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The Middle East Meltdown 2022



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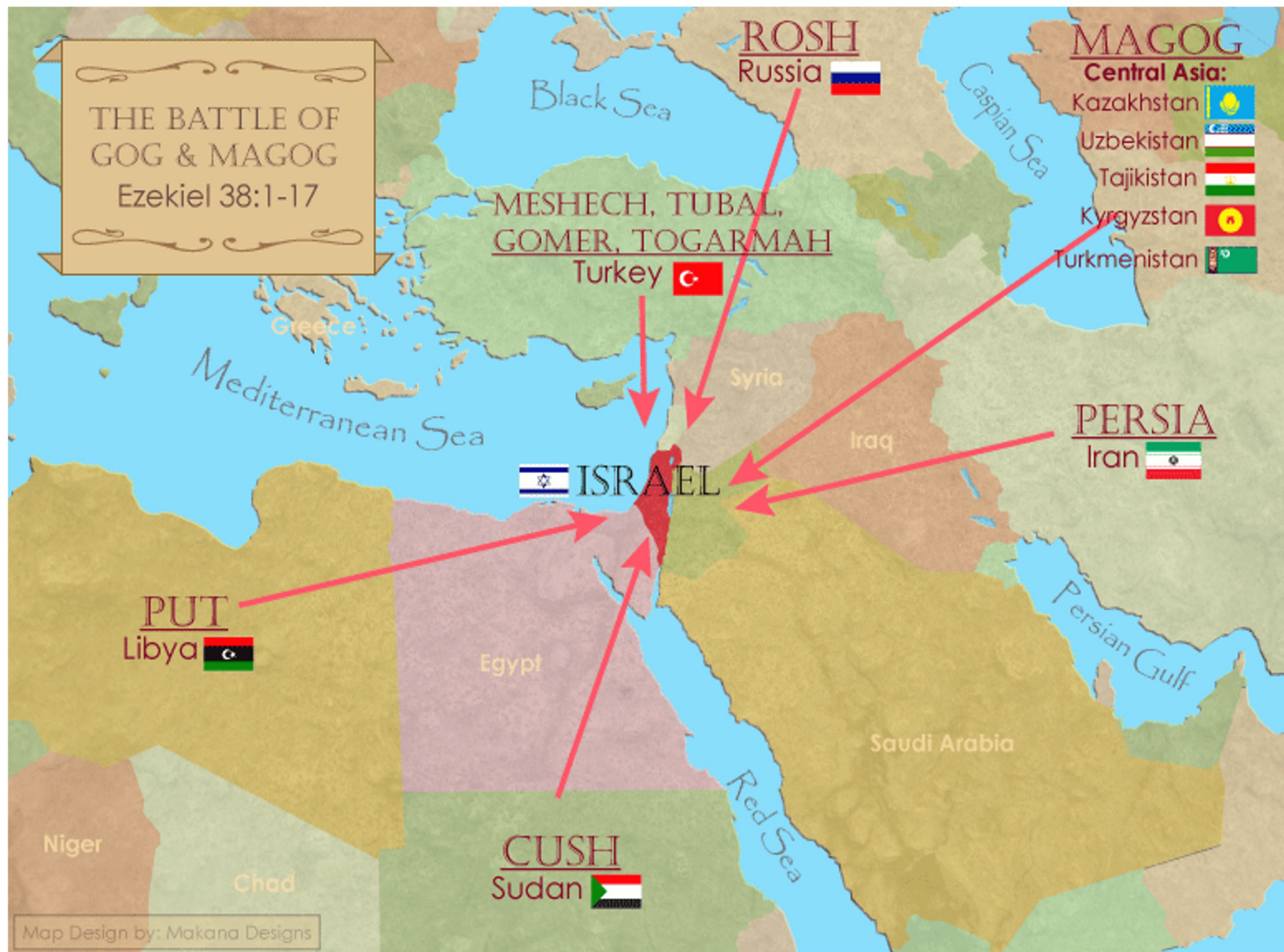


I. Invasion Planned (Ezekiel 38:1-13)

- 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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Mountains of Israel?

