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August 2, 2020 Gog and Magog

We have just finished studying the Psalms 83 War. We found in that war that the nations immediately surrounding Israel and the so-called Palestinians of Gaza and West Bank will align with those neighbors and attack Israel. We are not told if Israel does a pre-emptive strike or if they are attacked and respond. The results of that war will be the destruction of those neighboring nations and Israel taking possession of all the Land and spoil contained therein that God had promised Abraham.

The nations of Jordan, Syria and Lebanon will no longer exist as well as parts of Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Those conquered lands will be part of the nation of Israel. How long this battle lasts, we are not told, but by indications of how swiftly Israel has operated in the past it is doubtful

that it will last more than a month at the most perhaps much less. How Israel accomplishes this feat is up to God; He does not appear to enter personally but gives Israel the clear victory through wisdom and military might.

Does God give us any condition that Israel must be in before the War of Gog and Magog?

Without delving into who makes up Gog and Magog and their allies, we will concentrate on what conditions must exist in Israel when this Gog Magog War breaks out.

We find the conditions that must exist in Israel in Ezekiel 38, but it does not tell us how long these conditions exist or how long they last. It may be that as soon as they defeat their neighbors that they immediately take down their walls as they perceive no longer a need for them. It would be a symbol of freedom at long last like the taking down of the Berlin Wall.

Living in peace could be immediate as they have vanquished all those nearby that have continued to threaten them with the exception of Iran and Iraq as potential threats.

Ezekiel 38: Prophecy against Gog

1And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, **2**Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, **3**And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: **4**And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: **5**Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: **6**Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

7Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

Starting in this next verse God establishes the conditions Israel will be in before Gog and Magog with their allies' attack Israel.

8After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people,

“the land that is brought back from the sword and is gather out of many people”. This is a description of Israel; it fell by the sword first of the Northern Kingdoms by the Assyrians, then Judah by Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylonian Army and then by the Romans. It was those three nations predominately that took the men, women and children of Israel captive as slaves and dispersed them around the world.

Condition 1 Israel must be a nation. **Fulfilled**

against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste:

This term “against the mountains of Israel” does not mean the mountains in Israel but is a reference to a state or nation. It identifies the nation of Israel when it says; “against the mountains”.

Condition 2 Israel is in the identified location that God promised Abraham and it is a waste land. **Not fulfilled to completeness as Israel only possess part of its inheritance.**

God further declares; “***which have been always waste***”. Anyone who had visited Israel in its infancy would understand that statement; Israel was a waste land with the exception of the Jordan Valley and perhaps the coasts, the rest is an arid hard land.

but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

Condition 3 The people who had been dispersed around the world would come back to their homeland and dwell safely. **Not fulfilled as to dwelling safely.**

The land of Israel has been transformed by agriculture and new inventive methods of converting sand or dessert land into land that can produce an abundance of diverse goods and recreation, but they do not dwell safely.

We need to go a few more verses to find additional conditions that must exist in Israel that do not exist there today.

9Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

10Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: 11And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of **unwalled villages; I will go to them that are **at rest**, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,**

Here are additional conditions;

Condition 4 Israel must be a land of “unwalled villages”. We know that Israel is not only walled off it is increasing the number of walls and fences in order to defend itself.

Condition 5 Israel must be “at rest”.

The previous condition answers this; if Israel is building walls for defense then it is obviously not at “rest”.

Condition 6 “all of them dwelling without walls and having neither bars nor gates”,

Obviously based on the two prior conditions we know this is not the case now, but has to be the case when the Gog/Magog attack begins.

12To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

Condition 7 “which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.”

Several of these conditions harken back to our study of Psalms 83 War. Recall in that war Israel overcomes Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the so-called Palestinians. In that victory, Israel then becomes the conquering army and takes as its booty; all that is within those lands that they will then occupy as the long Promised Land by God. (not all of Saudi Arabia nor all of Egypt but to the borders that God established with Abraham)

Today we are seeing a mass exodus from the world back to Israel; Israel anticipates over a million Jews returning in 2020.

In April of 2020 this was in the Israeli News;

“Brooklyn, NY: Rabbi Chaim Yaakov Frankel, also known as the Rimenov Rebbe, issued an unequivocal order last week for Jews in the diaspora to leave their homes and immigrate to Israel before a civil war breaks out in the United States reports [Bhadrei Haharedim](#).”

