

## Ezekiel Part 46 (Ezekiel 38)

1. One of the most important end-time prophecies in the Bible is found in Ezekiel 38-39.
2. Some 2600 years ago, Ezekiel stated that sometime after Israel becomes a nation again (Ezekiel 37) there would be an all-out invasion against it by a massive assault.  
  
The invasion of Israel will take place during a time when Israel is dwelling safely and in peace and not involved in conflict with other nations.
3. The goal of this attack will be to utterly remove Israel from the face of the earth.
4. Ezekiel 38-39 is known as the “end times” or future war of Gog and Magog.
5. This confederation will be led by a Russian – Iranian – Turkish axis aimed directly against Israel.
6. Statements made by Iran and Turkey today:
  - A. Iran: we are going to conquer Jerusalem.
  - B. Turkey: we are going to liberate the mosque on the Temple Mount.
7. Ezekiel’s prophecy begins with a list of names.
8. Many of the names identify certain grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Noah who were the fathers of nations that for a time retained these names. (Genesis 10)
9. **38:1-3.** Gog (a ruler) of a future coalition that will attack Israel.
10. Gog is mentioned 11 times in Ezekiel 38-39.
11. Magog – the place of Gog – is the area on a world map where the “-stan” countries are today. (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan.....)
12. Gog is also referred to as the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.
13. Attempting to specifically identify the battle in chapter 38 is a difficult task without a clear conclusion.
14. 1 Chronicles 1:5-6; 8-10
15. There is no other OT description of - or for Gog.
16. Magog is mentioned as a descendant of Japheth in Genesis 10:2 – but not as an enemy.

17. Rosh is understood as a name of a people or place. It has no other connection or reference in the OT.
18. There are those who interpret “Rosh” to mean “Russia” or “Russians” – only evidence to this is the sound of the names.
19. Meshech and Tubal were people groups to the north of Israel – near the Black and Caspian Seas.
20. Some attempt has been made to connect these with “Moscow” and Tobolsk - because of a similarity in sound.
21. Read Ezekiel 38:4-9.
22. There are at least seven views of the time when the invasion of Gog will take place.
23. One view regards this passage as entirely symbolic.
24. Another considers that the battle will occur before the tribulation either just prior to or at the time of the rapture of the church.
25. A third view is that the battle will occur in the middle of the tribulation and is associated with Rev 14:14–20 and Dan 11:40–41.
26. Fourth, the battle will occur at the end of the tribulation and is equated with the battle of Rev 19:11–21.
27. Fifth, the battle will occur during a transitional period that is between the end of the tribulation and the beginning of the millennium to destroy the weapons of Babylon and cleanse the land prior to the advent of the millennium.
28. Sixth, the battle will occur at the end of the millennium and should be equated with Rev 20:7–8.
29. A final view combines the fourth and sixth views and considers that the battle will occur at the end of the tribulation (Rev 19:17–21).
30. It will be held in pause for one thousand years, after which it will resume and be concluded as the battle of Revelation 20:7–8.