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# Bible Prophecy

*The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39*

# Ezekiel 39:12



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And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

### Seven months.

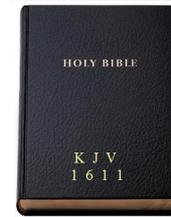
- If the view that the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 takes place at the end of the Tribulation as part of Armageddon were correct, then the burial process would carry over into the Millennium, which is highly unlikely
- This 7-month burial period could coincide partially or completely with the time the fowls and beasts consume the flesh of the corpses (v.17-20)
- If so, this might be what Isaiah saw concerning judgment upon Ethiopia, since Ethiopia is one of the participants in the invasion of Ezekiel 38 (38:5)

### Isa 18:5-6

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**.

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- If the two judgments are identical, then it appears this judgment occurs no later than the month of MAY, since Isaiah states the judgment upon Ethiopia occurs BEFORE the HARVEST, when the GRAPE is still RIPENING
- Grapes are harvested between the months of June and September in Israel, so they are still ripening in May
- The 7-month period may consist of three summer (June-August) and three autumn months (September-November), plus one winter month (December)
- The possible late Spring (mid May-mid June) seasonal time frame for the judgment upon Gog coincides with the seasonal time frame cited in Song of Solomon 2 in what appears to be a picture of the Rapture- **this is just an OBSERVATION and not a PREDICTION or attempt to date the Rapture**

## Song 2:10-13

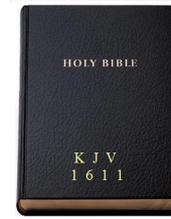
My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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- Based on previous assumptions, it was estimated that a total of 21,334,167 bodies will need to be buried cf. (v.11) note
- Israel will not dump these remains into a single mass grave, but will provide an honorable and respectful burial for the INDIVIDUAL remains
- Given the health risk that 21,334,167 rotting corpses would bring to the region and possibly the world, as many laborers as possible will be assigned the task of burying the remains- a total of 50,000 does not sound unreasonable under the circumstances
- If just 25,000 laborers worked eight (8) hours per day and were able to bury four (4) bodies per hour, then it would take **less than one month** (26.67 days) to bury 21,334,167 bodies ( $25,000 \times 8 \times 4 = 800,000$  per day;  $21,334,167 / 800,000 = 26.67$  days)
- Why then does it take **seven months** to bury the remains?
  - 1) A large portion of the remains will not be intact (v.15)
  - 2) While the Lord takes care of much of the health risk by sending the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field to consume the flesh and blood (v17), their presence on the ground will hinder the work of the laborers to a degree

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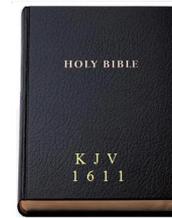


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## **That they may cleanse the land.**

- The land is defiled by shed BLOOD (Num 35:33-34); therefore, the remains must be buried in order to cleanse the land
- The fact NO BURIAL is required for the remains of those slain at Armageddon (Rev 19:17-18) in order to cleanse the land for the Millennium, indicates the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39 is not part of Armageddon

# Ezekiel 39:13



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## **Ezekiel 39:13**

Yea, all the people of the land shall bury *them*; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.

### **All the people of the land shall bury them.**

- Those engaged in the burial process include: (1) the house of Israel (i.e.- citizens) (v.12); (2) all the people of the land (i.e.- residents; Jews dwelling east of the sea) (v.11,13); and (3) passengers (i.e.- outsiders) (v.14-15)

### **It shall be to them a renown.**

- The word *renown* means, “to make famous; fame; celebrity; exalted reputation derived from the extensive praise of great achievements or accomplishments”
- Israel will attain global fame for extending the honor of burial for the remains of their dead enemies, and undertaking the time and effort themselves to complete it

# Ezekiel 39:14



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## **Ezekiel 39:14**

And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

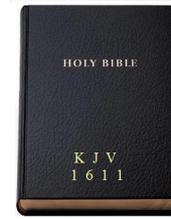
### **Men of continual employment.**

- These men may be locals who know the land and can help the passengers in the search for remains (v.14-15)
- The burial process will be a full-time job for these men

### **Those that remain upon the face of the earth.**

- The passenger team(s) begin the search and burial process and identify the need for additional, local assistance
- THOSE THAT REMAIN most likely refers to the bodily remains that have yet to be identified and buried
- As previously indicated, IF the Rapture occurs near or at the same time as the invasion of Ezekiel 38-39, it is possible that this wording implies there are those who have been TAKEN FROM the face of the earth

# Ezekiel 39:14



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## **At the end of seven months shall they search.**

- After seven months of burying, the Jews will conduct a final search to make sure all the remains have been identified and buried so the land can be cleansed from the shed blood cf. (Num 35:33)

# Ezekiel 39:15



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## **Ezekiel 39:15**

And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when *any* seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.

### **When any seeth a man's bone.**

- The extent is Gog's destruction is evidenced by the fact that many of the remains are in pieces and scattered about, down to individual bones
- BONES are seen because the fowls of the air and beasts of the field consume the flesh off the bones (v.17)

### **Then shall he set up a sign by it.**

- This search process sounds similar to the one conducted at airplane crash sites and explosions, both of which will occur when judgment falls upon Gog and his allies

### **Till the buriers have buried it.**

- Israel intends on locating and burying every single bone in order to cleanse the land

# Ezekiel 39:16



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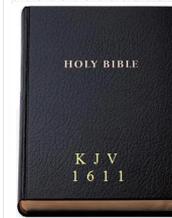
And also the name of the city *shall be* Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

### **Hamonah.**

- The word *Hamonah* means, “multitude”; hence *Hamon-gog* (v.11,15) means, “multitude of Gog”

### **Thus shall they cleanse the land.**

- Once all the remains have been located and buried, the land will be officially and ceremonially cleansed



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