

Redeemer C.S.I. Church Kansas Bible study

Ezekiel Chapter 38 on 03/06/2025 (7 P.m. to 8 P.m.) Rev. SureshKumar Nelson

Ezekiel 38 is a prophetic passage describing an end-times invasion led by Gog, the ruler of Magog, against Israel. This chapter has been widely studied for its implications in biblical prophecy and eschatology.

1. Context of Ezekiel 38

- **Ezekiel's Prophecy:** Ezekiel, a prophet during the Babylonian exile (6th century B.C.), received visions about Israel's restoration and future conflicts.
- **Chapters 36-37** describe the restoration of Israel, including the famous vision of the Valley of Dry Bones, which symbolizes the nation's return.
- **Chapters 38-39:** Introduce a future attack on Israel led by Gog of Magog and God's miraculous deliverance.

2. Key Themes in Ezekiel 38

A. Gog and His Invasion (Ezekiel 38:1-9)

- Who is Gog?
- Gog is described as a leader from the land of Magog, ruling over Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal (v. 2).
 - Some scholars see these as references to regions north of Israel (possibly modern-day Russia, Turkey, or other nations).
- The Invasion Plan:
 - Gog gathers a coalition of nations (v. 5-6), including Persia (Iran), Cush (Sudan/Ethiopia), Put (Libya), Gomer (possibly Europe/Turkey), and Togarmah (Turkey/Armenia).
 - They attack a peaceful and secure Israel (v. 8-9).

B. God's Response and Judgment (Ezekiel 38:10-23)

- Gog's Evil Intent:
- He devises an attack against an unwalled, unsuspecting Israel (v. 10-12).

- God's Divine Intervention:
- God orchestrates their downfall (v. 18-22) through:
 - A great earthquake (v. 19-20).
 - Confusion and infighting among enemy forces (v. 21).
 - Pestilence, torrential rain, hailstones, fire, and brimstone (v. 22).
- God's Ultimate Purpose:
 - The nations will recognize His power and sovereignty (v. 23).

A. Historical View

Some believe this prophecy was fulfilled in past historical invasions, though no single event completely matches Ezekiel's description.

B. Future Prophecy (End-Times View)

Many scholars see Ezekiel 38-39 as an end-times prophecy, possibly linked to:

- 1. The Tribulation Period** – Some believe this battle happened before or during the Great Tribulation.
- 2. The Battle of Armageddon** (Revelation 16:16, 19:11-21) – Some connect Gog and Magog to the final war before Christ's return.
- 3. The Post-Millennial Battle** (Revelation 20:7-10) – After Christ's 1,000-year reign, Satan gathers nations for a final attack, also called Gog and Magog in Revelation.

Application for Today

- 1. God controls history** – Even when world events seem chaotic, God has a divine plan.
- 2. Israel's place in prophecy** – This passage highlights Israel's role in God's future purposes.
- 3. Spiritual preparedness** – Just as Israel faces opposition; believers must be spiritually ready for trials and Christ's return. **Ezekiel 38 is a powerful prophecy about a future war against Israel, showing God's sovereignty, protection, and ultimate victory.**