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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

Isaiah Prophecy Pt 2

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Cyrus King of Persia

Record of his rule found 1879



Errata on the Errata etc.

- **Number of Jews taken in the Babylonian Captivity 48,000. (Various ideas are given).**
- **Number of Jews returning to the Land is less at 6,000.**
- **Ezra 2:64 Most of the people did not return to the Land but went west and north.**
- **There is poetic justice in making the departing and the return numbers the same. Further study?**

Detectives looking for Eschatological Evidences in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth




Continuing

The On-Going Sign Keeps on Giving Every generation gets a new look

- The sign of the Diaspora continues in the world for all to see. Few people can ignore this phenomenon prophecy.
- They are visible—for wherever Jews live they form a community.
- They remain somewhat isolated in the nations due to self imposed restrictions that reflect their theological history (choseness) and the antisemitism that always accompanies them.
- Every time a nation or person engages in an antisemitic act they are obeying the prophecy. Each time the Jews are attacked—prophecy is fulfilled.



The On-Going Sign Keeps on Giving Every generation gets a new look

- So powerful is this Jewish sign that the whole world recognizes **Jerusalem**. The one word understood in all languages is the Jewish expression of blessing—**Hallelujah**.
- This prophetic sign—the chosen Jew—the  has echoed in the chambers of the world for nearly 4000 years. Acts 14:17 signs from God in all ages.

The On-Going Sign Keeps on Giving

Every generation gets a new look

- But there is another sign that cannot be ignored.
- The sign—the gathering of some of the Jews to the Land and a nationhood.
- All are not in agreement — However it is impossible to deny their —
 - “statehood” and the
 - partial return to the Land and the
 - obvious blessing on their nation in
 - military and economic superiority.

Those who doubt these developments as prophetic signs have no way to account for the phenomena

The Dry Bones of Israel

- ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.
- ⁹Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.” ’ ” Ezekiel 37:7–9



God's Justice Moves Slowly

Reviewing diaspora history.

- The Land is emptied of the Jews after 135 a.d. The Romans planted a city Aelia Capitolina to squash Jewish Jerusalem—but there was no real reason for the city to exist. Jerusalem continued to be the place of many conflicts.
- Jerusalem was in the hands of the Byzantines from 325. The Muslims 700-1918.
- The nation was recognized on May 14, 1948 by USA and Russia.
- Immediately a war to kill the Jews began and ended with the Jews gaining more Land than allotted.



- The ½ city was taken in 1948 added 77% more land; ½ city and the Temple Mount+ Golan, the West Bank in 1967. Annexation of Golan was recognized by Trump 3/2017. And 12/2017 Trump in controversy recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

God's Justice Moves Slowly

Reviewing Land History.

- After 700 a. d.— Islam rose with their idea of being “an Israel.” They make half hearted attempts to claim/develop the Land but do not have the will to make Jerusalem their religious center which remained in Arabic Mecca.
- For centuries the desert Land lay fallow up to the mid 20th century. A place of landless Beduins and of jackals and hyenas—another prophetic utterance, the Land's condition 700-1900 remained vacant. Jeremiah's prophecy—
- The Land needs TLC from the real Land owners. The rest are like the hirelings who want to rape the land but not develop it!

Jeremiah 9

- ¹⁰“For the mountains I will take up a weeping and wailing, And for the pastures of the wilderness a dirge, Because they are laid waste so that no one passes through, And the lowing of the cattle is not heard; Both the birds of the sky and the beasts have fled; they are gone.
- ¹¹“I will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, A haunt of jackals; And I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.”
- ¹²Who is the wise man that may understand this? And who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord has spoken, that he may declare it? Why is the land ruined, laid waste like a desert, so that no one passes through? Jeremiah 9:10–12

A sign



Jewish Persecutions

- At the end of the 19th century we see the beginning of Zionism 1897 (Defined as returning to the Land).
- The Dreyfus affair in Paris set off Theo. Herzl. He rightly thought that the Jew will never find Justice in the Gentile world.
- <https://www.britannica.com/event/Dreyfus-affair>
- Earlier in 1840 in Damascus Jews were accused of killing a “Father”—using the blood libel.

