

A PROPOSED CHRONOLOGY OF THE TRIBULATION—Part 4

B. Who are the participants in the battle?

1. Gog—The Prince or leader.

Ezekiel 38:2-3

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

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

- There are three possibilities for the identity of **Gog**:
Gog—may be a personal proper name of a specific individual.

I Chronicles 5:4

⁴ *The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, **Gog his son**, Shimei his son,*

Gog—may be a symbolic or placeholder name or a title for a person.

The Antichrist is a placeholder name for a future unknown person.

Gog—may be the actual name of a demonic prince under Satan's leadership.

A prince is one who exercises control or dominion over others.

Daniel 10:13

¹³ *But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, **Michael, one of the chief princes**, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

- Angels are assigned by God and Satan to positions of authority over nations.
- Here, in Ezekiel, Gog would be a demonic angel whose dominion is the land of Magog under Satan's leadership. Gog is an evil angel who motivates actions against God's people by using a human being as his instrument.

2. The Gog Coalition.

Ezekiel 38:2-6

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

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

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:

⁵ **Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya** with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

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

Ezekiel 38:2-3 NASB

² "Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, **the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal**, and prophesy against him

³ and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, **prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal**."

In order to understand where these nations are located today, we need to find out where they were located in Ezekiel's day. **Genesis 10**

<u>ANCIENT NAME</u>	<u>MODERN NATION</u>
Magog (Scythians)	Russia, Former Soviet Union, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, etc.
Meshech (Muschki & Muski)	Turkey
Tubal (Tubalu)	Turkey
Persia	Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan
Ethiopia (Cush)	Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan
Lybya (Put or Phut)	Libya
Gomer (Cimmerians)	Turkey
Beth-togarmah (Togarmah)	Turkey-Armenia Asiatic peoples -

C. What's the purpose and why the battle of Gog and Magog?

1. The land (Ezekiel 38:8, 9)

Ezekiel 38:8-9

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.

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.

2. Spoil and riches (Ezekiel 38:12, 13)

Ezekiel 38:12-13

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.

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?**

3. To destroy the Jews (Ezekiel 38:9, 16)

Ezekiel 38:9

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.*

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.***

4. Power, control (Wars are always about power)

5. God's purpose...by saving Israel, He will show the nations and Israel that He is God.

Ezekiel 38:23

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.***

D. The end product. (Ezekiel 38:18-22)

1. Gog and his army will cover Israel like a cloud. (Ezekiel 38:15-16)

They come on Israel to crush them and totally destroy them.

Ezekiel 38:15-16

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:*

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.***

2. When it looks like Israel is defeated, God comes to rescue His people.

Ezekiel 38:18

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.*

- There is a great earthquake (v. 19, 20)

Ezekiel 38:19-20

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;*

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.*

- There is fighting among the troops. (v. 21)

Ezekiel 38:21

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.*

- There is plague and disease. (v.22a)

Ezekiel 38:22a

^{22a} *And I will plead against him with **pestilence and with blood**;*

- There are torrential rains, hailstones, fire, brimstone (v. 22b)

Ezekiel 38:22b

^{22b} *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.***

3. They will be slain on the “Mountains of Israel.” (Ezekiel 39:2,4)

Ezekiel 39:2, 4

² *And I will turn thee back, **and leave but the sixth part of thee**, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:*

⁴ ***Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.***

4. They will be buried in the valley of the passengers (travelers), named Valley of Hamon-gog. **(Ezekiel 39:11)**

Ezekiel 39:11

¹¹ *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: **and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog.***

- Gog and his allies come to plunder Israel and take their land but the only land they end up with is burial plots!

E. Possible results.

- This battle could very well be what helps bring the Antichrist to world power or ruler. There will be a great power vacuum after these leaders are slain.
- This battle could also be what brings a change to allow Israel to rebuild the Temple, just as the Holocaust did with Israel becoming a Nation in 1948.