

THE ASSYRIAN,

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He is the rod of God’s anger against a godless people. **“I send him against a godless nation, I dispatch him against a people who anger me, to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets” (Isaiah 10:6).**

He will arrive with an army of ancient mighty warriors from a far away place. They will speak a language that is unknown—Google Translate will be useless. No longer a conspiracy, these entities will be revealed. **“‘People of Israel,’ declares the LORD, ‘I am bringing a distant nation against you—an ancient and enduring nation, a people whose language you do not know, whose speech you do not understand’” (Jeremiah 5:15).**

“Their weapons are deadly; their warriors are mighty” (Jeremiah 5:16).

Without a fight, the prime ministers and presidents of the nations of 21st century Israel, many who live at the ends of the earth, will hand him their power and authority putting trust in him to solve their problems. **“He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him” (Daniel 9:26).**

“In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of Jacob, will no longer rely on him who struck them down but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel” (Isaiah 10:20).

He will remove their boundaries, blurring the lines of jurisdiction. **“I removed the boundaries of the nations. I plundered their treasures; like a mighty one I subdued their kings” (Isaiah 10:13).**

He will keep his plan to totally destroy them a secret. Suddenly, to their utter surprise, he will attack them, destroying many and leaving a mere remnant. Those who support him, he will give many favors. **“But this is not what he intends, this is not what he has in mind; his purpose is to destroy to put an end to many nations” (Isaiah 10:7) and “Though your people, O Israel, be like the sand by the sea, only a remnant will return” (Isaiah 10:22).**

“Ships of the western coastlands will oppose him, and he will lose heart. Then he will turn back and vent his fury against the holy covenant. He will return and show favor to those



who forsake the holy covenant” (Daniel 11:30).

“He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will **greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price**” (Daniel 11:39).

The remnant will be mocked. In desperation, they will offer themselves for sale, but nobody will want them. “At that time, I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where **they have suffered shame**” (Zephaniah 3:19).

“The enemy said of you, ‘Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession’... because they ravaged and hounded you from every side so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations and the object of people’s malicious talk and slander, this is what Yahuah says, ‘In my burning zeal I have spoken against the **rest of the nations**, and against **all Edom**, for with glee and with malice in their hearts they made my land plunder its pastureland... and because **you have suffered the scorn of the nations, I swear with uplifted hand that the nations around you will also suffer scorn**” (Ezekiel 36:2-7).

“Then the LORD will send you back to Egypt in ships, to a destination I promised you would never see again. **There you will offer to sell yourselves to your enemies as slaves, but no one will buy you**” (Deuteronomy 28:68).

He will plunder their treasures amassing lands and fortunes. He will delight in his achievements and in great pride; he will plot to take over the whole earth. He will be convinced that his rise to power comes from his wisdom and understanding, but he is mistaken for he is not the Almighty God. **He is merely the rod of God’s anger against a godless people—a people who forgot their God. “For he says, ‘By the strength of my hand I have done this, and by my wisdom, because I have understanding’”** (Isaiah 10:13).

The Assyrian will set himself up as God of all gods.

"But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; **I will make myself like the Most High**” (Isaiah 14:13-14).

“The king will do as he pleases. **He will exalt and magnify himself above every god** and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed” (Daniel 11:36).

In all his pomp and glory, this “god” will perform miracles and wonders, while disdainful of the nations, for but, a short time. His destruction by the Almighty God is sure. “Does a rod wield its own power?” God asks.

The Assyrian will not totally destroy 21st century Israel—God’s people. Israel in the 21st century will repent and cry out to their God. They will put their trust in the Almighty God and He will hear them. **“When the Assyrian invades our land and marches through our fortresses, we will raise against him**

seven shepherds, even eight leaders of me. They will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod with drawn sword. **He will deliver us from the Assyrian when he invades our land and marches into our borders”** (Micah 5:5-6).

“Do not gloat over me, my enemy! **Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light.** Because **I have sinned against him, I will bear the LORD’s wrath,** until he pleads my case and establishes my right. **He will bring me out into the light; I will see his justice.** Then my enemy will see it and will be covered with shame, she who said to me, ‘Where is the LORD your God?’ My eyes will see her downfall; even now she will be trampled underfoot like mire in the streets” (Micah 7:8-10).

