

## A Brief History of the Future

Jesus pointed out the key to all End-Times prophecy in Matt 24:15 *“When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoever reads, let him understand:)”*

Which directly points to Daniel 9:24

*Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off (executed), but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

The word “weeks” to a Jewish reader is like the word “decade” to a Western reader. It means 7 years (rather than 10 years that decade means). So as foretold by Prophet Daniel from the time that the edict went out to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem until the Messiah would come would be 62+7 weeks of years or 69 weeks or 483 years. Sir Robert Anderson in the 1890’s, chief of Scotland Yards, first figured out that it was exactly 483 biblical years between the Decree of King Artaxerxes given to Nehemiah (to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem) until Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem through the Eastern (Golden) Gate on a donkey declaring Himself to be King (fulfilling Zech 9:9). Jesus apparently held the Jews accountable in Luke 19 for knowing this prophecy. This was their Day when the Kingdom was being offered to them. The stones would have cried out if the people had been silent.

*Luke 19:41 When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. 43 “For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, 44 and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, **because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.**”*

The Lord apparently takes prophecy seriously. The generation that saw Jesus on the donkey would also see Jerusalem destroyed because they did not recognize the “Time of Your Visitation” as given to Daniel. Daniel also foretold that the Messiah would be “cut off” - the Greek word means “executed in making a covenant” - which happened at the cross.



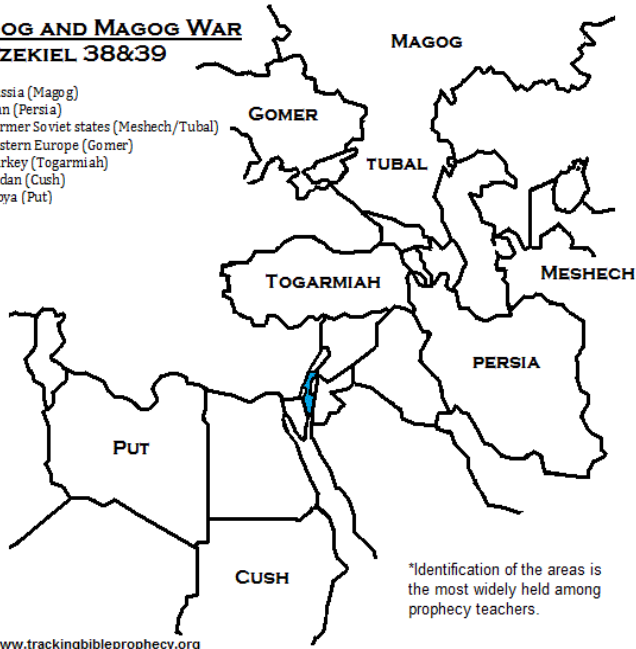
Because Israel rejected their Messiah, they have been temporarily set aside for a period of time while the Lord draws out a Bride for His Son (Acts 15:13-18). Romans 11:25-27 talks about this temporary setting aside which will end “that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.” The Church Age thus interrupts the 70 Weeks that Israel was given back in Daniel 9. 69 weeks of years exactly had already occurred up until Palm Sunday. Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> Week is still in the future. The Church Age began at Pentecost and will end at the Rapture of the Church. There is a period of time between the Rapture and the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel (Tribulation - 7 years). The following study will deal with two major events that will probably take place in this Post Rapture- Pre Tribulation period of time. We will take them in reverse order.

The most well known major event before the Tribulation is the Ezek 38-39 Battle of Gog/Magog. These verses have long been looked at as End Time Prophecies. They describe a number of countries that will come against Israel to plunder them. These countries include Russia, Turkey, Iran, Eastern Europe, Libya, and Sudan. Israel at the time of the invasion is described as “Regathered From The Nations” (which happened 1948), “Living in Safety”, “Without Walls, Bars or Gates”. This does not describe Israel’s situation of today. So something drastic must happen between now and the Ezek 38 invasion to cause Israel to feel secure. (More on this later).

## Ezek 38/39 War Gog/Magog War

### GOG AND MAGOG WAR EZEKIEL 38&39

Russia (Magog)  
Iran (Persia)  
Former Soviet states (Meshech/Tubal)  
Eastern Europe (Gomer)  
Turkey (Togarmiah)  
Sudan (Cush)  
Libya (Put)



Ezekiel 38:1-11 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. 4 I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. 5 Persia, Ethiopia (or Cush), and Libya (or Put) are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer and all its troops; the house of (Beth) Togarmah from the far north and all its troops - many people are with you. 10 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwallled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, (betach) all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates' - to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

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Never in history have these nations as a group attacked Israel as foretold in Ezek 38-39, therefore this prophecy must still be in the future. They are coming to "take plunder and to take booty" from the "people gathered from the nations" (Israel after 1948). These nations' armies are destroyed by the Lord in the Mountains of Israel. (This is NOT Armageddon in which ALL nations attack Israel at the end of the Trib nor is it the Gog / Magog war of Rev 20 which is at the end of the MK.)

