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The Father Knows Best

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Isaiah

Isaiah Ezekiel 39

Prophecy Pt 5

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We must finish the war

Ezekiel 39

A word before the the Word!

David Jeremiah's Map of Nations



From a Critical Web Site

- **“Harry Rimmer’s The Coming War and the Rise of Russia was also published in 1940.**
- **Hal Lindsey’s The Late Great Planet Earth included a chapter on how Russia was the Gog of Ezekiel.**
- **I have a long-playing record of a message delivered by Jack Van Impe in 1969 about “The Coming War With Russia According to the Bible: Where? When? Why?”**

Careful Understanding

- **“Belief in biblical prophecies goes all the way up to the White House. Ronald Reagan was convinced that the former Soviet Union was Gog of Magog and that nuclear war between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. would be the biblical battle of Armageddon prophesied in the Book of Revelation.**
- **George W. Bush, when preparing to invade Iraq in 2003, reportedly told the French president Jacques Chirac that "biblical prophecies were being fulfilled" and identified Gog as Saddam Hussein.**
- <https://people.howstuffworks.com/gog-and-magog.htm>

Our Culture

- The Dispensationalist meaning well (and sensational) have at times over reached the biblical text.
- They were convinced that the Rapture was moments away and with the awful news about the treatment of the Jews and the dominance of atheistic USSR after WW II it was just too tempting to read the Bible with the headlines of the newspaper in hand.
- However, (as historicists) what is gained in recklessness is lost in the light of reality.
- We are aware of making these kinds of mistakes, to avoid them.

How complicated is it?

The Intercept—

- “A RECENTLY LEAKED cache of highly classified U.S. intelligence reports sheds light on the growing risk of a U.S. conflict with Iran, as well as apparent Israeli efforts to directly involve the U.S. in operations targeting Iranian interests in the Middle East. The documents expose the sensitivity of the geopolitical situation, and how tension between Russia and Israel could escalate dramatically in the context of Russia’s war in Ukraine.

The Intercept—

- “A briefing document dated February 28, marked “Top Secret” and prepared by the Defense Intelligence Agency, details four scenarios it considers possible under which Israel could provide lethal aid to Ukraine — something Washington has sought but that Israel, which has ties to Russia, has refused to do.

The Intercept—

- “Another plausible scenario, according to the briefing, is that Russia “incurs casualties” from a **periodic Israeli strike in Syria** and **[Russia] directly targets Israeli aircraft with the help of Iran**. The document also reports that Israel has “regularly requested” overflight support from the U.S. **to carry out strikes against Iranian interests in Syria**.
- “**The same document provides a laundry list of Israeli weapons that might be transferred to the Ukrainians in the quid pro quo that the U.S. is pushing for, such as Israeli-built surface-to-air missile and anti-tank systems**. Such lethal aid might be transferred by Israel, the document notes, “under increased U.S. pressure or a perceived degradation in its [Israel’s] ties to Russia.”

The Intercept—

- “In one plausible scenario, the briefing says, “Russia continues to allow Iranian advanced conventional weapons through Syria, prompting Israel to request expanded U.S. support for Israeli counter-Iran activities in exchange for lethal aid to Ukraine.” (Israel has accused Iran of transferring military equipment into Syrian territory that could be used against Israel in a future conflict.)

Gog and Magog Many Scenarios

- Ed: As we have said the present situation may (likely) have nothing substantial to indicate the details of the Gog war.
- But the proximity of Iran (enemy of Israel) and Russia and a fragile “working relationship” with Israel, is interesting. At least for now Russia is allowing Israeli attacks on Syrian war positions.
- But Israel does not want to engage the war in Ukraine with their technology because it would be against Russia who as a “friend” is letting Israel attack Syria (while Russia is in Syria).
- It is easy to see Russia allowing Israel to weakened Syria if Russia has global plans.

The Intercept—

- <https://theintercept.com/2023/04/13/leaked-pentagon-document-ukraine-iran-war/>

Gog and Magog War

- The specific motivation for the war (hook in the jaw) is the illusive element of this biblical passage.
- The Rapture of the Church, the demise of Christian support for Israel must be a huge factor in the timing of the Gog war.
- No regime change or a realignment of nations due to a war can possibly equal the discombobulation of the world rended by the Rapture of the Church.
- We must leave it there.

