

Crushing the Second Invasion

The prophet Ezekiel in chapter **37** declares God's purpose to restore Israel back to their land. He then shows how the **3** "*prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal*" (now the Russian Commonwealth of Independent States), **10** "... *will make an evil plan: 11 You will say ... 'I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates' - 12 to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations ...*" - **Ezekiel 38**.

Those "who dwell safely" are Israel who will have been recently saved by Christ from the Islamic invaders, and now living under his protection in a greatly expanded land of Israel. It was enlarged by incorporation of the Muslim countries surrounding Israel. The Russian "prince", already with a military base on the Mediterranean coast in Syria, will feel confident of checkmating the new ruler in Israel who threatens his grand strategy.

More than one quarter of the population of the C.I.S. is Muslim, and would need little urging to participate in carrying out the "evil plan" of attacking Israel. Nor would the 120 millions of "*Persia* (Iran), *Ethiopia* (Sudan), and *Libya*" who will join the invasion, together with the largely Orthodox "*Gomer and Togarmah*" (south Russians) - **Ezekiel 38:5-6**.

15 "*Then you will come from your place out of the far north* (Russia is directly north of Israel)... *a great company and a mighty army. 16 You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land.*" Not all of the 45,000 paratroops and 3,400 aircraft belonging to C.I.S. would be needed to provide that "cloud" of invaders descending from the sky, backed by ground troops from their 230,000 man army, carried by some of their 67,000 "*chariots*" - **Ezekiel 39:20**, including main battle tanks, self-propelled howitzers, multiple rocket launchers, APCs, etc. "...*so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.*"

Nothing is said about this invasion that there is any taking cities, rifling houses, ravishing women or taking captives, as what occurred in the previous invasion - **Zechariah 14:2**. Little does the prince of Rosh know that all his forces will be destroyed before his mechanized armour will be able to set cross-hairs on their targets - "*You shall fall on the open field*" - **Ezekiel 39:5**.

While this cloud of invaders is still in transit towards their objective they will be halted in their tracks and totally massacred. But it will not be by any action of the Israeli military. At the previous invasion, after Jesus descended to Olivet, seismic activity will have caused "*the Mount of Olives to split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south*" - **Zechariah 14:4**. And now, at this second invasion there will be further motion, geologically speaking, in this same northern section of the Great Rift Valley - an even greater earthquake, when "... *all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground*" - **Ezekiel 38:20**.

In the ensuing confusion, there will be a repeat of what happened when God sent Gideon against an invasion of Midianites - **Judges 7:22**. The same will occur again, when - "*I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains, says the Lord God. Every man's sword will be against his brother*" - **Ezekiel 38:21**. The weather also will turn against Gog, joined by volcanic eruption: **22** "... *I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone*" the last two of which can accompany pyroclastic flows. The final result will be **4** "*You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you.*" But mankind will not yet be convinced that God has "*set My King On My holy hill of Zion*" - **Psalms 2:6**.