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Gog and Magog

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Shalom from Israel. I have good news. Two weeks ago, or two and one-half weeks ago, I was in Jerusalem, and the tomb is empty. Amen? [Audience: Applause] It's so important that we know that.



One of the things that people around the world are deprived of is basically the understanding that not only that our days are numbered, but that every single event in the world has been foretold by God through His prophets, and that God is super-interested that His children know His plans. We don't have to go to any psychic shop. We don't have to pay money to an ugly lady to look into a crystal ball and tell us some baloney. We have it all here. It's all in this book. The Bible says in **Isaiah 46:9-10**: “⁹ ... ‘**I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,**’ ¹⁰ **declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, “My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,...”**” God wants His children to know His plans. He declares them. Those prophets of old were amazing people, free of their ego and their whole self. All they were called for was to be conduits through which God, the Holy Spirit, would speak to the people. So, when we look at the words of the prophets, we have to remember, it's not them who were speaking; it's God speaking through them to you, even today wishing that all of you will know His plans so you will not be scared but be prepared. That's what it's all about.

One of the terms that the world is using often is “Gog and Magog.” Am I right?



Unfortunately, most people around the world that use that term don't even know where it comes from. I mean, they use it just as they use other terms. Where does it come from, and how come we find that term two

different times, one in the book of Ezekiel, and one in the book of Revelation? Two different times, describing two different wars.

First of all, Gog is a description of a leader. He is the prince of Magog. Who is Magog? What is Magog? **Genesis 10:1-3, “¹Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham,”** Well, it's not a kosher name, Ham. [Audience: Laughter] Let's go back. **“¹...Shem, Ham and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood. ²The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras. ³The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.”** It is very interesting; these are names of people that came out of the loins of the sons of Noah. Basically, this is the post-flood repopulation of the world. You can see

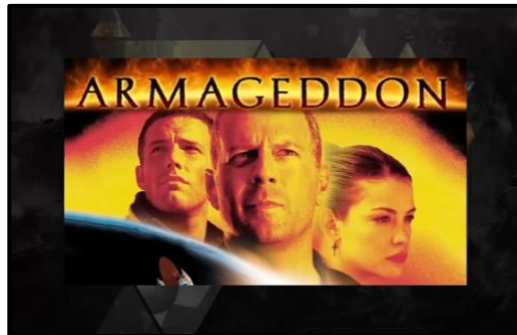


behind me, the map¹ of the “spread-out” of those names and where they come from. So, when we talk about Magog, you can clearly see, it's on the verge between Europe and Asia, on the northernmost part of the spreading out of the

people, where today Russia is. Now, sometimes a name of a geographical location becomes a term of use for the spirit of the place, the person, or a certain event. For example, the term “Armageddon”; I don't need to tell you, every time somebody wants to describe something

¹ Source: Bible History Online

catastrophic, he's going to say, "This is an Armageddon." I mean, when they produce a movie about some catastrophe, guess what? What will they call the movie? *Armageddon*. I mean, you see



that. So, it's not necessarily that they really talk about Armageddon which by the way, is the Greek from the Hebrew, *Har Megiddo* (Har Məgīddō), the Mount of Megiddo, which is in the Jezreel Valley in Israel. The same goes with Babylon. Now Babylon, we know that

it is where Iraq is today. But for example in the Scriptures, we have in Revelation 17:5, a description of "Mystery Babylon." So you see that the spirit of Babylon is now describing someone else, something else, or somewhere else.

So, we definitely can understand that although we have twice—in two different parts of the Bible—the term Gog and Magog, it doesn't have to refer to the exact same places, it refers to the spirit of that which it is originally all about. The first time we hear about Gog and Magog is in the book of Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39. You must understand, the book of Ezekiel is an amazing prophetic account of that which God has been doing, is doing, and will be doing in the near future. **Ezekiel 36:8** speaks of how God is speaking healing to the dead soil of the land of Israel before Israel came back. The Bible said in **Ezekiel 36:8**, ⁸ **'But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come.'** Then Ezekiel 37 continues, with the rescue of the remnant of the Jewish people from the European Holocaust. You really see how Ezekiel was brought to a valley full of dry bones and he is depressed, asking God, "What is this that I'm looking at?" And God says to **Ezekiel 37:11–12**, ¹¹ **Then He said to me, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, "Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!"'** But Ezekiel, this is

