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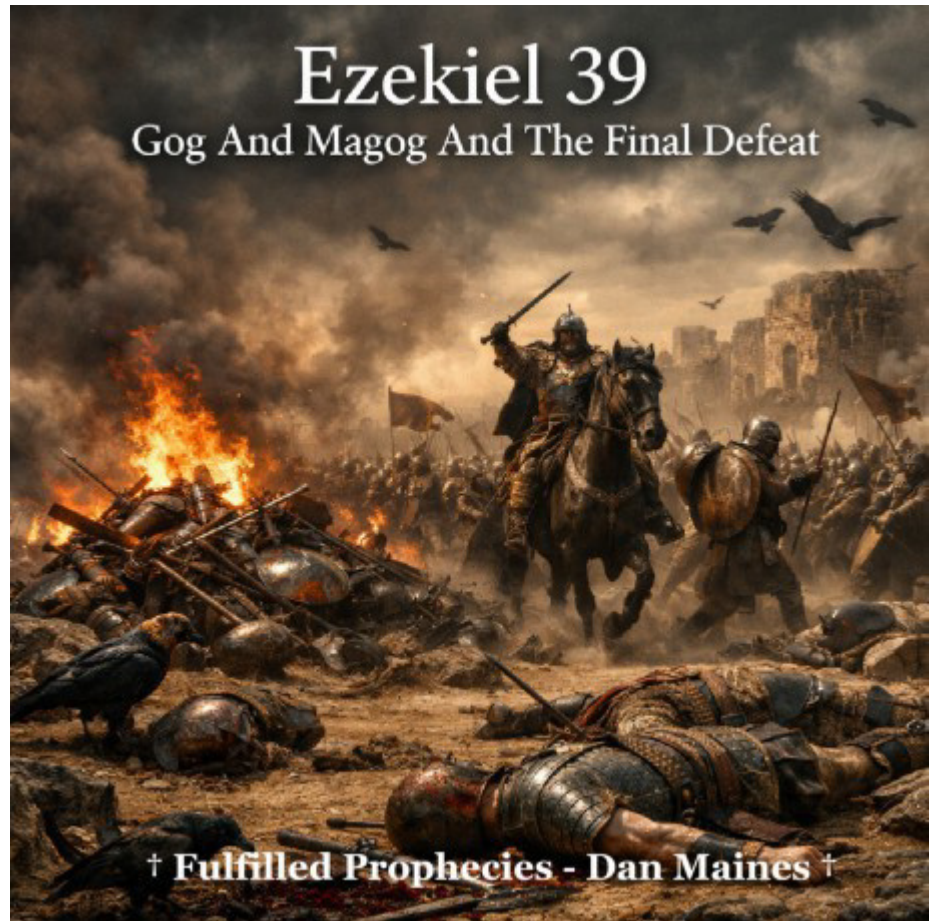
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Ezekiel 39 Gog And Magog And The Final Defeat



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Introduction

† Ezekiel 39 continues the judgment of Gog, showing the complete defeat of Israel's enemies and the cleansing of the land (Ezekiel 39:1)

† This chapter isn't about a distant future battle, it's about the covenant judgment and vindication of God's people that was

fulfilled in the first century (Luke 21:22)

† God reveals His glory to the nations through judgment, proving that He alone is the Lord and that His word never fails (Ezekiel 39:7)

Ezekiel 39:1-2

Now you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against you, Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; and I will turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north and bring you against the mountains of Israel. I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows fall from your right hand.

† God is the one directing this judgment, not Gog, showing divine sovereignty over nations (Isaiah 10:5-7)

† This mirrors how Rome was brought against Jerusalem, not by accident but by God's decree (Luke 19:43-44)

† The disarming of Gog shows total defeat, just like the complete fall of Jerusalem in AD 70 (Matthew 24:2)

Ezekiel 39:3-5

You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your hordes and the peoples who are with you; I will give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field. You will fall on the open field, for it is I who have spoken, declares the Lord God.

