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# The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

## Isaiah

### Isaiah Prophecy Pt 3

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# The Deliverance of Israel One more Time

- Today we will look at one more sign (likely) before the 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel begins—a sign believers of today will not see.
- The War of Gog (like a Ruler) of Magog (his land) are the some-what generic names or titles and ought not be confused with the war of the same name but separated by more than a thousand years. Both for our day are still prophetic.
- We will look at Ezekiel for this information. The war is not covered in any other biblical passages (not likely is Ps. 18) — most notable in missing in Revelation.

## **Ezekiel's Prophecy**

### **Captivity Prophecy c. 570 b.c.?**

- The book is organized by topic and time:
- Chapters 1—3: Ezekiel's call, before 586 BC.
- Chapters 4—24: Ezekiel's condemnation of Judah, 586 BC.
- Chapters 25—32: Ezekiel's condemnation of the nations, 586 BC.
- Chapters 33—48: Ezekiel's country restored, (long) after 586 BC. (Cannot the restoration of Cyrus and Ezra.)
- <https://israelmyglory.org/article/ezekiel-the-times-the-man-the-book/>



# Ezekiel's Prophecy

- “The theme of —
- **Ezekiel** is the glory of the Lord. The other three major prophets have similar themes:
- **Isaiah**, the salvation of the Lord;
- **Jeremiah**, the judgment of the Lord; and
- **Daniel**, the sovereignty of the Lord.”
- Israelmyglory site.

## **Ezekiel is the Glory of the Lord In the Deliverance of Israel**

- **Ezekiel is about Israel being reinstituted in God's favor.**
- **What confuses the skeptic is that God judges specific generations (specific individuals) but He never withdraws his lovingkindness towards the faithful people as individuals or as a nation as a family of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.**

## **Ezekiel is the Glory of the Lord In the Deliverance of Israel**

- We said at the close of last week that Ezekiel does not cover the Tribulation as detailed by his contemporary prophet Daniel. Both were exilic (Babylon) prophets.
- Daniel gives the prophetic history of the Gentiles contrasted with the coming Kingdom of God's son.
- In Daniel 9:24-27 he gives the chronology.

## **Ezekiel is the Glory of the Lord In the Deliverance of Israel**

- **Ezekiel talks about the judgment of the nations, and may allude to the events of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel (Tribulation)—however the focus of Ezekiel as given in the last section from 36 on is the Glory of God in the life of His redeemed people.**
- **Chapters 36-39 is the transitional section of the book. Chapter 40 begins at the Second Coming, the launch of the Eternal Kingdom.**

# Ezekiel 36

- <sup>1</sup>“And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord.
- <sup>2</sup>“Thus says the Lord God, “Because the enemy has spoken against you, (and said) ‘**Aha!**’ and, ‘**The everlasting heights have become our possession,**’ Ezekiel 36:1–2

# Ezekiel 36

- <sup>3</sup>therefore prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “For **good reason** they have made you desolate and crushed you from every side, that you would become a possession of the rest of the nations and you have been taken up in the talk and the whispering of the people.” ’ ” Ezekiel 36:3

# Ezekiel 36

- **4“Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God. Thus says the Lord God to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities which have become a prey and a derision to the rest of the nations which are round about, Ezekiel 36:4**

## Ezekiel 36

### Nations are Judged

- <sup>5</sup>therefore thus says the Lord God, “Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who appropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey.” Ezekiel 36:5



# Ezekiel 36

- 6“Therefore **prophecy concerning the land of Israel** and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, “Thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because you have endured the insults of the nations.’ Ezekiel 36:6

# Ezekiel 36

- 7“Therefore thus says the Lord God, ‘I have sworn that surely the nations which are around you will themselves endure their insults.
- 8‘But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come. Ezekiel 36:7–8

# Ezekiel 36

- 11'I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly (Land of milk and honey) and (I) will treat you better than at the first.
- [Theme=] Thus you will know that I am the Lord.  
Ezekiel 36:11

