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INTRO:

- Written over 2500 years ago
- Lists specific nations, different from Rev 20:8
- Fits in after rapture and somewhere before/after start of tribulation
- Review Daniel 11:36-45, Antichrist reign

I. PREPARATION of nations (v. 1-9)

- Gen 10:1-20, table of nations
 - Rosh = Russia
 - Meschech, Tubal, Gomer = Turkey
 - Magog = Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan ?, "stan" countries
 - Persia = Iran
 - Cush = Sudan
 - Put = Libya
 - Togarmah = Turkey & surrounding areas
 - Iraq? = Possible "many people"
- Gog, Heb. = chief, prince, ruler
- (v. 2) Why is Gog only ruling over "Rosh, Meschech and Tubal"?
- Gog is "turned back"
- (v.8) Gog is "visited", idea of mustering, reviewing, appointing
- (v.7) "Be a guard for them"
- People dwelling safely after a war?
- Up to Jerusalem, "ascend"

II. PLAN of Gog (v. 10-13)

- Gog's thoughts "arise" into his mind, "ascend" same word in v.9
- (v.12) details of the plan:
 - Take plunder (spoils of war)
 - Take booty (same idea, but with emphasis of a prey)
 - To ravage the repopulated waste lands
 - Rich/poor/nomads, no one is safe
- Sheba and Dedan = Saudi Arabia
- Tarshish, hard to determine but could be parts of Western Europe
- (v.13) "All their young lions", territories?

III. PUNISHMENT from the Lord (v. 14-22)

- God reiterates the plan, knows that Israel is in peace
- (v.16) God still in control, "I will bring you"
- Uses Gog to glorify himself, a final testament of God's power?
- God's fury and jealousy is shown:
 - Earthquake
 - Living things feel it, but nothing is killed
 - Mountains, walls, steep places fall
- (v.21) Crazy fighters, friendly fire
- Judgement, pestilence, bloodshed, mass destruction (v.22)

IV. PRAISE to the Lord (v. 23)

- End goal is God is known
- Sanctified self, cf. 37:28 (sanctifies Israel)
- All will know who is Yaweh

Ezekiel 39

I. RUINATION of armies (v. 1-6)

- (v.1) "Lead you on", cf. 38:4 (lead you out)
- Gog is a puppet
 - "Lead you on"
 - "Bringing you up"
 - "Bring you against"
- Gog is made defenseless, struck down, all armies with him
- (v.6) God's wrath upon the countries
 - Fire on Magog
 - Coastlands

II. RETRIBUTION of the Lord (v. 7-10)

- Israel knows of the Lord
- Everyone now honors the Lord
- All nations know of the Lord
- (v.9) Weapons used for fires, notice the order:

- "Both the", shields and bucklers
- Bows and arrows
- Javelins and spears
- 7 years worth of fuel, nuclear fuel?
- (v.10) No need to cut down trees
- Getting back the stuff that was taken

III. REPAIR of the land (v. 11-16)

- Gog gets buried, east of the sea
- Valley of Hamon Gog
- Obstructs travelers for 7 months
- (v.12) Cleansing the land
- ALL the people do the burying
- (v.14) Contracted men search for and mark the place of a body
- Very specific details about how the land gets cleansed (v.15-16)

IV. REPROACH of the enemy (v. 17-29)

- Invites the birds and the beasts to the banquet
- The sacrificial meal, uses imagery to deliver His point
- (v.21) All the nations shall see, Israel witness the Lord's power
- God uses this as a "teachable moment" (v. 23-24)
- (v.25-29) God controlled it all, in/out of captivity
- Brings glory to Himself through strength, mercy, forgiveness
- Read Northern Storm Rising, pg. 154