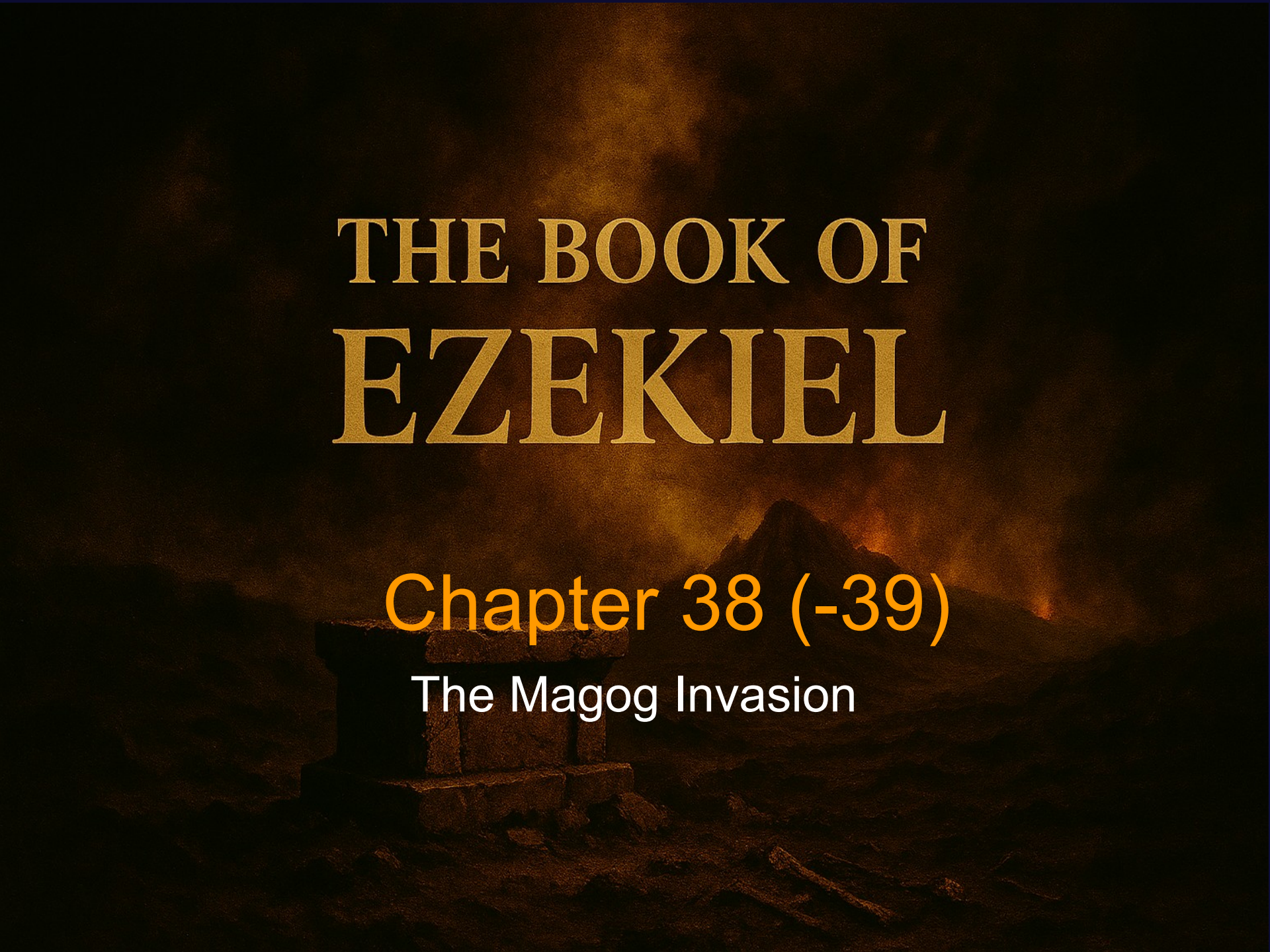


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After the flood...