Ezekiel 39 Additional Information Repeated from Ezekiel 38

- ¹“And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal; ²and I will turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north and bring you against the mountains of Israel.
Ezekiel 39:1–2

The Mechanics of the War

- 3“**I will strike your bow from your left hand and dash down your arrows from your right hand.**
4“**You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field.** 5“**You will fall on the open field; for it is I who have spoken,” declares the Lord God. Ezekiel 39:3–5**

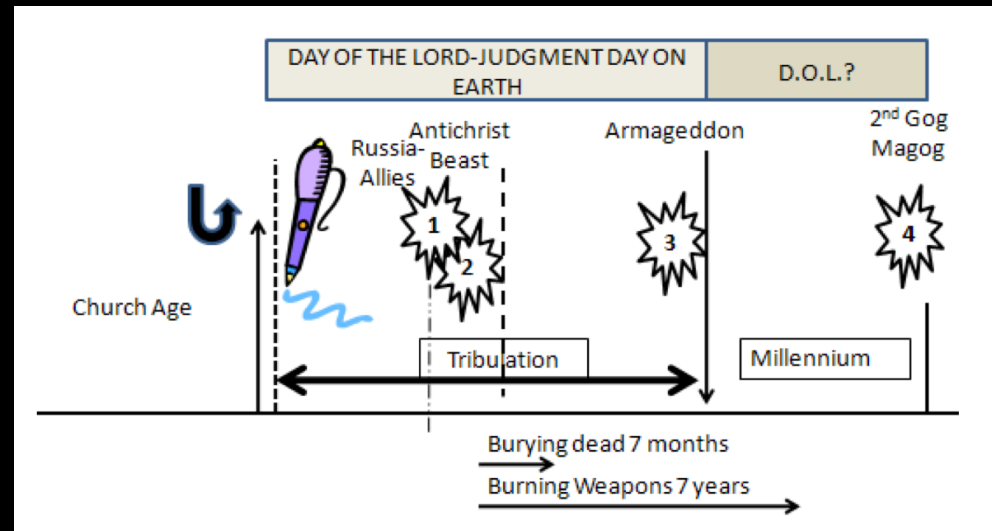
Destruction Beyond the Land

Homeland?

- 6“ And I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the Lord. (Precursor of things to come.)
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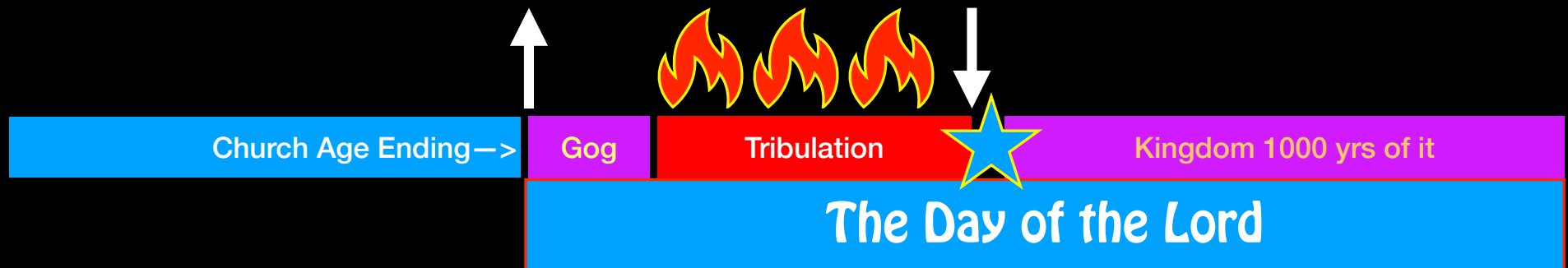
- An additional problem for this (#1) to be a mid-Tribulation war —
- According to this view the king of the North Dan. 11:40 in Russia. They assume the king of the north is Russia which has been destroyed in Gog. But how then can he threatens the Anti-Christ —?? More importantly—
- It is hard to make sense of this timing in the light of the purpose of Gog war. Gog was destroyed how could it make such a quick comeback?

