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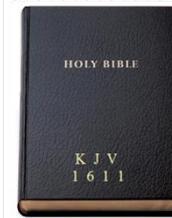
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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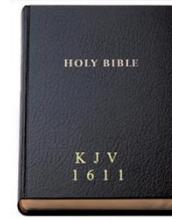


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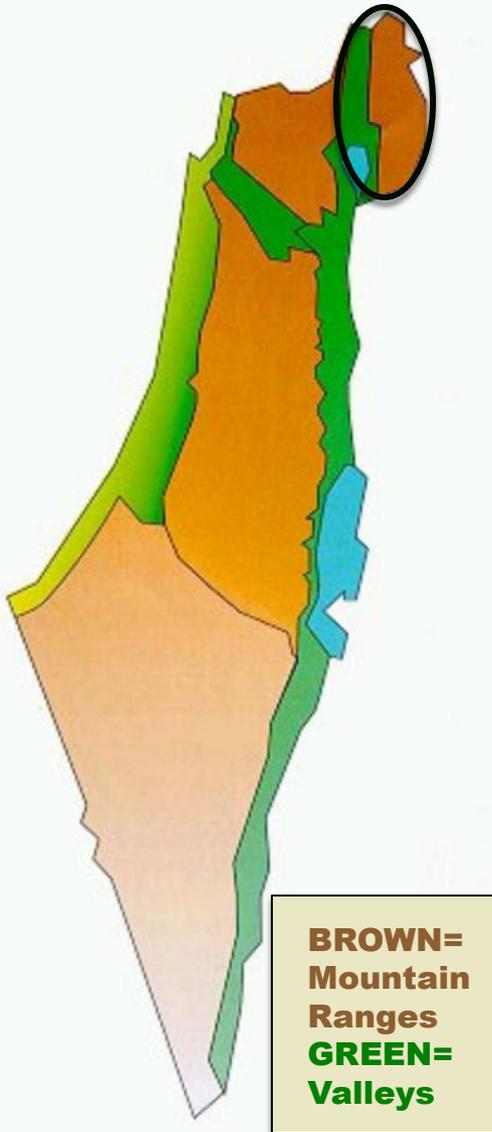
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The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

Ezekiel 39:5



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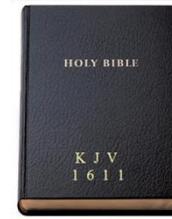
Thou shalt fall upon the open field.

- How could the invaders fall upon the MOUNTAINS (v.4) as well as the OPEN FIELD (v.5)?
- Those falling upon the open field could be GROUND forces while those falling upon the mountains could be AIR forces
- The location of this judgment allows for both

For I have spoken it.

- This phrase appears 4x (v.5; 23:34; 26:5; 28:10) and is always in the context of divine JUDGMENT

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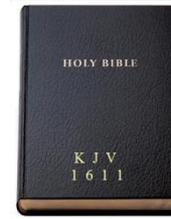
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And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

I will send a fire.

- This phrase appears 8x and applies to the following:
 - 1) Magog and those that dwell carelessly in the isles (v.6)
 - 2) Judah (Hos 8:14; Amo 2:5)
 - 3) Damascus (Amo 1:4)
 - 4) Gaza (Amo 1:7)
 - 5) Tyre (Amo 1:10)
 - 6) Teman (Edom) (Amo 1:12)
 - 7) Moab (Amo 2:2)
- The fire sent upon Judah and Damascus could correspond to events leading up to, or included in, the war of Psalm 83

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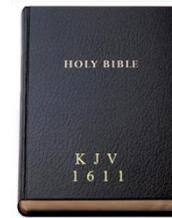
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- The fire sent upon Gaza, Tyre, Edom, and Moab could correspond to the war of Psalm 83
- *Send*= “to throw, cast, or thrust; to impel or drive by force to a distance, either with the hand or with an instrument or by other means; to cause to go or pass from place to place; to cause to come or fall; to inflict”
- The Lord might “send” this fire upon Magog and those dwelling carelessly in the isles through an unintended exchange of nuclear weapons
- Most who hold the view that the invasion of Ezekiel 38 takes place in the beginning of the Tribulation believe this fire is a NUCLEAR WAR and corresponds to the “**great sword**” of the second seal judgment (Rev 6:4)

On Magog.

