

Prophecy Explained: A Future Northern Coalition Will Strike Israel

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This is part two of a two-part article; find part one at [this link](#).

A recent post detailed how Israel had been attacked the weekend before with a blitz of over 300 potentially deadly drones and missiles fired from within the Islamic Republic of Iran. God used friendly Arab neighbors and Western allies to intercept nearly all of those dangerous projectiles.

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The following Friday morning, Israel launched a “limited” retaliatory strike of drones and missiles landing inside Iran. The Iranian *Tasnim* news agency reported the assault took place near its “nuclear energy mountain.” Israel also took out air defense units in Syria, allowing them to use a stealth fighter and a “bunker buster” bomb in a surgical strike on the air defense site protecting the Iranian nuclear site to warn that the IDF could reach them, even in the middle of their country.

Are These Events Part of Ezekiel’s ‘Gog of Magog’ Scenarios?

Modern Iran’s ancient name of Persia is included in a listing of a cohort of countries that will fight a future war against a restored Israel in the “latter days” (Ezek. 38:1-6).

Chapter 39 of Ezekiel informs readers that God will destroy the infamous leader named Gog and his coalition armies “upon

the mountains of Israel.” His initial army came from those regions named “Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal” in “the land of Magog,” over which he is described as a “prince.”

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Some Bible students see Russia as far north of Israel and assume that it is Magog. They see its major cities of Moscow and Tobolsk as “Meshech and Tubal.” Others see modern Turkey on a world globe as directly north of Israel and believe its eastern and western regions to have contained regions named Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal in Ezekiel’s day.

We don’t know. We are not even sure if the prophesied future coalition of nations attacking Israel will occur before or after the 1,000-year earthly reign of King Jesus from Jerusalem. Ezekiel doesn’t compare or tie his coalition prophecy to another timeline of end-time events.

Whatever the origins and actions of Gog’s alliance as described by Ezekiel (38:1-6), God declares He will remove their weapons from their hands and “send a fire on Magog” and the watching nations “shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel” (39:4-7, NKJV).

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