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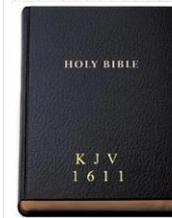
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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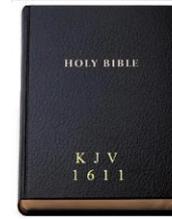


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Bible Prophecy

The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

Ezekiel 38:16



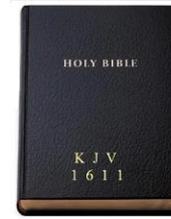
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- The prophecy states 4x that the heathen, nations, and isles will KNOW that the Lord is God because of his intervention in this invasion (v.16,23; 39:6-7) and 3x that Israel will KNOW that the Lord is their God (39:7,22,28)
- This could not refer 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

Ezekiel 38:17



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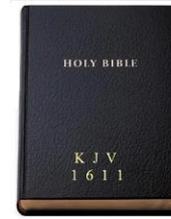
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Thus saith the Lord GOD; *Art* thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring thee against them?

Art thou he of whom I have spoken.

- The dominant figure in prophetic scripture that comes against Israel is the Antichrist, so some believe this passage identifies Gog as the Antichrist and subsequently, the invasion as a campaign of Armageddon
- This view has serious difficulties that have been previously presented
- When this invasion occurs, Israel will think it is “Armageddon”, but it isn’t
- Four alternative views include:
 - The prophets were inspired to SPEAK about Gog and the invasion but may not have been inspired to WRITE it down- which would explain the lack of scripture
 - Gog and the invasion may be described in other scriptures in TYPES (e.g.- Sennacherib and the Assyrians attempted invasion of Judah)
 - Gog and the invasion could be what is described in Joel 2:18-20
 - If this phrase meant to equate Gog with the one the prophets spoke about wouldn’t it read, “Art thou NOT he of whom I have spoken...”?

Ezekiel 38:17

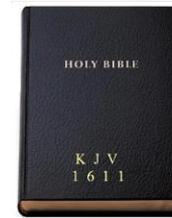


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Spoken in old time by my servants the prophets.

- The phrase OLD TIME appears 16x and does not refer to any single period of time
- It can refer to the time before the call of Abraham (Deu 2:20; Jos 24:2), the time of Moses and the law (Matt 5:21,27,33), and the time of the prophets (v.17; 2 Pet 1:21)
- While certain individuals are called PROPHETS like Abraham (Gen 20:7), Moses (Deu 34:10), Samuel (Acts 13:20), and David (Acts 2:30), the TIME of the prophets was approximately from Elijah to Malachi (925 BC-400 BC)
- From the standpoint of Ezekiel's day (595 BC- 574 BC), the time of the writing prophets Isaiah-Malachi (760 BC-400 BC) was not "old time"; therefore, the statement is expressed based on the time of it's fulfillment and not the time of it's inspiration to Ezekiel

Ezekiel 38:18



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VI. The PUNISHMENT For The Invasion

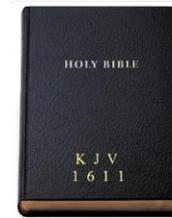
Ezekiel 38:18

And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, *that* my fury shall come up in my face.

My fury.

- The word *fury* means, “a violent rushing; a storm of anger; a heat of mind; rage”
- The phrase MY FURY appears 19x in Ezekiel (32x total); 15x it is against Israel (e.g.- 5:13,15) and 4x against Gentiles (v.18; 25:14; 30:15; 36:6)
- It is also directed against the armies of Antichrist at Armageddon (Isa 63:3,6)
- The Assyrians attempted invasion of Judah (Isa 36-37) is a type of the invasion of Gog, and the capital of the Assyrian empire was NINEVEH
- The book of Nahum is a prophecy against Nineveh but the wording of one particular verse bears striking similarity to the wording of Ezekiel 38:18-19

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Nah 1:2

God *is* **jealous**, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and *is* **furious**; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth **wrath** for his enemies.

Eze 38:18-19

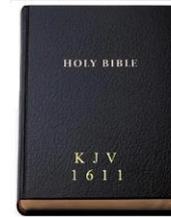
And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, *that* my **fury** shall come up in my face.

For in my **jealousy** *and* in the fire of my **wrath** have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

My face.

- The word MY appears 23x in Ezekiel 38-39 indicating that this invasion is PERSONAL to the Lord- he takes it personally and he deals with it personally
- It is as if the Lord is saying to Gog, “You have provoked MY JEALOUSY (v.19) by coming up against MY PEOPLE (v.14,16; 39:7), MY LAND (v.16), and MY MOUNTAINS (v.21); therefore, will MY FURY (v.18) MY WRATH (v.19), and MY JUDGMENT (39:21) be poured out upon you by MY HAND (39:21), all for MY GLORY (39:21) and the sake of MY HOLY NAME (39:7,25)”

Ezekiel 38:19



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Ezekiel 38:19

For in my jealousy *and* in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

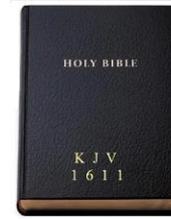
My jealousy.

- The phrase MY JEALOUSY appears 7x (v.19; 16:42; 23:25; 36:5-6; Num 25:11; Zep 3:8)
- The word *jealous* means, “suspicious; apprehensive of rivalry (a rivalry that should not exist); solicitous to defend the honor of; suspiciously vigilant”
- The word JEALOUS is attributed to the Lord in connection with HIS PEOPLE in that their devotion and affection should be directed only to him and not to false gods and idols (Exo 20:5; 34:14)

Exo 20:5

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a **jealous** God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

Ezekiel 38:19



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Exo 34:14

For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is **Jealous**, is a jealous God:

- Here it is attributed to the Lord in connection with HIS LAND, HIS CITY, and HIS HOLY NAME, all of which are under attack by Gog

Joel 2:18

Then will the LORD be **jealous for his land**, and pity his people.

Zec 1:14; 8:2

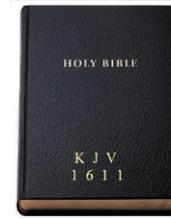
So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am **jealous for Jerusalem** and for Zion with a great jealousy.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was **jealous for Zion** with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

Eze 39:25

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be **jealous for my holy name**;

Ezekiel 38:19



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- The jealousy and wrath of the Lord over this invasion invokes his direct and dramatic intervention, ending a time of longsuffering with the enemies of Israel

Isa 42:13-14

The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up **jealousy** like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; **he shall prevail against his enemies.**

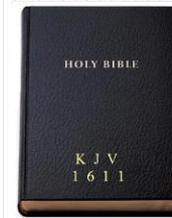
I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, **and refrained myself:** *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; **I will destroy and devour at once.**

My wrath.

- The phrase MY WRATH appears 20x and this is the only time it does not apply to Israel

A great shaking in the land of Israel.

- The Lord will destroy Gog and his allies with a combination of four things:



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