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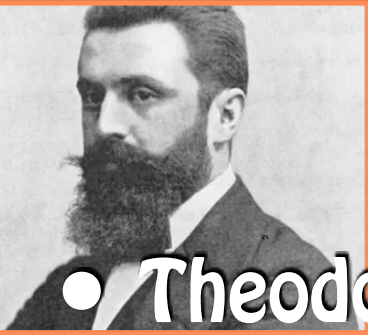
- **1896—Herzel and the Rothchild offered to buy (\$2.2 Billion US 2021. Ottoman debt 11 billion) a piece of the Land. “Sultan Abdul Hamid II refused the offer outright in 1896, telling Newlinski, "if Mr Herzl is as much your friend as you are mine, then advise him not to take another step in this matter. I cannot sell even a foot of land, for it does not belong to me but to my people.**
- <https://www.trtworld.com/magazine/how-theodor-herzl-failed-to-convince-the-ottomans-to-sell-palestine-46991>



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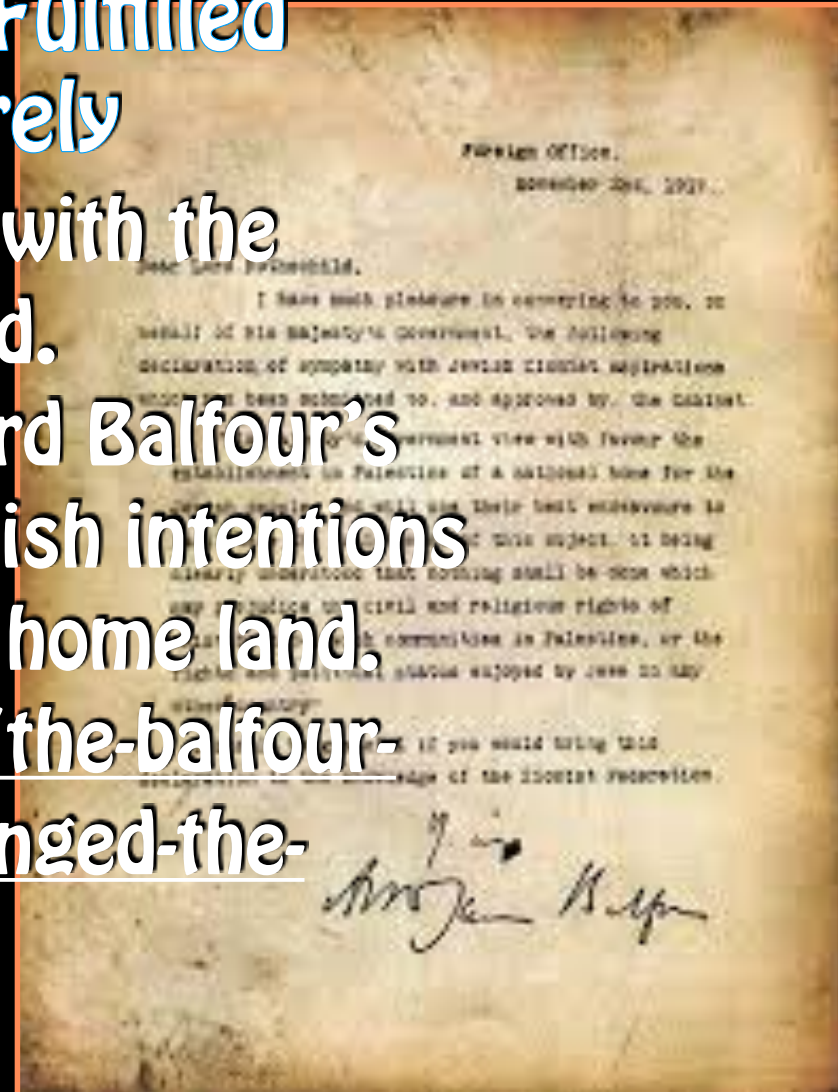
- “My people have won this Empire by fighting for it with their blood and have fertilized it with their blood. **We will again cover it with our blood before we allow it to be wrested away from us.**”
- “The Sultan's words were prophetic. Yet while the conflict is sometimes portrayed as an ancient one going back more than 1000 years, its roots are distinctly in the late 19th century.”
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Prophecy is being Fulfilled Slowly but Surely

