

# Ezekiel 36–39

## The Middle East Meltdown 2022



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## Ezekiel 33–48

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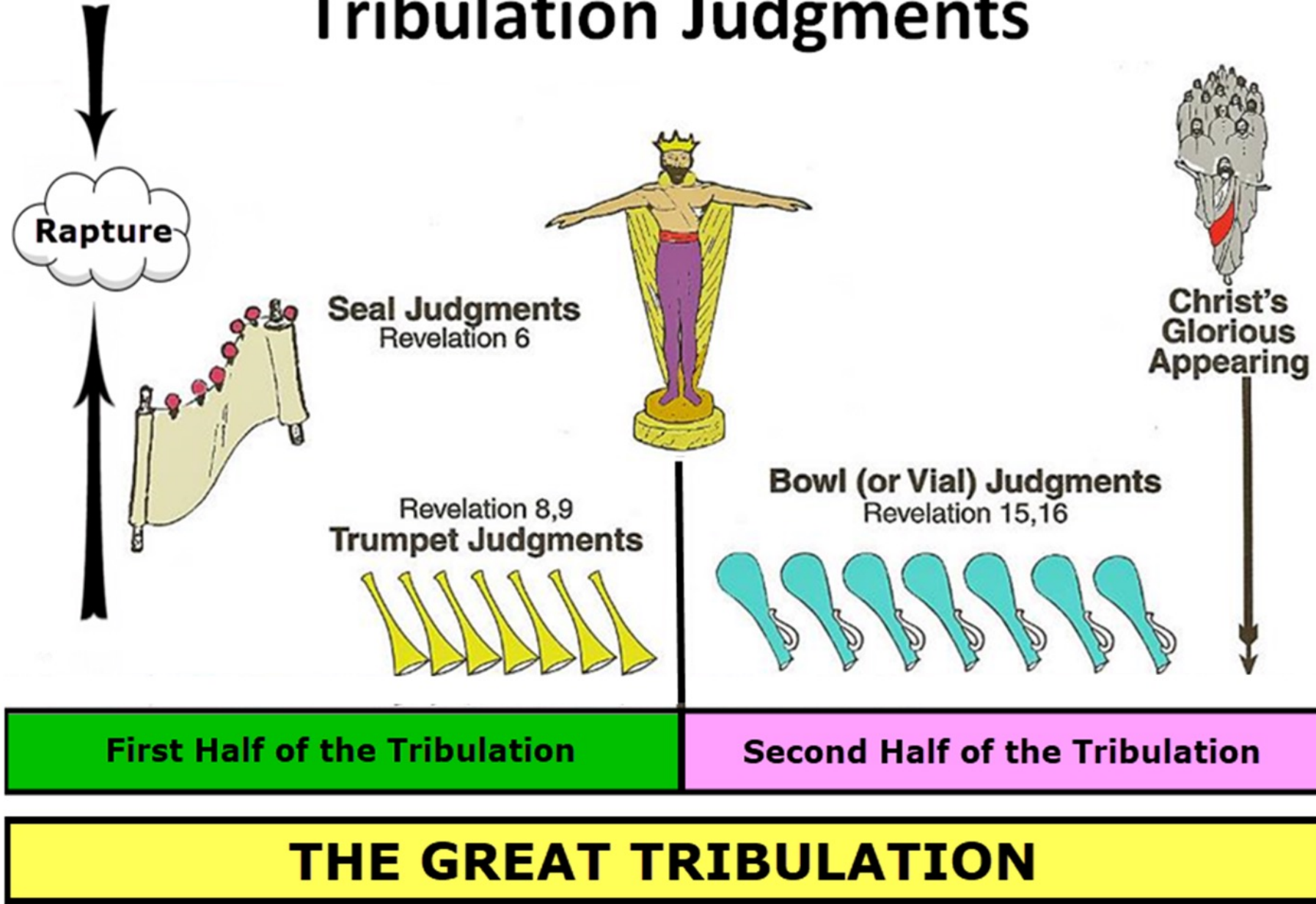


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# Armageddon?

<b>Ezek 38-39</b>	<b>Armageddon</b>
<b>No battle (38:20-23)</b>	<b>Battle between armies and Lord (Rev. 19:19)</b>
<b>Invaders come from the far west and north (38:5)</b>	<b>All nations invade (Rev. 16:14; Zech. 12:3)</b>
<b>Enemies destroyed on Israel's mountains (39:2-4)</b>	<b>Events take place in Jerusalem (Zech. 12:2; 14:2; and the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:12)</b>
<b>Israel dwelling in safety (38:11)</b>	<b>Israel not dwelling in safety (Rev. 12:14-17)</b>
<b>No massive blood flow recorded</b>	<b>Massive flow of blood (Rev. 14:20)</b>
<b>Fire comes upon invaders (39:6)</b>	<b>Fire does not come upon invaders</b>

# Tribulation Judgments





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## John 14:1–4

<sup>1</sup> “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> “And you know the way where I am going.”





# Imminent

(1 Cor 15:51; 1 Thess 4:15)



- Imminency definition
- James 5:8; 1 Thess 1:10; 1 Cor 1:7; Philip 3:20
- We are to be looking for Jesus Christ and not the Antichrist!
- Motivator (Holiness, Evangelism)
- Feast of Trumpets?

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. <sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep....



## 1 Corinthians 15:51

“Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.”





## Galatians 4:4

“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law.”

