

## Gog and Magog NOW?

### Commentary for November 1, 2023 — Some Think They Will Invade Israel Soon

Some prophetic interpreters are beginning to say that the attack against God's chosen people by Gog and Magog will happen soon. This is not the case. See this month's "[November 2023 Newsletter](#)" that introduces this month's article "The Prophesied State of Palestine."

Now consider Dr. Ernest Martin's November 2001 article titled "[Afghanistan \(Gog and Magog\)](#)." I refer you to this article now because there is talk that both Turkey and Russia (a nuclear power) are threatening Israel and the United States with war. This could trigger actions by Arab nations, Turkey, Persia, Russia, and other countries to attack Israel.

Events could quickly get out of hand as they did at the start of World War I and World War II. However, this time nuclear weapons exist, and so do the means to deliver them without an enemy being able to stop more than a few nuclear missiles.

There are powerful people in this world who would like to see thousands, millions, and even billions of people die as soon as possible. These are deluded people who believe they will somehow thwart God's plan in some way. And these deluded people are in contact with, and are encouraged in their attempts by powerful spirit beings. The apostle Paul tells us:

**"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [heavenly] places."**

• ***Ephesians 6:12***

See also Colossians 1:16 and 2:15. These are "other gods" that exist with Satan ("**the God of this world** [eon]" (2 Corinthians 4:4) and Satan's angels (Revelation 12:7), beside what Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 8:6:

**"... there is none other God but ONE. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)**

**But to us there is but ONE God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge ..."**

• ***1 Corinthians 8:4-7***

## Gog and Magog

The word "Magog" appears in five verses: Genesis 10:2; 1 Chronicles 1:5; Ezekiel 38:2, 39:6; and Revelation 20:8. "Gog" appears 11 times in 9 verses: 1 Chronicles 5:4; Ezekiel 38:2-3, 14, 16, 18, 39:1 (2x), 11 (2x); and Revelation 20:8. In Genesis and First Chronicles, the term "Magog" is a family name reference, not a geographical place. Magog is the son of Japheth. The two verses are identical: "**The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras."** (Genesis 10:2 and 1 Chronicles 1:5).

Things get more complex. In the time of Ezekiel 38:2 and 39:6, the word "Magog" is a term for a territory or a land, not a person.

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

• **Ezekiel 38:2**

**"And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am YHWH."**

• **Ezekiel 39:6**

In Revelation 20, Gog and Magog also rebel against God after the 1,000 years of rule of Christ when Satan is let loose from his captivity:

**"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea."**

• **Revelation 20:7-8**

Dr. Martin wrote an analysis 22 years ago at the end of his article "[Afghanistan \(Gog and Magog\)](#)." His analysis has been validated by events of the past 20+ years [November 2001]:

"The AFGHANISTAN that the United States and Britain are attacking is an area in which we should NOT get entangled with troop concentrations and mired in the politics of the area. If people do, our armies are *not* equipped to sustain guerilla type of warfare in such inhospitable areas. Even now, it will be difficult to weed out all terrorists from the region.

Still, the answer to world affairs in the near future is NOT Afghanistan, it is **Jerusalem!** **Jerusalem** holds the answer to whether we have a temporary peace for the near future and a stop to this present terrorism. If things get cleared up in **Jerusalem**, the whole world will be a safer place for our form of democratic western civilization to thrive and to progress." *ELM*

When Gog invades Israel as Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 tell us, what will Israel be like? At present Israel is armed to the teeth. Gog will attack when Israel is defenseless:

**"I will go up to the land of [1] unwalled villages; I will go [2] to them that are at rest, [3] that dwell safely, [4] ALL of them dwelling without walls, and [5] having neither bars nor gates."**

• **Ezekiel 38:11**

A Palestinian state will exist before that occurs. Israel will be at peace with its neighbors for decades of prosperity before Gog attacks as Ezekiel says. The apostle Paul tells us there will be a time of "**peace and safety**" before the Day of the Lord and before Christ Jesus returns to this earth (1 Thessalonians 5:1-4).

During that time of peace God will perform another miracle: "**out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of YHWH from Jerusalem**" (Isaiah 2:3 and Micah 4:2). This will be a second witness to the world for the Gospel to be preached to the world, and the salvation of Israel will come out of Zion! (Psalm 53:6). Eight billion people will hear the Gospel before Christ returns.