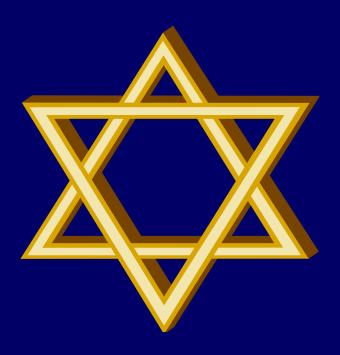
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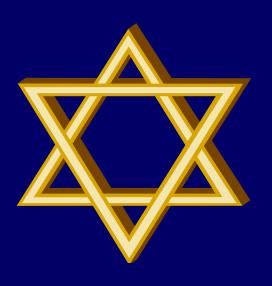


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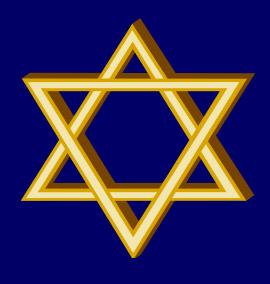


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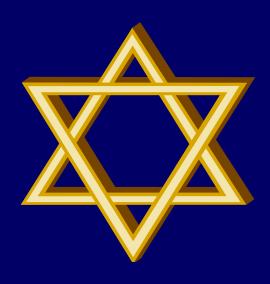
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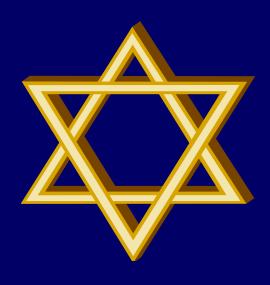
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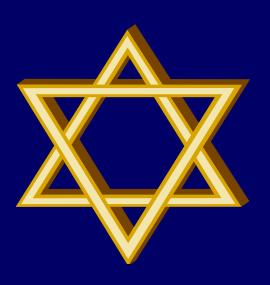
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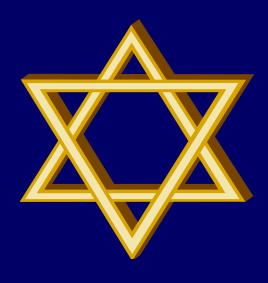
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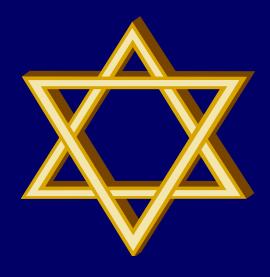
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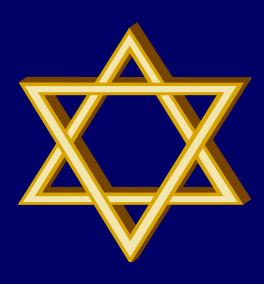
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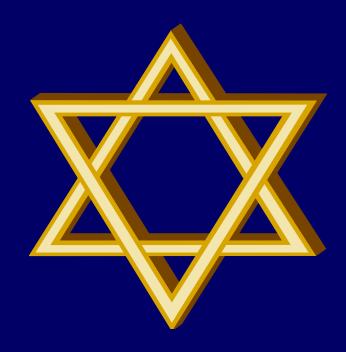
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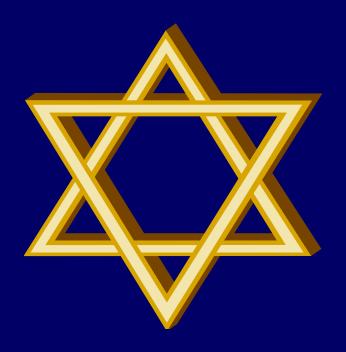
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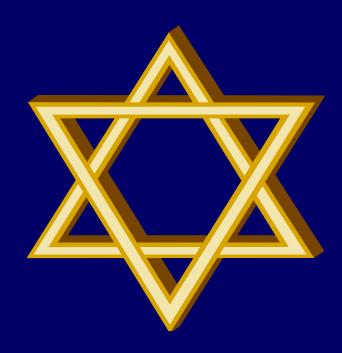
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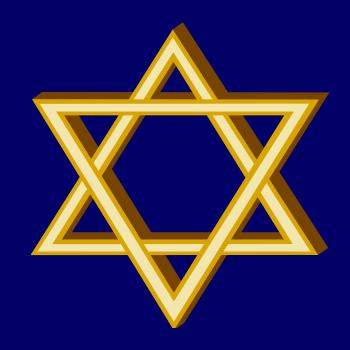
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# Genesis 12:3

"And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."





