

FUTURES

A STUDY IN WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FUTURE AND WHY IT MATTERS IN YOUR LIFE TODAY.

Ezekiel 38:1-16

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What We Know For Sure – Part 2

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Ezekiel 38:1-16

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying: 2 “Son of man, turn and face Gog of the land of Magog, the prince who rules over the nations of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. 3 Give him this message from the Sovereign LORD: “Gog, I am your enemy! 4 I will turn you around and put hooks in your jaws to lead you out with your whole army - your horses and charioteers in full armor and a great horde armed with shields and swords. 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya will join you, too, with all their weapons. 6 Gomer and all its armies will also join you, along with the armies of Beth Togarmah from the distant north, and many others. :7 “Get ready; be prepared! Keep all the armies around you mobilized, and take command of them. 8 A long time from now you will be called into action.

In the distant future you will swoop down on the land of Israel, which will be enjoying peace after recovering from war and desolation a people who have returned from many nations to the mountains of Israel. 9 You and all your allies - a vast and awesome army – will roll down on them like a storm and cover the land like a cloud. :10 Thus says the LORD God: “At that time evil thoughts will come to your mind, and you will devise a wicked scheme. 11 You will say, ‘Israel is an unprotected land filled with unwallled villages! I will march against her and destroy these people who live in such confidence! 12 I will go to those formerly desolate cities that are now filled with people who have returned from exile from many nations. I will capture vast amounts of plunder, for the people are rich with livestock and other possessions now. A people who think they dwell in safety!’ 13 But Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish will ask, ‘*Do you really think the armies you have gathered can rob them of silver and gold? Do you think you can drive away their livestock and seize their goods and carry off plunder?*’ :14 “Therefore, son of man, prophesy against Gog. Give him this message from the Sovereign LORD: When my people are living in peace in their land, the land of Israel, then you will rouse yourself. 15 You will come from your homeland in the far distant north with your vast cavalry and a mighty army, 16 and you will attack my people Israel, covering their land like a cloud. At that time in the distant future, I will bring you against my land as everyone watches, and my holiness will be displayed by what happens to you, next O’ Gog.

Then all the nations will know (*awaken or be awakening to*) that I am the LORD.

Depending upon the circumstances, Communication is almost always most Important. But when communication becomes a matter of Life and death or the difference between winning or losing a war, then communication becomes your most valuable asset – Better still, if your communication can be **forward intelligence**, that is the ability to **communicate information in advance** - - then much of the war has already been determined.

Luke 19:37-44

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying: “ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” :39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” :40 But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.” :41 Now as He drew near (egg-nid-zo – to appear before to present yourself before another), He saw the city and wept (to heave the chest, to bemoan, a lamentation) OVER it, (this is as close as He will get for some 2,000 years) 42 saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, BECAUSE you did not know (to neglect every opportunity before you) the time of your visitation.”

John 13:19

Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He. (*faith building*)

John 14:29

“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. (*faith building*)

John 16:4c

But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. (*faith building*)

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (*faith building*)

1 John 5:13, 20

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.... :20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ.
This is the true God and eternal life. (*faith building*)

- **The Gospel is Heaven’s Communication and**
- **The Message of Jesus Christ is our Armament and**
- **The Outcome has been revealed in advance!**

All of It Resulting In This Great Cause, Great Mission

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (*faith building*)

In Our Current Global Situation We See an Awakening

Iran, China, North Korea, Russia.

(each share a “like” passion – global dominance or expansionism)
(for the last four years these **players** have been contained to a large degree)

What We Know For Sure

1.) All eyes on God

We should not be surprised that people all around the world are turning to the Bible and to the GOD of the Bible for answers.

!!! The Darker the Days Get – The Greater the Gospel Light !!!

Romans 1:15-17

So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. :16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

What We Know For Sure

2.) All eyes off America

In U.S., Decline of Christianity Continues at Rapid Pace

<https://www.pewforum.org/2019/10/17/in-u-s-decline-of-christianity-continues-at-rapid-pace/>

This Data Doesn't Explain What's Happening Here But What's Happening Here – Is It Happening to You?

Luke 12:35-36, 37, 40

“Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master... 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find them watching... 40 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Satan Has Got to Be a bit Nervous in These Days.

(he sees what's happening around the world – he hears sermons like this)

1 Peter 1:10-12

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, **11** searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Revelation 22:7

“Behold, I am coming quickly!
Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Revelation 22:12

“And behold, I am coming quickly,
and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work.

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.”

What We Know For Sure

3.) All eyes on Israel

The "Israel Test" Prager University Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfN2lvnIA4M>

According to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
The God of the Bible - He has declared that (1) Israel is His land and
(2) that the Jew, the man or woman who trusts in His message of salvation
through His provision, "shall be saved."

