

The Blessed Hope!

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)

Diamond & Nugget #214

BIBLICAL PROPHECY- REAL LIFE: Netanyahu Warns will "Destroy Damascus if Hezbollah Enters War"

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Biblical Prophecy seems to be playing out in real life right now, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu just announced *"Israel warns that the United States will join (the war) if Hezbollah joins. IDF will destroy Damascus, target Syrian President Assad if Hezbollah joins war; US warships will support Israel in war."*

When I first heard this remark, I recoiled in horror, and instantly recalled the Prophecy of Damascus:

Isaiah 17 predicts the destruction of Damascus, Syria.

Isaiah 17:1: *"The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap."*

Folks, I'm no Priest, or Rabbi, or Preacher, or Reverend. I'm not some Bible scholar or even a Bible Thumper. I'm just a regular guy, who grew up a "Holiday Catholic." That means I went to church on Christmas and Easter. Throw in a few weddings and funerals, and that was about it.

Yet even a Biblically-ignorant man like me knows the prophecy of Damascus and now it looks as though we're seeing it take place in real time. **OUR TIME!**

This is terrifying to me because if this takes place, the steps to Armageddon are well along their way.

Hal Turner recognizes something that most so-called Christians have yet to wake up to at this point. I had minutes before posted Blessed Hope #213, and saw his remarks above on his web site. I made the point that if we reach this point in the unfolding events, you can be sure the prophecy of Ezekiel 38/39 is on the door step!

Christian Zionists Are Blinded to the Real Issues of the War Unfolding in Israel!

Blessed Hope #213 revealed a larger systematic view of what lies behind the Hamas invasion of Israel proper. Many are saying this is not the War of Ezekiel 38/39, although the sheer horror of the events of carnage refutes any reconciliation between the Palestinian ~ Muslim world and Israel. It will not be possible now. It's a situation of where there can be no return. The video link below establishes a much larger issue that is an undercurrent in this conflict. David Icke understands it better than most Christian Zionists and explains what the world is looking at, i.e. World War III, and certainly the War of Gog and Magog, in Ezekiel 38/39.

IMPORTANT PERSPECTIVE FROM DAVID ICKE ABOUT THE GLOBAL CULT AGENDA

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Israel-Palestine conflict endangering oil market – experts

A massive price surge is not anticipated unless the escalation spreads, traders say.



An Israeli self-propelled howitzer rolls on a highway near the southern city of Sderot on October 8, 2023.

The latest escalation of the decades-long Israel-Palestine conflict is not projected to pose immediate risks for the global oil market, crude traders told Bloomberg on Sunday as they prepare for the market to open.

On Saturday, Palestinian armed group Hamas launched thousands of missiles at Israel and deployed its militants to infiltrate Jewish settlements near the country's border with Gaza. In response, Israeli authorities launched the 'Iron Swords' operation.

According to the latest updates, more than 600 Israelis have been killed since the launch of the surprise attack by Hamas.

Meanwhile, Israel has destroyed or damaged more than 400 sites in Gaza. Over 300 Palestinians have been killed, many of whom were civilians. Almost 2,000 have been wounded.

The *"oil-disruption scenario would be if conflict spread to Iran,"* Bob McNally, president of Rapidan Energy Group and a former White House official, told the agency, adding that such sequence of events looks unlikely.

Iran, a major oil producer and also an OPEC member, is seen as one of the key backers of the Hamas group that launched this weekend's offensive on Israel.

"It is unlikely to impact oil supply in the short term," hedge fund trader Pierre Andurand of Andurand Capital Management said, as cited by Bloomberg. *"But it could eventually have an impact on supply and prices."*

Iran, for its part, has publicly expressed support for the Palestinian attack.

According to McNally, *"crude prices would immediately spike on the perceived risk of a disruption,"* if Tel Aviv responds by striking any infrastructure in the Islamic Republic.

Shipments of Iranian crude have rebounded to a five-year high, becoming increasingly important to the market. The latest hostilities could prompt Washington to deal more aggressively with Iranian cargo flows, which are moved –with the tacit blessing of the US– mostly to China.

"I think this development will mean stronger enforcement of Iranian sanctions, so less Iranian oil going forward," Andurand told the agency, adding that the domino effect in the region is impossible to predict.

The Islamic Republic could respond by blocking the Strait of Hormuz, a waterway in the north of the Arabian Sea that sees nearly 17 million barrels of crude passing every day.

The escalation of the Arab-Israeli conflict threatens a repeat of the 1973 oil crisis Yesterday!

The new round of confrontation between Israel and Palestine has not yet developed into a major regional conflict and does not threaten the global [economy](#). However, in the event of an escalation in the Middle East with the involvement of large exporters of raw materials in hostilities, the situation could change dramatically.