the entire house of Israel (Amir paraphrases the following). ^{“12} **‘Therefore prophesy and say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.’”’**” So, God basically, in chapter 36, spoke of the healing of the land *prior* to the return of the Jewish people. In chapter 37, it is the rescue of the remnant. And in chapter 38, we are introduced already to Israel, safe and secure and prosperous in their own land. You see, in Chapter 37, He brought them to their own soil. Now, they’re in their land. God is doing what God is saying. Is that clear?

Now, the reason I’m saying that is because He wants us to recognize Him as such. When He said in chapter 37, regarding the return of the Jewish people back to their land, the Lord said the following thing in regard to that. He says that “I am the one that is promising that, and I also am [the one] doing that.” In **Ezekiel 37:14**, He says the following: ^{“14} **‘I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it,’ says the LORD.**” That’s what God wants us to remember. So, now we move from the moment He healed the land... which, by the way, the land was dead. I don’t you know if you know that, nothing was growing in the land of Israel prior to the return of the Jewish people. Mark Twain showed up in the 1870s and wrote a report describing how dead and desolate the land is. Now, we export food to the whole world. Now, we have more species of vegetables and fruits that we can grow in five different climate zones in a country that is the size of New Jersey.

Now, I want you to know, we’re being introduced to chapter 38 and chapter 39. This is the phase that we’re introduced to and it says, **Ezekiel 38:1–2**: ^{“1} **Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ^{“2} Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal,...”**” Just so you understand, Gog is the name, or the description of

the leader, and he is the prince of Magog. Magog is the generic name from Genesis 10 of that portion of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. In many different theological explanations, you see the resemblance of Rosh to Russia, Meshech to Moscow, Tubal to Tubalisk and all of that. But they move on, and you see that he's speaking of an invasion into the land of Israel orchestrated by Gog, but with Persia, and with Gomer, and the house of Togarmah, with Put and Cush that join them as well. This is a description of five different countries that will come against Israel while Israel is safe, secure, and prosperous.

Now, I know that it's kind of weird for you to hear that Israel is safe and secure. But I want to tell you something, downtown Dallas [Texas, USA] is more dangerous than Jerusalem, just so you know. On a trip to Israel, the most dangerous part in the trip to Israel is the road to DFW [Dallas-Fort Worth Airport] just so we know. [Audience: Laughter] And the biggest danger within Israel is overeating, just so you know. What I'm trying to say is that we've never had it so safe, so secure, and so prosperous as we have it right now. You have to understand, we are the second generation of Holocaust survivors. When they came to Israel, as chapter 37 describes, they came with the understanding that we were nearly, completely, annihilated. Now, in the early years of Israel in 1948, '56, '67 and even 1973, we were in daily danger of being annihilated, of being completely extinct. Do you understand that the Arab countries around Israel vowed to destroy Israel at any moment. We don't live in such a reality anymore. Egypt has peace with Israel. Jordan has peace with Israel. And we have in Syria and Lebanon, civil war that the last thing they care about at this point is Israel. Do you understand we've never had it so good also when it comes to the financial. The Israeli GDP is unbelievable. We're almost scratching the \$40,000 per person. Now we're talking about a stock market that is skyrocketing. We're talking about unemployment that is very, very low. We're talking about the fastest growing economy in the Western

Hemisphere. We are in a state of war basically with some of our neighbors in a way, yet we prosper. By the way, not because we're so good. It is because He is so good [pointing up to God].

I want you to understand we live in the days where our villages are unwalled, our cities are unwalled. Yes, we have a wall in Jerusalem, but that's an ancient wall. What do you want, it's an old city. You have to understand something, in the old days every village had a wall, every city had a wall. We were always feeling the danger. But we don't have it anymore. I can send my kids to play out in the yard and everything will be great. So, Israel is in those days, and now we see how Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, which is Russia, how Persia, which is Iran, how Gomer and Togarmah, which is Turkey, joining with Libya and Sudan, they are ganging all around Israel to come and destroy it. I wish I had the time to go over all the current events so that you understand that this is it! In 2017, we have Russia, Turkey and Iran *in Syria*, on the border with Israel. And we have the only two African countries right now that don't recognize Israel are Libya and Sudan. That's it.

