

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Gog and Magog

These questions are for the **May 22, 2022**, sermon, “Gog and Magog, Part 1.” Please read the sermon passage (Ezekiel 38) together out loud.

Passage Outline

AS WE EXAMINE THE BATTLE OF GOD AND MAGOG, NOTE . . .

1. The military alliance being described. (1-6)
 - a. Two titles being used.
 - i. “Gog” is the title for a ruler or czar, a “chief prince.” (2, 3)
 - ii. “Magog” is the title for a nation, the leading nation of a multi-nation alliance.
 - b. God has set himself against both Gog (2, 3, the leader) and Magog (the nation). (4-6)
 - i. This 7-nation alliance is positioned north of Israel. (6)
 - ii. 1) Magog: Russia; 2) Persia: Iran.
 - iii. PLAUSIBLE: 3) Cush: Sudan; 4) Put: Lybia; 5) Gomer: Turkey;
 - iv. PLAUSIBLE: 6) Beth-togarmah: Turkey / Armenia; 7) ‘many peoples’: various.
2. The political intentions being disclosed. (7-13)
 - a. Israel will be ‘restored’; it’s people ‘gathered.’ (8) (note that this occurred in 1948).
 - b. Israel ‘dwells securely’ (8), but this alliance will ‘advance’ against them . (9)
3. The sovereign purpose being revealed. (14-16)
 - a. Though it is obvious to the world that God’s people are dwelling securely,
 - b. Nevertheless, this alliance will war against Israel to plunder them and destroy them.
 - c. God will act with ultimate authority against these rebel nations.
 - i. Even their evil intentions are being used by God.
 - ii. The eyes of the nations will be opened . . .
 1. Many people from all the nations will come to know God. (16)
 2. God will ‘vindicate’ his holiness for all the world to witness. (16)
4. The final outcome being assured. (17-23)
 - a. God will use the tacit failure of a great military alliance to draw many people to Jesus.
 - b. The peoples of the world will see God’s greatness / holiness and many will submit. (23)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God will raise up an evil military alliance to ‘advance’ against Israel. How does this reality bring you comfort as you read about current events? Not only should we not be afraid, we should be confident that these things are coming some day.
2. Based on #2, above: God has sovereignly worked for Israel. In 1948 they were reestablished as a nation complete with land and governance, and quickly they established a military. This is, of course, miraculous. This happened completely without resources. Ezekiel clearly wrote about this *restoration* and *regathering* and *secure dwelling* (8, 14) about 2,500 years ago. Discuss.
3. Based on #3, above: This coming war will happen. It must happen. The way that God intervenes on behalf of Israel will be so that “the nations may know me;” and that “I will vindicate my holiness before their eyes.” (16) Even this great war will be evangelistic. Discuss.
4. Based on #4, above: “I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself know in the eyes of many nations. They will know that I am the LORD.” (23) Discuss.