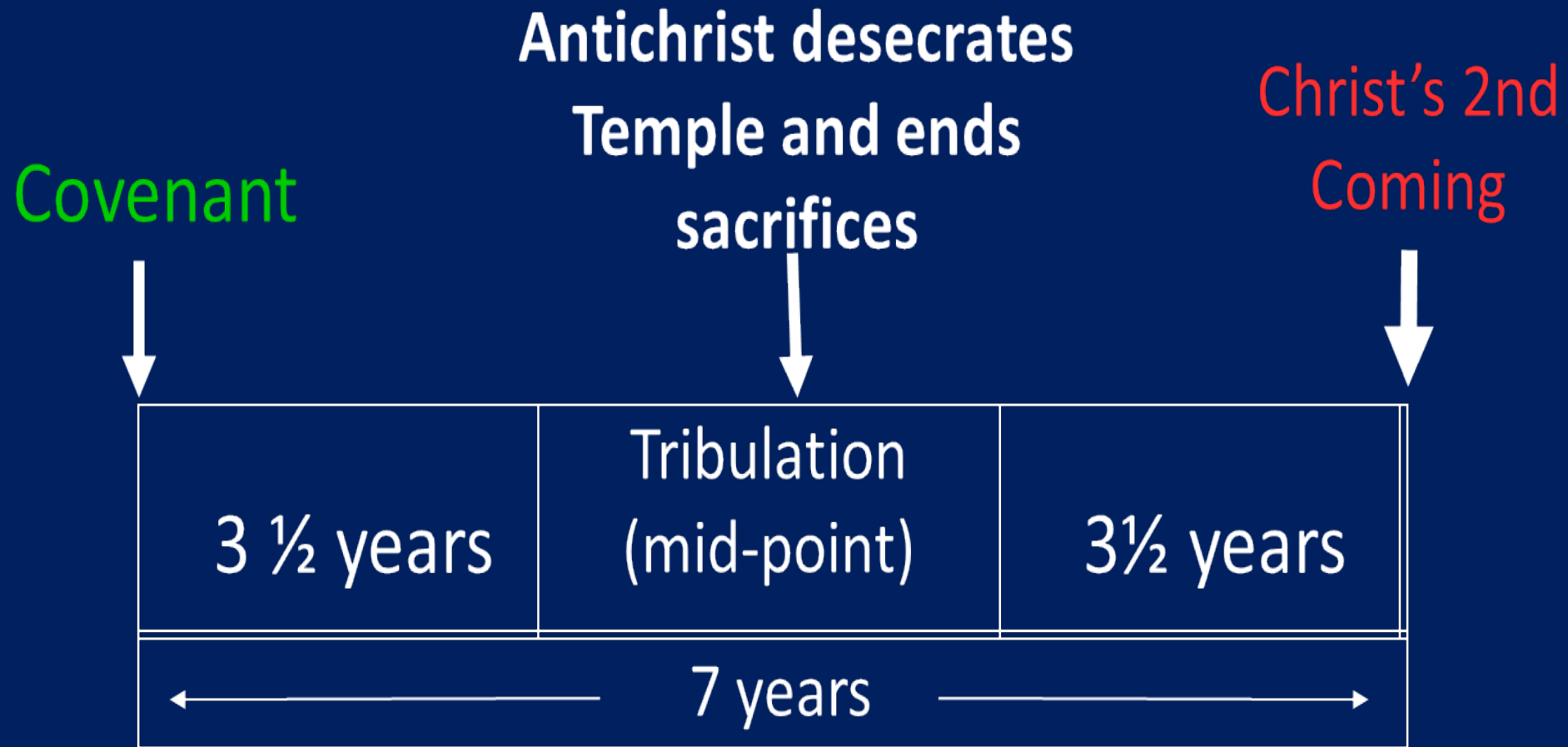


## Daniel 9:27

And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.



# DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD





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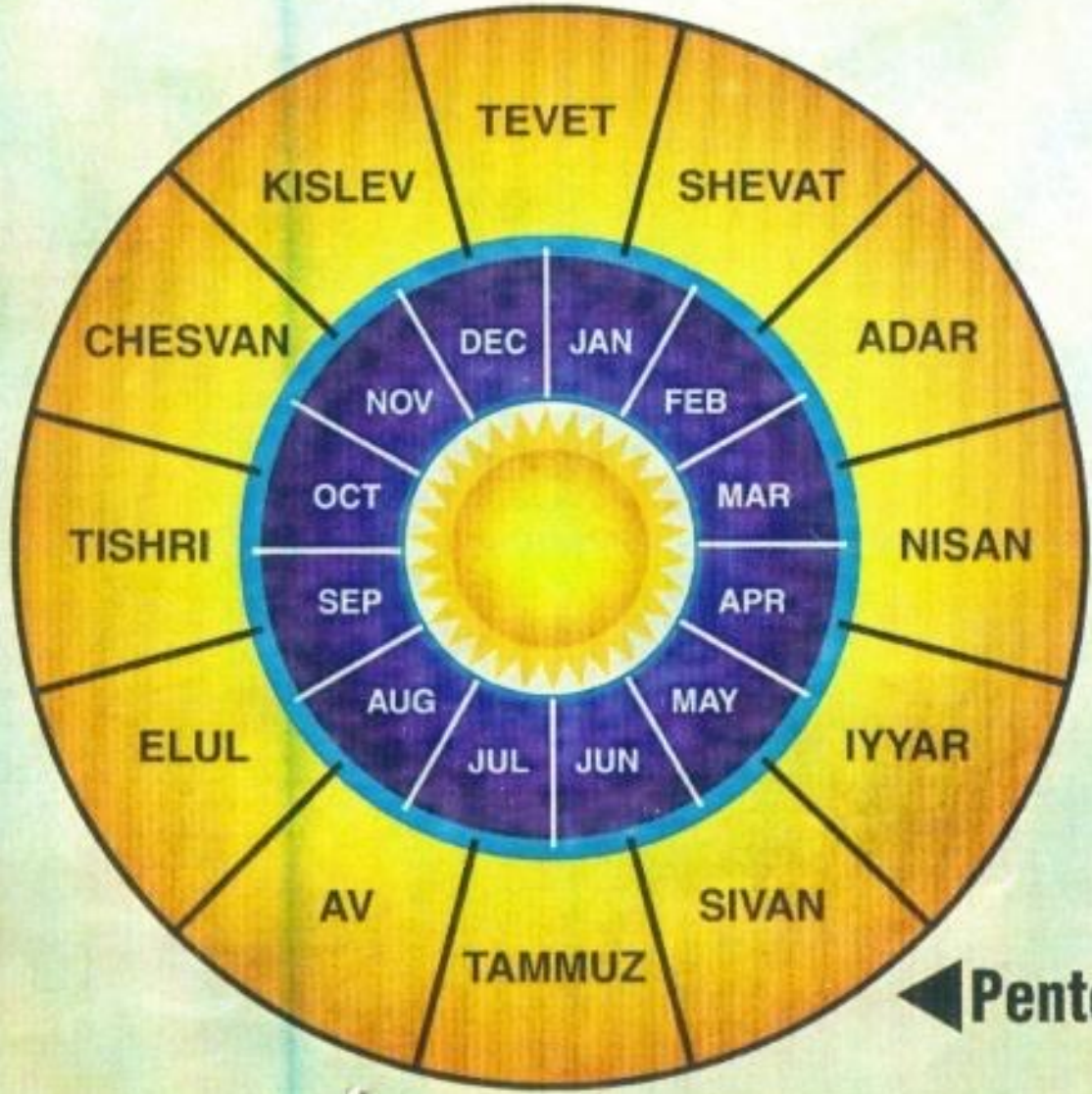
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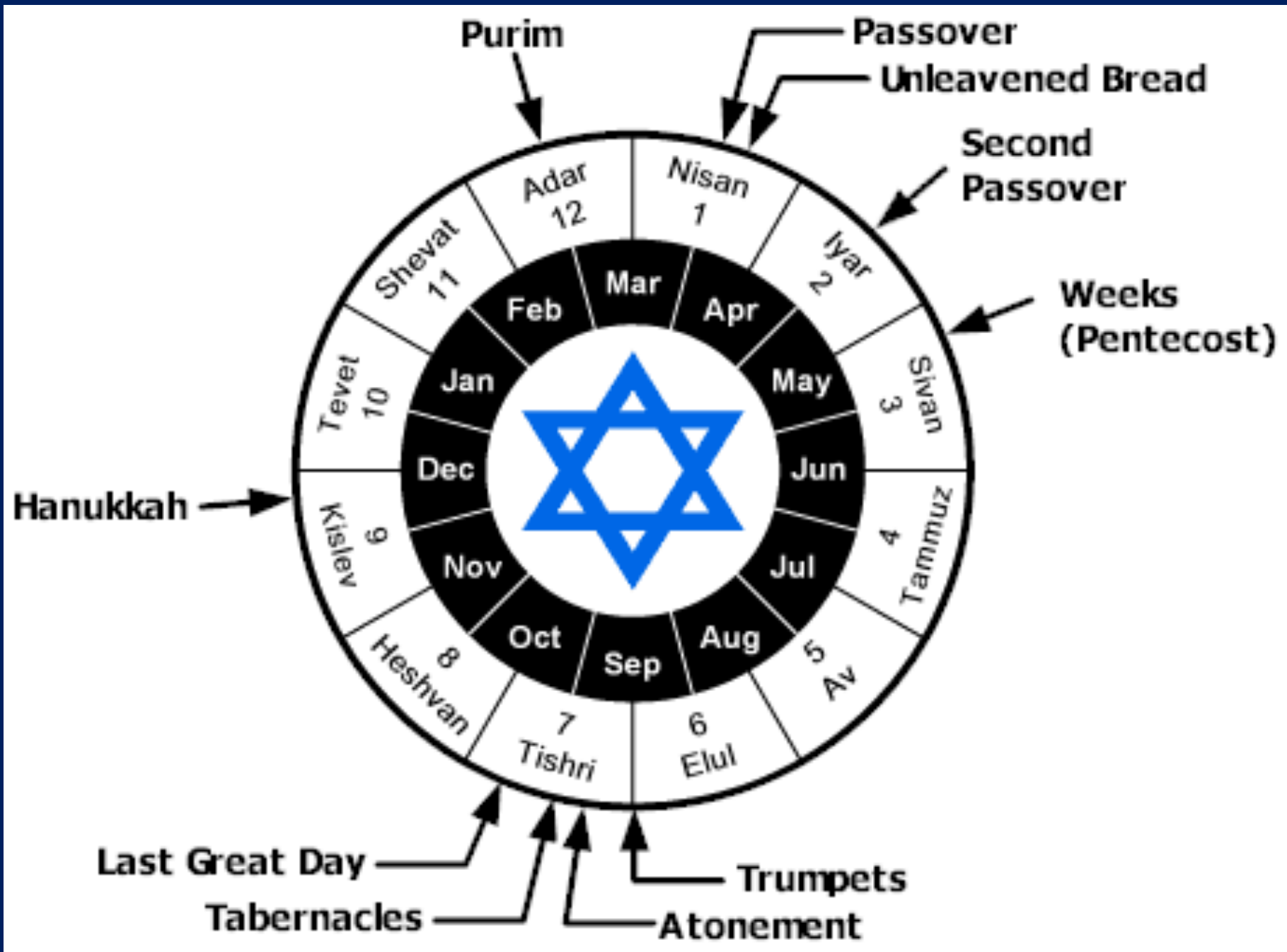
SPRING FEASTS