So, then we have another war described in Revelation 20 as the war that will happen or will take place, at the very last portion of the one-thousand-year millennial kingdom. The Bible describes in **Revelation 20:7–9**, “⁷ 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.” So, we see another war with the same name, Gog and Magog, but a completely different time period, a completely different area, a different people that are attacking. And those who are being attacked are also different. So, we have to understand that the duplicated use of the names Gog and Magog

in Revelation is to show that these people demonstrate the same rebellion against God and His people, and antagonism towards God and His people as those in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Ezekiel 38 and 39 speak of Israel, the Jewish people, the land of Israel today whereas Revelation 20 speaks of the saints who are in Jerusalem once we have the millennial kingdom. These are two different things, but it's amazing because it's the same spirit, the spirit of the one whose name is Satan. By the way, his name is not Satan. Satan in Hebrew means "the adversary." It's a description of who he is. It's interesting because his spirit is always, always against those whom God is using, and God is choosing. Israel in the Old Testament and the church in the New Testament are the only two groups of people in history that God called them "My witnesses." In Isaiah 43, He calls Israel, "You are My witnesses." In the book of Acts chapter 1, He calls the church, "You are my witnesses." Always, the criminal wants to destroy the evidence and kill the witness. And that's what we have, right now. We see that we're in the same boat. As a Christian, you cannot hate Israel. As a Christian you cannot hate Israel because we're in the same boat. The enemy hates us both. And if you end up hating that which God loves, I'll tell you something, you'll start loving that which God hates.

So, the two are not the same war. In the battle of Ezekiel 38 and 39, the armies come primarily from the north. The Bible says in Ezekiel 38:6, 15 and in 39:2, they're coming from the northern part of the Earth, from Russia is the main thing. The battle in Revelation, as you see, is from the four corners of the Earth, from all directions. The second difference is there is no mentioning of Satan in the context of Ezekiel 38 and 39. We're talking about Revelation 20:7, the context clearly places the battle at the end of the millennium with Satan as the main character. (The third difference:) Ezekiel 39:11-12 says it will take seven months to bury the dead. There will be no need to bury the dead if the battle of Ezekiel 38-39 is the one described in Revelation. Do you understand that Revelation 20 is the end of the millennium? There is no need to [bury the



dead] because right next to it comes, of course, the great white throne of judgment. So, why would you bury anyone for seven years? The fourth difference is that the battle in Ezekiel 38 and 39 is used by God to bring Israel back to Him. That's the key point in

this message. The first Gog and Magog is about how God delivers Israel from its enemies and wants to be glorified through that. So, He brings Israel back to Him. In Revelation 20, Israel has been already faithful to God for a thousand years. Remember, all Israel will be saved when Christ returns with us to the Mount of Olives. So the Israel that is there will be saved. All of us will be one family and we'll be faithful to God. So, this is not the same battle because God doesn't need to draw Israel back to Him in Revelation.

Now, we have to understand, in the first message this morning, we spoke of Daniel's 70 weeks. We learned that for 69 weeks He dealt with Israel. Then came a long period of what I call the valley between the mountain peaks where He dealt with all of you, even in Texas. [Audience: Laughter] That's when brisket was invented, the Lone Star was placed and all of that. But then the 70th week is back to deal with Israel. The focus is shifted back to Jerusalem as well. So, the shift



back to Israel is once the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. Do you understand what I'm trying to say? God has given all of you— How many of you here are Jewish people, by the way? Oh, one and one-half, which

is okay, by the way. You don't have to be Jews to be in God's family. In fact, I don't understand why so many Gentiles want to become Jews. Trust me, you don't need to. We don't need more Jews. In fact, the Bible says that you need to *provoke* the Jews to jealousy. You don't need to *be*

