

How can I understand Ezekiel's parable of God's wrath (38:17-23)?

In this section, Ezekiel is delivering a message of judgment that involves Gog and the land of Israel.

1. What does Gog feel about his pending invasion of Israel and his relationship with God?

Ezekiel **38:17**

John **16:1-3**

2 Kings **18:21-25**

1 Peter **4:16-19**

Gog believed that he was the one prophesied about by such prophets as Moses, Isaiah, and Joel. He was convinced that he was called to come against Jerusalem by the command of the LORD. There are many people today who are committed to be antagonistic against the church of Jesus Christ (Islam for example) for its destruction as a result of their duty to God. There are also those who are committed to be antagonistic against the nation of Israel (Palestine, Arabia) for its destruction as a result of their duty to God. As Christians we need to expect that there will be factions who are against us primarily for religious reasons (even if the religion is atheistic in nature).

2. Why would God bring about judgment against Gog?

Ezekiel **38:18-19**

Habakkuk **2:3-4**

2 Peter **3:3-7**

Revelation **20:12-15**

God's judgment against Gog for attacking His people is to be expected. People like Gog, the enemies of God's people, are totally ignorant of God and His actual workings. They are either deceived by their own religious beliefs (guided by Satan) or out of a belief that God neither sees nor cares what happens to people on this earth.

3. What does the outpouring of God's wrath look like?

Ezekiel **38:20-22**

Revelation **9:11-12**

Revelation **6:12-17**

2 Peter **3:10-12**

The outpouring of God's wrath upon the people who are against God and against God's people is also outlined in the book of Revelation. It is the 7 seals, 7 trumpets, 3 woes, 7 vials. This would be the ultimate and final judgment upon all who have forsaken the Lord Jesus Christ. Without faith in Christ, there is no hope but the facing of God's eternal condemnation.

4. What is the purpose behind God's wrath?

Ezekiel **38:23**

Romans **9:22-23**

Philippians **2:10-11**

Psalms **51:4**

God will pour out His wrath upon those who reject Christ, thus implicitly seek the destruction of God's people, will be face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ in order that they might know that God and God alone rules over the affairs of man.