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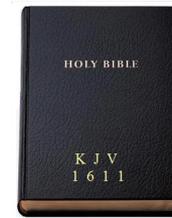


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Bible Prophecy

The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

Ezekiel 39:9



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And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

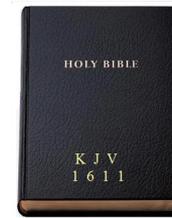
They that dwell in the cities of Israel.

- Those dwelling in the cities of Israel are those who Gog and his allies attempted to spoil (v.10), which is MY PEOPLE OF ISRAEL (38:13,16)

Shall set on fire and burn the weapons.

- The weapons are made of, or contain, a combustible substance (e.g.- nuclear or chemical weapons; thermite; or even wood)
- If the weapons are made of wood or a wood-like substance, it does not necessarily mean the weapons themselves are primitive
- If such weapons possessed the same destructive capability as their metal counterparts, yet could bypass detection, they would be considered advanced

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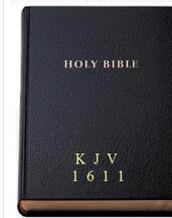
- The seven years does not necessarily mean it takes seven years to burn all the weapons, but that seven years will be used in burning the weapons
- THEY are those DWELLING IN THE CITIES OF ISRAEL, which was previously identified as MY PEOPLE OF ISRAEL (38:13,16)
- This identification is important to the timing of this prophecy because ISRAEL will NOT be dwelling in their cities during the last 3 ½ of the Tribulation, much less dwelling SAFELY and at REST
- Israel will need to flee all their cities during the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation to escape the wrath of the Antichrist (Matt 24:15-16; Rev 12:6,14) cf. (Isa 6:11)
- That means, the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation ARE NOT part of the 7 years that Israel burns the weapons
- If the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 takes place at any time during the first half of the Tribulation, then the 7 years of burning weapons is not consecutive and will carry on into the Millennium

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- That is **HIGHLY** unlikely since burning the weapons serves the purpose of an alternative (and free) light and heat source for Israel (v.10), and this will not be necessary during the Millennium since light will be increased (Isa 30:23-26) and geological conditions will be like the Garden of Eden (i.e.-sub-tropical) (36:35; Isa 51:3)
- If the possibility of burning the weapons in the Millennium is eliminated, and Israel burns these weapons for the entire first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation, then the latest time the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 could occur is 3 ½ years **BEFORE** the Tribulation
- **IF** the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 occurs 3 ½ years **BEFORE** the Tribulation, then it either occurs before the Rapture or the Rapture is at least 3 ½ years before the Tribulation cf. (Gen 41:29-30; Est 1:3-4,16-19; 2:16-17)



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