



Prophecy Being Fulfilled

Ezekiel 38 & 39

* Prophets of old seldom saw near-term prophecy fulfilled. They never witnessed its full completion. They LONGED to see God's promises fulfilled.

* Likewise we should long to see the day we are gathered to Him, the day we witness His triumphant return, when we experience our entrance into the Messianic Kingdom.

* But until that day and hour comes we can be **enlivened** when we witness prophecy being fulfilled before our very eyes! It is being fulfilled this very day.

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What would hold us back from the excitement now and yet to come? What could rob us of the comfort Paul said we should receive from this blessed hope?

You may not be saved. The time is coming and now is!

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You may not fully believe the bible is the complete, inerrant Word of God. Will you embrace what it says even if your reasoning disagrees with it? When you have completely submitted to the truth of the Word, prophecy excites and delights!

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2. Not believing the Word - totally.
3. Distrust of man's interpretation!

What would hold us back from the?

You may fully believe the Word, but not men's interpretation

How many times have others made predictions, set dates, described signs which never came to be? They may have been **genuine** in their desire, but they were **genuinely** wrong! (picture)



This is a little jab at those who point to signs not found in scripture

How often have you seen major or minor disagreements between theologians about what a passage or word means? Most could be quite discouraged by that.

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How do we work through points of interpretation that seem unclear? Be a Berean!
Acts 17 called them more noble than these

Received word with readiness of mind – do the same (Walib)

Searched the scriptures daily whether those things were so – make sure what you hear or support is supported by scripture as a whole. “speak if scripture speaks, remain silent if it is silent”

“if you find an area of scripture that appears to disagree with another area, the word is not in error, your understanding is” - Rich Chaffin

If you find something compelling, don't throw it out, but don't infer it is scriptural -
Major on the majors, minor on the minors!

Three elements of prophecy to consider:

- **God's Word is declared and shall come to pass. It cannot be altered.**
- **God works through the nations**
- **God works through you**

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"Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, 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'..." Isaiah 46:9-10

God works through the nations.

"He makes the nations great, then destroys them; He enlarges the nations, then leads them away." Job 12:23

"He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations..." Ps 66:7

God works through you.

We can not alter God's good pleasure, but we can share!

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Things I wont cover:
(But will refer to)

Things I won't cover:

(But may refer to)

70 weeks of Daniel

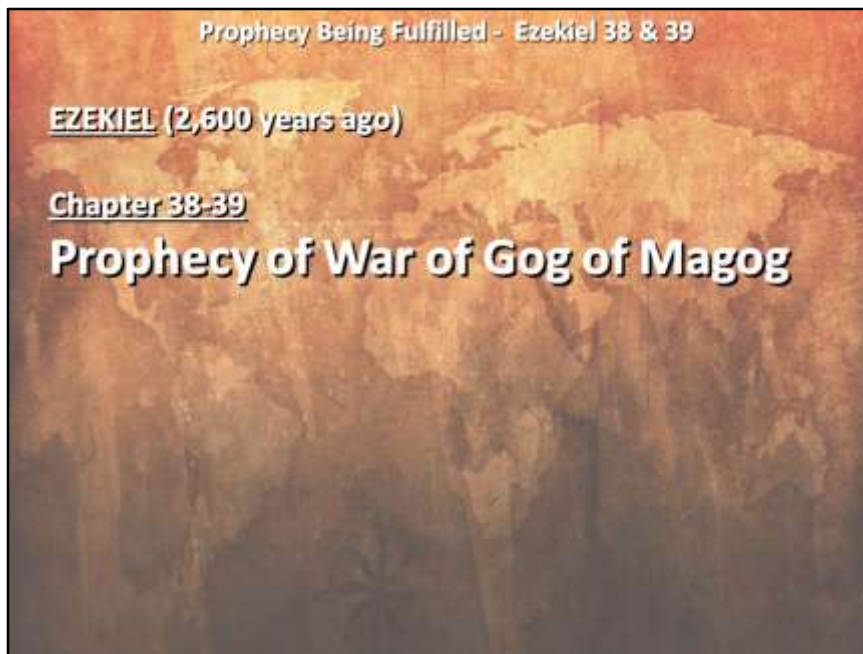
The rapture

The book of Revelation

Who will the antichrist be?



Macron being inaugurated on his throne! Europe's search for a savior. Nicolai from Left Behind



Chapters 1-24 – Prophecy of Judgement on Judah (withdrawal of God’s glory from the temple, then the city promises to the remnant)

Chapters 25-32 – Prophecy against foreign Nations (Amon, Moab, Edom, Philistia / Tyre & Sidon [alex great]/ Egypt)

Chapters 33-37 – Prophecy of Israel’s fall and restoration

Chapter 38-39 – Prophecy of War of Gog of Magog

Chapter 40-48 – Prophecy of the Messianic Kingdom

Read 38:2-6

Principle Players:

**Gog of the land of Magog (chief prince),
Meshach and Tubal**

Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, Togarmah

Bystanders:

Sheba, Dedan, Tarshish, young Lions

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Russian Geographical Society, the "Kyzyl – Kuragino"