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Gen. 10:2;
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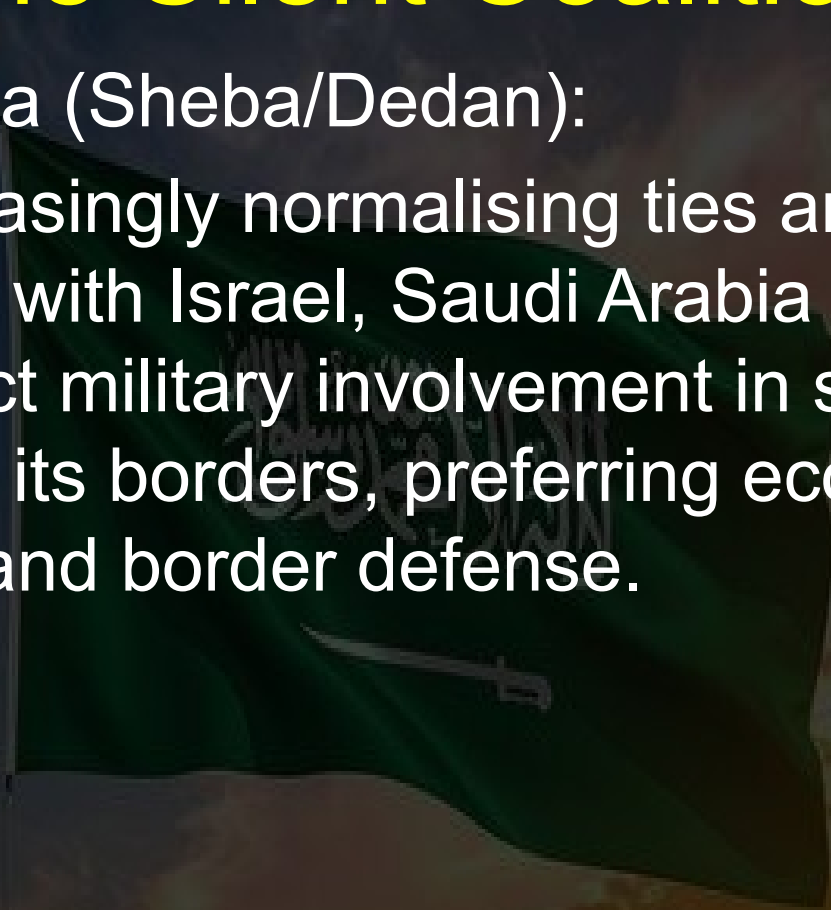
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- When Gog's massive northern coalition strikes Israel, Sheba, Dedan, Tarshish, and the Young Lions do not launch a military counter-offensive. They don't declare war, or drop troops on the ground.
- Instead, they issue a toothless diplomatic protest: "Have you come to take a spoil? Have you gathered your horde to carry off silver and gold?"
- It sounds less like a military threat and more like a weakly worded press release from the United Nations or a cautious foreign office statement!

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- Saudi Arabia (Sheba/Dedan):
- While increasingly normalising ties and sharing intelligence with Israel, Saudi Arabia traditionally avoids direct military involvement in superpower conflicts on its borders, preferring economic diplomacy and border defense.



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- The UK and the "Young Lions" (Tarshish & Co.):
- Western political shifts, internal polarisation, fatigue from prolonged foreign wars, and domestic political pressures (including shifting stances toward the Middle East) could easily create a political climate where the UK, US, and Commonwealth nations lack the political appetite or military readiness to intervene directly against a massive Russian-led coalition.
 - Burnham has already stated his pro-Palestinian position

The Angry Bear!

- Russia's Motivation:
- After years of military strain in it's fruitless war with Ukraine, a swift, resource-rich target in the Middle East—aimed at claiming vast natural gas reserves, mineral wealth, and dominance over the Levant—presents the ultimate geopolitical prize to restore superpower status.



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- The passivity of the "Young Lions" is actually essential to the theological plot of Ezekiel 38–39.
- If the US, UK, and Saudi Arabia stepped in to fight off Gog, the military victory would be attributed to Western air superiority, geopolitical strategy, or NATO intelligence.
- By having the Western powers stand on the sidelines asking, "*Are you here to take a spoil?*", God leaves Israel completely isolated on the world stage.
- When Israel has no allies left to turn to, the victory can belong to God alone!

14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?

15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

The North



¹⁶ And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, **that the heathen may know me,** when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

Ezekiel 38:16

- One of God's stated reasons for this war is that the heathen world will know that He is God!

