

Ezekiel 36–39

The Middle East Meltdown 2022



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- I. Israel to prosper again (1-15)
- II. Israel's sins inhibiting prosperity (16-21)
- III. Israel to be restored: physically & spiritually (22-38)



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I. Vision: Valley of the Dry Bones (1-14)

A. Vision (1-10)

B. Interpretation (11-14)

II. Sign: Two Sticks (15-28)

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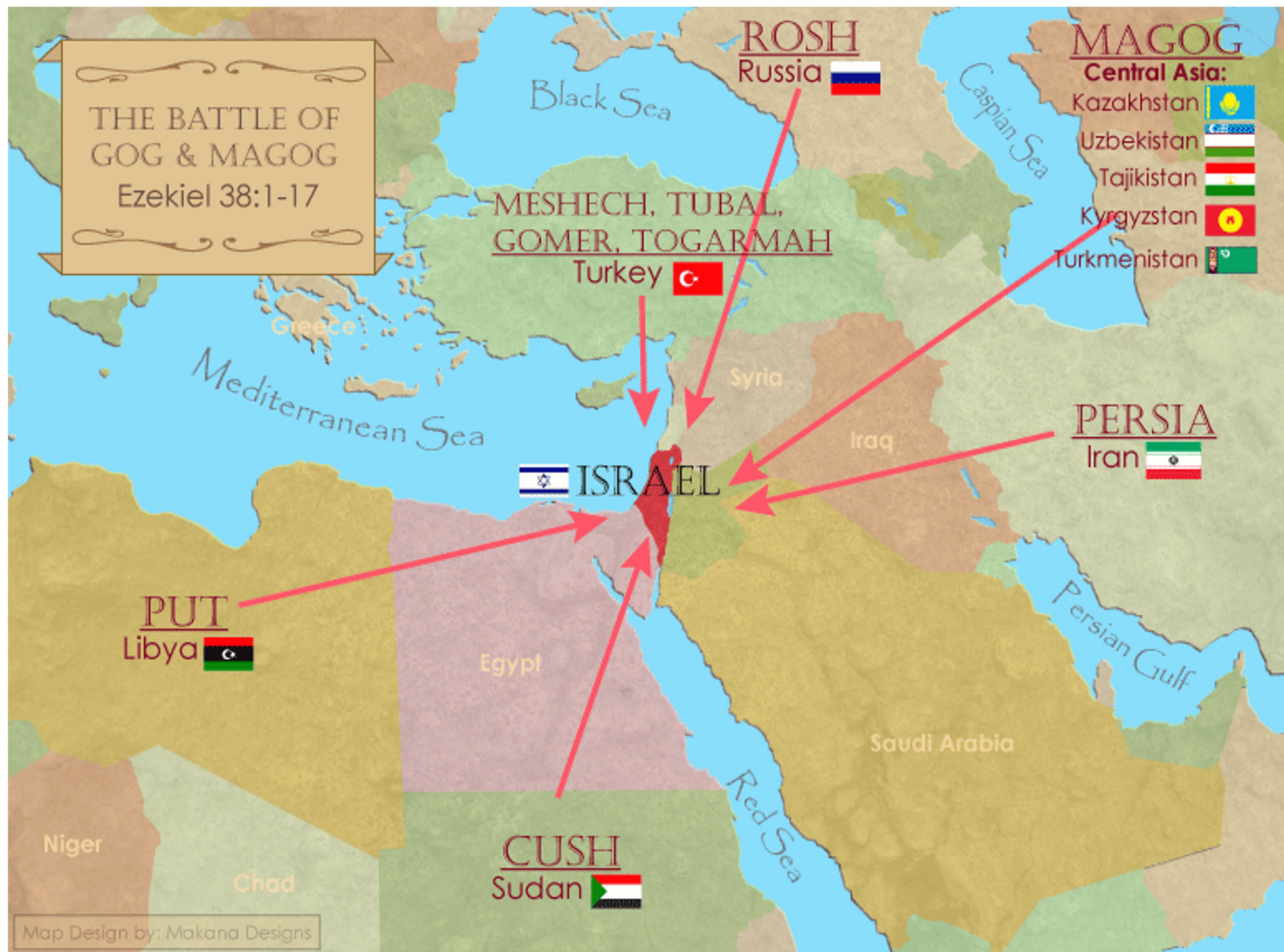


I. Invasion Planned (Ezekiel 38:1-13)

- A. God's intention (1-9)
- B. Gog's intention (10-13)



THE BATTLE OF
GOG & MAGOG
Ezekiel 38:1-17



Ancient Names From Ezekiel 38:1-9

1. Magog (Central Asia),
2. Rosh (Russia),
3. Meshec (Turkey),
4. Tubal (Turkey),
5. Persia (Iran),
6. Put (Libya),
7. Cush (Sudan),
8. Gomer (Turkey),
9. Togarmah (Turkey)
10. Sheba (Saudi Arabia)
11. Dedan (Saudi Arabia or Yemen)
12. Tarshish (Spain)
13. Merchants of Tarshish
(Conglomeration of Western powers including Europe)
14. Israel



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*Hamon
Gog?*

The Hamon-Gog Graveyard

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there for burial in Israel, the valley of the **passers-by** to the east of the sea; and it shall stop the way of the passers-by; and **there shall they bury Gog** and all the multitude; and they shall call it, Valley of **Hamon-Gog.**” Ezek. 39:11



Israel

Jerusalem

Hamon-Gog
Burial ground



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Dispensational Theology is a System of Theology

Traditional-normative dispensational theology is a system that embodies three essential, fundamental concepts called the **sine qua non** (lit. “without which is not”):

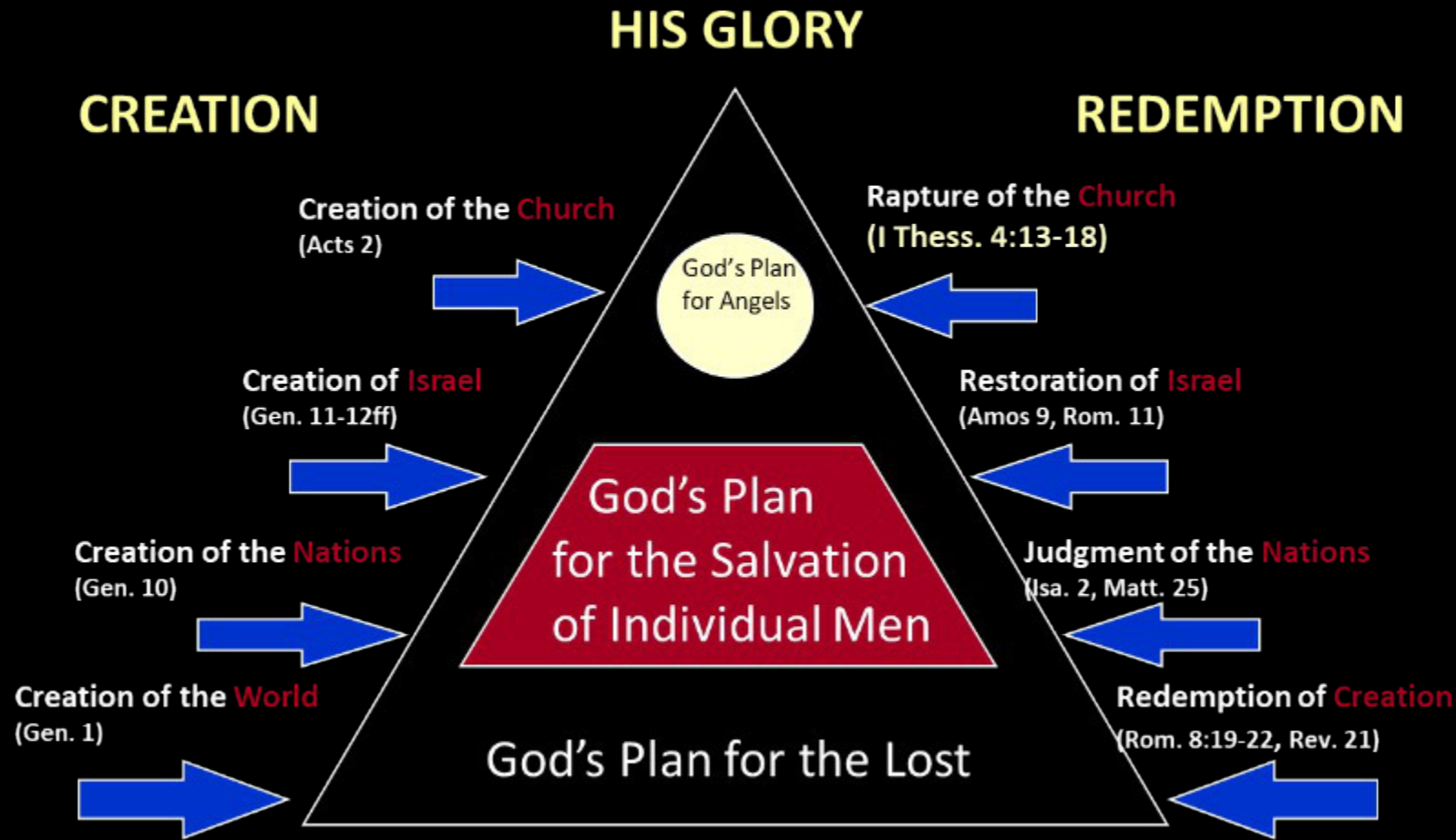
1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
3. God’s overall purpose is to bring **glory to Himself** (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

Doxological Purpose

- A. God's ultimate purpose for the ages is to glorify Himself. Scripture is not human-centered, as though salvation were the principle point, but God-centered, because His glory is at the center.

