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## Ezekiel Message 86

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### THE SIXTH HEAD DANIEL 7 LEGS & FEET DANIEL 2



First Stage

Second Stage

Third Stage

Fourth Stage

### THE SEVENTH HEAD DANIEL 7

#### THE ANTICHRIST STAGE

Absolute Imperialism

The Little Horn is the Eleventh Horn (in relation to the Ten) and becomes the Eighth Horn to be destroyed by God ending Gentile domination of Israel

Fifth Stage of the Fourth and Final Gentile Empire

#### THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

The Kingdom of the Stone

Absolute Monarchy

Daniel 2 & 7

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THE GOG & MAGOG INVASION PART VI

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Ezekiel 38:1-39:16

**38** <sup>1</sup> And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, <sup>2</sup> Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, <sup>3</sup> and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal: <sup>4</sup> and I will turn thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords; <sup>5</sup> Persia, Cush, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; <sup>6</sup> Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes; even many peoples with thee.

<sup>7</sup> Be thou prepared, yea, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. <sup>8</sup> After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; but it is brought forth out of the peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them. <sup>9</sup> And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy hordes, and many peoples with thee.

<sup>10</sup> Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: It shall come to pass in that day, that things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise an evil device: <sup>11</sup> 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 securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates; <sup>12</sup> to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn thy hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and against the people that are gathered out of the nations, that have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the middle of the earth. <sup>13</sup> Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take the spoil? hast thou assembled thy company to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil?

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In that day when my people Israel dwelleth securely, shalt thou not know it? <sup>15</sup> And thou shalt come from thy place out of the uttermost parts of

*the north, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army; <sup>16</sup>and thou shalt come up against my people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land: it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring thee against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.*

*<sup>17</sup>Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Art thou he of whom I spake in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, that prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring thee against them? <sup>18</sup>And it shall come to pass in that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah, that my wrath shall come up into my nostrils. <sup>19</sup>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; <sup>20</sup>so that the fishes of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, 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. <sup>21</sup>And I will call for a sword against him unto all my mountains, saith the Lord Jehovah: every man's sword shall be against his brother. <sup>22</sup>And with pestilence and with blood will I enter into judgment with him; and I will rain upon him, and upon his hordes, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. <sup>23</sup>And I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.*

**39** *<sup>1</sup>And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal: <sup>2</sup>and I will turn thee about, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel; <sup>3</sup>and I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. <sup>4</sup>Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy hordes, and the peoples that are with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. <sup>5</sup>Thou shalt fall upon the open field; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah. <sup>6</sup>And I will send a fire on Magog, and on them that dwell securely in the isles; and they shall know that I am Jehovah. <sup>7</sup>And my holy name will I make known in the midst of my people Israel; neither will I suffer my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel. <sup>8</sup>Behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord Jehovah; this is the day whereof I have spoken. <sup>9</sup>And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall make fires of the weapons and burn them, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall make fires of them seven years; <sup>10</sup>so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall make fires of the weapons; and they shall plunder those that plundered them, and*

