

**Ezekiel 38 & 39 – Gog Destroyed and the Kingdom Restored to Israel**

The House of Israel (Jews in the land at Armageddon are called "Judah")	Gogian Host (Representative of latter-day EDOM)
The Israel slain live (Ezek. 37)	Gogian living are slain (Ezek. 38)
A land "brought back from the sword" (Ezek. 38:8)	Gog's host is appointed to the sword (Ezek. 38:21)
Israel is brought out of the Valley of death (Ezek. 37)	Gogian host is led into it (Ezek. 39:11)
Israel is resurrected out of its graves (Ezek. 37:12)	Gogian host is buried in its grave (Ezek. 39:11)
The bones of Israel are brought together by a great shaking in the land (Ezek. 37:7)	Gogian host is scattered by a great shaking (Ezek. 38:19)
The Shepherd Prince of Israel leads Israel to victory (Ezek. 37:24)	Gog-prince of Rosh leads the nations to disaster (Ezek. 38:2)

**Ezekiel 38**

<sup>1</sup>And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,  
<sup>2</sup> 1 Son of man, set thy face against Gog<sup>2</sup>, the 3 land of Magog, the 4 chief prince of 5 Meshech and 6 Tubal, and prophesy against him,  
<sup>3</sup>And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:  
<sup>4</sup>And I will 7 turn thee back, and put 8 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:  
<sup>5</sup> 9 Persia, 10 Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:  
<sup>6</sup> 11 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of 12 Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and* many people with thee.

**Christ and Gog Clash on the Mountains of Israel**

- Title of the Lord Jesus Christ. He will fulfill the prophecy at Armageddon. Young's Literal – "*Son of man, set thy face unto Gog, of the land of Magog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy concerning him.*"
- Signifies "a roof", "the one at the top" (The English and Hebrew Bible Students Concordance). Same as Agag - see Lxx for Num. 24:7.
- Identified by Josephus with the Scythians, who, according to Herodotus, "spread from the River Tanais or Don westward along the banks of the Ister, or Danube, "through the area later known as Hungary, Transylvania, and Wallachia". Diodorus Siculus (90-21 BC) traces the Scythians or Magogites to the shores of the Baltic. Gog is "of the land of Magog" (comprising central Europe including Germany, extending to the Baltic).
- Should be translated "prince of Rosh". Bochart in his Sacred Geography, declares that "Ros is the most ancient form under which history makes mention of the name of Russia." The word is translated frequently "head"; a cognate word is translated "poison" in Job 20:16, "venom" in Deut. 32:33, "gall" in Deut. 29:18; 32:32. The name Rosh fittingly describes the serpent power politically manifested.
- Identified with Moscow from whence is developed the name Moscow. Bochart wrote: "It is credible that from Rhos and Mesech (that is the Rhossi and Moschi), of whom Ezekiel speaks, descended the Russians and Moscovites, nations of the greatest celebrity in European Scythia."
- The river Tobol gives its name to the City Tobolium, or Tobolski, the metropolis of the extensive region of Siberia, lying immediately eastward of the territories of Moscovy, or Mosc.
- RV - "I will turn thee about" (see also 39:2). Translated "brought back" V.8. Divine intervention will bring Gog into the Land of Israel.
- See 2 Kings 19:28 and context for the type of Gog's overthrow.
- Modern Iran. Already an ally, it will come under the domination of Russia.
- See Dan. 11:43. The name Cush here refers to modern Sudan (neighbor to Libya) and Ethiopia.
- Josephus (Book 1, ch. 6, sec. 1) identifies these with the Galatians, or

