

PROPHECY UPDATE 2006
A LOOK AT THE CURRENT EVENTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST
IN LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY
A TOPICAL STUDY
REGARDING EZEKIEL'S COMING BATTLE

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:
**MIDDLE EAST CRISIS UPDATE:
THE LAST JIHAD**

THE COMING INVASION AGAINST ISRAEL AND THE FALL OF ISLAM

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:
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Introduction to the Text: Ezekiel 38:1-39:12

In Ezekiel 36
God Makes a Promise to Resurrect the Nation of Israel.

In Ezekiel 37,
God shows Ezekiel just how it was Going to Happen.

Before in Chapters 38-39
An amazing battle that is outlined with perfect detail
What Interests Us Today, Is The Coalition of Nations That Is Listed.
"A lot Has Changed in The Past 4 Weeks"

One Essential Requirement to Winning any War Is

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| #1 - <i>Knowing what your enemy is thinking.</i> | #4 - <i>What is your enemy's culture?</i> |
| #2 - <i>What does your enemy believe?</i> | #5 - <i>What is your enemy's doctrine?</i> |
| #3 - <i>What is your enemy's agenda?</i> | #6 - <i>What is your enemy saying?</i> |

We Need to Listen To What is Being Said by Those Who Have Determined You
Must Die because of Your Beliefs.

But Just How Serious is This Call to *Jihad* ?

What Will This Current Crisis, This *Jihad*
Bring About in The Future?

We Are Living in The Days of What Many in Islam
Have Declared to be “The Great Jihad”

What's Happening in Israel is Phase 1
of a World Wide War of Religions, and You're The Target

This War Against You is Called Jihad

When is *The Last Jihad*

01.) Not until an ancient powers are back in place

Ezekiel 38:1-2

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, :2 “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, :3 and say, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

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02.) When there’s a Russian-Islamic Coalition of Nations

Ezekiel 38:5-6

Persia,(Iran) Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; :6 Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops— many people are with you.

MOSCOW (AP)--President Vladimir Putin and his Iranian counterpart, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, warned Friday of escalating tensions from the month-old conflict in Lebanon, the Kremlin said. The two presidents, who discussed the developments in the Middle East by telephone, agreed "the situation in Lebanon and in the region as a whole has become even more tense," a Kremlin statement said.

Russia is a key economic partner of Iran, whose leader has called for Israel to be removed from off the map. Diplomats at the U.N. stepped up efforts on the ceasefire effort.

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03.) When a great northern nation is a weapons supplier

Ezekiel 38:7

“**Prepare** yourself and **be ready**, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a **guard** for them.

מִשְׁמָר mishmar, mish-mawr´

The chief warrior, the post, the cover, to one who provides

Russian Made Arms / Guaranteed by Treaties and Alliances

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04.) Only after Israel is back in her land again

Ezekiel 38:8

:8 After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely.

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05.) When other nations seek to take the land of Israel

Two Weeks Ago, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmad-in-a-jad

"The only real cure for the conflict in Lebanon is the elimination of the Zionist regime, Israel"

Ezekiel 38:9

You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you."

Not Armageddon, Not a Final World War;
This is a "Regional Battle" and The Participants are "Localized"

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06.) When Israel is fooled by a veiled cease-fire

Ezekiel 38:8, 11, 14

**Israel is Tired of War, and Wants Only Two Things:
(1) To be left alone, and (2) To be left alone in peace!**

**Israel has Never Attack a Nation
- It Has Only Defended Herself Against an Attack**

The "Peace for Land" Joke

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07.) When **Russia** thinks to **invade** the land of Israel

Ezekiel 38:10-11

“Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘On that day it shall come to pass *that* thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: :**11** You will say, “I will go up against a land of unwallled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’—

Just a side note...

*In the 1990's, and since the break-up of the Soviet Union
and the re-formation of Russia,*

*tens of thousands of people have come to know Jesus Christ. Bible teaching churches
have sprung up all across the former Soviet Union. That would not have been possible
unless the atheistic USSR had been defeated.*

*Secondly, it is a strong indicator that God's grace toward
Russia will be short-lived. Secondly - over 1 million Russian born Jews have relocated
to Israel since 1990.*

*God Told us to Watch for a Modern Day Exodus and Re-gathering of Israel
Isaiah 43:1-11 (Russia)*

Isaiah 43:5-6

Fear not, for I *am* with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; :**6** I will say to the north, “Give them up!” And to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’ Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth—