Herodotus - "Defense in Depth or Scythian Retreat"

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Meshach & Tubal / Gomer & Togarmah (Turkey)

Meshach – Herodius, Josephus

Tubal – Assyrian Inscriptions

Gomer – Babylonian Talmud*, Josephus

House of Togarmah – Birthplace of the Turkic tribes

Persia (Iran)

Cush (Sudan) – Between the cataracts of the Nile

Put (Libya) – Third son of Ham

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Merchants of Tarshish

Young Lions thereof

Tarshish - Herodotus 4:152, "beyond the Pillars of
Heracles"

Source of tin (Britannia means land of tin)

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Principle Players:

**Russia & Turkey
Iran, Libya & Sudan**

Bystanders:

Saudi Arabia, (Western Economies)

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Here is a picture of the three main players from a recent meeting in Ankara determining the future of the middle east. This was the first such meeting since WWII that did not have the UNs prior approval. All three parties have desire to increase their dominance in the region. Although their goals often conflict they are willing to work together, for now, to achieve their objectives. Iran and recently Turkey has made calls for the destruction of Israel. Russia has not yet taken that stance but things developing. The coalition prophesied in Ezekiel is taking form. All three have troops deployed in Syria

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Contrast Psalm 83:

Coalition - PS 83:5-8

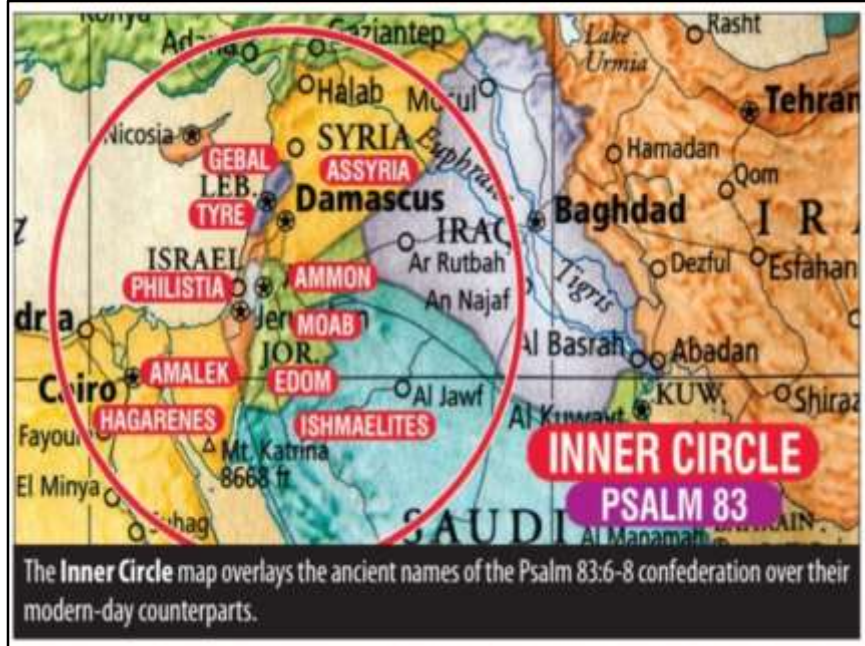
"They form a confederacy against You: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites; Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them"

Objective - PS 83:4 (Eradication)

**"Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more."
- 1948, 1967, 1973**

Here a prophetic contrast - Never in History did these ancient enemies of Israel join together for ANY purpose!

It was satisfied in 1948, there were more attacks in 1967 and 1973 led primarily by Egypt



The confederacy of ancient enemies joined together. I want you to note this circle for later.

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Coalition - Ez 38:2-6

Russia, Turkey, Iran, Libya, Sudan

Objective – Ez 38:12

“...to take plunder and to take booty...”

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Target:

"...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'..." (Ez 38:11)

"...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." (Ez 38:12)

Note: The idea of unwalled villages, villages with out a defense, was unheard of until more recent times. This must have been a crazy thing to declare at the time. But Ezekiel was faithful.

We know this is a description of Isreal from 1948 forward as the people have been gathered from the nations



Here we see the contrast from the prophesied Ps 83 invasion and the Ezekiel war of Magog.

Hooks into your jaws (motive):

