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History & Headlines: The Intervention

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Some Bible prophecies about Jesus have already been fulfilled:

- **Psalms 22:16 (NIV):** Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.
- **Micah 5:2 (NIV):** But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.
- **Zechariah 11:12-13 (NIV):** I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay, but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the Lord.

The Nations that will attack and invade Israel:

Magog: Russia

Persia: Iran

Cush: Sudan

Put: Libya

Gomer/Beth Togarmah: Turkey

Ezekiel 38:17 (NIV): "'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: You are the one I spoke of in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel. At that time they prophesied for years that I would bring you against them.'"

Ezekiel 38:18 (NIV): "'This is what will happen in that day: When Gog attacks the land of Israel, my hot anger will be aroused, declares the Sovereign LORD.'"

How God Will Intervene

A. A Violent Earthquake

Ezekiel 38:19-20 (NIV): "'In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. The fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground.'"

B. Friendly Fire

Ezekiel 38:21 (NIV): “I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man’s sword will be against his brother.”

Lobby Question (LQ): If this is a future event, why are people fighting with swords?

Answer (A): Just as we looked for the modern counterparts of the nations, we look for the modern counterparts of the kind of warfare Ezekiel described (tanks, drones, bombs, etc.).

C. Deadly Disease

Ezekiel 38:22 (NIV): “I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed...”

D. Fire and Fury

Ezekiel 38:22 (NIV): “...I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him.”

LQ: Where is America in all of this?

A: We don’t know. But God will be the one defending Israel—not America defending Israel, not even Israel defending Israel.

LQ: Does the current conflict between America and Iran have anything to do with Ezekiel 38?

A: Maybe. This conflict could lead to the forming of the anti-Israel coalition. Also, if Iran is weakened, it could lead to Israel feeling safer, which must happen before the invasion.

Why God Will Intervene

Ezekiel 38:23 (NIV): “And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”

Matthew 24:14 (NIV): “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

LQ: When will this war occur?

A: Bible scholars have different answers for this. It could be at the beginning, middle, or end of the seven-year tribulation.

Things aren’t falling to pieces; they’re falling into place.