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08.) When **Israel** has caused the land to **flourish**

Ezekiel 38:12

to take a **plunder** and to take **goods**, to stretch out your hand against the waste places *that are again* inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

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09.) At a time when the **nations** do nothing to aid **Israel**

Ezekiel 38:13

Sheba, Dedan, (Arabia) the merchants of Tarshish, (Region of Spain) and all their young lions (Europe) will say to you, “**Have you come to take plunder?** Have you gathered your army to take loot, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great **plunder?**’ ” ’

That Sounds Like Another U.N. Resolution to Me

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10.) When Israel's **neighborhood** is set on her **destruction**

Ezekiel 38:14-16

14 “Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know *it*? **:15** Then you will come from your place out of **the far north**, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, **a great company and a mighty army**. **:16** You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”

Psalms 83:1-4, 12

O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still. **:2** See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. **:3** With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. **:4** “Come,” they say, “let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more.... **:12** who said, “Let us take possession of the pasturelands of God.”

Zechariah 12:1-3

The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: **:2** “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. **:3** And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

Joel 3:1-2

“For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, **:2** I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

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11.) When Israel **awakens** from her spiritual **coma**

Ezekiel 38:17-23

:17 Thus says the Lord GOD: “Are *you* he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them? **:18** “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog

comes against **the land of Israel**,” says the Lord GOD, “*that* My fury will show in My face. :19 For in My jealousy *and* in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: “Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, :20 so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and 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.’ :21 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.)) :22 And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; 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. :23 Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many (not all) nations. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.” ’

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12.) When **Russia / Islam** is **defeated** by divine intervention

Ezekiel 39:1-6

:1... “Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; :2 and I (The Lord) will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the **farthest north**, and bring you against the mountains of Israel. :3 Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand. :4 You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, **you and all your troops and the peoples** who *are* with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and *to* the beasts of the field to be devoured. :5 You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken,” says the Lord GOD. :6 “And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

The London Times

"In Islam, as in Judaism and Christianity, there are certain beliefs concerning the cosmic struggle at the end of time—Gog and Magog, anti-Christ, Armageddon, and for Shiite Muslims, the long awaited return of the Hidden Imam, ending in the final victory of the forces of good over evil, however these may be defined. Mr. Ahmadinejad and his followers clearly believe that this time is now, and that the terminal struggle has already begun and is indeed well advanced. It may even have a date, August 22, 2006, which correlates to the 27th day of Rajab, 1427 s.m.(?) since Mohammed?

AUGUST 22

IS THE DAY OF SALADIN'S VICTORY OVER JERUSALEM,
AND MOHAMMED'S NIGHT RIDE TO HEAVEN

In the Iranian, 11th grade text book, the Ayatollah Khomeini, is quoted saying:

“I am decisively announcing to the whole world that if the world-devourers [i.e., the

infidel powers] wish to stand against Islam, we will stand against their whole world and will not cease until the annihilation of all them. Either we all become free, or we will go to the greater freedom which is martyrdom. Either we shake one another's hands in joy at the victory of Islam over the world, or all of us will turn to eternal life and martyrdom. In both cases, victory and success are ours."

But what's so potentially alarming about that specific date? It seems that August 22 has great Islamic significance, particularly this year. According to Bernard Lewis, a world renowned Middle Eastern and Islamic scholar, and professor emeritus at Princeton. The following is taken from a [column](#) he wrote that appeared recently in the Wall Street Journal.

"This year, Aug. 22, 2006 might well be deemed an appropriate date for the apocalyptic ending of Israel and if necessary of the world.

U.S. News & World Report

Michael Chertoff, the US Homeland Security Secretary, said that the British plot was "getting close to the execution stage and date". For British and American crisis planners, the date August 22 appeared several times as the date of the attack.

?President Ahmadinejad of Iran has cited August 22 as the date on which he will give his final answer to the world on nuclear development. The foiled British plot involved blowing up 10 commercial aircraft over U.S. cities, this plan corresponds with a longstanding ambitions held by al-Qaeda.

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13.) While a great Jihad is underway **Islam will collapse**

Ezekiel 39:9-12

:9 "Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and **(1)** set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years. **:10** They will not take wood from the field nor cut down *any* from the forests, because they will make fires with the weapons; and they will plunder those who plundered them, and pillage those who pillaged them," says the Lord GOD. **:11 (2)** "It will come to pass in that day *that* I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call *it* the Valley of Hamon Gog. **:12 (3)** For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land.

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