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Energy

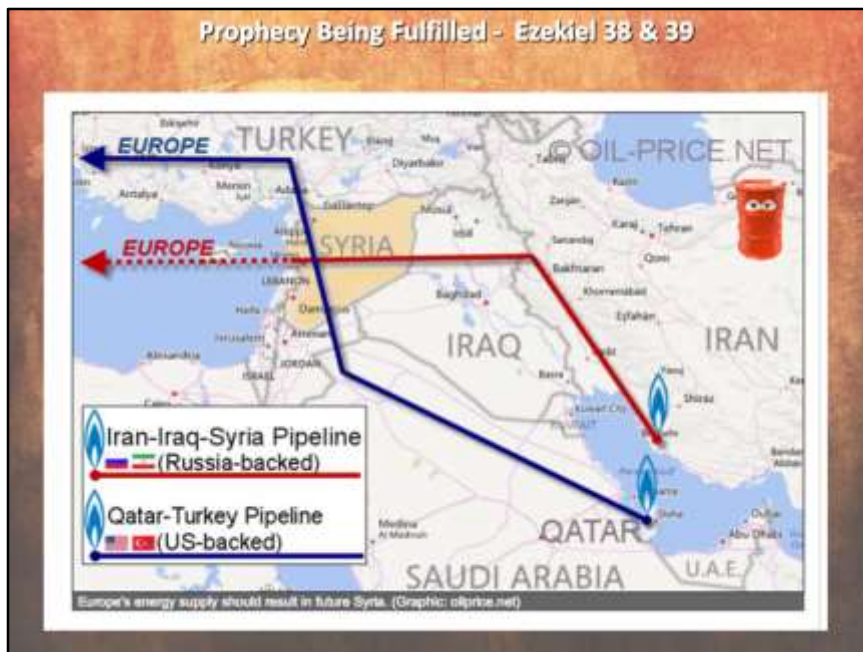
2008 – Georgia

2011 – Nord Stream

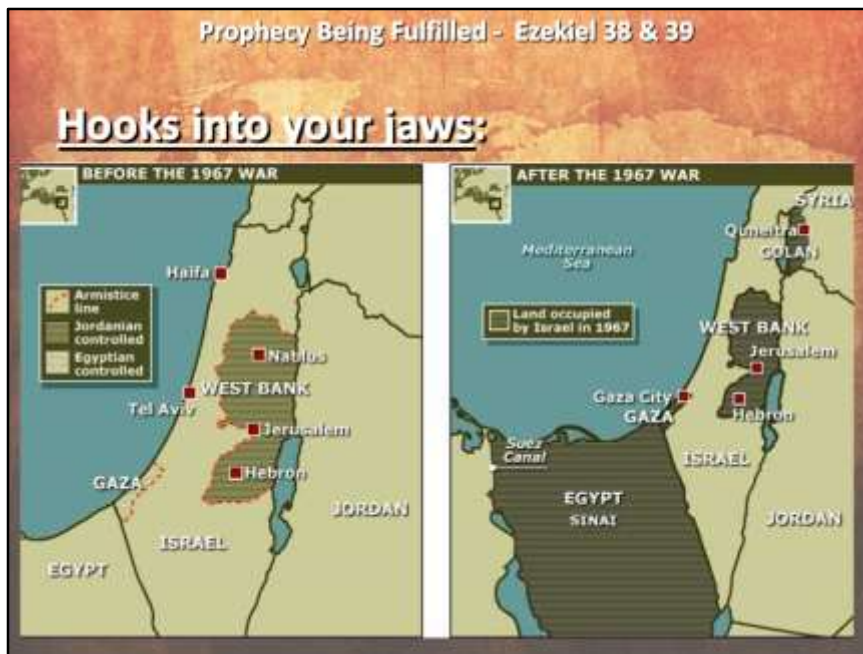
2013 – Israel Threatened

2018 - Turkstream





MAP: here we see competing interest in transporting natural gas to the European market. 2009 a US backed pipeline was turned down by Syria as it would pose competition for Russian interests. In 2011 Iran signs a \$10billion deal for their own pipeline



With this map we see how Israel increased its territory after being attacked in 1967. They returned the Sinai to Egypt in the 1970s. They annexed the Golan Heights in 1981 and regularly reaffirm their resolve to never surrender it. This action has not been recognized by the UN and is regularly cause for UN resolutions against Israel.

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Hooks into your jaws:

Golan Heights
1967 – Captured
1981 – Annexed
2015 – Oil Discovered
(10x larger)



In 2015 oil reserves were found that rivals Saudi Arabia. It is 10 times larger than most discovered fields.

In October Putin publicly challenged Israel's sovereignty over the GH.

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War imminent?

Consequence:

Rapture imminent?

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Church Age (Pentecost to rapture)

70 weeks of Daniel – 69-70 break

Jews blinded – John 12:37-43 / Isaiah 6:10

Jews, Greeks (lost), the church of God - 1 Cor 10:32

“For a mere moment I have forsaken you, but with great mercies I will gather you. With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you, Says the Lord, your Redeemer.” -Isaiah 54:7-8 (NKJV)

Right now we know we are in the Age of the Church – from Pentecost to rapture. It was cryptically foretold in the 70 weeks of Daniel. During this time we know the Jews have been blind. We know that for a moment God will hide his face from His people.

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Ezekiel 38:18-19

“And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel, says the Lord God, that My fury will show in My face. For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken

... Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord God. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

In Ez 38:18-19 God declares the fire of His wrath. We know we are not appointed unto wrath. We know He who restrains will be removed in the middle of the 70th week. Many theologians, most in Calvary Chapel defend that this represents the removing of God’s Spirit in His church.

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Ezekiel 39:27-29

"...When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, then they shall know that I am the Lord their God, ... 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."

At the conclusion of this conflict we read at the end of chapter 39 that God will no longer hide His face from His people

The time is coming and now is

Things are not falling apart. They are falling together.

Luke 21:28 (NKJV) Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Are you excited and delighted about what is upon us? If not now is the time to drop to your knees and get things right with the Lord!

REVELATION 22:17, 20-21

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.