- Theodor Herzl's negotiations with the Turkish Ottoman Empire failed.
- This was before England's Lord Balfour's letter in 1917 that stated British intentions to support Jewish quest for a home land.
- <https://jewishunpacked.com/the-balfour-declaration-67-words-that-changed-the-world/>



Prophecy is being Fulfilled Slowly but Surely

- In the years that followed the European world became a powder keg waiting for a spark to explode. Why—?
- Largely due to nascent **Germany** who was demanding recognition in the world community—**begins to play with fire.**
 - —we know that the Archduke of Austro-Hungary, Franz Ferdinand and wife, were assassinated 6/1914 by a zealot.
- This triggered an international crisis far beyond the act itself.
- In a short time 7/1914 the entire European community was at war. Germany, Austrian, Ottoman versus England, France and Russia (USA). **The war enabled socialist Lenin to destroy Russia.**

Germany Makes its 1st Adverse Appearance

- “The war was presented inside Germany as the chance for the nation to secure “our place under the sun,” as the Foreign Minister Bernhard von Bülow had put it, which was readily supported by prevalent nationalism among the public.”
Wiki. Supposedly winning a war would do that—any war!
- It must be noted that Germany is both a Protestant and Catholic country—Christian in broad terms. Evolutionary ideas bred Axnti-semitistic factors into WW II. It was a “Christian” on Jew war of Hitler—again “thanks to Constantine” for obliterating the state/religion line!

History of the Land

- Another correction—we often we think of the Muslims or the Romans giving the harshest treatment to the Jews.
- But as we saw a few panels back the real conflict between the Muslims and the Jews is from the early 20th century surrounding their nationhood.
- No people have been as hard on the Jews as the “Christian nations.” It should be an embarrassment to those of Covenant Theology who openly declare that **God has rejected His elect nation.** “Seminal choices?” Antisemitism in the early church has had devastating consequences on the ‘Church and the Jews.’”

Christian on Jew Treatment

- **It was the Muslims not the Christians (from 325 a. d.) that allowed Jews back into Jerusalem 700 a.d.**
- **The Christian Crusades (1100-1300) were events to recapture the Land for the Christians. The Muslims occupied the Land,**
- **But wherever the Jews were— killing them was how they practiced the art of war.**
- **The international Diaspora is in the Christian west. All Christian nations have at one time expelled the Jews.**
- **The ravages of Nazi Germany was the capstone of Christian cruelty towards the Jews.**

Restorationism

- The restoration of the Jews to the Land began first by a faithful reading of the prophetic text by the Christians in England after Wycliffe d. 1384. Without allegory it is clear that the the Bible shows that the Land belongs to the Jews and **that they will be returned to it.**
- But even though there were efforts in that direction it could not be politically accomplished before the appointed time. Prophecy cannot be forced as we will see.
- Political efforts grew around the French Revolution.

The 20th Century

The Century of the Great International Wars
WW I 1914-1918

Out of WW I came the British Mandate

- In the end 20 million died 20 million injured.
- **Germany lost the war 11/1918 settled for an armistice—in it the Ottoman Empire disappeared leaving only a token nation—Turkey.**
- In the “Versailles (Paris) Agreement” the Land was mandated by the Allied Powers, to the British, to oversee a process that will make a place for the Jews in the vacated Land in an “unnamed” Jewish state.

The Land Freed From Islamic Control

- The War netted out the Land taken from the Ottomans this time by force—For their belligerence, Turkey lost 3+ million, 15% (of their 21 million population).
- Germany with 65 million 2.7 million died. 4%. 5% for the Central Powers.
- Turkey paid three times the human price of the Axis Powers.
- Prophetically they gave up the Land but it cost them dearly in an extremely high loss in the blood of their population.

But the Jews are Not Ready to Return

- At this point after WW I the land has been freed from the Islamic control (at least on paper) but the Jews were not going to be tricked into leaving their relatively secure places in the Diaspora.
- The Jews in America had adopted liberal thinking wished not to emigrate instead they understood God's blessing was in "New York."
- Many who were not ready to accept the Land were no doubt avoiding another disappointment—they were right. The Mandate did not go well for the Jews—only worse for the Arabs.
- Yet in the early 20th century, with a few Jews in the Land, they began to work it thereby created jobs which were filled by new Arab immigrants.
- But in time under adverse Palestinian leadership these Arabs will become their mortal enemy.

