will be revived **before** the Tribulation and include the nations within it's old borders, then Libya and Turkey's participation in the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 indicates the invasion will take place before the revival of the Roman Empire; therefore, **before** the Tribulation

The Roman Empire





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- 2) Israel will burn the weapons of their defeated foes as a source of fuel for seven years

Eze 39:9-10

And **they that dwell in the cities of Israel** shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and **they shall burn them with fire seven years:**

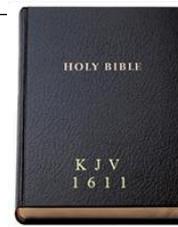
So that **they shall take no wood out of the field**, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for **they shall burn the weapons with fire:** and **they shall spoil those that spoiled them**, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

- THEY that burn the weapons for fuel are THEY that dwell in the cities of Israel, which are THEY that shall spoil those that spoiled them
- THEY who the invaders attempt to spoil are MY PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

Eze 38:13,16

Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, **Art thou come to take a spoil?** hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, **to take a great spoil?**

And **thou shalt come up against my people of Israel**, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.



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- If the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 takes place anytime **during** the Tribulation, then the seven years of burning weapons for fuel includes at least part of the last half of the Tribulation and/or the Millennium
- The Jews **will not** burn any weapons for fuel during the last half of the Tribulation because they will flee the cities of Israel for the wilderness in order to escape the wrath of the Antichrist

Matt 24:15-16,21

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

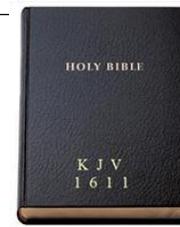
Then let **them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:**

For **then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Rev 12:6,14

And **the woman fled into the wilderness**, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**

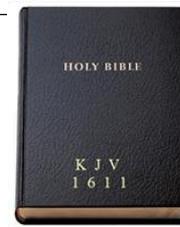
And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that **she might fly into the wilderness**, into her place, where she is nourished **for a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent.



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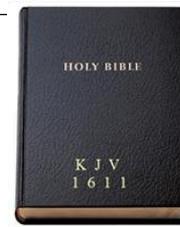
2. What IS NOT mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39

- 1) The Antichrist, revived Roman empire (i.e.- the ten horns on the fourth beast of Daniel 7), and/or the covenant the Antichrist confirms with Israel
 - If the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 takes place during the Tribulation, then it is at a time when Israel is under covenant with the Antichrist and the revived Roman empire
 - Why wouldn't the most powerful individual and institution during the Tribulation be mentioned?
 - If it is argued that **“the merchants of Tarshish”** (Eze 38:13) represent the Antichrist and the Roman empire, then why do they only issue a minor protest of the invasion rather than protect Israel, as likely pledged in the covenant?



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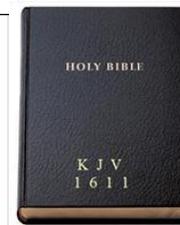
- If it is argued that “**Gog**” is the Antichrist, then the invasion takes place at the end of the Tribulation as part of Armageddon, and that means Israel will burn weapons as a fuel source and bury dead bodies (Eze 39:9,12) months and years into the Millennium
- 2) The two witnesses and/or the 144,000
- If the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 takes place during the first half of the Tribulation, then it is at a time when the two witnesses are preaching at Jerusalem (Rev 11:3) and the 144,000 are preaching throughout the world (Matt 24:14; Rev 7:4-17)
 - Why wouldn't the two witnesses at least be mentioned as issuing a protest of the invasion or a prophetic declaration that the invaders will be destroyed, much like Isaiah did with the imminent Assyrian invasion of Jerusalem (Isa 37:6-7,21-35)?



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3) The Tribulation temple

- If the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 takes place during the Tribulation, then it is at a time when the temple is being rebuilt or has been rebuilt (Rev 11:1-2)
- There is an earthquake in the land of Israel during the invasion that causes every wall to fall to the ground (Eze 38:19-20), this would include the walls of any rebuilt temple or temple in the process of being rebuilt
- The most logical explanation for these things KNOWN to be part of the Tribulation not being mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39 is that the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 does not take place DURING the Tribulation but BEFORE the Tribulation



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