(Note: There is a 7 year period after Ezek 39 for the burning of weapons. Israel will be fleeing the AC after the Mid-Trib. Several noted bible scholars see that Israel would not be able to burn weapons while they are fleeing. They see this as indicating that Ezek 39 must end at least 7 years before the Mid-Trib or at least 3.5 years before Trib.)

Notice that ZERO of the countries immediately surrounding Israel are mentioned in the attacking force of Ezek 38-39. It does not seem possible that those Palestinians, Gaza, Syria, Jordanians, and others currently hating on Israel would pass up the opportunity to attack along with a major force such as this one. Unless something really devastating has happened to them first (see below).

### Sequence of Events??

The sequence of events seem to be foreshadowed in Ezek 28:25-26

Ezek 28: 25 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and will manifest My holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they will live in their land which I gave to My servant Jacob. 26 "They will live in it securely (betach); and they will build houses, plant vineyards and live securely (betach) when I execute judgments upon all who scorn them round about them. Then they will know that I am the LORD their God.'"

After Israel is regathered (1948), the Lord will execute judgments upon all their neighbors who hate Israel (Ps 83, Is 17, Zep 2, Zech 9, Amos 1) then Israel can live securely ("betach") (pre-req for Ezek 38).

The Lord says that Israel will live securely (same Hebrew word as used in Ezek 38, "betach" dwell safely) after The Lord Himself judges those surrounding hostile scornful neighbors.

These judgments from the Lord are where the next set of verses comes in. Psalm 83 describes a prayer by Asaph the Seer for judgment against a group of nations that are surrounding Israel, that hate her and that want Israel wiped off the map. This prayer was prayed during a time when Israel was in a Covenant Relationship with the Lord. It was prayed so that the Lord would answer it at a time when they weren't in a Covenant Relationship. Zep 2, Zech 9, Jer 49, and Is 17 describe the Lord's judgments against these Ps 83 nations in answer to that prayer.

Let's now look at this Psalm 83 scenario from scripture that seems to be right out of today's newspapers.

## The Confederacy against Israel – Great Middle East War Ps 83 et. al.

Psalm 83:1-8 Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God! For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more." For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites; Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot.



The people groups mentioned in Ps 83 & Isa 17 not only include the hostile / scornful neighbors (political areas) but also include these hostile / scornful refugee & terrorist groups.

The People Groups -- Hostile / scornful refugee & terrorist groups

Tents of Edom (descendants of Esau) = Palestinians in Tents

Ishmaelites = Arabs

Hagrites = Clan of Ishmaelites – East Jordan

Inhabitants of Tyre = Lebanese

The Descendants of Lot = Moabites and Ammonites



The Political Areas- Nations	Their Fate
Moab = Central Jordan Ammon = Northern Jordan	Zep 2:9 Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, And the people of Ammon like Gomorrah - Overrun with weeds and salt pits, And a perpetual desolation...
Tyre - Gebal = Lebanon Cities	Zec 9:4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out; He will destroy her power in the sea, And she will be devoured by fire.
Amalek & Edom = Southern Jordan into the Sinai	Jer 49:18 No one shall remain there, Nor shall a son of man dwell in it. Ez 35:9 I will make you perpetually desolate, and your cities shall be uninhabited; then you shall know that I am the LORD.
Philistia = Gaza	Zep 2:5 I will destroy you; So there shall be no inhabitant.
Damascus – Syria (Not necessarily Assyria)	Isa 17:1 Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, And it will be a ruinous heap...

The Fates of these Ps 83 nations include terms of “perpetual desolation” and “no inhabitant” are enough to take our breath away. From these terms we know none of these Fates have been fully executed in history so therefore they are still in the future.

These verses describe a Ps 83 confederation of nations that have a different purpose than the Ezek 38 nations. Ps 83 want to destroy Israel so that it is “Remembered No More” (contrast with Ezek 38 purpose - “taking plunder”). This is right out of today’s newspapers and right at our doorsteps. Their prophesied Fates cause us to catch our breath. The War described in Ps 83 (Zep 2, Zec 9, Joel 1, Amos 1, Obadiah 1) allows Israel to feel secure “Betach” at least temporarily after defeating all the scornful nations that surround Israel (Ezek 28:25-26). Israel will also grow rich due to these conquests of neighboring nations (also pre-req for Ezek 38) as well as developing their oil/gas reserves. So it looks like the Ps 83 judgments must happen before and may even be part of the cause of the Ezek 38 invasion. Scripture also talks about Israel inhabiting the Land of their enemies. Isaiah 11:12-14; Zeph 2:9, Jer 49:2

### Dispensation Changes – Indicators of We’re Outta Here!

In Zeph 2:8 & Ezek 39:6-7 the Lord calls Israel “My People”. This indicates that Dispensations have changed. The Age of Grace has ended and the Lord is again dealing with Israel as His People again in a Post-Christian Dispensation.