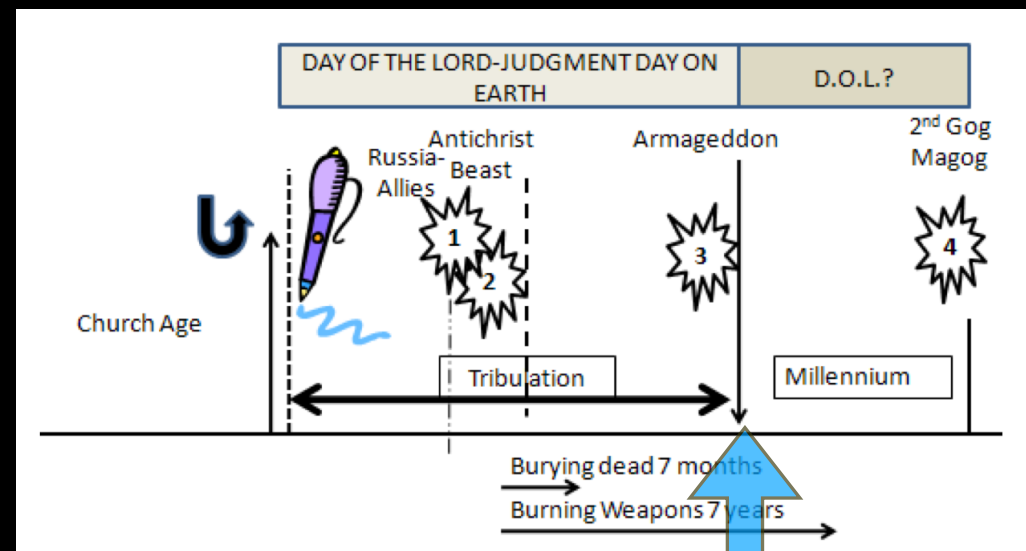
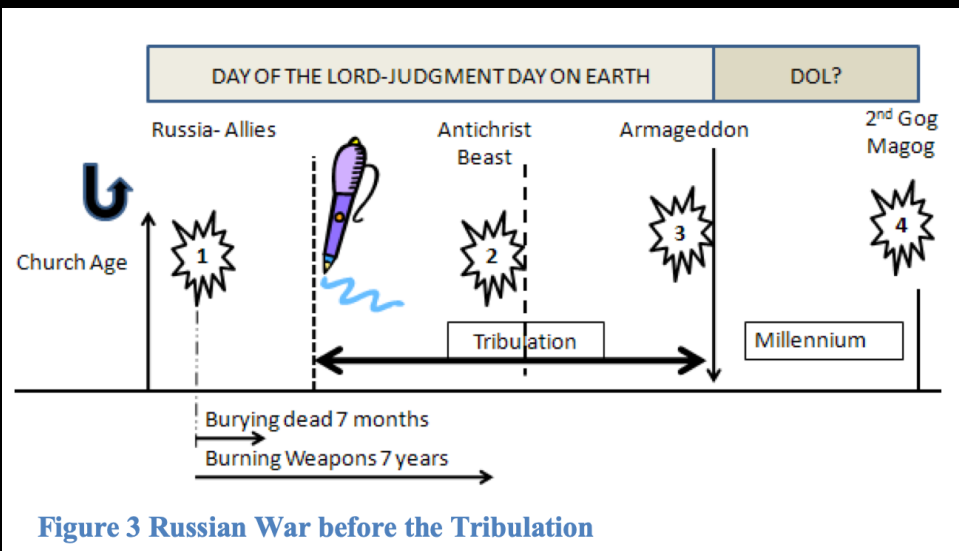
Russia at War Once-Gog and Magog

- **Ed: The Western? World (Roman) Confederacy is the eighth in a succession of biblically named world powers: Rev. 17:11. As he seeks to stretch his hegemony to include the Middle East, especially Israel he is challenged by two kings near Israel. The king of the South Egypt and the king of the North (Syria) will briefly challenge his intrusion but to no avail Dan. 11:40: “At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through”. The traditional or alternative identification of the king of the North is Russia and allies but in the context of Dan. 11 all the references to the North would be the nearby Seleucids as we know them in the territory of Syria.**

8“Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,”
declares the Lord God.