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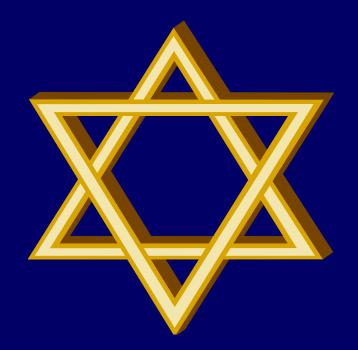
"Through the centuries Israel has time and again been the prey of one nation after another. Yet in every case the visitation of God in wrath has been unmistakable upon the ones involved. But the nations have not fully learned their lesson as far as hatred of Israel is concerned and will try yet once more. Satan will urge them on yet again to their doom so that all may see that God curses those who curse Abraham's seed. Let us be among those seeking their good and their blessing...It will be seen that the serious and fatal weakness of the enemies of Israel will be their reliance on numbers, and their confidence that Israel's weaknesses means their strength and ultimate victory. They fail, as always, to take God into account."



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"Notice that twice it is stated (38:17; 39:8) that former prophets foretold this invasion (Ps. 2:1-3; Isaiah 29:1-8; Joel 2:20; 3:9-21; Zech. 12:1 ff; 14:2-3)."



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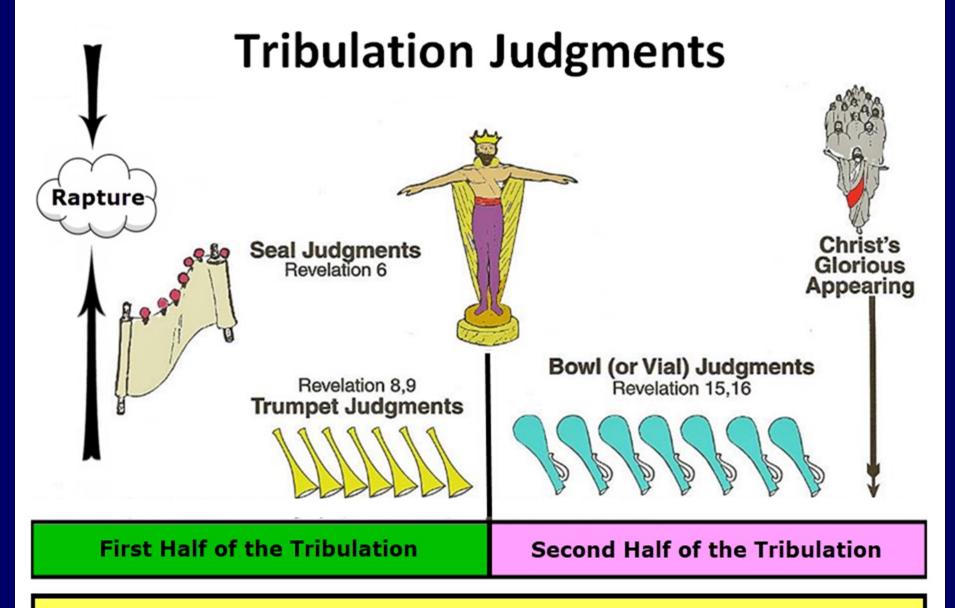
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# 6 Timing Clues

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- 3. Last days (38:16)
- 4. After Israel's regathering in unbelief but before her final restoration (38:8b; 39:22, 29)
- 5. During God's wrath (Ezek. 38:18-19)
- 6. While Israel is living securely and peacefully (38:8c, 11)



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"Hurry, escape there, for <u>I cannot do anything</u> until you arrive there." Therefore, the name of the town was called Zoar."



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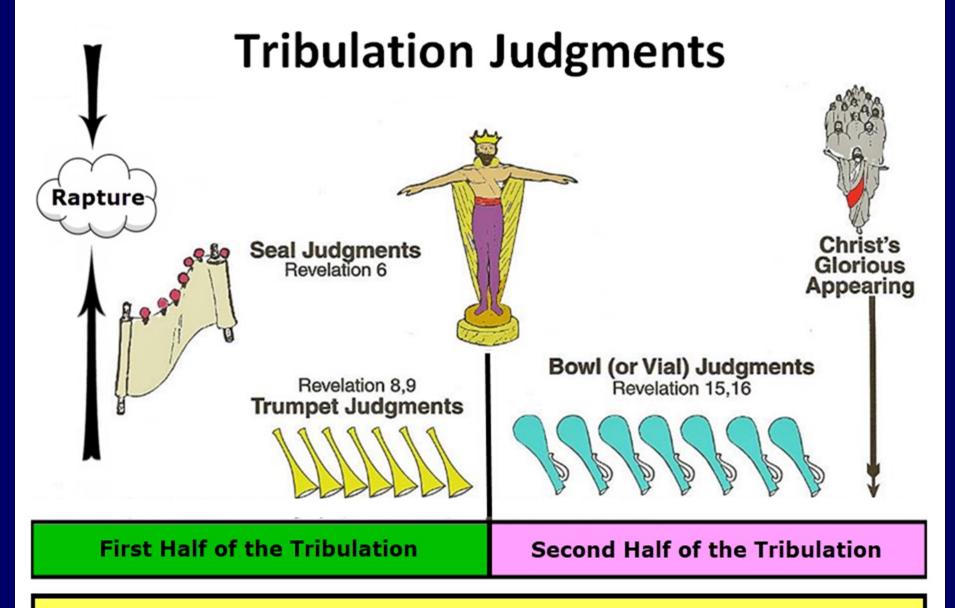