**Tabernacles** ▶  
**Atonement** ▶  
**Trumpets** ▶

◀ **Passover**  
◀ **Unleavened Bread**  
◀ **Firstfruits**

◀ **Pentecost**







# Levitical Feasts (Lev. 23)

<b>FEAST</b>	<b>SEASON</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
<b>Passover</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Redemption</b>	<b>1 Cor. 5:7</b>
<b>Unleavened Bread</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Separation</b>	<b>John 6:35</b>
<b>1st fruits</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Praise</b>	<b>1 Cor. 15:20</b>
<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Praise</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-4</b>
<b>Trumpets</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>New Year</b>	<b>Matt. 24:31</b>
<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Lev 16</b>	<b>Zech. 12:10</b>
<b>Booths</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Wilderness provision</b>	<b>Zech. 14:16-18</b>

## 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)



## 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).”

## Zechariah 12:10

“I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.”





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WITH  
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# Charles Ryrie

*Footsteps of the Messiah, 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.”

# The Now Prophecies?

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“We read the prophecy concerning the future judgment and blessed restoration of Elam (modern day Iran). . . . The judgment is described in verses 35 through 38. . . . Most importantly, we read in verse 38 that the Lord says that ‘it will come about in the last days that I will restore the fortunes of Elam.’ . . . This is critical because it gives us another indication that this is an End Times prophecy, consistent [with] the previous prophecies.”

# Bill Salus

Bill Salus, "Nuclear Iran: 'Are Ezekiel 38 (Persia) and Jeremiah 49 (Elam) the Same Prophecy?'" Prophecy Depot, April 30, 2018, <http://www.prophecydepotministries.net/2018/nuclear-iran-are-ezekiel-38-persia-and-jeremiah-49-elam-the-same-prophecy/>

“At this point, it’s important to discuss Iran’s double jeopardy in the latter days...Iran is the subject of dual judgment prophecies, one in Jeremiah 49:34–39, and the other in Ezekiel 38 and 39. This means that the rogue nation will experience double trouble in the end times.”



## Dr. John F. Walvoord

*The Nations in Prophecy, 169*

“A brief prophecy concerning Kedar and Hazor is contained in Jeremiah 49:28–33. It is a prediction of judgment upon them at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. A similar judgment is pronounced upon Elam in Jeremiah 49:34–38.”



# Warren Wiersbe

Wiersbe, *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary: Old Testament*, 1259.

“Whenever a nation was defeated, the victors would set up their king’s throne in the city gate (Jeremiah 1:15; 39:3; 43:8–13), and that’s what God promised to do in Elam (49:38). He would let them know that He was King.”



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“Ezekiel connects more prophetic dots by acknowledging that Elam is guilty of causing ‘terror in the land of the living.’ The prophet also mentions this fact two times in these verses. Iran is notably the world’s foremost sponsor of international terror.”

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*Every Prophecy of the Bible, 164-65*

“Ezekiel 32:1–32...Other nations such as Elam would also be in Sheol (v. 24). They were a people who settled east of Babylon and later were absorbed by the Persian Empire. They were conquered by both Assyria and Nebuchadnezzar (Jer. 49:34–39). The thought of their dying with the uncircumcised, a disgraceful death, is mentioned frequently in this passage (Ezek. 32:19, 21, 24–30). Meshech and Tubal are also in Hades (v. 26), referring to a people probably originally living in the area north of Turkey. They later became the subject of prophecy in Ezekiel 38–39. In addition to all the people mentioned, Pharaoh would join them in Sheol. Also, there would be the Sidonians, described as ‘all the princes of the north’ (v. 30), probably located north of Egypt. The concluding prophecy was that Pharaoh and his army would be there as well, having been killed by the swords. This was fulfilled in 663 and 571 BC.”



## Ezekiel 32:24-25?

Mark Hitchcock, *Showdown with Iran* (Nashville, TN, 2020), Appendix 1.

“In this setting, Ezekiel is unmistakably referring to defeated Elamites in his own day who were already in the grave, waiting for the arrival of the ancient Egyptians. Ezekiel’s reference to Elamite soldiers who had already died precludes this prophecy from finding its fulfillment in the end of days. How could modern Iranian soldiers be waiting in the underworld for Egyptians who were destroyed more than two and a half millennia ago? That simply doesn’t make any sense.”

