# Ezekiel 38/39 One War – But from Two Perspectives

In the past six months I have received more than two dozen inquiries asking many questions about the War of Ezekiel 38/39. It seems that many are confused as to whether this war is one single war or two separate wars. This study establishes Ezekiel 38/39 as One War, but with two perspective views. I hold to a view that puts the timing of the Ezekiel 38/39 scenario just prior to the "Seventieth" Week of Daniel; or just prior to the "seven" year Tribulation. I consider myself in good company as both Bill Salus and Dr. Thomas Ice teach this view as well.

This is one of the most important pericopes of Bible prophecy and its Chiastic Structure supports a single war event. What did you say? The Hebrew text and the King James Bible are talking about one war but from two perspectives, which I will address and explain at the close of the article. Ezekiel 38/39 contains a literary design known as Chiastic Structure and Concentric Structure and Parallel of each pericope. This is not a topic per se discussed by students of prophecy. Only those with a seminary education will find this as familiar territory.

I began this article as a Bible study many years ago at a church where I was the pastor. Events of the past few years has heightened its importance, and I dug out my study on these two chapters back in February after listening to the remarks of retired 4-star General Wesley Clark. In 2005 he publicly stated on television that the Pentagon was going to take down seven countries in five years. In his book, 'Winning Modern Wars' published in 2003, he stated that fact as well. However, as events unfolded, the Pentagon for reasons of its own cut short at the time by taking down only five of the seven countries, Two were postponed, i.e., Syria and Iran. All seven countries were without a Rothschild Central Bank. Not to be overlooked, Russian President Vladimir Putin expelled the Rothschild Central Bank of Russia by paying off the Russian "national debt" as part of a plan to undermine a unipolar world, preferring to maintain a multi-polar world. Putin played the New World Order game long enough to climb as high as the position of President - then he abruptly turned his back on them, prompting Jacob Rothschild to accuse him of being a "traitor to the New World Order." These were the headlines of 'NewsPunch' for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Most readers, sadly, are oblivious to the matter of the financial dynasty created by the House of Rothschild and their century-old plan to rule the world through fractional-reserve banking and its relationship to the global plan of the end times. It is this very reason that we can expect a war on Iran and Syria over the horizon of time. The Trump presidency has sanctions on the other two countries without a Rothschild central bank, they being Cuba and North Korea. In May of 2019, President Trump banned travel to Cuba, which has made the Cruise Lines very unhappy. President Trump used different strategy tactics to lure North Korea into development and commercialization of its coastal areas, promoting tourism, casinos, and real estate development.

When Putin was elected president of Russia in 2000, Russia was bankrupt. The nation owed \$16.6 billion to the Rothschild-run *International Monetary Fund* while its foreign debt to the Rothschild-controlled *Paris & London Club of Creditors* was over \$36 billion dollars.

But Putin took advantage of the current boom in world oil prices by redirecting a portion of the profits of Russia's largest oil producer *Gazprom* so as to pay off the country's national debt. The continual surge in oil prices greatly accelerated Russia's capacity to restore financial sovereignty.

By 2006 Putin had paid off Russia's debt to the Rothschild's. Russia's financial dependence on the Mafia financiers was now over. Putin could then establish what became his Russian 'Unity Party's' campaign slogan: "Putin's Plan Means Victory For Russia!" This slogan continues to make the New World Order Bankers very nervous...

Since most people are not history buffs or history majors they do not know that since 1814, the Jesuits in the Vatican had been expelled by the Tsar of Russia, and ever since then the Jesuit-controlled Vatican has sought by various ways to destroy the Greek and Russian Orthodox faith of the Russian people. The Vatican has done much to provoke wars with Russia through the German State, in World Wars I & II. Prior to then there was the Napoleonic invasion in 1812. It was always very difficult for the Jesuits to penetrate Orthodox Russia from within so their first major attempt at its overthrow from without was made by the British spy Napoleon Bonaparte.

After he was crowned emperor of the French, Napoleon decided to add Russia to his empire. On June 22, 1812, he launched a massive invasion of Russia with over half a millions soldiers from Papal France and his other vassal states. Tsar Alexander I refused to negotiate any surrender so Napoleon was forced to retreat during the bitter Russian winter. Tsar Alexander took personal command of the army and led it all the way to Paris and the ultimate overthrow of Napoleon Bonaparte. Napoleon was a member of "The Hidden Hand" club known as the Freemasons. The defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte ended the Jesuits dream of using Napoleon to annex the Orthodox Church to the Latin Papacy.

Take a close note of the portrait of Napoleon Bonaparte on the next page. Notice that he has his right hand inside his uniform jacket. This has been a common practice of the "Hidden Hand" members, it's an indicator that the person is a Freemason. In previous articles I have shown photos/portraits of individuals in similar position. Even Pope Francis is a Jesuit-Freemason, and has been photographed in a similar setting on public transportation when he was Archbishop of Bueno Aires, Argentina, and also in his white papal robe. Researcher A. Ralph Epperson published his 1985 book, 'The Unseen Hand', based upon this much hidden message, in which the individual was telling the world "I am a Mason!" The secret societies are noted for their use of "hidden in plain sight" communications by means other than verbal.



Napoleon arrived back in France with his Grande Armée reduced by 570,000 of his best soldiers. He was forced to abdicate and Tsar Alexander was careful to let the French people choose their own government.

By 1820 all Jesuits in teaching positions were expelled from Russian with official escorts to the border with Poland. The Jesuit-Vatican hatred of the Orthodox Church and the Greek/Russian Orthodox faith has remained to be a burr in the derrière of the popes. The constant attack on Russia by the U.S. media is being orchestrated and led by Jesuit agents seeking to provoke a war between the U.S. and Russia. The foreign service school of Jesuit-Georgetown University is a major (consultant) element in U.S./Russian geo-politics and military strategic planning to the Pentagon.

Inspired by his new found faith, Tsar Alexander proposed a Holy Alliance of peace and Christian charity among all the states of Europe.

Only Great Britain, the Vatican, and the Turks refused to sign. That fact is extremely important to know. The UK and the Vatican have both perpetually promoted discord between the U.S. and Russia. But that is another huge story in itself, but important in our understanding the background of the Ezekiel 38/39 war. The House of Rothschild became a financial dynasty during this era. Freemasonry is subservient to the Jesuits in the global power pyramid. (See the Emblematic Structure of Freemasonry on the page 5).

The French monarchy was restored when Bourbon King Louis XVIII assured the Tsar that he would respect the constitutional rights of the French people.

This Great Tsar Alexander was absolutely horrified by the slaughter of the Napoleonic wars, so he proposed a treaty of friendship among all the European states called the Holy Alliance. This alliance was to instill the Christian virtues of charity and peace in European political life.

In conjunction with the British Bible Society, he arranged for the translation and distribution of the Scriptures throughout Russia. This also earned the Tsar the undying hatred of the Jesuits. The Jesuits do not forget!

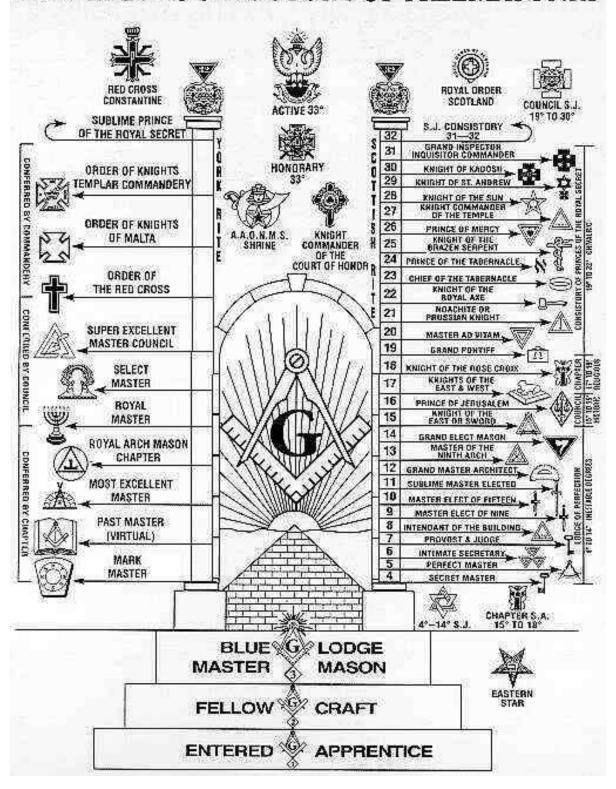
The Holy Alliance and the distribution of the Scriptures ended with the untimely death of the Tsar by poisoning on December 1, 1825, in the Russian city of Taganrog.

The Russian Revolution was the work of the Okhrana–the Russian branch of the British Secret Service. The chief of the Western European branch of Okhrana, Pyotr Ivanovich Rachkovsky, was based in Paris. Rachkovsky worked closely with John E. Wilkie, William Melville and Harry Houdini. The cover story for the Russian Revolution was atheistic Marxist-Leninism.

With the "Communist" regime in power, Russia was now officially atheistic, and this paved the way for another invasion of Russia, this time by Nazi Germany, in order to get rid of "godless" Russia!!

It is easy to tell that the Jesuits were behind the Revolution because the "Communists" adopted the Pope's Gregorian calendar. The Okhrana consolidated the "Communist" regime by getting rid of the Tsar and his family. The story of the Russian Revolution was the theme of the 1965 movie, "Dr. Zhivago" starring Omar Sharif. I saw the 3-hr, 20-minute movie at a theater in Madison, NJ while attending a pastor's school at Drew Theological Seminary in 1966. The drama/war/romance themed movie provided background-related entertainment for a 2-semester course in Russian History later that year in college. Most interesting to this was the story about the Romanov Russian gold being discovered in Siberia a few years ago. It had been hidden In an old railroad tunnel and at undisclosed location in Irkustk region under the protection

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of the Russian national guard after the sensational discovery exactly a century after Tsar Nicholas II was deposed. You are unlikely to know about this discovery made in early 2017 by Russian treasure hunters and official authorities since U.S. media said nothing about it.

Railroad cars packed with gold bullion bearing the Romanov insignia along with 'other treasures' - in the possession of anti-Bolshevik forces as they retreated from the Red Army after the Russian Revolution - was hidden in 1918, according to sources quoted by multiple Russian news agencies.

The physical location of the gold was discovered after a secret code giving the coordinates of the location in Irkutsk region - originally found deep in the Stalin era - was cracked by a 21 year old mathematics protégé who studies in Tomsk. The document was seized from a Kolchak aide in 1919 and has lain for years in a Russian national archive in Moscow.

In the months leading up to July, 1918, when the abdicated ruler Tsar Nicholas II and his family were shot on Lenin's orders, it is estimated that 73% of the world's largest gold reserves were held in Kazan, a city on the Volga River, before most was shifted further east into Siberia. It had been moved here for security reasons during the First World War.

In 1928, a New York court was told that the gold was elsewhere - buried in the dense woods near Kazan. There have been claims the value of Tsarist gold could be as much as \$80 billion. Provisional estimates from the site in Irkutsk region suggest the stash is worth 'a little less than \$30 billion'. There is no doubt that the House of Rothschild missed out on a really huge haul after Vladimir Putin expelled the Rothschild Central Bank from Russia in 2006.