# Ezekiel 36

- 12 ‘Yes, I will cause men—[that is] My people Israel—to **walk on you** [Land personified] and **possess you**, so that you will **become their [Jewish] inheritance** and [the Land will] **never again bereave them of children.**’
- 13 “Thus says the Lord God, ‘Because they [Jews] say to you [the Land], “You are [the Land has been] a devourer of men and have bereaved your nation of children,” Ezekiel 36:12–13

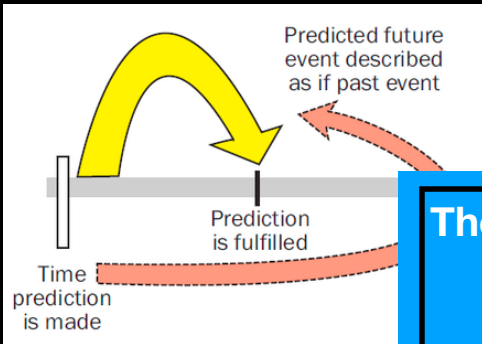
# Ezekiel 36

- 14therefore you (the Land) will **no longer devour men and no longer bereave your nation of children,** declares the Lord God.
- 15“[ I will not let you (land) hear insults from the nations anymore, nor will you bear disgrace from the peoples any longer, nor will you cause your nation to stumble any longer,” declares the Lord God.’ ” Ezekiel 36:14–15

# Ezekiel 36

- **16**Then the word of the Lord came to me saying,
- **17**“Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.  
**18**“Therefore I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols. **Ezekiel 36:16–18**

# Ezekiel 36



The prophetic perfect tense is a literary technique used in the Bible that describes future events that are so certain to happen that they are referred to in the past tense as if they had already happened.

- **Prophetic Perfect:** 19“Also I scattered them among the nations and they were dispersed throughout the lands. According to their ways and their deeds I judged them.
- 20“**When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, ‘These are the people of the Lord; yet they have come out of His land.’** Ezekiel 36:19–20



# Diaspora 3rd Century

- 21“But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went. Ezekiel 36:21





[https://www.jewishdatabank.org/content/upload/bidb/2019\\_World\\_Jewish\\_Population\\_\(AJYB,\\_DellaPergola\)\\_DataBank\\_Final2.pdf](https://www.jewishdatabank.org/content/upload/bidb/2019_World_Jewish_Population_(AJYB,_DellaPergola)_DataBank_Final2.pdf)

- (Theme=) 22“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. Ezekiel 36:22