The Yom Kippur War, which began 50 years ago, led to a fourfold increase in oil prices, which triggered an oil crisis throughout the world. The coalition of Arab countries imposed a complete embargo on black gold against Western countries that supported Israel. As a result, the price of oil rose from 3 to 12 dollars per barrel.

But it [flared up](#) on Saturday, the conflict may again involve the states of the Arab world, which will entail an increase in prices not only for oil, but also for other protective assets. Analysts predict an increase in prices for gold and other precious metals. For Russia, as one of the major sellers of raw materials, the escalation of the conflict does not threaten a reduction in export revenues. A sharp rise in oil prices will primarily have a negative impact on the economies of importing countries. At Monday's auction, the market already responded to the change in the geopolitical situation with a slight increase in oil prices. Brent crude oil added 3.57% in price, reaching \$87.6 per barrel.

Russia Warns of Foreign Involvement in Palestinian conflict as US moves Warships

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Russia has warned against any involvement of a third party in the ongoing tension in Palestine after the United States relocated its warships to waters close to the Israeli-occupied territories.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Monday that it would urge all parties involved in the ongoing tension to try to reduce any escalation rather than seek a military solution.

"The risk of third forces becoming involved in this conflict is high ... It is very important to find ways as soon as possible to move towards some kind of negotiation process in

order to reduce this escalation and move away from a military solution,” Peskov was quoted as saying TASS news agency.

The comments came a day after US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said it will send multiple military ships and aircraft closer to waters controlled by Israel as a show of support for the regime just after it was caught off guard by a massive attack by the Palestinian resistance group Hamas.

In a statement, Hamas has condemned the US decision as *“aggression” against Palestinians, saying, “The announcement of the US that it will provide an aircraft carrier to support the occupation [Israel] is actual participation in the aggression against our people.”*

Nearly 800 Israelis have been killed and many more have been injured in rocket attacks and ground operations launched by Hamas from the Gaza Strip, where the group is based.



Israel has launched rounds of airstrikes on Gaza since Saturday, killing more than 560 people and injuring thousands more.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Monday that the way out of the Palestinian conflict is for the Israeli regime and its backers to recognize Palestine’s right to create an independent state.

Speaking in a press conference in Moscow alongside the visiting head of the Arab League Ahmed Aboul Gheit on Monday, Lavrov said that Russia doubts the West’s policy on the Israeli regime would work at all.

“They say that (fighting) should be stopped immediately, that Israel should destroy the terrorists,” Lavrov said, referring to the way Israel and its backers describe Palestinian fighters.

“But this was done before... and never after the situation calmed down did they come to the fact that the main reason (for the conflict) needs to be eliminated ... The Palestinian problem should not be delayed further,” he said.

Ezekiel Chapter 38 (Prophecy as History Told in Advance!)

What you are reading in Ezekiel 38 & 39 is history told in advance - unfolding, live, detail by detail in real time, since there are more events to follow, yet to take place. The four days since Saturday October 7th, 2023 are the opening pages of the escalating carnage to which God miraculously told us what was to happen in our time, but 2,500 years in advance of its occurring. We are in the End Days in which God speaks of them as *"the latter years!"* Ezekiel 38:23 is the central message of these two important chapters of the Bible. *"Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD."*

The opening word-event formula serves as a general heading for both chapters, but the echo strategy thereafter suggests that chapters 38 and 39 function as a 'diptych', or two leaves of a single document much like facing pages in a book. However, each of these leaves is broken down further by a series of rhetorical formula, most of which highlight this text as divine speech or emphasize the divine objective in the proclamation and the event:

- (1) new charges to the prophet to speak, which subdivide each of the major panels into two subsections;
- (2) the citation formula -(38:3, 14; 39:1, 17);
- (3) the signatory formula;
- (4) variations of the recognition formula;
- (5) the logical particle ***laken***, "Therefore" -(38:14; 39:25);
- (6) time notices. Combined with dramatic shifts in content, and sometimes in style, these features create the impression of an extremely complex oracle. Ezekiel confirms the True Author of the book is far more sophisticated than a priestly prophet. The entire structure of the Book really reveals to us the tip of the iceberg.

In the next segment of Blessed Hope, I will deal with the opposite leaf of this incredible document, Ezekiel 39. For sheer vividness, imagery, and hyperbole, this oracle has few equals, which cautions against over-literalism in interpretation. One may best appreciate the intention of this text is by approaching it as a satirical literary cartoon strip consisting of eight frames. As the unit progresses the images become increasingly caricatured, climaxing in a bizarre picture of predatory birds and wild animals seated around a table, gorging themselves on human flesh -(Ezekiel 39:17-20).

As will be seen in the Book of Ezekiel, many of these frames subdivide further on stylistic and substantive grounds into separate subsections. While each subunit has an identity and character of its own, the subunits are thoroughly integrated to create a sequence of events whose total impact is much greater than the sum of its parts.