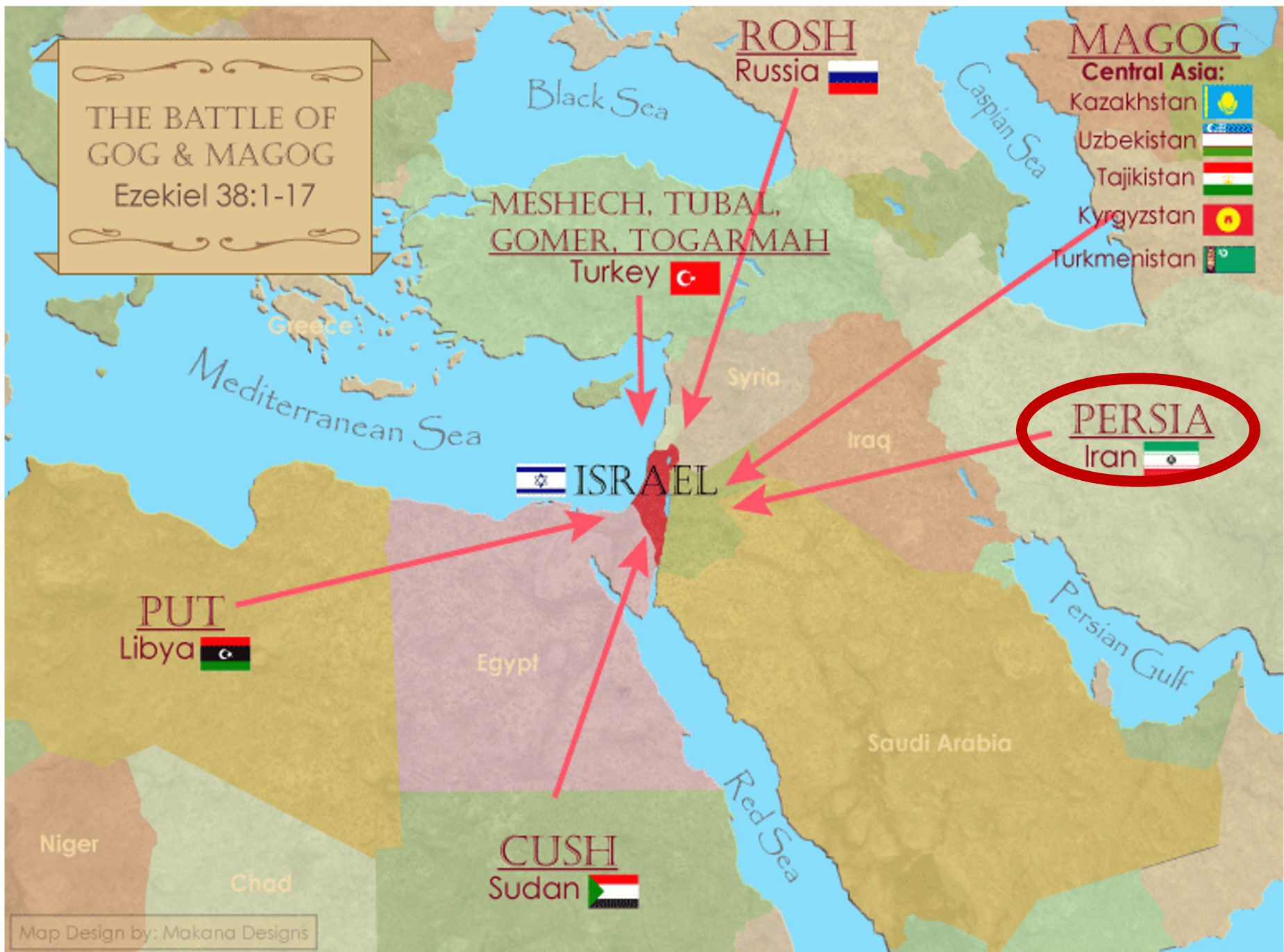


# Ancient Names From Ezekiel 38:1-9

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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“According to all major translations, the meaning of the text is clear:

1. The passage concerns the city of Damascus.
2. The passage is a prophecy, concerning the future of Damascus.
3. Damascus will be utterly destroyed.
4. Damascus will no longer be a livable, inhabitable city.
5. Damascus will lie in ruins.”

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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.’).”

# Britt Gillette

Britt Gillette, "Isaiah 17: Destruction of Damascus," Rapture Ready, November 15, 2011,  
<https://www.raptureready.com/2011/11/15/isaiah-17-destruction-of-damascus-by-britt-gillette/>

“In the last days, the Bible tells us of a horrible series of events that will take place in the lands of Israel and Syria. One of these events is the disappearance of Damascus as one of the premiere cities in the world. . . .In the very near future, Damascus will once again play a major role in human events. The prophet Isaiah provides us with God’s commentary on a future conflict between Damascus and Israel, and in so doing, he reveals certain prophecies which have been partially fulfilled in the past. However, the ultimate fulfillment of Isaiah 17 remains in the future. The current existence of Damascus, which will one day cease to be a city, as well as the historical absence of the coalition of nations prophesied to attack Israel and be destroyed by God, is proof that Isaiah 17 prophesies events yet future.”

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“In Isaiah 13 to Isaiah 24, the Lord speaks directly to the future of Gentile nations near or surrounding Israel. These prophecies are also End Times matters—that is, they are events that will take place just before the Tribulation, or during the Tribulation, and come to complete fulfillment on or about the Day of the Lord (the literal, physical Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ). We know these are End Times prophecies—and not near-term prophecies that would take place during Isaiah’s lifetime or even in the generations that would immediately follow—because of the numerous eschatological references that Isaiah makes.”

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2. Assyria (14:24-27)
3. Philistia (14:28-32)
4. Moab (15-16)
5. Damascus and Samaria (17)
6. Ethiopia (18)
7. Egypt (19-20)
8. Babylon (21:1-10)
9. Edom (21:11-12)
10. Arabia (21:13-17)
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## Isaiah 17:1-2?

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

“Since the context before Isaiah 17:1–2 is a near future fulfillment and the context after it is also a near fulfillment, it would be strange for Isaiah 17:1–2 to have a distant fulfillment in the end times.

- Isaiah 16:14 Prophecy of Moab’s Destruction (fulfilled within three years)
- Isaiah 17:1–11 Prophecy of the Destruction of Damascus
- Isaiah 17:12–14 Prophecy of the Destruction of the Assyrian army in one night (fulfilled within about thirty years in 701 BC).”



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Wiersbe, *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary: Old Testament*, 1166.

“In 17:1–2, he warned Damascus, the capital city of Aram (Syria), that the city would be taken by the enemy. This occurred when the Assyrians conquered Aram in 732 BC. Following their usual custom, the Assyrians deported many of the citizens, which left the land and cities deserted.”