One theory is that as the gold was transported east from Omsk and some of a suspected 1,600 tons of royal bullion sank into Lake Baikal near Cape Polovinny after a train accident. Mini-submarines scoured Lake Baikal in 2010 for a cargo of gold that was reported to have fallen from a derailed train into the lake. Separate claims suggested the gold was carried towards Imperial China by troops loyal to Kolchak across the frozen Baikal in the winter of 1919-20. Other claims suggested the gold was buried in Krasnoyarsk region.

It might surprise you to know that Russian President Vladimir Putin said to Americans: "President Putin Tells Americans Not To Give Up Your Guns" in January of 2013. When President Trump met with Vladimir Putin in Helsinki and Sochi, these two occasions out of 5 meetings between the two leaders, we have indications that Putin and Trump exchanged words over the subject of the New World Order! Putin has publicly offered documents to the Trump administration on a number of events, including the full story on 9/11. Don't lose sight of the fact that Putin is an opportunist, and not necessarily a friend or an enemy of the U.S. per se. This personality trait will factor into the Ezekiel 38/39 War.

Although many perceive Vladimir Putin as an enemy of the U.S., it has been the UK, and the Jesuit-Vatican/Rothschild alliance that has been responsible for grossly exaggerating or fomenting any discord between the two super powers. The Bible's recording of Ezekiel was written 2,600 years ago, and yet few seem to fully understand its current relevance. The Trump Iran war plan revealed by 'Israel Today' and David Elias Goldberg's YouTube posts have been expunged from the Internet by You Tube, with all reference to David Goldberg completely removed. Just before his last post, he had reported that he had been poisoned and only quick medical response averted his death. I shared that report in another article that stated a war would happen this fall. His information came from a Jewish lady that apparently worked in the White House Communications Center, and she was reportedly fired. The expunged You Tube videos gives added credence to a fall war on Iran. [On Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, I read that David Goldberg had been found dead in his New York City apartment.]

On June 11, 2019, the Pentagon announced it was deploying 1,000 troops to augment the 4,000 already in Poland. A month before in May, 2019 the Pentagon announced 1,500 troops were being sent to the region of Iraq, some of which came from the U.S. Army contingent based in Poland. My suspicion is that because of the 'Israel Today' report and David Elias Goldberg's publicity, there will be no announcements of large numbers of troops being deployed, rather future reports announcing small increments of deployment of military assets announced in the media to negate any alarm by the general public will become SOP or standard operations procedure.

One of the last posts by David Goldberg was remarks by Bibi Netanyahu to the effect that if President Trump did not start the war, "we will flush him down the toilet!" When Netanyahu failed to form a coalition government, along with the fact that he faces indictment for corruption this fall, Bibi has been weakened tremendously. No previous Israeli elected-president has ever failed to form a coalition government after being elected. Netanyahu's wife cut a plea deal and has paid a \$15,000 fine to stay out of going to jail. Netanyahu is a lame-duck president and faces prosecution for kick-backs on three German-built "Dolphin" class submarines for Israel. He would not be the first Israeli president to go to jail for corruption.

Do not discount this lame-duck position of weakness in Netanyahu's status becoming a factor in the fulfillment of the Isaiah 17:1-2 destruction of Damascus. The Iranians have not let up in their terrorist activities against Israel to push Netanyahu's buttons. Israel has been pushed and provoked by the Palestinians in Gaza to the point of starting an Israeli invasion of Gaza. However; the IDF is confident of a victory, but they do not want to be caught in the position of occupying the Gaza Territory; lest they are spread too thin in the event of a potential three-front war situation. This is why Israel has tolerated the frequent Palestinian attacks.

What makes the Ezekiel message so fascinating is that it clearly has its origin outside our time domain, and it authenticates itself by presenting to us things that were

written before they happened. This is one of those rare opportunities to see history written in advance, but history that has a high likelihood of unfolding before our very eyes. I have been surprised by the casual dismissal by most of the leaders and students of Bible prophecy relevant to its Biblical significance.

Ezekiel was trained as a priest; and so he was a mystic of sorts. But he was called to the office of a prophet. He wrote some 2,600 years ago. It was part of the so-called Septuagint translation of the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek, which was completed around 270 B.C. In other words, it was written approximately three centuries before Jesus Christ was born.

Ezekiel 36 and 37 focus on the restoration of Israel as a Nation. The famous Vision of the Dry Bones, was in fact, the national resurrection of Israel, and it was interpreted for us in those passages, showing that Israel was to be regathered back in the land. But remember, that it was without the Spirit, in other words, Israel was to be regathered in unbelief.

Ezekiel 38 and 39 will show us that there is to be a single event which God carefully maneuvers that will startle Israel into the recognition that God's Hand is once again upon the Nation Israel, as it was so many years ago. God's anger has to be fever hot, with knowing 250,000 participating sodomites celebrating "Gay Pride" month of June year after year in Israel's major cities.

Gog is the leader of the Magog group of nations attacking Israel. In the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. there was a historian, a Greek by the name of Herodotus. In his 4<sup>th</sup> book of his history, he is quoted as mentioning Meshech and Tubal, who he identifies with the people of named Sarmatians and Meshevites who lived in the ancient provinces of Pontus in Northern Asia Minor.

Josephus, a famous Hebrew historian of the First Century, he points out in Antiquities 1.6 that the Muscovy and the Thobelites were founded by Meshech and Tubal, and the Magog is called the Scythians by the Greeks. According to Josephus, the Scythians settled north of the Caucasus Mountains.

Pliny, the noted Roman writer of the early Christian Era, also linked the Scythians with Magog. Encyclopedias will reveal that the Scythians were the forbearers to what you and I would know as the Russians.

Archaeological studies have revealed that the Scythians populating most of western Siberia. They had neither their own alphabet nor coinage. They were apparently the earliest tribe that mastered the use of horses. They were accomplished horsemen. When one of the men died, the Scythians put to death his wives, and his horses, and buried them together with him. This was part of their cultural heritage.

A German scholar by the name of C.F. Keil (Keil & Deilachure) have a 10-volume commentary set on the Old Testament, pointed out that by grammatical analysis, the

word "chief" in our King James Translation of Ezekiel 38:2, should more properly be translated as a proper name, and that it should be "Rosh" or "Ros." Keil said that the Byzantine and Arabic writers frequently mention a people called the Ros dwelling in the country of Tarus, and reckoned among the Scythian tribes.

Wilhelm Gesenius was a Hebrew scholar in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, who developed a lexicon of the Hebrew language. Gesenius points out that Meshech was the barbarous people known as the Moschi who dwelt in the Moschian Mountains. In his writings he also linked the Moschi as the root from which the city of Moscow gets its name.

Gesenius highlighted the fact that Rosh, or Ros, referred to those dwelling north of the Tarus Mountains near the Volga River. Some modern translations of the Bible read, "Gog the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal."

We all know Russia as a superpower, but it was not that long ago that it was sort of a backward country. There are other sources corroborating these scholars concerning Gog and Magog. Tubal was the son of Raphath founder of the Tabborini, a people dwelling on the Black Sea west of the Moschi tribes and near Vladimir's Putin's billion-dollar palatial estate.

**38:1-39:29.** These two connected chapters whose apocalyptic prophecies picture the defeat of the final enemy of God's people, that is, Gog -(cf. Revelation 20:7-10). Their placement here following the trouble-free chapters of restoration –(Ezekiel 34-37) seems to underscore the teaching that Israel will have the protection of God. He would stand up for Israel in the face of Gog's threat while apparently Israel was peacefully absorbed in enjoying the blessings of the land. So, this passage of Ezekiel 38:1-2 is addressed through Ezekiel by God to Gog, the leader of Magog. In other words, this is a passage addressed to Russia with love!

Does Russia want to get involved? It doesn't matter. They may, and they may not. With the "hooks in their jaws" they will be brought into this battle, whether they like it or not. We are going to see that they do have a motive, and they will be going, but the point is that God is maneuvering them there.

Remember Ezekiel's major phrase is "They shall know that I am the Lord." No other book of the Bible uses this term more than Ezekiel, (54X) and none are even close to Ezekiel in frequency of its occurrence!

Going back to the Six-Day War of 1967 and to the Yom Kippur War of 1973, both were miracle victories, but those miracles did not shake them from their secular humanism. This is in spite of the many testimonies of soldiers who experienced or were present in miraculous events. The IDF is probably the best trained defense force in the world, but that apparently has blinded them so that they cannot see the Hand of God dealing with them. Ezekiel's emphasis here would have us believe this time they will.

The literary genre of Ezekiel 38-39 is as an elaborate "proof-saying". The recognition formula's ("Then they/you will know that I am the Lord") being found "seven" times in these chapters emphasizes that Gog was the pawn for God's glorious self-revelation to the nations and to Israel. He is the Sovereign Lord Who protects His trusting people -(cf. Psalm 20:6). Above all else, this complex divine speech expresses God's determination once and for all to reveal to the nations His holiness, and to His own people, his covenant loyalty".

The structure of Ezekiel 38-39 is a complex matter. There are commands to Ezekiel to prophesy -(38:2; 39:1); "seven" instances of the messenger or citation formula, "Thus says the Lord God" (38:3, 10, 14, 17; 39:1, 17, 25); signatory formula, "says the Lord God" -(38:18, 21; 39:5, 8, 10, 13, 20, 29); the "seven"-time occurrence of the recognition formula (38:16, 23; 39:6f, 22f, 28); logical connectives such as "therefore" -(38:14; 39:25); and time notices such as "in that day" -(38:8, 18; 39:11)

Taking a look at the larger picture, even a casual reader notices that Gog is defeated twice, once in each chapter! What we have then is not two different events but the same event but from two different perspectives. Ezekiel 38 focuses on the setting, motives and defeat of Gog. Ezekiel 39 dwells not so much on the defeat but the spoiling and burial of Gog. This produces a bi-fold type of structure in the account of one event (such bi-fold strategy for reading Scripture is increasingly becoming a focus of scholarly interest and is applied frequently to Ezekiel). Ezekiel 38 can be broken down into five units: verses. 1-9, Gog's enlistment; verses 10-13, Gog's motives; verses 14ff, Gog's invasion; verses 17-22, Gog's defeat; vs. 23, an interpretive comment. Ezekiel 39 can also be broken down into five parts: verses 1-8, Gog's defeat; verses 9ff, Gog's spoiling; verses 11-16, Gog's incomplete burial; verses17-20, Gog as final feast; and verses. 21-29, final interpretive comments.

What should we make of Ezekiel 38-39? What is certain is that every generation of believers has looked on contemporary events as being the fulfillment for apocalyptic events such as Gog's defeat. While such attempts at reading Scripture in light of the latest newsflash from the flashpoints of the world keep the believer looking upward for Christ's return and the end of history, caution is needed. The end will come. That is certain. When the end will come is not so certain. Therefore, we live each day as the last in a manner consistent with eternal values.

The value of Ezekiel 38-39 is that it shows that <u>God is in control of history</u>. His program of redemption for the world is on track. His care for his people is constant. The defeat of Gog signals that the final enemy of God's people, Satan, will be defeated. Christ is Victor! Christians can find comfort in the fact God is in control!