Mark Hitchcock, *The Amazing Claims of Bible Prophecy: What You Need to Know in These Uncertain Times* (Harvest House: Eugene, OR, 2010), 211.

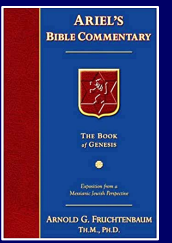
“According to Ezekiel 39:2, 4, Israel must possess the ‘mountains of Israel’ when this invasion occurs...The famous Six Day war in Israel in 1967 helped set the stage for this to be fulfilled. Before the Six Day War, all the mountains of Israel, with the exception of a small strip of west Jerusalem, were in the hands of the Jordanian Arabs. Only since 1967 have the mountains of Israel been in Israel, thus setting the stage for the fulfillment of this prophecy.”



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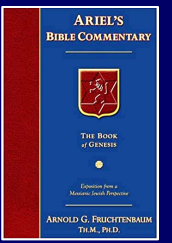
“But where in the Land of Israel will the invading armies be destroyed? The exact location is revealed in Ezekiel 39:2 and 4a: ‘and I will turn you about, and will lead you on, and will cause you to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring you upon the mountains of Israel...you shall fall upon the mountains of Israel.’ The phrase ‘the mountains of Israel’ refers to the central mountain range that makes up the backbone of the country. In the Hebrew Scriptures, these mountains were known as the Hill Country of Ephraim and the Hill Country of Judah. Some of the famous biblical cities that lie within these mountains include Dothan, Shechem, Samaria, Shiloh, Bethel, Ai, Ramah, Bethlehem, Hebron, Debir, and most importantly, Jerusalem, which seems to be the target of the invading army. However, from 1948 until the Six-Day War in 1967, these mountains were not in Israel, but in Jordan.”



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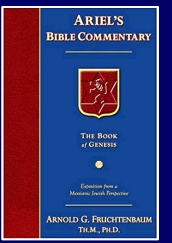
“They are now referred to politically as the West Bank. In 1948, Jordanian forces took over these mountains and annexed them as part of Jordan. All Israel had was a small corridor leading west to Jerusalem. The border between Israel and Jordan ran down the foot of these mountains, then cut into the mountains, dividing Jerusalem in two, and then went out again and continued along the foot of these mountains. Israel had maybe five percent or less of the mountains, while the rest belonged to Jordan. Only since 1967 have the mountains of Israel been in Israel. Besides the Temple compound falling into Jewish hands, another by-product of the Six-Day War was that these mountains also fell under Israeli sovereignty. Therefore, not only could this prophecy not have been fulfilled before 1948, but it could also not have been fulfilled before 1967.”



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“The mountains of Israel (the West Bank) are yet to have a very important and relevant role in Bible prophecy. As for the present State of Israel, they became part of Israel in 1967. This is yet another way the modern Jewish State fits within Bible prophecy.”



Distances Between Israeli Population Centers and Pre-1967 Armistice Lines



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

LEBANON

MT HERMON
● CAESAREA PHILIPPI
● TEL DAN

SYRIA

GOLAN HEIGHTS

UPPER ISRAEL

MT OF BEATITUDES
● TABGHA

● CAPERNAUM
SEA OF GALILEE

● NAZARETH
● TIBERIAS
● MT TABOR

● YARDENIT

● MEGIDDO
VALLEY OF JEZREEL

● BETH SHEAN

JORDAN

WEST BANK





Charles L. Feinberg

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

“In verse 18 the actual or literal passes over into the figurative with the reference to princes, then rams. Bashan was famous for its fine pastures and well-fed cattle (cf. Deut. 32:14; Ps. 22:12; Amos 4:1)...It is a vivid figure to bring out the idea of vast carnage, deserved judgment and irrevocable doom.”