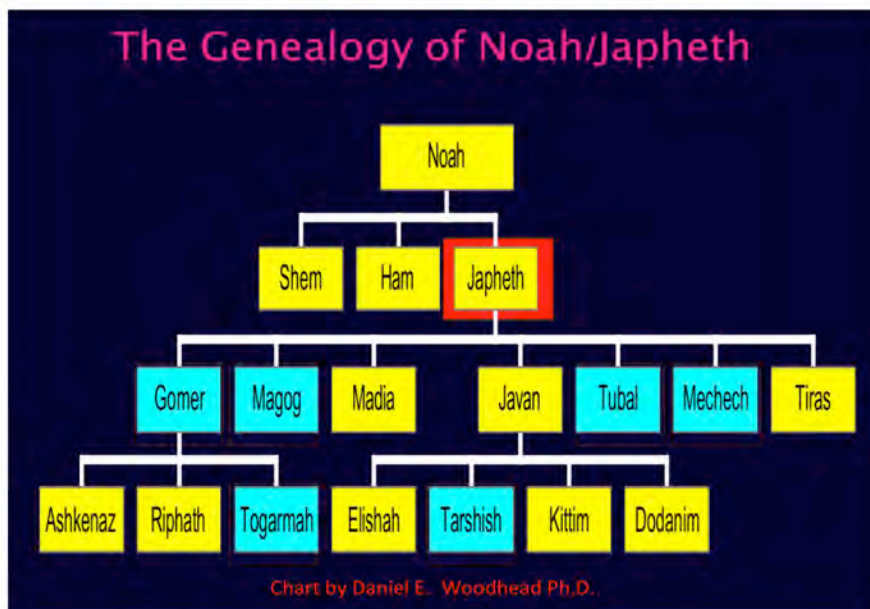
rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord Jehovah.

<sup>11</sup>And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place for burial in Israel, the valley of them that pass through on the east of the sea; and it shall stop them that pass through: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog. <sup>12</sup>And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land. <sup>13</sup>Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown in the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord Jehovah. <sup>14</sup>And they shall set apart men of continual employment, that shall pass through the land, and, with them that pass through, those that bury them that remain upon the face of the land, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. <sup>15</sup>And they that pass through the land shall pass through; and when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. <sup>16</sup>And Hamonah shall also be the name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse the land (ASV, 1901)

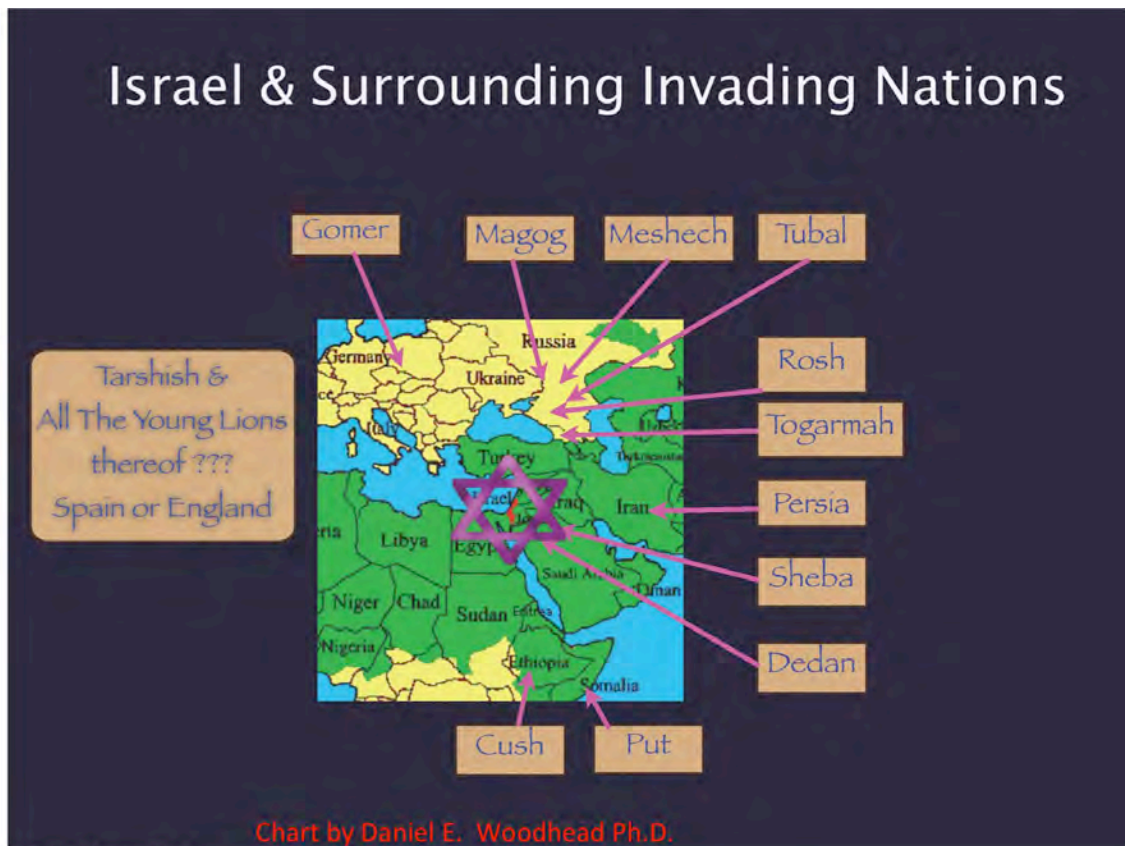
This study answers the following questions pertaining to this invasion:

- Who are the invaders?
- Where will they invade?
- Why are they doing this?
- Dwelling Securely
- God's Purpose
- Destruction of the Invaders
- Weaponry
- When will invasion this happen?

## WHO



- Gomer – Germany
- Persia – Iran
- Magog – Russians
- Meshech - Russians
- Tubal – Russians
- Rosh – Russia
- Cush – Ethiopia
- Put – Somaliland
- Togarmah – Turkey/Armenia
- Sheba/Dedan – Saudi Arabia



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### WHERE

the specific place where the invasion takes place is stated to be “*the land*” of Israel, more specifically in “*the mountains of Israel*”. Then verse nine describes the massiveness of the invasion, picturing it as a “storm cloud” that covers the entire Land. Israel has to be a state before this invasion can occur, and verses 7-8 is another passage that shows the necessity of the establishment of the Jewish State. Notice the descriptive phrases about this Jewish State in verse as being:

- first*, a land “*brought back from the sword*”
- second*, a land that is “*gathered out of many peoples*”

*third*, a land with “*mountains that have been continual waste*”  
*fourth*, a land that is brought forth “out of the peoples”

With these phrases, God is not describing an Israel that ever existed in ancient times, but all these statements are true of modern day Israel. This regathering of the Jews to the Promised Land began occurring toward the end of the nineteenth century, and culminated with statehood in 1948.

## **WHY**

The key reason for the Russian invasion is the matter of spoil (vv.10-12). Exactly what Israel has that Russia would want is not spelled out in the text. The text simply mentions cattle and goods and silver and gold, but these are general Old Testament references for spoils of war. Significant natural gas and oil has been found in recent years.

## **DWELLING SECURELY**

Israel is described as *the land of unwalled villages*. Israel today does not consist of cities and villages protected by walls. In verses 14-16a, the invasion begins and the confederate army covers the land like a storm cloud in a massive swarm. Israel is a nation now and has reasonable security knowing that they have statehood. No longer are they a group of wandering people subject to the whims of the host nations in which have lived in the diaspora for many years. They negotiate trade relationships with many nations and they have one of the largest armed force in the world. They have a democratic government and many freedoms. Their intellectual and agricultural output is worthy of a prominent place on the world economic stage. They have a seat on the United Nations and have repelled several invasion attempts. Neither they nor any nation on earth is completely secure in that they are immune from terrorist, crime and or military defense.

## **DESTRUCTION OF THE INVADERS**

With the Russian invasion of Israel, the cup of iniquity is full, for the apple of God’s eye is touched, and the Wife of Jehovah is violated, arousing god’s anger to that He moves out in judgment (vv. 17-18) to destroy the invading army. This is followed by the answer to the question of how the invading army is disposed of and destroyed. Several causes are listed: earthquake (vv.19-20); civil war breaking out among the invading soldiers themselves (v.21); pestilence, blood, flood, hailstones, fire, and brimstone (v.22). Since these things totally destroy the invading army without the aid of other nations, God’s purpose is seen as succeeding in its objective. God is indeed sanctified in the eyes of many people (v.23)

