

Ezekiel 38, 39

Gog is probably a title like "Czar."

In Genesis 10, Magog was the son of Japheth. The Magogites were also called Sycthians. They migrated from Iran to South Russia in the 7th century. Rosh is Russia. Meshech is Moscow. Tubal is Tobolsk.

1. The Russian leader will devise a plan.

"Thus says the Lord GOD: 'On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan'" (Ezek 38:10-11 NKJV)

2. God will oppose.

"And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,' says the Lord GOD, 'that My fury will show in My face. For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel,...'" (Ezek 38:18-19 NKJV)

3. He will have an enormous army. Putin has made himself a czar.

"Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet;" (Ezek 38:5 NKJV)

Persia was changed to the name Iran in 1935.
(Russia planning 5 nuclear war plants in Iran)
Ex. What Ahamajwedad wants (Mahdi)
Twelfth Imam never mentioned in Koran

Ezekiel 38:2-6

Ham, Cush, Mizraim, Put, Canaan – Gen. 10:6-9

Ham and Cush also called Ethiopia, Eritrea

- Put was founder of Libya, which would include Algeria and Tunisia
- Gomer, Magog, Meshech, and Tubal were sons of Japheth. Gomerites connected to Germany (Ashkenaz)
- Beth-Togarmah means house of Togarmah, sometimes called Phrygians by Greeks. This would be modern-day Turkey.

It also includes Armenia. Turkish speaking people are in Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan.

- Sheba and Dedan refer to countries of Arab peninsula (Saudi, Yemen, Oman, Kuwait, Arab-Emirates).

This is an axis of evil. These nations will be gathered to mountains of Israel. Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, are northern borders. Putin has built a political, military, and economic alliance with Arab world.

4. The Russian-Arab Alliance will come like a storm.

"You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you." (Ezek 38:9 NKJV)

"And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,' says the Lord GOD, 'that My fury will show in My face. For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.'" (Ezek 38:18-20 NKJV)

6. There will be a great earthquake.

"I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,' says the Lord GOD, 'every man's sword will be against his brother.'" (Ezek 38:21 NKJV)

7. There will be rain, hailstones, and fire.

"And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone." (Ezekiel 38:22)

Sarah's Take Away

We don't have to be in fear for the future! You may not be afraid of world war III; you may not be afraid of what's happening in the Middle East. You may be afraid that you're going to lose your job today or in the next month. You may be afraid that your marriage is falling apart. You may be afraid that you'll never get married. You may be afraid that you don't know the future; that the future seems so uncertain, so unclear. Second Timothy 1:7, says *God hasn't given us a spirit of fear; but of power, love and a sound mind.* If you feel fear coming in and holding on to you, then you need to *resist* the spirit of fear. Fear can come in and undermine trust.

We can trust God regardless of what we see around us! Proverbs 3:5-6 says *lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.* Trust in God. No matter what you see happening in the world.

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