

## EZEKIEL 38-39

Ezek. 38:1 Now the word of the Lord [Yahweh] came face-to-face to me, saying:

Ezek. 38:2 Son of man [Ezekiel], set your face against [denounce the ambusher] Gog [commanding general] and the land of Magog [Central Asian Islamic nations], the governing official [military leader] over Rosh [Russia], Meschech [Turkey, southeast of the Black Sea], and Tubal [eastern Turkey], and proclaim a prophecy [divine revelation] against him,

Ezek. 38:3 And say: The Lord [Yahweh: God the Father] says this very thing, Behold, I, the Lord [Adonai: Jesus Christ], am against you, Gog, top official over Rosh [Russia], Meschech [Turkey, southeast of Black Sea], and Tubal [eastern Turkey],

Ezek. 38:4 So I will gather you together in military formation and will set a hook through your cheekbone [you are my helpless prisoners] and will bring you forward for battle, that is, your entire military force, horses and cavalymen, clothed for battle with all kinds of armour, a huge body of organized fighting men with shields [defensive weapons] and helmets [head gear] and swords [offensive weapons],

Ezek. 38:5 Including Persia [Iran], Ethiopia [including Sudan and Eritrea] and Libya [including Algeria and Tunisia], all with helmets [head gear] and shields [defensive weapons],

Ezek. 38:6 Gomer [Turkey, perhaps Germany] and his entire armed force [body of troops], the descendants of Togarmah [Turkey & Armenia] from the distant north, and his entire armed force, and many other nations [coalition hordes] with you.

Ezek. 38:7 Start getting prepared [making alliances and arms deals]. You [Gog] must prepare yourself [Russian military], as well as all your coalition [Islamic jihadists] who have been gathered together [mobilized in a staging area by the sovereignty of God] with you. Moreover, you [Gog] will serve as military commander [arms supplier] for them.

Ezek. 38:8 After many days [prophetic future], you [Gog] will be called up to fulfill this commission [to act as military commander and weapons supplier]. During the last years, you yourself will appear before the gathering [he will personally join his troops in battle] and will come into the land [Israel] which has been brought back by the sword [under the pressure of battle] and has been regathered from many nations into the land of Israel, which has been recreated entirely from the abandoned desert [empty wasteland]. Moreover, this [land] will return out from the [Gentile] nations and all of them [Jews] will be living [resettled] in a time of peace and security.

Ezek. 38:9 Moreover, you [Gog] will rise up suddenly like a violent rainstorm [bringing devastation] and will march in like a cloud that covers the land [overwhelmingly superior force]. Indeed, you yourself [Gog] will be present [leading the troops] as well as all those [Russian army] around you and all the nations [Islamic coalition] with you.

Ezek. 38:10 The Lord God [Adonai Yahweh] says this: Indeed, it will come to pass, at that time [during the last days] unspoken thoughts will enter your mind and you will devise an evil plan,

Ezek. 38:11 And you will say: I will declare war and march against the land which has been thrown-away [abandoned open country]. I will attack at a time when they are at rest and when they are living during a time

of peace [due to a peace treaty or cease-fire], all [Jews and Gentiles] residing in a land which will exist without city walls or security gates - as a matter of fact, entrances will not exist for them [security arrangement has been made] –

Ezek. 38:12 To obtain booty [national plunder] and to strip the enemy of personal life and property [spoil], to turn your hostility against that place which is inhabited [environmental devastation] and against the people [both Jew and Gentile] who have been regathered from many nations, who have earned and accumulated property and possessions and who will reside at the center of the inhabited earth [Israel is the center of the world in God's eyes].

Ezek. 38:13 Saba and Dedan [Saudis] and the merchants [dealers, negotiators] of Tarshish [Mediterranean coastal region] and all the young lions [powerful new nations during the last days] will ask in unison: Have you [Gog] come to obtain booty [national plunder]? Have you gathered together your coalition [Islamic] to strip the enemy of life [murder], to steal silver and gold [precious metals], to rustle cattle and poultry, to strip the enemy of significant personal property?

Ezek. 38:14 Therefore, son of man [Ezekiel], proclaim the future and declare to Gog: The Lord [Adonai] God [Yahweh] says this: In that day when My people Israel are dwelling safely, you will come to recognize this fact.

