

How can I understand Ezekiel's prophesy against Gog and Magog (38:1-9)?

The prophesy against Gog and Magog actually spans multiple chapters of Ezekiel (38-39) but within those chapters are multiple sections.

1. What or who are Gog and Magog?

Ezekiel **38:1-3**

Ezekiel **38:5-6**

Genesis **10:2-4**

Revelation **20:8**

Gog is the name of a prince who is leading an army that is comprised of multiple nations of people. Gog is from the country of Magog which is understood to be located at a far northerly location with respect to the nation of Israel. Note that the land of Magog would be identified as a land settled by the descendants of Japheth. These descendants are usually associated with having moved to the north into what we now know as Russia, Spain, England, and the like. The land of Magog is traditionally believed to be the land of Russia. The land of Magog was not alone for Gog also lead Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya. These lands are considered to be on the far southern end of the land of Israel. Therefore the prophesy is talking about a people that surround Israel and are willing to come from a long distance to deal with Israel.

2. What is Gog and his army going to do?

Ezekiel **38:4**

Psalms **2:2-3**

Daniel **7:19-21**

Revelation **20:7-9**

John **16:2-3**

Revelation **13:4-8**

The army of Gog will gather from the ends of the earth to go to battle against Israel. It is reminiscent of an end of time battle in which all of the nations of the world will gather to seek to destroy the people of God, the Christians. As has been common throughout history and will continue to be a recurring historical theme, the enemies of God will raise up in power against the people of God. Whether the people of God are the people of Israel or the people of Christ, the servants of Satan is continually seeking to be in battle against God through God's people.

3. What is God's response to Gog and his army's advance against Israel?

Ezekiel **38:4**

Psalms **2:4-5**

Ezekiel **38:8-9**

Psalms **73:16-20**

Although Gog is set on destroying God's people, God will intervene and destroy his advance. It is God who will drag Gog and his army out of Israel. The army of Gog may be significant in number but it is nothing in comparison to the God of all creation. The enemy of God and of God's people may believe they have the upper hand but what they do not know nor understand is that the battle is under the hand of God to do and to accomplish according to His will.

4. What should the Christian remember from this passage?

Matthew **13:27-30**

1 Samuel **17:47**

Deuteronomy **20:1**

Ephesians **6:10-13**

2 Corinthians **10:3-5**

We need to remember that the battle that is being fought is not our battle but it is the Lord's battle and as such we need to fight it by His power and using His weapons.