WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



Reading: Ezekiel 38:1-6

Introduction

- In Ezekiel, chapters 37/38, the prophet is given a look into God's 'War Room' to see a great map of a conflict area with the positioning and moving of great armies.
- He sees a *'sinister'* hand moving forces that are part of an axis of evil against God's land.
- In our previous study we saw 2 of those aggressor nations: Gog (Russia) and Persia (Iran).
- We now look at the other aggressors.

1 Libya [38:5]

- Population of 6.5 million of whom 97% are Sunni Muslim.
- In 1969 Col. Muammar Gaddafi seized power.
- He armed and helped train the IRA.
- From the windows of Libya's embassy in London staff fired on protestors outside killing a WPC.
- On his orders an American airline was blown from the sky over Lockerbie, Scotland.
- Libya today still hates the west and Israel.
- It is the third country in the world after N. Korea and Somalia for the greatest persecution against Christians.
- Neither Iran or Libya condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

2 Ethiopia [38:5]

- Ethiopia is mentioned 41 times in our English Bibles.
- The Hebrew word is 'Cush.'
- [Genesis 2:13] speaks of the 'land of Cush.'
- Post flood: Noah's son Ham had a son called 'Cush' who in turn had a son called 'Nimrod' who founded Babel/Babylon.
- Consensus of opinion is that 'Cush' is land south of Egypt. (E.g. Sudan and Ethiopia.)
- Note [Psalm 68:31] God's promise re: Ethiopia.

3 Gomer And Togarmah

- Gomer is identified as the nations of Georgia and Armenia linking Russia with Iran and Turkey on a map.
- Togarmah is identified as modern day Turkey.
- With a population of 85 million 99% of whom are Sunni Muslim.
- Turkish president is fiercely anti-Israel and has (in 2018) called for creation of a Muslim army to attack and destroy Israel.
- NB. The coming together of Communism and Militant Islam.
- NB. God is drawing Gog to the Middle East with the temptation of a 'spoil.' [OIL].

4 The Twelfth Imam

- Iranian fundamentalist thinking believes in an Islamic 'messiah' who will come in the 'last days' to wipe out all 'infidels.'
- Armageddon will be over a false Messiah and the real Messiah.

5 Allies Of Israel

- Is there any who will stand with Israel?
- [38:13] "...the merchants of Tarshish and all their young lions." Who?
- A reference to a great sea faring people and its offspring nations.
- Identified as Britain and the Commonwealth and the peoples of N. America.
- Question. Who supports Israel most? Answer: America.
- Two great opposing camps on the great map in God's war room.

6 Another GOG

- Goliath Of Gath (GOG) challenged Israel in [1 Samuel 17].
- · Israel looked completely overwhelmed.
- David slew GOG in the name of 'the Lord of Hosts.'
- The same will be the case in this great end time, winner takes all battle.

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