

ESCHATOLOGY (103) (Russia)

- 5) It will take seven months to bury the bodies. 39:12
This, in itself, is a staggering thought, but combined with the next point it becomes even more staggering.
- 6) It will take all the people seven months to bury the bodies. 39:13a
There are so many bodies that all of Israel works seven months as a team just to bury them. When one considers that even right now there are several million Jews in the Promised Land, before God has drawn Israel back, one realizes that the number of people who will be destroyed is staggering.
- 7) It will be publicized that the people of Israel are doing this burial work. 39:13d
The entire world will be speaking of the fact that Russia and her allies swept down from the north to attack Israel and God, Himself, intervened and stopped Russia and destroyed her and now Israel is spending her time burying the bodies of those who wanted to bury Israel. When this testimony is given, God will be glorified. God will be glorified even by massive executions and massive burials. People will realize that you do not tamper with God's people for if you do you receive severe judgment of God.
- 8) There will be a continued search for dead bodies. 39:14-16
According to verse 14, at the end of the seven months, there will be an employment of certain people whose job it will be to hunt for more bodies. Travelers who move through the land and spot a body will be required to mark it so grave diggers and dead body handlers may see it and take it back to Hamon-gog for burial. Apparently there will be so many employed to do this that they will establish a new city called Hamonah, which means multitude or hordes.

Ezekiel 39:17-20 - These verses are important because God specifically warns against the evil that will eventually happen to Russia. The natural roles of animals and people will be reversed. Normally it is people who track down and slaughter and sacrifice animals for food. However, when this judgment occurs, it will be the animals that will eat a sacrificed group of dead bodies for food. Notice from **verse 17** that it is God who calls these birds and animals to His dining hall to partake of something He has sacrificed for them.

Verses 18-19 reveal that these birds and beasts will eat the flesh and drink the blood of the entire Russian army and her allies. There will be so much carnage for the birds and animals that it is as if they were eating rams, lambs, goats and bulls. They will be gorged on an abundance of human flesh that includes its leadership. It is predicted that Russia will eventually become food for animals. (When we read a text like this and then read passages such as Matthew 10:29 or Luke 12:6, it is only logical that we interpret them literally. God not only knows each animal and bird intimately, but He provides its food.)

One cannot help but observe that a primary topic pertaining to Russia is food shortages. In the end Russia will be the food source for birds and animals. Those in Russia need to hear the Gospel. If one believes on Jesus Christ, one never has to worry about this judgment.

ESCHATOLOGY (104) **(Russia)**

Ezekiel 39:21-24

Verse 21 informs us that this judgment against Russia will display the glory and power of God among the **nations**. God will glorify Himself and make Himself known by this ferocious judgment. This principle was also taught in the N.T. by Paul—Romans 9:22. When God pours out His wrath, it does glorify Him and does testify of His power. However, even though the nations witness this majestic display of power, it will not stop them from also coming up against Israel.

Verse 22 reveals that this is a critical day for Israel because this is a day in the Tribulation when she realizes God is on her side. This is something Israel desperately needs to know in the final 3½ years of the Tribulation when the Antichrist is seeking to destroy her.

Verses 23-24 inform us that the nations will know that the only reason nations were permitted to dominate Israel was because she sinned against God. It was not because Israel was no longer God's people. God hid His face from Israel because she continued to trespass against Him. That is why He permitted these nations to succeed.

When God pours out His wrath on Russia, all nations realize this reality. They will understand that the only reason God didn't destroy them was because of Israel's rebellion. This is why many Jews have suffered at the hands of many nations.

Ezekiel 39:25-29 - This prophecy concludes with God promising to regather Israel. The defeat of Russia will be a major impetus for many Jews to return to Palestine. Jews from all over the world will realize God is on their side. All the nations will stand in awe of Israel and Israel will know that the Lord is her God and God is not hiding His face from her any longer.

The defeat of Russia will be a key episode in biblical prophecy for it will be used to get Israel into her land. Although it will be a few years before she enters and enjoys her land, this key eschatological moment is critical to it all happening.

ESCHATOLOGY (105)
(The Eternal State of Man in Heaven)

QUESTION #39 – What are the prophecies that pertain to man’s final state?

After the Millennium and after the Great White Throne Judgment and after the creation of the New Heaven, New Earth and New Jerusalem, man will enter into his final state, in which he will forever live. In studying this there are two final states that need to be considered:

- 1) The final state of the redeemed .
- 2) The final state of the lost .

QUESTION #40 – What will be the final state of the redeemed?

The final state of the redeemed will be to live with God and in fellowship with God forever on a new earth that has been created by God, which is sealless (Revelation 21:1, 3). This final residence will include a city - New Jerusalem, which will descend from heaven to earth (Revelation 21:2, 9, 10). Floyd Barackman observed, “Throughout human history God’s people have been anticipating this city, which will offer them a permanent, secure home (cp. Hebrews 11:10, 13-16; 13:14; Revelation 3:12; John 14:1-3)” (p. 468).

Now this city is graphically detailed in Revelation with 18 features:

- 1) It will be in the shape of a cube . Revelation 21:16
- 2) Each side of the cube will be approximately 1500 miles long. Revelation 21:16
- 3) The city itself will be made of pure gold . Revelation 21:18
- 4) The city is surrounded by a wall which is 216 feet high. Revelation 21:17
- 5) The wall which surrounds the city is made of jasper . Revelation 21:18
- 6) The wall rests upon twelve foundations which are colorfully arrayed with precious stones. Revelation 21:14, 19, 20–The foundation stones feature the names of the twelve apostles.
- 7) The wall contains twelve entrances - three on each side with a pearl gate. Revelation 21:12, 13, 21
- 8) Each gate is attended by a visible angel . Revelation 21:12
- 9) Each gate contains the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel . Revelation 21:12
- 10) In the middle of the city, there is a wide street or square that is made of pure gold . Revelation 21:21
- 11) In the middle of this street is a river which flows, named the “water of life .” Revelation 22:1-2
- 12) The river flows from the throne of God to the tree of life, which straddles the river. Revelation 22:1-2
- 13) Because this tree is fed by the water of life, any who eat of the fruit of the tree will have perpetual life in this eternal state forever . Genesis 2:9; 3:22; Revelation 2:7
- 14) The city will have no temple building. Revelation 21:22
- 15) This city will have no external light system–neither natural nor artificial. Revelation 21:23; 22:5
- 16) God the Father and God the Son are its temple and its light. Revelation 21:22-23; 22:5
- 17) Nothing unholy will ever enter this city–it is a city only for the redeemed. Revelation 21:27
- 18) There will never be any night or any curse here. Revelation 21:25; 22:3