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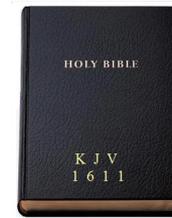


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Bible Prophecy

The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

Ezekiel 38:8



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II. The PLACE Of The Invasion

Ezekiel 38:8

After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

Thou shalt be visited.

- The word *visitation* means “to avenge; a time of divine wrath”

In the latter years.

- This is the only appearance in the Bible of the phrase, THE LATTER YEARS
- The phrase, THE LATTER DAYS (v.16) appears 11x

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The land.

- THE LAND is identified as the MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL (v.8), MY LAND (v.16), and the LAND OF ISRAEL (v.18)

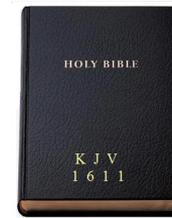
Brought back from the sword.

- One of two phrases in the verse that describe the rebirth of Israel as a nation and the re-gathering of the Jewish people to their land
- The sword was part of God's judgment upon Israel while they were in global dispersion (Lev 26:33)
- This judgment culminated in the holocaust during World War II

Gathered out of many people.

- This is the other phrase in the verse that describes the rebirth of Israel as a nation and the re-gathering of the Jewish people to their land
- MANY PEOPLE= THE NATIONS (v.12), so it does not refer to the restoration following the Babylonian captivity but to a restoration in the LATTER YEARS following global dispersion

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The mountains of Israel.

- This phrase appears 18x (17x in Ezekiel)
- God will cause Gog and his armies to come against the mountains of Israel (v.8; 39:2) but they will fall upon the mountains of Israel (39:4)

Brought forth out of the nations.

- Refers to the rebirth of Israel as a nation and the re-gathering of the Jewish people to their land following the global dispersion that began in 70 AD
- The nation of Israel was “resurrected” from the “grave of nations” on May 14, 1948 but in an unconverted state, fulfilling the prophecy of Ezekiel 37

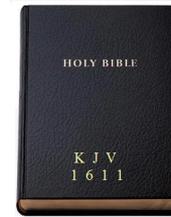
Eze 37:7-8,12

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and **the flesh came up upon them**, and the skin covered them above: **but there was no breath in them.**

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and **cause you to come up out of your graves**, and **bring you into the land of Israel.**

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They shall dwell safely all of them.

- The first of 4x in Ezekiel 38-39 that Israel is said to dwell SAFELY (v.8,11,14; 39:26)
- This condition is further described as Israel dwelling without the need for walls, bars, or gates (v.11)
- ALL OF THEM= the entire nation of Israel IN THEIR LAND
- While parts of the nation of Israel may have dwelt safely without the need for walls, bars, or gates since May 14, 1948, the entire nation has NOT experienced this due to continual war, threats of war, and acts of terror from every nation around them
- For Israel to be in this condition of national safety, something drastic must happen to the Arab/Muslim nations bordering Israel
- Ezekiel tells us that Israel shall dwell SAFELY in their land as a result of the Lord executing judgment upon all the nations round about them that hate them

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Eze 28:25-26

Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.

- Ezekiel 28:25 describes the re-gathering of the nation of Israel but for a period of time following their re-gathering they will NOT dwell SAFELY
- Ezekiel 28:26 clearly describes the time this condition changes and Israel dwells SAFELY in their land
- The reason is that the Lord will bring JUDGMENTS upon ALL the nations ROUND ABOUT Israel
- Since these judgments are a pre-condition to Israel dwelling safely, they must occur BEFORE the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39, and allow enough time for Israel to enjoy this unprecedented condition

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The Probable Judgments Against Nations Round About Israel

1. The utter destruction of Damascus (Isa 17)= **Syria**
 2. A civil war (Isa 19)= **Egypt**
 3. The last Arab-Israeli War (Psa 83)= **Jordan** (Edom, Moab, Ammon), **Lebanon** (Tyre, Gebal), **Iraq** (Assur), and **the Palestinians** (Philistines)
- Since Israel will need to flee their land in the middle of the Tribulation (Rev 12:6,14) and those who fail to do so will not be safe for the remainder of the Tribulation (Rev 12:17), the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 must take place before the middle of the Tribulation

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Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

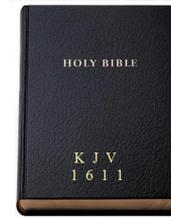
Thou shalt be ascend.

- Since the primary direction of the invasion is from the NORTH, the word *ascend* does not refer to geography
- Since the invasion is against the MOUNTAINS of Israel, it may refer to topography, or elevation
- It could also imply that part of the invasion involves an AERIAL attack

Come like a storm.

- Storms can come unexpectedly, quickly, and violently
- The United States called it's 1991 war with Iraq, *Operation Desert Storm*
- The word *storm* means, “a violent wind; tempest; a rushing; an assault on a fortified place; a tumultuous force”

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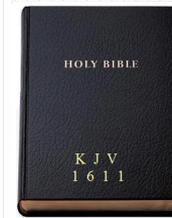


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- This expression could further support the notion of an aerial attack since a storm comes from over head
- Gog and his armies will come like a **STORM** against Israel, but the Lord will intervene and destroy them with his own **STORM** of rain, hailstones, fire, and brimstone (v.22)

Like a cloud to cover the land.

- Invading armies in Israel's history have been described with similar wording to denote their vastness and swiftness (Isa 5:26-28; Jer 4:13)
- This expression further supports the notion of an aerial attack since clouds are in the air above our heads
- The planes invading over head, along with air-dropping paratroopers, will cast a large dark shadow on the land just like immense cloud cover does



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