## **THE PLACE OF THE DESTRUCTION**

Additional information added in 39:2-4, where the armies are said to fall specifically on the mountains of Israel. They extend the length of the center of the country, beginning at the southern point of the Valley of Jezreel at the town of Jenin in Galilee (Biblical Ein



and Ganim) and continuing south until they stop at a point north of Beersheba in the Negev. These mountains contain the biblical cities of Dothan, Shechem, Samaria, Shiloh, Bethel, Ai, Ramah, Bethlehem, Hebron, Debir, and most importantly Jerusalem., which seems to be the goal of the invading army. Only since the 1967 Six Day War have the mountains of Israel been in Israel, which has set the stage for the fulfillment of this prophecy.

## WEAPONRY

The probability that nuclear weapons will be in use is threefold. *One*, both Russia and Israel have them now and Iran is rapidly attempting to enrich uranium with no meaningful attempts by the Western Nations to stop them. *Two*; the text discusses the use of fire and brimstone as well as earthquakes which results in total destruction of the invading forces and the areas in which they live. This is a typical description of a nuclear explosion. The Scripture explains that Israel will burn the weapons that are leftover from the battle for seven years. And *three* when they begin to bury the dead there will be a waiting period of seven months. This delay is due to the contamination of the bodies. Therefore the gravediggers must wait seven months before they start. Interestingly the Jews will set up professionals to oversee the process. After the seven months any travelers that pass through the land will be asked to avoid touching any unburied human bones. They are to call for the professional buriers to secure them. The burial place will be in one of the valleys east of the Mediterranean Sea (39:11), which would put it in the Jordan Valley above the Dead Sea, and will be renamed accordingly.

Some further discussion of several Hebrew words for weaponry is warranted. Arrows, chariots, and horsemen all have contemporary usage in modern day warfare. The Hebrew word used for horsemen is parash. It is Strong's # 6571 where Dr. Strong says it means a steed as stretched out to a vehicle and collectively with multiple units, which are called cavalry.<sup>1</sup> Calvary is a term for modern day armed forces using mechanized armored vehicles. Arrows are chets in Hebrew and have a Strong's listing as #2671. The Baker-Carpenter Old testament Word Study dictionary views arrow as a *military missile shot* from a bow.<sup>2</sup> Finally the Hebrew language has two words for chariot. One is רֶכֶב (rekev) which is a masculine noun referring to a group of chariots. It is Strong's #7393. The other is מֶרְכָבָה (merkeva) a feminine noun and it is Strong's # 4818. While the rekev is used in Ezekiel, other prophetic books such as Joel and Micah utilize the merkeva. Both have similar usage as war vehicles. In fact each noun has the same root (כ ר כ) consonants and the feminine noun Merkeva is grammatically modified according to proper Hebrew morphology. They are essentially the same word. The point of interest for us in this study is the fact that the modern Israeli army has chosen to call their tanks merkevas. While the words in the Ezekiel text are ancient terms they all have modern military usages. Lastly it is normal for armed forces to still use horses in the mountains of

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<sup>1</sup> Strong, James. *New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*. Nashville, Thomas Nelson Publishers 1990. (Hebrew & Caldee Dictionary section 97)

<sup>2</sup> Baker, Warren; Carpenter, Eugene. *The Complete Word Study Dictionary Old Testament*. Chattanooga, TN AMG Publishers 2003 367

the Mid-East. Therefore this give us insight into the fact that Ezekiel’s prophecy of the allied invasion of Israel will utilize armaments of modern military armed forces