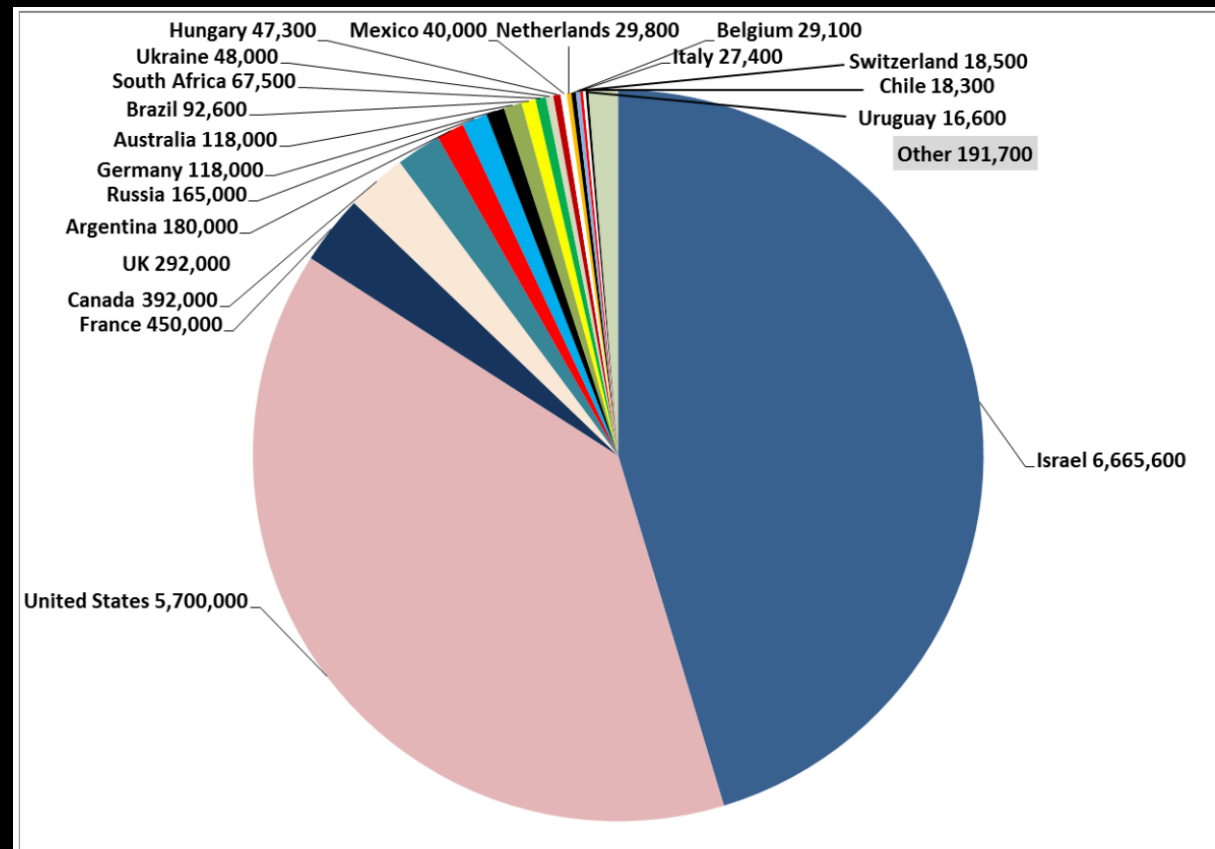


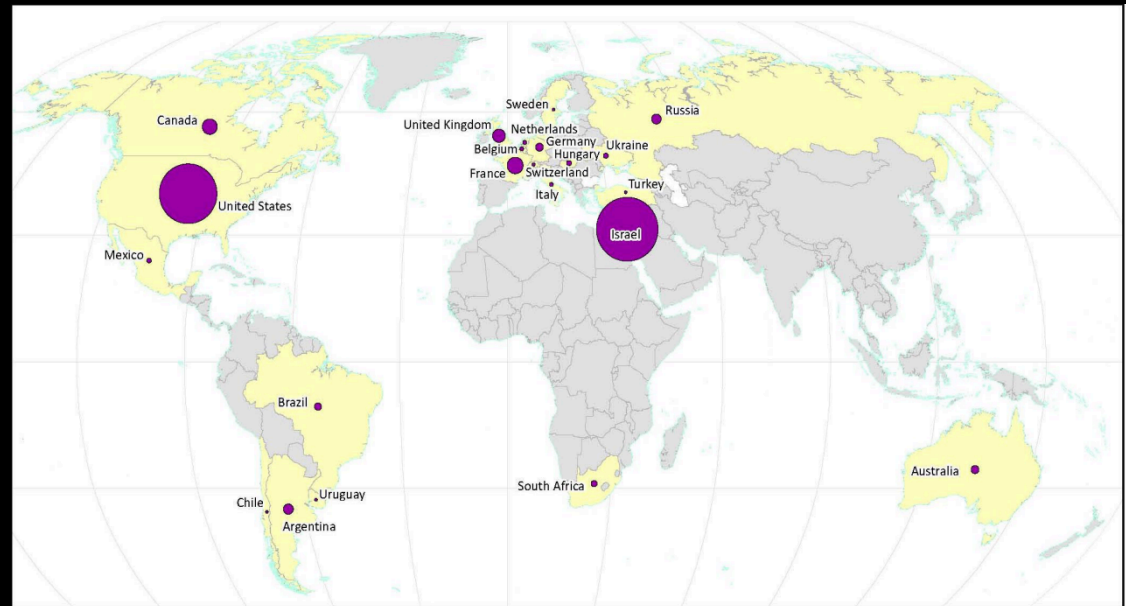
Fig. 2 Twenty largest core Jewish populations, 2019