The Assyrian is not only the enemy of the people of 21st century Israel. Babylon who will ride the beast will sell her wares far and wide across the earth. Her theology of self-preservation, self-direction, self-reliance and her alien technology will rob everyone who buys from her.

God cannot be thwarted. Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the glory of the Babylonians’ pride, will be overthrown, never to be inhabited—God vows (Isaiah 13:19-20).

The survivors of Babylon, her offspring and descendants and her name will be cut off, never to rise up to inherit the land and cover the earth with their cities. **“All the kings of the nations lie in state, each in his own tomb. But you are cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch; you are covered with the slain, with those pierced by the sword, those who descend to the stones of the pit... The offspring of the wicked will never be mentioned again. Prepare a place to slaughter his sons for the sins of their forefathers; they are not to rise to inherit the land and cover the earth with their cities. ‘I will rise up against them,’ declares the LORD Almighty. ‘I will cut off from Babylon her name and survivors, her offspring and descendants,’ declares the LORD”** (Isaiah 14:19-22).

The trumpets will blow, the cries will announce, “Babylon has fallen, has fallen!” “With a mighty voice he shouted: ‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal” (Revelation 18:2) and “Babylon has fallen, has fallen! All the images of its gods lie shattered on the ground!” (Isaiah 21:9).

The houses of Israel and Judah are the godless people under the rod of the Assyrian. They will repent; this time sincerely. They will put their trust in the Almighty God—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **“They will no longer put their trust in the one who struck them down but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel”** (Isaiah 10:20).

Then, Christ will return and gather this remnant, along with repentant people from other nations. They will be resettled in the land of their forefathers. Their rescue, yet a second time by God, will bring immense joy. **“Ephraim will be like a mighty man, and their heart will be glad as if from wine; indeed, their children will see it and be glad, their heart will rejoice in the LORD.** I will whistle for them to gather them together, For I have redeemed them; and they will be as numerous as they were before. When I scatter them among the peoples, **they will remember Me in far countries,** and they with their children will live and come back” (Zechariah 10:8-10).

“But the LORD will have mercy on the descendants of Jacob. **He will choose Israel as his special people once again.** He will bring them back to settle once again in their own land. And **people from many different nations will come and join them there and unite with the people of Israel**” (Isaiah 14:1).

God’s anger with His people will come to an end. “Very soon my anger against you will end and my wrath will be directed to their destruction” (Isaiah 10:25).

A remnant will remain, some still confused about their destruction and they will ask, “Why has the LORD our God done all these things to us?” then you shall say to them, ‘As **you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in your land,** so you will serve strangers in a land that is not yours” (Jeremiah 5:19).

A repentant, humble remnant will then reply, “I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, **your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.** Surely **God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.** The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he is my salvation” (Isaiah 12:1-2).

It will take 4,000 years before the God of Jacob will humble His rebellious and disobedient people. His patience is a marvel and His compassion for these people is a wonder even for the wayward and the complainers. “No longer will Jacob be ashamed; no longer will their faces grow pale. When they see among them their children [a transformed people], the work of my hands, they will keep my name holy; they will acknowledge the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. **Those who are wayward in spirit will gain understanding; those who complain will accept instruction**” (Isaiah 29:22-24).

God will have compassion on the house of Jacob; **once again;** He will choose Israel. This remnant will be a sincerely repentant people and will enter into an everlasting covenant with God. The houses of Israel and Judah will reunite into a God-fearing kingdom. The animosity between the two houses will vanish and together they will be strong in the hand of their King of kings, Lord of lords. “**Once again, I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel** and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep, as numerous as the flocks for offerings at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts. So will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the Lord” (Ezekiel 36:37-38).

“Then **at last the jealousy between Israel and Judah will end.** They will not be rivals anymore” (Isaiah 11:13).

“I am going to take the **stick of Joseph**—which is in the hand of Ephraim and the Israelite tribes associated with him and the **stick of Judah** and the Israelite tribes associated with him and joint them, making them a single stick of wood...I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. **I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land.** I will make them **ONE nation** in the land... there will be **ONE king** over all of them and **they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms**” (Ezekiel 37:18-22).



“For I have bent Judah as if it were my bow, loading it with Ephraim. I raised up your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, wielding you like a mighty warrior's sword” (Zechariah 9:13).