He continued;

“Today,” he continued “Listen to me well, dear Jews, whoever can afford to rise and ascend to the Holy Land should it as soon as possible, and this includes large parts of South America and most of Europe. The US will also become a dangerous place mired in war, and it is still too early to tell which US state will survive, but many parts will be destroyed and poisoned, and a civil war will break out within the US. And states will secede from the federal government. The US will no longer be a place of refuge, but there will be a Jewish remnant here. The Land of Israel will be the safest place to survive the war, even though there will be terrible difficulties there as well.”

Regarding Chabad emissaries, who serve across the globe as unofficial spiritual ambassadors for Jews worldwide, the Brooklyn based Rabbi said that they can remain in the American exile as long as they have real work to do. However he added that they should encourage Jews to go to Israel and flee, and wherever their activity ends, the mission is over and they must leave the city in which they were operating.”

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/149440/fearing-civil-war-prominent-ny-rabbi-suddenly-urges-american-jews-to-leave-for-israel/>

Israel is struggling to find homes for all the Jewish immigrants in their cities and need room to expand and to expand their defensive buffer zones. The addition of all that neighboring territory would solve that problem; that is not their goal, but it will be an unintended consequence of the invasion by their neighbors.

Additionally, the added population would be added to the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) bolstering their military strength. They need that added strength perhaps for the Psalms 83 War even though it is through God that they are given victory. As for Gog and Magog; God will intervene and destroy 4 or of 5 invading soldiers within the borders of Israel. This too may be by using the IDF, but God certainly has the capacity to deal with Russia and Iran by Himself.

13Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

Sheba and Dedan are likely Saudi Arabia and Yemen, according to many scholars. It gets a little more complicated and interesting when we get to the merchants of Tarshish. I won't go into great

detail, but I have read a good deal about trade that was established by Solomon through Tyre (Lebanon) with lands to the west of the Middle East. Those lands include parts of Spain and Europe. The British Isles are of particular note in that Solomon obtained tin from them and when added to copper gave them a much stronger metal; bronze. Bronze was used in the weapons manufacturing of Israel and gave them superior weapons to their enemies.

The point being, that the merchants of Tarshish included the British Isle which became England. England had a bit of a roustabout with a fledgling nation in what they called the “new land” or what is today America.

Q. Does anyone know what animal England uses as it’s national symbol?

Lion.

From vs 13 we find

“merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof”

Many scholars believe this to be a reference to those nations that were an offspring from England, America being one of those.

Back to the entire vs 13:

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If the analysis is correct as to who these nations are that inquire of Gog and Magog then England, America, Saudi Arabia, Yemen amongst others ask the question of the invaders in vs 13.

This is not a specific condition in our list of conditions Israel must be in, but God does state that there is this great spoil to be taken from Israel; ***“silver, gold, cattle and goods, to take a great spoil”***

14Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?

If we are correct in understanding Psalms 83, the world of course will know every detail of the massive military win by Israel and every aspect of the war. The new parts of Israel will be former Islamist nations; it is doubtful that the Muslims will stay nor will they be allowed to stay in their former homeland but will be refugees in other Arab/Muslim nations IE: Iran, Iraq, parts of Saudi Arabia below Israel's new southern border. There may be some that see the light and recognize that God has delivered

Israel once again. As far as Egypt, Israel will not go beyond the Suez Canal adjacent to the Sinai Peninsula.

God in the next few verses gives a more detail approach to the military invasion by Russia, Iran, Turkey other Arab nations that still have the ability to fight and some Muslim African nations will join the war against Israel.

I had glossed over the advisories that will attack Israel in order to make the point of the conditions that are necessary in Israel. We now will jump back briefly to identify the enemies that will advance against Israel;

1And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

We find in Genesis 10 a number of the names listed here in Ezekiel.

Genesis 10:2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

The question becomes is where did these sons of Japheth settle?

It is fairly well accepted that the description of Gog is that he is the leader of a land called Magog. This land of Magog is also pretty well agreed to that it is mainly Russia, and there are a couple of specific names that reflect a Russian flavor; Meshech

and Tubal. Some commentators believe it is a reference to Mosco and Tublinsk.

3And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 4And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: 5Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: 6Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

15And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: 16And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

17Thus saith the Lord GOD; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them? 18And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face. 19For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; 20So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the

mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. [21](#)And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. [22](#)And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. [23](#)Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

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