† This is covenant judgment language, the same imagery Jesus used for Jerusalem's destruction (Matthew 24:28)

† The birds and beasts symbolize total shame and defeat, not a literal feeding event (Jeremiah 7:33)

† Josephus records bodies left unburied during the Roman siege, matching this imagery exactly

Ezekiel 39:6-8

And I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the Lord. My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. Behold, it is coming and it shall be done, declares the Lord God. That is the day of which I have spoken.

† The fire represents judgment spreading beyond Israel to the nations involved (Luke 21:20-24)

† God making His name known happened through the fall of Jerusalem, proving His covenant warnings were true (Romans 3:3-4)

† This is the day spoken of throughout the prophets, fulfilled in their generation (Matthew 16:27-28)

Ezekiel 39:9-10

Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will go out and make fires with the weapons and burn them, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears, and for seven years they will make fires of them. They will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, for they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the plunder of those who plundered them and seize the loot of those who looted them, declares the Lord God.

† This shows the complete victory and reversal, the oppressors become the defeated (Luke 1:52)

† The seven years represents completeness, not a literal timeline (Genesis 2:2-3)

† The spoiling of enemies reflects the transfer of covenant blessing to God's true people (Matthew 21:43)

Ezekiel 39:11-16

On that day I will give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off those who would pass by. So they will bury Gog there with all his hordes, and they will call it the valley of Hamon-gog. For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land.

† The burial imagery shows the removal of uncleanness from the land (Deuteronomy 21:23)

† This points to the cleansing of the old covenant system through judgment (Hebrews 8:13)

† The detailed burial process emphasizes the total end of the enemy, nothing remains

Ezekiel 39:17-20

As for you, son of man, this is what the Lord God says: Speak to every kind of bird and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, come, gather from every side to My sacrifice which I am going to sacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, so that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

† This is the same imagery used in Revelation for the defeat of the beast and false system (Revelation 19:17-18)

† It symbolizes divine judgment as a sacrificial act, showing God's justice (Isaiah 34:6)

† This ties directly to the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the old covenant order

Ezekiel 39:21-24

And I will set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed and My hand which I have laid on them. And the house of Israel will know that I am the Lord their God from that day onward.

† God's glory is revealed through judgment, just as Jesus said would happen (Luke 21:27)

† The nations witnessing this points to the spread of the gospel after AD 70 (Acts 1:8)

† Israel finally recognizes the Lord through the fulfillment of His word

Ezekiel 39:25-29

Therefore this is what the Lord God says: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the entire house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name. I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Lord God.

† This restoration is fulfilled in Christ, not a future national event (Galatians 3:28-29)

† The pouring out of the Spirit was fulfilled at Pentecost (Acts 2:16-18)

† God no longer hides His face because the new covenant has been fully established

Historical References

† Josephus, Wars of the Jews, describes the destruction of Jerusalem, bodies left unburied, and total devastation matching Ezekiel's imagery

† Eusebius records the fulfillment of Christ's warnings and the fall of Jerusalem as divine judgment

† Tacitus confirms the overwhelming Roman victory and the devastation of the Jewish nation

How It Applies To Us Today

† We're not waiting for Gog and Magog, it's already been fulfilled in the judgment of that generation (Matthew 24:34)

† God's word is proven true, everything He said about judgment and restoration has come to pass (Joshua 21:45)

† We live in the restored kingdom, with full access to God through Christ (Hebrews 10:19-22)

† The enemy has already been defeated, we're not awaiting victory, we're living in it (1 Corinthians 15:57)

† God's Spirit has already been poured out, we're walking in what was promised (Acts 2:38-39)

Q & A Appendix

Q When was Ezekiel 39 fulfilled?

A It was fulfilled in the first century with the destruction of

Jerusalem in AD 70 (Luke 21:20-22)

Q Is Gog and Magog a future battle?

A No, it's symbolic of the enemies of God judged in that generation (Matthew 24:34)

Q What does the burning of weapons mean?

A It represents complete victory and the end of opposition (Colossians 2:15)

Q When was the Spirit poured out?

A At Pentecost in Acts 2, fulfilling the promise of restoration (Acts 2:16-18)

Q What does this mean for us today?

A We're living in the fulfilled kingdom with victory already accomplished (Hebrews 12:28)

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