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History & Headlines: The Invasion

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God did not give us prophecy to make us anxious; He gave it to us to make us ready.

Books

Showdown with Iran – Mark Hitchcock

Epicenter – Joel Rosenberg

Viewing the Invasion from Two Levels

The Invasion from 30,000 Feet

Ezekiel 38:1-3 (NIV): The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshek and Tubal; prophesy against him and say: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshek and Tubal.’”

WHAT is this about?

A prophecy against Gog

WHO is Gog?

- Evil leader
- Rules Magog, Meshek, Tubal

Ezekiel 38:4 (NIV): “I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords.”

WHO is Gog?

- Evil leader
- Rules Magog, Meshek, Tubal
- Commands a large military

Ezekiel 38:5-6 (NIV): “‘Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you.’”

WHO is Gog?

- Evil leader
- Rules Magog, Meshek, Tubal
- Commands a large military
- Gathers a coalition of nations for battle

WHERE will he attack?

Ezekiel 38:7-9 (NIV): “Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them. After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety. You and all your troops and the many nations with you will go up, advancing like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land.”

WHERE will he attack?

Israel

WHEN will it take place?

Ezekiel 38:10-12 (NIV): “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: On that day thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil scheme. You will say, “I will invade a land of unwallled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people—all of them living without walls and without gates and bars. I will plunder and loot and turn my hand against the resettled ruins and the people gathered from the nations, rich in livestock and goods, living at the center of the land.””

WHEN will it take place?

A time when Israel is enjoying security and prosperity

* Living at the center of the land

WHY will this happen?

Ezekiel 38:14-15 (NIV): “Therefore, son of man, prophecy and say to Gog: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: In that day, when my people Israel are living in safety, will you not take notice of it? You will come from your place in the far north, you and many nations with you, all of them riding on horses, a great horde, a mighty army.’”

* The far north

Ezekiel 38:16 (NIV): “You will advance against my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. In days to come, Gog, I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.”

WHY will this happen?

So that all the nations will know who the one true God is

The Invasion from Ground Level

A. Magog

Russia

“Magog founded those that from him were named Magogites, but who are by the Greeks called Scythians” – Flavius Josephus, The Complete Works. Antiquities, Book one, chapter 5&6

Scythian, member of a nomadic people, originally of Iranian stock, known from as early as the 9th century BCE who migrated westward from Central Asia to southern Russia and Ukraine in the 8th and 7th centuries BCE. – <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Scythian>

B. Persia

C. Cush

Sudan

D. Put

Libya

E. Gomer/Beth Togarmah

Turkey

“Whoever is on the side of Israel, let everyone know that we are against them.” – <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/Erdogan-whoever-is-on-israels-side-we-are-against-them-597026>

B. Persia

Iran

“It is the mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to erase Israel from the map of the Region.” – Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

So how should we live?

Prayerful

Ready

Hopeful