# Ezekiel 36

- (Theme=) <sup>23</sup>“I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. **Then the nations will know that I am the Lord,**” declares the Lord God, **“when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight. Ezekiel 36:23**

# Ezekiel 36

- 24“For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.  
Ezekiel 36:24



Map 1 Countries where 99% of world Jewish population live, 2019

**Table 1** World core Jewish population estimates: original and revised, 1945-2019

Year	World Jewish Population			World Population		Jews per 1000 total population
	Original estimate <sup>a</sup>	Revised estimate <sup>b</sup>	Annual% change <sup>c</sup>	Total (millions) <sup>d</sup>	Annual % change	
1945, May 1	11,000,000	11,000,000		2,315		4.75
1950, Jan. 1	11,303,400	11,297,000	0.59	2,526	1.76	4.47
1960, Jan. 1	12,792,800	12,079,000	0.67	3,026	1.82	3.99
1970, Jan. 1	13,950,900	12,585,000	0.41	3,691	2.01	3.41
1980, Jan. 1	14,527,100	12,819,000	0.18	4,449	1.81	2.88
1990, Jan. 1	12,810,300	12,868,000	0.04	5,321	1.74	2.42
2000, Jan. 1	13,191,500	13,150,000	0.22	6,127	1.42	2.15
2005, Jan. 1	13,034,100	13,460,000	0.47	6,514	1.23	2.07
2010, Jan. 1	13,428,300	13,854,000	0.58	6,916	1.20	2.00
2015, Jan. 1	14,310,500	14,311,600	0.65	7,236	0.91	1.98
2016, Jan. 1	14,410,700	14,407,600	0.67	7,336	1.38	1.96
2017, Jan. 1	14,511,100	14,507,600	0.69	7,436	1.14	1.95
2018, Jan. 1	14,606,000	14,606,500	0.68	7,536	1.13	1.94
2019, Jan. 1	14,707,400		0.69	7,621	1.11	1.93

a As published in the *American Jewish Year Book*, various years. Some estimates reported here as of Jan. 1 were originally published as of Dec. 31 of the previous year

b Based on updated or corrected information. Original estimates for 1990 and after, and all revised estimates: The A. Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

c Based on revised estimates, except latest year

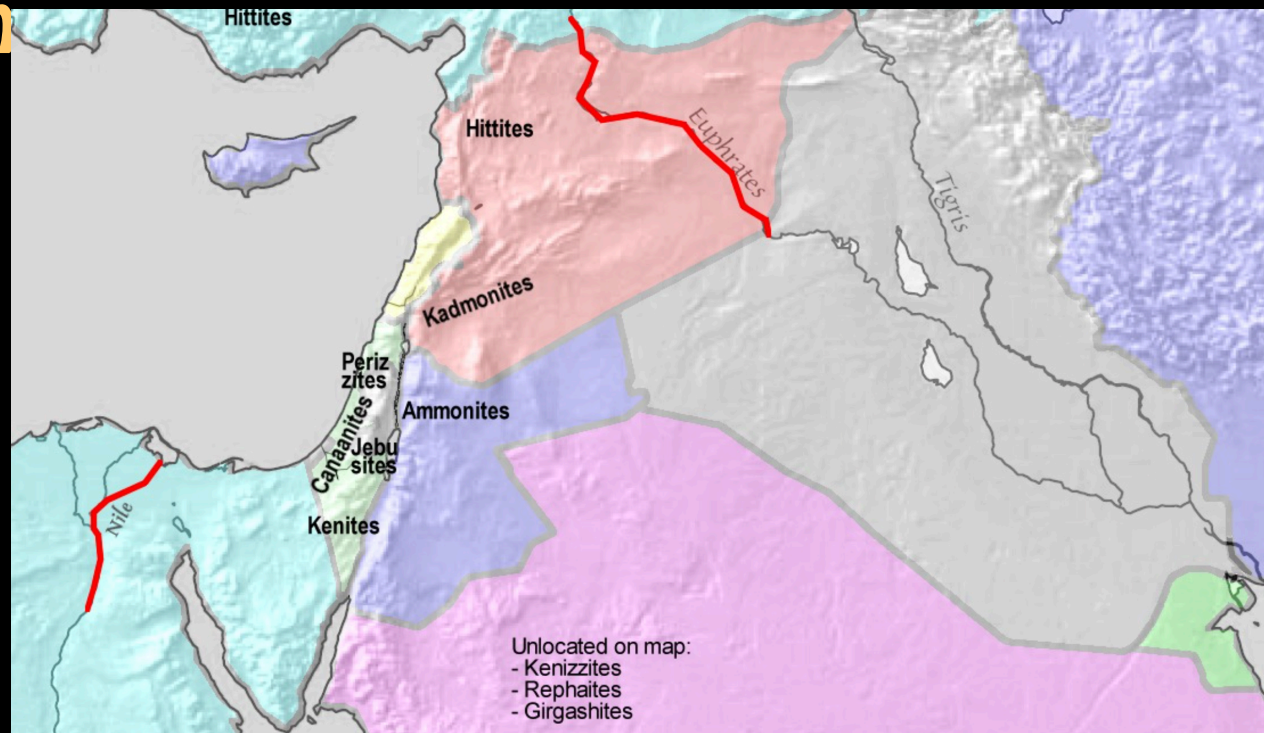
d Mid-year estimates. Source: United Nations Population Division (2018), Population Reference Bureau (2019)

# Ezekiel 36 The New Covenant

- 25“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27“ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. Ezekiel 36:25–27

# Ezekiel 36

- 28 “You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.  
Ezekiel 36:28



# Ezekiel 36

- Skip verses (29-31)
- (Theme=) <sup>32</sup>“**I am not doing this for your sake,**” declares the Lord God, “let it be known to you. **Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!**” Ezekiel 36:32



# Ezekiel 36

- Skip verses (33-34)
- 35“**They will say, ‘This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.’**
- 36“**Then the nations that are left round about you (Theme=) will know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted that which was desolate; I, the Lord, have spoken and will do it.”** Ezekiel 36:35–36



# Ezekiel 36

- Skipping (37)
- 38“Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with **flocks of men**.  
(theme=) **Then they will know that I am the Lord.**” ’ ” Ezekiel 36:38

The background image is a dramatic landscape. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a bright, golden light breaking through in the center, creating a strong contrast. Below the sky is a dark, silhouetted horizon line. The foreground is a vast, flat field covered in dry, yellowish-brown grass and twigs. In the lower foreground, several human skulls are scattered across the ground, some partially buried in the dry vegetation. The overall mood is somber and evocative, suggesting themes of death, desolation, and the potential for resurrection or restoration.

# Ezekiel 37-

**One Grand Illustration of the Restoration of Israel**



# Ezekiel 37

- **1The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. Ezekiel 37:1**



# Ezekiel 37

- <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, You know.”
- Ezekiel 37:3



