

Gog

Ezekiel 38 – 39

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The Lord told Ezekiel a story of final victory over human evil. It was set in a restored Israel, after the people of God had been brought back from exile.

I will pour out the Spirit on my people. They will love and serve me; they will care for each other as I have always intended; they will prosper in the land and live in peace. That desolate place will become a paradise.

Then Gog of the land of Magog will gather forces from the ends of the earth and will rise up against me and my people Israel. Gog will say, "Israel is an unprotected land. I will march against her. I will capture vast amounts of plunder. Those people are rich with livestock as well as silver and gold. They think the whole world revolves around them."

But when Gog and his hordes attack, they will be overcome by earthquakes, disease, torrential rains, hailstorms, and fire. In the end they will turn against each other, and Gog, the epitome of evil, will be wiped from the face of the earth.

The carrion birds and the carnivorous beasts will feast like never before on the corpses of the dead. It will take my people seven months to bury the remains of the invaders and cleanse the land.

Then my people will plunder those who intended to plunder them. They will collect shields, bows and arrows, javelins and spears, and will burn them as fuel. They won't need to cut wood; their plunder will be enough to last them seven years.

And all the world will know I am the Lord.