

Ezekiel 36–39

The Middle East Meltdown 2022



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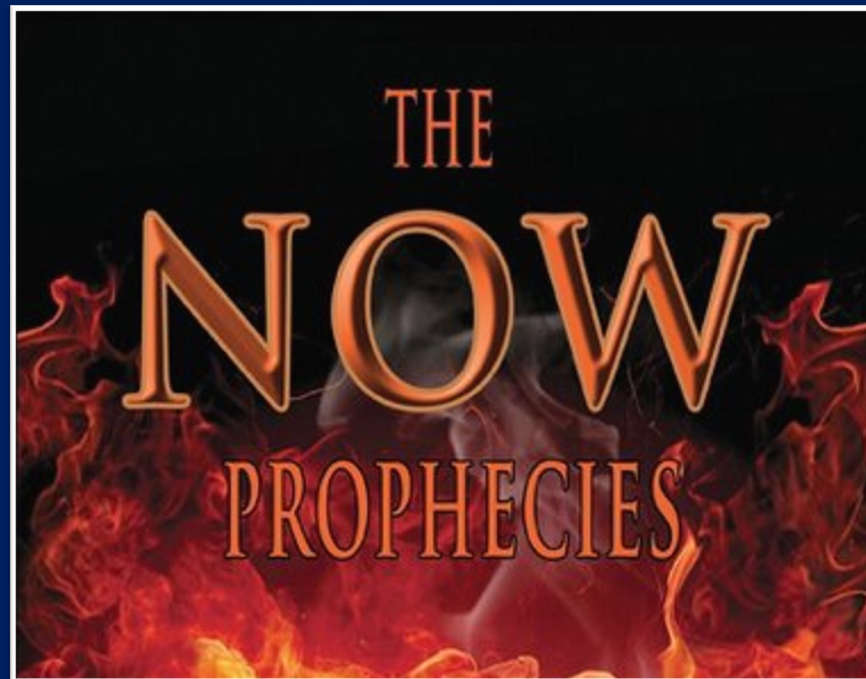




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1. The Now Prophecies (Elam, Damascus, Ps. 83)?



MARK HITCHCOCK



*Nuclear Iran and the Future of Israel,
the Middle East, and the United States in Bible Prophecy*

**SHOWDOWN
WITH
IRAN**





Charles Ryrie

Footsteps of the Messiah, Foreword, page XXV

“Eschatology seems to suffer at the hands both of its friends and foes. Those who play it down usually avoid assigning specific meaning to prophetic texts. Those who play it up often assign too much.”

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Damascus

Tyre

UN
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**GOLAN
HEIGHTS**

SYRIA

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Sea of
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Isaiah 17:1-2

¹ “The oracle concerning Damascus. ‘Behold, Damascus is about to be removed from being a city And will become a fallen ruin. ² The cities of Aroer are forsaken; They will be for flocks to lie down in, And there will be no one to frighten them.’”



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“When viewed together, we can say the following about the prophecies concerning Damascus found in Isaiah 17 and Jeremiah 49:

- a. The prophecies refer to a divine judgment by God against the city of Damascus. . . .
- b. The prophecies refer to the utter, catastrophic destruction of Damascus.
- c. Both are eschatological passages, referring to End Times events that have yet to occur.
 - i. Isaiah’s prophecy was given to him in 715 BC, well after the conquering of Damascus in 732 by Tiglath-pileser.
 - ii. Likewise, Jeremiah’s ministry occurred between 626 BC and 586 BC, long after Tiglath-pileser conquered Damascus in 732 BC.”

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- d. “Damascus has certainly been attacked, conquered, and burned at various points in history, including Biblical history—but it is clear that the prophecies of Isaiah 17 and Jeremiah 49 have not yet been fulfilled. Damascus is, after all, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities on the planet.
- e. We cannot be certain when these judgments will happen, and the prophecies will be fulfilled.
- f. They could come to pass before, during or after the War of Gog & Magog (Ezekiel 38–39); before, during, or after the Rapture; or before or during the Tribulation. The texts simply do not say, so we cannot be definitive.
- g. It is possibly that the prophecies could come to pass in the not-too-distant future. But they certainly will come to pass at some point before the Second Coming of Christ (the ‘Day of the Lord.’).”

