

Ezekiel 29 - 39

Chapter 29 Prophecy against Egypt.

v. 17-20 God says that He's paying Babylon with Egypt for destroying Tyre.

Chapter 30 More Judgement on Egypt and the Nations

Chapter 31 God made Egypt great and He can destroy it.

Chapter 32 A lamentation for Egypt.

Chapter 33 Jerusalem Falls and God moves on Ezekiel.

v. 1-20 God again reminds Ezekiel of his calling as a watchman. (See Ezekiel 3)

v. 21-22 In 586 BC, on the day before a courier came telling of Jerusalem's fall, God lifted the prophetic muteness from Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 3:26 I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth so that you will be silent and unable to rebuke them, for they are a rebellious people. **27** But **when I speak to you, I will open your mouth** and you shall say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' NIV

Ezekiel 24:27 At that time your mouth will be opened; you will speak with him and will no longer be silent. So **you will be a sign to them**, and they will know that I am the LORD." NIV

Ezekiel 33:21 In the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth month on the fifth day, a man who had escaped from Jerusalem came to me and said, "The city has fallen!" **22** Now the evening before the man arrived, the hand of the LORD was on me, and he opened my mouth before the man came to me in the morning. So my mouth was opened and I was no longer silent. NIV

v. 28-29 "The Mountains of Israel" shall be desolate.

Ezek 33:28 I will make the land a **desolate** waste and her proud strength will come to an end, and the mountains of Israel will become **desolate** so that no one will cross them. **29** Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land a **desolate** waste because of all the detestable things they have done.' NIV

Chapter 34 The worthless shepherds. (see Jeremiah 23)

v. 1-6 The charges against the worthless shepherds.

v. 9-10 The verdict against them.

v. 11-22 The Lord will be their Shepherd.

v. 23-24 Messianic prophecy about Jesus the good Shepherd.

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. NIV

Ezekiel 34:31 You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD." NIV

Chapter 35 Prophetic words issued toward Mount Seir (Jordan)

v. 1-5 The Lord will Judge those people because of their hatred for Israel.

Ezek 35:5 Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end: KJV

v. 6-9 The Lord will make the land desolate and uninhabitable.

v. 10 Their covetousness toward the land of Israel is noted as a cause as well.

Ezek 35:10 Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas the Lord was there: ..12 And **thou shalt know that I am the Lord**, and that **I have heard all thy blasphemies** which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, **they are given us to consume**. KJV

v. 12 They spoke blasphemy concerning “The Mountains of Israel.”

v. 15 The Lord will do to “Mount Seir” what they intended to do to Israel.

Chapter 36 Prophetic promises to “The Mountains of Israel.”

v. 1-7 The Lord is angry and jealous for His Mountains of Israel.

v. 8 A Series of unconditional prophetic “I will” promises begins.

v. 9 I will look on you with favor and you will be plowed and sown.

v. 11 I will multiply the number of men and animals on you. I will settle people on you as in the past. I will make you more prosper more than before.

v. 12 I will cause my people Israel to walk upon you.

v. 23 Yahweh will sanctify His Name by restoring Israel.

v. 24 I will gather Israel from all nations and return them to their land.

v. 25-27 The New Covenant will come into force for the Jewish people.

v. 28 I will be your God.

v. 29 I will save you and there will be no famine on Israel.

v. 30 I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field.

v 33 I will resettle your towns and your ruins will be rebuilt.

v. 35 The people will say that Israel has become like the Garden of Eden.

v. 36 God said He will do all of this? Why?

Ezekiel 36:35 They will say, "This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited." 36 **Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the LORD have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate.** I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.' NIV

v. 37 I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel. I will make their people as numerous as the sheep.

Chapter 37 The Valley of Dry Bones and Israel's rebirth.

v. 1 The Lord transports Ezekiel into a valley full of bones.

v. 3 The Lord asked Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?"

v. 4-6 Ezekiel is told to prophesy "spirit" to come into the bones. (see John 3:3-8)

v. 7-8 The bones came together, but there was no "spirit" in them.

v. 9-10 He prophesied to the "spirit" and the "breath of God" came into them.