“That is the day of which I have
spoken.”

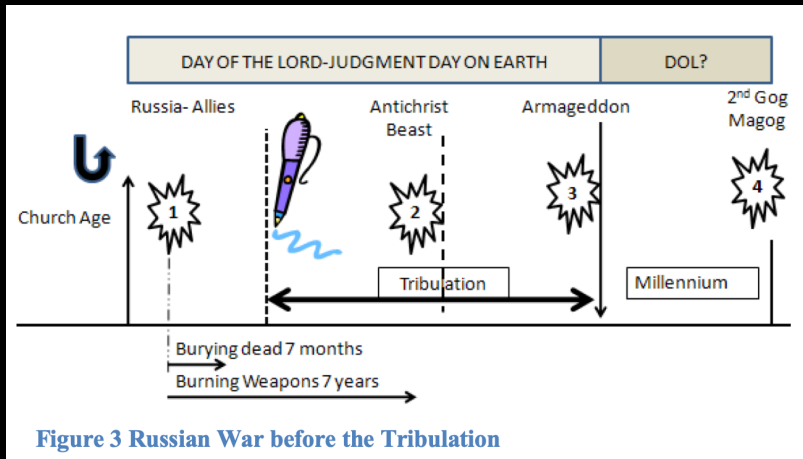




The Shortest
Time

Disposal of War Machinery

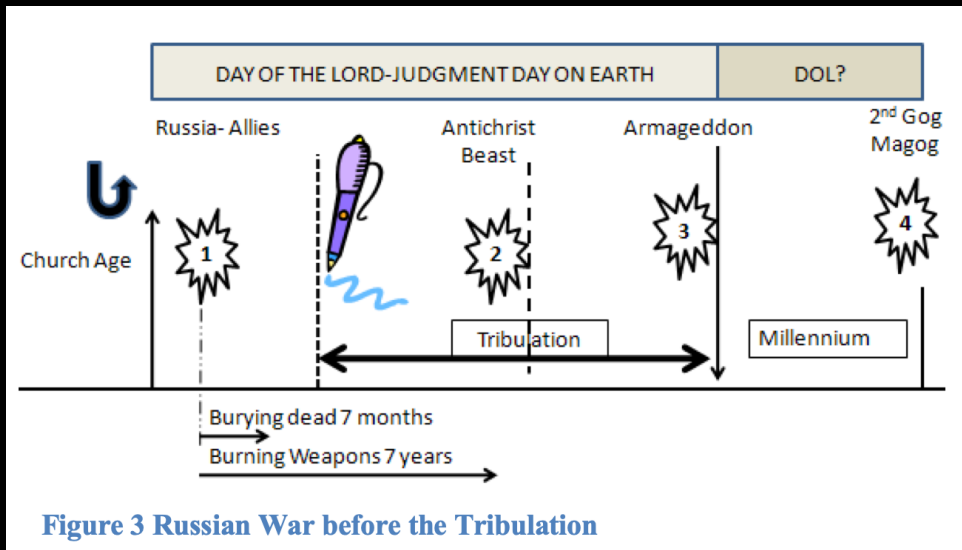
Bury the Dead and Use the Spoils of War



Ezekiel 39

- 9“Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will go out and make fires with the weapons and burn them, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears, and for seven years they will make fires of them. Ezekiel 39:8–9

