

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE -NOW-

[PART 17]

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Reading: **Ezekiel 38: 1 - 6**

Introduction

- The story of our fallen race is punctuated by great, history defining battles.
- Historians and military experts study the tactics both sides used in those various battles.
- The Bible gives precise details about another great battle - one that is still to be fought.
- Ezekiel gives us the details of this battle about 2600 years ago.
- Others like Zechariah, king David and John in Revelation contribute additional information.

1 A Brief Biography Of Ezekiel

- Born in the land of Israel and contemporary with Daniel and Jeremiah.
- Taken with his wife to Babylon in the 2nd of 3 deportations.
- His wife died in Babylon at the time of Jerusalem's siege.
- Acknowledged as a prophet by Judaism, Christianity as well as Islam.
- His tomb is at Kafel in modern day Iraq.
- Best known for what's referred to as his '*Russian chapters.*' [38 & 39]

2 This Great Battle Has A Name

- See [Revelation 16:14] '*the battle of the great day of God Almighty.*'
- It will prove to be history's bloodiest battle.

3 This Battle Has A Venue

- [38:8, 21] & [39:2, 4, 17] '*the mountains of Israel.*'
- [38:18] '*the land of Israel.*'

- [Revelation 16:16] **'Armageddon'** meaning **'mountain of Megiddo.'**
- This great battle will take place in the **'latter years'** and the **'latter days.'** [38:8 & 16].

4 Ezekiel Identifies The Enemy Camp

- The nations are identified by their ancient names. We need to discover their modern names.
- NB. The term **'son of man'** is used 93 times.

5 Gog

- The word **'Gog'** means **'big/colossal.'**
- Three times Ezekiel says this **'Gog'** is north of Israel.
- Russia is frequently referred too as **'the Colossus of the north.'**
- SPCK map of 1821 shows Gog, Magog, Tubal and Meshech located in modern Russia.
- 950AD emperor spoke of **'the Rosh'** coming from Russia in their boats.
- Since 1990 Vladimir Putin has been Russian leader.
- The Russian bear has stirred itself from a period of hibernation.
- Putin uses strong arm tactics to keep himself in power.
- In 2014 he annexed Crimea in Ukraine and then in February 2022 he invaded Ukraine.
- He is guilty of **'war crimes'** at home and abroad.
- He has established a military foothold in Syria 135 miles from Jerusalem.
- Along with China, Russia arms **'dubious'** countries.
- They possess the world's largest number of nuclear war heads (5889) with (1674) currently deployed.

6 Russia's Allies [Vs 5]

- Who is Persia?
- The Persian empire was the stage the story of Esther and Mordecai was played out on.
- It was conquered by Islam and subsequently converted to Islam in AD651.
- Signed a **'Friendship Treaty'** with Russia in 1921.
- In the last century Persia came to be known as **'Iran.'**
- In 1979 with the revolution, Iran became very anti-Israel and anti the West.
- They have pledged to obliterate Israel from the map of the world.
- They are striving to acquire their own nuclear weapons.
- Iran supports proxies such as Hamas, Hezbollah and the Houthi's militarily to encircle Israel with a **'ring of fire.'**
- NB. Here we see again the accuracy of Bible prophecy.
- This should tell us we should be living and walking righteously.
- **'The End Is Nigh.'** Make sure you are ready.

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