<p><sup>7</sup>Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a <sup>13</sup><u>guard</u> unto them.</p> <p><sup>8</sup>After many days thou shalt be <sup>14</sup><u>visited</u>: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land <i>that is</i> brought back from the sword, <i>and is</i> gathered out of many people, against <sup>15</sup><u>the mountains of Israel</u>, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they <sup>16</sup><u>shall dwell safely all of them</u>.</p> <p><sup>9</sup>Thou shalt ascend and come like a <sup>17</sup><u>storm</u>, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy <sup>18</sup><u>bands</u>, and many people with thee.</p> <p><sup>10</sup>Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, <i>that</i> at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt <sup>19</sup><u>think</u> an evil <sup>20</sup><u>thought</u>:</p> <p><sup>11</sup>And thou shalt say, I will go <sup>21</sup><u>up</u> to the land of <sup>22</sup><u>unwalled villages</u>; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them <sup>23</sup><u>dwelling without walls</u>, and having neither bars nor gates,</p> <p><sup>12</sup> <sup>24</sup><u>To take a spoil, and to take a prey</u>; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places <i>that are now</i> inhabited, and upon the people <i>that are</i> gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the <sup>25</sup><u>midst</u> of the land.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> <sup>26</sup><u>Sheba</u>, and <sup>27</sup><u>Dedan</u>, and the <sup>28</sup><u>merchants of Tarshish</u>, with all the <sup>29</sup><u>young lions</u> thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to <sup>30</sup><u>take</u> a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to <sup>31</sup><u>take</u> a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?</p> <p><sup>14</sup>Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, <sup>32</sup><u>shalt thou not know it?</u></p> <p><sup>15</sup>And thou shalt come <sup>33</sup><u>from thy place out of the north parts</u>, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:</p>	<p>the Gauls, who migrated west to France, Holland, Belgium.</p> <p>12. Son of Gomer (Gen. 10:3). A nomadic people, his posterity migrated from the mountains of Taurus and Amanus eastwards towards eastern Turkey and Armenia (Ezek. 27:14).</p> <p>13. <i>mishmar</i> – a guard, custodian. The word implies diligent observation and careful watchfulness. Suggests the dictatorial authority that will characterise Russian control of the confederacy.</p> <p>14. <i>paqad</i> – visit, hence oversee, muster. Roth. – “shalt thou muster thy forces”.</p> <p>15. Includes the West Bank which must be in Israel’s possession before Armageddon. Also indicates a latter day prophecy because “Israel” ceased to exist as a nation in 722 BC (before Ezekiel’s time).</p> <p>16. A promise made in Lev. 26:5 if only they would be faithful. Ezek 39:26 shows how they will bear their shame for dwelling with a sense of false safety and pride before their destruction. 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s will perish because of this - Zech. 13:8.</p> <p>17. See Dan. 11:40.</p> <p>18. <i>aggaph</i> - a wing of an army or crowds of troops (used V. 6,22; 39:4).</p> <p>19. <i>chashab</i> – to weave, plan, plot, devise.</p> <p>20. <i>machashabah</i> – device, plan, a mischievous purpose. This phrase is used in Esther 9:25. Haman the Agagite (Gog - Lxx)) planned to exterminate the Jews out of religious hatred. So too, Gog will try to destroy the Jews for religious reasons – Isa. 34:1-8; Joel 3:11-17; Ezek. 36:2.</p> <p>21. Cp. Gen. 46:3; Isa. 30:2. By contrast the direction here is “up”. Gog comes to Jerusalem from Egypt after making trouble there – Dan. 11:42.</p> <p>22. <i>perazah</i> – open country, unwalled settlement. See Deut. 3:5; Lev. 25:31. A land of rural settlements.</p> <p>23. “Walled Cities” means a state of defense as in Deut. 1:28; Num. 13:28. “Unwalled” must mean the opposite.</p> <p>24. “spoil” (<i>shalal</i>) and “prey” (<i>baz</i>) can be used interchangeably. Spoil can mean prey as in Jud. 5:30; Isa. 10:2, and a prey can mean a spoil - Jer. 15:13, Ezek. 25:7. It relates therefore, to the Jews and their booty.</p> <p>25. <i>tabbuwr</i> – centre, navel, highest part. Points to the mountainous region of the land of Israel – the West Bank. See Daniel 11:45. Requires Israel to occupy the hill country at the time of the end.</p> <p>26. MS Encarta - “Ancient kingdom of south-western Arabia (modern Republic of Yemen) mentioned in the Bible, most notably in the story about the meeting between King Solomon and the queen of Sheba (see 1 Kings 10:1-13)”.</p> <p>27. Dedan (Muscat) to the east includes Oman and the Gulf States which with Saudia Arabia are pro-western.</p> <p>28. Tarshish as a proper name first occurs in Gen. 10:4. Descendant of Japheth, eldest son of Noah who settled the coasts of the Mediterranean, the Adriatic, and the Atlantic region above the Straits of Gibraltar. Assumed Tyre’s mercantile marine power - Isa. 23:6. Ezek. 27:12 links Tarshish with Britain (Baratanac – the land of tin), and Jonah 1:3 shows that it lay far to the west. This power plays a dominant role at the time of the end - Ps. 72:10; 48:7; Isa. 2:16; 60:9; 66:19.</p> <p>29. Implies Tarshish symbolized by a lion, the well known heraldry of the British Empire. During her empire days Britain was the mother of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and India. As these young lions matured they began to leave their mother’s protection but remain closely allied to her.</p> <p>30. <i>shalal</i> – root of the word “spoil” which follows (see note V.12).</p> <p>31. <i>bazaz</i> – root of the word “prey” which follows (see note V.12).</p> <p>32. Will happen after Christ’s return and while the household is being judged. Lxx. has “Wilt thou not rouse thyself?” A.V. suggests that Gog will recognize the vulnerability of the Middle East at that time. Israel will be dwelling safely and unsuspectingly. The “peace and safety” cry will have resounded throughout the world (1 Thess. 5:3), then “sudden destruction” shall overtake the nations.</p> <p>33. RV - “out of the uttermost parts of the north.”</p> <p>34. The period in which Daniel 11:40-45 will be fulfilled.</p> <p>35. Youngs Lit. – “In order that the nations may know Me”.</p> <p>36. Yahweh’s intervention will show beyond all doubt that He is the God of Israel. Armageddon, and the national salvation of Israel will cause others to accept the Truth that will then be proclaimed in His name through</p>
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<sup>16</sup>And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be <sup>34</sup>in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, <sup>35</sup>that the heathen may know me, when <sup>36</sup>I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

