The End Times and Last Days – "What to Expect and How to Prepare" Lesson 22- PART 3 "The Battle of Gog & Magog"

1. **What?** The product – <u>Ezek. 38:13-23</u>

¹³ Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all her villages will say to you, "Have you come to plunder? Have you gathered your hordes to loot, to carry off silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods and to seize much plunder?""

¹⁴ "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: In that day, when my people Israel are living in safety, will you not take notice of it? ¹⁵ You will come from your place in the far north, you, and many nations with you, all of them riding on horses, a great horde, a mighty army. ¹⁶ You will advance against my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. In days to come, Gog, I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.

17 "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: You are the one I spoke of in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel. At that time, they prophesied for years that I would bring you against them. ¹⁸ This is what will happen in that day: When Gog attacks the land of Israel, my hot anger will be aroused, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁹ In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. ²⁰ The fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble, and every wall will fall to the ground. ²¹ I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man's sword will be against his brother. ²² I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. ²³ And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

The Arab invasion of 1967 and 1973 and Oct 7, 2024, will pale in comparison to this battle of Gog & Magog.

- The Jewish people with all their military might and intelligence will not be able to stand against these enemies by their own strength.
- The Lord God Almighty will have to come to the rescue of His people and supernaturally rescue them.

Ezek 38-39 describe what could be called "A One Day War or When Gog meets God."

- 1. <u>A great earthquake</u> <u>Ezek. 38:19-20</u> "In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. ²⁰ The fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble, and every wall will fall to the ground."
 - The Lord will use His creation to confuse and conquer the enemy as He did in days of old.
- 2. <u>Infighting among the troops</u> <u>Ezek 38:21</u> ²¹ I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man's sword will be against his brother."
 - Chaos among the enemy as they turn on one another, due to miscommunication of varied languages.
- 3. <u>Disease</u> <u>Ezek 38:22</u> "²² I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him."
 - The enemy will experience horrible plagues adding to their misery and defeat.
- 4. <u>Torrential rain, hailstones, fire and burning sulfur</u> <u>Ezek 38:22</u> ²² I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him."

In their arrogance and defiance to the Lord God Almighty and their hatred for Him and His Israel they will be emboldened to attack, but will find their own burial plots among the land of Israel – Ezek. 39:12 The house of Israel will bury them for seven months, in order to cleanse the land."

5. <u>How?</u> The Prophetic Significance – The world's stage is now being set for fulfillment of this prophecy. There are three elements that stand out:

- 1. The Jewish people must be back in the land fulfilling the major pre-condition for this invasion.
 - Already happening and still in process through ALIYA.
- 2. The nations predicted in Ezekiel 38 must unite in their effort to eliminate Israel by forming an alliance with one another.
 - This has happened to a measure and is increasing.
 - Zech 12:3 predicts that Jerusalem will become a burdensome stone."

- ^{3"} Moreover, in that day I will make Jerusalem a massive stone for all the people. All who try to lift it will be cut to pieces. Nevertheless, all the nations of the earth will be gathered against her."
- <u>Meaning:</u> It's existence in the Middle East is a source of contention and conflict making it hard to impossible to resolve the tensions surrounding it.
- 3. <u>Ezek. 39:2, 4</u> "² I will turn you around, drive you along, and lead you up from the extreme north. <u>I will bring you upon the mountains of Israel</u>. ⁴ You will fall on the mountains of Israel—you, all your troops and the people that are with you. I will give you as food to all kinds of birds of prey and to the beasts of the field."
 - <u>Israel will possess the mountains</u>: up until the 6-day war of 1967 the mountains of Israel were in the hands of the Jordanian Arabs.
 - Only since that war have the mountains of Israel been in Israel domain.
 - Many pieces of the prophetic puzzle are in place with a few left remaining.

The continual events happening in Israel today foreshadow this coming invasion.

- Continued unrest among the Middle East nations simply because Israel exists.
- Nations are rising and falling, still the world is daily focused on the Middle East with Israel in the crosshairs.
- On one knows when the Lord will come or how much time remains before the Battle of Gog & Magog plunges the Middle East into total war.

But God's Word is clear – when the world stage is set, this invasion will occur right on time in the unfolding of God's end times script.