Ezek. 38:15 Then you will march from your camp [staging area] out of the far north, you and many people [garrisons] with you, all of them riding war horses – the entire coalition [no reserves held back], indeed, a huge army [fighting force],

Ezek. 38:16 And you will declare war and march [mount up] against My people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. It will be during the last days when I will bring you against My land [Jesus Christ controls the future] so that all the Gentile nations will come to know Me when I have been acknowledged as holy by you, Gog, in their presence [before their very eyes].

Ezek. 38:17 The Lord [Adonai] God [Yahweh] declares this: Gog, are you the one whom I spoke about in former days by the hand of My servants, the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days, as a matter of fact, for years [they repeated this prophecy many times over a long period of years], that I would bring you against them?

Ezek. 38:18 Now it will come to pass on the same appointed day [as divinely planned], on the day in which Gog will declare war and march against the land of Israel, declares the Lord [Adonai] God [Yahweh], that My wrath [holy anger] will rise up in My nostrils.

Ezek. 38:19 As a matter of fact, I spoke according to My divine jealousy in the fire of My divine anger [judgment]: Surely in that day [when Gog launches his invasion] there will be a great earthquake near [in the neighborhood of] the land of Israel,

Ezek. 38:20 And the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the open fields and all kinds of reptiles which crawl upon the ground and all men upon the face of the earth will be shaken at the Lord's presence and the mountains will be broken into pieces and dashed to the ground and the canyon walls will collapse and every [man-made] wall will fall to the ground,

Ezek. 38:21 Furthermore, I will call upon him [Gog] complete fear, a sword throughout every mountain, says the Lord [Adonai] God [Yahweh]. A man's sword [offensive weapon] will be used against his brother.

Ezek. 38:22 Then I will pronounce judgment on him [Gog] with a deadly plague [pestilence], even a blood

disease, and I will inundate [overwhelm] him and all of the troops with him [coalition forces] with heavy rain and hailstones in addition to fire and sulphur. I will cause it to rain even upon the many [Islamic] nations allied with him [those who support the coalition forces, wherever they live].

Ezek. 38:23 And so [because of divine judgment], I will be acknowledged as extremely powerful and treated as holy and will be glorified and will be known in the sight of many nations, and they will understand that I am God [Yahweh].

Ezek. 39:1 Now, son of man [Ezekiel], you proclaim a prophecy against Gog, and say: The Lord God says this: Behold, I am against you, Gog [commanding general], governing official over Rosh [Russia], Meschech [Turkey, southeast of the Black Sea], and Tubal [eastern Turkey],

Ezek. 39:2 And I will gather you together and will guide you and will bring you down from the far north and I will lead you onto the mountains of Israel,

Ezek. 39:3 And I will strike your bow out of your left hand and will cause your arrows to fall from your right hand.

Ezek. 39:4 You will fall [be destroyed] upon the mountains of Israel, you [Gog] and all the troops with you [coalition forces]. They [the Russian-Islamic army] will be offered as a sacrifice to a large number of vultures, all kinds of ravenous [parasitic] birds [ravens, crows, eagles], and I will offer you as a sacrifice to be eaten by all kinds of predatory animals [jackals, hyenas, coyotes, wolves].

Ezek. 39:5 You will fall [be killed] in front [of your troops] on open country [doesn't reach his goal inside Israel], because I have spoken it, declares the Lord God [Adonai Yahweh].

Ezek. 39:6 Then I will send fire upon Magog [Central Asian Islamic nations] and those who dwell safe and secure on coastal areas [other Islamic host nations]. They will come to know that I am God [Yahweh].

Ezek. 39:7 Indeed, My holy Name will be made known in the midst of My people Israel, and My holy Name will no longer be profaned. In addition, the nations will know that I am God [the Lord], the Holy One in Israel.

Ezek. 39:8 Behold, it [the exact prophetic time] has come. Furthermore, now you will know that it has arrived, declares the Lord God [Adonai Yahweh]. This is the day concerning which I have spoken.

Ezek. 39:9 Then [after the Lord has destroyed the Russian-Islamic coalition] those who dwell in the cities of Israel will march out and will set the weapons on fire and will burn both shields and javelins, bows and arrows, including hand-held clubs and spears, and they will burn them with fire for seven years.

Ezek. 39:10 Furthermore, they will not gather wood out of the open country nor cut timber out of the forests, but instead they will burn the weapons with fire. In fact, they will plunder those [dead Russian-Islamic troops] who planned to plunder them, and strip the weapons off those [dead Russian-Islamic troops] who planned to strip the weapons off them, declares the Lord God [Adonai Yahweh].

