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Ezekiel 36–39
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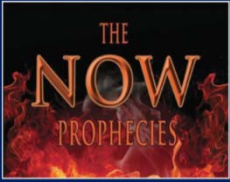
- I. Ezekiel recommissioned (33)
- II. False shepherds removed (34)
- III. Edom destroyed (35)
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Charles Ryrie
Footsteps of the Messiah, Foreword, page XXV

“Eschatology seems to suffer at the hands both of its **friends and foes**. Those who play it down usually avoid assigning specific meaning to prophetic texts. Those who play it up often assign too much.”

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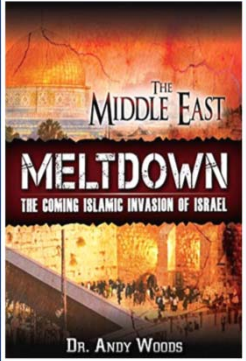
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Ezekiel 38:8

“After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them.”



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Ezekiel 38:16

“and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It shall come about in the last days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I am sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog.”



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- I. Invasion planned (38:1-13)
- II. Invasion executed (38:14-16)
- III. Invasion defeated (38:17–39:20)
- IV. Invasion's results (39:21-29)



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What?

- Divine annihilation of the coalition (38:19-22)
- Birds and beasts feast on the carnage (39:4-5, 17-20)
- Seven-month burying of the dead (39:11-12, 14-16)
- Seven-year burning of weapons (39:9-10)
- Israel's salvation and restoration (39:22, 29)

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 Stanley A. Maughan Quoting Mark Hitchcock
"Selected Expert Perspectives on Ezekiel 38–39 Related to Current World Events with Resulting Influence on Ministry Practices" (D. Min. diss., Dallas Theological Seminary, 2012), 257.

"**Psalm 83 is kind of like Psalm 2**, it is just saying that (there is similar language — why did the nations rage against Israel in Psalm 83) look there are people who are always against Israel. Israel is always going to have these enemies, they are always going to be against them and God is going to deal with them someday. We don't see a separate Psalm 2 war."

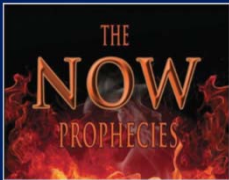
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