The Impact of WW II on the Jews

- To convince the Jews that they needed a safe Land six million of them in Nazi conquered Europe were gassed by the Hitler's war machine.
- Even after the end of WW II (May-August 1945) and the establishment of the Jewish state (May 1948) it still took a visit (Sept-Oct) by Golda Mier to Russia to convince them to emigrate to the new state of Israel.

Nationhood of Israel

- As we approach the question of the Gog and Magog war of Ezekiel it is clear that when the war happens Israel is in the Land.
- We will show it outside the 70th week.
- There are no further markers (except Israel is a nation in the Land) that fact anchors the prophetic war. It is after being formed.
- As we will see next week, the resolution of the War is a sign of impending judgment for the Nations and God's promise of victory for the Jews.

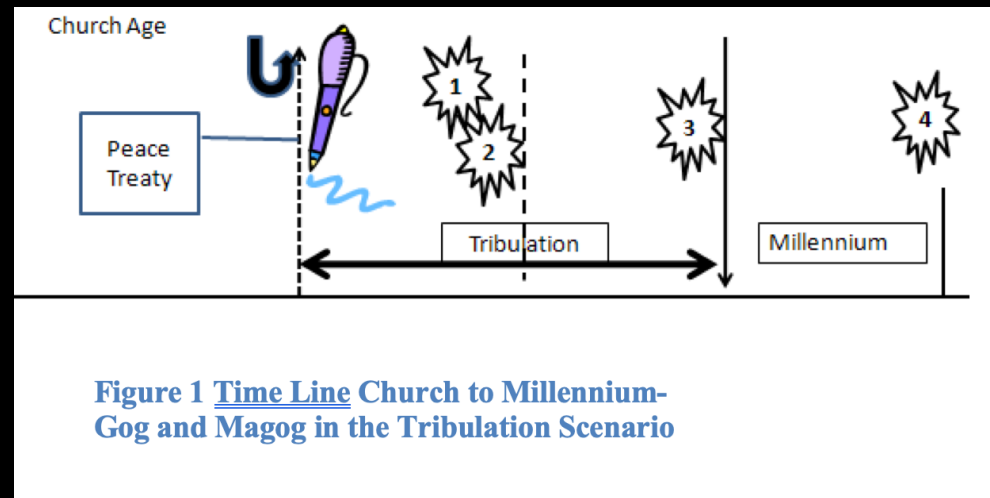


Nationhood of Israel

- We are pointing out the prophetic details of nationhood and the coming **sign to the world (Ezek)** that the **God of Israel is a promise keeping God.**
- ➡ 1 ● “Then it will happen **on that day** that the Lord Will again recover the **second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain,** From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea. Isaiah 11:11
- ➡ 2 ● The last sign is God’s deliverance of the Jews for the world to see. This forms the last warning for the world that judgment is coming. The Jewish deliverance in the Gog and Magog War is that event in Ezekiel 38-39.

- There has been renewed discussion about the timing of the war. Traditionally, it has been placed in the middle of the Tribulation at least before the Bowl Judgments. This has fallen out of popularity for reason we will show next week.