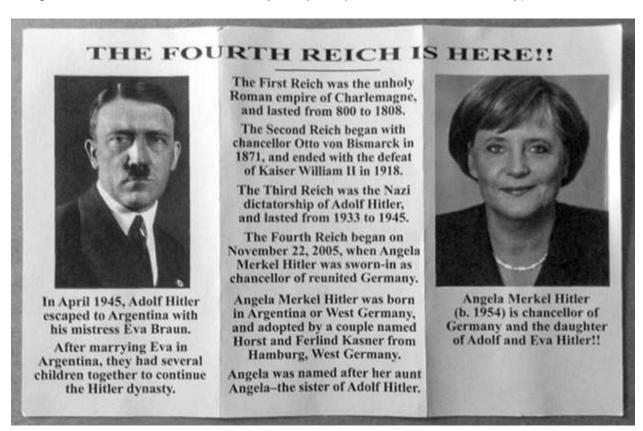
**38:1.** "And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying," The revelation formula used in Ezekiel to begin a new prophetic section is illustrated at the end of the article dealing with the Chiastic Structure. Verses 1-9 introduce the reader to the theme of Ezekiel 38-39, the threat by Gog in the future to the people of Israel.

- **38:2.** "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him," "Son of man" "Set your face against" is a phrase used in Ezekiel to express God's anger toward a nation. Gog is an apparent leader of a coalition of nations. Magog is a yet unidentified location likely in the Anatolia region. Many suggest it is ancient Lydia. The name "Magog" comes from the sons of Japheth in Genesis 10:2 and 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 1:5 along with Gomer, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras. These descendants of Japheth settled originally in lands bordering the Mediterranean and Black Seas and became founders of peoples who took their names. Meshech and Tubal were nations with whom Tyre traded -(see Ezekiel 27:13). Some interpreters take the phrase, "chief prince," to refer to the name of a person, "prince of Rosh." The motive for this translation seems to be more political than exegetical in that "Rosh" is said to be an ancient reference to Russia. No major translation and few interpreters follow that line of reasoning today. I submit that to be a serious mistake given geo-political matters currently.
- **38:3.** "And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:" God announces his opposition to Gog. "I am against you" is the same language God used against His own people (5:8), Tyre (26:3), Sidon (28:22), Pharaoh (29:3) and Edom (35:3). The phrase was part of the verbal weaponry of the prophet to be used against people who had earned God's wrath.
- 38:4. "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:" The imagery of "hooks in your jaw" is a vivid one that had a literal reality in the way captives were treated as they were taken away to the land of their captors (e.g., Ezekiel 19:4, Jehoiahaz to Egypt, and Ezekiel 19:9, Jehoiachin to Babylon). Ezekiel describes Gog's army in terms meant to impress the reader with its size and preparedness. Cavalry was not the natural component of Hebrew armies who had to face on more than one occasion a disadvantage of being without mounted troops and chariots -(cf. Exodus 14:9; Judges 4:13).
- **38:5.** "Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:" The three allies of Gog can be identified: Persia is modern Iran, Cush is the southern Egyptian and Sudan region of the Nile River valley, and Put is modern Libya. Gesenius says Genesis 10:22 says that Elam was a province of Persia, in which stood the capital city Susa –(Ezra 4:9; Daniel 8:20; and perhaps to ancient writer's it included the whole of Persia. Elam is important to us today as being Iran. Cush and Phut are two tribal names that we may not be familiar with. In some Bibles, Cush is translated Ethiopia, and that is with some justification; however, it is misleading, because what we think of as Ethiopia is denotive. Cush, Moses refers to him in Genesis 2:13. Showing that he is adjacent to the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, Gesenius points out that the Cushites were the black men. They initially populated the Arabian peninsula, and then migrated to Africa, but the term in its tribal sense is broader than what we would normally think of Ethiopia today. Cush was the first son of Ham listed in Genesis 10:6. Now Phut, was the third son of Ham in Genesis 10:6, Phut refers to the Arabic Africa. It is translated in

some Bibles as Libya. But again, what you and I know as Libya is too narrow: it really means Algeria, Tunisa, and Morocco. So, Cush and Phut together make Black Africa, and North Africa: North Africa being the Burbers, Phut being Arabic Africa, and Cush being Black Africa.

**38:6.** "Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee." Gomer is likely in Anatolia near the Black Sea. Beth Togarmah may be located in the Armenian region southeast of the Black Sea and may have traded with Tyre (see 27:14). Looking at all the allies of Gog in verses 2-6 brings out several points. Their number is "seven", implying a significant force coming against Israel. Their geographic distribution implies universality: Meshech, Tubal, Gomer and Beth Togarmah came from the north, and Persia, Cush and Put came from the east and south. Gomer is a bit easier as Gomer was the eldest son of Japheth. He was the father of Askenaz, -(Genesis 10:3). Gesenius points out that the Cimmerians lead us to the fact that Gomer is the predecessor to the Cimmerians who were indeed the predecessors to the German people. The Cimmerians were known to have settled north of the Black Sea, in the Rhine and Danube River valleys. So Gomer includes, although not limited to, Germany.

Germany today, is under the leadership of Angela Merkel (believed to be the biological daughter of Adolf Hitler, but raised by adoptive parents in East Germany).



Note the facial characteristics between Angela Merkel and Adolf Hitler in the photos below. Film and video of the two reveal further incredible similarities and mannerisms shared by both individuals. Angela Merkel has Hitler's blue eyes as well. Efforts have been made to deny any relationship; however, a huge document trail supports the suggestion she is one of two biological daughters that Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun bore. Documents state that Angela Merkel was born in the D.D.R., the Communist portion of Germany in 1954. Her biography says she was born on July 17, 1954, and that she is the daughter of a Lutheran minister from an East German-controlled church. Recently, however, Soviet KJB archive files reveal an entirely different story. Stasi GDR files indicate that she was born on April 20th, 1954, and details of her birth were included in the records of the **German Dr. Karl Klauberg**, who was one of the Nazi "death doctors" convicted by Soviet courts and imprisoned. When he later was recognized as a brilliant scientist, he was released after seven years and was recognized as the **father of artificial insemination**.





The Soviets were even more intrigued when they discovered Dr. Klauberg had preserved frozen samples of the sperm of Adolf Hitler. The forces of darkness in high places decided to try to produce a child from Hitler's sperm, obviously for occult and illuministic purposes. Dr. Klauberg then brought the youngest sister of Eva Braun (Hitler's wife), whose name was Gretl, to Eastern Germany, and the result of the experiment produced not a biological son of Hitler, but rather a daughter.

Amazingly, Adolf Hitler was born on April 20th, 1889, and Angela Merkel was born on April 20th, 1954. (April 20th is 11 days before the witches' high sabat of Beltaine.) Angela became a custodian of the Catholic Church through its connections with the East German Lutheran Church. Once a German Pope would take the Roman throne, Angela Merkel was to also take her biological father's position as German Chancellor.

On **April 20th, 2005**, the Nazi Joseph Ratzinger became Pope Benedict XVI, precisely on the 116th birthday of Adolf Hitler. Then on November 22nd, 2005, Hitler's biological daughter, Angela Merkel was elected Chancellor of Germany. She was criticized by President Trump for signing the Nord Stream II pipeline deal between Russia and Germany, rather than to buy U.S. LNG, at a more expensive price than offered by Russia. German ties with Russia undermine the position of NATO and the EU by becoming dependent on the Russian *Gazprom* source for natural gas. The German

deal was seen as a move to weaken the EU and NATO alliances. The total capacity of two pipelines of Nord Stream II is 55 billion cubic meters of gas per year. The aggregated design capacity of Nord Stream and Nord Stream II is therefore 110 billion cubic meters of gas per year. Nord Stream II begins delivering natural gas in the fall of 2019. Around 30% of EU oil imports and 39% of EU gas imports come from Russia. Germany is dependent on this oil and gas. Consider that Iran controls 15% of the oil market.

Since Germany is the modern name for Biblical Gomer, it remains to be seen how Nord Stream II might be impacted in the war of Ezekiel 38/39!

The historian Josephus points out that Ashkenaz became what were in the Russian Empire called "the Reginians" which today would include Poland, Czechoslovakia, and East Germany. Also, the Hebrew Talmud references support the same concept. So when you say "Gomer and all of his hords," you include East Germany and the Slavic countries. Togarmuh was the Turkiman tribes. Togarmuh is one of the easiest because if you are of Armenian background, they will refer to themselves as today as the "House of Togarmuh." Togarmuh itself does not limit itself just to the Armenians, but also includes according to some references, the Turkiman tribes of Central Asia. CNN will refer to the Turks as "Arabs"; however, are not the sons of Ishmael. The Turks are descendants of Japeth.

We see this phrase, "out of the North Quarters" twice, once here in 38:6 and again in 38:15 (also 39:2 says "the north parts". In the Hebrew, the word for North has been modified to imply the extreme or uttermost parts of the North. That is why, if you have a modern English translation, you may see it read a little differently. It is not just the north parts, but from "the uttermost parts of the north" is the way it is usually rendered.

Now that is why you really do not have to know about Gesenius or Pliny or Herodotus to figure out who Magog is; all you need to do is put your finger on Israel on a globe and move to the extreme north, and you come to the conclusion that Magog is in Russia. Some Bible scholars refer to this collection of characters as "the Northern Confederacy." There is a king of the south, speaking of Egypt and some other characters. And there is a Western Confederacy; i.e., the European former Roman Empire group. And there are the kings of the East. So you have a north, south, east, and west cluster in prophecy. God continues his discussion against Gog in 38:7.

**38:7.** "Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them." God calls Gog to get itself and its allies ready for battle. Their foe is to be the Lord Himself and not the vulnerable people of Israel. Who is providing the members their weapons? It is Russia. Verse 7 begins a new paragraph, a change of thought.

38:8. "After 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, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is

brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them." Two phrases, "after many days" -(cf. Isaiah 24:22) and "in the latter years," push the prophecy into a distant future. Later verses in Ezekiel 38-39 include similar phrases. The verse describes Israel as being in a restored state, at peace and safely enjoying the bounty of the land. This makes Gog's invasion a sequel to the divine acts of recovery described in Ezekiel 34-37. A sense of wrong results from this picture of a non-belligerent and seemingly unprotected people.

- 38:9. "Thou 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." The similes of cloud and storm communicate the power and size of Gog's advancing hordes. Isaiah 10:3 is as a source of Ezekiel's imagery, "What will you do in the day of visitation and in the desolation [literally, 'storm'] which shall come from far?"
- **38:10.** "Thus 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:" "Thus says the Lord God" marks the next section, verses 10-13, Gog's motives for attacking Israel. Though God has said that He is the One Who is bringing Gog to attack (see vs. 4), Gog is a very willing agent and acts without external compulsion. The plan to attack is called an evil thought evil because of Gog's desire to invade a helpless people. Verse 10 begins a new paragraph, and a change of thought.
- 38:11. "And 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," More emphasis on the unsuspecting and innocent state of Israel about to be attacked by the wicked forces of Gog. Jeremiah 49:31 pictures an attack by Babylon upon an Arabian town in similar terms, "The wealthy nation that dwells without care... which has neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone."
- **38:12.** "To 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." Gog's primary motive for attacking Israel is to loot and plunder a future prosperous country. Israel has huge wealth in natural resources and commodities. Ezekiel 36:33-36 describes the future restoration of Israel in terms of a new Garden of Eden. Its reputation of prosperity will have spread abroad to the nations around Israel. The reference to Israel being in the middle of the land is earlier found in Ezekiel 5:5. In Ezekiel 5, the context is that Israel's wickedness has been broadcast abroad. But in the future, God's work of conversion will have brought changes in both land and people.
- 38:13. "Sheba, 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 is located on the southwest corner of the Arabian peninsula. Dedan is up the western coast of Arabia on the Red Sea.