### No Wrath for Bride

The Bride of Christ is promised to entirely escape the time and place of wrath/fierce anger of the Lord which are His judgments. All of the Bride’s judgments were nailed to the cross.

1 Thess 1:10 ... even Jesus, who delivered (rhoumai SG#4506) us from (ek SG# 1537) the wrath (orgēn) to come.  
1 Thess 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath (orgēn), but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from (apo SG# 575) wrath (orgēn SG#3709) through Him.

apo (SG# 575) Means separation of Place & Time

ek (SG# 1537) Out of but towards something --- i.e. Out of wrath and towards Himself.

rhuomai (SG#4506 Delivers) --- to draw to oneself - to draw or rescue a person *to and for the deliverer*.

Scripture promises that the Bride will be subject to ZERO of the Lord's Wrath. These Wrath/Judgments was all taken care of at the cross for the Bride. This Wrath is exactly the same Wrath (orgēn SG#3709) that is declared to have already come sometime in the past by the time of Rev 6:17 as pointed out by most biblical prophecy teachers.

Rev 6:17 *For the great day of His wrath (orgēn SG#3709) has come; and who shall be able to stand?*

If we look at the verses surrounding the Ps 83 & Ezek 38-39 wars we see that the Lord is describing these as His Wrath (orgēn SG#3709).

Zephaniah 2:2-3 *Before the decree is issued, Or the day passes like chaff, Before the LORD's fierce anger (orgēn SG#3709) comes upon you, Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you! Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, Who has upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden In the day of the LORD's anger (orgēs SG#3709).*

Ezekiel 38:19 *For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath (orgēn SG#3709) have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel.*

These Ps 83 judgments are described by the Lord as His judgments on Israel's surrounding nations in Ezek 28 & the Lord's Fierce Anger/Wrath in Zep 2. The exact same Wrath (orgēn SG#3709) that the Bride is promised to be entirely kept from the time of and the place of or anything to do with them in 1 Thess 1:10, 1 Thess 5:9, & Rom 5:9.

These are not Satan's persecutions (which the Bride is subject to), they are declared to be the Lord's judgments (which the Bride is not subject to). Somehow the Lord must get the entire Bride out of the areas affected by these judgments, possibly by evacuation (worked in 70 AD) or extermination by Satan's sock puppets. The Rapture is also a great candidate.

After the Rapture, the Lord will again be dealing directly with and protecting Israel as seen in Psalm 83 (Is 17, Zep 2, Zach 9, Jer 49) and Ezek 38-39. Then the enforcing of a 7 year treaty will start the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel (the Tribulation) in which the Lord will complete the 70 week prophecy: *"to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."*

### Sequence of Events

- 1) Rapture -- Bema Seat & Lamb's Wedding Occurs in Heaven during next few years
- 2) Ps 83 - ~1?? year gap then Ezek 38/39 -- then ~3.5?? year gap
- 3) AC Enforces 7 year Treaty -- Begins 7 year Tribulation ([Dan. 9:27](#)) -- Temple rebuilt
- 4) Mid 7 years -- AC goes into the Temple and declares himself to be god - Desolations. Great Trib Begins. -- Matt 24:15-21
- 5) 3.5 years later Great Trib Over - Sun/Moon Darkened, Sign in Heavens, Nations Morn, Then 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming -- Matt 24:29-31

### 2nd Coming Sequence

- 1) Christ at 2nd Coming enters into battle with forces of AC that are attacking Israel Remnant at Bozrah
- 2) The Battle continues From Bozrah to the Valley of Jehoshaphat
- 3) Jesus slays AC with His breath. AC (resurrected) & Prophet thrown alive into Lake of Fire
- 4) Jesus' Victory Descent onto Mount Olives -- Splits Mount East to West -- Temple River flows to Med Sea & Dead Sea.
- 5) Then Resurrection of OT & Trib Saints, Cleansing of the Temple, Sheep/Goat Judgment -- Surviving Trib Saints enter MK as mortals.

### Millennial Kingdom

- 1) Beginning of the Millennial Kingdom with the Lamb's Wedding Feast.
- 2) 1,000 years of Earth being ruled by Jesus from Jerusalem.
- 3) Satan Loosed for Short Time, Gathers an Army to attack Jerusalem, Fire kills them all.
- 4) Great White Throne -- Satan, Hades & everyone in it, along with Death itself is thrown into Lake of Fire
- 5) Eternity

For more details see:

<http://gracethrufaith.com/end-times-prophecy/psalm-83-preview-of-a-coming-attraction/#more-3209>

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