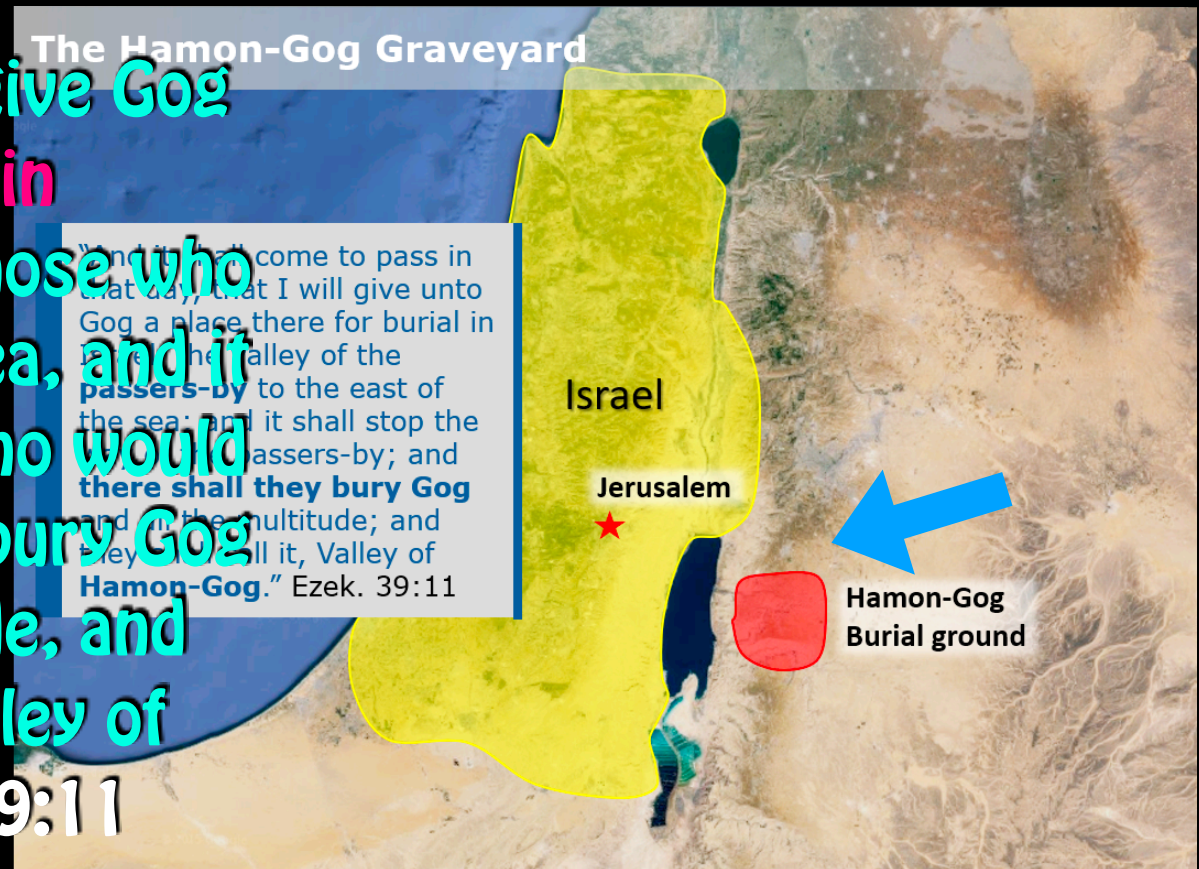
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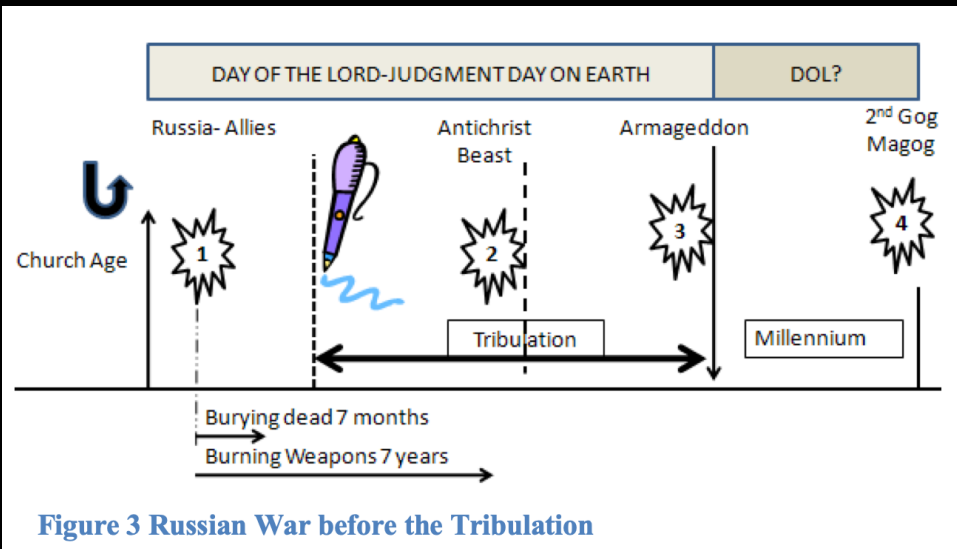
- 10“They will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, **for they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the spoil of those who despoiled them and seize the plunder of those who plundered them,**” declares the Lord God. Ezekiel 39:10