- This fire is different than the one mentioned in (38:22), which is brought upon Gog and his allies; this one is sent upon Gog’s homeland- Magog (38:2)
- MAGOG= RUSSIA cf. (38:2) note

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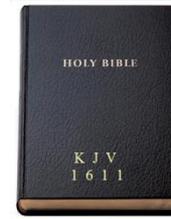
The isles.

- *Isle*= “a tract of land surrounded by water, or a detached portion of land embosomed in the the ocean, in a lake, or river”- this means their entire land has MORE THAN ONE COASTLINE
- Two additional characteristics of THE ISLES are:
 - 1) They are primarily populated with descendants of JAPHETH (Gen 10:5)- this means they are EUROPEAN nations and CAUCASIAN people
 - 2) They can be AFAR OFF (Isa 66:19; Jer 31:10)- this means they are located FAR WEST of Israel

Them that dwell carelessly in the isles.

- While Magog, Meshech, Tubal, Gomer, and Togarmah are all descendants of Japheth (Gen 10:2-3), they are located NORTH of Israel not FAR WEST
- With the exception of TURKEY (i.e.- Togarmah), none of their entire lands has more than one coastline (i.e.- Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia)

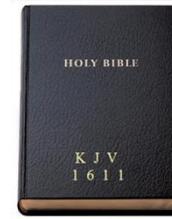
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- While Gog's allies (e.g.- Ethiopia) may also be destroyed by fire (Isa 18:1-2,6; Eze 30:9), those that **“dwell carelessly in the isles”** does not refer to any of them but to a nation or group of nations not previously mentioned
- If the nation(s) identified with Tarshish or the young lions of Tarshish were meant, those terms would likely be used
- Additional clues on the potential identity of this nation (or nations) can be gleaned from the word CARELESS
- *Careless*= “having no care; heedless; negligent; inattentive; without care or concern; free from care or anxiety; to care less; the opposite of careful”
- The terms CARELESS(LY) and WITHOUT CARE appear 9x and are associated with:
 - 1) Dwelling QUIETLY and SECURELY in a VERY GOOD LAND that is LARGE and where there is NO WANT OF ANY THING (Jud 18:7,9-10)
 - 2) Being AT EASE and without TROUBLE (Isa 32:9-11)
 - 3) Being GIVEN TO PLEASURES (Isa 47:8)
 - 4) Being WEALTHY (Jer 49:31)
 - 5) Prideful REJOICING (Zep 2:15)

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- The Hebrew word translated CARELESSLY (Heb. *betach*) is also translated SAFELY and WITH CONFIDENCE in describing the dwelling conditions of Israel at the time of the invasion

Eze 28:26

And they shall dwell **safely** therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell **with confidence**, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.

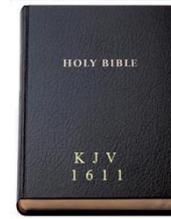
Eze 38:8,11

After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell **safely** all of them.

And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell **safely**, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

- Could there be a connection between Israel and those that dwell carelessly in the isles? They seem to at least share the same outlook on life

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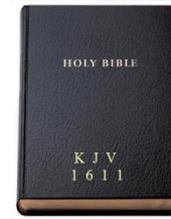
- The definition and characteristics of CARELESS also apply to the condition of THE CHURCH in the last days

Rev 3:17

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

- In the days leading up to the Rapture (Rev 4:1), the Church (as a whole) is not in a state of persecution because it is not living GODLY (2 Tim 3:12)
- It is in a state of material PROSPERITY and SELF-SUFFICIENCY that has sold out to the world and left the Lord Jesus Christ on the outside looking in (Rev 3:20)
- Could there be a connection between the Church and those that dwell carelessly in the isles?
- The careless condition of the Church in the last days could be because the majority of Christians live in the nation that dwells carelessly in the isles, and they have allowed the attitude and lifestyle of this nation to influence them and infiltrate their churches, rather than maintaining their separation

