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At That Time There Shall Be a Great Earthquake in the Land of Isra'el Ezeki'el 38: 17-23

At that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Isra'el DIG: What will God accomplish through this war? What will the entire world learn from it? What will Isra'el learn?

Having described the LORD's purpose, the questions of *what* and *how* are answered.

Gog's attack will be crushed by **the LORD Himself**.¹³⁵ This is what **ADONAI ELOHIM** says: **Are you not the one I spoke of in former days by My servants the prophets of Isra'el? At that time they prophesied for years that I would bring you against them (Ezeki'el 38:17).** When you look at all the writing prophets in Isra'el's history one thing becomes very clear. Up to **the days of Ezeki'el**, there is never any mention of an invasion of **Isra'el** from the land of **Magog**. However, **God** said that **He** had **prophesied** about it **for years in the former days** in the distant past. This would exclude the contemporaries of **Ezeki'el** such as **Jeremiah** and **Dani'el**. It would also have to exclude more recent prophets such as **Isaiah** and all of the minor prophets. Therefore, the prophets **he** is referring to here are the oral **prophets** such as **Elijah**, **Enoch**, **Elisha**, and many others, who didn't write their prophecies down. **Ezeki'el** was not the first one to speak of an invasion of **Isra'el** by **Gog** and **Magog**. However, **he** is the only prophet to have written it down in a book.

The invasion will be against **the LORD's Land** and **His** people. Attacking **God's Land** makes it anti-**Isra'el**, and coming against **God's** people makes it anti-Semitic. And because this violates the principle of **Genesis 12:3b, whoever curses you I will curse, then ADONAI ELOHIM's hot anger will be aroused** against the invaders (**Ezeki'el 38:18**). The invasion will cause **God** to move for two reasons. First, **He** will act because of **His zeal** for **His Land** and **His** people, or the right of exclusive ownership and protection. The Bible teaches that **the LORD is Isra'el's husband and no weapon forged against her would prevail** (see the

commentary on **Isaiah, to see link click Jg - In Righteousness You Will Be Established, Terror Will Be Far Removed**). Secondly, when anyone violates **His** people, it always leads to **His fiery wrath** that will destroy the invader in keeping with the cursing aspect of **God's** Covenant with Abraham (**Ezeki'el 38:19a**). **ADONAI will use four means to destroy the invading army.**



The first means of destroying the invading army will be an earthquake. At the time of the invasion, **there shall be a great earthquake in the Land of Isra'el (Ezeki'el 38:19b)**. As a result, **the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people in the Land will tremble at My presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every outer city wall will fall to the ground (Ezeki'el 38:20).**

The second means of destroying the invaders will be anarchy. In the pandemonium, communication between the invading forces will break down and they will begin attacking each other. **I will summon a sword against Gog on all My mountains, declares ADONAI ELOHIM. Every man's sword, or weapon, will be against his fellow soldier (Ezeki'el 38:21).** They will die on the **mountains of Isra'el**. Fear and panic will sweep through the forces so that each army will shoot indiscriminately at the others.¹³⁶ **God** has done this before (**Judges 7:22; First Samuel 14:20; Second Chronicles 20:23**).

The third means will be various diseases. The LORD declares: **I will execute judgment upon them with plague** (like the sixth plague of boils in Egypt) **and bloodshed.**

The fourth means will come from the heavens. Through **His** prophet **the LORD** announces that **He will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones** (like the seventh plague of hail in Egypt) **and burning sulfur** (like Sodom) **on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him (Ezeki'el 38:22).** Therefore, this

downpour will be similar to the destruction of Sodom and the plagues of Egypt.

God Himself will totally destroy the alliance by natural and supernatural means. No other nations are used to destroy these invaders, **He** will do it all by **Himself**. In this way **He will** receive all the glory. **He will show His greatness and His holiness, and He will make Himself known in the sight of many Gentile nations. Then they will know that He is ADONAI (Ezeki'el 38:23).**

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, Praise **Your** Almighty **power**, **Great is our Lord and mighty in power - His understanding is infinite! (Psalms 147:5)**. Praise **Your** wisdom and **Your** love for **Your firstborn Isra'el (Exodus 4:22)**. How awesome **You** that you know the future and have already planned how **You** will execute judgement on the evil power by **a great earthquake (38:19), torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur (38:22)** to rescue **Isra'el** when Russia and the other nations come against it. What a comfort to trust **You** at All times, for **You** hold the future in the palm of **Your** hand. **You** are Mighty and our loving **Father!** We love **You** and delight in pleasing **You**. In **Your** holy **Son's** name and power of resurrection. Amen*