Ezekiel 37:9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the **wind**, ^{H7307} prophesy, son of man, and say to the **wind**, ^{H7307} Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four **winds**, ^{H7307} O **breath**, ^{H7307} and **breathe** ^{H5301} upon these slain, that they may live. KJV

"**breath**," ^{H7307} "**rûach**": From ^{H7306}; *wind*; by resemblance *breath*, that is, a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively *life*, *anger*, *unsubstantiality*; by extension a *region* of the sky; by resemblance *spirit*, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions): - air, anger, blast, breath, X cool, courage, mind, X quarter, X side, spirit ([ual]), tempest, X vain, ([whirl-]) wind (-y). Total KJV occurrences: 378. **Strong's**

"**breathe**" ^{H5301} "**nâphach**": A primitive root; to *puff*, in various applications (literally, to *inflate*, *blow hard*, *scatter*, *kindle*, *expire*; figuratively, to *disesteem*): - blow, breath, give up, cause to lose [life], seething, snuff. Total KJV occurrences: 12. **Strong's**

Genesis 2:7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**, and the man became a living being. NIV

v. 11 The key: These bones represent the whole House of Israel.

v. 12-14 The Lord will restore Israel and put His Spirit in them.

v. 15-20 Both the Northern and Southern Tribes will be restored.

v. 21 I will gather them to their own land.

v. 22 I will make them one Nation on "The Mountains of Israel."

v. 23 I will save them and cleanse them and they will be My people.

v. 24-25 Messiah comes to be Prince over Israel forever.

v. 26 The New Covenant will be apprehended by the Jewish people.

v. 26-28 God will live in their midsts forever and the Nations will see God restore and honor Israel.

Chapter 38 Gog and Magog.

v. 1-2 Ezekiel is told to prophesy against "Gog" of the "land of "Magog."

Note: Who or what are "Gog" and "Magog?"

"**Gog**" is named among the sons of Japheth. Ezekiel uses the word "**Magog**" as equivalent to "**land of Gog**." In the Apocalypse of John, Gog and Magog represent all the heathen opponents of Messiah, and in this sense these names frequently recur in Jewish apocalyptic literature. **International Standard Bible Encyclopedia**

v. 3-13 A confederation of nations will attack “The Mountains of Israel.”

Ezek 38:2 Son of man, set thy face against **Gog**, the land of **Magog**..**8** After many days thou shalt be visited: **in the latter years** thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against **the mountains of Israel**, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. **9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm**, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee...KJV

v. 14-23 The Lord will use this for victory as a sign to the nations of the earth.

Chapter 39 Gog and Magog continued.

v. 1-4 Another prophecy about war on the Mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:2 And **I will** ...cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon **the mountains of Israel**: ...**4** Thou shalt fall upon **the mountains of Israel**, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: **I will** give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. KJV

v. 8-10 After the great battle Israel shall burn their weapons for 7 years.

v. 11-12 They will be 7 months burying the dead.

v. 17-20 The animals and birds will feast on the dead on The Mountains of Israel.

v. 21-29 Israel and the Nations will see these things as signs from God.

Historical views on the 1000 year period mentioned in Revelation 20.

Revelation 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison **8** and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—**Gog** and **Magog**—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. **9** They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. NIV

- A. **Future period, after Second Coming.** (Irenaeus, Justin Martyr)
- B. **Symbolic for present age.** (For over 1500 years this was mainstream, from Augustine to Luther & Calvin until 18th century.)
- C. **A long period preceding Jesus' Second Coming.** (George Whitefield, Johnathan Edwards, Charles Finny)
- D. **“The Millennium,”** understood as literal 1000 year period, following the return of Jesus, didn't come into common use until the mid-19th century. **Millennium** is Latin for "a thousand years." **Millennialism**, is a belief that a golden age like paradise will occur on Earth prior to the final judgement and our eternal state.

Is the war of Ezekiel 38 and 39 the same as John's “Armageddon?”

Revelation 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. **13** Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. **14** They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them

for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. 15 "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed." 16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called **Armageddon**. NIV

Revelation 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for **the great supper of God**, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small." 19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. NIV

“**Armageddon**.” ("Mount of Megiddo": from a root meaning, "to cut off,"). *Faussett's Bible Dictionary*

What do we know from Ezekiel 38-39 about Gog?

- 1 Gog is an end-time leader of a large but limited alliance of geographic territories which include: Rosh, Magog, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, Beth-togarmah, and many other peoples with them. (Ezekiel 38:2-6).
- 2 Gog and his alliance will invade Israel in Israel's "latter years" (Ezekiel 38:8, 16).
- 3 Gog will invade Israel when God Himself summons Gog. (Ezekiel 38:4, 8; 39:2).
- 4 Gog's armies will be supernaturally destroyed by God. (Ezekiel 38:18-22).
- 5 Gog will be killed and buried in a mass grave with his troops. (Ezekiel 39:11).
- 6 The destruction of Gog's invading forces is recognized as a sign by Israel and many nations as the intervention of God. (Ezekiel 38:15, 23; 39:7, 21-22).

**'WEST BANK'
(Judea and Samaria)**