<sup>17</sup>Thus saith the Lord GOD; *Art* thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by <sup>37</sup>my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?

<sup>18</sup>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 <sup>38</sup>fury shall come up in my <sup>39</sup>face.

<sup>19</sup>For in my <sup>40</sup>jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a <sup>41</sup>great shaking in the land of Israel;

<sup>20</sup>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 <sup>42</sup>shake at my presence, and the <sup>43</sup>mountains shall be thrown down, and <sup>44</sup>the steep places shall fall, and <sup>45</sup>every wall shall fall to the ground.

<sup>21</sup>And I will call for a sword <sup>46</sup>against him throughout all <sup>47</sup>my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: <sup>48</sup>every man's sword shall be against his brother.

<sup>22</sup>And I will <sup>49</sup>plead against him with <sup>50</sup>pestilence and with blood; and I will <sup>51</sup>rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, an <sup>52</sup>overflowing rain, and great <sup>53</sup>hailstones, <sup>54</sup>fire, and brimstone.

<sup>23</sup>Thus will <sup>55</sup>I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and <sup>56</sup>they shall know that I am the LORD.

### Ezekiel 39

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am

Christ and the saints.

37. The theme of Armageddon is found in all the prophets, beginning with Moses (Gen. 14). So, Rotherham's translation goes on, "who kept on prophesying in those days for years".
38. *chemah* - heat, rage, hot displeasure, indignation, anger, wrath. See Isa. 30:27; Ps. 149.
39. *aph* - the nostril, nose.
40. *qinah* - ardour, zeal, jealousy. This is the zeal of 2 Kings 19:31; Isa. 9:7; Ps. 69:9; Isa. 42:13; Ezek. 36:5.
41. Cp. Zech. 14:4. Similar to events of Christ's death - Matt. 27:50-54; Contrast Ezek. 37:7.
42. Fulfilling Hag. 2:6-7.
43. Roth. - "torn asunder". See Zech 14:4; Mic. 1:2-4.
44. Cp. Zech 14:10 - the earthquake splits the Mount of Olives and turns the mountainous parts near Jerusalem into a plain (Arabah).
45. Reminiscent of the overthrow of Jericho set forth as a type of the coming judgements of Armageddon.
46. Earlier Gog had announced his intention of attacking a people "called back from the sword" (v.8). Now the sword of Divine justice and wrath is used against Gog - see Zech. 14:12-15.
47. The mountains of Israel correspond to the area of Judea and Samaria called the West Bank. See Zech. 14:2,3; Isa. 14:25; Joel 3:2.
48. Mutual slaughter as in the type of Gideon's overthrow of the Midianites - Judges 7:21-22 (Isa. 10:24-26). See also 2 Chron. 20:23.
49. *shaphat* - to enter into controversy, contend, judge. See Joel 3:12; Mic. 4:3.
50. Similar to what was received by Israel in the past Ezek. 5:17. Zech. 14:12 shows the type of pestilence to come upon them.
51. Yahweh has a huge arsenal (Jer. 50:25). These include the elements of heaven - Josh. 10:11; Jud. 5:20-21; Job 38:22-23.
52. Cp. Ezek. 13:11. Also implied in the judgement on Sisera's forces (Jud. 5:21) - typical of the coming destruction of Gog.
53. Literally "stones of ice." The literal hailstones of Armageddon will be matched by the figurative hailstones (the Saints) who will destroy the Catholic Harlot system over the following 40 years - Rev. 16:21. Revealed in type in Josh. 10:11-14 (basis of Zech. 14:3) an extended "day" of judgement.
54. Cp. the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19), and the warning of Christ (Luke 17:28-29).