# Ezekiel 37

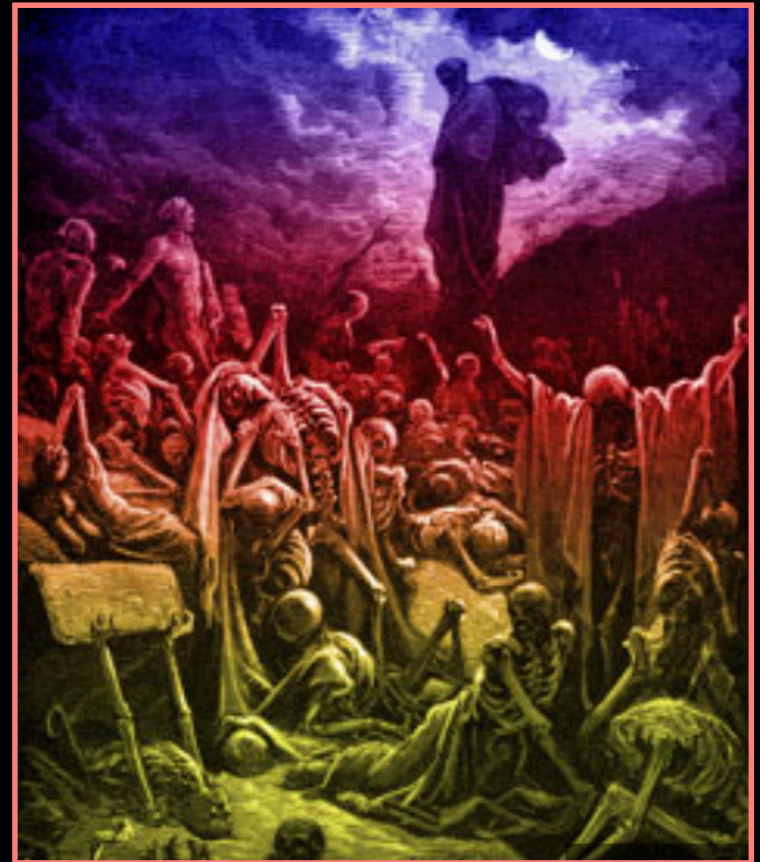
- 5“Thus says the Lord God to these bones,  
‘Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you  
may come to life. Ezekiel 37:5

# Ezekiel 37

- **<sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.**

**Ezekiel 37:8**

- **Stage One of Two**





# Ezekiel 37

- <sup>9</sup>Then 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.” ’ ”
- <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Ezekiel 37:9–10
- Stage Two of Two!

# Ezekiel 37

- **11** Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, (but) they say, (before the restoration) ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.’ Ezekiel 37:11
- **Note:** A look at their history looks bleak, without hope. Completely cut off! What despair the Jewish nation!



# Ezekiel 37

- 12“Therefore prophesy and say to [correct] them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. Ezekiel 37:12



Daniel 12:2

# Ezekiel 37

- 14“‘I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. (Theme=) **Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it,**” declares the Lord.’ ”Ezekiel 37:14

# Ezekiel 37

- Skipping [15-21] Divided nation will unite
- <sup>22</sup>and I will make them **one nation in the land**, on the mountains of Israel; and **one king will be king** for all of them; and they will **no longer be two nations** and no longer be divided into two kingdoms. Ezekiel 37:22

# Ezekiel 37

- (Prophetic Perfect) <sup>23</sup>“They will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but **I will** deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. **And they will be My people, and I will be their God.**
- <sup>24</sup>“My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have **one shepherd**; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. Ezekiel 37:23–24

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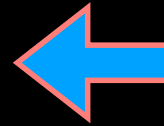
- 25“**They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant,** in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons’ sons, forever; and **David My servant will be their prince forever.** Ezekiel 37:25

# Ezekiel 37

- 26“**I will** make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. **And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.** 27“**My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. (Theme=)** 28“**And the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.” ’ ”Ezekiel 37:26–28**

# Ties in with Revelation 21

- <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them— Revelation 21:3



Ez. 37:27 “My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.

# Ezekiel 37

- We have covered two chapters of God's intention to restore a new generation (Matt. 21:43) of Israel to His favor and put them back in the land given them in their forefathers.
- There obviously is a change in how God is dealing with the nation—enter the great assurances of “I will” spoken by God.
- There is no way that what has been covered in these chapters are fulfilled in their return to the Land under the aegis of Cyrus the Great.



# Ezekiel 37

- Even greater there is no way to understand these chapters as some kind lessons of some “higher truth” that was unattainable by the “discarded” Jews.
- Only Gentile, carnal hubris can account for this total disregard for the meaning of the text.
- How long will God allow the distortion of His given Word? Patience is not infinite.