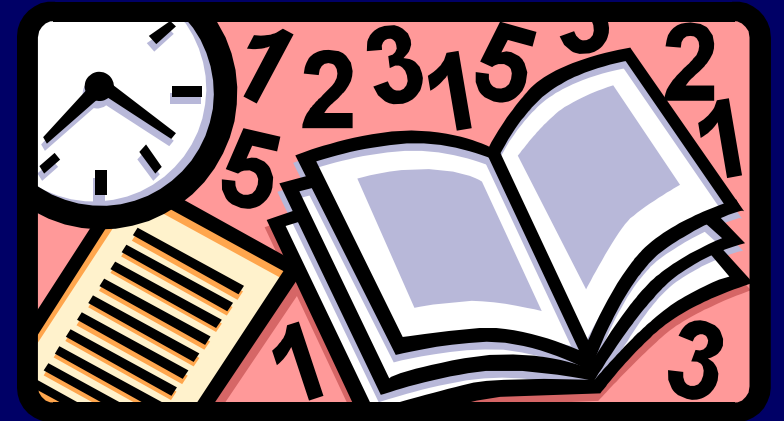
- B. The glory of God is the primary principle that unifies all dispensations, the program of salvation being just one of the means by which God glorifies Himself. Each successive revelation of God's plan for the ages, as well as His dealing with the elect, non-elect, angels, and nations all manifest His glory.

THE FOCUS ON THE GLORY OF GOD IN DISPENSATIONALISM



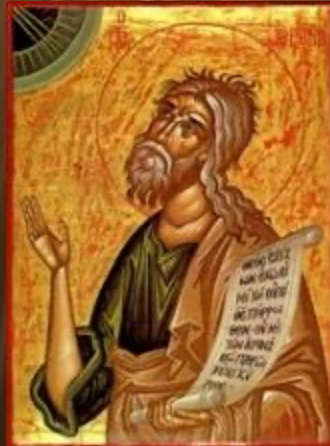
When?

- Beginning of the Millennium
- End of the Millennium
- End of the Tribulation
- Before the Tribulation
- First half of the Tribulation
- Two phase view (Eze 38 beginning of Tribulation / Eze 39 End of Tribulation)



Jeremiah 30:7

“Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s distress (Gen. 32:8; 35:10), But he will be saved from it.”





Stanley A. Maughan

“Selected Expert Perspectives on Ezekiel 38–39 Related to Current World Events with Resulting Influence on Ministry Practices” (D. Min. diss., Dallas Theological Seminary, 2012), 107.

“While certainly one outcome of this war will be the salvation of many Jews, it does not require the wholesale conversion of all Jews...It is better to understand this as a recognition among all that God is at work, without necessarily experiencing a genuine conversion... Nevertheless, God will use the dramatic events of this war to help bring many Jews to faith, whether in the immediate aftermath, or in conjunction with other events during the period of the Great Tribulation.”

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- Covenant obligations (5–26)
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Israel's Judgments

- Division of the kingdom in 931 B.C. (1 Kgs. 12)
- Assyrian judgment in 722 B.C. (2 Kgs. 17)
- Babylonian captivity in 586 B.C. (2 Kgs. 25)
- Rome *Diaspora* in A.D. 70 (Luke 19:41-44)



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What?

- Divine annihilation of the coalition (38:19-22)
- Birds and beasts feast on the carnage (39:4-5, 17-20)
- Seven-month burying of the dead (39:11-12, 14-16)
- Seven-year burning of weapons (39:9-10)
- Israel's salvation and restoration (39:22, 29)

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Ezekiel 36:22

“Therefore, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what the Lord God says: ‘It is not for your sake, house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.’”



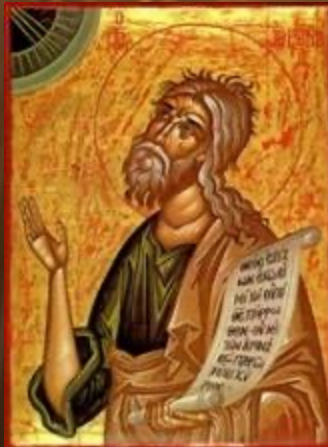
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²⁴ “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. ²⁸ You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.”



Deuteronomy 30:3

“then the Lord your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you.”



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Charles L. Feinberg

The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord, Paperback ed.
(Chicago: Moody, 1969; reprint, Chicago: Moody, 1984), 231-32.

“Verses 25–29 teach that the *complete* return of Israel will occur after the defeat of Gog and his Confederates. Ezekiel summarized his prophecies of hope and restoration. When he stated that God will have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, he had in mind that all previous restorations were partial. Now a universal and final restoration will take place. It was God who allowed them to go into captivity; it is he who will see to it that they are regathered; indeed, it is he who will insure that *not one is left out of the land*..In conclusion, to summarize all the benefits promised, Ezekiel spoke of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the house of Israel (italics added).”

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John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

