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Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 38:1-23

Text: Ezekiel 38:1-23

Subject: EZEKIEL SERIES – Invasion of Gog and his confederates

In chapter 35, we learned of the final destruction of the enemies of Israel who were represented as Mount Seir which are the sons of Esau.

Chapter 36 told us of the prophecy to the mountains, valleys, hills, rivers, cities, and desolate places where the children of Israel, now scattered among the nations, are now at hand to come. We saw how the land would prosper and the waste cities and desolate places rebuilt so that others will say "this is like the garden of Eden."

Now we come to chapters 38 and 39 which record for us an invasion of the mountains of Israel by God, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and many named nations with him. This appears to me to be quite different from Armageddon where the LORD gathers ALL nations to battle against Jerusalem. Will comment on why this is true at the end of the message from Ezekiel 39. Will show you the similarities and differences. This man, Gog, is not the antichrist (doubtless, he is AN antichrist, but not the man of sin); the man of sin (the beast) will lead his armies against the one who sits on the horse and against his army (the saints coming with him out of heaven).

1 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief

prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

Son of man, set thy face against God, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, -- Inasmuch as the Prince of Meshech and Tubal is addressed as Gog, we take it that Gog is the name given to this prince and leader of these nations. His dwelling place is in the land of Magog, which means the "land of Gog." We know from [Ge 10:2](#), that Magog was the second son of Japheth. Gomer, Tubal and Meshech were also sons of Japheth; Togormah was a grandson of Japheth, being the third son of Gomer. Magog's land was located in the area that is called today the Caucasus and the adjoining lands.

We learn from this that the invading forces, which are brought against Israel's land in the future, (when Israel has been regathered,) come from a territory north of Israel which today is the very same area as Russia and the former Soviet Union. And here we call attention to the prince, this northern leader, or king, who is the head of all these nations. Here is a prominent theory which this preacher cannot prove for certain: **(He is the prince of Rosh. Careful research has established the fact that the progenitor of Rosh was Tiraz ([Ge 10:2](#)), and that Rosh is Russia. All students of prophecy are agreed that this is the correct meaning of Rosh. The prince of Rosh, means, therefore, the prince or king of the Russian empire.)** Whoever this man is and over what specific nation or nations he rules, we know that he also is in control of Meshech and Tubal. This preacher cannot make a distinct connection, as some have, that Meshech is Moscow and Tubal is Tobolsk. I can't find it. Certainly, there is nothing in scripture that proves this. We do know that the sons of Japheth settled in the north

quarters – north of Israel in the area now known as Russia and her satellite nations – plus many of the nations that came out of the former Soviet Union. (I have attached a map which shows the areas where the sons and grandsons of Noah settled. I consider this to be accurate.)

So, we conclude from this that Gog, of the land of Magog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal is a leader from the north of Israel in the area now known as Russia and the former countries of the Soviet Union.

And prophesy against him, -- Ezekiel is commanded to prophesy against Gog.

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: -- The Lord God is against Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

And I will turn thee back, and puts hooks into thy jaws, -- Or, it could be said, I will put hooks in thy jaws, and with them turn thee back; or rather, "turn thee about"¹; and lead thee where and as I please; for this is not to be understood of God's putting hooks into his jaws, and leading him back from his

enterprise of invading the land of Judea. No, he will do it as he put a hook in the nose and a bridle in the lips of the king of Assyria, and brought him back from Jerusalem.

Isa 37:21, 29 (KJV) *Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria:...* **29 (KJV)** *Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.*

God use the King of Assyria in this way in his providence to draw him to the land of Israel, out of his own land, as fishes are drawn with the hook out of the water. It is the same idea with Gog.

and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: -- God will bring Gog and his great army all prepared for war. Horses and horsemen? Is this literal? We have to believe it is. Clothed with armor with bucklers and shields, and handling swords.

5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: -- Who is **Persia?** Most all sources I have

checked believe this to be modern Iran.

Who is **Ethiopia?** According to our sources, this speaks of both modern Ethiopia and Sudan – and perhaps more.

Who is **Libya?** This is Northern Africa, a large tract lying along the Mediterranean, to the west of Egypt ([Ac 2:10](#)). Cyrene was one of its five cities. It agrees with modern Libya.

6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

Gomer, and all his bands; -- Thus this area, Austria, is sometimes called the "Celtic homeland". The Celts moved into the British Isles, France and the Low Countries, Bohemia, Poland and much of Central Europe, the Iberian Peninsula (which is Spain and Portugal); and northern Italy and, following the Celtic settlement of Eastern Europe beginning in 279 BC, as far east as central Anatolia in modern-day Turkey. Thus, it appears this includes a huge portion of modern Europe.

The house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: -- Modern Turkey, and all those who are kin.