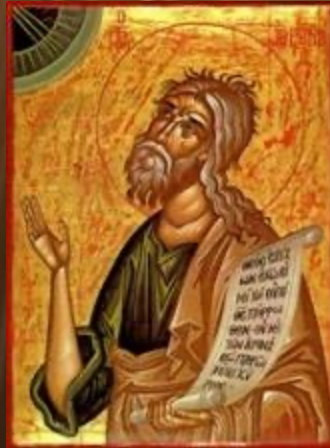
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Jeremiah 49:27

“I will set fire to the wall of Damascus, And it will devour the fortified towers of Ben-hadad.”



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Mark Hitchcock, *Showdown with Iran* (Nashville, TN, 2020), Appendix 2, n. 8.

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Dr. John F. Walvoord

The Nations in Prophecy, 164

“Damascus was one of the most ancient cities of the Middle East and one of the few to have a continuous history down to modern times. First mentioned in Genesis 14:15, it continued to have a relationship to Israel throughout the Old Testament period where there are more than forty references and in the New Testament where it is mentioned fifteen times. **The more extended prophecies as found in Isaiah 17:1–14 and Jeremiah 49:23–27 have all been fulfilled** as well as the occasional references found in Isaiah 7:8; 8:4; Amos 1:3–5; 3:12; 5:27.”









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Ezekiel 38:1-17

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Russia 


MAGOG


Central Asia:

Kazakhstan 

Uzbekistan 

Tajikistan 

Kyrgyzstan 

Turkmenistan 

MESHECH, TUBAL,
GOMER, TOGARMAH


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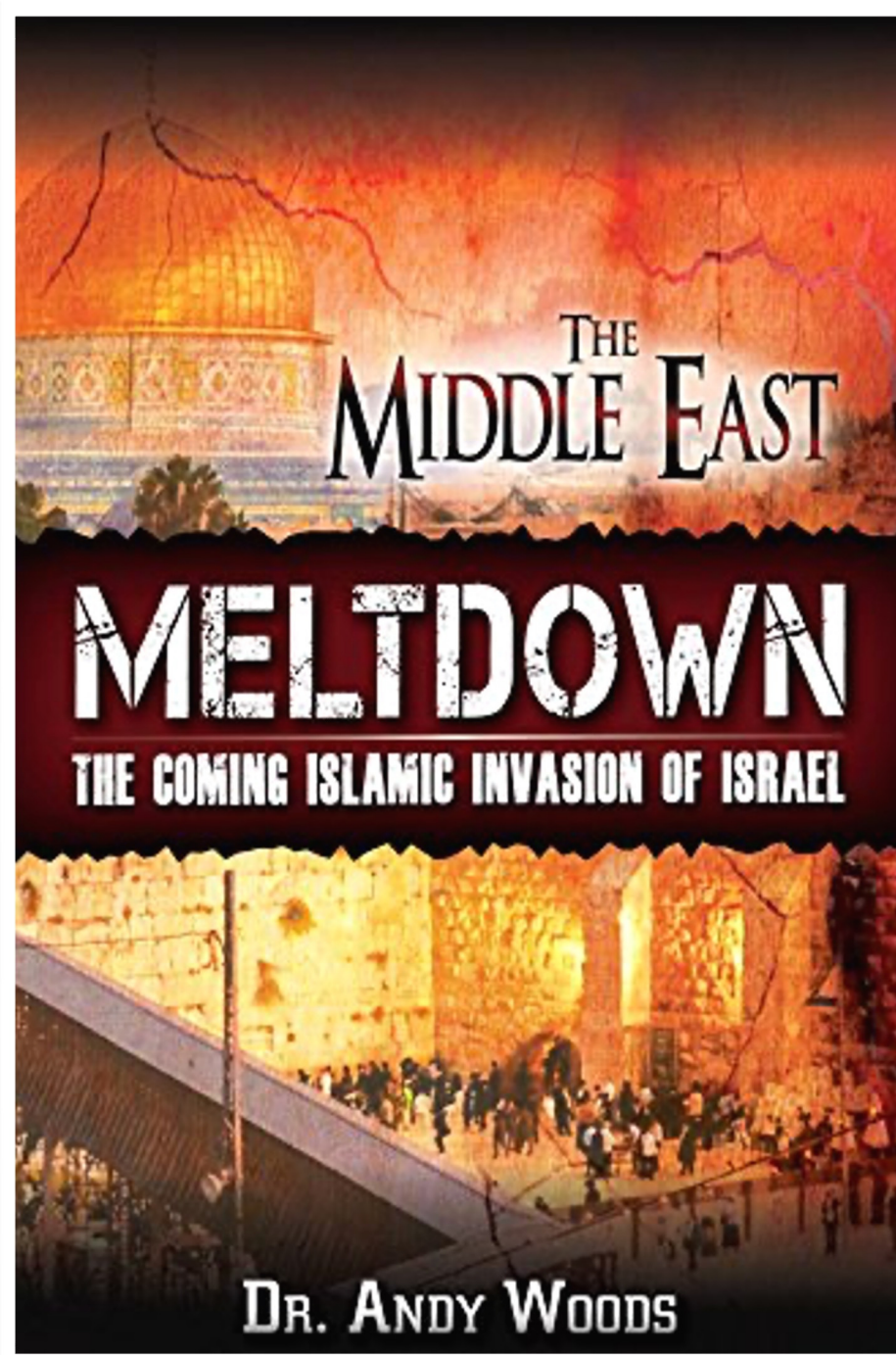
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THE ARAB CONFEDERACY

