

Gog's End & Israel's Redemption

I. Recap Ezekiel 38

- a. ***Ezekiel 38*** tells of a great end time invasion into the land of Israel led by a wicked ruler named “Gog” who will emerge from the region where the Nation of Turkey is. Gog will invade Israel and the Jewish people and “*devise evil plans against them*”. We identified that “Gog” is the same person as the Antichrist (*beast, little horn*) Gog will build a mighty army and after invading Israel, will ultimately convince his army to gather to make war against Jesus himself.
- b. The chapter ends by explaining the judgment of Gog and foreshadowing the 7 bowl judgments of Revelation. God will release a 21-judgment series (*7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls*) on the antichrist and his empire, and by the 7th Bowl judgement, Gog’s empire will be nearly annihilated.
- c. Despite the wickedness of the Gog, the Antichrist, God states multiple times that it’s His divine plan, and by His divine orchestration to raise up Gog and allow him to invade Israel. Despite the severity of Gog’s invasion; 1) the church around the earth will stand with and for Israel and the Jewish People 2) Jesus will come back to fight on behalf of Israel 3) All of Israel will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus!

(Ezekiel 39:1-2 NASB) “*And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, ‘This is what the Lord God says: Behold, I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; 2 and I will turn you around, lead you on a rope, take you up from the remotest parts of the north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.’*”

(Zechariah 12:8-12 NASB) “*On that day the Lord will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them on that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord before them. 9 And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of pleading, so that they will look at Me whom they pierced; and they will mourn for Him, like one mourning for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. 11 On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be great, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.”*”

II. Gog (The Antichrist’s) Judgement

(Ezekiel 39:3-6 NASB) “*Then I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows fall from your right hand. 4 You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the peoples who are with you; I will give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and animal of the field. 5 You will fall on the open field; for it is I who have spoken,” declares the Lord God. 6 “And I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the Lord.”*”

- a. At His second coming, Jesus is coming back not on a rescue mission but as a Warrior King to establish His kingdom on the earth. To establish His kingdom, He will eradicate the earth of those who side with Gog, the Antichrist. For a 30-day period, as Jesus marches through the Middle East, He will participate in actual combat, killing His enemies and those who stand against Him. Eventually the Antichrist will be seized and killed along with the rest of His army.

(Ezekiel 63:1-6 NASB) “*Who is this who comes from Edom, With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, This One who is majestic in His apparel, Marching in the greatness of His strength? “It is I, the One who speaks in righteousness, mighty to save.” 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the wine press? 3 “I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no one with Me. I also trod them in My anger And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My clothes. 4 For the day of vengeance was in My heart, And My year of redemption has come. 5 I looked, but there*”

was no one to help, And I was astonished and there was no one to uphold; So My own arm brought salvation to Me, And My wrath upheld Me. 6 I trampled down the peoples in My anger And made them drunk with My wrath, And I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

(Zechariah 14:3 NASB) “Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.”

(Habakkuk 3:12-13 NASB) “In indignation You marched through the earth; In anger You trampled the nations. 13 You went forth for the salvation of Your people, For the salvation of Your anointed. You smashed the head of the house of evil to uncover him from foot to neck.”

- b. God will command all the birds to come feast on the dead bodies of His enemies. John heard an angel call this the “*great feast of God*”. God told Ezekiel that this will be “*His great sacrifice*”. In that hour, the glorified church will be in perfect agreement with all of Jesus’ actions. Even now we can pursue understanding related to the fact that our perfectly good and perfectly loving God will slay a multitude that rage and plot against Him in wickedness.

(Ezekiel 39:17-20 NASB) “Now as for you, son of man, this is what the Lord God says: ‘Say to every kind of bird and to every animal of the field: “Assemble and come, gather from every direction to My sacrifice, which I am going to sacrifice for you as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel; and you will eat flesh and drink blood. 18 You will eat the flesh of warriors and drink the blood of the leaders of the earth, as though they were rams, lambs, goats, and bulls, all of them fattened livestock of Bashan. 19 So you will eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, from My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. 20 You will eat your fill at My table with horses and charioteers, with warriors and all the men of war,” declares the Lord God.”

(Revelation 19:17-18 NASB) “Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great feast of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, both free and slaves, and small and great.”

- c. Not only will God destroy Gog’s army but will also destroy his homeland (*Magog*) and surrounding Islands with fire. The entire empire that the Antichrist builds will be completely destroyed, and is a necessary step as the earth transitions into the age to come.

III. Gog’s Burial

(Ezekiel 39:11-16 NASB) “On that day I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block the way of those who would pass by. So they will bury Gog there with all his horde, and they will call it the Valley of Hamon-gog [multitude of Gog]. 12 For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land. 13 And all the people of the land will bury them; and it will be to their renown on the day that I appear in My glory,” declares the Lord God. 14 “They will also select men who will constantly pass through the land, burying those who were passing through, those left on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will conduct a search. 15 As those who pass through the land pass through and anyone sees a human bone, then he will set up a marker by it until the burial detail has buried it in the Valley of Hamon-gog. 16 And even the name of the city will be Hamonah [His multitude; his uproar]. So they will cleanse the land.”

