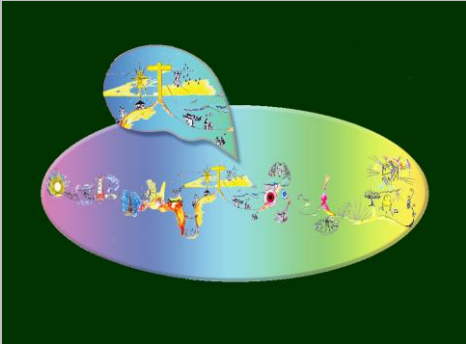


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LETTER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

【 PREREQUISITS BEFORE THE COMING WAR OF GOG & MAGOG 】

After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety. You had all your troops and the many nations with you will go up, advancing like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land.

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: On that day thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil scheme. You will say, “I will invade a land of unwalled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people—all of them living without walls and without gates and bars. I will plunder and loot and turn my hand against the resettled ruins and the people gathered from the nations, rich in livestock and goods, living at the centre of the land.” Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all her villagers will say to you, “Have you come to plunder? Have you gathered your hordes to loot, to carry off silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods and to seize much plunder?””.....

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Are you not the one I spoke of in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel? At that time they prophesied for years that I would bring you against them. This is what will happen in that day: When Gog attacks the land of Israel, my hot anger will be aroused, declares the Sovereign LORD. In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. The fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground. I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man’s sword will be against his brother. I will execute judgment upon him with

plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulphur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD. '.....

"I will display my glory among the nations, and all the nations will see the punishment I inflict and the hand I lay upon them. From that day forward the house of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God. And the nations will know that the people of Israel went into exile for their sin, because they were unfaithful to me. So I hid my face from them and handed them over to their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their offences, and I hid my face from them.

"Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will now restore the fortunes of Jacob and will have compassion on all the people of Israel, and I will be zealous for my holy name.....I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD."
EZEKIEL 38-39.

The prophet Ezekiel stated the future restoration of Israel under the Davidic king in chapter 37, and in the following two chapters he prophesied the 'War of Gog and Magog', a massive coalition of world powers to aim to destroy God's kingdom by invading Israel as quoted above. The exact identity of the enemy of God's people Israel seems to have been left vague on purpose and many of the nations named in this prophecy are no longer identified as such today. However, there is a clue in the ancient genealogy of the nations recorded in Genesis 10. After the global flood in Noah's day, his family dispersed to Asia, Europe and Africa. According to many scholars, the nations mentioned in Ezekiel 38:1-6 are regarded as the ancient names of tribes who occupied particular territories. Among them, '**Magog**' is the name of Noah's grandson, one of the sons of Japheth, and a real nation occupying a territory that is currently occupied by Southern Russia. In the Arabic language, the name for the famous "Great Wall of China" is confirmed to be the "wall of *AL Magog*", which indicates that the wall was built to keep out the invading armies from *Magog* (Russia). According to Flavius Josephus, the Greeks called *Magog* "Scythians". As Ezekiel named '**Magog**' along with other specific allied nations such as 'Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, and Togarmah', so he would have expected '**Magog**' to be understood as a real nation. Accordingly, '**Magog**' is not merely an abstract symbol of evil but a real nation, who will lead a future coalition to invade Israel. According to common exposition, the coalition would consist of modern nations such as 'Russia, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Libya, Eastern Europe, Southeastern Europe, Turkey' and various other nations.

During Ezekiel's day and up to a century ago, all the villages and cities in the Middle East had walls for defense, while today Israel is '*a land of unwalled' villages*' because of highly developed modern techniques of warfare. Ezekiel prophesied that God would reveal His power and sovereignty to deliver His chosen people Israel from His and their enemies, allied foreign destroyers, just as at the time of Exodus God turned Pharaoh's repeated refusal to deliver His people into an opportunity to demonstrate His power and sovereignty to the nations. In other words, God will supernaturally intervene in the War of Gog and Magog. The greatest earthquake, other natural- and human-disasters such as pestilence, bloodshed, falling of great hailstones, fire and brimstone, and God-caused confusion within Magog's armies, will all accompany this war. Ezekiel also prophesies that when God defeats the enemy's furious attacks against Israel many people will repent of their rebellion and unbelief and at the same time, when gentile nations see the devastation of God's enemy's armies they will acknowledge that it was the power of God of Israel that destroyed them. The majority of prophecy teachers believe the power vacuum created by the utter military devastation of the coalition led by '**Magog**' will be filled by the emerging Antichrist who will reunite Europe as a revived Roman Empire.

