Our God is YHWH
A Study of Ezekiel’s Prophecy

The Last Battle
Lesson 16
Ezekiel 38-39

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### Ezekiel

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The Restoration of Israel

- The Good Shepherd (34) – “I am against the shepherds of Israel”
- A Prophecy Against Mount Seir (35) – everlasting enmity
- A Prophecy to the Mountains of Israel (36:1-15) – The land will be cleansed
- A New Covenant (36:16-38) – The people will be cleansed
- The Valley of Dry Bones (37:1-14) – Restoration through preaching the Gospel
- One Nation Under God (37:15-28) – The union of Judah and Joseph/Ephraim
- The Last Battle (38-39) – the defeat of Gog and his hordes
The Last Battle

- Introduction (38:1-2) - a prophecy against Gog of the land of Magog
- “Thus says the Sovereign YHWH . . .”
- 1st message (38:3-9) – Gog called to go against Israel
- 2nd message (38:10-13) – Gog’s plan to plunder Israel
- 3rd message (38:14-16) – Gog, the agent of the Sovereign YHWH
- 4th message (38:17-23) – God’s plan and purpose
- 5th message (39:1-16) – the destruction of Gog and his allies by God
- 6th message (39:17–24) – the glory of God among the nations
- 7th message (39:25-29) – the restoration of Israel
The Prophecy Against Gog (38:1-2)

- Gog – a leader of the sons of Reuben (1 Chronicles 5:4)
- Magog – a son of Japheth (Genesis 10:2) – Father of the Scythians?
- Rosh – prince of Rosh v. chief prince
- Meschech and Tubal – sons of Japheth
- A real person (Gog) and real nations with historical roots
1st Message (38:3-9)

- The Lord YHWH is against Gog and an alliance of nations
- The exiles of Israel are back in the land, living securely
- Gog is to be ready to obey the summons of Sovereign YHWH
- The Lord YHWH brings Gog and his allies to invade the peaceful nation
- “In the latter years,” Gog will come like a storm into the land
2nd Message (38:10-13)

- On that day, Gog will devise an evil plan
- Attack a people at rest and living securely at the center of the world
- Objective: seize plunder – silver, gold, cattle, goods – “great spoil”
- 3 more nations join the campaign, enticed by material gain
3rd Message (38:14-16)

- The people of YHWH are living securely
- The mighty army of Gog will come from their place in the remote north
- It will come about in the last days
- The Lord YHWH will bring Gog against “My people” and “My land” in the last days
- Purpose: The nations will see and “will know Me when I am sanctified through you”
4th Message (38:17-23)

- The plan announced through the prophets
- Gog will come against the land of Israel “on that day”
- Lord YHWH will respond with “fury and blazing wrath”
  - A severe world-wide earthquake
  - Every man’s sword will be against his brother
  - Judgment by pestilence, blood, torrential rain, hailstones, fire and brimstone
- The Lord YHWH will magnify, sanctify Himself, and make Himself known
- Many nations will know He is YHWH when He acts in their sight
5th Message (39:1-16)

- The Lord YHWH: "I am against you, O Gog" (39:1-6)
  - I will . . . bring you against the land
  - I will . . . strike your weapons of war (bow and arrow)
  - I will . . . give you as food for predatory birds and animals
  - I will . . . send fire upon Magog – the home land

- The nations will know that YHWH is the Holy One in Israel (39:7-8)
  - I will make known My holy name
  - I will not let My name be profaned anymore
  - I will make the nations know that I am YHWH, the Holy One of Israel

- This is the long predicted day – “the day of which I have spoken” (39:9-16)
  - Weapons of war to be firewood for Israel for 7 years
  - Burial of the dead horde will take 7 months
  - The valley of Hamon-Gog and the city, Hamonah

- “A memorial on the day that I glorify Myself, declares the Lord YHWH”
6th Message (39:17–24)

- Assemble the birds and the beasts for the great feast on the sacrifice
- “I will set My glory among the nations” for all to see “My judgment”
- “The house of Israel will know that I am YHWH from this day onward”
- The nations will know that the house of Israel was judged for iniquity and faithlessness
  - Given into the hand of their adversaries for death by the sword
  - The Lord YHWH hid his face from them for their sins
  - The remnant, now in the Promised Land, are preserved by a Substitute sacrifice
7th Message (39:25-29)

- The end of the story
  - Restore the fortunes of Jacob
  - Mercy for the whole house of Israel
  - Jealous for My holy name
- The house of Israel will forget their disgrace and unfaithfulness
- The Lord YHWH will be sanctified through Israel in the sight of the nations
- The house of Israel will know that their God is YHWH through exile and restoration
- “I will not hide My face from them any longer” because of His work of salvation
When is this great battle?

- Israel brought from exile into the land under the everlasting covenant of peace
- A time of peace, security, prosperity
- Primitive weapons of war – wood for the fire
- Only YHWH engages in the battle
- A great display for all the nations that the Lord YHWH is the Holy One of Israel
- Revelation 20:7-10 cites a great invasion of the nations, Gog and Magog
- The context of Ezekiel 38-39 suggests a final battle – “never hide His face . . .”
“I am YHWH, the Holy One in Israel”

- The sin of defiling the name of God by unfaithfulness
- The priority of the holiness of God for the people of God
- We are a holy nation – aliens and strangers (1 Peter 2:9-11)
- “Come out from among them and be separate” (2 Corinthians 6:17)
- The last battle ends the struggle to be a holy people