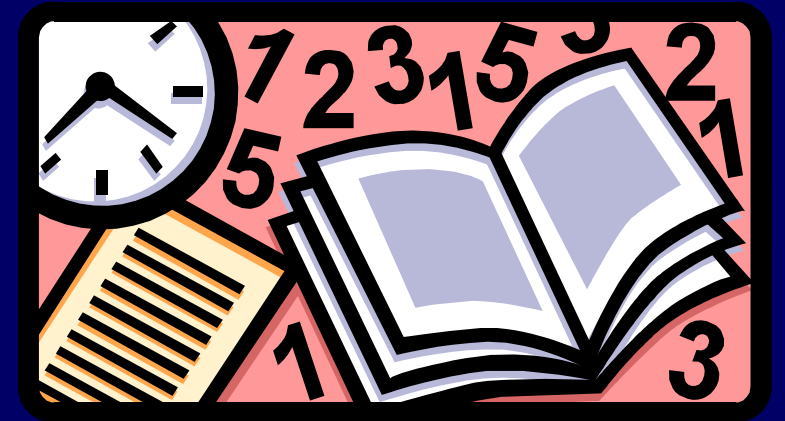
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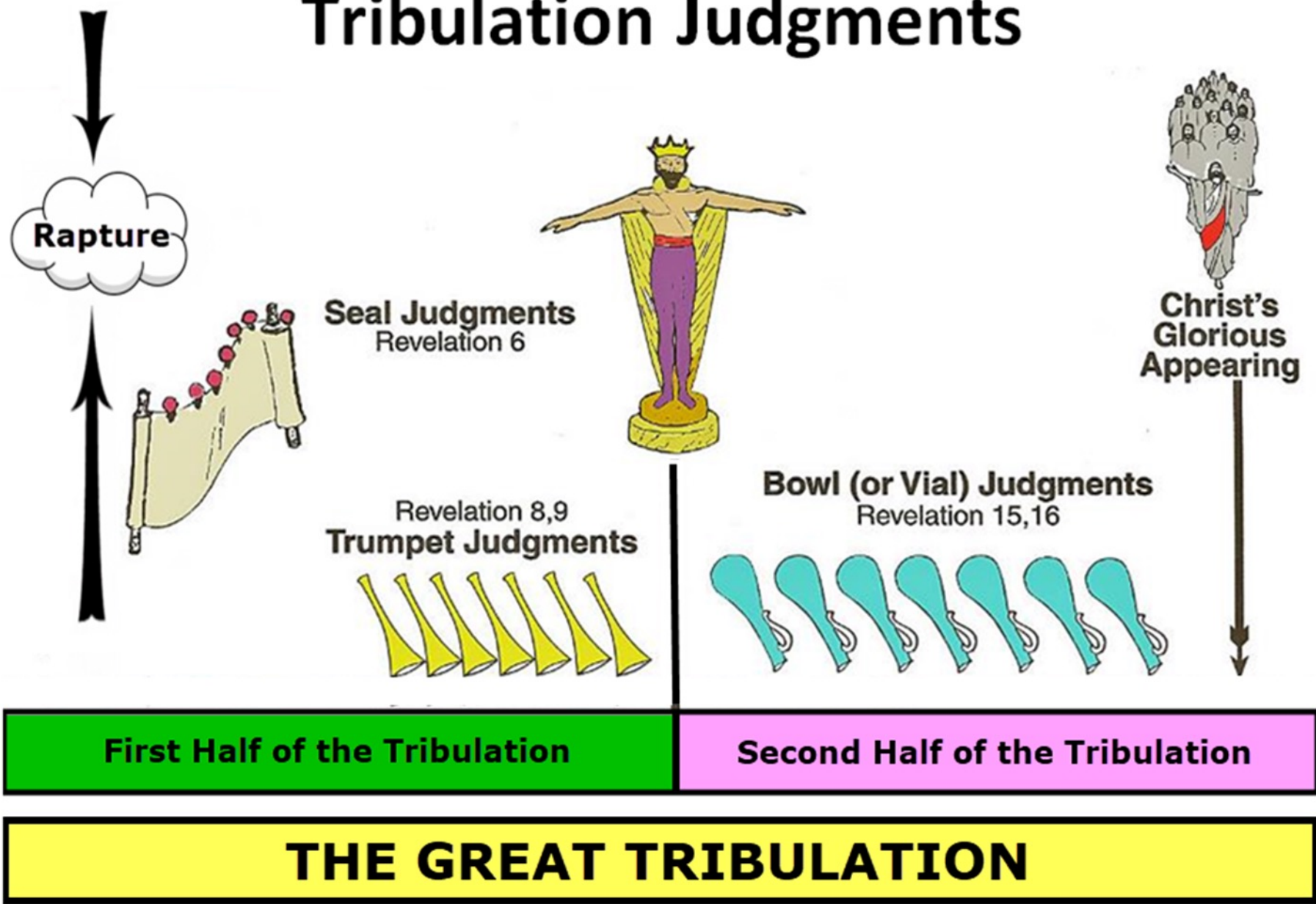
“Now there is presented the third emphasis of the greatness of the invasion and the subsequent slaughter at the hand of the Lord. Incidentally, the figure gives a clue as to the time setting for the entire passage. It is the same scene as that a Revelation 19, the great supper of God, and the chronology is clear. The events will transpire at the end of the great tribulation and just before the millennial reign of the Messiah of Israel.”

