

THE ISLAMIC INVASION GOG AND MAGOG

Ezekiel 38:1-8

Introduction: The little nation of Pakistan with some six million people wants equal nuclear capabilities as their neighbor, India. Practically every Islamic (Moslem) nation in the world is arming itself with nuclear weapons, thus bringing our world closer to what is called nuclear midnight or simply put - destruction.

The Bible warns that at the time of the return of Jesus Christ, there will be two major wars and except for the intervention of God, Israel would be annihilated. God describes the war that precedes the war of all wars in *Ezekiel 38*.

I. WHO IS GOG AND MAGOG?

1. This will be a war in which Moslem nations of the world will finally unite against Israel and be determined to destroy Israel once and for all.
 - Some major nations have been anti-Israel and pro-Moslem.
 - Some particular nations have always been the instigator and agitator of wars:
 - Syria and Egypt - a six day war.
 - Lebanon and Israel - the Yom Kippur war.
 - Another nation supplied weapons for Lebanon but Israel captured those weapons furnished to Lebanon.
 - Some major nations in financial crisis.
 - They will sell nuclear arms to anybody.
 - They have already sold weapons to Iran, Iraq and India.
 - They are aiding the anti-Israel countries to prepare for nuclear war.
 - All Moslem nations will eventually unite against Israel.
 - Ethiopia, the Sudan, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Saudia Arabia, the Gulf Emirates, Yemen, Egypt, Algeria, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgystan and countless other nations/countries.
2. When will the invasion of Israel take place? Anytime.
3. What could possible bring about such an invasion of Israel by the Islamic world?

II. THE ATTEMPTED DESTRUCTION OF THE DOME OF THE ROCK

1. From the time before Israel ever set foot into the Jerusalem area, there was a sacred place used by other religions:
 - Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice there.
 - David set the place apart for the Temple to be built there.
 - Solomon built the Temple and Herod rebuilt the Temple upon the place called today as "The Dome of the Rock."
 - It is a sacred place to the Jews but also to the Moslems.
 - They believe that Mohammed flew there from Mecca on a winged horse and he also ascended into the heavens to receive instructions of God from that place.

- It is a site of worship for the Sunnies, a sect of the Islamic religion.

2. In 1967 Moshe Dayan, General of Israeli armed forces defeated Egypt, Jordan and Syria, but allowed the defeated Moslems to keep control over 35 acres known as the Temple Mount. The Moslem shrine, the Dome of the Rock.
3. If something were to happen to that sacred Moslem site were the Moslems forbidden to worship there, then the entire Moslem world would come against Israel.
 - The bible says that Israel will rebuild the Temple - on that holy site? So, then what?

III. ISRAEL REFUSES TO RETURN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS TO SYRIA

1. In 1967 Israel pushed the Syrians out of the Golan Heights and annexed it as a part of Israel in 1981.
 - Syria has made all kinds of threats and has even made attempts to retake the Golan by using United Nations troops as hostages.
 - Israel feels that since over 4,000 Jewish lives were lost during the wars in those hills that to allow Syria to take control over the Golan again would be saying the lost lives means nothing. Also it serves as a defensive barrier between Israel and Syria.
2. Since the Gulf War, Syria has spent millions upon millions to acquire the most sophisticated missile arsenal in the Middle East.
 - C-Scud missiles - VX - type nerve gas - nuclear warheads.
 - Holding military exercises using anti-tank weapons.
3. If Syria fires upon Israel, Israel will retaliate with a nuclear strike on Damascus:
 - 740 years before Jesus, Isaiah wrote: *17:1*
 - Once Israel retaliates, then other nations and the Moslem world would become united against Israel.

IV. IRAQ DECIDES TO PLAY BABYLON AND CONQUER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

1. In 1991, a war was being fought where Iraq invaded Kuwait, a brother country which in turn brought nations from around the world into a war.
 - Saddam Hussein even fired upon Israel, who did not return the fire.
 - Saddam Hussein was put back in his place by the United Nations - for the time being.
2. Iraq has already made it clear that the next time it will unleash it's arsenal of nerve gas on Israel but Israel has also made it clear that they will return fire on Bagdad, thus uniting Moslem nations in an all out effort to destroy Israel.

CONCLUSION:

1. Any of these things could take place or perhaps other events which have yet to come about which which would bring God's Word to fulfillment.
2. The stage is set. The players are in place. It could happen at any moment. Watch Israel.
3. How strange that those deserted lands of long ago are now the center of the world's attention.