These 21st century nations of Israel today comprise of many nations. They will institute the Law of God in every level of government and will live the way of God. The nations of the world will see and marvel that these once superficial people have been transformed into a loving kingdom of God-fearing and God-serving people. Their light will shine like a fire and Christ, as their King, will be a flame (Isaiah 10:17). No more will the fool be called noble nor the scoundrel be highly respected (Isaiah 32:5).

GOG of Magog, *the tool of proof that God is the Almighty God in Israel*

“You will fall in the open field. I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in safety in the coastlands, and they will know that I am the LORD. It is coming. This is the day I have spoken of” (Ezekiel 39:5-6).

A gentle mist of peace and rest will settle over the wounded and befuddled nations recovering from heavenly and earthly wars, but not for long. Gog of Magog, prince of Meshech and Tubal—a ruler in the far north—the north in the heavens, stays hidden in the shadows, rekindling the mission of the Assyrian who failed to destroy the people of Israel. He stirs up bitter nations to attack what appears to be a vulnerable, unsuspecting wealthy kingdom—a people who have returned to the land of their forefathers located at the center of the earth. “**With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. ‘Come,’ they say, ‘let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more’**” (Psalm 83:3-4).

“**I will plunder and loot and turn my hand against the resettled ruins and the people gathered from the nations, rich in livestock and goods, living at the center of the land**” (Ezekiel 38:12).

God uses this rogue entity as a tool of proof to witness to Israel and the world that He is the Holy One in Israel, the Almighty God—God of all gods. God has and continues to have a special role for Israel. They are His holy kingdom of royal priests. “**And I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the LORD. In this way, I will make known my holy name among my people of Israel. I will not let anyone bring shame on it. And the nations, too, will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One of Israel. Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,**” declares the Lord GOD. “That is the day of which I have spoken” (Ezekiel 39:6-8).

“**O Gog, I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me when I show myself holy through you before their eyes**” (Ezekiel 38:16).

"I will make my home among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people"
(Ezekiel 37:27).

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light"
(1 Peter 2:9).

"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 14:2).

"Let them know, whose name is the LORD—that you alone are the Most High over all the earth"
(Psalm 83:18).

The God of Jacob is no match for Gog, the prince of Meshech and Tubal and his great horde. The overthrow will be a spectacular display of the all-mighty power of God and his loyalty to His people. At this time, the people of earth will be well acquainted with rogue rulers and authorities in the heavens; no longer characters for scary children stories.

"I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains,' declares the Lord God. Every man's sword will be against his brother. With pestilence and bloodshed, I will enter into judgment with him, and **I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur. So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord**" (Ezekiel 38:21-23).

When Gog attacks the land of Israel, God's anger will be aroused. In his zeal and fiery wrath, he will trigger a great earthquake in Israel and all of his creation will tremble. He will overturn the mountains, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground. The people of the world will witness God's raw power that goes unsurpassed (Ezekiel 38:19-20) and his everlasting love for his people who are, finally after 4,000 years of rebellion and disobedience, trusting and serving Him; He will protect them.

"Those who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. **I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, my virgin Israel!**"
(Jeremiah 31:1-4)

The battle lasts for but a moment, resulting in a valley filled with dead bodies for food for all kinds of carrion birds and wild animals. The unused weaponry will be used for fuel by the Israelites for seven years (Ezekiel 39:11-12). The defeat of Gog will be a glorious day in God's plan for mankind—another step completed in the overthrow of wickedness. The people of earth will be filled with awe and wonder. They will come to know the Almighty God and they will say, "Let us go to this God—the God of Jacob and worship Him." **"People from many nations will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of Jacob's God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths.'** For the LORD's teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3).

The people of the world will learn the truth. Why the Creator—God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob turn against His people? **“And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions, and hid my face from them”** (Ezekiel 39:23-24).

“Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,’ says the LORD, ‘nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid. For I am with you,’ says the LORD, ‘to save you; though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and will not let you go altogether unpunished” (Jeremiah 30:8-11).

Our Creator God will not tolerate wickedness. Judgment is coming. **“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done... If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire”** (Revelation 20:11-15).

Repent now, do not delay. Enter the race and run to win! **“Fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal”** (II Corinthians 4:18) and **“set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory”** (Colossians 3:1-4).

It is God’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Accept his extended hand of grace and devote yourself to Him. **“Provide yourselves with purses that will not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys”** (Luke 12:31-32).

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son [Heir], that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).



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