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# Isaiah 13-14

- Day of the Lord (13:6-9)
- Cosmic disturbances (13:10-13)
- Global judgment (13:11-12)
- Sodom and Gomorrah (13:19)
- Complete and final desolation (13:20-22)
- Universal peace and rest (14:5-8)
- Israel's regeneration (14:1-4)

Henry Morris, *Revelation Record*, 348.

# Jeremiah 50-51

- Sudden destruction (51:8)
- Complete destruction (50:3, 13, 26, 39-40; 51:29, 43, 62)
- No reuse of building materials (51:26)
- Believers flee (50:8; 51:6, 45)
- Israel's regeneration (50:2, 4-5, 20; 51:50)

Dyer, "The Identity of Babylon in Revelation 17–18 (Part 2)," 443-49.

## Psalm 90:2

“Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting (*olam*) to everlasting (*olam*), You are God.”



## Parallels Between Jeremiah 50-51 & Revelation 17-18

	Jeremiah	Revelation
<b>Associated with a Golden cup</b>	51:7a	17:3-4; 18:6
<b>Dwelling on many waters</b>	51:13	17:1
<b>Intoxicating the nations</b>	51:7b	17:2
<b>Same name</b>	50:1	17:5
<b>Persecuting the saints</b>	51:48	17:6; 18:24
<b>Stone sinking into Euphrates</b>	51:63-64	18:21
<b>Sudden destruction</b>	51:8	18:8
<b>Destroyed by fire</b>	51:30	17:16
<b>Final, uninhabitable</b>	50:39	18:21
<b>Deserved</b>	50:29	18:6
<b>God's people flee</b>	51:6, 45	18:4
<b>Heaven rejoices</b>	51:48	18:20

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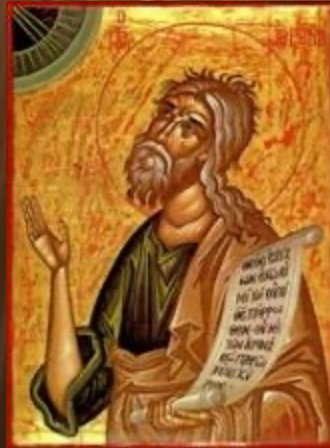
# Israel's Judgments

- 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)



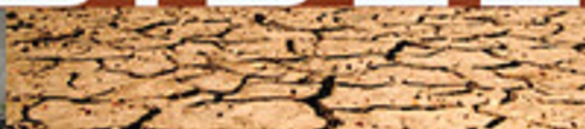
## Jeremiah 30:7

“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.”





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*Every Prophecy of the Bible, 91*

“Isaiah 17:1–8. The coming destruction of Damascus, one of the ancient cities of the Middle East, the capital city of Aram, is predicted (vv. 1–2). Damascus was allied with Israel in fighting the Assyrians, but it was to no avail because the Assyrians would triumph. Jacob would be like a person with a fat body that wasted away (v. 4). The destruction of Damascus was fulfilled in history and prophecy. As a result of their discipline by the conquering Assyrians, Israel would turn from their false gods and Asherah poles to the true God (vv. 7–8).”

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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. . . .
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- 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.”

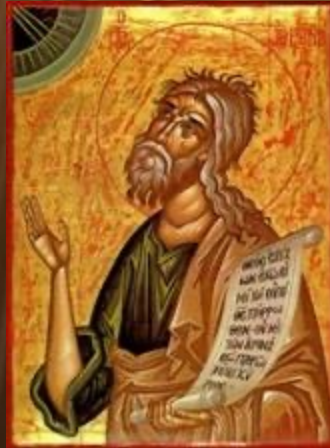
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- d. “Damascus has certainly been attacked, conquered, and burned at various points in history, including Biblical history—but it is clear that the prophecies of Isaiah 17 and **Jeremiah 49** have not yet been fulfilled. Damascus is, after all, one 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.’).”

## Jeremiah 49:27

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







## Jeremiah 49:23-27?

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

“Jeremiah 49:23–27 (BKC): God vowed to consume the fortresses of Ben-Hadad. ‘Ben-Hadad’ (lit., ‘son of [the god] Hadad’) was the name of the dynasty that ruled in Damascus in the ninth and eighth centuries b.c.” “Dyer notes the mention of ‘Benhadad,’ which ‘was the name of the dynasty that ruled in Damascus in the ninth and eighth centuries BC.’ The use of that name would be strange if this refers to an end-time event. The towers of Benhadad are long gone today.”



