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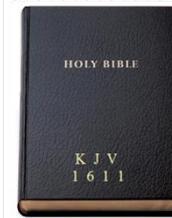
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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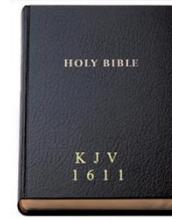


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The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

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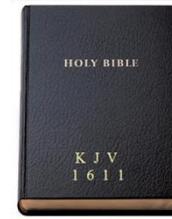
I will plead against him.

- The word *plead* means, “to argue in support of a claim, or in defense against the claim of another; to present an answer to the declaration of a plaintiff; to urge reasons for or against”
- God’s answer to Gog’s claim to take a spoil and to take a prey, is pestilence, blood, and a rain consisting of hailstones, fire, and brimstone’
- The scenario presented in the following Psalms is similar to that of Ezekiel 38-39:

Psa 43:1

Judge me, O God, and **plead my cause against an ungodly nation**: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

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Psa 35:1-10,27

Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight **against them that fight against me**.

Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.

Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: **let them be turned back and brought to confusion** that devise my hurt.

Let them be as chaff before the wind: and **let the angel of the LORD chase them**.

Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.

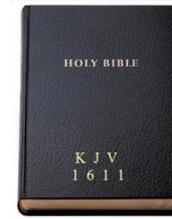
Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy **from him that spoileth him**?

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, **Let the LORD be magnified**, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

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Pestilence and with blood.

- The word *pestilence* means, “plague; any contagious or infectious disease that is epidemic and mortal”
- The word PESTILENCE is also used when the angel of the Lord smites men

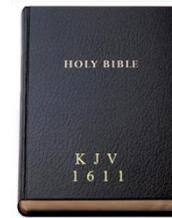
1 Chr 21:11-12

So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose thee

Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh *thee*; or else three days **the sword of the LORD**, **even the pestilence**, in the land, and **the angel of the LORD** destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

- It appears this pestilence will cause all the invaders to “bleed out” (which would cause additional panic with the earthquake and storm), and could be the result of the angel of the Lord smiting them
- This is typified by the destruction of the Sennacherib’s army of 185,000 Assyrians by the angel of the Lord

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2 Kin 19:35

And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

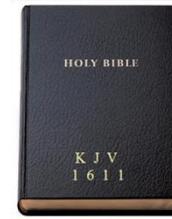
Rain...fire, and brimstone.

- Fire and brimstone is associated with the lake of fire, which is the second DEATH (Rev 20:14; 21:8)
- The phrase FIRE AND BRIMSTONE appears 5x (Psa 11:6; Luke 17:29; Rev 14:10; 20:10; 21:8) (5= # of DEATH)
- The words RAIN(ED), FIRE, and BRIMSTONE appear together in the same verse 4x and applies to Gog, the wicked, and Sodom and Gomorrah

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Psa 11:6

Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.

Gen 13:13; 19:24

But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

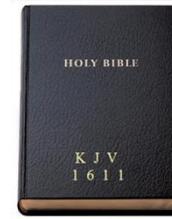
Luke 17:29

But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.

Hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

- The Lord's judgment upon Gog and his allies is similar to the judgment upon the Antichrist and his armies at Armageddon, further evidencing that Israel will believe this event fulfills the prophetic DAY OF THE LORD

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Isa 29:6

Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

Isa 30:30-31

And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.

For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, *which* smote with a rod.

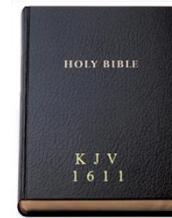
Rev 16:21

And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Rev 19:21

And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

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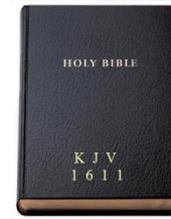
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Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Thus will I magnify myself...and they shall know that I am the Lord.

- The phrase KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD appears 63x in Ezekiel but not one time between chapters 40-48, which describes the Millennium, a time when all shall know the Lord (Jer 31:34)
- The purpose of this invasion, from God's perspective, is to sanctify and magnify himself in the eyes of the heathen that they know that HE is the Lord (v.16,23; 39:6-7), and in the eyes of Israel that they know that he is the Lord THEIR God (39:7,22,28)
- The Lord's intervention in defending Israel and destroying Gog will be so dramatic and evident that it should debunk any remaining denial or doubt in the world as to the existence of a God, and end any remaining debate as to who the one true living God is, Allah (the god of Islam and the Koran) or Jehovah (the God of Israel and the Bible)

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- Two other times the Lord intervened on Israel's behalf to show the heathen that he is the Lord are the Exodus from Egypt and Sennacherib's attempted invasion of Judah

Exo 7:5

And **the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD**, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

Exo 14:4,18

And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; **that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD**. And they did so.

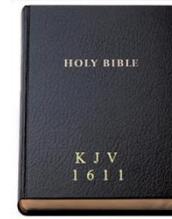
And **the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD**, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

Isa 37:20

Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, **that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only**.

- In the aftermath of the Lord's destruction of the Assyrians, the Babylonians sent ambassadors to Hezekiah to inquire about the miracle of their defeat

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2 Chr 32:31

Howbeit in *the business* of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him **to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land**, God left him, to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.

- Since the Babylonians were the ones that took Judah captive, could this picture ROMAN ambassadors coming to Israel to inquire about the miraculous defeat of the RUSSIANS?
- The fact the Lord will be magnified by the destruction of Gog and his allies will further convince Israel that this was the final battle of day of the Lord, and that their Messiah and restoration of the kingdom, is at hand

Psa 46:7-10

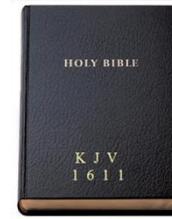
The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I *am* God: **I will be exalted** among the heathen, **I will be exalted** in the earth.

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Isa 2:11-12

The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and **the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.**

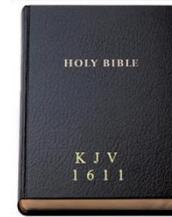
For **the day of the LORD** of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

- This expectation could not be more wrong, because it is the Antichrist who will emerge in the aftermath of the destruction of Gog, possibly taking credit for the miraculous outcome
- Just as Judah was delivered from Sennacherib but eventually given into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, so Israel will be delivered from Gog but eventually given into the hands of the Antichrist

Rev 12:13

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, **he persecuted the woman** which brought forth the man *child*.

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Job 16:11

God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

Jer 12:7

I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

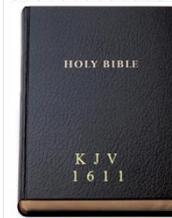
- This is also typified in Esther

Est 3:11

And the king said unto Haman, The silver *is* given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

“I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive .”

(John 5:43)



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