# Ezekiel 38-39

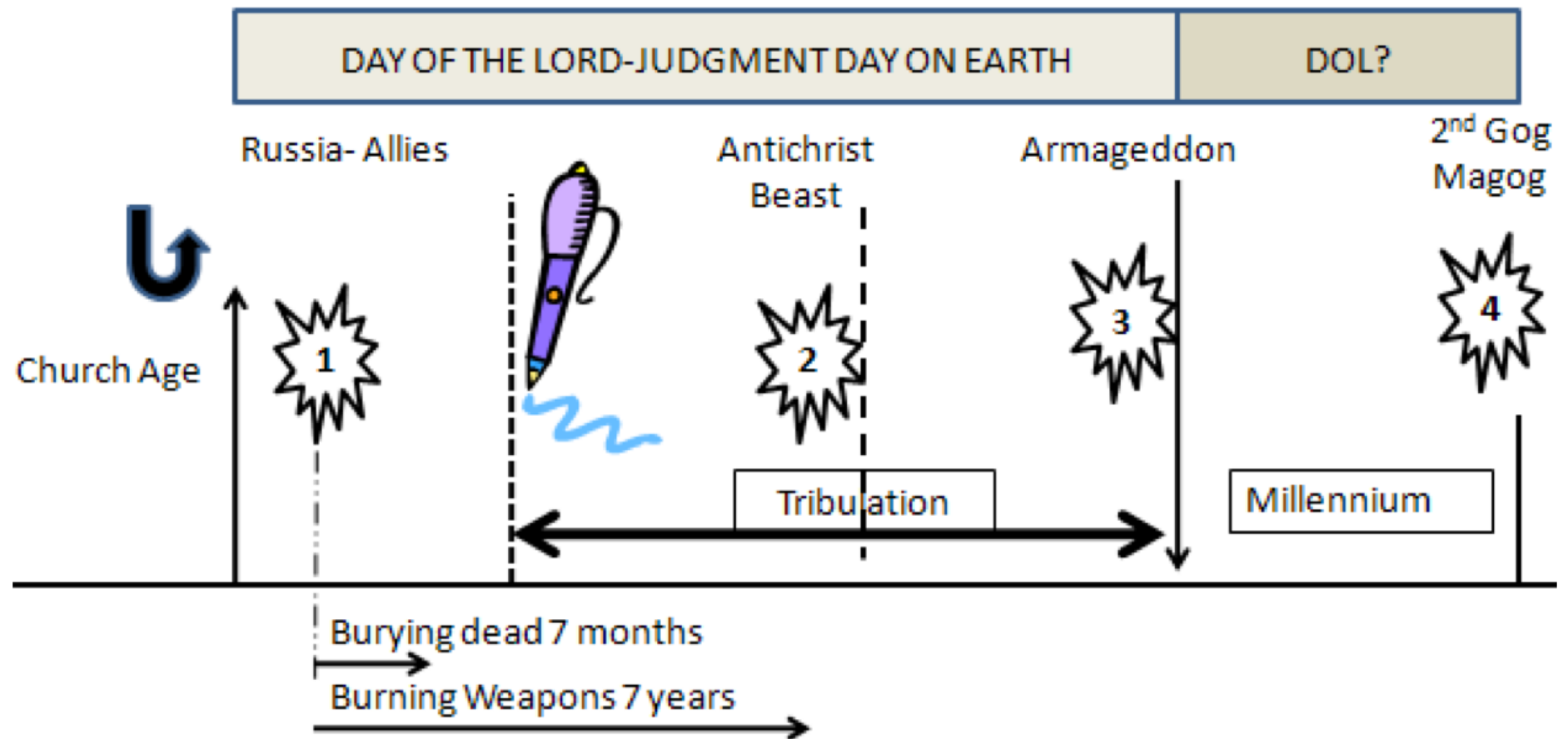
- Now in chapter 38-39 there are house keeping duties that need to be explained before the coming of the Kingdom.
  - As a point of interest: These chapters are similar to Rev. 20 which explains events in the first 1000 yrs of the Kingdom.
- Repeating the Theme= —the point of these chapters is a warning for rebellious Israel who remains unrepentant throughout the days of Tribulation.
- The deliverance from the destruction of a war will also provide a corresponding warning for the Gentiles that God will defend Israel as His chosen people—
- Repentance by both is what God has in mind.

