

## Prophecy Against Gog

### Lesson 10

### Ezekiel 38-39

In chapter 37, Ezekiel revealed how the Lord would gather His people from all over the world and restore them to the Promised Land. Once that is done, with the Lord in their midst, Israel will become strong spiritually and physically. Ezekiel's next prophecy moved to another future event, the time when a coalition of northern nations led by Gog would attack Israel.

Before beginning the study of these chapters, we need to define the nations described in this prophecy. The names of these nations are obscure and based upon our best understanding of the names used in Ezekiel's day.

Name	Description
Gog	The leader of a coalition of nations north of Israel that were anti-Israel and anti-God
Magog	Gog's nation The only definite information we have is that it is north of Israel. Since the exact location is unknown, the possible sites have changed over time. During the time of the ancient Greeks, they thought it was the Scythian nation. Most scholars in the 20 <sup>th</sup> century were convinced it was Russia.
Meshech & Tubal	These were people groups living near the Black Sea during that time period. They were involved in commerce and at the time of Assyria's king Tiglath Pileser (the fall of Samaria), they were involved in slave trade.
Persia	The Iranian Plateau The borders were Tigris valley, Armenian Mountains and the Caspian Sea.
Cush	Ethiopia
Put	Libya
Gomer	Probably the Cimmerians who lived north of the Black Sea who later settled in Asia Minor
Beth Togarmah	NE of Asia Minor in Armenia. These people were involved in commerce specializing in horses, horsemen and mules.
Sheba	Trade centers in Arabia - today it is Yemen
Dedan	Caravan merchants who traveled between the Persian Gulf and Tarshish.

1. *"The word of the Lord came to me: 'Son of man, set your face against Gog of the land of Magog.' "*  
What was this to symbolize? (Ezekiel 38:3)

2. Ezekiel was then told how this would end before he was told how it would begin. How does it end for Gog and the coalition of nations he leads? (Ezekiel 38:4-6)
  
3. A battle has been prophesied and the fall of the enemy foretold. But Gog is told to prepare himself, and to take command. When does Ezekiel say this battle will take place? (Ezekiel 38:8)
  
4. How is the army of Gog described in verse 9?
  
5. How are the people of Israel described at this time? (Ezekiel 38:10 &11)
  
6. What will Gog's plan be? (Ezekiel 38:12)
  
7. How will Gog and the coalition arrive and from what direction? (Ezekiel 38:15)
  
8. Using Ezekiel 38:16:
  - Who will be the one bringing Gog against Israel?
  
  - Why?
  
9. Will this be new information, something the Lord has not told Israel about beforehand? (Ezekiel 38:17)
  
10. What will happen when Gog attacks Israel? (Ezekiel 38:18)
  
11. Using verses 19 and 20, what will be the result of the Lord's zeal:
  - To the land?

- On the creatures on the ground (fish, birds, beasts, people)?
  
- To the mountains?
  
- To the cliffs?
  
- On the walls?

12. How will God deal with Gog and the coalition? (Ezekiel 38:21)

13. Why will the Lord do this? (Ezekiel 38:23)

14. In chapter 39:1-6, Ezekiel was to prophesy the details of the battle; the Lord will strike the bow from the left hands and cause their arrows to fall from the right. They will fall from the mountains to the coast and they will become food for the vultures. Why does the Lord say He will do all that in this particular battle? (Ezekiel 39:7)

15. How sure can Israel and Gog be of this prophesy? (Ezekiel 39:8)

16. On that day, what will Israel do with Gog's weapons and for how long? (Ezekiel 39:9, 10)

17. Where will Israel bury the dead army of Gog? (Ezekiel 39:11a)

- What will that do? (Ezekiel 39:11b)

18. How long will that take? (Ezekiel 39:12)

19. Who will do the burying? (Ezekiel 39:13)

20. When the task is completed and the dead are all buried, what else is pointed out as happening on that memorable day? (Ezekiel 39:13)
21. *“Men will be regularly employed to cleanse the land ... At the end of the 7 months they will begin their search.”* What will they be searching for? (Ezekiel 39:15)
- Why?
22. When that is completed, the land will finally be cleansed. Verses 17-20 go back to the scene of the dead bodies lying on the ground, this time to call the animals together. How does the Lord view all the dead? (Ezekiel 39:17)
23. The nation of Israel was strategically located along the central portion of the ancient trade routes for the purpose of showing the whole world that Yahweh is the one true God. When they failed to obey and profaned His name before the world, He removed them from the land. Now, they are back and the Lord Himself is fighting for them, just as He had when they first entered the land. What will be different from this point forward? (Ezekiel 39:22-24)
24. Therefore, the result of this will never again be reversed. Using Ezekiel 39:25-29 as your text, fill in the chart below of what “will be” from that day forever.

<b>God said</b> <b>“I will”</b>	<b>Israel’s response</b> <b>“They will”</b>