

### 35. Ezekiel 38 Battle – Nations Attack Israel ... God Destroys Them

- The Lord's judgment during the Ezekiel 38 battle will be one of the most awesome displays of God's power that the world has ever seen. This battle represents an extremely significant end-time event for a number of reasons. First, when God's mighty power is displayed, He will be glorified and His holy name will be made known in the midst of His people Israel. The world will know that He is the Lord, the Holy One in Israel and He will magnify and sanctify Himself in the sight of many nations. Second, the whole world will be watching as the battle unfolds and this will provide the awareness and the opportunity for Gentiles and Jews to repent and turn to Christ for salvation before the Great Tribulation begins. Third, God's judgment will clear the way for the construction of the temple in Jerusalem. Fourth, this event will be a reminder that all who oppose Israel and God's people will be judged.

- Gog (probably refers to Russia) and many other nations will come up against Israel with a massive force. This battle probably occurs shortly after the rapture (refer to Luke 17:26-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3; 2 Thessalonians 2:6-9) and just before the seven-year Great Tribulation (Daniel 9:27). Ezekiel 38 and 39 describe this battle and how God miraculously rescues the people of Israel. "My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel" (Ezekiel 39:7). For additional information, see the commentary for Ezekiel 38 and 39.