55. This is the most important outcome. Yahweh will be magnified before all flesh through this remarkable triumph. Both Jew and Gentile will be compelled to acknowledge His supremacy (Isa. 26:9), though it will take another 40 years for all to do so.
56. "know" is *yada* - to know, perceive and see. For some this will mean submission to the Truth, but many nations will resist the evidence.

### All Flesh Humbled – Yahweh Vindicated and Glorified

#### Vv.1-5 - The complete destruction of Gog in the Land

1. See notes on chap. 38:2.
2. Repeat of 38:4. Gog's invasion is a result of Yahweh's intervention to bring on the great crisis that will usher in the Kingdom of God.
3. RV - "I will lead thee on". RSV - "I will drive you forward". The Companion Bible says the root *shasha* (to lead) is used here, not *shesh* (six). Gog's army is completely destroyed in the Land - V.4.
4. Roth. - "to come up out of the remote parts of the North". Cp. 38:15.
5. The bow is held in the left hand and the arrows in the right. Symbolises the utter destruction of Gog's power to fight.
6. May literally happen, but is also a symbol of Divine agents - Isa. 46:11. Used of Cyrus - a type of Christ (Rev. 16:12). See also Rev. 19:17.
7. The word "beasts" is *chay* and is translated "living creatures" in Ezek. 1 of the Cherubim - the Saints in warlike manifestation.

Armageddon ("a heap of sheaves in a valley for judgement") begins a period of 40 years of Divine judgement on the nations. This commences with the complete

against thee, <sup>1</sup>O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

<sup>2</sup>And <sup>2</sup>I will turn thee back, and <sup>3</sup>leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee <sup>4</sup>to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

<sup>3</sup>And <sup>5</sup>I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

<sup>4</sup>Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: <sup>6</sup>I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the <sup>7</sup>beasts of the field to be devoured.

<sup>5</sup>Thou shalt fall upon <sup>8</sup>the open field: for <sup>9</sup>I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

<sup>6</sup>And <sup>1</sup>I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that <sup>2</sup>dwelt carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>So will I make my holy name known <sup>4</sup>in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let them* <sup>5</sup>pollute my holy name any more: and <sup>6</sup>the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

<sup>8</sup>Behold, it is come, and <sup>7</sup>it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this *is* <sup>8</sup>the day whereof I have spoken.

<sup>9</sup>And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall <sup>1</sup>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 <sup>2</sup>seven years:

<sup>10</sup>So that they shall take no <sup>3</sup>wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and <sup>4</sup>they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

<sup>11</sup>And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of <sup>5</sup>graves in Israel, the valley of the <sup>6</sup>passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall <sup>7</sup>stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury

overthrow of a Eurasian confederacy (led by Russia) in the Land of Israel (Ezek. 38:1-39:5), and ends with the destruction of the Papacy and its adherents in Europe and throughout the world 40 years later (Ezek. 39:6-29).

This 40 years is divided into 2 periods, namely, 10 years for a proclamation to the nations after Armageddon, then 30 years of judgement on Catholic Europe mainly accomplished by Israel returning under Elijah in the Second Exodus.