Concerning the timing of the war, the 'War of Gog and Magog' is apparently different from the 'Battle of Armageddon', which is described in Joel 2, Zechariah 12-14, and Revelation. The details of the two wars differ from each other in many respects: the methods, the weapons, the identities of the armies, the way of the enemy's ultimate destruction, and the aftermath of the war.

Ezekiel's reference to *'live in safety'* and *'living without walls and without gates and bars'* is regarded to be the current military situation of Israel because she has been protected by her strong armed defense. Israel's security against suicide bombers is said to be electronic fences with wires and sensors except a very few percent which is constructed of a concrete barrier against Palestinian snipers shooting from the West Bank into Israeli territory. Ezekiel's illustration seems to signify the time when Israel is not living in fear of immediate attack, not to say to live at total peace with her neighbouring nations. Actually the whole Scripture testifies that unless the Messiah comes to reign this earth there will be no true peace. Until that time Israel will be continually threatened by surrounding enemies who are committed to destroying her.

There is another scene in the Scripture where another 'War of Gog and Magog' is mentioned. It is written in Revelation 20:7-10. This war occurs at the end of time and it should not be confused with the war prophesied by Ezekiel for several reasons. First, while Ezekiel's war is described to occur relatively soon after the rebirth of the State of Israel and the ingathering of the Jews from other countries, the war in Revelation occurs after the Millennium Kingdom of Christ. Secondly, the scale of the two wars is completely different. While Ezekiel's war involves limited coalition of nations surrounding Israel, the war in Revelation involves all the nations from every corner of the earth. Thirdly, while after Ezekiel's war, 'life' still continues on earth, with burial of dead bodies, desposing of weapons and rebuilding of the Temple, the war in Revelation is immediately followed by the end of the world. It is only this time that the present heavens and earth are destroyed and a new heaven and a new earth emerges for those who live eternally with the Lord.

Ezekiel's account: *'Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all her villagers will say to you, "Have you come to plunder?....."* makes it clear that the Gog and Magog's invasion is something to draw the merchants' interest but no one comes to Israel's defense. 'Sheba, Dedan and Tarshish' were ancient trading nations and many Bible scholars believe that they refer to Great Britain and her former colonies. That is, the West appears to respond to such an unprovoked attack with diplomatic protest alone. American support for Israel has so far stood in marked contrast to Europe, where anti-Semitism, anti-Judaism and anti-Israel are rising. However, even given historical trends and indications of American support for Israel, those Americans who strongly support the Jewish state are decreasing in number, the closer we get to the 'War of Gog and Magog'. Such thoughts as "The only reason Americans are getting attacked by Muslims is because they support Israel. The sooner Americans stop, the sooner there will be peace." are said to be rising in the U.S. today. According to Ezekiel's prophecy, there will be no country but God Himself that intervenes to save Israel in the War of Gog and Magog.

There has been thought that there are at least two prerequisites for Israel before the War of Gog and Magog: (1) A period of calm and stability in Israel. (2) Significant wealth. As examined above, the first prerequisite appears to have been fulfilled and the latest news has actually brought Israel to a fully satisfied stage. On 17th August '10, the following news was released by Ynet-news with the headline: 1.5 billion barrels of oil discovered near Rosh Ha'Ayin—**The Israeli public must wait until September to see if the country is sitting on profitable oil reserve, but statement to TASE gives peek into extent of Megged reserve. Question remains: How much of it is recoverable? Tani Goldstein and Avital Lahav contributed to this report—** (www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3938192,00.html).

"Could the State of Israel be sitting on an oil reserve that can provide energy, cash flow, and international political influence? This is the question that everyone is waiting to be answered in the engineering report ordered by Givot Olam Oil, overseeing the drilling at the Megged 5 site, next to Rosh Ha'Ayin.

The final report will be submitted on September 5. However, a preliminary report was already issued to Tel Aviv Stock Exchange on the oil reserves on the site. 'The amount of oil in place in the Rosh Ha'Ayin plot is estimated at 1.525 billion barrels of oil.' In previous reports, the quantity was appraised at only a few