Israel – just the name of this country causes world leaders to fret
And just the existences of this nation on earth
causes cultists to panic and progressive theologian to stumble.

And for good reason.
(Israel will not be going away)

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 17:7-8

And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. 8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Deuteronomy 30:3-5

that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

Note to Gog, Persia and the invading gang...
Israel Among the Global Empires of World History – survives today!

Watch Out Joe. Be Careful Joe.

Israel Warns ‘Nothing to Discuss’ with Biden if Iran Deal Renewed

<https://www.breitbart.com/middle-east/2021/01/21/report-israel-warns-nothing-to-discuss-with-biden-if-returns-to-iran-deal/>

“Abbas, Hamas react at Trump's departure, congratulate Biden and Harris”

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/abbas-hamas-react-at-trumps-departure-congratulate-biden-and-harris-656134>

“There are no regrets at the departure of Trump, as he has been the biggest source and sponsor of injustice, violence and extremism in the world and the direct partner of the Israeli occupation in the aggression against our people.”

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 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.

Zechariah 12:1-3 NIV

The Word of the LORD concerning Israel. The LORD, Who stretches out the heavens, Who lays the foundation of the earth, and Who forms the human spirit within a man, declares this: **2** “I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding nations reeling. Judah will be a as well as Jerusalem. **3** On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move her will **injure** themselves. *(to slice, cut, to make a deep incision, a self-inflicted, mortal wound).*

On May 14th. 1948
The Evangelical World, The Political World as well as the Jewish
World, was rocked by God

Israel is Born a Nation #1

<https://images.app.goo.gl/ieNaPg8NZrsHVqC76>

Israel is Born a Nation #2

<https://images.app.goo.gl/979WED3QobwKB1fM8>

Isaiah 66:7-9

“Before the birth pains even begin, Jerusalem gives birth to a son. 8 Who has ever seen anything as strange as this? Who ever heard of such a thing? Has a nation ever been born **in a single day**? Has a country ever **come forth in a mere moment**? But by the time Jerusalem’s birth pains begin, her children will be born. 9 Would I ever bring this nation to the point of birth and then not deliver it?” asks the LORD. “No! I would never keep this nation from **being born** (re-born a second time),” says your God.

Jeremiah 30 3

For behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, “that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,’ says the LORD. ‘And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.’ ”

Ezekiel 34:13

And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Micah 2:12

“I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, Like a flock in the midst of their pasture; They shall make a loud noise because of so many people.

UN Sanctions

**How many times the UN has ruled against or sanctioned Israel since 1948?

*UN Human Rights Commission Resolutions Against Israel: 90

*UN General Assembly Resolutions Against Israel: 96

*UN Commission on the Status of Women Resolutions Against Israel: 4

*UN Sanctions Against Israel Resolutions: 45

Grand Total: 235

<https://unwatch.org>

What We Know For Sure

All Eyes On Israel

Israel is God’s chosen nation.

Empires have come and gone – yet Israel remains!

What We Know For Sure
All Eyes On Israel

Israel is God's prophetic timepiece.

No other nation on earth has had their history so well recorded as Israel's.

What We Know For Sure
All Eyes On Israel

Israel is the world's most hated nation.

What We Know For Sure

4.) All eyes to war

I am comforted by the fact Jesus Christ in His teaching "preempted" the coming of world wars and global

Matthew 24:6

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Things to Monitor

China Extends Reach in the Caribbean, Unsettling the U.S.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/08/world/americas/china-caribbean.html>

China is Striving to Deter and Defeat the U.S. Military

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/reboot/china-striving-deter-and-defeat-us-military-176401>

Israel Strikes Iranian Targets in Syria.

Israel's most powerful attack on Iran militias to date

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/israel-strikes-iran-linked-targets-in-syria-11610564618>

Massive Iran missile drill is message to US, Gulf and Israel

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/massive-iran-missile-drill-is-message-to-us-gulf-and-israel-655654>

Iranian missiles land within 20 miles of ship, 100 miles from Nimitz strike group in Indian Ocean:

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/iranian-missiles-100-miles-nimitz-strike-group-indianocan>

Leftist South Korean President
Urges Biden to Follow Trump's Lead on North Korea

<https://www.breitbart.com/asia/2021/01/18/leftist-south-korean-president-urges-biden-follow-trumps-lead-north-korea/>

Taiwan military stages drill aimed at repelling China attack
China, which has increased its threats to reclaim the island and its own
displays of military might

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/taiwan-military-stages-drill-aimed-repelling-china-attack-75333944>

How To Disable The United States in Three Easy Steps

- (1) Take full advantage of America's weakness
- (2) There is the looming threat of the Chinese, Iranian, North Korean Axis
Coordinate a spontaneous action by each of these three
- (3) at the same time.

Revelation 3:10

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

End of Study

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