Ezekiel 39 Additional Information

- 11“On that day I will give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off those who would pass by. So they will bury Gog there with all his horde, and they will call it the valley of Hamon-gog. Ezekiel 39:11



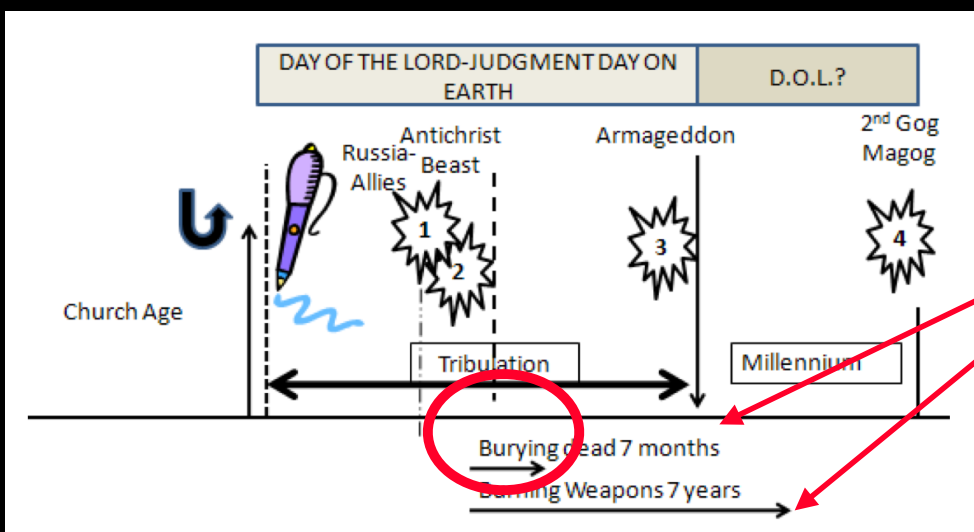
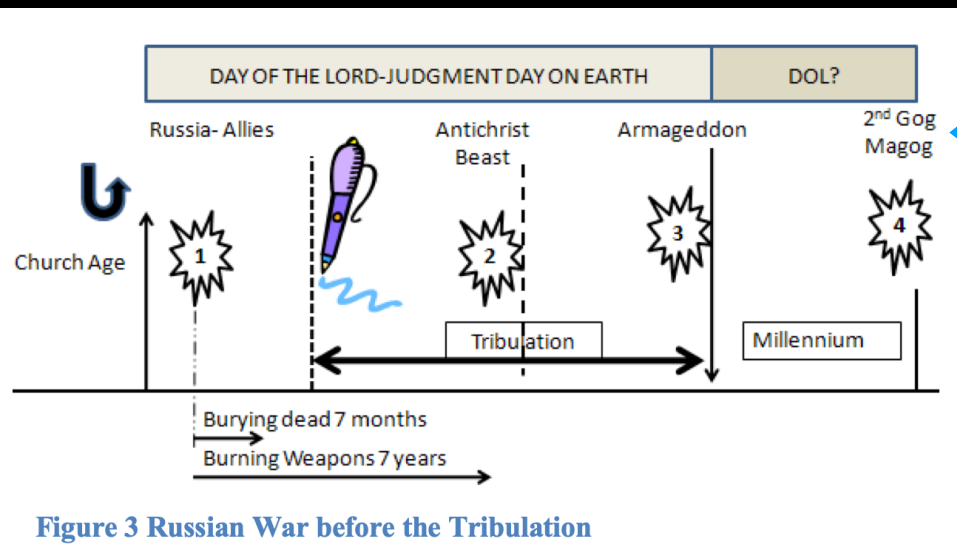
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- 12“For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land. 13“Even all the people of the land will bury them; and it will be to their renown on the day that I glorify Myself,” declares the Lord God. Ezekiel 39:13

Ezekiel 39 Additional Information

- 14“They will set apart men who will constantly pass through the land, burying those who were passing through, even those left on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months (nuclear radiation?) they will make a search. 15“As those who pass through the land pass through and anyone sees a man’s bone, then he will set up a marker by it until the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. 16“And even the name of the city will be Hammond. So they will cleanse the land.” ’Ezekiel 39:14–16



← Alternative View

- The problem with the traditional view point is that the soils of war continue into the Kingdom when all things are made new.
- Rev. 21 ff.
- The resurrection is past when a new order must be in place.