38:1 “And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,”

This is the revelation formula used in Ezekiel to begin a new prophetic section. Verses 1-9 introduce the reader to the theme of Ezekiel 38-39, the threat by Gog in the future to the people of Israel.

Thirteen times in his writings Ezekiel dates his prophecies. Here, the “fourth month on the fifth day” would be July 31 by our modern calendar. The two phrases, **“the heavens were opened”** and **“I saw visions of God,”** are theologically rich in terms of a special revelatory act of God -(cf. 2nd Kings 7:2; Malachi. 3:10; and Acts 7:56 for reference to heaven’s windows; -(cf. Numbers 12:6 and 1st Sam. 3:15 for reference to visions of God).

The year of Ezekiel’s call was 593 B.C., being the fifth year (counting inclusively) from 597 B.C., when Nebuchadnezzar exiled a segment of the inhabitants of Jerusalem as a reprisal for acts of rebellion against Babylonian control of western Asia including Judah. King Jehoiachin, barely on the throne for three months, was taken to Babylon with 10,000 of his countrymen. He was kept in prison until 561 B.C. -(cf. 2nd Kings 24:8-14; 25:27-30).

Two additional revelatory phrases occur in these verses. **“The word of the Lord”** is commonly used in the Old Testament in prophetic contexts -(1st Samuel 15:10; Isaiah 38:4; Joel 1:1) and serves as a frequent literary marker in the Book of Ezekiel for the beginning of a new section -(e.g., 3:16; 6:1; 7:1). **“The hand of the Lord was upon me”** occurs seven times in the Book -(1:3; 3:14, 22; 8:1; 33:22; 37:1; 40:1). The imagery of God’s hand in the Old Testament refers to his power and ability to create, strike down, lift up, bless or to enable - here to enable Ezekiel to receive an awesome revelation of God. The name **“Ezekiel”** means **“God strengthens”** or **“God makes hard”** -(cf. 1st Chronicles. 24:16 for another man by the same Hebrew name). Like Jeremiah, his older contemporary back in Jerusalem, Ezekiel is called a priest. So much of the Book reflects a priestly mentality, such as Ezekiel’s concern for, and visions of, the Temple -(Ezekiel 8-11; 40-48), and lists of righteous or unrighteous behavior -(18:5-17). That he is identified as **“the son of Buzi”** indicates the high status and calling into which he was born.

Being part of the religious elite in Jerusalem, Ezekiel would have anticipated a life of service for God in the Temple. Instead, he was in exile far from home and country and perhaps feeling far from God. But being cut off from serving as a priest in Jerusalem did not cut off Ezekiel from God. The four revelatory phrases of 1:1ff emphasize that God was about to work in Ezekiel’s life in a powerful way.

38:2 “Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,”

“Son of man” **“Set your face against”** is a phrase used in Ezekiel to express God’s anger toward a nation. Gog is an apparent leader of a coalition of nations. Magog is a yet unidentified location likely in the Anatolia region. The name **“Magog”** comes from the sons of Japheth in Genesis 10:2 and 1st Chronicles 1:5 along with Gomer, Madai,

Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras. These descendants of Japheth settled originally in lands bordering the Mediterranean and Black Seas and became founders of peoples who took their names. Meshech and Tubal were nations with whom Tyre traded (see Ezekiel 27:13).

Some interpreters take the phrase, *“chief prince,”* to refer to the name of a person, *“prince of Rosh.”* The motive for this translation seems to be more political than exegetical in that **“Rosh”** is said to be an ancient reference to Russia. No major translation and few interpreters follow that line of reasoning today. Big mistake!

38:3 “And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:”

God announces his opposition to Gog. **“I am against you”** is the same language God used against His own people -(5:8), Tyre -(26:3), Sidon -(28:22), Pharaoh -(29:3) and - Edom -(35:3). The phrase was part of the verbal weaponry of the prophet to be used against people who had earned God’s wrath.

38:4 “And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:”

The imagery of **“hooks in your jaw”** is a vivid one that had a literal reality in the way captives were treated as they were taken away to the land of their captors -(e.g., Ezekiel 19:4, Jehoiadah to Egypt, and Ezekiel 19:9, Jehoiachin to Babylon).

Ezekiel describes Gog’s army in terms meant to impress the reader with its size and preparedness. Cavalry was not the natural component of Hebrew armies who had to face on more than one occasion a disadvantage of being without mounted troops and chariots -(cf. Exodus 14:9; Judges 4:13).

38:5 “Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:”

The three allies of Gog can be identified: Persia is modern Iran, Cush is the southern Egyptian and Sudan region of the Nile River valley, and Put is modern Libya.

38:6 “Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.”

Gomer is likely in Anatolia near the Black Sea. Beth Togarmah may be located in the Armenian region southeast of the Black Sea and may have traded with Tyre -(see 27:14).