Tarshish is a location somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea; suggestions have ranged from Sardinia to Spain. These locations represent trading nations on an east to west axis who would be interested in Gog's attack. Likely, their interests were to take some of the plunder themselves. Some scholars believe that the "merchants of Tarshis" might refer to the British Isles. Many would say that the British Isles were not as active during this period. However, at the time of Joseph in Egypt, there was world trade out of the British Isles. At Stonehenge there is evidence of commerce with Greece. So the role of Britain in the ancient, early period is hard for us to really document so far. If Tarshus is Britain, they are quick to point out that "with all its young lions" implying English-speaking derivatives, maybe the United States. If it is true it is hard to document and so we would be on thin ice. At this point in the history records would best be described as being speculative and a stretch.

**38:14.** "Therefore, 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?" The next section, verses 14ff, describes the attack itself upon Israel. In characteristic Ezekielian style, the action does not proceed immediately. Rather, there are introductory formulas and a recital of previously mentioned material -(cf. vs. 8). The new twist is the use of a question to drive home Gog's wicked designs upon an unprotected people. Verse 14 begins a new paragraph, a change of thought.

**38:15.** "And 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:" Gog and many of its allies are located in the region of Anatolia (modern Turkey). A rudimentary look at a map reveals the obvious fact that Meshech, Tubal, Gomer and Beth Togarmah are to the north of Israel. Invasion from this point of the compass was a frequent direction for destructive forces -(cf. Isaiah 41:25; Jeremiah 1:13; 4:6; Ezekiel 26:7). In the Old Testament period, Assyrian, Scythian and Babylonian armies all swept down from the north. As in vs. 4, the description of Gog's forces is made more fierce by the piling on of phrases, "riding upon horses," "a great company," "a mighty army." The Hebrew word for horses means "leapers." While it is usually translated "horse" it can also mean "bird" –(Jeremiah 8:7, or even chariot rider – (Exodus 14:9). This description is simply 2,500 year old languages which describe a mechanized force. We still call motorized infantry as "armored cavalry" even today. Israel's main battle tanks are the "Merkeva" or "chariot" in Hebrew.

38:16. "And 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." The cloud imagery is repeated from vs. 9. The identification of God with the land and its people is brought out in verses 14 and 16 with the phrases, "my people" and "my land." This brings out divine patronage of Israel. He will watch over whom and what is His. God's motive for allowing Gog to attack his land and His people was the divine revelation of His holiness to the entire world. Gog would be God's willing vehicle to reveal the divine character. God is setting up a grandstand play. He did that before in Egypt with Pharaoh. He did not have to go through all the rigmarole to get the

Israelites out of the hands of Pharaoh. He predicted to Moses when He first called him that they wouldn't hear and what He was going to do. He set the whole thing up to dramatize His power on behalf of Israel. When you read the book of Exodus it is interesting when you study it carefully, the relationship of God and those plagues. He is setting it up to demonstrate His Hand on Israel. And again we have the same thing happening here in Ezekiel. The pattern theme is both colorful and poignant

- **38:17.** "Thus 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?" The opening formula again signals a new section, verses 17-22, and Gog's defeat. This verse has raised many questions about which pre-exilic prophetic text which speaks about Gog is in view. The question posed to Gog expects, not an affirmative answer, but a negative one. Gog was not the long-prophesied foe from the north. Such prophecies were fulfilled by the Assyrians and Babylonians. Gog may try to view his invasion as being prophesied by God's spokespersons, but he would be misapplying them to himself. The prophet is Ezekiel. What God is saying to the Russians is "who was one of the prophets of old?"
- 38:18. "And 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." While the pre-exilic warnings about a foe from the north coming to judge God's people did in fact take place, Gog's attack from the north would fail. This time God would be opposed to the attacker -(contrast Lamentations 2:5). No longer would His "my fury" be directed against Israel (as in 5:13 or 6:12), but it would be directed to Israel's enemy. Verse 18 begins a new paragraph, a new thought. We glibly talk about God, the Creator of the universe. If you are on a sailboat during a storm, or near the epicenter during an earthquake, you become suddenly sensitive to the great power of God. But can we imagine what it would be like to experience God getting angry? "My fury shall come up in my face."
- **38:19.** "For 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;" More words of strong emotion, "my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath," describe the Lord's aroused opposition to Gog's evil intentions. Divine anger is associated in the Old Testament with earthquakes -(cf. Isaiah 24:17-20; 29:6). Ezekiel employs a number of natural phenomena throughout the book to display God's wrath: rainstorm -(13:11ff); ocean tempest -(27:26); Nile drying up -(30:12); and the sun, moon and stars darkening (32:7f). This might mean an earthquake, or it might derive from other things that are happening.
- 38:20. "So 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." The list of living creatures to be affected by God's earthquake against Gog reads like the creation account in Genesis 1. An even better parallel is the effect of

Noah's flood which killed every type of land creature -(Genesis 7:23). The listing of nonliving things (mountains, cliffs and walls) adds to the magnitude of the quake. The effects of earthquakes upon land formations and buildings were a common experience for the ancients. Amos 1:1 dates his prophetic book by one such event. Ezekiel uses the verb "to tear down," "to overturn," to describe the fall of the mountains; elsewhere he uses the verb to describe the fall of walls -(13:14), high places of pagan worship -(16:39) and foundations of buildings -(30:4). We have no idea what this would measure on our Richter scale. We are going to see in Chapter 39 a little more definition of what is being mentioned here. Obviously, it will make an impression on everyone.

**38:21.** "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." "Sword" is a common metaphor, or symbol, for God's use of warfare to bring destruction -(e.g., Ezekiel 21 is dominated by "the sword of the Lord," the coming of the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar against Jerusalem). The picture of Gog's forces turning against themselves can be compared to the confusion that Gideon caused against the Midianites -(Judges 7:22) or that Jonathan created with his attack on the Philistines -(1st Samuel 14:20). Today, death by one's own military forces is referred to being caused by "friendly fire." Such would be the case with Gog—death by "friendly fire." In other word, part of what will be defeating them will be the confusion among themselves. By the way, that happened frequently in Biblical battles. I saw recently in the news such an event occurred in Afghanistan where U.S. troops wiped out an Afghan defense team, not knowing they were "friendlies".

**38:22.** "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." This verse returns to the theme of vs. 20, divinely generated natural disasters that would strike Gog's armies. The list of God's weapons (plagues, bloodshed, rain, hailstones and burning sulphur) is a verbal crescendo of destruction that anticipates the levels of judgments seen in the book of Revelation -(cf. the seven bowls of wrath in Revelation 16). The word for "hailstones," ironically is a composite word from "pearls of God" and is found only in the Old Testament in Ezekiel -(here and in 13:11, 13). Who will God enter judgment against? Gog, the leader of Magog.

38:23. "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." The last verse of the chapter is an interpretive comment that picks up the purpose for Gog's defeat that is mentioned in vs. 16 - the revelation of God's greatness and holiness to the world. The closing line is the recognition formula used throughout Ezekiel. Gog's defeat would be a horrendous display of the acts of God's wrath against an evil invader seeking easy wealth from a prosperous people. A word of caution should be noted in trying to apply theological interpretations to contemporary natural disasters, or man-made disasters through the use of geo-engineering. We do believe that God is Lord of the earth. He made it with all its weather patterns, earthquakes and volcanoes. What is less clear is to label a particular natural disaster as occurring as the result of God's wrath against some

people, city or nation. In Luke 13:4, Jesus refers to the fall of a tower at Siloam that killed eighteen people. Jesus noted that those people did not die because they were the most-wicked people in the city. Apart from divine revelation, such events remain a mystery to our human understanding. The frequency of tornados in the U.S. this spring was over 500 in a short span of time, and that is not a natural occurrence, but reflects patterns of geo-engineering the weather. The southeast U.S. received a month's rain in two days in early June. On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> here in central Kentucky, my next-door neighbor's rain gauge registered 5-inches of rain in just over an hour. When we finish Chapter 39, you will see why "they will know that I am the Lord." This act will impress Israel. It is obviously going to impress what remains of Magog. I suspect, if you and I are still around, we would take notice as well. Chapter 38 is just the introduction. We will learn most about this event in the cleanup of the mess afterwards, in Chapter 39.

- **39:1.** "Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:" This verse begins the second half of the two chapters -(Ezekiel 38-39), which present an apocalyptic account of a future invasion of Israel by a coalition of armies led by Gog. Ezekiel 38 deals with the composition, motives and defeat of Gog's armies by God's intervention. Ezekiel 39:1-8 also describes Gog's fall, but the subsequent verses present the aftermath of this failed invasion. Like Ezekiel 38, this chapter begins with opening formulas commonly found in Ezekiel (see comments on 38:1).
- 39:2. "And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:" There is a compression in Ezekiel 38:3-16 of references to God's role in bringing Gog to Israel from the far north where Gog and most of his allies are from (see verses. 2-6). The phrase, "mountains of Israel," appears in Ezekiel from different perspectives: a place of God's judgment against Israel for their idolatry -(e.g., 6:2f) and a place where God would bring back His people to restore them -(34:13f; 36:1ff.). Here, God would finally display His power and holiness to the watching world -(see 38:16, 23).
- **39:3.** "And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand." Referring to the way in which right-handed warriors use bow and arrows, the Lord metaphorically prophesied the defeat of Gog's forces. Bows and arrows stand for military might and capabilities. Similarly, in Psalm 76:3 the psalmist sings the praises of God Who has disarmed the bows and arrows arrayed against Jerusalem; in Jeremiah 49:35 the prophet prophesies that the "bow" of Elam will be broken.
- **39:4.** "Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured." Gog's vast number of troops -(see 38:9) would not prevail against the Lord. Their fallen bodies would become the source of food for carrion-eating animals. Verses 17-20 expand this matter.