When?

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Tribulation Judgments



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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).

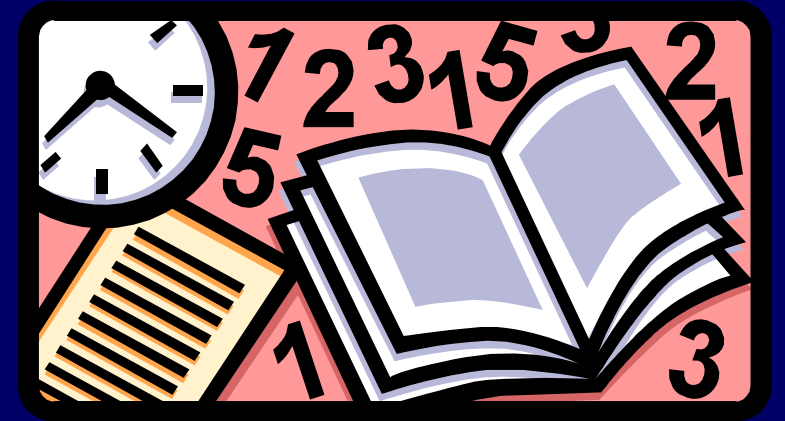
Doxological Purpose

- 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.

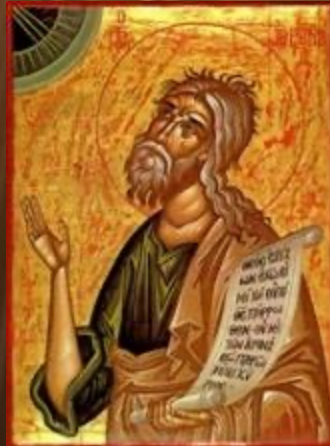
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Jeremiah 30:7

“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.”

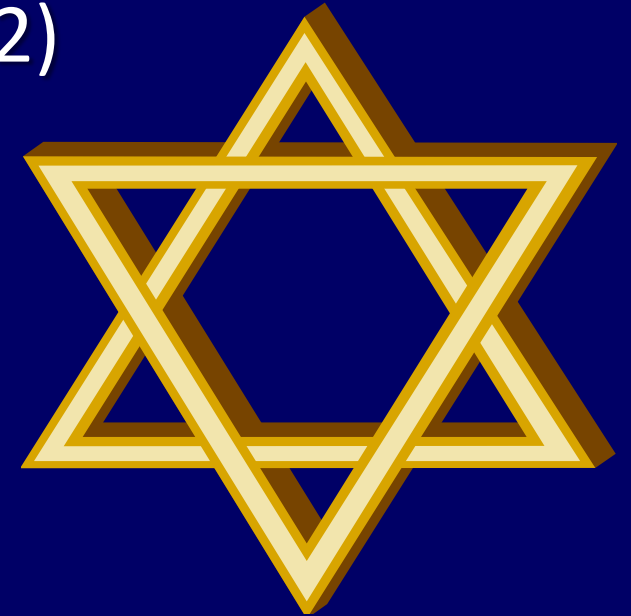
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Israel's Judgments

- 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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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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“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.”