Ezek. 39:11 And it will come to pass in that day: I will give to Gog an abominable place for a grave in Israel, a burial ground which passes by the eastern approach to the [Dead] sea, including a border built around it and blocking the entrance way to the valley, and they [the Russian troops and Islamic jihadists] will be buried in that place, Gog and all his army, and it will be called [renamed] the valley [burial ground] of Hamon-Gog [Gog and his army].

Ezek. 39:12 As a matter of fact, the nation of Israel will bury them [the Russian troops and Islamic jihadists]

for seven months so that the land might be cleansed.

Ezek. 39:13 Moreover, all the people from the region [even those outside the nation Israel] will bury them [the Russian troops and Islamic jihadists], and it will become a memorial event to them, a day on which I will be honored and respected, declares the Lord God [Adonai Yahweh].

Ezek. 39:14 In addition, they will give orders to a special detachment of men [inspectors and disposal teams] for continual duty, who will travel throughout the land burying those [bodies] which remain upon the surface of the land [leftovers] for the purpose of cleaning it. They will continue to search outside the border [outskirts of Israel] for seven months,

Ezek. 39:15 And each one [designated inspector] who travels throughout the land and sees a man's bone [skeletal remains] will erect a signpost [stone landmark] beside it until those who are on the burial detail bury it in the valley of Hamon-Gog.

Ezek. 39:16 In addition, the name of the [burial] city will be Hamonah [the dead multitude]. Indeed, the land will be swept clean.

Ezek. 39:17 Furthermore, to you, son of man [Ezekiel], the Lord God [Adonai Yahweh] says this: Speak to every winged fowl [bird of prey] and every wild beast [predatory animal] of the countryside: Gather yourselves together and come on! Assemble yourselves all around [on every side] to My sacrificial feast which I have slaughtered and prepared as a great sacrificial offering for you upon the mountains of Israel. Indeed, you will devour meat and you will drink blood.

Ezek. 39:18 You will eat the flesh [sacrificial meat] of mighty warriors [Russian troops and Islamic jihadists] and drink the blood of the ruling officials of the earth [Russian and Islamic politicians]: rams and young bulls and male goats and all the fattened cattle of Bashan [various ranks of soldiers, jihadists and politicians].

Ezek. 39:19 And you will eat fat [the best part of a sacrificial offering] to the point of indulgent satisfaction and you will drink blood to the point of drunkenness from My sacrificial feast which I have slaughtered and prepared for you.

Ezek. 39:20 And so you will be filled [gorged] at My table with horses and charioteers and mighty riders and with all kinds of fighting men [warriors], declares the Lord God [Adonai Yahweh].

Ezek. 39:21 Moreover, I will set my glory before you [Jews in Israel] and all the Gentiles will see My perfect justice which I have executed [both blessing and judgment upon Israel when due] and My hand [hostile power] which I have brought upon them.

Ezek. 39:22 Then [as end-time events unfold] the nation of Israel will recognize that I am the Lord [Yahweh] their God [Elohim] from that day and beyond [forward].

Ezek. 39:23 In addition, all the Gentiles will understand that the nation of Israel was exiled [led into captivity] because of their sin, because they rejected Me [Jesus Christ as their Messiah]. As a consequence, I hid My presence from them and turned them over into the hands of their enemies. Then they all fell by the two-edged sword [died as prisoners-of-war].

Ezek. 39:24 I have given to them [Israel] according to their state of cultic uncleanness [impurity] and according to their rebellious iniquity [perfect justice in action]. Indeed, I have hidden My presence from them.

Ezek. 39:25 Therefore, the Lord God [Adonai Yahweh] declares this: Now I will revoke the captivity [and dispersion] of Jacob and will show mercy upon the nation of Israel. Furthermore, I will arouse a zealous response for My holy name.

Ezek. 39:26 Now [as the end times begin] they have borne their shame and all their wrongdoing which they have committed out of unfaithfulness against Me when they [historically] dwelled safely upon their land. Now [as the end times begin] no one will be afraid,

Ezek. 39:27 Since I have returned them into it [Israel] from the nations and have regathered them out from hostile enemy lands and have become sanctified in them in the presence of many nations.

Ezek. 39:28 Then they [Jews in Israel] will realize that I am the Lord [Yahweh] their God [Elohim], Who led them into exile [captivity] among the Gentile nations. However, I will regather them into the land [of Israel] and will not leave them there [among the Gentile nations] ever again.

Ezek. 39:29 As a matter of fact, I will never again hide My presence from them. Instead, I will pour out My Spirit upon the nation of Israel, declares the Lord [Adonai] God [Yahweh].