

The Aftermath-Ezekiel 39

1. The aftermath will last seven months to bury bodies.

"For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land." (Ezek 39:12 NKJV)

2. Birds will help clean up the mess.

"And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field:

Assemble yourselves and come;

Gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal

Which I am sacrificing for you,

A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel,

That you may eat flesh and drink blood.

You shall eat the flesh of the mighty,

Drink the blood of the princes of the earth,

Of rams and lambs,

Of goats and bulls,

All of them fatlings of Bashan.

You shall eat fat till you are full,

And drink blood till you are drunk,

At My sacrificial meal

Which I am sacrificing for you.'"

(Ezek 39:17-19 NKJV)

3. The War of Gog and Magog will be met with divine judgment.

4. 5/6 of force will be destroyed.

"You shall be filled at My table With horses and riders, With mighty men And with all the men of war,' says the Lord GOD."

(Ezek 39:20 NKJV)

5. The nations of the world will see this, and Israel will know the Lord.

"The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid

My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword." (Ezek 39:23 NKJV)

6. Interestingly, Gog will be buried in Israel.

"It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog." (Ezekiel 39:11NKJV)

"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, 28 then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer." (Ezek 39:27-28 NKJV)

Sarah's Take Away

We need to keep our eyes on Jesus. Hebrews 12:2 says this: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and the perfecter of our faith, who for the joy in front of him endured the cross, scorning his shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men that you don't grow weary and lose heart." We need to not only keep your eyes on Jesus for what's happening around the world, but even in our own daily circumstances. The key thing is to understand that he is going to bring us through.

Isaiah 40:31 says. "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not faint." God will give us strength. He will stir us up in our heart. He will absolutely encourage us and give us power to come through difficult situations.

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