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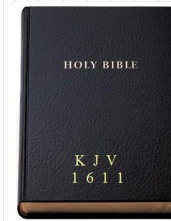
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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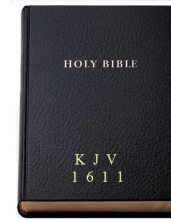


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Bible Prophecy

The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

Ezekiel 38:15



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And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

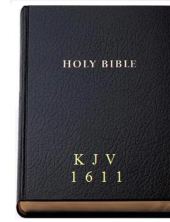
Thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts.

- The Lord actually causes Gog to come forth (v.4; 39:2)
- Even though some of the participant nations are south (Ethiopia), west (Libya), and east (Persia) of Israel, the invasion is launched by forces stationed in the NORTH
- Israel has faced threats from the north many times in their history, most notably from Babylon (Jer 1:14; 6:22-25)

Many people with thee...a great company...a mighty army.

- Even though this does not refer to what we know today as the entire Muslim world, the invading forces will likely outnumber those that attacked Israel in the war of Psalm 83

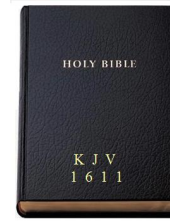
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- If another invasion involving ETHIOPIA (v.5) is any indication, then the number of the invading forces will approach or exceed 1,000,000 (2 Chr 14:9)
- While an INVADING army is mentioned, there is no mention of a DEFENDING army- where is the mighty Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) that God used as a **“threshing instrument”** (Isa 41:15) in his hand to bring Israel a miraculous victory in the war of Psalm 83?
- With available technology and intelligence, how could an invasion of this size involving this many nations take Israel so completely by surprise that they are unable to initiate any form of self-defense?
- The answer may lie in type- in Assyria’s attempted invasion of Judah
 - Hezekiah knew of the impending invasion and took certain non-military precautions (2 Chr 32:2-5)
 - He also ramped up production of arms and ammunition and put the military on high alert within the gates of the city (2 Chr 32:5-6)
 - Even when Rabshakeh came with a great army as a SHOW of force to terrorize the people (Isa 36:2), Hezekiah did not summon the army within the gates to go outside to meet the enemy
 - The Assyrians were defeated by the Lord BEFORE they ever got to Jerusalem (Isa 37:36)

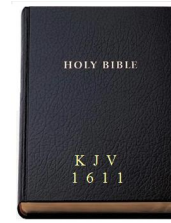
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- Gog's attempted invasion of Israel to take a spoil and prey will NOT take them by surprise
- The IDF will be available and on high alert, but are no match against the overwhelming numbers and Russian military might
- The IDF will be grounded and make no defensive movements because the Lord will directly intervene and destroy the invaders before they reach Israeli cities (39:4)
- It appears the Lord will use the IDF to bring a miraculous victory in the war of Psalm 83, but there will be no military to attribute victory to in the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39- the Lord will magnify and sanctify HIMSELF (v.16,23)

Ezekiel 38:16



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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.

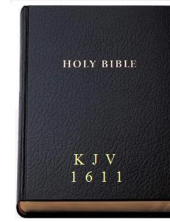
Against my people Israel.

- The one invaded is the nation of ISRAEL and the Jewish people, not Gentiles who are living in the land of Israel
- This proves the invasion takes place after the rebirth of Israel as a nation, so the prophecy could not be fulfilled during the Babylonian captivity (587 BC-517 BC) or during the great dispersion (i.e.- the “Diaspora”) (70 AD-1948 AD)

As a cloud to cover the land.

- cf. (v.9) note

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The latter days.

- The phrase *latter day(s)* appears 12x and is associated with end time events
 - Israel's time of invasion (v.16); tribulation (Deu 4:30; Dan 10:14); evil (Deu 31:29); consideration (Jer 23:20; 30:24); conversion (Hos 3:5); and conquest (Num 24:14-19)
 - The ultimate restoration of Moab and Elam (Jer 48:47; 49:39)
 - The Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Job 19:25)
 - The destruction of Gentile world powers at the Second Coming of Christ (Dan 2:28)

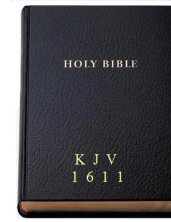
My land.

- The phrase *my land* appears 12x and refers to the Lord and the land of Israel 8x (v.16; 36:5; 2 Chr 7:20; Isa 14:25; Jer 2:7; 16:18; Joel 1:6; 3:2)

That the heathen may know me.

- The purpose for the invasion from GOG'S perspective is to ROB Israel but from GOD'S perspective it is to REVEAL himself

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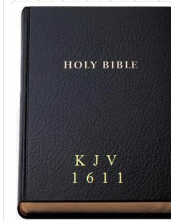


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- The prophecy states 4x that the heathen, nations, and isles will KNOW that the Lord is God because of his intervention in this invasion (v.16,23; 39:6-7) and 3x that Israel will KNOW that the Lord is their God (39:7,22,28)
- This could not refer to the Millennium because from the very beginning of that time the earth shall be FULL of the KNOWLEDGE of the Lord (Isa 11:9) and ALL shall know him (Heb 8:11)

I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog.

- The overwhelming majority of the world, including the pope, believes that Muslims worship the same god as Christians and Jews; that the god of the Koran is the same as the God of the Bible
- The destruction of Gog and his allies (many of them Muslim nations today) will finally and forever separate the Lord from Allah, as the one true living God



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