Nationhood of Israel

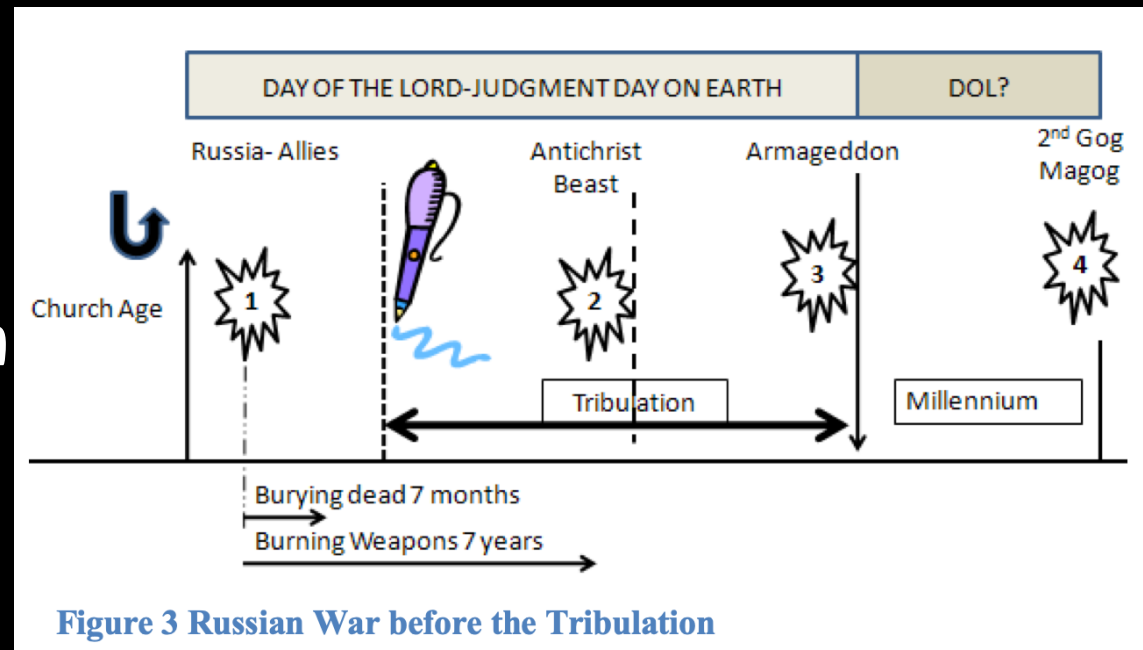


Traditional Sequencing of the Wars

1. The Russian invasion
2. The AntiChrist was
3. Armageddon
4. Gog at end of 1000 yrs.

Nationhood of Israel

- Leaving it for now—I believe that Gog is before the Tribulation but after the Rapture. It has been determined that there is such a “space” if the AntiChrist can make an agreement with Israel, it must be in the Land and functioning with some extra ordinary strength.



Nationhood of Israel

- We need some assessment of the international scene at the time of the attack—to give some foundation for its provocation.
- A scenario—With the world wide Rapture exiting thousands and more likely millions of people without trace or accepted “explanation” the international community will seek comfort from each other and come to terms with these changes.

Not by the Might of Politics

- With biblical support the Christians in the 19th-20th century favored a national Israel but unorganized Christians have no power to accomplish it.
 - (This was very common among “Dispensational Evangelicals” (not the main line Protestants—the Covenantalist)
- After the Rapture, with the supporting **grass roots Christians gone** the vacuum may embolden the Muslims to mount a campaign to once and for all destroy the Israel—
- A coalition of nations given in Ezekiel form to make the world a safer place by destroying the nation of Israel. It now “is possible.”

Can Russia Survive and Mount an Offensive?

- Russia (at least the best candidate) is in a bleeding war with the United States. Others as Iran (joined with Saudi Arabia on 3/23/23), Turkey already an enemy of Israel will join this effort (so it seems others).
- Speaking to the present situation—Russia will survive. It may see a regime change for the worse—always the danger in regime changes, that may give us a different Russia than we see to day.
- The Russians are used to brutal dictatorships.

Finishing

- After the Rapture the world will need a realignment.
- The “glue” the grace of God that held people together and held them apart has exited. The Holy Spirit no longer (as in the church age) will be a drag on adverse developments.
- The Jews are being readied for judgement and the Gentiles organize to accomplish it.
- With all the given moving parts, it may be impossible to identify the precise nations in the final acts.