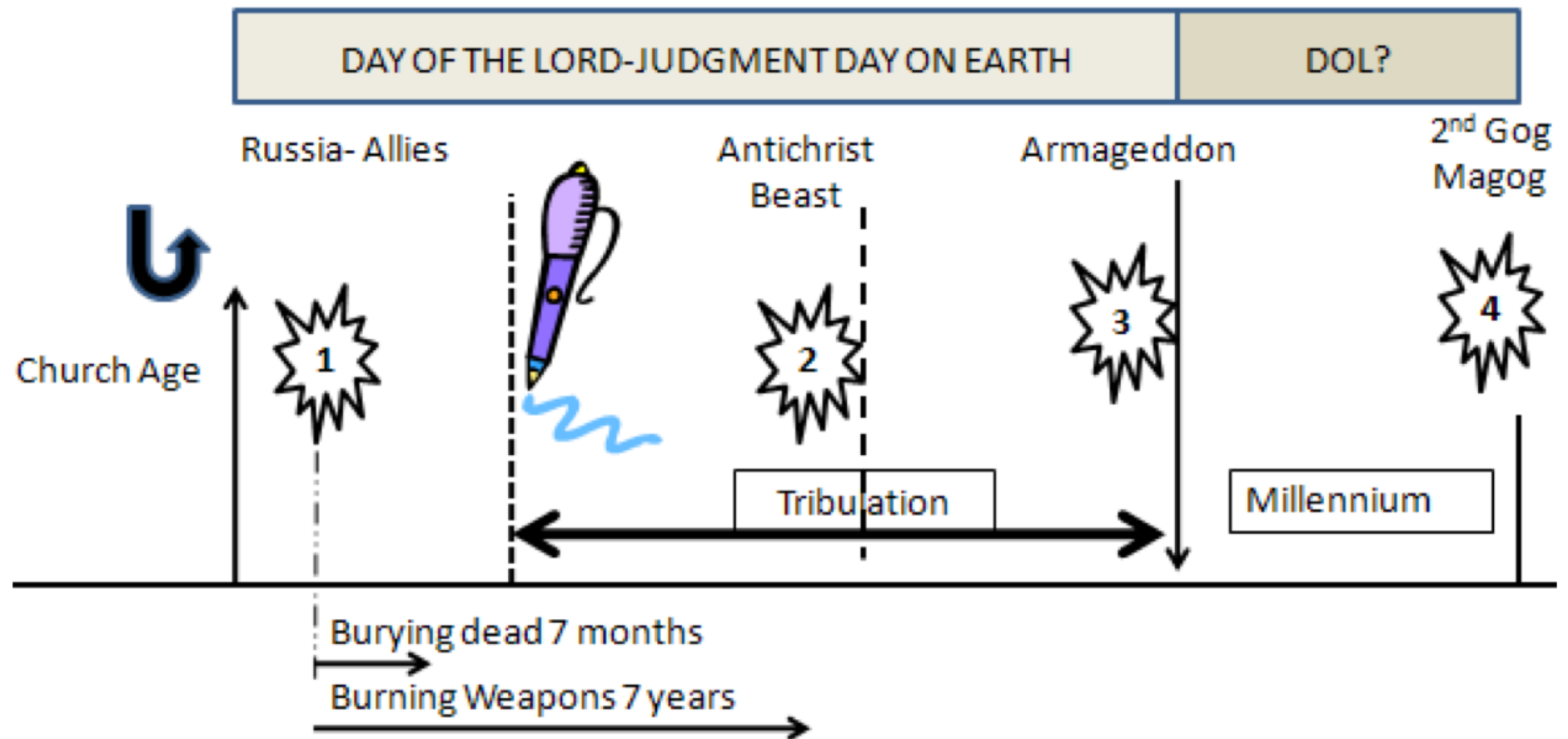


Figure 3 Russian War before the Tribulation



Ezekiel 39

- ¹⁷“As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God, ‘Speak to every kind of bird and to every beast of the field, “**Assemble and come, gather from every side to My sacrifice which I am going to sacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.**’ ¹⁸“You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, as though they were rams, lambs, goats and bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. Ezekiel 39:17–19