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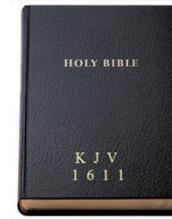
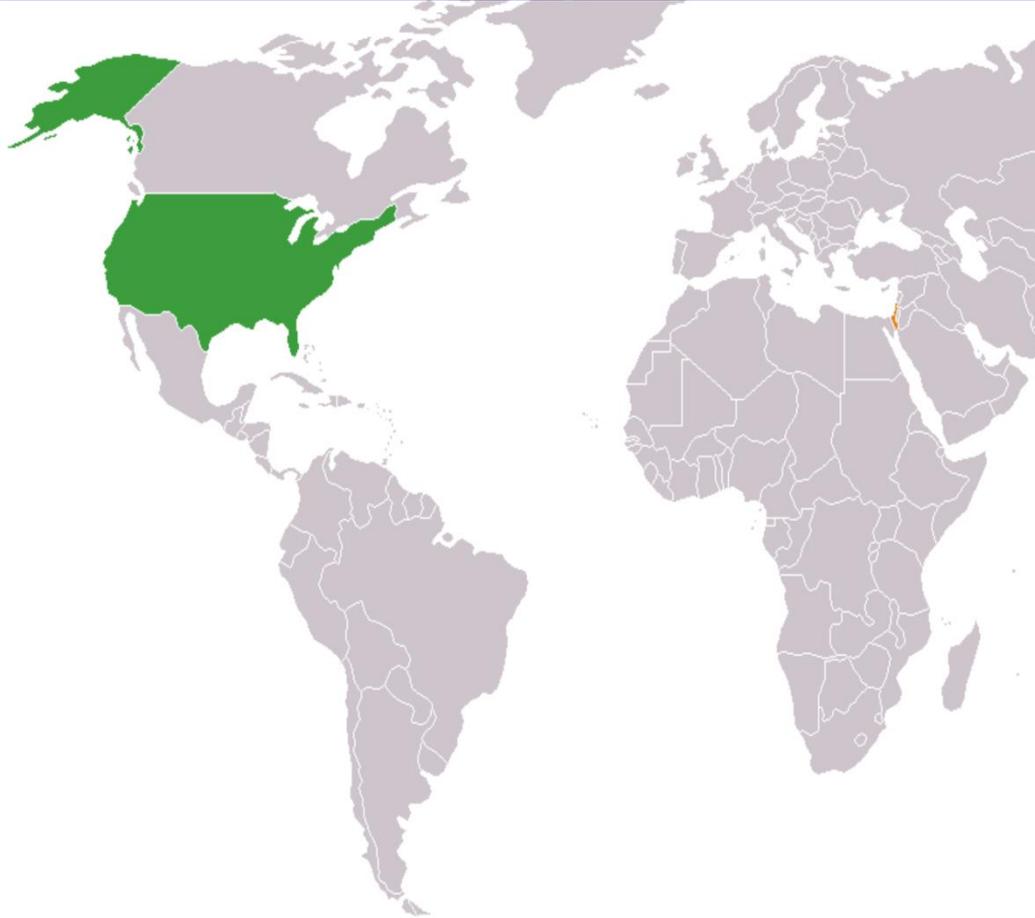


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- Is there a nation that meets all the following characteristics?
 - 1) A nation descended from Japheth (i.e.- European; Caucasian)
 - 2) A nation located far west from Israel
 - 3) A nation with a coastline on at least two opposite sides of it's land mass
 - 4) A nation that is heedless and negligent
 - 5) A nation that dwells quietly and securely
 - 6) A nation that has a large amount of land, land that is very good, and where there is no want
 - 7) A nation that is at ease and without trouble
 - 8) A nation given to pleasures
 - 9) A nation with great wealth
 - 10) A nation that rejoices in it's pride
 - 11) A nation that has influenced the nation of Israel
 - 12) A nation that has the majority of Christians and has negatively influenced the Church
 - 13) A nation deserving of divine judgment (like the nations bordering Israel)

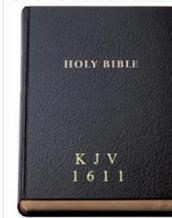
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- Judges 18 is about “pilgrims” from the tribe of Dan who are looking for a new land (Jud 18:1) and a fresh start
- The land the pilgrims settled in was one in which the natives dwelt without a care; a land that was quiet and secure, very good, large; and a place where there was no want of any thing that is in the earth (Jud 18:7,9-10)
- The pilgrims slaughtered the natives and burnt their homes to possess the land (Jud 18:27), and proceeded to name the capital city of their new land after “the father of their country” (Jud 18:29)



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