Looking at all the allies of Gog in vv. 2-6 brings out several points. Their number is seven, implying a significant force coming against Israel. Their geographic distribution implies universality: Meshech, Tubal, Gomer and Beth Togarmah came from the north, and Persia, Cush and Put came from the east and south.

38:7 *“Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.”*

God calls Gog to get itself and its allies ready for battle. Their foe is to be the Lord himself and not the vulnerable people of Israel.

38:8 *“After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.”*

Two phrases, “after many days” -(cf. Isaiah 24:22) and “in the latter years,” push the prophecy into a distant future. Later verses in Ezekiel 38-39 include similar phrases.

The verse describes Israel as being in a restored state, at peace and safely enjoying the bounty of the land. This makes Gog’s invasion a sequel to the divine acts of recovery described in Ezekiel 34-37. A sense of wrong results from this picture of a non-belligerent and seemingly unprotected people.

38:9 *“Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.”*

The similes of cloud and storm communicate the power and size of Gog’s advancing hordes. Isaiah 10:3 is a source of Ezekiel’s imagery, *“What will you do in the day of visitation and in the desolation [literally, ‘storm’] which shall come from far?”*

38:10 *“Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:”*

“Thus says the Lord God” marks the next section, vv. 10-13, Gog’s motives for attacking Israel. Though God has said that He is the One Who is bringing Gog to attack (see vs. 4), Gog is a very willing agent and acts without external compulsion. The plan to attack is called an evil thought - evil because of Gog’s desire to invade a helpless people.

38:11 *“And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,”*

More emphasis on the unsuspecting and innocent state of Israel about to be attacked by the wicked forces of Gog. Jeremiah 49:31 pictures an attack by Babylon upon an Arabian town in similar terms, *“The wealthy nation that dwells without care... which have neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone.”*

38:12 *“To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.”*

Gog’s primary motive for attacking Israel is to loot and plunder a future prosperous country. Ezekiel 36:33-36 describes the future restoration of Israel in terms of a new Garden of Eden. Its reputation of prosperity will have spread abroad to the nations around Israel.

The reference to Israel being in the middle of the land is earlier found in Ezekiel 5:5. In Ezekiel 5, the context is that Israel's wickedness has been broadcast abroad. But in the future, God's work of conversion will have brought changes in both land and people.

38:13 *"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?"*

Sheba is located on the southwest corner of the Arabian peninsula. Dedan is up the western coast of Arabia on the Red Sea. Tarshish is a location somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea; suggestions have ranged from Sardinia to Spain. These locations represent trading nations on an east to west axis who would be interested in Gog's attack. Likely, their interests were to take some of the plunder themselves.

38:14 *"Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?"*

The next section, vv. 14ff, describes the attack itself upon Israel. In characteristic Ezekiel style, the action does not proceed immediately. Rather, there are introductory formulas and a recital of previously mentioned material -(cf. vs. 8). The new twist is the use of a question to drive home Gog's wicked designs upon an unprotected people.

38:15 *"And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:"*

Gog and many of its allies are located in the region of Anatolia (modern Turkey). A rudimentary look at a map reveals the obvious fact that Meshech, Tubal, Gomer and Beth Togarmah are to the north of Israel. Invasion from this point of the compass was a frequent direction for destructive forces -(cf. Isaiah 41:25; Jeremiah 1:13; 4:6; Ezekiel 26:7). In the OT period, Assyrian, Scythian and Babylonian armies all swept down from the north. As in vs. 4, the description of Gog's forces is made more fierce by the piling of phrases, "riding upon horses," "a great company," "a mighty army."

38:16 *"And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes."*

The use of cloud imagery is repeated from vs. 9. The identification of God with the land and its people is brought out in vv. 14 and 16 with the phrases, "**My people**" and "**My land.**" This brings out divine patronage of Israel. He will watch over whom and what is His.

God's motive for allowing Gog to attack His land and His people was the divine revelation of His holiness to all the world. Gog would be God's willing vehicle to reveal the divine character.

38:17 ***“Thus saith the Lord GOD; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?”***

The opening formula again signals a new section, vv. 17-22, Gog's defeat. This verse has raised many questions about which pre-exilic prophetic text which speaks about Gog is in view. Gog was not the long-prophesied foe from the north. Such prophecies were fulfilled by the Assyrians and Babylonians. Gog may try to view his invasion as being prophesied by God's spokespersons, but he would be misapplying them to himself.

38:18 ***“And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.”***

While the pre-exilic warnings about a foe from the north coming to judge God's people did in fact take place, Gog's attack from the north would fail. This time God would be opposed to the attacker (contrast Lamentations 2:5). No longer would His “my fury” be directed against Israel (as in 5:13 or 6:12), but it would be directed to Israel's enemy.

38:19 ***“For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;”***

More words of strong emotion, “my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath,” describe the Lord's aroused opposition to Gog's evil intentions. Divine anger is associated in the Old Testament with earthquakes -(cf. Isaiah 24:17-20; 29:6). Ezekiel employs a number of natural phenomena throughout the Book to display God's wrath: rainstorm -(13:11ff); ocean tempest -(27:26); Nile drying up -(30:12); and the sun, moon and stars darkening --(32:7f;).

38:20 ***“So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.”***

The list of living creatures to be affected by God's earthquake against Gog reads like the creation account in Genesis 1. An even better parallel is the effect of Noah's flood which killed every type of land creature -(Genesis 7:23).

The listing of nonliving things (mountains, cliffs and walls) adds to the magnitude of the quake. The effects of earthquakes upon land formations and buildings were a common experience for the ancients. Amos 1:1 dates his prophetic Book by one such event. Ezekiel uses the verb “to tear down,” “to overturn,” to describe the fall of the mountains; elsewhere he uses the verb to describe the fall of walls -(13:14), high places of pagan worship -(16:39) and foundations of buildings -(30:4).

38:21 ***“And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.”***

“Sword” is a common metaphor, or symbol, for God's use of warfare to bring destruction -(e.g., Ezekiel 21 is dominated by “the sword of the Lord,” the coming of

the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar against Jerusalem). The picture of Gog's forces turning against themselves can be compared to the confusion that Gideon caused against the Midianites -(Judges 7:22) or that Jonathan created with his attack on the Philistines -(1st Samuel 14:20). Today, death by one's own military forces is referred to being caused by "*friendly fire*." Such would be the case with Gog - death by "*friendly fire*."

38:22 *"And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone."*

This verse returns to the theme of vs. 20, divinely generated natural disasters that would strike Gog's armies. The list of God's weapons (plagues, bloodshed, rain, hailstones and burning sulphur) is a verbal crescendo of destruction that anticipates the levels of judgments seen in the Book of Revelation (cf. the seven bowls of wrath in Revelation 16). The word for "*hailstones*," ironically is a composite word from "*pearls of God*" and is found only in the Old Testament in Ezekiel (here and in 13:11, 13).

38:23 *"Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD."*

The last verse of the chapter is an interpretive comment that picks up the purpose for Gog's defeat that is mentioned in vs. 16 - the revelation of God's greatness and holiness to the world. The closing line is the recognition formula used throughout Ezekiel. Gog's defeat would be a horrendous display of the acts of God's wrath against an evil invader seeking easy wealth from a prosperous people.

A word of caution should be noted in trying to apply theological interpretations to contemporary natural disasters. We do believe that God is Lord of the earth. He made it with all its weather patterns, earthquakes and volcanoes. What is less clear is to label a particular natural disaster as occurring as the result of God's wrath against some people, city or nation. In Luke 13:4, Jesus refers to the fall of a tower at Siloam that killed eighteen people. Jesus noted that those people did not die because they were the most wicked people in the city. Apart from divine revelation, such events remain a mystery to our human understanding.

The take away lesson from Ezekiel 38 and 39 can be summed up in the way that your head does not explode in understanding this way:

Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38-39)

Ezekiel 38-39 describes an invasion of Israel mounted from the North. The ancient place names in these chapters have been identified. Many are currently located in the former Soviet Union. Others are those loosely aligned today with Russia: Iran, Libya, and Turkey as well as the Sudan and northern Ethiopia. This coalition of states will invade as "*a great horde, a mighty army*" -(Ezekiel 38:15). While the attack will succeed initially, God will personally intervene and destroy the invading army -(Ezekiel 38:18-23). The war material left behind by the invaders will supply Israel for years, and it will take seven months to dispose of the bodies of the crushed enemy. And, God said to Ezekiel, "*From that day forward the house of Israel will know that I am the Lord*

their God" -(Ezekiel 39:22). For then ***"I will pour out My Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign Lord"*** -(Ezekiel 39:29).

Interpreting prophecy

Each of the images in this section is prophetic in that each deals with events still future to the writer. So how are we today to take these vivid images? Are they images intended to convey spiritual truth about living close to God, or are they intended to outline what will literally take place on earth? While this issue is debated by sincere Christians, it is fascinating to note these facts:

(1) Other Old Testament prophecies, like that concerning Tyre, and like the many concerning Jesus' first coming, have been fulfilled in a literal way. The pattern established by already-fulfilled prophecy suggests a literal fulfillment.

(2) Again and again these prophecies speak of Israel, and the physical seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are clearly intended. It is true that Christians today are members of the spiritual family of Abraham -(Romans 4:16-17). But this does not make Christians "Israel."

(3) Again and again these prophecies also speak of the Promised Land in the most literal possible way. The spiritual renewal they foretell is invariably linked by Ezekiel with a return of the people to inhabit the Promised Land.