## 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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THE BATTLE OF  
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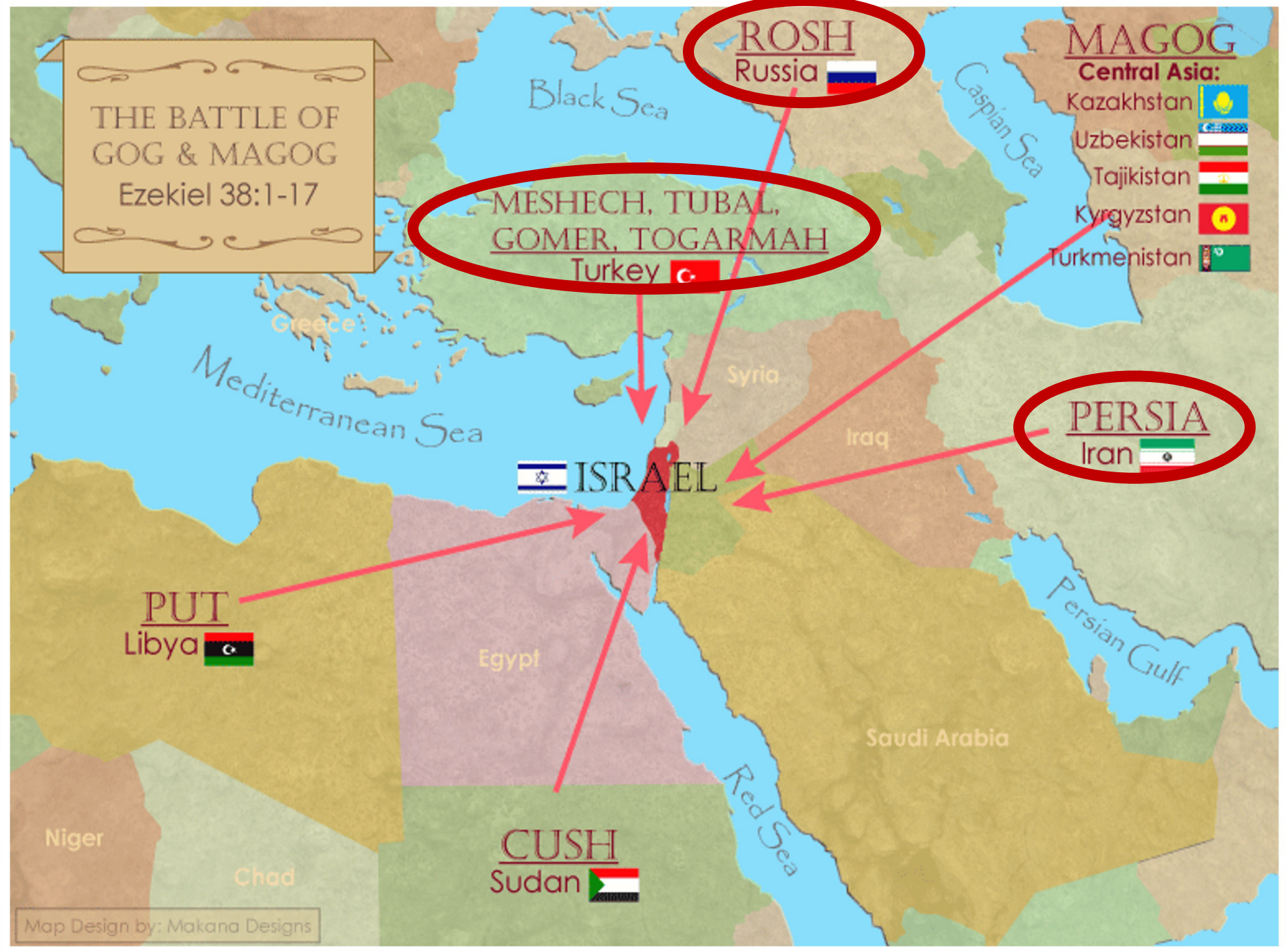
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# The Now Prophecies?