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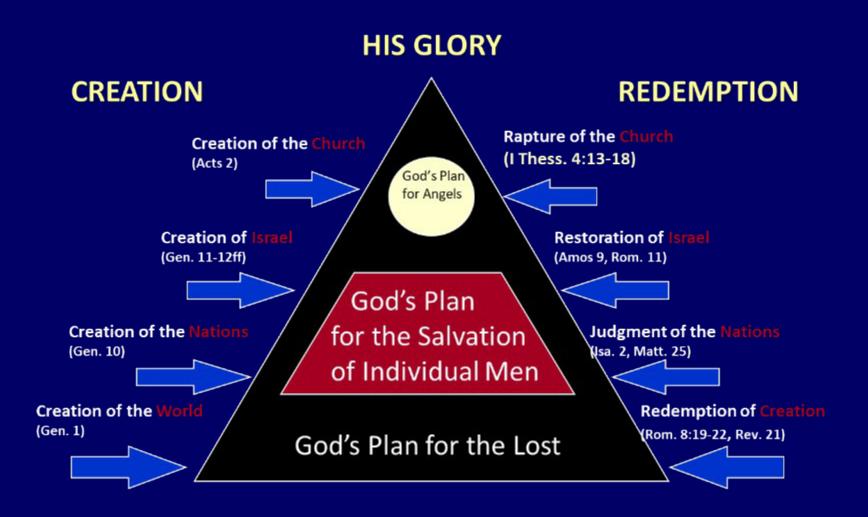
Traditional-normative dispensational theology is a system that embodies three essential, fundamental concepts called the **sine qua non** (lit. "without which is not"):

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- 2. Which reveals that the Church is distinct from Israel;
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# **Doxological Purpose**

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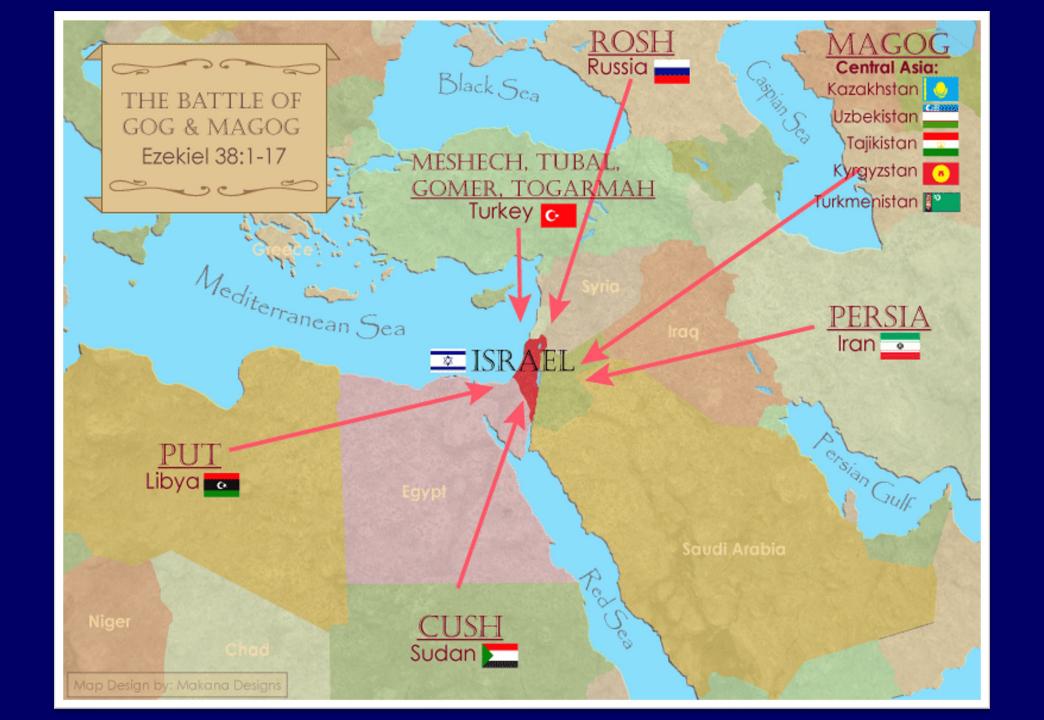
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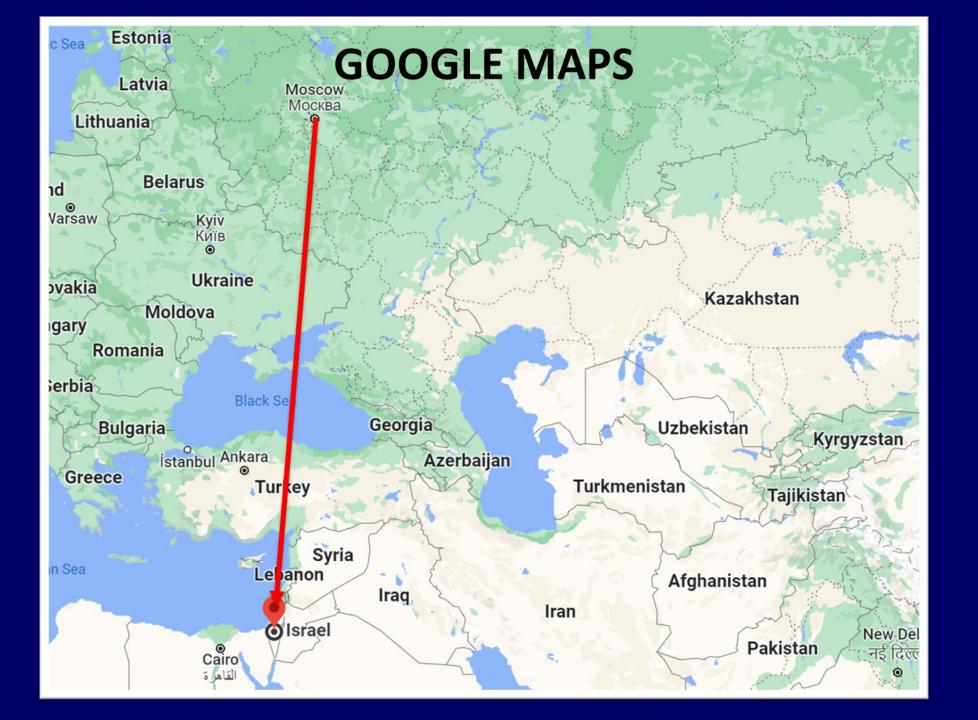
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#### Mountains of Israel?