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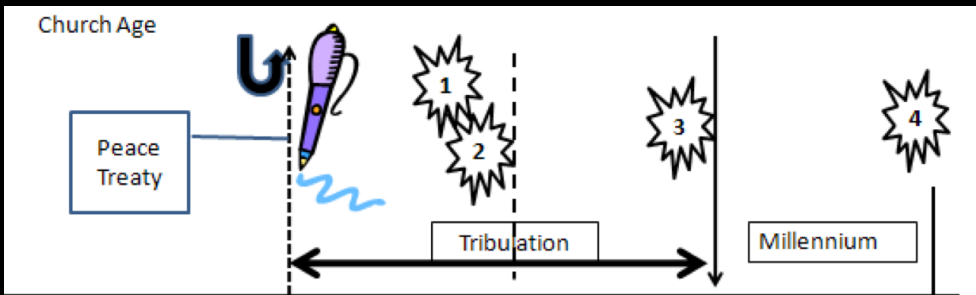
- To accomplish this objective God is bringing about a war leveled against Israel while they are in the first stage of “returning” to the Land.
- We saw that returning will be in two phases. One in unbelief, as we see them today and then in a supernatural return that is yet future after Jacobs Trouble.
- The timing of the war must fulfill the objective of the war to make a statement to Israel and the nations to repent,
- This must happen before judgment begins—hence before the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel.

# Ezekiel 37

- This would necessitate the Day of the Lord to begin before the Tribulation—perhaps (at or immediately) after the Rapture.
- Of course the Day of the Lord is defined by the way it is used. It is possible that our definition needs clarification—
- DOL begins when God takes up undeniable manifest actions on earth. In other words it is not “mother nature” acting but God the Creator. This distinction will be the point of its beginning. When God is acknowledged as the Actor.



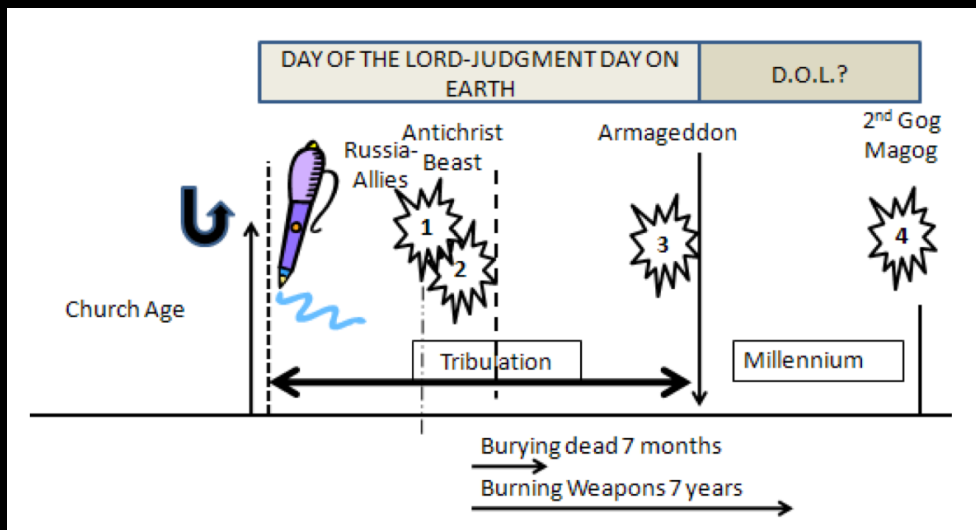
**Figure 3 Russian War before the Tribulation**



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

# Traditional View

- The problem with the Traditional view point



**Thus far—**