- **39:5.** "Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD." There would be no safe haven for Gog's troops. Death would occur on the mountains of Israel -(vs. 4) and on the open plain. God's own spoken words are a form of oath-taking that the matter is assured. "Lord God" (see comments on 37:3).
- **39:6.** "And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD." Burning sulphur/brimstone is mentioned in Ezekiel 38:22. Here the word for fire, (is a more common term that could apply to lightning as well -(cf. Genesis 19:24; Exodus 9:23). "Magog" -(see my comments on 38:2). Coastlands/isles refer to lands bordering or islands in the Mediterranean Sea -(Ezekiel 26:15, 18; 27:3, 6f). The point seems to be that God's destruction of Gog would spread to the lands from which the armies of Gog came.
- 39:7. "So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel." Similar emphasis to the holiness of God is found in 38:16, 23. Also in Ezekiel 36:20-23, the concern for the holiness of God's name/reputation motivates God to promise to bring His people back from captivity. His defeat of Gog would have an impact upon both his people and the nations. The language of "knowing" God is a variation of the recognition formula that is found throughout Ezekiel. This is the event that God uses, that Chapters 36 and 37 anticipate, to shake up Israel spiritually. When this war is over, they are going to understand that they were delivered, but not by their wits or military prowess, or their training, or their technology, but by the Hand of God. **EVERYBODY** is going to be aware of what will be going on.
- **39:8.** "Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken." The tone is one of urgent warning. This defeat of Gog would happen. Ezekiel 7 is filled with similar language of the coming day of the Lord's judgment of Judah. It happened as prophesied. So too would this day of Gog's judgment.
- **39:9.** "And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:" The next two verses describe the plundering of Gog's fallen forces. However literally or symbolically an interpreter understands Ezekiel 38-39, Ezekiel must be viewed from the perspective of his times. Most ancient weaponry was made of or incorporated wood into their construction: bows, arrows, spears, spear throwers, clubs, chariots, sword/knife handles and shields. That the wood from these implements would provide seven years of fuel emphasizes the vast number of troops fallen in battle. The use of "seven" in the number of weapons and the length of years they provided Israel's fuel connote completeness and also refer to a sabbatical rest given to the trees and forests of Israel. The would-be plunderer would be plundered instead. Verse 9 begins a new paragraph, and a new thought. This seems ridiculous. First of all, how do you "burn" shields and swords? But you are going to burn weapons for seven years!

- **39:10.** "So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD." So not only 5/6ths of the Russians and their allied forces going to be wiped out, but the weapons left over are going to be gathered by Israel to provide all the energy they will need for seven years! The implication is that these weapons would be nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons could provide more than seven years, but perhaps after seven years they will not be needed. The implication of the seven-year Tribulation. What you may not know is that the shelf life of a production Russian nuclear warhead is seven years.
- 39:11. "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog." Verses 11-16 envision the massive work of the burial parties who after Gog's defeat would be employed for years. The bodies of the dead would be buried in an area to the east of a sea (Mediterranean?) or the Dead Sea and given a new name to commemorate the vast numbers of the dead. This area or valley would be dedicated to those killed in the battle. The burial mound or pile would fill the valley, blocking any further travel through it. The official name would be the "Valley of Hamon Gog" (the Hordes of Gog). Verse 11 begins a new paragraph, and a new thought.
- **39:12.** "And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land." Another instance of the number "seven". It communicates the idea that the job of purifying the land would be accomplished. The dead bodies of the invaders must be taken care of before the people could resume their normal lives free from ceremonial pollution caused by the dead.
- **39:13.** "Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD." The whole population would be involved in the task. This would reinforce to them that God had acted on their behalf to save them from disaster. A new holiday would be added to the religious calendar.
- 39:14. "And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search." Even with the entire population employed in the task, the job of burying the dead would require a contingent of people to continue. These burial squads would canvass the land for the dead.
- 39:15. "And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog." Some of the burial squads would act as spotters to mark the location of

human remains, others as gravediggers to take the remains to the designated valley for official burial. Such a task could take an extended period of time. It is customary in the hours and days following a battle to mark or flag unexploded ordinance for detonation by bomb disposal teams.

39:16. "And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land." Again, rather than this being some obscure place, the location is most likely Jerusalem. The primary argument is that "Hamonah," which is a feminine form of the Hebrew word for "multitude," is an echo of Ezekiel 7:12ff. There the word "multitude" is found three times and refers to the "hordes" of sinning multitudes of people in Jerusalem. There is a certain sense of completeness that the place where God's name had been so badly ill-respected would be the place where Gog's hordes were defeated and buried. The cleansing of the city then prepared the way for Ezekiel 40-48 and the vision of not only a new Temple in Jerusalem but also a new name for it, Yahweh-Shamma "The Lord is there" -(48:35). Now what is not obvious here, unless you study it carefully, is that they wait seven months before entering the area, and then that they do not go in casually. The King James is calling these men professionals. These will not be amateurs, nor part-timers, they will know what they are doing. These will be professionals called in to bury the bones, downwind, east of the Dead Sea. If someone traveling through spots a bone that was missed, he is not to touch it, but to put up a sign by it so the professionals can bury it downwind! This was interesting technology for Ezekiel. I would not get hung up on the language. Remember, 2,600 years ago, a Hebrew Prophet moved by the Lord, saw a day when the Nation of Israel would be regathered in the land after it had laid waste for a long time. They were gathered in unbelief, and so God takes such an interest in Israel, that He stages an event to get their attention and show everyone who is really in charge. The event He is going to stage is to have Russia, with a most interesting list of allies, move against the land, and get clobbered with a technology that shakes the whole earth, and fire will fall upon Magog and a lot of other people as well. They are going to spend seven months before they even go into that battle area, after which they will send professionals to bury the dead carefully by special procedures.

39:17. "And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood." Verses 17-20 take the defeat of Gog's hordes one step beyond the organized burial parties. Despite the best efforts to systematically locate, move and bury the dead, there would be too much work. Ezekiel was asked to call out to the carrion-eating birds and animals to finish the job. This is first mentioned in vs. 4 and is expanded here. The language for this invitation comes from the sacrificial system. In a grotesque parody, Ezekiel describes this call as one great big sacrifice, but instead of animals, dead soldiers would be the sacrifices. Keep in mind that verses 17-20 are meant to be read as "a literary cartoon, and realism may be sacrificed for rhetorical effect". Verse 17 begins a new paragraph, and a new thought.

- **39:18.** "Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan." The parody continues with an appeal to these creatures; they could have the pick of humanity. Bashan was well-known for its herds grazing on its fertile fields. For instance, Amos refers to a class of wicked women as "cows of Bashan" -(Amos 4:1). Next, we come to one of those passages that so often show up both here and in Revelation, and elsewhere, where we see the Feast of predators, scavengers cleaning up, who feast on the carrion. Carrion birds are vultures, and likely include birds that migrate through Israel flying south in the fall or flying north in the spring.
- **39:19.** "And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you." In one more gross caricature not only would there be "quality" but there would also be quantity of blood and flesh for the scavenging creatures to eat and drink.
- **39:20.** "Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD." A pattern of paired items is seen in verses 17-20: vs. 17, birds and animals, flesh and blood; vs. 18, mighty men and princes, rams and lambs, goats and bulls; vs. 19, eat and drink; and vs. 20, horses and riders, mighty men and soldiers. The land of Israel is called "my table," another crude metaphor when speaking of the place where a great human carnage had taken place. Throughout verses 17-20, there is created a sense of emotional dissonance: on the one hand is the language of a great sacrificial feast such as enjoyed by Israel in seasons of celebration (e.g., Nehemiah 8:12), but on the other hand is the gruesome imagery of human flesh and blood being the main course! Ezekiel's intention is not to glorify what would happen to Gog, but in fact, to make us feel the horror of the event. People are going to die in unbelievable numbers.
- **39:21.** "And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them." Verses 21-28 summarize and give final interpretation to the apocalyptic vision of Gog. This section reviews the messages of both judgment and restoration communicated faithfully to the people throughout Ezekiel's prophetic ministry. It is a synopsis of the entire Book. God's "glory" in Ezekiel has been the display of His power and might as revealed in the opening chapters -(cf. 1:28; 3:23; 8:4). In the defeat of Gog's mighty forces, the might of God would be revealed to be massive and beyond human calculation. All the world would learn a lesson about Israel's God, a theme that reoccurs in Ezekiel 38-39 -(38:16, 23; 39:27). The punishment/judgment refers to the defeat of Gog due to the covetous and cruel nature of Gog's motives for invading a peaceful land -(cf. 38:10-13). Verse 21 begins a new paragraph, and a new thought.
- **39:22.** "So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward." God was not only concerned about an increased depth of knowledge of Himself among the nations but also about His own people's spiritual understanding -(cf. 39:7, 13). The big question is: Has that happened yet? A few say that this refers to an attack by the ancient Scythians back centuries past. Simply put,

that is nonsense, since it does not fit the required conditions. It has to be after they have been regathered from many nations. I have not seen any Scythians attack Israel since 1948, so far. But furthermore, as a result of this battle, "Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day forward." Do they know that today? Not as a Nation!

- 39:23. "And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword." A summary of much of Ezekiel's own prophetic ministry of warning about the coming Babylonian conquests of Judah and giving it a proper interpretation from God's point of view -(cf. 20:32-38; 36:17-21). The phrase "hid I my face" expresses God's attitude of rejection of His own people because of their sinfulness -(cf. Isaiah 54:8; Jeremiah 33:5). As it turned out, this turning away was but for a moment.
- **39:24.** "According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them." In chapter after chapter, Ezekiel sets forth God's prosecution of Israel. They were rebellious -(Ezekiel 2). They were idolatrous -(Ezekiel 8). They were ungrateful of God's blessings -(Ezekiel 16). Their kings were ungodly and unfaithful -(Ezekiel 17 and 19). They trusted in their own abilities to deal with other nations -(Ezekiel 23).
- **39:25.** "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;" Even from the beginning of his prophetic ministry, Ezekiel had spoken of God's eventual deliverance of the people from captivity -(cf. 11:17-20). At the heart of God's saving acts is concern for the true knowledge of His character. One of those aspects is His zeal/jealousy for being recognized as the only true God -(cf. Exodus 34:14). Verse 25 begins a new paragraph, and a new thought.
- **39:26.** "After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid." "Disgrace," was the proper attitude that Judah should have had toward their behavior. Their spiritual adultery in Ezekiel 16, in particular, focuses on shame as the result of their behavior -(verses 52, 54, and 56). But now God was looking forward to a new day when they would have learned their lessons and become a repentant changed people.
- 39:27. "When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;" More re-emphasis of familiar themes in Ezekiel. For example, God's promise to gather His people is found throughout the Book -(cf. 11:17; 16:37; 20:34, 41; 28:25; 34:13; 36:24; 37:21).
- 39:28. "Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their

own land, and have left none of them anymore there." "Then will they know that I am the Lord their God" is the recognition formula found often in Ezekiel -(e.g., 6:7, 10, 14). This expression is found 54X in the book of Ezekiel.

**39:29.** "Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD." Twice earlier in this section, God mentions His earlier recourse of hiding Hs face (verses 23f). Now this posture would be changed. His "about face" would result in blessing for Israel. The mention of the Spirit recalls God's promise given in 36:27 and 37:14. His own divine presence would reside again with His people. This anticipates the divine glory returning in Ezekiel 43. "The house of Israel" is Ezekiel's frequent reference to the Hebrew people of either the northern kingdom of Israel or the southern kingdom of Judah. So often the phrase in Ezekiel is associated with their sinful ways -(e.g., 6:11; 8:6), but now they would become recipients of God's Holy Spirit -(cf. Joel 2:28-32). Just as John's visions of the awful plagues and judgments bring a sense of horror to us as we read the book of Revelation, so should these two chapters. There should be no sense of jubilation or triumphalism over the death of sinners, even over the death of the likes of Gog's hordes. Such apocalyptic images in Scripture should cause the believer to work harder for the gospel while it is yet the spiritual day of grace.