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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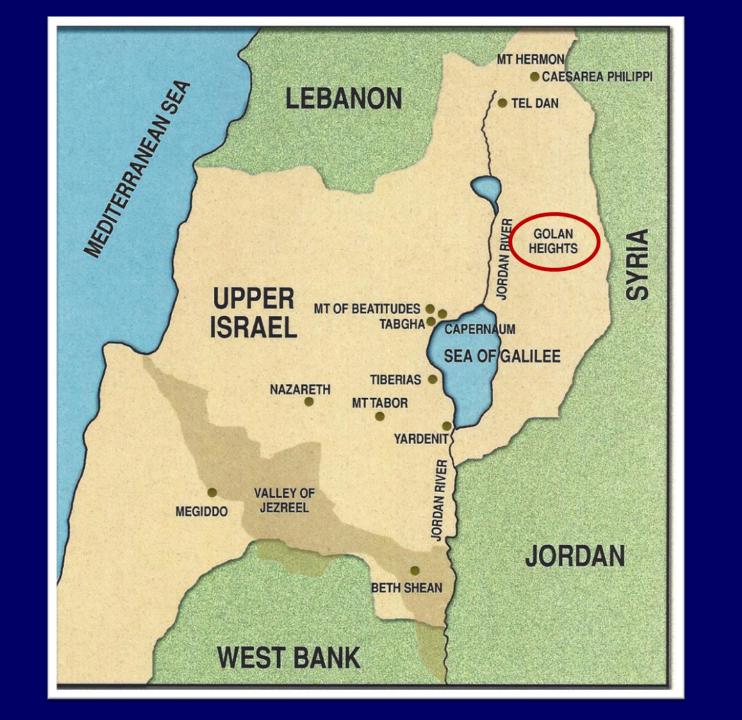


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### **Ezekiel 38:12**

"to capture <u>spoil</u> and to seize <u>plunder</u>, to turn your hand against the waste places which are <u>now</u> inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired <u>cattle and goods</u>, who live at the center of the world."



### **Ezekiel 38:13**

"Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages will say to you, 'Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away <u>silver and gold</u>, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?"



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"Though the judgment on the enemies will occur in Israel, the catastrophe will extend far beyond to the ends of the earth to accomplish the purpose of God. Once more the Lord will relate His purpose in Israel to that for all the world. It is the concept of concentric circles where that which is accomplished at the very center reaches out irresistibly to the farthest confines of the circumference. God is the Lord of the nations. His true character will appear in its proper light as both righteous and mighty. Such emphasis is made of this thought throughout the book of Ezekiel because this is the design of God in all history, and there is no more important concept in all the universe."

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