

The Kingdom of God - What will it be Like? - 12

The prophet Ezekiel predicted a massive latter day invasion of the restored state of Israel by a power from the north, in Ezekiel 38:3 called “Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal”. Gog, by the Hebrew of his name, might be called Mr. Big. If so, it would fit his role as the powerful autocrat of Rosh = the old name for Russia, who rules from Meshech or Moscow in the west to Tubal or Tobolski in Siberia. Included in the invasion force are “Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops - many people are with you” - v.6.

Gomer and Togarmah settled an area straddling what is now Turkey and Armenia - both to the north of Israel. In military alliance with Russia (v.7 - “be a guard for them”), and also joining the invasion will be 5 “Persia (Iran), Ethiopia (Sudan), and Libya...all of them with shield and helmet.” 15 “Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses*, a great company and a mighty army. 16 You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.

“Coming “like a cloud” describes an airborne invasion, flying direct to Israel and dropping their heavily armed mechanized forces (the modern equivalent of horses in Ezekiel’s time) from the air, then rushing down to their destination. 18 “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel, says the Lord God, that My fury will show in My face. 19 For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel” -

For Gog to attack the Promised Land - the land which God promised to Abraham and his offspring will arouse divine jealousy. But to attack when that Offspring, Jesus the Christ, has only lately arrived to take possession of his inheritance will be an affront to arouse his fury - Men have attained some understanding of the structural arrangement of rocks in the earth's crust, called plate tectonics, but is powerless to have any control over its activity, but God does - and will do on this occasion.

There will be subterranean movement in that portion of the East African Rift System which extends northwards under the Dead Sea and the Jordan River -20 “so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.” This will bring the stream of invading forces to a sudden stop.

They will naturally plan to quickly restart the incursion, but before that is possible, there will be an event like that which occurred in the Philippines, the eruption in 1991 of Mount Pinatubo which covered Clark Air Base with volcanic ash, destroying many buildings. This was followed by heavy rain which turned the fallen ash on the roads into a thick cement and making them impassible - 22 “And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone” - And this is only the beginning of Gog’s troubles. The previous invasion of Muslims against Israel was overcome. Now this champion of Eastern Orthodoxy will be treated with more severity.