provoked to jealousy. Do you understand that? But the shift back to Israel is basically a sign that the time of the Gentiles is about to come in [fulfilled], and this is why it's so important. In **Luke 21:24**, Jesus said, **“²⁴... Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”** Jesus already says there is a set time for the Gentiles, and once it's fulfilled, then Jerusalem no longer will be trampled by the Gentiles. Just so you know, although Jerusalem is back in our hands ever since 1967, the Temple Mount is not yet in our hands. I mean, yes, Israeli police and Israeli sovereignty, but this place is still under the religious jurisdiction of the Muslim Waqf, not of the Jewish authorities. So, it's still trampled, in a way, by the Gentiles. In **Romans 11:25–26** it says, **“²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until...”** What? **“the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.”** And then he says, **“²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved,”** So we see that God... by the way, the Bible says that God is the one who blinded Israel, God is the one who gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear because they hardened their hearts. It is the only group on planet Earth that God blinded. Do you understand? Satan blinds the people around the world. God blinded Israel for a reason, and for a season. The reason: they hardened their hearts. The season: for the Gentiles to come in. Look how much He loves you that He blinded His people so that you will be able to receive the message, the gospel, and the good news, and be saved in the time that He has given



you between the 69 weeks and the 70th week. Amazing, isn't it?

Now, of course, we understand that in the Scriptures the restoration of Israel, as He shifts His focus

back to them, first comes in the physical way. We are talking about the physical restoration, then

comes the spiritual restoration of Israel. We live in the days, all of you... I mean, the average age here is about what, 20? [Audience: Laughter] See? I love you; you can tell. We live, right now, still in the times known as the times of the Gentiles. And God, we can already see, started restoring



Israel physically. First of all, the restoration of the land in Ezekiel 36. Then the restoration of the people in Ezekiel 37. Then we see the return back to the land in Isaiah 43. And then Jerusalem back in Jewish hands in 1967. So, physically, we can already see that the shift of the attention is coming all the way back to Israel. First, in the physical, and the Bible always says, *then* comes the spiritual. Look at **Ezekiel 36:24–25** at what He says, “²⁴ **For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.**” So, the physical restoration has begun. But then He says, “²⁵ **Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.**” So, the spiritual one has to be following the physical one. And we are the generation that witnessed the physical restoration of Israel. Let’s go back to that chart and you see that the spiritual restoration is when Israel goes through those trials. Gog and Magog, as described in Ezekiel 38 and 39, is God’s attempt to win the Jewish people—the people of Israel—back *spiritually*. That’s when He starts dealing with them.

Then, of course, we’re talking about the Tribulation period. You have to understand something; if you have, as believers, plans to stay here during the Tribulation, fine with me. I’m out of here. I don’t know about you. My God told me through His Word that I’m not destined for the wrath of God. Amen? [Audience: “Amen!”] My God told me through Jesus that there are certain signs that should happen, should take place in the world, that will tell me that I need to look

up for my redemption is drawing near as in Romans 8, the redemption of the body out of this world. So, my God tells me that He will take me *out* of the hour of trial, not *through* the hour of trial. So, for all I'm concerned, we need to be out of here before the Tribulation. Amen? [Audience: "Yes"] And the Tribulation is the time God is going to deal with Israel. That's the last week; this is the 70th week of Daniel. This is the time that God is not going to send messengers from First Baptist of Euless [Texas, USA]. This is the time that he's going to somehow raise 144,000 from, what? The tribes of Israel because His prime subject and target are the people of Israel! And guess what? You look at Revelation [12] and you see how the enemy is after the woman that gave birth to the child, Israel as a nation. Do you understand that the spirit of the Antichrist, right now, is against us, the believers, and the only thing that shields us is the Restrainer, the Holy Spirit who is within us. But once the Restrainer is taken out of the way and we are out of here, that's it. He (the enemy) is going to be unleashing a very, very vicious war against the other part of God's people, the people of Israel. So, it's going to be the Tribulation as well (Israel's spiritual restoration).

