

SERMON NOTES

Countdown to Armageddon *“When Russia Invades Israel”* Sunday, May 17, 2020 – Online Sermon

Text: Ezekiel 38-39

INTRODUCTION

“Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia, the Great Russian Bear – is like a **mother bear** – robbed of her **cubs**.”

“The West is **asleep** to the growing danger and is losing the **New Cold War**.” Edward Lucas

I. THE INVASION OF ISRAEL

A. THE ALLIES AGAINST ISRAEL

1. **Gog** = Probably the **ruler** of the people who invade.
2. **Magog** = Former parts of the Soviet Union

B. THE ATTACK AGAINST ISRAEL

1. The place of the attack

□ Ezekiel 38 makes it clear where these nations will pour out their fury.

Notice

- verse 8 – “...*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 (desolate): they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely.*”

- verse 11 – “...*I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates.*”

- verse 12 – “...*upon the people that are gathered out of the nations,...*”

- verse 14 – “...*when my people **Israel** dwell safely...*”

- verse 16 – “*And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel...*”

□ There is no doubt – these nations will have gathered
→ to **go against** God’s people – Israel.

2. The period of the attack

□ See Ezekiel 38:8 – “*After many days...in the latter years...*”

- Verse 14 – “...*in that day when my people Israel dwell safely...*”

□ It will happen at a time when Israel is **dwelling** in **peace** and **safety**.

II. THE INTENTION OF THE ENEMY

3 Primary Goals of the Invasion

A. TO SEIZE HER LAND

B. TO STEAL HER WEALTH

C. TO SLAUGHTER HER PEOPLE

III. THE INTERRUPTION OF GOD

A. GOD'S WEAPONS

- 1. Massive Convulsions**
- 2. Major Confusion**
- 3. Menacing Contagion**
- 4. Miraculous Calamities**

B. GOD'S WRATH

- 1. Feast of the birds**
- 2. Funeral for the bodies**
- 3. Fire for the bedlam**

GODLESS RUSSIA IS NO MATCH FOR THE GOD WHO REIGNS

C. GOD'S WAYS

- 1. God's Glory**
- 2. God's Gathering**

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

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Read Romans 13:11-14

1. What does it mean that believers are to “awake out of sleep?”
2. What are believers to cast off and to put on?
3. How are we to walk as believers?

I. THE INVASION OF ISRAEL

Read Ezekiel 38:1-7

The passage is prophesying an attack against God’s people, Israel.

Why do you think nations hate Israel and rise up against her? (John 15:18-20)

Read 2 Timothy 3:12 Why are Christians being persecuted today?

What would be your response if you faced persecution because you’re a Christian?

II. THE INTENTION OF THE ENEMY

What is the intention of Israel's enemies? (Ezekiel 38:10-16)

According to 1 Peter 5:8, Who is your enemy and what is his intention?

What does it mean to be sober and vigilant, and why is that important?

III. THE INTERRUPTION OF GOD

Read Ezekiel 39:1-7

What does God do to Israel's enemies?

Why does God destroy Israel's enemies (39:6-7)

God has already defeated your enemy, the devil, at the cross and through the resurrection. How should that great truth impact how you live your life?