

# The War of Gog and Magog<sup>1</sup>

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In a previous article, “The War of Psalm 83”, a severe defeat is prophesied for Egypt, Syria and near neighbors of Israel. This first war now seems near, with the purpose: “...let us wipe them out as a nation, **that the name of Israel be remembered no more.**” Psalm 83:4

In contrast, the War of Gog and Magog involves distant nations, and the purpose is different: “*I will go up... against those who are at rest, that live securely...to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?*” Ezekiel 38:11-13 I always wondered where such great spoil would come from. Possibly the gas and petroleum they are now finding in the Mediterranean could be very large, or the previous article hints that Israel could take possession of the Suez Canal and the oil fields of Arabia. Following is what seems to me the most likely scenario.

“...Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog...I will bring



you out...a great company...Persia, Ethiopia, and Put... Gomer... Beth-togarmah... many peoples with you” Ezekiel 38:3-6 No near neighbors of Israel are mentioned, having been defeated in the earlier war. Also “...and they [the Israelis] shall dwell securely, all of them.” Ezekiel 38:8, and this should also result from the earlier war.

“You will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north” Ezekiel 38:15 “After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years...thou shalt come into the land [Israel]...that is

gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel...” Ezekiel 38:8 Only now can this prophecy be fulfilled, with Israel again being an independent nation, in 1948 after thousands of years.

Russia (Magog) and allies will surely be seeking revenge after Israel will have defeated many of their allies and something very compelling will draw them into the battle: “*I will...put hooks into your jaws*” Ezekiel 38:4

Perhaps the most bizarre doctrine of Biblical Christianity is the Rapture where “...The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, ...and with the trumpet of God...Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” I Thessalonians 4:16-18 Could there be anything any more destabilizing and compelling?

I would expect many missing from the upper ranks of the USA, but few from Russia. I can imagine the Russian leadership watching the news, wonder-

ing what in the world is happening: "... *It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan*" Ezekiel 38:10 Quickly they should realize "this is our chance to punish the despicable Israelis who defeated our allies, and to expel the intrusive USA from our sphere of influence." The order to mobilize should go out quickly.

"...when Gog comes against the land of Israel, declares the Lord God, that My fury will mount up... I will call for a sword against him... With pestilence and with blood...and I will rain on him and on his troops...hailstones, fire and brimstone...and they will know that I am the Lord." Ezekiel 38:18-23 So, God Himself will defeat them, and this will be another difference from the earlier war.

There also appears to be bad news for the USA: "*Sheba and Dedan [Saudi Arabia, etc?] and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages [nations of the New World?], will say to you, 'Have you come...to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?'*" Ezekiel 38:13 So,

at first it seems the West will only protest.

But then: "*And I will send a fire on Magog, and on them that dwell confidently in the islands: and they shall know that I am the Lord.*" Ezekiel 39:6 I and others believe that those that dwell in the islands (or continents) would be the USA, and it appears the USA will shoot missiles first, and then the Russians will shoot back. This should be the end of the USA as a world power, and power should shift to Europe as prophesied in the Bible for the End Times. It also explains why the USA is not found as a significant player in the final prophetic scenario.

This should be a great comfort to us who will be Raptured beforehand, so that we can concentrate on serving God now and not be overly concerned with protecting ourselves from the prophesied evils to come.

**Don't be left behind in the Rapture.** The salvation of your eternal soul is a personal matter between you and God and does not depend on ritual, traditions, human effort or belonging to

any church, religion or organization: "*I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways*" Jeremiah 17:10a No matter what kind of person you are or what you have done: "*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" 1 John 1:9 Pray today to put your faith in Jesus Christ alone: "*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*" John 3:16 Then study the Bible to live in obedience to God: "*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*" 2 Corinthians 5:17