

THE TIMING OF THE WAR OF GOG AND MAGOG

TIMELINE

-Rapture of the Church (Next Event on God's Prophetic Calendar – Imminent).

-Beginning of 7-Year Tribulation (War of Gog and Magog)

-End of 7-Year Tribulation (Armageddon - Second Coming)

There are other views, but my view is that the war of Gog and Magog as found in Ezekiel 38-39 takes place early within the 70th week of Daniel commonly called the Seven Year Tribulation Period (cf. Rev. 6:3-4). The KEY reason I am insistent on this war taking place WITHIN the Day of the Lord Tribulation Period is because of Ezekiel 39:22.

Ezekiel 39:22 (NKJV)

22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day forward.

There is NO WAY it can be said of Israel that the house of Israel shall know the LORD their God BEFORE the Tribulation Period. In fact, that will be the furthest thing from the truth as they enter into the 7-year covenant with Antichrist. Only AFTER God (YHWH) has put down Gog in the early part of the Tribulation Period will Israel finally come to KNOW “the LORD their God from that day forward.”

Ezekiel 38:22–23 (NKJV)

22 And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.” ’

The war of Gog and Magog is not to be confused with the war of Armageddon, which takes place at the end of the seven-year Tribulation Period.

My view is that the prophecy of Daniel 11:40-44 intersects with Ezekiel 38-39. Both are said to involve Libya and Cush/Sudan/Ethiopia. Both involve MAJOR players from the North and the East. I believe that Daniel and Ezekiel both deal with Gog and Magog, but from different vantage points.

All the way through Daniel 11 (verses 5-35), the king of the south consistently represents the king of Egypt and the king of the north consistently represents the king of Syria.

For hundreds of years, Israel was in the middle of this seesaw conflict between the king of the south (Egypt) and the king of the north (Syria).

But Daniel 11:40 speaks in reference to the **"time of the end"** dealing with the time of Antichrist within the Tribulation Period. In context, Antichrist will then be in a 7-year covenant relationship with Israel (cf. Dan. 9:27).

This covenant will be so strong that Antichrist will consider an attack on Israel as an attack on his territory. All the way through Dan. 11:36-45, the personal pronouns of "he", "his", and "him" (found 24 times) refer to Antichrist.

Daniel 11:40 (NKJV)

40 "At the time of the end the king of the South [**Egypt**] shall attack him; [**Antichrist**] and the king of the North [**Syria**] shall come against him [**Antichrist**] like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he [**Antichrist**] shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.

At the **"time of the end"**, Syria (the king of the north) and Egypt (the king of the south) will work a PINCER move on the territory of Israel. And in my view, this becomes the SPARK that ignites the war of Gog and Magog.

Antichrist will then respond to the attack on this territory (Israel) which he is in covenant relationship with, by bringing overwhelming force from his base in Europe into the Middle East. Dan. 11:40 says, **"he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through."**

And Daniel 11:41-43 says that he shall enter the "Glorious Land" (Israel) and go on down to overthrow Egypt (cf. v. 42) and then move his army deep down into Africa, as far as Libya and Sudan (cf. v. 43).

But then SUDDENLY, when Antichrist has his army deep in Africa, "news" from the EAST (Iran) and from the NORTH (Russia/Turkey) will "trouble him" (cf. Dan. 11:44).

Daniel 11:44 (NKJV)

44 But news from **the east** and **the north** shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

But note very carefully that Daniel 11:44, at this point, does NOT speak of the "king of the north", but rather speaks in reference to the greater "north".

This is a break in pattern to what we see previously throughout the chapter. The king of the north (Syria) has already been dealt with, as Antichrist will resoundingly defeat him on his sweep through the Middle East on his way to Africa.

So, I take it that the NORTH, in view in Daniel 11:44, refers to the great northern coalition repeatedly referred to in Ezekiel 38-39. This is the "Gog and Magog" coalition which involves IRAN (Persia) from the EAST (cf. Ezek. 38:5) and Russia/Magog from the NORTH. These are the leading players!

But before Antichrist can respond to this sudden attack by Gog and company, YHWH Himself will intervene to destroy this great NORTHERN coalition (cf. Ezek. 38-39).

Antichrist who has made a military trail from Europe down deep into Africa, from there hears of "troubling" news from the east and north.

It is interesting to NOTE that all the nations that currently make up the coalition that will follow Gog (apart from Russia) are all Muslim nations. If that holds, the showdown between Gog and God over the land of ISRAEL is largely a showdown between the god of Allah (so-called) and YHWH, the true God of Israel.

Ezekiel 38-39 shows that when YHWH intervenes, the result will be the total destruction of Gog and his Muslim cohorts. In this scenario, the religion of Islam would be forever broken; and into that vacuum will step the Antichrist, undoubtedly taking credit for what has happened and declaring himself to be God Almighty (cf. Dan. 11:36-39, 2 Thess. 2:4, Rev. 13:4-5).

However, Daniel 11:45 says, *"yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him."* The Christ of glory will bring him to an end at His Second Coming (cf. 2 Thess. 2:8, Rev. 19:20).

Stay tuned! The finale that ushers in the SECOND COMING of the LORD JESUS CHRIST is about to begin!