## WHEN WILL THIS HAPPEN?

### THE LATTER DAYS

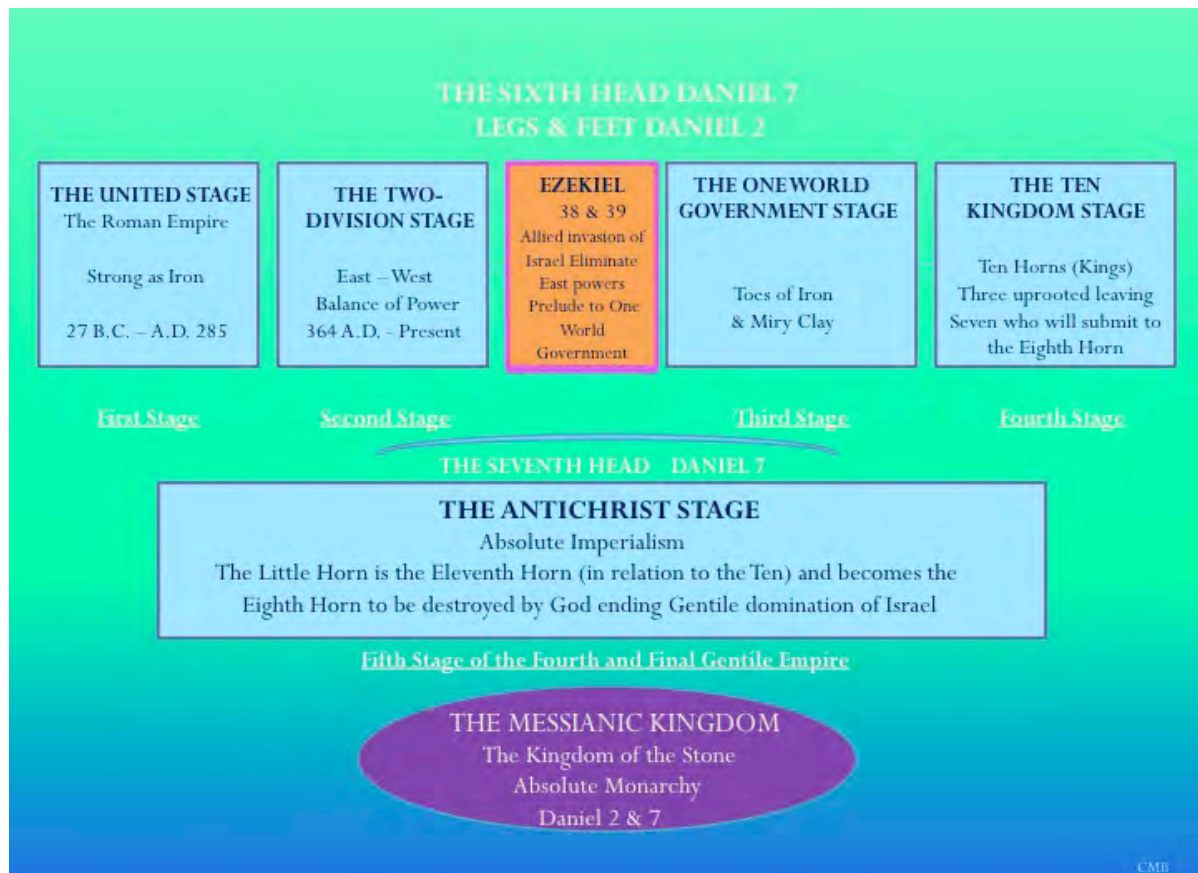
Matthew 24:7-8

*For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places All these [are] the beginning of sorrows (KJV).*

The sign that the end of the age has begun is the worldwide conflict fulfilled by World War I and World War II. This started on July 28, 1914.

### THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

The times of the Gentiles are that long period of time from the Babylonian captivity (586 B.C.) until the Second Coming of Jesus. During this time the Gentiles have had control over the city of Jerusalem. Combining Daniel chapters 2 & 7. We arrive at this chart.

