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## Ezekiel 38-39?



- It seems like Iran is poised to help Russia in their war with Ukraine.
- If they are successful it will be a small wonder if they do not take their success and use it against Israel—the beginning of the Gog and Magog War.
- Turkey an easy ally to destroy Israel.



# The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

## Isaiah

Isaiah 34

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# Detectives looking for Eschatological Clues in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth

**Continuing**



# Why Study Eschatology

- Last week we paused to reflect on why it is so important to advocate for a biblical Eschatology.
- While the trend is for churches to avoid anything controversial without denying the faith many most have adopted the “honorable minimalist” approach to what is important. (A humility in interpretation.)
- As it is (or is it) they will die for the Gospel but hope for the Kingdom and God’s deliverance— not so much.

# Why Study Eschatology

- To claim that you hold a neutral eschatology is to support a wrong one.
- The default (Augustine) view prevails with the idea of a present kingdom of God— for the WOKEN mostly likely for the educated ones will be neo-postmillennialism—amillennialism for the rest.

## Why Study Eschatology

- It has been our quest to find support for the eschatological framework that we have worked out—Mike Vlack calls his “The New Creation Model.”
- He is still working on his book but from what I have gleaned he is on the same track I have been suggesting—or I hope at least.

# The Framework

- The Old Testament sets the chronology. Based on the Abrahamic, Davidic and Land Covenants.
- God will favor Israel in spite of her apostasy. In the end their future is glorious.
- There is no biblical evidence that the glories of the Kingdom will be overshadowed by another more glorious “heaven” in another dimension. (As suggested by Augustine and Greeks)

# The Framework

- The biblical eschatology the “ending days” (Consummation is better) are given clearly at the end of our book, Isaiah 65:17—
- The pattern is not a new one but is a reoccurring in the chapters—judgment and restoration cycles.
- In a real sense Isaiah 65-66 are a summary of what has been presented in the earlier chapters.
- By the way— we should not fall for the trap that Revelation, a more recent book can flip the order given in Isaiah.

# The Framework

- As we approached our study of Isaiah we have in one hand the framework on which to hang verses to complete the picture.
- Of course the framework was constructed with truth given in the text—we suggest the Covenant made with Abraham etc.
- When studying Isaiah we are sorting out the historical from the prophetic—which can be challenging.
- But looking to build another framework (as a kingdom\* now) would be folly!
- \*Neo-Postmillennialism and Amillennialism.



# The Framework

- This is how we approach our book. The framework exists—it is a given and not subject to reconstruction.
- That means when we read a section we are looking for way to hang it on the presently existing frame—we ought not be trying to remodel, reconstruct the framework on an allusion.
- Or in face of a difficult section, to rebuild it.

## **Isaiah 34-35**

- **Todays chapters are our assignment.**
- **Scanning the chapters separately we conclude (with the help of commentaries) that we have a copy of the judgment restoration cycle.**
- **Isaiah 34 will deal with the Tribulational judgments**
- **Isaiah 35 will deal with their restoration.**

## Isaiah 34-35

- If the verses do not fit this precisely then we need to consider if it is an off the subject flash (common writing).
- But these off-topic reference do no detract from the overall thrust of the chapters.
- Let's take a look.

## Destruction of the Tribulation 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel

- Isaiah 34:1 “Draw near, O nations, to **hear**; and **listen**, O peoples! Let the earth and all it contains **hear**, and the world and all that springs from it. 2
- “For the Lord’s **indignation** is against **all** the nations, And His **wrath** against **all** their armies; He has utterly **destroyed** **them**, He has given **them** over to **slaughter**.

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## **Destruction of the Tribulation** **70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel**

- **Isaiah 34:3** So their slain will be thrown out [unburied]. And their corpses will give off their stench, And the mountains will be drenched with their blood. 4
- And all the **host (sun moon and stars)** of heaven will wear away [disappear from sight], And the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; **All their hosts will also wither away [disappear]** As a leaf withers from the vine, Or as one withers from the fig tree.
- **[Final judgment for the Kingdom]**

Revelation 19:21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

**Humanity**

**Nature**

Revelation 6:14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

## Destruction of the Tribulation 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel

- **Isaiah 34:5** For My sword is satiated in heaven, Behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom (represents all nations) And upon the people whom I have devoted to destruction. 6 The sword of the Lord is (drinks) filled with blood, It is sated with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, With the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the Lord has a sacrifice in Bozrah And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

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# Destruction of the Tribulation

## 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel

- Isaiah 63:1 “Who is this who comes from Edom, With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, This One who is majestic in His apparel, Marching in the greatness of His strength? “It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press? 3 “I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no man with Me. I also trod them in My anger And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My raiment.”

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## **Destruction of the Tribulation**


### **70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel**

- **Isaiah 34:7 Wild oxen will also fall with them And young bulls with strong ones; Thus their land will be soaked with blood, And their dust become greasy with fat. 8 For the Lord has a day of vengeance, A year of recompense for the cause of Zion.**

## **Destruction of the Tribulation 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel**

- **Isaiah 34:9** Its [volcanic] streams [ravines] will be turned into pitch, And its loose earth into brimstone, And its land will become burning pitch. 10 It will not be quenched night or day; Its smoke will go up forever. From generation to generation it will be desolate; None will pass through it forever and ever.
- **Ed:** Note on the language of the destruction of Babylon Rev. 17-18.—Where do we draw the geographical line? What ever we do with the “forever language” it cannot contradict the passages of perfection etc.,.

## Destruction of the Tribulation 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel

- Isaiah 34:11 “But pelican and hedgehog will possess it, And owl and raven will dwell in it; And He will stretch over it the line of desolation And the plumb line of emptiness. 12 **Its nobles—there is no one there Whom they may proclaim king— And all its princes will be nothing.** 

**Continued idea of utter destruction for human or normal habitation but the animals will live there!**

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- **Isaiah 34:13 “Thorns will come up in its fortified towers, Nettles and thistles in its fortified cities; It will also be a haunt of jackals And an abode of ostriches. 14 The desert creatures will meet with the wolves, The hairy goat also will cry to its kind; Yes, the night monster will settle there And will find herself a resting place.**

**This shows the  
land as  
useless and unsafe  
for normal living  
during  
the Tribulational  
Judgment of seven  
years.**

## **Destruction of the Tribulation 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel**

- **Isaiah 34:15 “The tree snake will make its nest and lay eggs there, And it will hatch and gather them under its protection. Yes, the hawks will be gathered there, Every one with its kind.**

**This shows the land is given over the animal life. Humanity is “gone” they take over the earth(?).**



## **Destruction of the Tribulation**

### **70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel**

- **Isaiah 34:16** Seek from the book of the Lord, and read: Not one of these [judgments] will be missing; None will lack its mate. For His mouth has commanded, And His Spirit has gathered them.
- **Now the warning passage:** There is an absolute reality presented. As none lacks a mate and the Spirit has gathered them.

## **Destruction of the Tribulation**

### **70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel**

- **Isaiah 34:17** “He has cast the lot for them, And His hand has divided it to them by line. They shall possess it forever;
- **Final statement of hope for Israel Seek and read.**
- **Judgment then the blessing!**

## Testing our Theory

### Traditional handling of this text

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**Thus far—**