Iran And The Prophecy Of The Magog War (Ezekiel 38-39)

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Question: What Is The Context Of The Magog War?

Ezekiel was taken as a prisoner in the year 597 B.C. (Ezekiel 1; 2 Kings 24). He preached to the other Jewish prisoners in Babylon. The city of Jerusalem would be destroyed in 586 B.C., and so his Book is often divided up accordingly. There are prophecies before the destruction of Jerusalem (Ezekiel 1-24), prophecies during the three year destruction of Jerusalem (25-32), and prophecies following the destruction of Jerusalem (Ezekiel 33-48). Ezekiel 37 describes the return of the Jewish people to Jerusalem seventy years after their Captivity, although there are also clues of the their reestablishment in 1948 as well (cf. Ezekiel 4:1-6). The Jewish prisoners were led back under the leadership of Zerubbabel (536 B.C.), Ezra (457 B.C.), and Nehemiah (444 B.C.).

Question: When Does The Magog War Take Place?

Ezekiel :7:26-28-Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and **My servant David** ***shall be*** **their prince forever.** 26 Moreover I will make a **covenant of peace** with them, and it shall be an **everlasting covenant** with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. 27 **My tabernacle also shall be with them**; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 28 The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore." ' "

Ezekiel 38:8-After many days you will be visited. In **the latter years** you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely.

Ezekiel 38:16-You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in **the latter days** that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes."

Question: Who Are Magog And These Other Nations?

Genesis 10:1-2-Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood. 2 The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

“Magog founded those that from him were named Magogites, but who are by the Greeks called Scythians.” (Flavius Josephus, Antiquities Of The Jews 16:1).

“Not many people know that the roots of Roman culture and legal authority historically come from Magog or Lydia.†…Thus, both of the favored symbols of the Roman Empire, the fasces and the eagle were of Lydian origin…Gog from Magog represents the rightful legal heir to the throne of the Roman Empire, since it was an Etruscan who last sat on the throne of Rome, and the Etruscan right to rule traces back to Lydia, whose eponym during Biblical times was Magog which means “the land of Gog.” (Jeffrey Goodman, THE COMETS OF GOD- New Scientific Evidence for God: Recent archeological, geological and astronomical discoveries that shine new light on the Bible and its prophecies, 342-345 (Kindle Edition): Tucson, AZ: Archaeological Research Books LLC)

Magog (Russia And Rome), Meshech, Tubal, Mt. Tsaphon (Turkey), Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer (Germany And France), House Of Togarmah (China And Russia), Sheba and Dan (Saudi Arabia), Tarshish And Her Whelps (America And Britain)

Question: What Will “Israel” Be Like When It Is Attacked In The Magog War, And Is The Current U.S. & Israeli Offensive There The Fulfillment Of The Magog War?

Ezekiel 38:11-You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'—

Ezekiel 39:29-And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD."

- Major Premise: The “Israel” who are attacked by Magog (including Persia) are a peaceful people, living in their land without fear of attack, and are predominantly Christians.
- Minor Premise: The modern nation of “Israel” who are involved in the conflict with Iran are not peaceful, are not living in their land without fear of attack, and are not predominantly Christians.
- Conclusion: Therefore the current Iranian war is not the fulfillment of the Magog prophecies of Ezekiel 38-39.

Question: Could The “Israel” Of Ezekiel 38-39 Be A Prophetic Reference To The Church?

Revelation 20:7-9-Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison. **8** and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. **9** They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.