8. Gog plotted to conquer a “land of open country” (38:11), and will fall there.

9. God’s word is sure. It will always come to pass – Isa. 14:24-27; 55:11.

**Vv.6-8 - Yahweh’s judgements extend to all nations in revolt**

1. The land of Magog (central Europe) is not subdued by the events of Armageddon and will be the centre of Catholic rebellion against Christ during the last 30 years of divine judgements.
2. Roth. – “dwelling in the Coastlands securely”. Refers to far off lands, many of whom will be in revolt against Christ’s rule – Mic. 4:3.
3. *betach* – safely. Used Ezek. 38:8,11,14. This was the condition of the Jews in the Land prior to Armageddon.
4. Surviving Jews in the Land will be the first to be converted – Zech.12&13.
5. *chala* - to profane, defile, pollute, desecrate. See Ezek. 36:22.
6. Progressively over 40 years nations will be subjugated and acknowledge the supremacy of Israel’s God.
7. There are 3 stages in God’s plan for the earth’s redemption accompanied by this announcement – (1) The sacrifice of Christ saw individual victory – John 19:30; cp. Ps.22:31; (2) Establishment of the Kingdom – Rev. 16:17; (3) The end - God all in all – Rev. 21:6.
8. “The day of Yahweh” – Zech.14:1. A ‘day’ of 40 years.

**Vv.9-16 – The Land cleansed of weapons and death**

1. Only things from the battlefield enduring fire could be re-used by Israel under the Law – Num.31:21-23. The process of converting weapons to instruments of agriculture will begin here – Isa. 2:4.
2. Covenant number pointing to the Millennium which will be free of carnal weapons of destruction – Isa. 65:25.
3. Even in modern warfare, much combustible material is used.

The land of Israel is to be the prototype for the whole earth in the Kingdom Age. It has been defiled by blood and trodden down by invading armies since Israel became a nation. That blood will have been avenged at Armageddon, and invaders will no longer tread it down – Joel 3:16-21.

4. See Isa. 51:22-52:3. Israel will become the “first dominion” (Mic. 4:8), and the wealth of the world will flow into it – Isa. 60:5,9.
5. *qeber* - grave, sepulchre, tomb. Roth. – “a place of memorial for burial.” Refers to a mausoleum or memorial grave to commemorate Gog’s destruction in the Land.
6. *abar* – to pass through. Roth. – “the valley of those who pass through east of the sea.” These are travelers going to and from the Land for worship during the Millennium.
7. *chasam* – to muzzle. They will pass in silence.
8. *hamon* – multitude (with the idea of the noise of a crowd). Gog’s once tumultuous army will lie in silence while travelers pass in silence.
9. “The multitude of Gog”. This valley accommodates a city of the dead – V.16. See Joel 3:14 where “multitudes” is *hamon*.
10. Every vestige of death and defilement must be removed to cleanse the Land – Num. 19:11,22. Many millions will have perished as a result of the judgements in the Land – V.4-5; Zech. 13:8.

Surviving Jews will spend 7 months burying the dead, and 7 years clearing the debris of war. Seven is the covenant number. Both Gog’s mausoleum and the Temple constructed nearby will be memorials testifying to the power and glory of Israel’s God.

11. *shem* – name; reputation, fame, glory, memorial. There is a play on this word in the chapter. Yahweh will glorify His name (*shem*) by the destruction of Gog (V.7) and the redemption of Israel (V.25). Purified Judah will receive ‘renown’ because of the thorough cleansing of the Land. Destroyed Gog will have a ‘name’ in the Land at Hamonah (V.16).
12. *badal* – divide, separate. These are selected for a special mission.
13. *tamiyd* – continuity. This is a very important task. The land promised to Abraham is the nucleus of the Kingdom of God. It must be thoroughly cleansed.
14. See note V.11. These travelers include Gentiles in the Land to assist with

Gog and all his <sup>8</sup>multitude; and they shall call *it* The valley of <sup>9</sup>Hamon-gog.

<sup>12</sup>And <sup>10</sup>seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

<sup>13</sup>Yea, all the people of the land shall bury *them*; and it shall be to them a <sup>11</sup>renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.