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- 19“So you will eat fat until you are gluttoned, and drink blood until you are drunk, from My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. 20““You will be gluttoned at My table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all the men of war,” declares the Lord God. Ezekiel 39:19–20



One Last Time the Purpose of the War

- 21“And I will set My glory [Israel’s deliverance] among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed and My hand [of grace] which I have laid on them.
- ➡ 22“ And the house of Israel will know that I am the Lord their God from that day onward.
- ➡ 23“ The nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their iniquity because they acted treacherously against Me, and I hid My face from them; so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword. Ezekiel 39:21–23

The Purpose of the War

- [Their history is remembered]
24“According to their
uncleanness and according to
their transgressions I dealt with
them, and I hid My face from
them.” ’ ’ Ezekiel 39:24

Atheism will
disappear from
Israel from the
Gog war forward.
The Nations will
see God as the
Enemy not the
Christians.

The Glorious Kingdom

- [Now the final and only restoration]
- ²⁵Therefore thus says the Lord God, “Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel [this generation]; and I will be jealous for My holy name. ²⁶“They will forget their disgrace and all their treachery which they perpetrated against Me, when they live securely [Kingdom life] on their own land with no one to make them afraid. Ezekiel 39:25–26

Acts 3:¹⁹“Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

²⁰and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,

²¹whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

The Glorious Restoration

The Last Word before the Kingdom

- 27“When I bring them back from the peoples [nations] and gather them from the lands of their enemies, **then I shall be sanctified through them in the sight of the many nations.**
- ➡ 28“**Then they will know that I am the Lord their God** because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then gathered them again (Isaiah 11:11 2nd time) to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer. 29“**I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,**” declares the Lord God. Ezekiel 39:27–29

One More Thing—

- Finally, the timing of the war must be before the Tribulation which targets Israel (and nations) in judgement.
- If God is disciplining Israel in the Tribulation it is impossible that the Israel and the nations will be able to sort out God's glory in protecting Israel in the midst of His judgment. That is when God is putting Israel into a persecution war with the Anti-Christ.
- Better leave the war outside the Tribulation where God's intention can be clearly seen—protecting Israel His name.

A watercolor illustration of a red, arched wooden door set within a stone frame. The door has vertical panels and small dark spots. The frame is made of light-colored stone with intricate carvings. The background is a textured, light beige wash. At the base of the door, there is a wide, horizontal band of teal and blue wash, with splatters extending outwards.

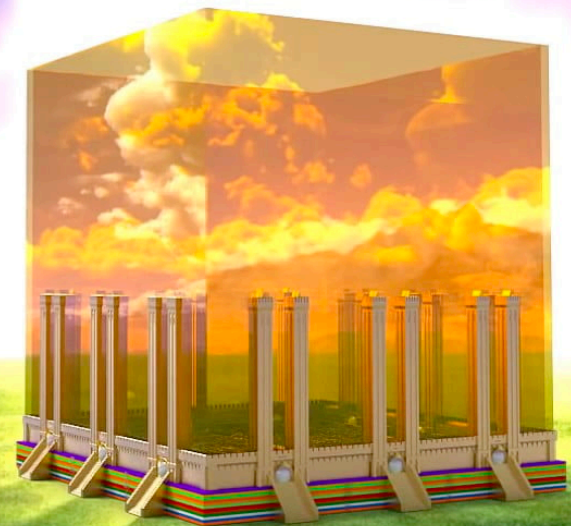
Ezekiel 40-48

Worship in the Kingdom

New Kingdom Section

Skipping the 2nd Advent and Regenerating the earth

- ¹In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was taken, on that same day the hand of the Lord was upon me and He brought me there. ²In the visions of God He brought me into the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain, and on it to the south **there was a structure like a city.** Ezekiel 40:1–2



Thus far—