17 Thus saith the Lord God; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?

Ezekiel 38:17

- Joel (c. 800 BC): Joel specifically prophesied about the destruction of the "northern army" coming against Israel: *"But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate..."* (Joel 2:20)

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- Jeremiah (c. 627 BC) famously warned of a terrible destruction breaking out from the north: *"Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land... Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far..."* (Jeremiah 1:14, 5:15)

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- There is a fascinating textual anomaly in the Torah.
- In Numbers 24:7, Balaam utters an end-times prophecy about Israel's coming Messiah King:
- Hebrew Masoretic Text: *"His king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted."*
- Ancient Greek Septuagint (LXX) & Samaritan Pentateuch: *"His king shall be higher than Gog, and his kingdom shall be exalted."*
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- In Hebrew, "Gog" is likely a title or descriptor (similar to Pharaoh or Czar) meaning "high," "roof," or "supreme leader."
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- *"You think you came up with this plan on your own to take a spoil. But you are simply playing the exact part I wrote for you centuries ago through My prophets. You are the ultimate embodiment of every northern invader Isaiah, Joel, and Jeremiah warned about!"*

18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face.

19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

Ezekiel 38:18-19

20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

Ezekiel 38:20

- Don't assume this is merely poetic!

²¹ And I will call for a sword against him
throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord
God:

every man's sword shall be against his brother.

Ezekiel 38:21

- This is not the first time God has caused Israel's enemies to fight against themselves! See Judg 7:22
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- The volatile "wild donkey" tendency (Genesis 16:12) takes over, and the invaders turn their weapons on each other in the chaos.

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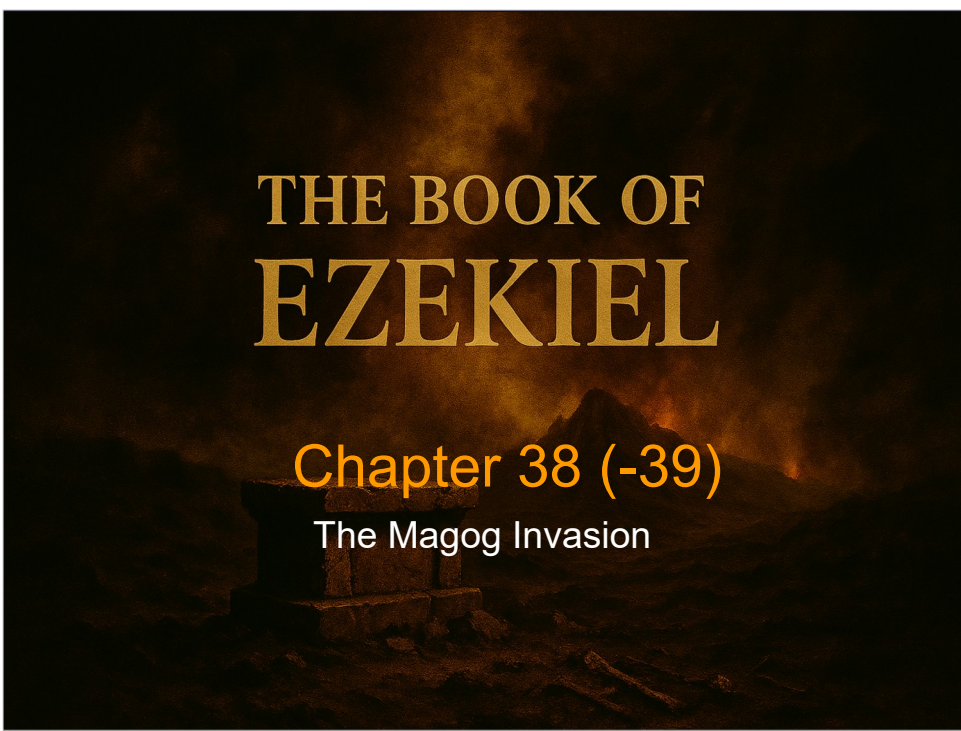


