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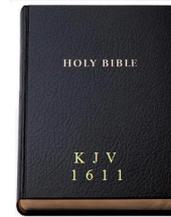


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# Bible Prophecy

*The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39*

# Ezekiel 38:4



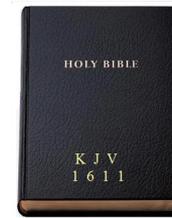
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- That very night, as the Assyrians were resting from war with the Ethiopians, the angel of the Lord went through the camp and slew ALL 185,000 men (2 Kin 19:35; 2 Chr 32:21; Isa 37:36)
- Sennacherib returned to Nineveh in shame and was assassinated by two of his sons when he went to worship in the house of god, Nisroch (2 Kin 19:36-37; 2 Chr 32:21; Isa 37:37-38)

## **The Typology Of Sennacherib's Invasion To The Invasion Of Gog**

1. The Jews experienced a period of prosperity immediately before and after the invasion (2 Chr 31:21; 32:22-23)
2. The Jews attempted to establish peace through diplomatic means
3. The Jews had no military response to the invasion
4. The Jews would have been destroyed if the Lord had not directly intervened
5. The invaders were destroyed without ever reaching the city
6. The judgment upon the invaders served to sanctify the Lord among the nations as the only true God (Isa 37:20; 2 Chr 32:31)
7. The invasion took place before the Jews' judgment of captivity in Babylon

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## **Put hooks into thy jaws.**

- The Lord also puts hooks into the jaws of Pharaoh (Eze 29:4) since he is likened to an aquatic dragon (Eze 29:3)
- The Lord puts hooks into the nose of leviathan (Job 41:1-2), who is a dragon (Isa 27:1), and Sennacherib (2 Kin 19:28; Isa 37:29)

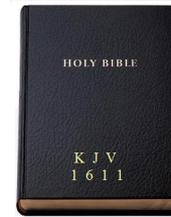
## **I will bring thee forth.**

- The Lord is the one that draws Gog and Magog to invade Israel in Ezekiel 38
- In contrast, Satan is the one that draws Gog and Magog to invade Jerusalem in Revelation 20:8

## **All thine army, horses and horsemen.**

- Are the horses (38:4,15; 39:20) and horsemen literal or standard terms used to describe armies, regardless of time?

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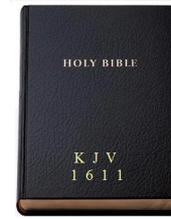
## Reasons Supporting A Literal Interpretation Of “Horses”

1. Scripture should be interpreted literally unless figurative language is obviously used or literal interpretation creates an absurdity
2. The invasion is over and through the MOUNTAINS of Israel (38:8,21; 39:2,4), terrain that could require transportation by horseback
3. The invasion appears to take Israel completely by surprise and, with current technology and intelligence, an invasion this size should easily be detected
4. The fowls of the air and the beasts of field EAT the flesh and drink the blood of HORSES (39:17-19), so they must be literal
5. War horses have played a major role in the Russian military (as recent as World War II) and those of Muslim nations

**Note:** The United States has the largest horse population in the world followed by China. Russia ranks 9<sup>th</sup> and the highest ranking Muslim nation is Kazakhstan, at 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Israel has one of the top five air forces (IAF) in the world and the most powerful and technologically advanced military in the Middle East
- Why would Gog engage in such a primitive form of warfare unless he was convinced he could achieve and maintain strategic advantage against Israel?

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- It is possible that an energy burst like an EMP (electromagnetic pulse) could have rendered high tech weaponry useless (e.g.- it is possible that the Lord's return at the Rapture COULD produce an energy burst that would plunge the world back into the 19<sup>th</sup> century)
- It is also possible that the phrase **“horses and horsemen”** describes futuristic warfare in terms anyone at any time can understand (i.e.- if Ezekiel saw TANKS how would he describe them other than to say they are **“horses...clothed with all sorts of armour”**?)

### **Clothed with all sorts of armour.**

- Armor is used for protection while mounting a military offense or defense
- In ancient warfare, horses were clothed with armor to protect them since they were the primary means of transporting forces and advancing the battle
- In modern warfare, tanks, IFVs, and AAVs serve this purpose

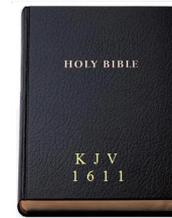
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## With bucklers and shields.

- *Buckler*= “a kind of shield, or piece of defensive armor, anciently used in war and worn on the left arm; a small round shield held by a handle”
- In ancient warfare, bucklers and shields were defensive pieces of military equipment that were used to intercept, deflect, or divert an enemy’s attack
- In modern warfare, anti-aircraft artillery and anti-missile defense systems serve this purpose



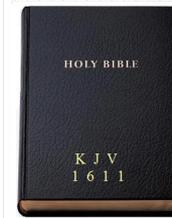
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## All of them handling swords.

- In ancient warfare, the sword, spear, and bow and arrow were the primary offensive weapons
- In modern warfare, handguns, assault rifles, machine guns, hand grenades, RPGs, and missiles among others, serve this purpose



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