

**Supplement to Revelation Bible Study:
Comparison of the Three End-Time Wars in the Bible¹**

**"First War of Gog and Magog" (aka Ezekiel's War)
Armageddon, and
the Second War of "Gog and Magog"**

Approximately 27% of the Bible is prophecy, much of which is about the end times, including detailed descriptions of two significant wars yet to take place: Ezekiel's War and the Battle of Armageddon. Both of these wars are distinct from a third major (future) war in the Bible detailed in the Book of Revelation that occurs at the end of Christ's millennial reign (which is often called the second Gog and Magog war to differentiate it from the first).

Although the terms *Gog* and *Magog* appear in proximity in both the book of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 38:2-3; 39:1-11) and the book of Revelation (Revelation 20:8), a comparison of these passages indicates two different historical events are in view. Because Gog and Magog are mentioned as combatants in a war at the end of the Millennium (Rev. 20:7-9), many have identified the two battles in Ezekiel and Revelation as one and the same. However, the events following the battles are quite different, as are the events preceding each battle. In Ezekiel's prophecy, the battle of Gog and Magog is used by God to draw Israel to Himself; in Revelation the battle of Gog and Magog comes after God has drawn His people to Himself for one thousand years of blessing during the Millennium. Therefore, it seems best to place Ezekiel's battle in the [time of the] Great Tribulation.²

Where is the United States in all this?

No one knows because there is no specific mention of the United States anywhere in the Bible. No nation comes to help Israel when she is attacked by this coalition so either the United States turns the other way or is unable to help. However, it is safe to say that on June 21, 2025, when the United States bombed Iran, it set a stage for greater conflict to begin.

The majority of Bible scholars that do believe that *if* there is mention of the United State at all, it is likely in verse 39:6 in a mention in which God possibly sends fire to North America (believed to be that who is mentioned in the "coastlands" or "in the aisles").

Ezekiel 39.6 (KJV) *And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.*

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Russia and Iran now share an alliance so it is not such a far stretch to imagine Russia being drawn into war to help Iran, but for the prophecy of Ezekiel to take place, a Russian-led coalition of nation must form and rise against Israel. The Bible mentions **Russia, Iran, Sudan, Turkey** as some other nations to invade Israel for her wealth.

Aspect	First War of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel's War) ³	Armageddon	Second War of "Gog and Magog" ⁴
Bible Reference	Ezekiel 38-39	Revelation 16:16	Revelation 20:7-8 ⁵
Location	Mountains of Israel (Ezekiel 38:8)	Mount Megiddo (gathering) and Valley of Decision (actual battle) (Revelation 16:16) (See note*, below)	Around Jerusalem: <i>And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city:...</i> (Revelation 20.9a)
Participants	Gog and Magog and allies (Ezekiel 38.7-9) Gog from the land of Magog and many nations with (see note**, below) Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, and Beth-togarmah who wage war against Israel. (Ezekiel 38:1-6) BUT not ALL nations... This coalition invades Israel with the intention of plundering and destroying (Ezekiel 38:11-12). ⁶	The beast, the kings of the earth and their armies, who gather to wage war against Christ (Revelation 19.19) All nations are allied together against Jerusalem without exception. ⁷	Gog and Magog and nations from the four corners of the earth. Revelation, however, broadens the scope to include "the nations in the four corners of the earth" (Revelation 20:8). This indicates a global coalition rather than a regional alliance. The participants are not named but are universally described as being under Satan's deception. ⁸
Invasion from...	The north	Unclean spirits that come out of the mouth of the dragon, of the beast, and of the false prophet (they are the spirits of devils) go to the kings of the whole world to gather them to the battle to fight against God. (Revelation 16.12-16)	Gog and Magog represent a global coalition encompassing all nations, not just those from the north. ⁹ In other words <i>The entire earth</i> . ¹⁰

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When	In the latter years, a time period described as a future event (prophetic future) where Israel will be dwelling securely. (Ezekiel 38-39) (Before the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom) One of the most significant differences between the two accounts is their timing. In Ezekiel, the war of Gog and Magog is a specific event that occurs <i>before</i> the establishment of God's kingdom on earth. The prophecy does not provide an exact timeline, but it is often interpreted to take place during or after a period of significant restoration for Israel and before the 7-year Tribulation begins.¹¹ The invasion takes place while Israel is living securely in the Land.¹² Israel is living peacefully and are unsuspecting, "living in cities without walls" (Ezekiel 38:11).¹³	Many believe the timing to be at or near the end of the tribulation, with the gathering of kings at Armageddon and the pouring out of the seventh vial. (Revelation 16:16-17) End times before the Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 19). This is the separate apocalyptic battle (Described in Revelation 16:16) that closes the tribulation period. Armageddon culminates (reaches its highest point) with the return of the Lord Jesus and His Saints who defeat Satan and his armies, but it is still not the end of the world.¹⁴ Armageddon Campaign takes place while Israel is in flight and in hiding.¹⁵ It begins when the <i>harvest of the earth is ripe</i>. Revelation 14.15 <i>And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.</i>	In Revelation 20:7-10, the second war of Gog and Magog occurs after the millennial reign of Christ. Satan is released from his prison and deceives the nations, gathering them for battle against God's people.^{16 17} (Other scholars put this war <u>after</u> the "establishment" of the Millennial Kingdom, but it is unclear whether they meant after it was established and <i>happened</i>, or they just meant after it was "established" to actually <u>exclude</u> the time it <i>happened</i>, and meant the word "establishment" to mean the <u>institution</u> of the Millennial kingdom only.)¹⁸ In contrast to the battle of Armageddon, the war of Gog and Magog in Revelation happens after the millennial reign of Christ. This places it at the end of human history, preceding the final judgment and the creation of a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1).¹⁹

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Nature of the War	Purpose of the war is to take the spoil.²⁰ Ezekiel 38:19-22 describes natural disasters such as a great earthquake, torrential rains, hailstones, fire, and sulfur that will destroy the invasion.	Revelation 16:18-21 depicts a great earthquake, hailstones, and the fall of cities, but emphasizes the wrath of God and the finality of judgment. Armageddon invasion is destroyed by the personal Second Coming of Jesus the Messiah.²¹	Purpose of the war is to destroy the Jews (and those who trust in Christ).²² <i>And when the 1,000 years Satan is loosed out of his prison and goes to deceive the nations in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea (Rev 20.7-8). And after going up on the breadth of the earth and compassing the camp of the saints and the beloved city, fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Rev 20.9-10).</i>

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Outcome	God intervenes and defeats Gog and his armies, annihilating 5/6th of the invaders (Ezekiel 39.2-6). Catastrophic natural disasters, such as fire, floods, massive global earthquakes and plagues, are described (Ezekiel 38.19-20). In Ezekiel, the purpose of Gog's invasion is to attack a prosperous and unsuspecting Israel to destroy and plunder her wealth. The outcome is a dramatic display of God's power and glory, as He defeats Gog and his allies through a combination of natural disasters, internal strife, and divine intervention (Ezekiel 38:18-23). This victory serves to sanctify God's name and demonstrate His sovereignty to the nations.²³ Destruction of Gog and his armies, who fall upon the mountains of Israel and are given to birds and beasts as food. (Ezekiel 39:4-5)	Jesus defeats the kings of the earth and their armies. Revelation 20.19 <i>And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.</i> And here's what happened: Revelation 20.20 <i>And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.</i> Their followers, and them that worshipped his image (Revelation 19.20) were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, <u>which sword proceeded out of His mouth</u>, and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. The Dragon, that old serpent, ... the Devil ... was bound 1,000 years, and cast ... into the bottomless pit... (Revelation 20.2-3)²⁴ War over.	The release of Satan and the subsequent war of Gog and Magog serve as the final test of humanity's allegiance to God. The outcome is <u>swift and decisive</u>, with <u>fire from heaven consuming the attacking forces</u> (Revelation 20:9). This event leads directly to the final judgment and the ultimate defeat of Satan, marking the end of evil and the beginning of eternal peace.²⁵ God defeats Satan and his armies, by divinely intervening, with fire from heaven consuming His enemies, and Satan being cast into the lake of fire forever.²⁶ <i>...fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. ¹⁰ And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Revelation 20.9-10)</i>

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Purpose	God's judgment on Gog and protection of Israel. (Ezekiel 38:16; Ezekiel 39:7). Preparatory event leading to God's kingdom. God's protection and sovereignty over Israel, nations recognize His power and authority, God's Name is sanctified (Ezekiel 39.21-22).²⁷	The final battle of man against God. Final defeat of evil before Christ's reign. (Revelation 19:20-21)	Final confrontation before eternal state. Ultimate defeat of Satan and the establishment of a new heaven and earth.
Afterwards...	Ezekiel invasion is destroyed on the mountains of Israel.²⁸ Requires 7 years to clean up the weapons from the battle (Eze 39.9). It will take seven months to bury the corpses of the dead bodies after the battle (Eze 39.12). Life continues after the battle.	Armageddon Campaign is destroyed in the area between Petra and Jerusalem.²⁹ Second coming of Christ; and Jesus will reign on earth for a thousand years, known as the Millennium, during which Satan will be bound.	Great White Throne Judgment immediately follows the rebellion.³⁰ Revelation 20:11-12 <i>And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Leads to destruction of earth and creation of new heavens and new earth.</i>

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Theological Implications	Ezekiel's prophecy emphasizes God's protection and restoration of Israel. The defeat of Gog and Magog is a testament to God's covenant faithfulness and His ability to safeguard His people against overwhelming odds. It also reinforces the theme of God's sovereignty over the nations and His control over historical events.³¹	After Jesus defeats the kings of the earth and their armies, the beast and the false prophet are cast alive into the lake of fire, with their followers and them that worshipped his image were slain from the sword that proceeded from Jesus's mouth, with all the fowls being filled with their flesh. The Dragon is bound and cast into the abyss for 1,000. The implications is that the world is set up for the Millennial Kingdom: with the Devil, the beast and the false prophet confined to hell fire, as are their followers and those who worshipped the image of the beast (all of whom defied God and did not accept nor desire His gift of eternal life thus choosing eternal death).	In Revelation, the war of Gog and Magog underscores the inevitability of God's final victory over evil. <u>Despite a thousand years of peace during the millennial reign, the rebellion led by Satan illustrates the persistent nature of sin.</u> However, God's swift judgment and the ultimate eradication of evil provide hope for the establishment of His eternal kingdom.³² The world is set up for the New Heavens and the New Earth. And He shall reign for ever and ever. Hallelujah!

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Other Designations	The first of three major, prophetic wars yet to take place. Referred to as the (first) war of Gog and Magog. Will likely be referred to as World War III by the secular world. While many nations are specifically mentioned in the attack against Israel, not one single nation is mentioned that will defend her. This is so that God will be glorified when He defends Israel. Chapters 38 and 39, indicate that God will use this battle to reveal His power and sovereignty to the nations. Ezekiel 38.23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I <i>am</i> the LORD. Both Young's and Strong's Concordances support the KJV translation which states that God will destroy 5/6th of Israel's attackers. (Ezekiel 39:2-6)³³ The end of the world doesn't happen yet. Although it will be a horrific global war, Ezekiel's War is not the end of times...there is still a lot more yet to come.	Great Winepress of the wrath of God." And we read that "The Winepress was trodden Without the City, and blood (not wine), came out of the Winepress, even unto the horses' bridles, by the space of a Thousand and Six Hundred Furlongs." From this we see that the "Allied Armies" of Antichrist will cover the whole of Palestine, and so great shall be the slaughter, that, in the valleys and hollows, all over the whole of Palestine, for the length of Palestine as far south as Bozrah is 1600 furlongs or 200 miles, the blood shall be up to the horses' bridles. It will be the time of which Isaiah speaks, when the land shall be "Soaked With Blood." Isa. 34:1-8.³⁴	

NOTES

* In the Bible, specifically the Book of Revelation, Armageddon is described as a place called Megiddo. (Hebrew: Har Megiddo, meaning “hill of Megiddo”). This is where the Bible says the final battle of man against God will take place. Megiddo is an ancient city located in northern Israel, overlooking the Jezreel Valley.

The Bible says the nations gather at Armageddon (associated with Megiddo), while other prophetic passages connect the final divine intervention to Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives, but Scripture does not explicitly define one precise battlefield location.

** In Ezekiel 38:1-6, the prophetic coalition against Israel represents modern-day nations primarily located in the Middle East and North Africa. Key identifications include Persia (Iran), Cush (Sudan/Ethiopia), Put (Libya), and Gomer/Beth-togarmah (Turkey/Armenia). These regions constitute a northern and southern alliance.

- **Magog** – (Ezekiel 38.2): Often identified with Russia or region of former Soviet Union.³⁵
- **Meshech** – (Ezekiel 38.2): Some scholars associate it with Moscow, Russia.³⁶ Others as modern-day Turkey.
- **Tubal** – (Ezekiel 38.2): Often identified as areas in modern-day Turkey.³⁷
- **Ethiopia** – (Ezekiel 38.5) – See note below **Cush/Kush**.
- **Persia** – (Ezekiel 38:5): Modern-day Iran.
- **Libya** – (Ezekiel 38.5): Modern-day Libya.³⁸
- **Cush/Kush** – (Ezekiel 38:5): The region south of Egypt, identifying with modern-day Sudan and parts of Ethiopia.

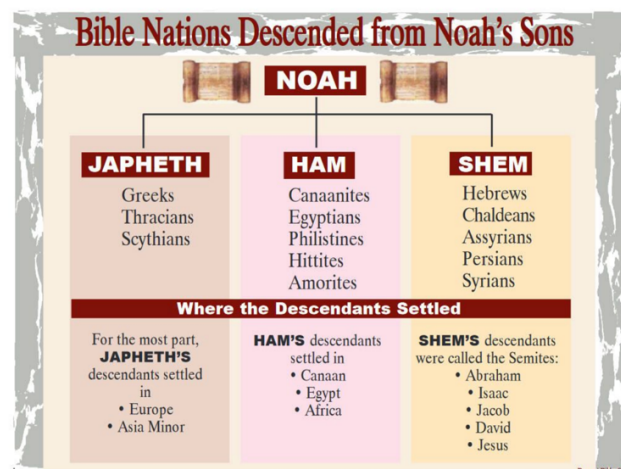
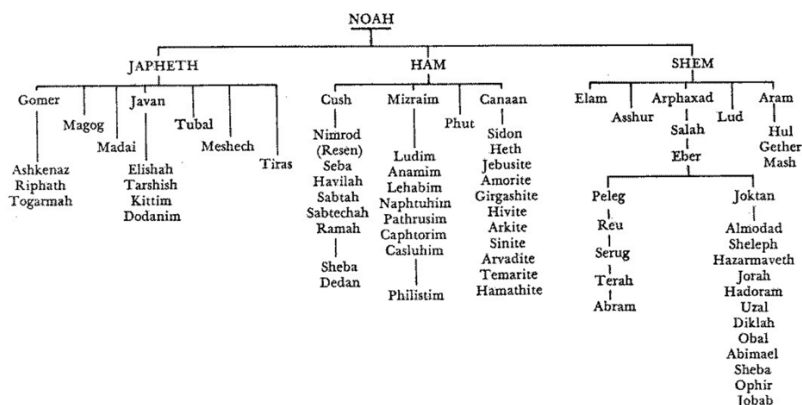
[Note: Modern Name: In the context of Ezekiel’s prophecy, the “Ethiopia” mentioned, also known as Cush (Kush), is often interpreted as modern-day Sudan not the modern nation of Ethiopia.³⁹ Because Ancient Ethiopia **included** northern Sudan, Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia says such and some scholars hold to Kush including what we call “Sudan” along with Ethiopia.]

- **Put** – (Ezekiel 38:5): Historically Libya,, corresponding to modern-day Libya.
- **Gomer** – (Ezekiel 38:6): Widely identified as Cappadocia in central Turkey. Josephus refers this to being *Galatia*, one of Paul’s first missionary journeys, later to be known as Turkey. **Togormah** and **Phrygia** (mentioned in Acts 16.6) are also considered modern-day Turkey.
- **Beth-togarmah** – (Ezekiel 38:6): Associated with the region of Armenia and eastern Turkey, particularly the Georgian regions.

These nations, often associated with the “Gog and Magog” prophecy, are described as coming from the “remote parts of the north” (with allies) to attack a restored Israel.

Genesis 10 contains the Table of Nations, and is an important reference point for place names in many end-time prophecies. For further study of the Table of Nations, see Endnote ⁴⁰.

GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NOAH



¹ <https://lahle.com/words/current-events/comparison-of-the-three-end-time-wars-in-the-bible.html>, posted on February 20, 2025

² Ezekiel 38.1 as quoted in <https://www.spiritandtruth.org/questions/243.htm?x=x>

³ Many viable well-versed and dedicated Bible scholars see the war of Ezekiel 38-39 to mean the Battle of Armageddon, but it is difficult when you lay the two battles and what we know of them side by side and there are so many disparities between them. At this point, I would think because of the variances between the battle referred to in Ezekiel 38-39 and the Battle of Armageddon, it appears that they represent two *different* battles. While waiting for a more clear understanding as *the time approaches*, I will continue to seek the Lord on this.

⁴ The term Gog and Magog are mentioned again in Revelation 20:7-8. In this case, it is not referring to the same Gog and Magog but is merely applying the name to a worldwide group of non-believers who will be divinely judged in the same way Gog and Magog were in Ezekiel 38-39. It is similar to the way Christ applied the name Jezebel, perhaps the most wicked woman of the Old Testament, to a idolatrous woman in the church located in Thyatira (Revelation 2:20). Her name probably wasn't really Jezebel, but she shared similar characteristics to the Jezebel of old. <https://www.woody-brohm.online/the-battle-of-armageddon/>

⁵ There are no fewer than SEVEN different viewpoints on these wars, ranging from they already happened (Preterist) without much substantiation since Ezekiel 38 refers to later times and would be the *first* of the Gog Magog wars **if there are two separate Gog Magog battles**. Preterist view includes that Gog Magog war happened at the time of Esther but the war described in Esther has too many differences. Some believe that in Revelation 20, when referencing what *could be and seems to be a different Gog/Magog battle*, which is *definitely a separate battle*, John could have referenced the original Gog/Magog battle as a "*another personal 'Waterloo'*" type association albeit a separate war. Although we can't be 100% sure yet, it is helpful to study the Scriptures and see what we **can be sure of** and what each battle **looks like** to have a general knowledge and a least a separation of them.

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- ⁶ <https://lahle.com/words/faith/the-war-of-gog-and-magog-in-ezekiel-and-revelation-compared.html>
- ⁷ https://www.spiritandtruth.org/teaching/Book_of_Revelation/commentary/htm/topics/campaign.html#94522
- ⁸ <https://lahle.com/words/faith/the-war-of-gog-and-magog-in-ezekiel-and-revelation-compared.html>
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²⁷ <https://lahle.com/words/faith/what-is-ezekiels-war-aka-the-first-war-of-gog-and-magog.html>

²⁸ https://www.spiritandtruth.org/teaching/Book_of_Revelation/commentary/htm/topics/campaign.html#94522

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³⁰ <https://www.spiritandtruth.org/questions/243.htm?x=x>

³¹ <https://lahle.com/words/faith/what-is-ezekiels-war-aka-the-first-war-of-gog-and-magog.html>

³² <https://lahle.com/words/faith/what-is-ezekiels-war-aka-the-first-war-of-gog-and-magog.html>

³³ <https://lahle.com/words/faith/what-is-ezekiels-war-aka-the-first-war-of-gog-and-magog.html>

³⁴ <https://sacred-texts.com/chr/tbr/tbr083.htm>

³⁵ <https://lahle.com/words/faith/what-nations-will-invade-israel-in-ezekiels-war.html>

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³⁹ <https://lahle.com/words/faith/what-nations-will-invade-israel-in-ezekiels-war.html>, with map below, photo credit the British Museum as cited.



⁴⁰ <https://endtimebible.com/commentary/genesis10-11/>