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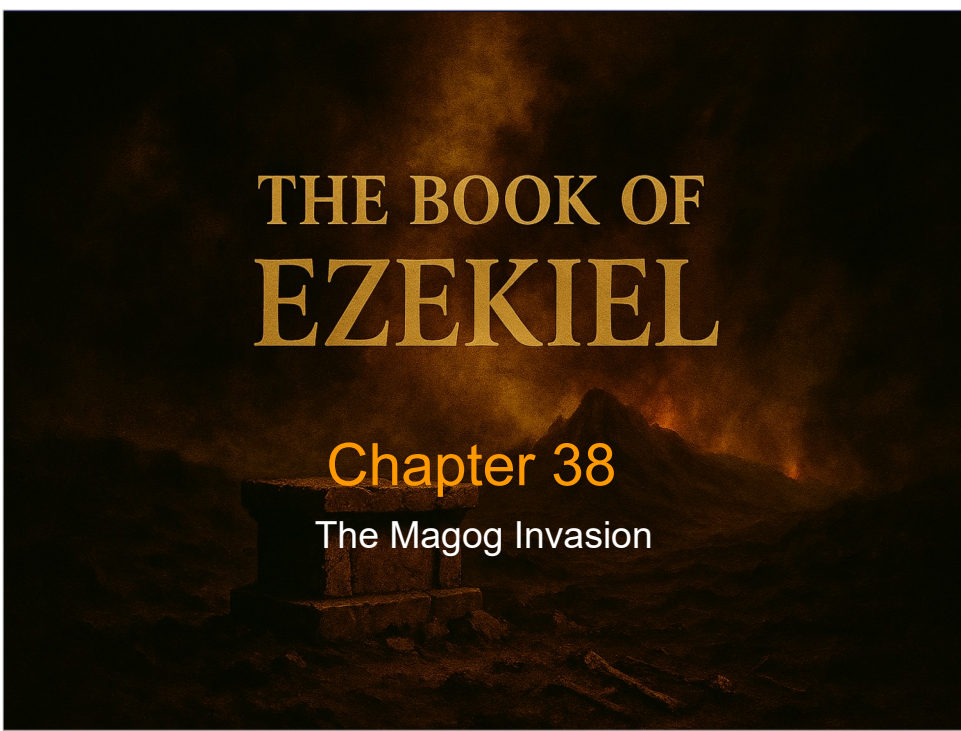
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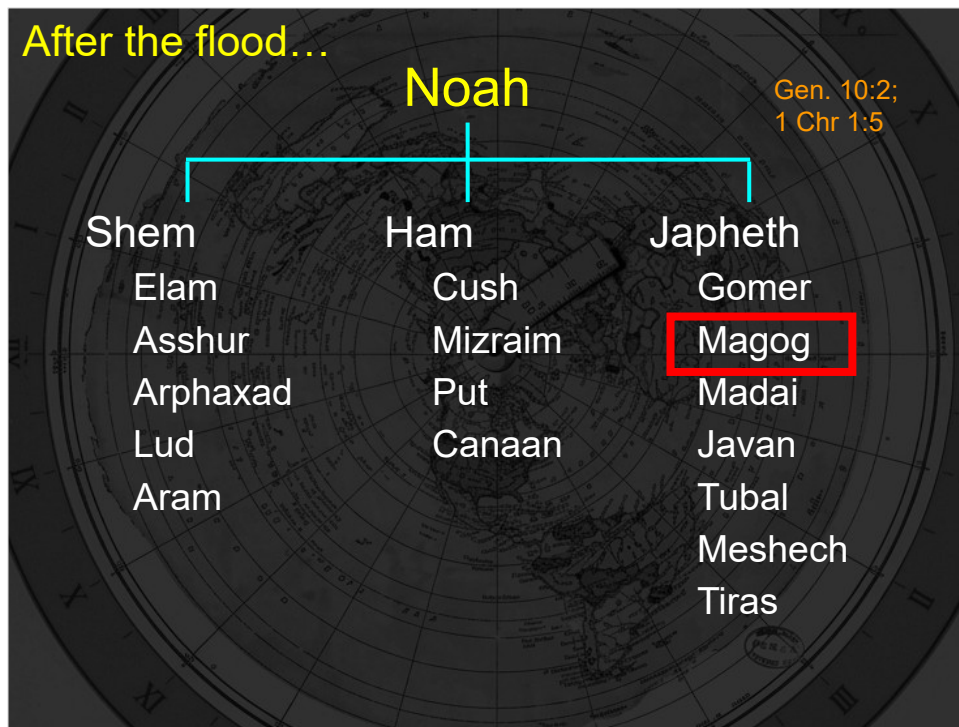
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- When Gog's massive northern coalition strikes Israel, Sheba, Dedan, Tarshish, and the Young Lions do not launch a military counter-offensive. They don't declare war, or drop troops on the ground.
- Instead, they issue a toothless diplomatic protest: "Have you come to take a spoil? Have you gathered your horde to carry off silver and gold?"
- It sounds less like a military threat and more like a weakly worded press release from the United Nations or a cautious foreign office statement!

The Silent Coalition

- Saudi Arabia (Sheba/Dedan):
- While increasingly normalising ties and sharing intelligence with Israel, Saudi Arabia traditionally avoids direct military involvement in superpower conflicts on its borders, preferring economic diplomacy and border defense.



