



“Understanding the Times: Knowing What to Do”

Ezekiel 37 :1-14

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X. The Time of Jacob's Trouble! (Ez 37-38; Zech 12-13; Gen 12:1-3)

A. Isaiah prophesied that God would reach out his hand a second time and bring them back to the land. (Isa 11:11-12; 66:7-8)

1. The first time they were scattered by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.
2. The second time they were scattered by the Romans in 70 A.D.

B. God is faithful to His Word and He has brought the Jews back to their land.

C. God is not finished with Israel. They will pass through the fire once again in order to be refined by God and many Jews will be saved through the fire.

1. The Battle of Gog and Magog (Ez 38:1-9)

D. God is going to bring a mighty coalition of nations against His people, the Jews.

E. Which nations will form this coalition?

1. Gog is the dictator of Magog.
2. Magog, Meshech, and Tubal represent Russia and the former Soviet republics.
3. Persia is Iran.
4. Cush is Sudan and Ethiopia.
5. Put is Libya, Algeria and Tunisia.
6. Gomer is Turkey.

F. These countries, all of which are Muslim, with the exception of Russia, will form a Russian-Islamic alliance against Israel.

G. There is going to be a time of great distress for Israel. (Jer 30:7)

H. Whenever Israel turned away from God in the past, God would raise up enemies against her to bring Israel back to Himself.

I. God is going to raise up a coalition of Muslim countries that will attempt to invade this beautiful land.

“The War of Gog and Magog will be unlike any other war in human history. The intelligence Ezekiel provides clearly indicates that God himself will go to war on behalf of Israel and against her enemies, with devastating results.” - Joel Rosenberg

J. War is coming to the Middle East. (Rom 11:25-27)

“The twofold purpose of this judgment is that the nations might acknowledge God's glory and that Israel might know God's grace.”
- Dr. Charles Ryrie

1. An Immovable Rock! (Zech 12:2-5,10)

K. God has gathered His people back in the land that He gave them as an everlasting possession.

L. Israel is will become an immovable rock.

1. The coming revival in Israel (Zech 13:1, 7-9)

M. Those who pass through the fire, will come out of it with refined hearts, and they will look upon the one they pierced...and

N. God will pour out a spirit of grace upon His people and they shall see Jesus as their Promised Messiah.

O. What can we take away from this?

1. Pray for the peace of Israel. (Ps 122:6)
2. Pray for our country, that we will never turn our backs on Israel.
3. Consider your own relationship with God! Where do stand with Jesus? (Acts 3:19)
4. As we see the signs of the times pointing to the soon return of Jesus, let us stand up and lift up our heads towards heaven because the end is near. (Luke 21:20, 25-26)

“We are not just looking for something to happen, we are looking for Someone to come! And when these things begin to come to pass, we are not to drop our heads in discouragement or shake our heads in despair, but rather lift up our heads in delight.”
-Vance Havner