

## Prophecy devo #32 – Armageddon (Part I)

Armageddon is not a battle but a campaign involving a series of wars. The beginning of the campaign will begin with the invasion of a northern confederacy (probably Russia) that will invade the Promised Land.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE INVASION OF GOG AND MAGOG (Ezekiel 38:1-13). Gog is mentioned in I Chronicles 5:4. The name can also be translated Agag. Gog carries the idea of “high” or “supreme one” (Numbers 24:7). He is identified as the Prince of Rosh, which is hard to identify, but probably Russia. I agree with Donald Grey Barnhouse that this is a demon force that rules the darkness of this world and takes hold of dictators. When the human forces are killed, the demon forces live on. So, the “Prince of Rosh” is a world leader possessed by a powerful demon. The invasion will involve a coalition of powers from Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya. Persia is called Iran today. Libya is in North Africa, and Ethiopia is south of Egypt. Gomer (6) is the area of Armenia. Togarmah (6) is in eastern Turkey. God will bring Russia and these allies against Israel so He can judge them when they try to invade the Promised Land (8).

THE INVASION OF GOG AND MAGOG (Ezekiel 38:14-39:8). The invasion will be on horseback (15). It will be in the last half of the Tribulation, even though the campaign will probably begin closer to the middle of it (16). There will be a great earthquake in Israel (18-20). God will judge Russia by supernatural means (22). God will sanctify Himself (23). He will be known in many nations. God will lead Russia to destruction (39:1-2). God will disarm them of their weapons (3) The whole army will be killed (4). They will fall in the open field and be eaten by birds and beasts (4-5). God will send fire on Magog and her allies (6). God will make His holy name known (7).

AFTER THE INVASION (Ezekiel 39:9-29). There will be a cleansing of the land (9-10). It will take seven years to burn the weapons. God will bury the dead in Israel (11-16). The number of bodies will obstruct traffic. It will take seven months to bury the dead and cleanse the land. The animals and birds will be called to feast on the bodies (17-20). God will show His compassion (21-29). He will gather the captives and restore them to their land (26-28). This will be the final regathering of Israel out of the nations. God will pour out His Spirit on the house of Israel (19). He will bring Israel into the New Covenant.