The Silent Coalition

- The UK and the "Young Lions" (Tarshish & Co.):
- Western political shifts, internal polarisation, fatigue from prolonged foreign wars, and domestic political pressures (including shifting stances toward the Middle East) could easily create a political climate where the UK, US, and Commonwealth nations lack the political appetite or military readiness to intervene directly against a massive Russian-led coalition.
 - Burnham has already stated his pro-Palestinian position

The Angry Bear!

- Russia's Motivation:
- After years of military strain in it's fruitless war with Ukraine, a swift, resource-rich target in the Middle East—aimed at claiming vast natural gas reserves, mineral wealth, and dominance over the Levant—presents the ultimate geopolitical prize to restore superpower status.



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Divine Control!

- The passivity of the "Young Lions" is actually essential to the theological plot of Ezekiel 38–39.
- If the US, UK, and Saudi Arabia stepped in to fight off Gog, the military victory would be attributed to Western air superiority, geopolitical strategy, or NATO intelligence.
- By having the Western powers stand on the sidelines asking, *"Are you here to take a spoil?"*, God leaves Israel completely isolated on the world stage.
- When Israel has no allies left to turn to, the victory can belong to God alone!

¹⁴ Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?

¹⁵ And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

Ezekiel 38:14-15

The North



¹⁶ And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

Ezekiel 38:16

- One of God's stated reasons for this war is that the heathen world will know that He is God!

¹⁷ Thus saith the Lord God; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?

Ezekiel 38:17

- Joel (c. 800 BC): Joel specifically prophesied about the destruction of the "northern army" coming against Israel: *"But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate..."* (Joel 2:20)

¹⁷ Thus saith the Lord God; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?

Ezekiel 38:17

- Jeremiah (c. 627 BC) famously warned of a terrible destruction breaking out from the north: *"Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land... Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far..."* (Jeremiah 1:14, 5:15)

Divine Control!

- There is a fascinating textual anomaly in the Torah.
- In Numbers 24:7, Balaam utters an end-times prophecy about Israel's coming Messiah King:
- Hebrew Masoretic Text: *"His king shall be higher than **Agag**, and his kingdom shall be exalted."*
- Ancient Greek Septuagint (LXX) & Samaritan Pentateuch: *"His king shall be higher than **Gog**, and his kingdom shall be exalted."*
- Because the Septuagint translates the name as Gog, many scholars believed that Moses/Balaam was explicitly naming Gog as the ultimate archetype of Israel's arch-enemy, whose power would be broken when Messiah reigns.

Divine Control!

- In Hebrew, "Gog" is likely a title or descriptor (similar to Pharaoh or Czar) meaning "high," "roof," or "supreme leader."
- In Ezekiel 38:17, God is essentially telling this invading dictator:
- *"You think you came up with this plan on your own to take a spoil. But you are simply playing the exact part I wrote for you centuries ago through My prophets. You are the ultimate embodiment of every northern invader Isaiah, Joel, and Jeremiah warned about!"*

¹⁸ And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face.

¹⁹ For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

Ezekiel 38:18-19

²⁰ So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

Ezekiel 38:20

- Don't assume this is merely poetic!

²¹ And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God:

every man's sword shall be against his brother.

Ezekiel 38:21

- This is not the first time God has caused Israel's enemies to fight against themselves! See Judg 7:22
- *"For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir [Edom/Esau], utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another." (2 Chron 20:23)*

characterized by bitter internal rivalries (such as Sunni vs. Shia, or competing regional factions) that explode into self-destructive conflict when under pressure.

"And he [Ishmael] will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him." (Genesis 16:12, KJV)

Those who live by the sword shall die by the sword!

Family Feud

- In Ezekiel 38–39, the coalition bringing together Russia (Magog) with Middle Eastern/Islamic regional powers (Persia, Cush, Put, Togarmah) is an unnatural alliance brought together only by a shared desire to plunder Israel.
- When God sends a sudden, terrifying supernatural judgment (earthquakes, pestilence, hailstones, and fire in Ez 38:19–22), panic sets in.

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Family Feud

- Just as with the Midianites, the Amalekites, and the Edomites in ancient Israel's history, the deep-seated theological, tribal, and historical divisions among the invading armies cause the coalition to fracture instantly.
- The volatile "wild donkey" tendency (Genesis 16:12) takes over, and the invaders turn their weapons on each other in the chaos.

²² And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

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 am the Lord.

Ezekiel 38:22-23

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