(4) Ezekiel linked the events he foresaw with the establishment of a Davidic ruler on Israel's throne. We know that that ruler is Jesus, the promised Messiah, God the Shepherd. We also know that He has not yet in any literal way established kingly authority in Israel - but that Jesus will return. While many different themes are associated with Jesus' return, it is surely possible that the fulfillment of Davidic Covenant promises are included. Part 2 on Ezekiel 39 in the next Blessed Hope.

'IT'S A MASSACRE' Hamas slaughters 40 Israeli babies & kids in one town with some beheaded as families burned alive in 'pogrom'; Armed with guns, grenades and knives, Hamas terrorists butchered men, women, children and babies in their beds early on Saturday morning after storming over the border.

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HAMAS terrorists massacred at least 40 babies and kids in a sickening rampage in one town - with some found beheaded, Israel claimed.

Israeli soldiers discovered scenes of unimaginable horror in Kfar Aza - a village close to the Gaza border that was captured for two days by the Hamas militants.

<https://www.the-sun.com/news/9293542/hamas-slaughters-40-babies-kids-beheaded/>

Entire families were gunned down by Hamas militants in Kfar Aza - a village close to the Gaza border.

The Israeli army has taken back control of the besieged village and its soldiers now face the gut-wrenching task of recovering the bodies of dozens of victims.

Armed with guns, grenades and knives, Hamas terrorists butchered men, women, children and babies in their beds early on Saturday morning after storming over the border.

Speaking from the scene of the bloodbath, i24News reporter Nicole Zedek said a soldier told her they had found "babies with heads cut off".

At least 40 babies and children were slaughtered as entire families were burned alive in their homes and shot dead.'

Israel experts have been calling the Hamas attack over the weekend a combination of a Pearl Harbor and 9/11.

Two of the most consequential false flag events in history.

Many have been questioning how did the CIA, the Mossad and the IDF not pick up this attack that must have been at least a year in planning?

[The Times of Israel](#) reports that these questions are now compounded by statements from an Egyptian intelligence official, who says that, "Jerusalem had ignored repeated warnings that the Gaza-based terror group was planning 'something big' — which included an apparent direct notice from Cairo's intelligence minister to the prime minister.

- More and more people are waking up to how fishy all of this is.
- How did dozens of armed terrorists manage to parachute and paraglide across the most guarded border in the world?
- Why are millions of military-aged men from enemy nations being allowed to enter the US illegally?
- Why did the Pentagon force all U.S. soldiers to take the Death Shot?

All of this is an apotheosis of the life work of David Icke, who explains what's going on, here:

"There's a global cult and it's running the world through what appear to be different governments – and World Health Organizations and Silicon Valley and banking systems – all of them, corporations – and we need to grasp that.

"And the Palestinians and the Jewish people are both pawns in that game and they need to come together to see who the real enemy is – and has always been."

Listen to David Icke's report at the link on page 2 above or here below:

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/4R7laUciyxPE>

POTENTIAL SCENARIO LIKELY TO PLAY OUT

The timing of the Hamas invasion leading up to the COP28 is suspicious for many reasons mentioned in Blessed Hope #213 and in the remarks by David Icke that suggest the potential of a global psy-op being conducted to deceive the whole world. The globalists would have not allowed this to happen because of the upcoming event to take place in Dubai from November 30th, through December 12th.

My suspicion is that this is a Satanic plan to bring about a re-ordering of the Middle East real estate for economic reasons. The peace agreement between Saudi Arabia and Israel has been high on the priorities in order to pull off the COP28 global signing session. All of the Arab states have been ignoring and wanting the Palestinian issue to simply go away. There is no better way than for the Benjamin Netanyahu administration to "eliminate" the Palestinian population.

The next thing we should expect to see is the "nuking" of Damascus per Isaiah 17:1. The carnage of babies and children being decapitated on social media would galvanize the world support for the Israeli military to "eliminate" all semblance of their existence. In Blessed Hope #213, I noted the short book of Obadiah verse 18 that lurks in the shadows of the House of Esau (Palestinians).

In a "nuking" of Damascus, it would draw in Putin because of his treaties and contractual agreements with Syria. Vladimir Putin has mutual pact agreements with Iran as well. The time factor is critical here but this could be staged in such a way that brings forth the Antichrist Prince Charles as the hero in the big picture whereby people would accept him as the fake Messiah.

That speculation has been all but validated moments ago when the WSJ reported that *"Iranian security officials helped plan Hamas's Saturday surprise attack on Israel and gave the green light for the assault at a meeting in Beirut last Monday"*, according to senior members of Hamas and Hezbollah, another Iran-backed militant group.

Officers of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps had worked with Hamas since August to devise the air, land and sea incursions, the WSJ reported citing its Hamas and Hezbollah sources.

Details of the operation were refined during several meetings in Beirut attended by IRGC officers and representatives of four Iran-backed militant groups, including Hamas, which holds power in Gaza, and Hezbollah, a Shiite militant group and political faction in Lebanon, they said.