<sup>14</sup>And they shall <sup>12</sup>sever out men of <sup>13</sup>continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the <sup>14</sup>passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: <sup>15</sup>after the end of seven months shall they <sup>16</sup>search.

<sup>15</sup>And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when *any* seeth a man's bone, then shall he <sup>17</sup>set up a <sup>18</sup>sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.

<sup>16</sup>And also the <sup>19</sup>name of <sup>20</sup>the city shall be <sup>21</sup>Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

<sup>17</sup>And, <sup>1</sup>thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; <sup>2</sup>Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; <sup>3</sup>gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *even* <sup>4</sup>a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

<sup>18</sup>Ye shall eat <sup>5</sup>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 <sup>6</sup>Bashan.

<sup>19</sup>And <sup>7</sup>ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have <sup>8</sup>sacrificed for you.

<sup>20</sup>Thus ye shall be filled <sup>9</sup>at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.

<sup>21</sup>And <sup>10</sup>I will set my glory among the heathen, and <sup>11</sup>all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

the building of the Temple – Isa. 60:10.

15. The special mission of this group is to check the Land for any evidence of death after the people had spent 7 months burying the dead (V.12).
16. *chaqar* – penetrate; examine intimately.

17. *banah* – build.

18. *tsiyun* – signpost, monument.

19. *shem* – see note V.13.

20. Not a city for habitation, but a mausoleum for Gog's fallen army (Ps. 9:17). Contrast Yahweh-Shammah (Ezek. 48:30-35) which will be city of life used by pilgrims visiting the Land.

21. "Multitudes", i.e. of Gog – Joel 3:14.

#### **Vv.17-22 – The Nations invited to Yahweh's Sacrifice**

1. Ezekiel as a type of Christ is instructed to call on the nations to acknowledge Yahweh's righteousness in destroying Gog. This proclamation is made in the 10 years following Armageddon (Rev. 14:6-7) before the "hour" (30 years) of judgement on Catholic Europe.
2. Symbolic language for the nations (Dan. 4:12,20-22; Ps. 8:6-8; Jer. 12:9; Ezek. 31:6; 34:5,31). Cp. Rev. 19:17-21 which deals with the same period of time – God's judgements on Catholic Europe in the 40 years following Armageddon.
3. Figurative language for the nations who submit to Christ after Armageddon. They are called upon to endorse God's judgements.
4. Beginning with the overthrow of Gog on the mountains of Israel, the judgements will go on for another 40 years – Rev. 14:20.
5. Cp. Rev. 19:18. Not literal as Land has been cleansed of bodies (V.12).
6. "Fruitful". Men from this region east of Jordan were tough and hardy. Used to symbolize strong enemies of Christ – Ps. 22:12.
7. See Rev. 19:21. God's judgements will continue until all enemies have been destroyed.
8. *zabach* – slaughter. This not an altar sacrifice, but a slaughter of Yahweh's enemies in order to save as many who will submit to His rule.
9. Symbolic imagery of submissive peoples sitting down to a fellowship meal to indicate their agreement with God's righteous judgements.

This great sacrifice begins on the mountains of Israel (V.17), but culminates in the subjugation of all the nations (V.21). This means it spans the entire 40 year period of judgement. The subject here is the same as the symbolic picture presented in Rev. 19:17-21 of the crushing of Catholic resistance to Christ's rule after Armageddon.

10. Indicates progression in the subjugation of nations outside the Land.
11. All nations will eventually be subdued and acknowledge Yahweh's supremacy. This will take 40 years to accomplish (see Eureka Vol. 5 pgs. 34, 38-39, 74-75 – Logos Edition).
12. This is the whole house of Israel – Ezek. 37:21-22; Rom. 11:26. The redemption of Israel will not be accomplished until Elijah returns with scattered Jewry at the end of the Second Exodus (Isa. 11:11-12) – 40 years (Mic. 7:15). It will be the judgements in the Land and upon Catholic Europe that will convince all Israel that Yahweh is their redeemer.

#### **Vv.23-29 – Israel redeemed and Yahweh glorified among the nations**

1. Finally all nations will understand that Israel suffered, not because Yahweh was powerless to save them, but because they deserved it – Deut. 31:17; Lev. 26:25. Cp. Ezek. 37:28 – this can only happen when all Israel is restored and the Sanctuary is in their midst.