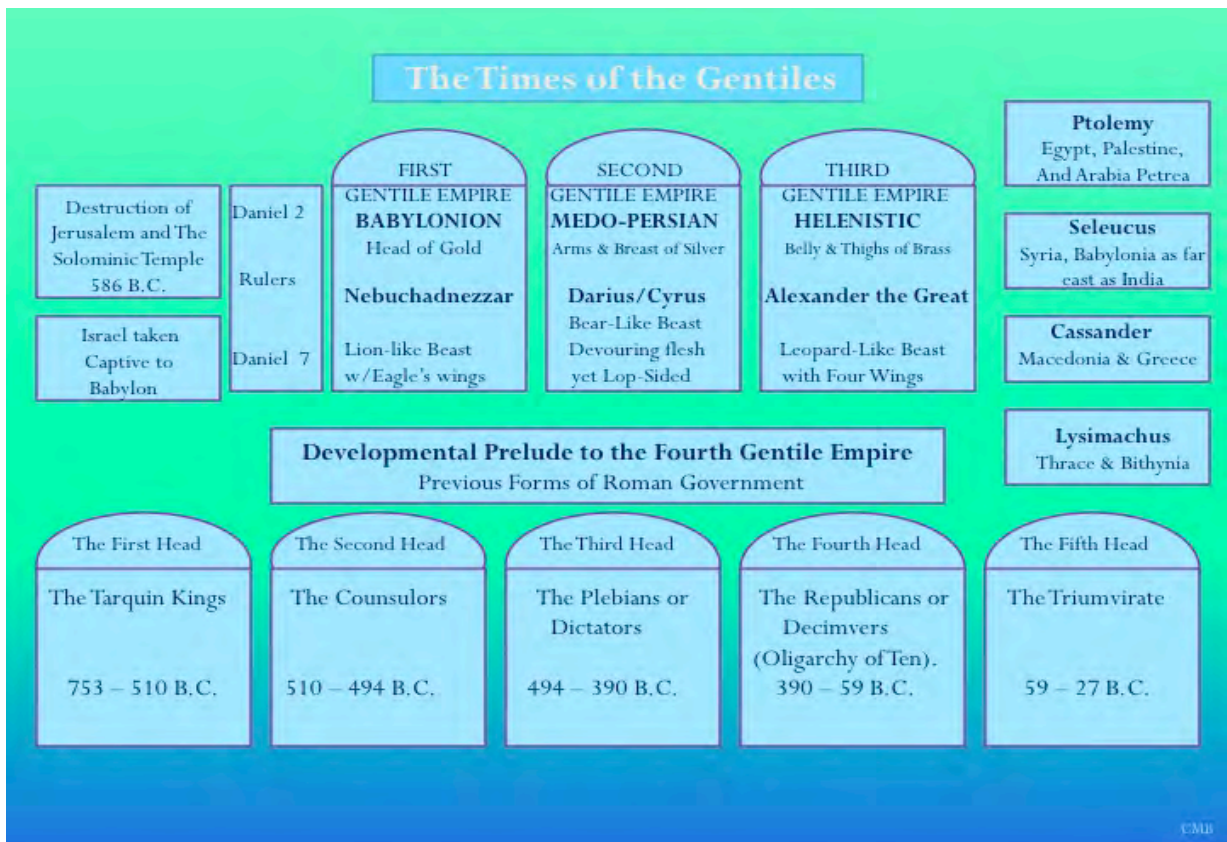




Adding Revelation chapters 13:1-10 & 17:7-14 we arrive at the following chart with the names of the empires and the leaders of those empires.

(Developmental Prelude to the fourth Gentile Empire)

- a. The Tarquin Kings-The First Head 753-510 B.C
- b. The Counsulors-The Second Head 510-494 B.C.
- c. The Plebians-The Third Head 494-390 B.C
- d. The Republicans-The Fourth Head 390-59 B.C.
- e. The Triumvirate-The Fifth Head 59-27 B.C.



**HAS THIS ALREADY HAPPENED IN HISTORY?**

There is absolutely no evidence that this has ever happened up to now.

**THE MID-TRIBULATION VIEW**

Some believe that this is the proper timing is in the middle of the Tribulation because the Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel and this is their view of dwelling securely.

