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The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

Ezekiel 38:13



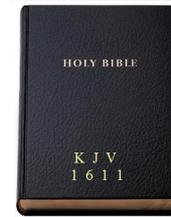
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- If the word *Tarshish* is meant to refer to a SPECIFIC nation or people then it is reasonable to conclude that SPAIN and HISPANIC AMERICA will have a major commercial relationship with Israel in the future
- If the word *Tarshish* is a representative term, then it is reasonable to conclude that THE WESTERN WORLD will have a major commercial relationship with Israel in the future
- The problem with the latter interpretation (as mentioned earlier) is that there are other ISLE NATIONS (or an isle nation) at the time of this invasion whose merchants do NOT protest the invasion because they dwell CARELESSLY (39:6)

Art thou come to take a spoil...to take a prey?

- The protest is MINIMAL (i.e.- involves only Sheba, Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish with their offspring nations) and MILD (a rebuke but no retaliation)
- The significance of the protest is not only evident in who IS mentioned but who IS NOT mentioned

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- There is no mention of a protest from the United States (unless Tarshish represents the ENTIRE WESTERN WORLD)- this implies a dramatic and negative change in American-Israeli relations in the near future
- There is no mention of a protest from the Antichrist or the revived Roman Empire- this implies that the invasion takes place before the Tribulation and the formal revival of the Roman empire or rise of the Antichrist to power
- There is no mention of a protest from the Church- implies the invasion takes place after the Rapture of the Church but before the ministry of the two witnesses and the 144,000; or at a time when the Church is completely unaware that the invasion is taking place (e.g.- if born again believers were put in jails or camps separate from contact with society)

Silver and gold...cattle and goods...a great spoil.

- As mentioned earlier, this identifies the spoil and prey as both MONETARY and MATERIAL
- Israel is an economic superpower at the time of this invasion
- How they get to this state will be revealed in due time, but it appears to be as a result of DEFEATING the nations in the Psalm 83 War and DISCOVERIES in their own land cf. (1 Chr 5:21; 2 Chr 20:25)

Ezekiel 38:14



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V. The PERIOD Of The Invasion

Ezekiel 38:14

Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know *it*?

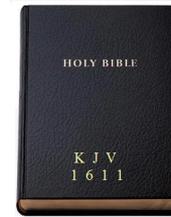
In that day.

- THAT DAY is defined as “**the latter years**” (v.8) and “**the latter days**” (v.16)
- Based on the formula of one day is as 1,000 years and 1,000 years as one day (2 Pet 3:8), and the Millennium is the final day or 1,000 years, we are in the latter years and latter days now

My people of Israel.

- This expression applies to Israel as a NATION in their LAND as opposed to dispersion and captivity (Hos 1:6-11)

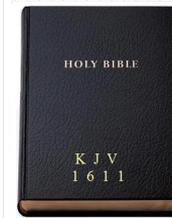
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Shalt thou not know it?

- Since Gog is very much aware that Israel is dwelling safely, many believe the timing of the invasion is in the first half of the Tribulation when Israel is under a covenant with the Antichrist
 - The assumption of this view is that the Antichrist guarantees the safety of Israel as part of the covenant even though there is no scripture that specifically states this
 - There is no mention of the Antichrist, the revived Roman empire, or any covenant in Ezekiel 38-39
 - If the invasion takes place in the first half of the Tribulation, then Israel will be burning the weapons of the defeated invaders for 3 ½ years in the Millennium (not likely)
 - Israel's dwelling safely is defined as **“dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates”** (v.11)- a visible, public, and unprecedented condition that Gog would be aware of
 - Ezekiel tells us that Israel shall dwell safely as a result of the Lord executing judgments upon **“all those that despise them round about them”** (28:26)- if this refers to the war of Psalm 83, then Gog would certainly be aware of it



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