

the other a descendant of Abraham through Keturah, a Semite (Gen. 25:3). Some think this may be (21)

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- “merchants of (22)_____” – points to Europe and her former colonies, i.e., in reality the Western world subjugated at this point to the (23)_____.

RETALIATION BY GOD – 38:18-22

Ezekiel 38:18, “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “that My fury will show in My face. 19 For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, 20 so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’ 21 I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord GOD. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. 22 And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.”

- It sounds like many of the characteristics of (24)_____ war.
- The attack by Russia will give the Antichrist an excuse for full occupation of Israel under the pretense of protection (Rev. 9:16).
- The Divine protection over Israel will enflame the 144,000 Jewish (25)_____ to fervent global evangelism.



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Answers: 1-Gog 2-enemy 3-Antichrist 4-Magog 5-Rosh 6-Russia 7-Meshech 8-Moscow 9-Tubal 10-Persia 11-Ethiopia 12-Libya 13-Gomer 14-Germans 15-Togarmah 16-Turkey 17-Egypt 18-Sheba 19-Yemen 20-Dedan 21-Saudi Arabia 22-Tarshish 23-Antichrist 24-nuclear 25-evangelists

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**Pastor Jerry Johnston’s Sermon
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“What the Bible Says About Iran”
Bible Text: Ezekiel 38 & 39**

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Ezekiel 38:1, “Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2) Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3) and say, ‘Thus says the LORD God: ‘Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.’”

DEFINITION OF TERMS – 38:1-3

1. (1)_____ – this name is found in I Chr. 5:4, it came to be used as a general title for an (2)_____ of God’s people. Gog carries the idea of “high,” “ruler,” or “supreme one,” it refers to a person, described as a prince from the land of Magog, who is the final (3)_____.
2. (4)_____ – Genesis 10:2, Magog is one of the sons of Japheth, whose descendants predominate in modern Russia. Josephus said of Magog that he founded a people who derived from him the name Magogites but who were called Scythians by the Greeks. The Scythians populated Russia. [Source: Flavius Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, in *The Life and Works of Flavius Josephus*, trans. William Whiston (Philadelphia: Josh C. Winston Co., n.d.), 40.]
3. (5)_____ – is the word for “(6)_____” today in some languages of the world. Gesenius, the great Hebrew scholar, states that the word *Rosh* should be *Russia*. *Rosh* (more than 600 times) in the Hebrew OT is an adjective, “chief,” often in reference to the “chief priest” (2 Ki. 25:18). Most ancient versions took it to mean “chief,” or “head.”

“William Kelly said that while the name *Rosh* can be taken as a title meaning ‘head’ or ‘chief,’ such rendering of the word here introduces unnecessary confusion. He insisted that in Ezekiel 38 and 39 *Rosh* must be taken as a proper name, the name not of a man but of a race. This rendering is strengthened by the placement of *Meshech* and *Tubal*, which precede and follow the word *Rosh*. Since they are names, *Rosh* must be taken as a name rather than a title.” [Source: William Kelly, *Notes on Ezekiel* (London: Geo. Morrish Co., 1876), 191-193.]

4. (7) _____ – points directly to the Russian capital city of (8) _____.

“That the primary reference is to the northern European powers headed by Russia, all agree ... Gog is the prince, Magog his land, the reference to Meshech and Tubal (Moscow and Tobolsk) is a clear mark of identification.” {Source: *Scofield Reference Bible* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1967).}

5. (9) _____ – is Tobolsk in Asiatic Russia. Tobolsk was founded in 1587 in western Siberia, and from there the Cossacks rode eastward to open up all of Siberia to Russian domination. *Meshech* and *Tubal* are names that stand for Russia in Europe and Asia. Sale-Harrison corroborated this identification on linguistic grounds. [Source: L. Sale-Harrison, *The Coming Great Northern Confederacy* (Wheaton: VanKampen Press, 1933), 19-20.]

CONFEDERATE NATIONS – 38:4-6

Ezekiel 38:4, “I will turn you around, and put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. 5) *Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya* are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6) *Gomer* and all its troops; the house of *Togarmah* from the north and all its troops – many people are with you.”

Allied Nation #1 – (10) _____ – is modern Iran. Iran, with its oil, strategic location on the Persian Gulf, and access to the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean, is a prize imperialist Russia has long coveted.

Allied Nation #2 – (11) _____ – is south of Egypt referring to the African Islamic nation.

Allied Nation #3 – (12) _____ – is in north Africa

Allied Nation #4 – (13) _____ – A. C. Gaebelein said that the Talmud positively identifies Gomer with the (14) _____. Genesis 10:2 shows Gomer, Magog, and Meshech as among the sons of Japeth, which indicates that the peoples descended from them have close blood ties. Genesis 10:3 says Gomer had three sons, Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. To this day we identify Askenazi Jews as German-speaking Jews.

Allied Nation #5 – (15) _____ – Rimmer identified Togarmah as Armenia, the land we know that occupies northeast (16) _____.

>>> We can clearly see the attack against Israel will come from Russian-allied nations both from the north and south. (17) _____ will be in on the attack against Israel.

Daniel 11:40, “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with

many countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. 41) He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. 42) He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43) He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. 44) But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.”

WHEN/WHY IS THIS BATTLE? 38:7-12

Ezekiel 38:7, “Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them. 8 *After many days* you will be visited. *In the latter years* you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. 9 You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you.” 10 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: 11 You will say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwallled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’— 12 to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.”

- “in the latter years” – (38:8)

Ezekiel 38:16, “You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be *in the latter days* that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”

- “in the latter days” (38:16)

SHEBA, DEDAN, TARSHISH? 38:13-15

Ezekiel 38:13, “*Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions* will say to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’” 14 “Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it? 15 Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army.”

- (18) _____ – is in Arabia and is often identified with the country of the biblical Sabaeans. We now know the land as (19) _____.
- (20) _____ – two people are named Dedan in Scripture: one a son of Cush and therefore a Hamite (Gen. 10:7); and