- a. After Jesus slays Gog, he will be buried among the multitudes of his army in a disgraceful way (*Ezekiel 39:11; Isaiah 14:13-17*). Interestingly, *Revelation 19:20* says that the Beast will be “*thrown alive*” into the lake of fire, leaving us with a seeming contradiction (is the Antichrist buried or thrown alive into the lake of fire?). There is 3 possible solutions to help us understand what happens:

(Revelation 19:20 NASB) “And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet... these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone.”

- i. First possible solution is that this portion of John’s vision may be communicating the victory of Christ over the Antichrist and the false prophet in generic terms, but is not to be understood as literal and specific.
 - ii. Second possible solution is that what John saw in Revelation could simply be pointing to the conscious souls of the Antichrist and False Prophet as they are cast into the lake of fire.
 - iii. Third possible solution, we can understand this literally, but not as something that happens immediately. Though the Antichrist will be killed when Jesus returns, he will also be cast into the lake of fire after the literal physical resurrection of the wicked (*Daniel 12:1-2*) to consciously experience the torments of hell.
- b. It will take 7 months to finish burying all the bones of the dead people in order to cleanse the land. Even after the 7 months is over a search party will be sent out to mark any left over bones that should be buried by the “burial detail”.

IV. Entering Into the Millennial Reign

(Ezekiel 39:7-10 NASB) “And I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not allow My holy name to be profaned anymore. But the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. 8 Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,” declares the Lord God. “That is the day of which I have spoken. 9 “Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will go out and make fires with the weapons and burn them, both bucklers and shields, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears, and for seven years they will make fires of them. 10 They will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, because they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the spoils of those who plundered them and seize the plunder of those who plundered them,” declares the Lord God.”

- a. When God destroys Gog, He will make his name known to the people of Israel and it his name will not be profaned anymore. The entire earth will begin to worship Jesus, and the Nations will know that He is the Lord. Jesus’ leadership on the earth will be open and public knowledge to all.
- b. In Israel, they will turn the weapons into firewood and have enough firewood for seven years! There will be no need for weapons under Jesus’ perfect leadership. Israel will take back what was stolen from them by Gog and his army.

V. Israel’s Restoration

(Ezekiel 39:21-24 NASB) “And I will place My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them. 22 And the house of Israel will know that I am the Lord their God, from that day onward. 23 The nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their wrongdoing, because they were disloyal to Me, and I hid My face from them; so I handed them over to their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword. 24 In accordance with their uncleanness and their offenses I dealt with them, and I hid My face from them.” 25 therefore this is what the Lord God says: “Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on all the house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name. 26 They will forget their disgrace and all their treachery which they perpetrated against Me, when they live securely on their own land with no one to make them afraid. 27 When I bring them back from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, then I shall show Myself holy through them in the sight of the many nations. 28 Then they will know that I am the Lord their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then I gathered them again to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer. 29 I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,” declares the Lord God.”

- a. The end of the age storyline is entirely Israel-centric, so the salvation and redemption of Israel is a major fulfilment of end time prophecy. Israel will know their God from the day of Gog's demise onward, their fortunes will be restored and they will live securely in their own land and will bear the holiness of God and God will show His face to them. God will pour out His spirit on all of Israel.

(Isaiah 62:1-7 NASB) “For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, And for Jerusalem’s sake I will not keep quiet, Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, And her salvation like a torch that is burning. 2 The nations will see your righteousness, And all kings your glory; And you will be called by a new name Which the mouth of the Lord will designate. 3 You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, And a royal headband in the hand of your God. 4 It will no longer be said to you, “Forsaken,” Nor to your land will it any longer be said, “Desolate”; But you will be called, “My delight is in her,” And your land, “Married”; For the Lord delights in you, And to Him your land will be married. 5 For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you; And as the groom rejoices over the bride, So your God will rejoice over you. 6 On your walls, Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who profess the Lord, take no rest for yourselves; 7 And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem an object of praise on the earth.”

- b. God promised that the nations of the earth will know (*see it played out*) God's plan for redemption. God will use the pressure of Gog against (*primarily*) Israel, and His plan of redemption begins with mobilizing the global church to stand with Israel in her time of trouble, which will result in God completing His plan of redemption of Israel and the entire earth. The pressure that the global church will soon face will be directly connected to her support of Israel and the Jewish people.

(Revelation 12:13-17 NASB) “And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman [Israel] who gave birth to the male Child [Jesus]. 14 But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time, times, and half a time, away from the presence of the serpent. 15 And the serpent hurled water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon had hurled out of his mouth. 17 So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.”