Now, if you have any doubts that a war with Iran is not on the schedule, then consider this report posted today on June 13, 2019. **The Panama-flagged Kokuka Courageous is believed to have been targeted by a magnetic mine causing a series of massive explosions on board.** Video appears to have confirmed Iran's responsibility!

Iran loves to play games of cat-and-mouse, boldly provoking one moment and fervently denying any involvement the next. That seems to be what's happening in the Middle East today, as tensions between the United States and the terror-supporting nation of Tehran edge ever closer to conflict.

**FROM THE UK SUN:** All 44 sailors on the two ships were rescued after sending out distress signals picked up by the US Navy's Bahrain-based Fifth Fleet, it has been reported. They are believed to have been taken to Iran.

The Norwegian shipping firm Frontline, which owns the *Altair*, has denied Iranian reports that the tanker had sunk. The ship was built in 2016 and is flagged to the Marshall Islands – a US associated state in the Pacific Ocean.

Chartered by Taiwan's state oil refiner CPC Corp, the huge vessel set sail from the UAE port of Ruwais on Tuesday and was due to arrive in Kaohsiung on June 30.

Speaking to Reuters, the CEO of CPC's petrochemical division Wu I-Fang said the tanker was "suspected of being hit by a torpedo." He said it was carrying 75,000 tons of naphtha, a petrochemical feedstock, which trade sources estimate to be worth more than \$30 million.

It comes as tensions in the Persian Gulf between the United States and Iran are threatening to reach boiling point. In recent weeks, Washington has sent a number of warships to the region in response to what it says are Iranian threats against American interests and its allies in the region. The USS Bainbridge a destroyer and the USS Mason a guided-missile destroyer was dispatched to aid in the rescue of crew members of both ships.

The **Kokuka Courageous** had set sail from Al Jubail in Saudi Arabia on June 10 and was due to reach Singapore by June 22. Oil prices soared by 3.5 per cent following news of the explosions, according to first reports.



### **TENSIONS RISING**

Iran's foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif branded the explosions as "suspicious" calling them "reported attacks on Japan-related oil tankers." He said the incident had happened as Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei was meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, a close American ally.

The US Navy's 5th Fleet said it is aware of a "reported attack" in the area and is investigating. A statement said: "US naval forces in the region received two separate distress calls at 6.12 am local time and a second one at 7.00 am. US Navy ships are in the area and are rendering assistance."

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations, which is run by the British Navy, urged "extreme caution" and said it was investigating the incident.

"We are deeply concerned by reports of explosions and fires on vessels in the Gulf of Oman. We are in contact with local authorities and partners in the region." Authorities do not believe that any British nationals were on the two ships.



A huge fire rages on board the Front Altair after it was reportedly hit by a torpedo in the Gulf of Oman.

A UK Foreign Office spokesperson said: "We are deeply concerned by reports of explosions and fires on vessels in the Gulf of Oman. We are in contact with local authorities and partners in the region."

This comes after the US claimed Iran used explosives to blow huge holes in four ships – including two Saudi oil tankers – anchored in the Persian Gulf last month.

The **ships reportedly had ruptures measuring up to ten foot across** in their hulls as a result of the May 12 sabotage attacks.

In a press conference that immediately evoked memories of the lead-up to the 2003 invasion of Iraq, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Thursday claimed Iran was behind alleged attacks on two oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman without presenting one single shred of evidence.

The attack certainly bears the hallmark and capabilities of previous aggressive actions undertaken by Iran and its paramilitary cohorts in the Persian Gulf.

But questions abound over who actually stands to benefit most from an attack in a region beset by violence and convoluted proxy conflicts raged between and Iran and Saudi Arabia and its allies.

Was the attack carried out by Iran, or other Gulf states seeking to sow conflict — or did the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps operate outside of Tehran's directives to further its own agenda? The fact is this is a Biblical "Spiritual War" intended to provoke a war between nations. This has all the earmarks of a forthcoming War described in Ezekiel 38/39.

Pompeo said his department is confident of Iran's culpability due to "our intelligence, the weapons used, the level of expertise needed to execute the operation, recent similar Iranian attacks on shipping, and the fact that no proxy group operating in the area has the resources and proficiency to act with such a high degree of sophistication." He provided no additional evidence. Critics of President Donald Trump have accused his administration of rushing towards a war with Iran, and escalating tensions with hyperbolic language and accusations.

Following reports of suspected attacks on two oil tankers moving through the vitally important Strait of Hormuz early Thursday morning, crude oil prices jumped four percent by the end of day. Following that initial spike, oil prices settled back slightly.

The Strait is the only water passage from the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea and ultimately the Indian Ocean, and as a result a third of the world's LNG (liquefied natural gas) and almost 20 percent of the world's crude passes through the 21-mile-wide channel.

The early reports from the British 'Daily Telegraph' were ambiguous, repeatedly noting that the attacks were "suspect" and resulted not only in the spike in crude oil prices on exchanges in London and the United States but also raised "the already heightened tensions in the Middle East." According to Taiwan's state-owned oil company, one of the tankers, the Front **Altair**, was "suspected of being hit by a torpedo." Other reports suggested the attack was from limpet mines, (picture below) incendiary devices that can be attached to a ship's hull by strong magnets and then triggered remotely.

Initial photographs suggest that the damage inflicted on both tankers was far from fatal, being above the water line of each ship. Smoke and fire obscured the views, but the owner of the other tanker (the *Kokura Courageous*), Bernhard Shulte issued a statement that the damage sustained was minor and that all crew members were safe. He said the ship "is not in any danger of sinking [and] the cargo of methanol is intact."

Video Proof has been released by the United States Military, proving conclusively that a vessel from the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corp, responding to a

MAYDAY from a ship which had exploded, REMOVED a mis-fired Limpet Mine from the Hull of that ship to hide the evidence that Iran was responsible for the Bombings of unarmed merchant vessels. We have the video! This was posted by Hal Turner of the New York web site of Hal Turner News.

U.S. Central Command spokesman Capt. Bill Urban released a timeline and photographs suggesting that the U.S. military observed Iranian vessels returning to the tanker to retrieve the unexploded mine. The video footage was taken from a U.S. Navy P-8 Poseidon intelligence aircraft.

At 4:10 p.m. local time an IRGC Gashti Class patrol boat approached the M/T **Kokuka Courageous** and was observed and recorded removing the unexploded limpet mine" from the **Courageous**, Urban said.

This is, without doubt, the most significant proof imaginable of Iran's direct government involvement in the attack. This is "state-sponsored" terrorism.

In the video released from US Central Command (CENTCOM). In the very first few seconds of the video, you can see an Iran Naval Vessel pulled-up to the side of the larger oil tanker. But instead of doing anything to assist the crew of that vessel, the Iranians are seen removing a small device from the outside of the vessel's hull: a LIMPET MINE . . . a mine designed to attach magnetically to a ship hull, then blow up either by timer or by remote control detonator.



The only people who could remove such a mine after it is magnetically attached, are the people with the key to it; THE ONES WHO ATTACHED IT. Otherwise it would blow up when they tried to take it off. That's how these mines are designed to work.

When the device is removed, you can clearly see scorch marks on the ship hull here the mine burned when mis-firing. Who would know the mine mis-fired except the people who put it there? Who would have the keys to remove it except the people who put it there?

It is absolutely clear the Iranians are removing something from the ship's hull. The images above show the typical LIMPET MINES available to governments on the world market today:

The bombing of unarmed Merchant Vessels by a state-run military, during peace time, is an Act of War.

The government of Iran has committed an act of war and has been caught red-handed, on video, doing so.

The world will now be required to act on what now is clearly a case of state-sponsored terrorism on the high seas.



The globalists continue to push for war.

Had Hillary been elected, we probably would be mired in several of them by now. Fortunately she lost but the globalist Deep State still promotes war and they will continue to commit false flags to lure America into them. The propaganda will continue to fly about Iran and there will be much confusion. Some will urge war with that theocratic state while others will recommend restraint.

But the election of Donald J. Trump is proving to be as bad, if not more, once you read the "Millennium Report" that I have linked to on the very last page of this article. I suggest that you begin to prepare for the Ezekiel 38/39 War.

## Evidence and Facts that will bear heavily in the decision to go to war with Iran:

- #1 Reason The Rothschild's want to install a Rothschild Central Bank in Syria and Iran! (When the Rothschild's set up a Rothschild Central Bank, they steal the country's gold replacing the national currency with a Rothschild 'fiat' currency.) Their (modus operandi) system is based upon a fractional-reserve banking system that puts a country into perpetual debt.
- President Donald J. Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner are in debt to the House of Rothschild's through their banks in Europe and the U.S. We are talking billions of dollars. Jared Kushner was exposed in early June 2019 of accepting \$90 million from unnamed foreign sources; This is a no-no [illegal] for any U.S. official adviser to the President. Jared Kushner owes the Rothschild's \$250-million on previous loans. The Rothschild's hold the paper on virtually all of President Trump's loans.
- 4 countries: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Syria do not have Rothschild central banks. Trump put sanctions on Cuba. He has dealt with North Korea by trying to make a real estate deal to develop NK with casinos, hotels, tourist travel, and all the trappings of a developed western nation.
- 'Israel Today' stated in April, 2019, that the U.S. would begin a war with Iran. It gave specifics on troops, weapons, time-frame, etc.
- David Elias Goldberg exposed the 'Israel Today' plan whereby the U.S. would commit 120,000 troops to a war with Iran. The U.S. would use 100 nukes to destroy Iran. All of David Elias Goldberg's videos on You Tube were taken down (removed) by Google, and all evidence from David

Goldberg has disappeared as of the first week of June. He had reported being poisoned but emergency medical treatment averted his death. His White House source who worked in the White House communications office, a Jewish lady, was fired for leaking the story about a coming Trump war on Iran. [David Elias Goldberg was found dead in his New York City apartment on June 8, 2019 by a neighbor friend]

- One of the most recent Goldberg videos quoted Benjamin Netanyahu stating that if President Trump did not start a war with Iran that "we will flush him down the toilet."
- President Donald J. Trump converted to Chabad Judaism about three years ago. His daughter Ivanka, wife of Jared Kushner, converted to Chabad Judaism four or five years ago.
- Zionist-Chabad Judaism, being an ultra-orthodox sect in Judaism, has been pressing Bibi Netanyahu since the late 1990's to bring them their Messiah, and it's not Jesus Christ. It will be the fake Antichrist. They are willing to risk global war to achieve that goal.
- Now with two incidents of ship attacks by mines in the seas near the Straits of Hormuz, a pattern is beginning to emerge that will be seen as a prelude to War. Another attack or two will undoubtedly spike tension and the price of oil coming from the region. Insurance coverage in good times has been \$25,000 a day and upwards of \$75,000 in times of hostility!
- The release of U.S. Navy film footage (aerial view) showing an Iranian IRGC boat pulling alongside and removing proof of the mis-fired Limpit mines eliminates any doubt as to the party responsible for the ships attack. The Navy film footage was released to the world on Friday, June 14, 2019.
- The Iranians have now handed to President Trump the very reason for the U.S. to launch a war with Iran. President Trump was visually gleaming on Friday morning in his remarks to the media. With this President Trump now holds all the cards in this high-stakes game. The video, recorded by a U.S Navy P-8 Poseidon surveillance aircraft, appears to have caught the Iranians red-handed, trying to remove the evidence that would directly link the Guard Corps to the coordinated attack on two tankers yesterday in the Gulf of Oman near the Strait of Hormuz.
- Read the linked article at the close of this article; it is from the "Millennium Report", a True Patriot Movement site. It is found on the last page of this article. This has ramifications that become as predictive of a war with Iran as Ezekiel 38/39 confirms will happen! I never bet against the Word of God, nor should you! Click on the link for an eye-opening article about President Trump's sell-out and blackmail by Mossad. After the link comes

up just scroll down a short piece to the beginning of an article that will shake and shock you about Don the Con! I have mentioned my concerns about Donald J. Trump in several of my last articles. I believe this will lead us up to the Ezekiel 38/39 scenario.

