

- I) V1 INTRO: And you son of man prophesy against Gog and say Thus says the LORD GOD
  - a) This chapter continues God's condemnation of Gog
    - 1) As we saw last time, Gog (a title, high, or supreme one) of the land of Magog:
    - 2) Gen 10:2: Magog is a son of Japheth: Is Central Asia (Scythia), southern part of ancient Russia
    - 3) This is home of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan: possibly no. Afghanistan
- II) V2 NOTICE: I will turn you around and lead you on bringing you up from the far north
  - a) This actually is a picture of a man walking next to an animal, like a man walking a dog on a leash
    - 1) This is a clear picture of God sovereignly bringing Israel's enemies into the land for judgment
    - 2) From the human perspective, Israel is invaded because the people want her land (38:11-12)
- III) V3 THEN: I will knock the bow out of your left hand and cause the arrows to fall out of your right
  - a) GOD SAYS: I am going to shut down your weapons systems so you are powerless
    - 1) He will take away their systems, and will also take away their ammunition
- IV) V4-5 YOU SHALL: Fall upon the mountains of Israel you and all your troops and the peoples who are
  - a) MOUNTAINS: Before 1967 Jordan controlled the ranges except for a small area in Jerusalem
    - 1) After the Six-Day War, Israel re-gained control of the mountain ranges
    - 2) POINT: Gog, you, and your allies will be completely defeated
    - 3) The amount of carnage will be so huge that scavengers will eat the bodies
- V) V6-7 AND: I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands Then they shall
  - a) This has been variously interpreted
    - 1) Chuck Missler: Some analysts see an intercontinental nuclear exchange possibly suggested. With the proliferation of nuclear weapons throughout the world today, such a prospect is disturbingly likely
    - 2) THIS: Could possibly speak of a nuclear attack on Magog as well as the coastlands (Med isles)
- VI) STILL: Others emphasize this judgment is not inflicted by man, but by God Himself
  - a) God says *I will* send fire on Magog and does not mention human agents
    - 1) NOTICE: *I am* against you, *I will* turn you around, *I will* knock the bow out of your left hand, *I will* give you to birds of prey, *I have* spoken, and *I will* send fire...then they shall know that *I am the LORD*, I will make My Holy Name known, the nations shall know I am the LORD
- VII) THE FIRE OF JUDGMENT: Will fall upon Gog's homeland, Magog as well as the coastlands
  - a) POINT: Gog and her allies have attacked a nation that had been living in peace and safety
    - 1) God will take away their peace and safety because of their evil and their arrogance
    - 2) With this destruction, Russia will finally cease being a powerful force in world affairs
- VIII) V7 NOTICE: I will not let them profane My holy name anymore
  - a) POINT: Contrary to what many believe, His patience actually has a limit
    - 1) Ro 2:3-4 Do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?
- IX) V8 SURELY: It is coming and it shall be done says the LORD GOD This is the day of which I have
  - a) Your time has run out, and it is now time for you to be judged according to My Word
    - 1) Mt 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

- I) V9-10 THEN: Those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons
  - a) The enormous armies will bring great amounts of weapons
    - 1) The weapons will be used for fuel, and will actually be a means of preserving resources
    - 2) There will be enough material to provide Israel with fuel for seven years
    - 3) V10 God will bring on the enemies heads that which they tried to do to Israel
  
- II) V11-16 IT WILL COME: To pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel
  - a) instead of plundering Israel, her enemies will end up being buried east of the Dead Sea
    - 1) There are so many corpses that burial details will be at work burying the dead for seven months
    - 2) In Israel, a corpse actually is unclean and the land will need to be cleansed from the defilement
    - 3) Nu 19:16 Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain by a sword or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.
  
- III) V13 THE PEOPLE: Will gain renown because God is glorified
  - a) He is glorified because He destroyed Gog, and glorified because His people have honored Him
    - 1) Ps 126:2-3 Our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad.
  
- IV) V17-20 AND: As for you son of man thus says the LORD GOD Speak to every sort of bird and to every
  - a) These carrion feast on the bodies that are still unburied
    - 1) Zeph 1:7 Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; For the day of the LORD *is* at hand, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests
    - 2) This is a picture of great slaughter and irreversible destruction upon those deserving judgment
  
- V) V21-22 I WILL: Set My glory among the nations all the nations shall see My judgment which I have
  - a) The destruction of Gog is going to have repercussions on both Israel and Gentile nations
    - 1) ULTIMATELY: Israel will see God's mercy upon them, and turn to Him
    - 2) Amos 9:14-15 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them," says the LORD your God.
  
- VI) V23-24 THE GENTILES: Shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity
  - a) Gentiles will know that it was not God's fault that Israel went into captivity, but their own
    - 1) Remember what God had said to Israel
    - 2) Is 1:16-19 Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land
    - 3) They will realize that sin leads to repercussions, and not blame God for what happened to them
  
- VII) V25-29 THEREFORE: Thus says the LORD GOD Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob and have
  - a) The complete return of Israel occurs after the defeat of Gog and her allies
    - 1) In the past, Israel had been in exile, returned but had once again rebelled
    - 2) In the very end, this will not be true: she will return to God and follow after Him fully
  
- I) ACCORDING TO HIS WORD: It was God who had allowed them to go into captivity

- a) They were unfaithful to Him, and reaped the consequences of their rebellion
  - 1) When they received the Law of Moses, God had made it clear that He would deal with rebellion
  - 2) Dt 28:64-65 The LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known--wood and stone. And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.
  
- II) EVEN SO: Though they would be scattered, from the beginning God had said He would seek them out
  - a) Though rebellious, He would bring them back to the land of promise
    - 1) Dt 30:3-4 The LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.
  
- III) IN THE LAST DAY: God would once again gather them, and they would be blessed by Him
  - a) The chastisement would be complete, and they would finally know their God
    - 1) How will they know Him? Because He has poured out His Spirit on the house of Israel
    - 2) Zech 12:10 I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.
  
- IV) IMPORTANTLY: This is how anybody knows that they have a relationship with God
  - a) Israel will know that they belong to Him by His Spirit's presence in them
  
- V) AS EZEKIEL HAS ALREADY SAID:
  - a) God had said He would gather them out of the nations, and sprinkle them with clean water
    - 1) Ezek 36:26-27 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and you will keep My judgments and do them
  
- VI) THIS: Is what the New Testament says as it relates to being saved
  - a) Loving His word, and keeping it is an earmark of a believer: a transformed life
    - 1) 1 Jn 2:4-6 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His *commandments*, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His *word*, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this *we know* that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.
    - b) LOVE; Is a mark of the believer
      - 2) 1Jo 3:14 *We know* that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death.
    - c) HIS SPIRIT: Living within us makes us aware that we belong to Him
      - 1) 1 Jn 4:13 By this *we know* that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit