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DAY 7: EZEKIEL 38 THE ORACLE OF THE BATTLE OF GOG

I. SETTING THE FOUNDATION

Together, Ezekiel 38 and Ezekiel 39 make up one of the most significant end times prophecies of the Old Testament. It builds upon the foundational prophesy of Genesis 3:15, which sets the stage for the gospel and the story that unfolds throughout the Bible.

- A. References to a singular seed that will come from each line, the righteous (Jesus) and unrighteous (antichrist)
- B. The story of Balak and Balaam in Numbers 24 tells of the righteous seed coming from the line of Judah
- C. Balaam, inspired by the Holy Spirit, uses the same language as the prophecy given to Judah crushing one, crouch like a lion

II. GOG - THE ANTICHRIST

- A. This is the primary name the Old Testament uses to describe the antichrist
- B. Use Ezekiel's worldview to understand where Gog is from: Turkey/ the Middle East
- C. Using a consistent biblical hermeneutic leads us to the conclusion that this is a Turkish-led coalition of nations that comes from the north.
- D. "The north" is a place of evil

III. THE ANTICHRIST, ISRAEL, AND THE NATIONS

- A. Ezekiel describes the state of Israel today (v. 8, v. 11)
- B. Language in Ezekiel matches language in Daniel 8 and Daniel 11
- C. Modern day Saudi Arabia and the West protest against the invasion (v. 13)
- D. Many nations that will join the antichrist: many to the north, one to the south, one to the east, and one to the west (v. 15)
- E. God will bring Gog to Israel, allowing horrible things to happen, so that the nations will know that His name is holy (v. 16)
- F. Gog is the same person talked about by Joel, Zephaniah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Habakuk, Balaam (v. 17)

IV. THE RETURN OF JESUS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ANTICHRIST

A. When Gog attacks Israel, there will be a great earthquake, pestilence and bloodshed, and Jesus will return and crush the antichrist (v. 18-23)



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B. This crushing of the antichrist is not immediate, but actually a period of three and half years between the time the antichrist is revealed to Jesus' return



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