Psalm 83

- **ANCIENT NATIONS**
- Modern Nations



Psalm 83 War?

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Ezekiel 38:8

“After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them.”



Ezekiel 38:16

“and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It shall come about in the last days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I am sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog.”

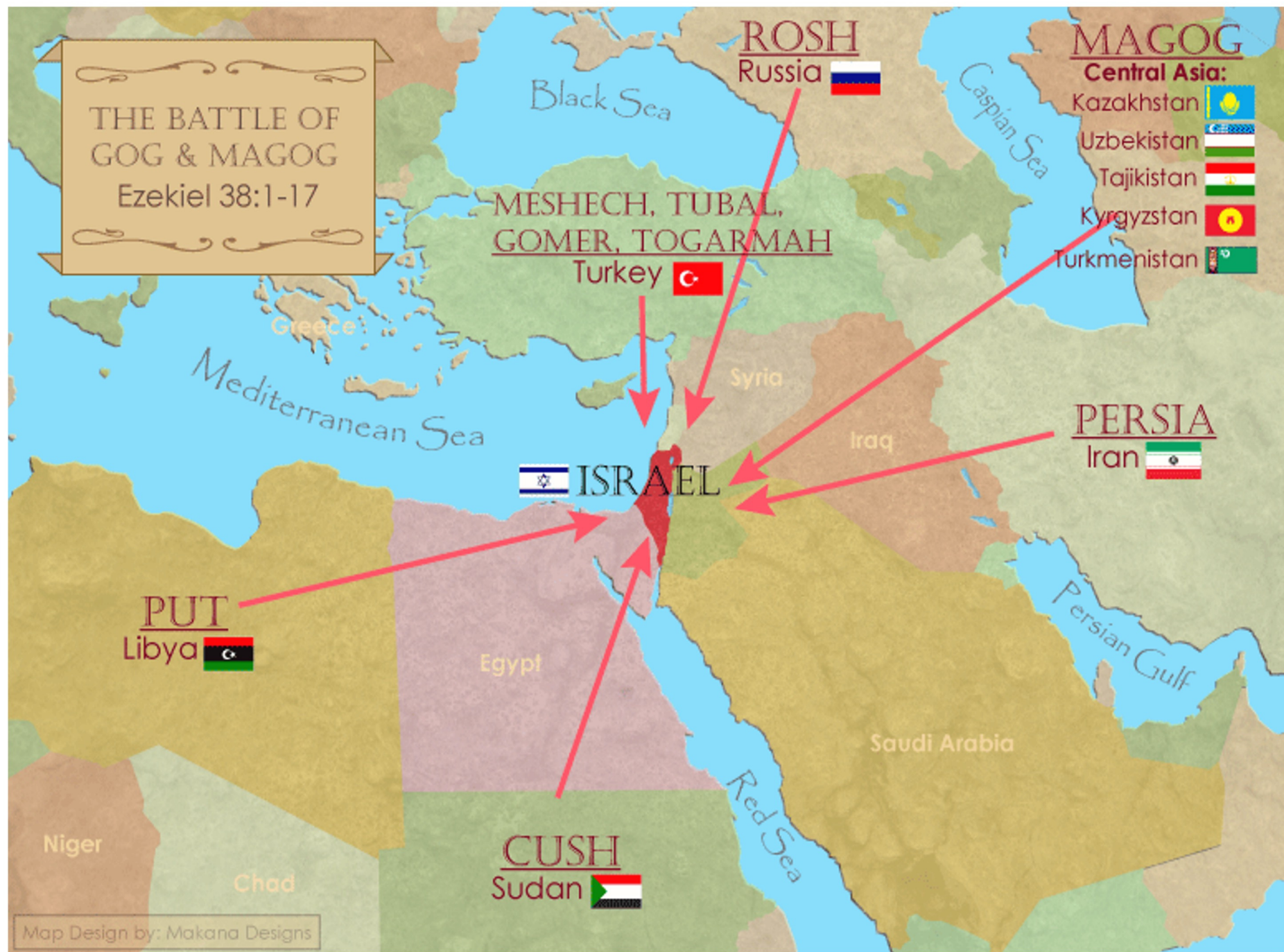


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Ezekiel 38–39

- I. Invasion planned (38:1-13)
- II. Invasion executed (38:14-16)
- III. Invasion defeated (38:17–39:20)
- IV. Invasion's results (39:21-29)