At the same time, officials from the deep state - who have been desperate to appease both Iran and Venezuela in recent months in hopes of getting sanctions against the Tehran regime lifted so that it can officially supply extra oil to the U.S. ahead of the 2024 elections (instead of just unofficially shipping oil to China), with Biden terrified what high gas prices may do to his re-election chances - say they haven't seen evidence of Tehran's involvement. In an interview with CNN that aired Sunday, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said: *"We have not yet seen evidence that Iran directed or was behind this particular attack, but there is certainly a long relationship."* This was echoed by an U.S. official of the meetings who said that *"We don't have any information at this time to corroborate this account."*

A European official and an adviser to the Syrian government, however, both of whom are not bound by the price of oil in Nov 2024, gave the same account of Iran's involvement in the lead-up to the attack as the senior Hamas and Hezbollah members.

Some more details from the WSJ:

A direct Iranian role would take Tehran's long-running conflict with Israel out of the shadows, raising the risk of broader conflict in the Middle East. Senior Israeli security officials have pledged to strike at Iran's leadership if Tehran is found responsible for killing Israelis.

The IRGC's broader plan is to create a multi-front threat that can strangle Israel from all sides—Hezbollah and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in the north and Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas in Gaza and the West Bank, according to the senior Hamas and Hezbollah members and an Iranian official.

Whether or not Iran actually did help Hamas plan and execute the attack, and whether Mossad - the world's best intelligence agency - was really completely unaware of what was going on, is - for the time being - irrelevant. What matters is that the narrative is now being shaped so that the mainstream media will cast blame on Iran alongside Hamas, just as a US aircraft carrier arrives in the Gulf to provide support to Israel.

The geopolitical implications are staggering, but once again we repeat our advice from Saturday morning: fill up your gas tank now.

Paul Craig Roberts posted a report that reflects the seriousness the world faces now.

Can the World Afford the Insane Foreign Policy of America's Satanic Neoconservatives?

We are on the verge of nuclear annihilation. Every agreement made during the 20th century to reduce the risk of nuclear war has been abandoned by Washington. Why worry, some ask, mutual assured destruction means neither the U.S. nor Russia would initiate a nuclear attack. Perhaps not, but the greatest danger of nuclear Armageddon comes from false alarms from warning systems. During the Cold War there were many such alarms. The false alarms did not result in mutual destruction because both governments were working to defuse, not exacerbate, the situation, and there was time for the validity of the alarm to be verified before a fatal pushing of the button.

Today the situation is entirely different. Washington and the NATO puppets have a policy of provoking Russia, with the 2014 coup in Ukraine and its consequences being the worst to date. Moreover, the hypersonic speeds of the Russian missiles and the closeness of U.S. missiles to Russia's border cuts time before impact to 5 or 10 minutes, which means no time to verify or confer.

The extraordinary insulting hostility shown toward Russia by the US, NATO and the Western media has convinced the Kremlin that the West intends Russia's destruction. Russia's President Putin has stated many times that the West has led him to this conclusion. A couple of days ago at the Valdai Discussion Club Putin expressed concern that the West's belligerence toward Russia could end in nuclear war. If President Biden were a responsible leader, he would have said that the Russian president is right, and we must stop the escalation of threats. Instead, Biden sent B-2 stealth bombers, aircraft specifically designed for a nuclear first-strike, to European bases, thus escalating the threat, a mindless and irresponsible response to President Putin.

In the U.S. the constant propaganda against Russia (and now China) has convinced many Americans that they face the danger of nuclear attack. This is not a situation in which a false alarm is likely to be recognized. The risk of not believing the alarm is much higher in the environment created by the American neoconservatives, who have controlled U.S. foreign policy in the 21st century.

In U.S. foreign policy and military ranks there are some, especially among the military/security-funded think tanks, who believe, automatically it seems with no evidence required, that the U.S., being the greatest and most powerful country ever, would win a nuclear war. This belief exists despite the total absence of any U.S. preparation for surviving a nuclear war, assuming such a war is survivable. The most likely outcome would be nuclear winter, a situation in which dust from the massive explosions block the sunlight and the entire world starves to death.

Ask yourself, just how insane, how Satanic do neoconservatives have to be to think that their totally unrealistic pursuit of U.S. global hegemony is worth such a risk?

The minute the Soviet Union collapsed politically when hardline communists arrested President Gorbachev, the neoconservatives penned the Wolfowitz Doctrine, which states that the principle goal of US foreign policy is to prevent the rise of any power that could constrain American hegemony. It is this absurdly unrealistic neoconservative doctrine, not Russian or Chinese behavior that has resurrected the threat of nuclear Armageddon.