Elam, Damascus, Ps. 83

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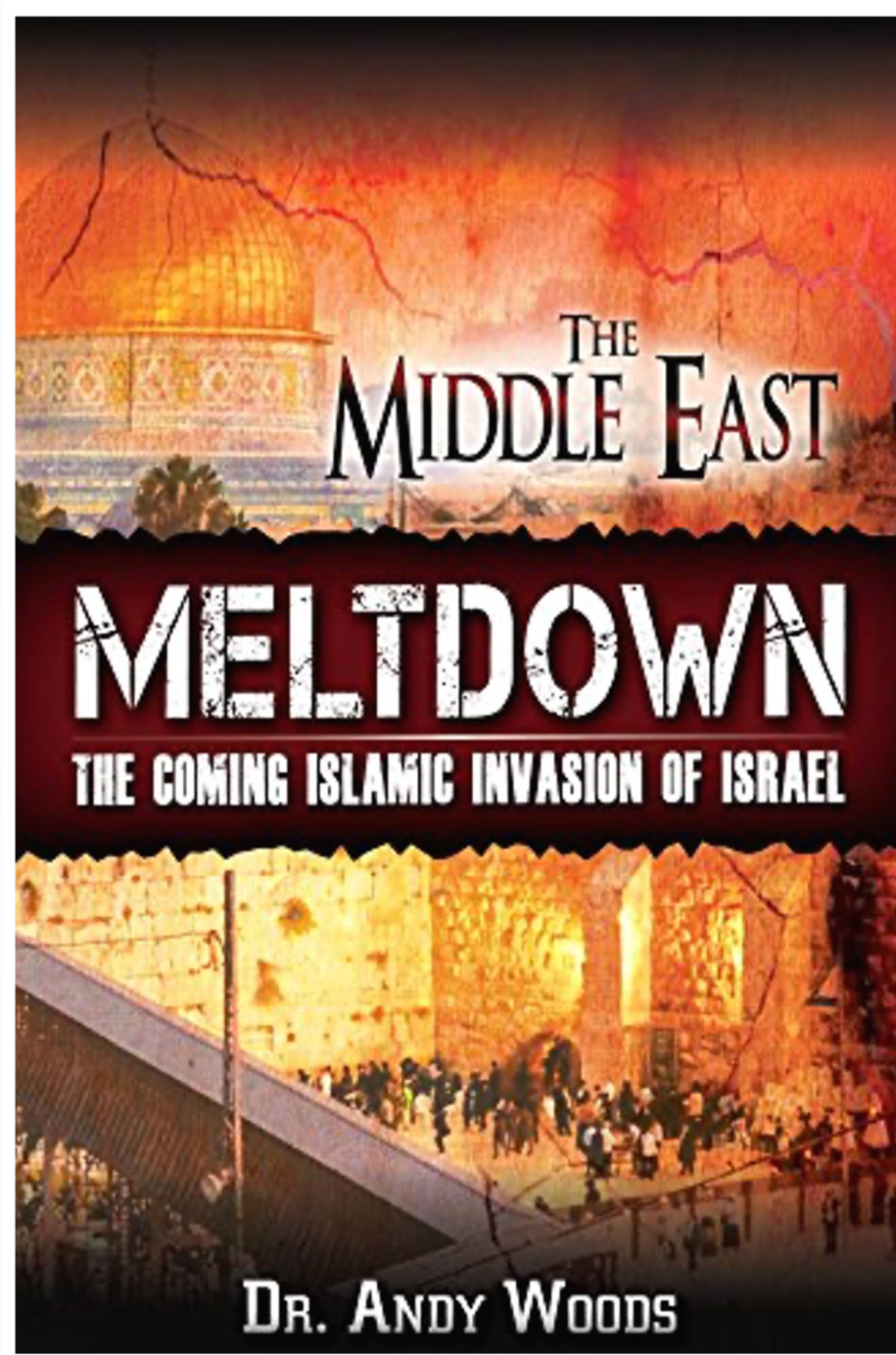
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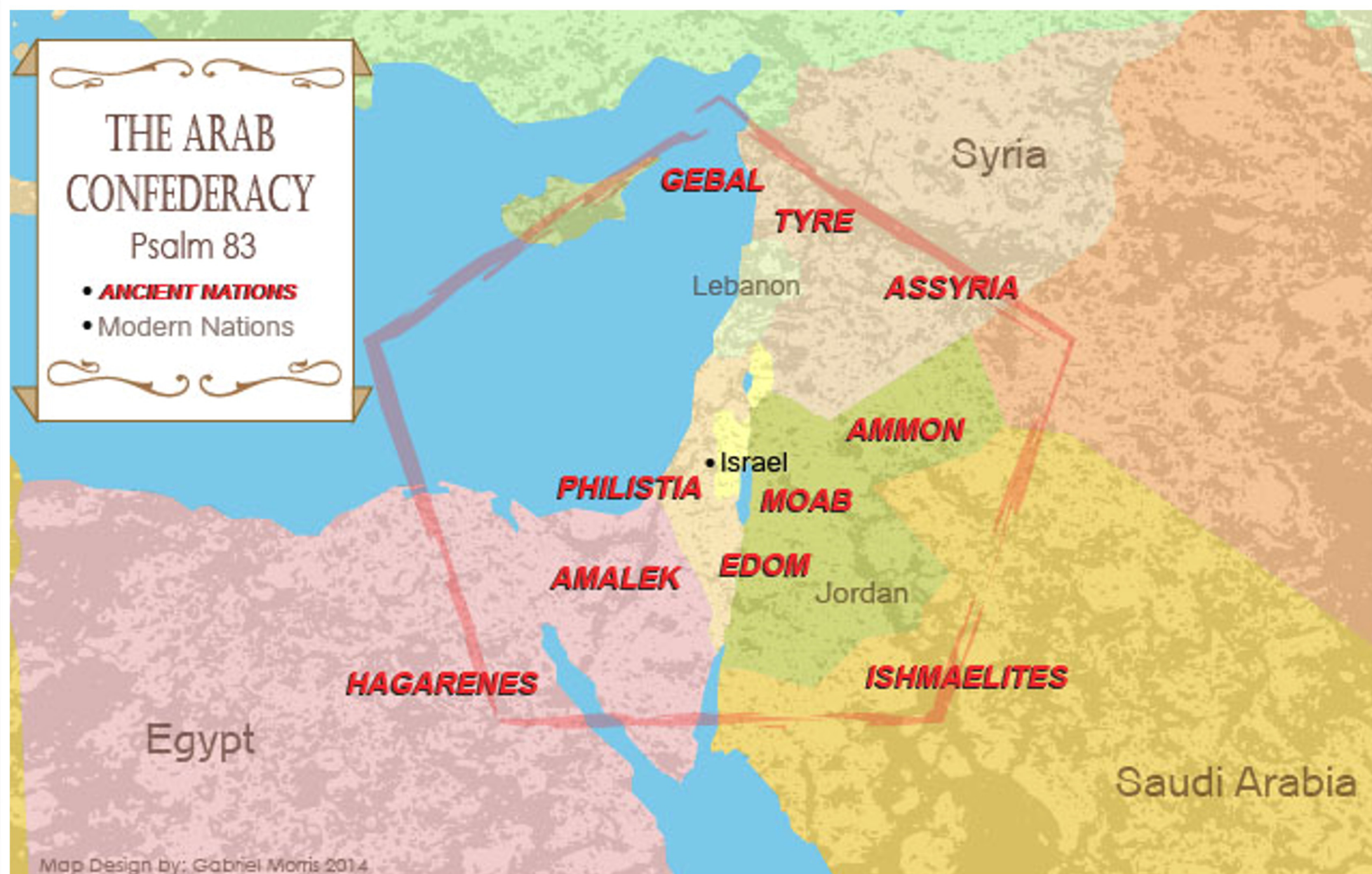
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# THE ARAB CONFEDERACY

Psalm 83

- **ANCIENT NATIONS**
- Modern Nations



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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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## 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.”

CONCLUSION



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1. Battle at the end of the Tribulation?
2. Imminency of the Rapture?
3. Gog-Magog (Ezek. 38–39) on a feast day?
4. The Now Prophecies (Elam, Damascus, Ps. 83)?