In the prophetic scriptures it is critical for accurate interpretation to understand that the Jews in the Land at Christ's return are called "Judah" regardless of their tribal origin (Zech. 12:7; Joel 3:1 etc), while Jews outside the Land are termed variously Israel, Ephraim, the remnant of Jacob, Joseph (Jer. 3:12,18; Ezek. 20; Mic. 5:7-8; Jer. 31:7-8, etc). Hence, the contrast in passages such as Isa. 11:13 and Jer. 3:18. It should be noted that Ezek. 38:8 is a reference to the land and its mountains, not to the people.

2. God caused His face to shine on Israel when they obeyed (Num. 6:25; 2 Chron. 15:2; 16:9), but turned away from them when they rebelled (Ps. 80:1-3).
3. Elijah's mission will take 40 years to accomplish (Mic. 7:15). The Second Exodus will see a new generation of Jews return to the Land to join their converted and settled brethren.

<p><sup>22</sup>So <sup>12</sup><u>the house of Israel</u> shall know that I <i>am</i> the LORD their God from that day and forward.</p> <p><sup>23</sup>And <sup>1</sup><u>the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity</u>: 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.</p> <p><sup>24</sup>According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and <sup>2</sup><u>hid my face from them</u>.</p> <p><sup>25</sup>Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;</p> <p><sup>3</sup><u>Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob</u>, and have mercy upon <sup>4</sup><u>the whole house of Israel</u>, and <sup>5</sup><u>will be jealous for my holy name</u>;</p> <p><sup>26</sup>After that they have borne their <sup>6</sup><u>shame</u>, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, <sup>7</sup><u>when they dwelt safely in their land</u>, and none made <i>them</i> afraid.</p> <p><sup>27</sup><sup>8</sup><u>When I have brought them again from the people</u>, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;</p> <p><sup>28</sup><sup>9</sup><u>Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen</u>: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.</p> <p><sup>29</sup><sup>10</sup><u>Neither will I hide my face any more from them</u>: for I have <sup>11</sup><u>poured out my spirit</u> upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.</p>	<p>4. "All Israel" will be saved (Rom. 11:26). In fulfillment of Ezek. 37:22-24; 2 Sam. 7:10.</p> <p>5. Yahweh's zeal for His name will not rest until the covenants made to the fathers of Israel have been fulfilled for He swore by His own existence – Gen. 22:16; Heb. 6:13; Ezek. 36:21-24.</p> <p>6. <i>kelimmah</i> – disgrace, reproach, shame. This shame was experienced when Israel was cut off from its heritage and land and Gentiles ruled over them – Ezek. 34:29; Jer. 51:51.</p> <p>7. Israel's time of peace and security in the Land prior to Armageddon (38:8) is singled out as one of the worst examples of their waywardness.</p> <p>8. Roth. - "peoples". Refers to all nations from which scattered Jewry is gathered by Elijah – Ezek. 20:34. This refers to the end of the Second Exodus.</p> <p>The Second Exodus of Israel effectively commences before Armageddon with the mission of Elijah to warn of the imminence of "the sign of the Son of man in heaven" (Matt. 24:30), namely, Armageddon, which will be the signal for Jews to leave the countries of their dispersion. 40 years later they will arrive at the borders of the Land and be settled therein.</p> <p>9. This implies repentance is complete. Scattered Israel will then be in the bonds of the covenant – Ezek. 20:37-38. Cp. V.23.</p> <p>The redemption of Israel is fundamental to the fulfillment of Yahweh's covenants of promise. His promise to Abraham (Gen. 13:14-17; 17:8), and to David (2 Sam. 7:10) will now be fulfilled for all the world to see.</p> <p>10. See note V.24. Fellowship is restored on the basis of Israel's complete conversion.</p> <p>11. God's spirit here is the power of His word to convert and build faith as in Ezek. 36:25-27.</p>
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Abbreviations

Roth. – J.B. Rotherham's Translation  
 Young's Lit. – Young's Literal Translation  
 Lxx – Septuagint (Greek version of O.T.)  
 A.V. – Authorised Version  
 RV – Revised Version  
 RSV – Revised Standard Version  
 Cp. – Compare  
 V. - Verse

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