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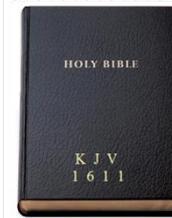
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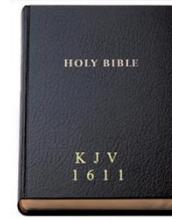


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The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

Ezekiel 39:1-2



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Ezekiel 39:1-3

Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

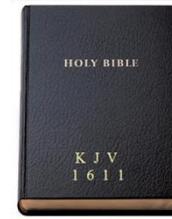
I am against thee...Gog...the chief prince...Meshech...Tubal.

- See: (38:2-3) notes

I will turn thee back.

- See: (38:4) note

Ezekiel 39:2



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Leave but the sixth part of thee.

- Could refer to the number of Gog's forces that remain in the north parts while the other 5/6 attack, or it could refer to the number of Gog's forces that God allows to survive (as the word LEFT is used in Luke 17:34-36)

Luke 17:34-37

I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and **the other shall be left.**

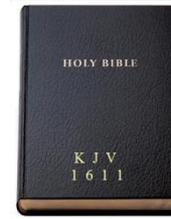
Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and **the other left.**

Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and **the other left.**

And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body *is*, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

- If this 1/6 refers to SURVIVORS, then it is in contrast to the defeat of Sennacherib's invading force (Isa 37:36) and the battle of Gog and Magog in Revelation 20:8-9 where there are NO survivors
- The Lord may allow survivors so they can give a first hand testimony of what they witnessed

Ezekiel 39:2-3



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Come up from the north parts.

- The invasion comes UP from the north instead of down, and ASCENDS (38:9) instead of descends because it is an increase in altitude

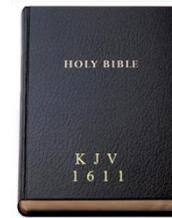
The mountains of Israel.

- See: (38:8,20) notes

I will smite thy bow...and...thine arrows.

- Gog and his allies have a variety of offensive weapons including BOWS AND ARROWS (v.3) and SWORDS (38:4)
- The Lord is going to smite some of these weapons OUT of the hand of Gog while smiting him WITH the rest (38:21)

Ezekiel 39:4



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Ezekiel 39:4-5

Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and *to* the beasts of the field to be devoured.

Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

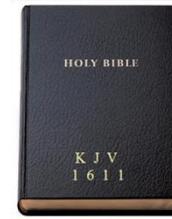
Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel.

- The approximate location of these mountains and the defeat of Gog is in the NORTH of Israel (v.2), near an OPEN FIELD (v.5) and VALLEY (v.11,15) that is EAST OF THE SEA (v.11), near or in BASHAN (v.18) cf. (38:20)
note

I will give thee unto the ravenous birds...and...the beasts of the field.

- This statement is both a literal and a figurative expression of utter devastation and humiliation in divine judgment (v.4; 32:4; 1 Sam 17:45-46; Isa 18:6; Jer 7:33)
- The literal details are given in (v.17-20)

Ezekiel 39:4



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- The fact that BOTH the fowls of the air AND the beasts of the field are mentioned is evidence that this invasion is not the same as Armageddon- NO BEASTS of the field are specifically mentioned as being part of the “Armageddon supper”

Rev 19:17

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all **the fowls** that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God

- The same judgment appears to be pronounced by Isaiah, but specifically against ETHIOPIA, one of Gog’s allies in the invasion (38:5)

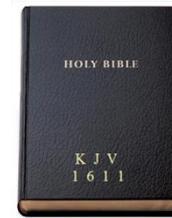
Isa 18:1,5-6

Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of **Ethiopia:**

For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away *and* cut down the branches.

They shall be left together unto **the fowls** of the mountains, **and to the beasts** of the earth: and **the fowls shall summer** upon them, and all **the beasts of the earth shall winter** upon them.

Ezekiel 39:4



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- The latter part of Isaiah 18:6 may correspond to the 7 months it takes Israel to bury the bones of Gog and his allies (v.12)
- If Isaiah 18 describes the same judgment as Ezekiel 38-39, then it appears to take place in the late Spring/early Summer
- Ezekiel may further place it as concurrent to the judgment and desolation of Egypt cf. (Isa 19:2-3), right before the beginning of the DAY OF THE LORD cf. (v.8)

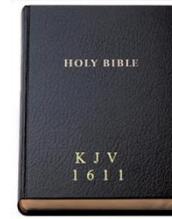
Eze 30:3-5

For the day *is* near, even **the day of the LORD is near**, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

Eze 30:4 And **the sword shall come upon Egypt**, and **great pain shall be in Ethiopia**, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down.

Eze 30:5 **Ethiopia**, and **Libya**, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

Ezekiel 39:4

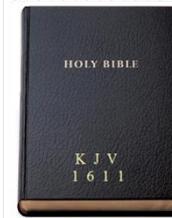


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Eze 30:9

In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

- The land of Ethiopia will also be judged as MESSENGERS are sent from the Lord IN SHIPS to bring FEAR and GREAT PAIN
- The Hebrew word translated MESSENGERS (Heb. *malak*) is also translated ANGEL 111x
- Could the explanation for the miraculous destruction and defeat of Gog and his allies include the intervention of “extra-terrestrial” beings and their craft?



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