This view has problems with the seven years and seven months of disposing of the weapons and burying the dead. This view would require that the seven months of burying take place during the second half of the Tribulation, a time when the Jews are in flight

and are not able to bury their own dead, let alone those of the Russians. The state of the Jews in the middle of the Tribulation will not permit seven months of burial and building a new city, too. Regarding the seven years of burning, this view would require the Jews to be burning weapons during the second half of Tribulation, when Jews are fleeing out of the Land. They would also have to continue burning them for 3½ years into the Millennium, which is inconsistent with Messiah's cleansing of the Land and the renovation which results.

#### **THE POST TRIBULATION OR ARMAGEDDON VIEW**

Many Bible expositors place this invasion at the end of the Tribulation for several reasons. The primary one is the placement of these chapters in the book of Ezekiel. It is sandwiched between the restoration of Israel to the Land including in the Messianic Kingdom and the discussion of the Kingdom which follows in chapters 40-48, the Temple and worship practices in the Kingdom. One large problem with this is the number of invaders. Here there are a select group while Armageddon is the entire world (Zechariah 14:2). The Gog and Magog invasion is stopped by the arms used against them and Armageddon is stopped by the return of the Lord Jesus. This view also fails to solve the problem of the seven months and seven years, since both would have to continue into the Millennium to be accomplished. This is not in keeping with the multitude of other biblical passages regarding the Kingdom, which starts out with a thoroughly cleansed earth.

#### **THE INTERLUDE VIEW**

This view states that the invasion occurs between the end of the Tribulation and the beginning of the Messianic Kingdom. the main problem with this view is that it fails to give a satisfactory answer to the problem of the seven months and seven years. Seven months of burial is a total of 210 days. This would mean that the burial would continue for at least 135 days into the Millennium depending on when during the interlude the invasion takes place. This is not consistent with the mass of Scripture describing the Millennium and Israel. Added to this are the seven years of the burning of the weapons which make this view impossible.

#### **THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM VIEW**

This view ties it to the invasion mentioned in Revelation 20:7-9 which is after the Messianic Kingdom. This invasion of Revelation 20 comes from all around the earth and will have people who are descendents of the Russians but not just coming from the north. This view also fails to answer the problem of the seven months and the seven years. This earth is done away with soon after the invasion mentioned in Revelation, not allowing any time (or place!) for seven months of burial or seven years of burning. It would require the burying and burning to continue into the Eternal Order.

## THE PRETRIBULATION VIEW

Israel is established before the Tribulation and is dwelling securely. The Russian confederacy invades Israel during this time of security before the Tribulation.

Israel is a land brought back from the sword (38:8). After 1900 years, 46 invasions, and the War of Independence, the Land is Jewish again and free from foreign domination. This nation is gathered from many nations and peoples (38:8, 12). The Jews in Israel today come from 80–90 different nations. The continual waste places are now inhabited (38:8, 12). The Israelis today are rebuilding the ancient places and turning them into modern towns and cities. They dwell securely (38:11, 14). This has often been misconstrued as meaning a state of peace, but this is not the meaning of the Hebrew root *batach*. The nominal form of this root means “security.” This is not the security due to a state of peace, but a security due to confidence in their own strength. This, too, is a good description of Israel today.

Russia is still a major world power before the Tribulation. Her rise to this position coincided with the reestablishment of Israel following World War II. Setting the invasion at this time would make the most sense to the establishment of a One World Government with the elimination of the eastern economic political empires.

This view addresses problem of the seven months and seven years well. The *before the Tribulation view* is the only one which has no problems with either the seven months or the seven years. The Jews continue to dwell in the Land after this invasion and remain there until the middle of the Tribulation. Hence, the seven months of burial is no problem. The seven years also create no problem since they would begin before the Tribulation and can extend as far as the middle of the Tribulation if at all necessary. According to this view, this invasion must take place at least 3½ years or more before the Tribulation starts.

NEXT MESSAGE: THE PROPHECY AGAINST ISRAEL’S ASSURANCE OF RETURN TO THE LAND AND PART I OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

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