Even before the smoking gun video was released, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said there was no question who was behind the attacks, "based on intelligence, the weapons used, the level of expertise needed to execute the operation, recent similar Iranian attacks on shipping and the fact that no proxy group operating in the area has the resources and proficiency to act with such a high degree of sophistication."

Pompeo accused Iran of making good on its threat to disrupt shipping through the vital Strait of Hormuz and laid out a timeline of events which he blamed on Iran or its proxies.

April 22 — Iran vows to interrupt the flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz.

Early May — Iran's IRGC attempts the covert deployment of modified dhows capable of launching missiles.

May 12 — U.S. accuses Iran of attacking four commercial ships near the Strait of Hormuz.

May 14 — Iran-backed surrogates using armed drones, strike two strategically-important oil pipelines in Saudi Arabia.

May 19 — A rocket lands near the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

May 31 — A car bomb in Afghanistan wounds four U.S. troops, kills four Afghan civilians and wounds bystanders.

June 12 — Iranian surrogates fired a missile into Saudi Arabia, striking the arrivals terminal of an international airport, injuring 26 people.

"Taken as a whole, these unprovoked attacks present a clear threat to international peace and security, a blatant assault on the freedom of navigation and an unacceptable campaign of escalating tension by Iran," Pompeo said.

Pompeo said the U.S. would raise the issue at the U.N. Security Council, and said the U.S. will "defend its forces, interests, and stand with our partners," and called upon "all nations threatened by Iran's provocative acts to join us in that endeavor."

IRAN'S DENIALS: Iran has denied responsibility for the attacks and even suggested that it's being set up. "Obviously, accusing Iran of such a suspicious and unfortunate incident is the simplest and the most convenient way for Pompeo and other U.S. officials," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi, according to Reuters. "These accusations are alarming."

In a statement Thursday from its mission to the United Nations, Iran blamed the U.S. for the rising tensions between the two countries. "The U.S. economic war and terrorism against the Iranian people as well as its massive military presence in the region have been and continue to be the main sources of insecurity and instability in the wider Persian Gulf region and the most significant threat to its peace and security," the statement said, according to the AP.

HYBRID THREAT: The actions attributed to Iran fit a pattern of asymmetric attacks that are a hallmark of Iran's doctrine of hybrid warfare, says the highly-regarded military strategy expert Anthony Cordesman, in a commentary published yesterday by the Center for Strategic & International Studies.

"Iran also does not have to launch a major war. It can conduct sporadic, low-level attacks that do not necessarily provoke a major U.S. or Arab reaction, but create sudden risk premiums in petroleum prices and the equivalent of a war of attrition," Cordesman writes "Tankers are inherently vulnerable to relatively small anti-ship missiles and UCAVs, and attacks by submersibles and radio-controlled small craft filled with high explosives. Iran can plant 'smart' mines in the bottom of tanker routes that can detect large tankers and home in on them and be set to arm at widely spaced intervals."

"These methods of 'hybrid' attack can be carried by individual ships and dhows that are not part of Iran's armed forces, that do not have Iranian flags or operators wearing Iranian uniforms, and that cannot be directly tied to actions by the Iranian government."



At the very least, the U.S. military will use the attack as an excuse to continue its escalation of personnel in one of the most sensitive waterways for the global oil trade. According to the EIA, 19% of all oil traded by sea passes through the Strait of Hormuz but it is closer to 35% based on petroleum newspapers.

With John Bolton probably already in Trump's ear, trying to convince him that "the nuclear option" (that is, actually nuking Iran) finally needs to be put back on the table, western investors hoping to cash in on the escalation have few options to turn to (that is, other than going long oil, but even that trade appears to have its limits, as today's move would suggest).

Worst case, it looks like NSA John Bolton may have just gotten the excuse he needs to justify a full-scale invasion of Iran, which we imagine will soon be confirmed as being behind the attacks.

And while others urge us to keep our eyes and mind wide open, suggesting this could very well have been a false flag attack, we're surprised that even Yahoo News is reporting that Iran had very little to gain from carrying out these attacks though fingers are already pointing at them. Will those seeking war with Iran at any and all costs get their wish? Once again, from Zero Hedge.

Last evening, Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Hal Turner reported that Iranian Navy boats had circled the two tankers currently adrift and have blocked access to the ship. *"Iran Navy Surrounding Bombed Oil Ship; Refusing to allow it to be moved or inspected."* 

Just two days prior, Russian President Vladimir Putin issued a public warning, "Something Catastrophic is Coming".

I read those statements, and others identified as facts and evidence that will weigh in a decision to go to war with Iran as a prelude to a "Pre-emptive" strike on the part of the coalition I have just identified in my exegesis of Ezekiel 38/39 above. Keep in mind that Putin has more than once made statements to the effect: "If you know someone is going to attack you, you attack first!" You don't need to have a Ph.D. to understand his words!

While many were looking at the possibility of a Pentecost Rapture, I had been writing this for several weeks considering what I thought just might be a Rosh Hashanah Rapture, September 28/29, 2019. That seems to be a potential time for two primary reasons: The 12 Hebrew "idioms" associated with the Feast of Trumpets or Rosh Hashanah or Yom Teruah. The other point was made by David Goldberg's exposed *'Israel Today'* news story that Trump would invade/attack Iran in the fall. We have roughly 90 days until Rosh Hashanah.

Study all the evidence and information I have provided from reputable sources. Be sure to read yesterday's "Millennium Report" link below. You are free to share this information with others. My dad used to say, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink". Everyone must decide for themselves the importance of what I have shared. Before I end here, I remind you that if this is the war of Ezekiel 38/39 on the near horizon; that the kings of the East (China and North Korea) are likely to come against the United States from their side of the globe. They remain multi-polar [defiant of the Rothschild plan for global government] and a uni-polar world. The Ezekiel 38/39 scenario precludes the United States as a "player". America the Babylon is described in Revelation 17 and 18, along with Jeremiah 50 and 51, and Isaiah 13 and 47. There are at over 100 verses of Scripture that speak to America as modern-day Mystery, Babylon the Great:

The following Scriptures that metaphorically and factually identify New York and America (USA) as Mystery (Commercial) Babylon, Daughter of Babylon and Babylon.

- 1. Babylon would be an END TIME GREAT NATION -(Revelation 17,18; Isaiah 13:6).
- 2. Babylon would have a huge seaport city within its borders -(Revelation 18:17).
- 3. The Great City Babylon is the home of a world government attempt -(Revelation 14:9; 17:18).
- 4. The Great City Babylon would be the economic nerve center of the world (Revelation 18:3).
- 5. -Babylon would be the center of a one world Luciferian religious movement (Jeremiah 51:44).

6. Babylon would be the center for the move to a global economic order - (Revelation 13:16).

#### **BABYLON THE NATION**

- 1. Babylon would be the youngest and greatest of the end time nations -(Jeremiah 50:12).
- 2. Babylon would be the Queen among the nations -(Isaiah 47:5-7; Revelation 18:7).
- 3. Babylon would be the most powerful nation in the world -(Isaiah 47; Jeremiah 50,51; Revelation 18).
- 4. Babylon would be the HAMMER OF THE WHOLE EARTH -(Jeremiah 50:23; Revelation 18:23).
- 5. Babylon is called a lady, and has the symbol of the lady -(Isaiah 47:7-9).
- 6. Babylon would be the praise of the WHOLE EARTH -(Jeremiah 51:41).
- 7. Babylon is center of world trade -(Jeremiah 51:41; Revelation 17:18; 18:19).
- 8. Babylon would grow to be the richest nation in the World -(Revelation 18:3,7,19,23).
- 9. All nations that traded with Babylon would grow rich -(Revelation 18:3).
- 10. The merchants of Babylon were the GREAT MEN OF THE EARTH -(Revelation 18:23).
- 11. Babylon is a huge nation, with lands, cities, and great wealth (implied throughout).
- 12. Babylon is nation "peeled," or timbered, a land of open fields -(Isaiah 18:2).
- 13. Babylon is land quartered by mighty rivers -(Isaiah 18:2).
- 14. Babylon is a land that is measured out, and populated throughout -(Isaiah 18:2).
- 15. Babylon destroys her own land, with pollution and waste -(Isaiah 14:20; 18,2,7).
- 16. Babylon is a land rich in mineral wealth -(Jeremiah 51:13).
- 17. Babylon is a the leading agricultural nation of the world -(Jeremiah 50,51; Revelation 18).
- 18. Babylon is the leading exporting nation in the world -(Jeremiah 51:13; Revelation 18).
- 19. Babylon is the leading importing nation of the entire world -(Jeremiah 50,51; Revelation 18).
- 20. Babylon is a nation filled with warehouses and granaries -(Jeremiah 50:26).
- 21. Babylon is the leading INDUSTRIAL NATION OF THE WORLD -(Isaiah 13, 47. Jeremiah 50.51: Revelation 18).
- 22. Babylon is noted for her horses -(Jeremiah 50:37).
- 23. Babylon is noted for her cattle, sheep and other livestock -(Jeremiah 50:26, 27; Revelation 18).
- 24. Babylon is noted for her fine flour and mill operations -(Revelation 18:3).
- 25. Babylon is a nation of farmers and harvests huge crops -(Jeremiah 50:16, 26, 27).
- 26. Babylon is a huge exporter of MUSIC -(Revelation 18:22).
- 27. Babylon's musicians are known around the world -(Revelation 18:22).
- 28. Babylon has a huge aviation program -(Isaiah 14:13-14; Jeremiah 51:53; Habakkuk 1:6-10).