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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Stanley A. Maughan Quoting Mark Hitchcock

“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), 257.

“Psalm 83 is kind of like Psalm 2, it is just saying that (there is similar language — why did the nations rage against Israel in Psalm 83) look there are people who are always against Israel. Israel is always going to have these enemies, they are always going to be against them and God is going to deal with them someday. **We don’t see a separate Psalm 2 war.”**

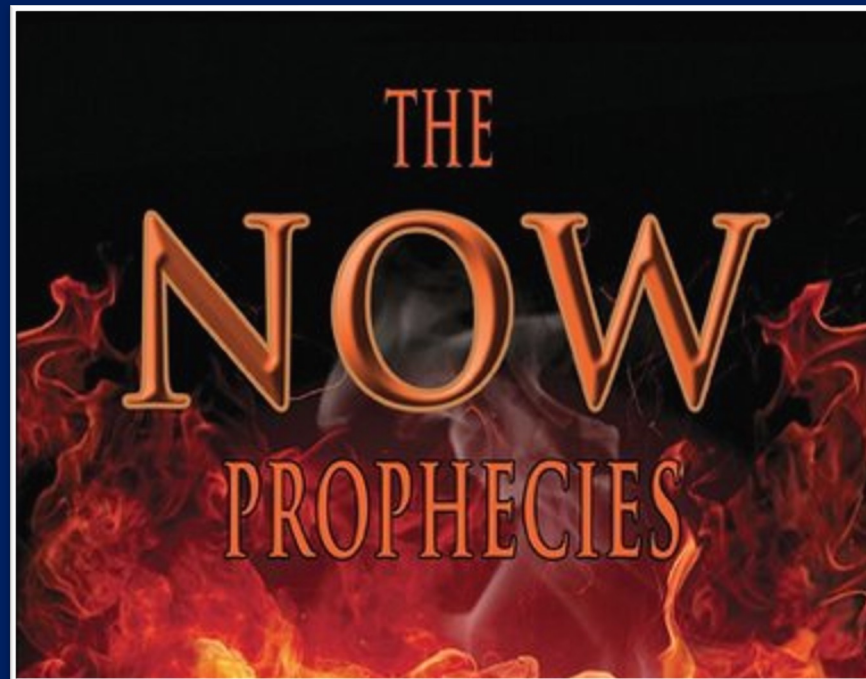
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