And many people with thee. -- We cannot know the full extent of the composition of this great army – but many will come with Gog.

7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard

unto them.

Here are instructions of the LORD GOD to Gog. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself,... Great work and responsibility is demanded when one leads in preparation for an invasion. Not only was God, and his land to prepare, but also all those who are assembled to him – those nations and peoples which have already been addressed.

And be thou a guard unto them. – be a guard or watch to them. Oversee them.

8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

After many days thou shalt be visited: -- I take this to mean that many days shall pass from the time of this prophecy until Gog shall be visited of the Lord and turned against the mountains of Israel.

in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword... The term **latter years** appears only here in the Old Testament – but the term **latter days** is found in these four passages.

Eze 38:16 And thou shalt come up against my people of

Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the **latter days**, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

Da 2:28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the **latter days**. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; **[This speaks of the vision of the great image which was smashed on its feet and toes by the stone cut out of the mountain – the Lord Jesus Christ, which stone becomes a mountain (kingdom) that fills the whole earth.]**

Da 10:14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the **latter days**: for yet the vision *is* for *many* days. **[The latter chapters of the book of Daniel describe the things that occur with Daniel's people – yet the vision is for many days. A long time.]**

Ho 3:5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the **latter days**. **[Hosea speaks of the establishment of the visible kingdom and Israel's return to the LORD and David their king. This is the millennium.]**

The term last days is found three times in the Old Testament:

Ge 49:1 (KJV) And Jacob called unto his sons, and said,

Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the **last days**. **[Particularly that of Judah, the lawgiver – until Shiloh come. Shiloh was a place of rest.]**

Isa 2:2 (KJV) And it shall come to pass in the **last days**, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. **[No question that this speaks of the kingdom's establishment in the last days.]**

Mic 4:1 (KJV) But in the **last days** it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. **[This passage is a 2nd witness with Isa 2:2 of the establishment of the Lord's visible kingdom on this earth. Notice the expression "that the mountain (kingdom) of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains (kingdoms), and it shall be exalted above the hills (lesser kingdoms)].**

Therefore, we conclude that Gog and his confederacy shall be brought of the LORD against the mountains of Israel in the very last years or last days – and in a time when Israel is dwelling safely in their own land.

(the land...) ***and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.*** In other words, the land which has

laid desolate and waste for so many hundreds of years (1878 years since AD 70 until Israel again became a nation in 1948). Many people are brought forth out of the nations (of the earth), and they shall dwell safely all of them. This takes place after Israel again becomes a nation – one nation, instead of being a Northern Kingdom and Southern Kingdom – Ephraim and Judah.

9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

A storm comes suddenly; it looks black and terrible: a storm causes darkness and horror. A storm makes a great noise and is very dangerous. So great is the number of this invasion force that they are like a cloud to cover the land – Gog, his bands, and many people with him.

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:

Thus saith the Lord God: ...Things shall come into thy mind – thou shalt think an evil thought. Where do these things which come into his mind come from? Cannot the God of the heavens cause thoughts to rise up in the minds of men? Did not the Lord GOD cause the sleep of King Ahasuerus of Persia to go from him: did not the LORD make him look at the chronicles of the King because he couldn't sleep. Why did he find the place where Esther's Uncle Mordecai testified to the king that some of his servants had sought to kill the king? Why did the King think

to reward this man in the middle of a sleepless night? O, yes, brothers and sisters, God will cause this mighty invading army to think thoughts of evil – no doubt in full agreement one with another.

11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, 12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

Here are the consequences and conclusion of his thoughts. God will say, "I will do up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, to take a spoil, and to take a prey: to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land." I am going to take them all!

13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

It is nearly impossible to correctly identify Sheba and Dedan. These were the sons of Cush in this passage:

Ge 10:7 (KJV) And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; **Sheba, and Dedan.**

They were also the grandsons of Abraham by his wife Keturah.

Ge 25:3 (KJV) And Jokshan begat **Sheba,** and **Dedan.** And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

Who are the merchants of Tarshish? Like Sheba and Dedan, we cannot be certain. These are referred to as young lions. Young lions, when used metaphorically in scripture, speak of young rulers of cities or nations. Notice this earlier passage from Ezekiel 19:

Eze 19:1-5 (KJV) Moreover take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, **2** And say, What *is* thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions. **3 And she brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion,** and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men. [**This was Jehoahaz, whom the people of the land took and anointed him, and made him king in the stead of Josiah his father.**]

4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt. **5** Now when she saw that she had waited, *and* her hope was lost, then she took **another of her whelps, and made**

him a young lion. [A king, that is, Jehoiakim, the brother of Jehoahaz, who before was called Eliakim, but his name was changed by Pharaohnecho; and though he is said to make him king, yet it was by the consent of the people of the Jews.]

