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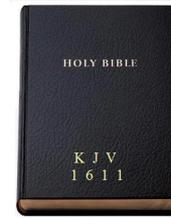


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The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

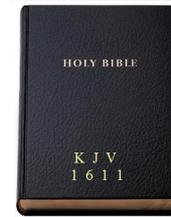
Ezekiel 39:10



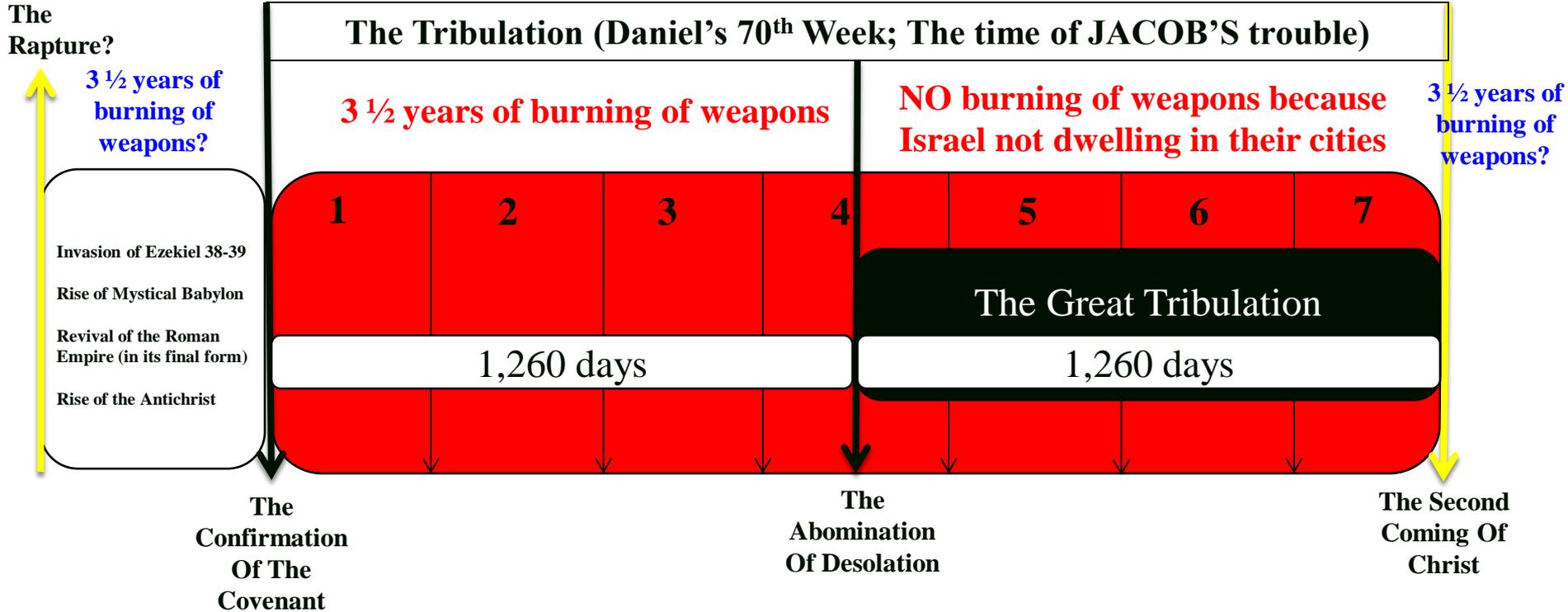
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- That is **HIGHLY** unlikely since burning the weapons serves the purpose of an alternative (and free) light and heat source for Israel (v.10), and this will not be necessary during the Millennium since light will be increased (Isa 30:23-26) and geological 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)

Ezekiel 39:9



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Ezekiel 39:10



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Ezekiel 39:10

So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

They shall take no wood out of the field...for they shall burn the weapons.

- Israel is an economic superpower at this time, partially or completely due to their natural gas fields and shale deposits, so they are not burning firewood out of necessity
- Two possible reasons the weapons are used in place of firewood could be: (1) they are a bountifully FREE light and heat source; and (2) not burning the weapons could present health risks or a life-threatening situation to local and regional inhabitants- what is described in (v.11-16) sounds similar to how hazardous materials are handled today

They shall spoil those that spoiled them.

- The Lord catches Gog in his own net and an already rich Israel will spoil him and become even wealthier, as pictured in (2 Chr 14:9-15)

Ezekiel 39:10



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2 Chr 14:7,9-15

Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath **given us rest** on every side. So **they built and prospered**.

And there came out against them Zerah **the Ethiopian** with **an host of a thousand thousand**, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah.

Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: **help us, O LORD our God**; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; let not man prevail against thee.

So **the LORD smote the Ethiopians** before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and **they carried away very much spoil**.

And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 39:10



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- What follows the miraculous defeat of Zerah the Ethiopian may picture what happens after the miraculous defeat of Gog
- 1) A prophet arises that encourages Israel to turn to the Lord and reinstitute worship

2 Chr 15:1-3,7

And the Spirit of God came upon **Azariah the son of Oded**:

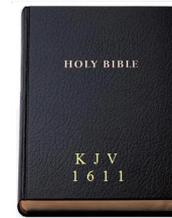
And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD *is* with you, while ye be with him; and **if ye seek him, he will be found of you**; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

Now **for a long season Israel hath been without the true God**, and **without a teaching priest**, and **without law**.

Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

- 2) The altar is renewed and the people enter into a COVENANT that has the DEATH PENALTY attached to it

Ezekiel 39:10



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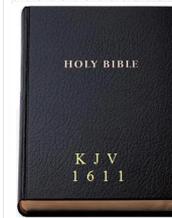
2 Chr 15:8,12-13

And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that *was* before the porch of the LORD.

And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

2Ch 15:13 That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

- IF this is a picture of what happens after the defeat of Gog, then the prophet that will arise is likely the FALSE PROPHET (Rev 13:11) who will deceive Israel into entering a COVENANT with the Antichrist, a covenant with death and hell (Isa 28:15,18), that allows them to rebuild the temple and reinstitute animal sacrifices (Dan 9:27)
- This covenant may include the death penalty for Jews who do not comply with it and worship God
- When the Antichrist breaks the covenant in the middle of the Tribulation, it is only to cause the animal sacrifices to cease, as he declares himself God, he may retain the death penalty portion of the covenant and institute human sacrifice (2 The 2:4; Rev 13:14-15)



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