

The Northern Alliance and the Invasion of Isra'el

Ezekiel 38:1 to 39:16

These chapters tell of a coming northern alliance of nations around the Black and Caspian seas, along with Persia and North Africa, who will invade Isra'el. The invaders will be destroyed once they approach Jerusalem. There are seven reasons why this battle should not be confused with the Campaign of Armageddon at the end of the Great Tribulation or the return of Satan at the end of the millennial Kingdom.

First, in **Ezekiel** there are definite allies mentioned and they are limited in number. In the Campaign of Armageddon all the nations of the world are united together against Jerusalem without exception.

Secondly, the **Ezekiel** invasion comes from **the north**, but the Armageddon invasion comes from the whole earth.

Thirdly, the purpose of the Russian (**38:2**) invasion is to loot the Jews; but the purpose of the Armageddon Campaign is to destroy all the Jews.

Fourthly, in the **Ezekiel** invasion there is a protest against the invasion; in the Armageddon Campaign there is no protest since all the nations are involved.

Fifthly, the **Ezekiel** invasion is destroyed through natural and supernatural disasters, while the personal Second Coming of Yeshua the Messiah destroys the Armageddon invasion.

Sixthly, the **Ezekiel** invasion is destroyed in **the mountains** of Israel, while the Armageddon Campaign is destroyed in the area between Petra and Jerusalem.

Seventh, the Russian invasion takes place while Isra'el is living securely in the Land, but the Armageddon Campaign takes place while Isra'el is in flight and in hiding.¹³⁰

It will first be necessary to deal with the details of the invasion before we can determine *when* the invasion will take place. These verses will be studied by looking into the questions of *who, where, why, what, how* and *when?* This invasion of Isra'el will be the first of ten **birth pains**.