The threat is very real. Those who dismiss it are utter and total fools. They are psychopaths. They are insane. They risk the life of the planet. It is the neoconservatives who are the worst danger to life the world has ever faced. Why does Congress put up with them? Why does the Senate confirm them in office? Why is the American media their propagandist? Why do the UK, European, and Japanese governments tolerate such enormous risks imposed by a handful of insane psychopaths?

This is the ultimate insouciance.

Things are escalating very rapidly in the Middle East, as Israel has now announced a siege warfare tactic against 2 million Palestinian civilians by cutting off their food, water, electricity and fuel.

This means 2 million Palestinian civilians will now face imminent starvation, sickness and disease, with sewage running in the streets, hospitals blacked out, and children woman and the elderly suffering horrifying deaths while under kinetic bombardment.

Israel's actions are leading to rapid escalation and involvement from other groups and nations, including Hezbollah, Lebanon and Turkey. Iran may soon be involved as well, and Turkey is warning that if the USA gets involved, Turkey's military will side with Palestinians.

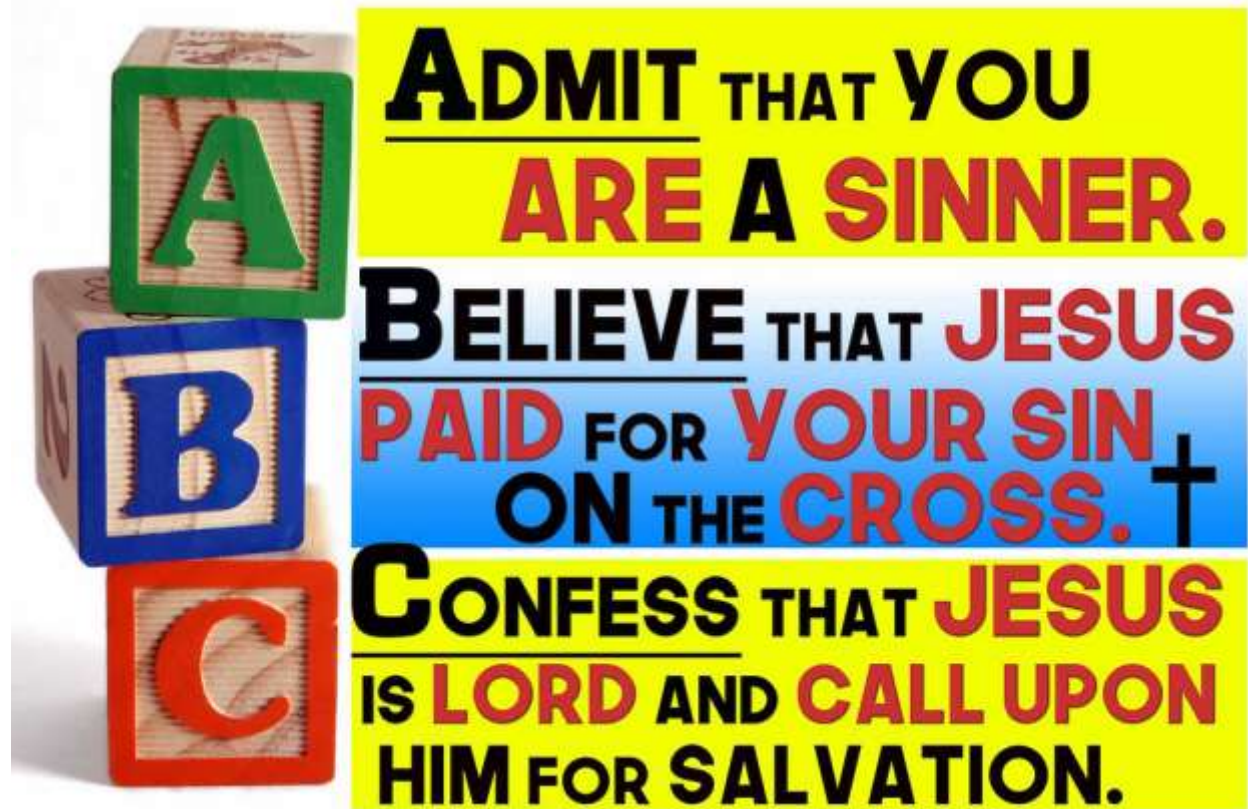
As Mike Adams said today the situation is rapidly going "full Biblical" and it could even involve Damascus, Syria.

We are not without some understanding since Ezekiel 38 and 39 have identified all the players in this End Times scenario. God has divinely told us in advance (2,500 years in advance) of what will be occurring and so while the world is in a spin Christian believers can have solace in knowing that God has His Hands all over this crisis that affects all of humanity.

Count down to 'Confirming the Covenant with the Many'

<p>COP28 November 30th as of 10/12/23 – 50 Days Days to end COP28 December 12th as of 10/12/23 – 62 days</p>
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Praise God!



Blessings in the Precious Name of Jesus Christ, Lord of lords, and King of kings!

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