Then, of course, when we will return with Jesus if you remember; we will return with Jesus. We can see that Jesus, the Bible says in Isaiah chapter 63, will come from Bosra. Bosra by the way, is the area in Jordan where Petra is today, and all those Jews who fled to that place because they did not accept the mark of the beast and did not accept the Antichrist as God, they will have to flee. Jordan will open its gates and they will go all the way to that area and Jesus will bring them back, all the way. He will be on Mount of Olives and then, of course, all Israel will be saved. So, the spiritual restoration will begin with Ezekiel 38 all the way to the Second Coming of Jesus described in Zechariah 12 and Zechariah 14.

My point is this: If Ezekiel's war is the first Gog and Magog, and we understand that we are almost there, you must remember, that where you are in the first Gog and Magog will determine



where you will be in the second Gog and Magog. Do you understand that? If you, for some reason, decide to stay here, then guess what? You will probably not be in the second Gog and Magog. Why? Because: (A)

You're probably not taken. So, you don't come back, and you don't live forever. (B) If you remain here and you were never taken, you will not live that long to be at the end of the one-thousand-year millennial kingdom. You'll live 80 years, 90–100 years, but not 1,000. So, I will say this: as believers, we could be out of here before the first Gog and Magog. Do you understand that? The question today is, are you ready for the second Gog and Magog? Do we understand? The second Gog and Magog is the attack of Satan and everyone that joined him against the people of God, Jews and Gentiles alike. Do you understand that? You *want* to be in the second Gog and Magog because that means you are saved, you did come back with Jesus, you are reigning with Him, and this is why you are being attacked! So, I can't believe I'm saying that, but I am looking forward to Gog and Magog—but to the second one. I'm not looking forward to the first one. I want to be out of here before. I want to be out of here before, I want to be with the Lord Jesus, because He said that He is coming to receive us unto Himself. Receive us unto Himself, isn't that beautiful about the Lord? He could have sent someone to bring us. He decided, once again, to leave His throne and descend. This time He wanted it to be a fun experience. So, He comes halfway only, and we go [up] half way and we meet Him, where? In the air! In the clouds! Do you understand? [Audience: Applause!]

Every time I'm landing—and I fly a lot—every time I'm landing, I'm looking out of the window. And you know how it is, there are the clouds, everything is so clear above and so filthy underneath. Every time we go through the clouds, I'm saying goodbye to the meeting place. I'm saying, I'm going to my earthly home. But I'm looking at my meeting place with my Lord, very shortly. And I'm telling you, it's the best meeting place. Do you understand that this is the first time ever in the history of planet Earth that you will finally understand who is a believer and who is not? This is the first "All Believers Conference." Nobody will have any excuse. We'll all show up. It's quite amazing, isn't it? It's all going to happen—it's not a slow-motion thing like Mary Poppins, that we're going—I mean, we're going to be, in the twinkling of an eye, Boom! We're going to change, Whoosh! Be there and meet Him in the air. And He's so loving to take us [Himself] instead of sending us over there, not knowing where to go and asking the angels for directions. No! He is welcoming us. He's taking us to the mansions that He has been building for us for the last 2,000 years. By the way, just so you know, for the last 2,000 years, He's building for us mansions that will only last for seven years. "What are you talking about, Willis?" [American TV joke] Well, let me tell you. We're going to be in Heaven only seven years and then, what? We return back with Him, then we reign with Him for a thousand years and then there's no more, this Heaven, because He will make new Heaven, new Earth, and the New Jerusalem is going to come down. So, this Heaven is our home for only seven years. So, I don't understand the people that are saying that we should be raptured after the Tribulation. All that work for the mansions, for what, five minutes?

Guys, the question today, this morning, is: Gog and Magog, which one are you going to experience? And which is the one you're looking forward to see and be present at that time? And I can tell you, I'm not looking forward to the Ezekiel one. I'm planning on being out of here, but

I am banking on being in the beloved city, with my beloved family, seeing the one last attempt of Satan to fight before it's his very last breath. So, I thank God for the term, "Gog and Magog," because to me it gives me hope that I'm going to be skipping the "biggie" that is coming around the corner and I will be here to see the fall of Satan for eternity. Amen? Amen! [Audience: Applause] So, I pray this morning, that you gained a better understanding of Gog and Magog and you understand that what we need to look for is the second one. The question is, are you ready for the second one? Thank you and God bless.

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