I think these are nations or peoples who are keenly aware of the invasion and speak in a taunt against Gog.

14 ¶ Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? 15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: 16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

In these verses, we hear the word of the LORD reiterating the details of the invasion – in the latter days. “I will bring thee against my land, (why?) that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified (set apart) in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.” The nations shall see this and know that the Lord GOD did it! God will be exalted by Gog’s invasion of Israel!

17 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?

Which prophets could these be? Ezekiel prophesied from 596 to 574 BC. Therefore, the prophets spoken of would have prophesied before Ezekiel. The prophets Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi all prophesied after Ezekiel. This verse **may** speak of these prophecies.

[1451 BC] De 32:39-43 (KJV) *See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. 40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. 41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. 42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. 43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.*

[800 BC] Joe 3:1-3 (KJV) *For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. 3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a*

girl for wine, that they might drink.

[750 BC] Mic 5:1-7 (KJV) *Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. 2 But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. 3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. 5 And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. 6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders. 7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.*

[712 BC] Isa 26:19-21 (KJV) *Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of*

herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. 20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. 21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.

When Gog comes against the land of Israel – God’s fury shall come up in his face. And why? Zion is called the apple of God’s eye. Zion is Jerusalem.

Zec 2:1-9 (KJV) *I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. 2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. 3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, 4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: 5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her. 6 Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. 7 Deliver thyself, O*

*Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. 8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: **for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.** 9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.*

19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

O, beloved, Israel's God and our God is a jealous God! How can stand before him when his wrath is kindled but a little?

Surely...in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; --- what is the shaking? The Hebrew word for shaking is: רעש *ra'ash rah'ash*. This word is also translated as: earthquake, rushing, shake, fierceness, confused noise, commotion, rattling, and quaking.

Re 16:17-21 (KJV) *And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And every*

island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

Beloved, this sounds very much like the earthquake described in the 16th chapter of Revelation. All the men that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at God's presence – Look at the devastation: the mountains shall be thrown down; the steep places shall fall; and every wall shall fall to the ground. Thus, the Lord shall bring to naught every high thing on earth.

21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

This is a further description of what occurs when Gog comes into the land of Israel with his horde. God will call for a sword against him throughout all his mountains – every man's sword shall be against his brother. Do we have another prophetic witness of such things?

Zec 12:2-9 (KJV) *Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. 3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. 4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness. 5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God. 6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. 7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. 8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*

Zec 14:13 (KJV) *And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them;*

and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; -- Not only the sword of the Israelites shall be drawn against him, and the sword of Gog's soldiers against one another; but the Lord himself shall plead with him by his judgments; and take vengeance on him. The Lord God shall send a pestilence in his army, which shall destroy vast numbers of it; as the army of Sennacherib was destroyed by one when before Jerusalem; and make a great slaughter among them by that and other judgments. What kind of pestilence? The Hebrew word here translated as pestilence is also translated as plague. Do we have scripture?

Zec 14:10-15 (KJV) *All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. **11** And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. **12** And this shall be the **plague** wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have*

*fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. **13** And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. **14** And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. **15** And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.*

and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. – Have you every considered that the Lord God has a stockpile of hail stored against the day of battle? Consider his words to the patriarch, Job.

Job 38:22-23 (KJV) *Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, **23** Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?*

Too, we think the great hailstones are stored in the bases of the volcanoes across the earth. Why do we think so?

Consider Revelation 16 again:

Re 16:18-21 (KJV) *And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 **And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent:** and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.*

Stones about the weight of a talent? About 30.3 kilograms or about 67 pounds. Awesome! It may very well be that from the earthquake and the resulting volcanic eruptions, stones shall be flung high in the air and fall back to the earth in 67-pound chunks against Gog and his army.

23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Thus (in this way) will the Lord God magnify himself and set himself apart. This is always the ultimate reason God does a thing – that HIS GREAT NAME MIGHT BE MAGNIFIED!!! The result: He would be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that He, is the LORD! Be sure of it – there shall be nations on the earth after this battle. The LORD said of

Pharaoh, who is a type of the man of sin, this:

Ro 9:17 (KJV) *For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.*

Cannot this very same thing be truly said of Gog and his bands?

I believe you and I (who are still living) shall see this battle and the result. What will you think? Will you say the Lord did it?

Are you one of God's elect who hear the voice of the good shepherd and follow him? Remember he died to give his life for his sheep that they might have eternal life. He has given forgiveness of sins and eternal life to them that believe and shall yet give it to others who hear his voice; who believe Him and follow him. Are you in that number? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son – who washed His own people from their sins by his blood. Believe him and know the forgiveness of sins and the surety of everlasting life.