**With that we are ready for
Ezekiel 38 and 39 next week.**
Thus far—

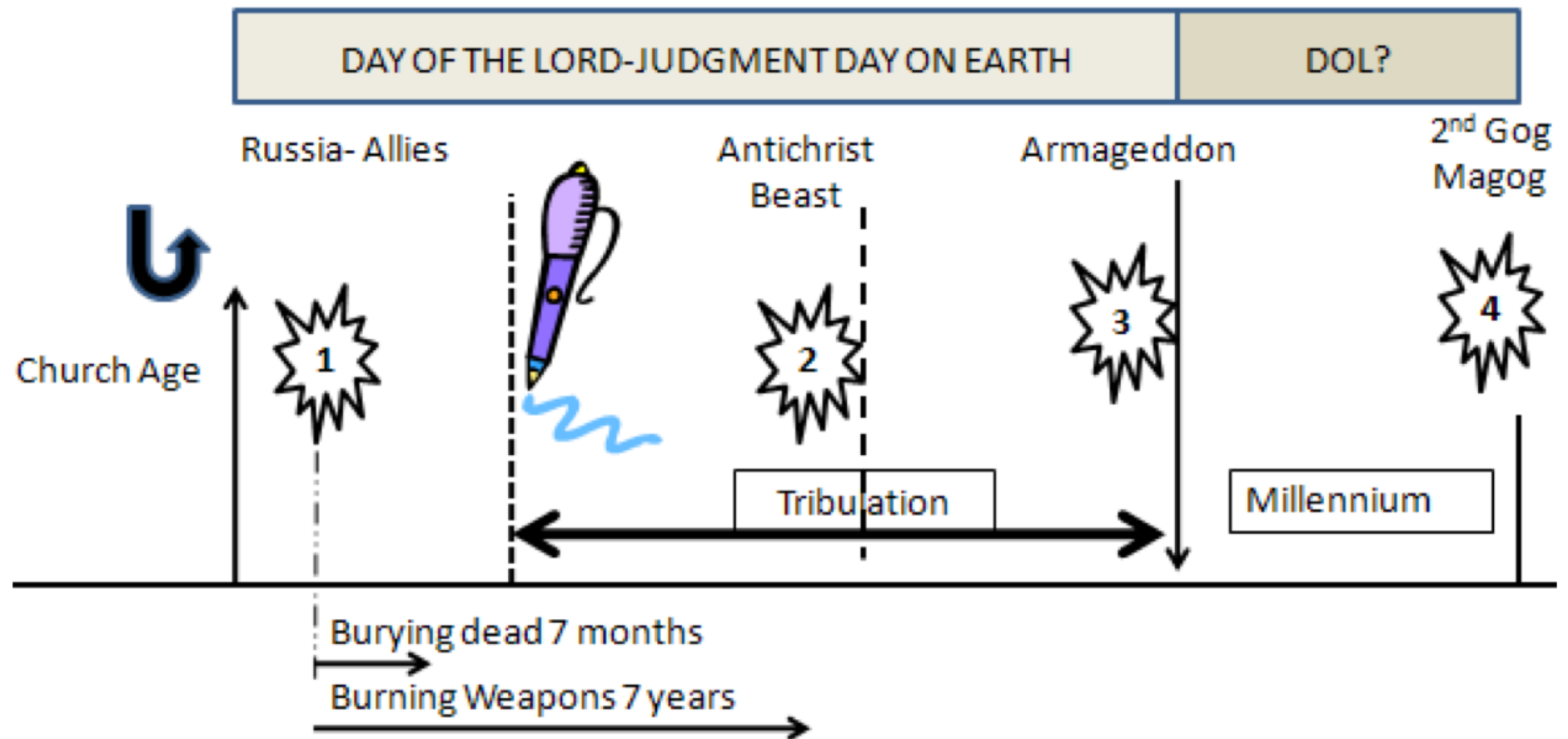


Figure 3 Russian War before the Tribulation

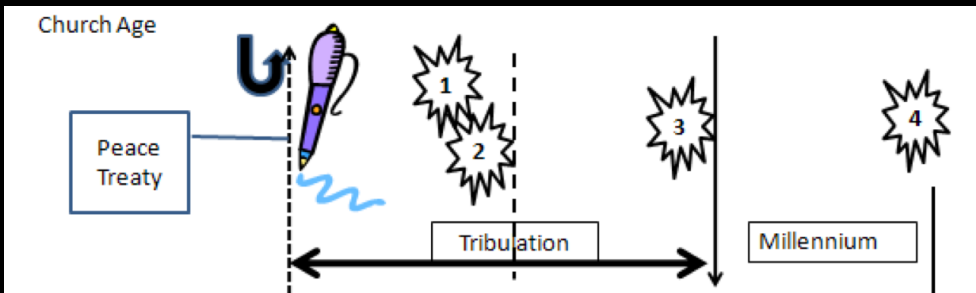


Figure 1 Time Line Church to Millennium-
Gog and Magog in the Tribulation Scenario

Traditional View

- The problem with the Traditional view point