- 29. Babylon's skies are filled with the whisper of aircraft wings -(Isaiah 18:1; Jeremiah 51:53).
- 30. Babylon has a huge space industry, has "monted up to the heavens" -(Jeremiah 51:53).
- 31. Babylon fortifies her skies with a huge military aviation program -(Jeremiah 51:53).
- 32. Babylon is portrayed as a leading in high tech weapons and abilities -(Jeremiah 51:53; Habakkuk 1:6-10; implied throughout).
- 33. Babylon is a nation filled with warm water seaports -(Revelation 18:17-19).
- 34. Babylon is a coastal nation and sits upon MANY WATERS -(Jeremiah 51:13).
- 35. Babylon trades with all who have ships in the sea year round -(Revelation 18:17-18).
- 36. Babylon is a nation filled with a "mingled" people -(Jeremiah 50:37).
- 37. Babylon is a SINGULAR NATION founded upon OUT OF MANY, ONE -(Isaiah 13, 47, Jeremiah 50, 51, Habakkuk 1).
- 38. Babylon is a Republic or a Democracy; it is ruled by many counsels (Isaiah 47:13).
- 39. Babylon's government system breaks down -(Isaiah 47:13).
- 40. Babylon is bogged down with deliberations and cannot govern properly -(Isaiah 47:13).
- 41. Babylon's leaders use astrology, and mystics for guidance -(Isaiah 47:13; Revelation 18:2).
- 42. Babylon labored in the occult from her very inception -(Isaiah 47:12).
- 43. Babylon falls to the occult just before her end by nuclear fire -(Revelation 18:2).
- 44. Babylon was born theoretically as a CHRISTIAN NATION -(Jeremiah 50:12).
- 45. Babylon turns upon its heritage and destroys it all in the end -(Jeremiah 50:11).
- 46. Babylon's Christian leaders lead their flock astray in prophecy and salvation (Jeremiah 50:6; Implied Revelation 18:2).
- 47. Babylon's Christian leaders are "strangers" in the Lord's Houses of Worship (Jeremiah 51:51).
- 48. The people of Babylon are deep into astrology and spiritism -(Isaiah 47:12; Revelation 18:2).
- 49. Babylon becomes the home of all antichrist religions in the world -(Revelation 18:2).
- 50. Babylon is a nation of religious confusion -(Isaiah 47:12-13).
- 51. Babylon turns upon its own people and imprisons and slays them by the millions -(Jeremiah 50:7 33;51:35; 39; Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:7; 17:6; 18:24).
- 52. Babylon sets off detention centers for Jews and Christians and rounds them up for extermination -(Jeremiah 50:7, 33; 51:35, 49; Revelation 17:6; 18:24).
- 53. Babylon has a mother nation that remains in existence from her birth to death (Jeremiah 50:12).
- 54. The mother of Babylon has the symbol of the LION -(Daniel 7:4; Ezekiel 38:13; Jeremiah 51:38; Psalm 17:12).
- 55. The mother of Babylon will rule over her daughter her entire life -(Daniel 7:4; Jeremiah 50:12).

- 56. The mother of Babylon will be a state of major decline as the end nears (Jeremiah 50:12).
- 57. Babylon is considered to be a lion's whelp -(Ezekiel 38:13; Jeremiah 51:38).
- 58. Babylon will have the symbol of the EAGLE and builds her nest in the stars (Daniel 7:4 EAGLE WINGS; Isaiah 14:13-14; Jeremiah 51:53).
- 59. Babylon turns totally antichrist and is the leading antichrist power at the end (Revelation 18:2; Isaiah 14:4-6).
- 60. THE KING OF BABYLON is called LUCIFER, the ANTICHRIST -(Isaiah 14:4-6).
- 61. The king of Babylon will rule from THE GREAT CITY BABYLON -(Isaiah 14:4-6; Revelation 17:18).
- 62. A world government entity will rise up to rule the world from BABYLON THE CITY -(Isaiah 14; Habakkuk 2, Revelation 13, 17, 18).
- 63. This world entity will be a diverse entity, different than all other ruling bodies of the world -(Daniel 7:7,23).
- 64. This entity will be a TREATY POWER ENTITY -(Daniel 7:7, 23).
- 65. This entity will rise up and use the military power of Babylon the nation to RULE THE WORLD -(Isaiah 14:4-6; Habakkuk 1 & 2, Revelation 13, 17).
- 66. Babylon is a huge producer and exporter of automobiles -(Jeremiah 50:37; Revelation 18:13).
- 67. Babylon is a nation of CRAFTSMEN, expert in their trade -(Jeremiah 50, 51, Revelation 18:22).
- 68. Babylon is noted for her jewelry of gold and silver -(Revelation 18:22).
- 69. Babylon is a huge importer and exporter of spices -(Revelation 18:13).
- 70. Babylon is a huge exporter of fine marble products -(Revelation 18:22).
- 71. Babylon is noted for her iron and steel production -(Revelation 18:12).
- 72. Babylon has huge corporations that have bases around the world -(Revelation 18:23 implied throughout).
- 73. Babylon is a nation of higher education and learning -(Isaiah 47:10, implied throughout).
- 74. Babylon is a nation with a GREAT VOICE in world affairs -(Jeremiah 51:55).
- 75. Babylon is a VIRGIN NATION, untouched by major war -(Isaiah 47:1).
- 76. Babylon has a vast military machine -(Jeremiah 50:36; 51:30; Habakkuk 1 & 2, Revelation 13:4).
- 77. Babylon will be instrumental in the setting up of Israel in the Middle East, and is the home of God's people -(Jeremiah 50:47; 51:45).
- 78. Babylon will have a major enemy to her north -(Jeremiah 50:3, 9, 41).
- 79. Babylon's enemy will lie on the opposite side of the world, over the poles -(Isaiah 13:5).
- 80. The enemy of Babylon will be a Federation of nations -(Jeremiah 50:9).
- 81. The enemy of Babylon will be largely Moslem in make-up -(Jeremiah 50:17; Revelation 17:16 Psalms 83:5-12).
- 82. The enemy of Babylon will have nuclear missiles capable of reaching Babylon (Jeremiah 50:9, 14;Revelation 18:8, 18).
- 83. The enemy of Babylon will be noted for her cruelty -(Isaiah 13, 14, Jeremiah 50, 51, Revelation 17, 18).

- 84. The enemy of Babylon will also have a huge aviation military machine -(Jeremiah 50:9, 14, Revelation 18:8, 18 implied throughout).
- 85. The enemy of Babylon will come into Babylon unnoticed -(Isaiah 47:11, Jeremiah 50:24; 51:2, 14).
- 86. Babylon will be filled with her enemies brought in under the guise of peace -(Dan 11:21).
- 87. Babylon will have all of her borders cut off, and there will be no way of escape (Jeremiah 50:28; 51:32).
- 88. Babylon will be destroyed by nuclear fire (Implied Throughout).
- 89. Babylon is a vast land with huge cities, towns and villages throughout (Implied throughout).
- 90. Babylon will have been a hugely blessed and a missionary nation for Jesus Christ -(Jeremiah 50:11; 51:7).
- 91. Babylon would be a home to multitudes of Jews who leave -(Jeremiah 50:4-6, 8; 51:6, 45).
- 92. The people of Babylon would not know their true identity -(Jeremiah 50:6, Revelation 13:16-18 implied throughout).
- 93. The people of Babylon would think they are God's elect and eternal -(Isaiah 47:7-8, Revelation 18:7).
- 94. The people of Babylon would enjoy the highest standard of living in the world (Revelation 18:7).
- 95. The people of Babylon would grow mad upon their idols -(Jeremiah 50:2, 38; Habakkuk 2:18).
- 96. The people of Babylon would go into deep sins of all kinds -(Revelation 18:5).
- 97. The nation of Babylon dwells carelessly before the Lord -(Isaiah 47:8).
- 98. Babylon becomes proud, haughty, and does not consider her end -(Isaiah 47:7-8).
- 99. Babylon deals in the occult, in sorceries and drugs -(Isaiah 47:9, 12; Revelation 18:23).

The late Richard Coombes, wrote 'America the Babylon' back in 1998. The sub-title to that book is "America's Destiny Foretold in Bible Prophecy. It became a 2-volume CD book.

Now, to address a term I used in the opening paragraphs of this article, I will provide you an answer to what is a chiasm / chiastic structure in the Word of God.

Question: "What is a chiasm / chiastic structure in the Bible?"

Answer: A chiasm (also called a chiasmus) is a literary device in which a sequence of ideas is presented and then repeated in reverse order. The result is a "mirror" effect as the ideas are "reflected" back in a passage. Each idea is connected to its "reflection" by a repeated word, often in a related form. The term

chiasm comes from the Greek letter chi, which looks like our letter X. Chiastic pattern is also called "ring structure."

The structure of a chiasm is usually expressed through a series of letters, each letter representing a new idea. For example, the structure ABBA refers to two ideas (A and B) repeated in reverse order (B and A). Often, a chiasm includes another idea in the middle of the repetition: ABXBA. In this structure, the two ideas (A and B) are repeated in reverse order, but a third idea is inserted before the repetition (X). By virtue of its position, the insertion is emphasized.

Some chiasms are quite simple. The common saying "When the going gets tough, the tough get going" is chiastic. The words going and tough are repeated, in reverse order, in the second half of the sentence. The structure is ABBA. Another example of a chiasm, also with the ABBA structure, is Benjamin Franklin's axiom "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Other chiasms are more complex, even spanning entire poems. Below is the chiastic structure of Ezekiel 38:1-39:29.

### Invasion by Gog (Ezek 38:1-39:29)

A(38:1-9)	I am coming at you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal (38:3)
B(38:10-13)	to plunder and pillage (38:12) (לישלל)
C(38:14-16)	come from your home in the recesses of the north (38:15)
D(38:17)	I would bring you against them (38:17)
E(38:18-	my fury shall be aroused
23)	(38:18)
A'(39:1-5)	I am coming at you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal (39:1)
B'(39:6-10)	they shall plunder those who plundered them and pillage those who pillaged them (39:10) (ושׁללו)
C'(39:11-16)	the Valley of Abarim east of the sea (39:11)
D'(39:17- 24)	I hid my face from them and handed them over to their foes, so that all of them fell by the sword (39:23)
E'(39:25- 29)	have pity on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name (39:25)

A: Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. B: To plunder. C: Transportation. D: The LORD did. E: Jealous.

In my exegesis of Ezekiel 38/39 above, I noted every time there was a new paragraph involved. Not all modern translations do so, but, grammar in Greek and Hebrew are easy to deduce with a little experience. Few outside of those with seminary theological training are aware of or familiar with the internal design of Scripture. The chiasm / chiastic structure is a valuable asset in interpreting Scripture.

The use of chiasm infused the thought-and speech-patterns of the Semitic mind, and in this manner it found its way into the Old Testament and then into the New Testament. Until this century chiasm was not widely recognized as an important structural device in biblical literature, though a few scholars in the 18th and 19th centuries addressed this issue. In 1942 Nils Wilhelm Lund wrote 'Chiasmus in the New Testament', an epoch-making work in the study of New Testament chiasm. For the first time a major, systematic treatment of the subject was undertaken. Lund also contributed several articles on the subject as well. In 1958 Jeremias published a significant article on Pauline chiasm. Since these seminal studies the study of New Testament chiasm has blossomed, until today recognition of chiastic structures is common in full-scale commentaries and other scholarly works. Suffice it to say, the Biblical writers reveal a "Divine" aspect to their work, and when you grasp the mathematical concept of the Word of God with that of chiastic structure, you cannot dismiss the Bible as merely a collection of random or unrelated stories.

Maranatha, Lord Jesus Come!

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