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Introduction to the Book of Ezekiel: Ezekiel, a prophet and priest, was exiled to Babylon in 597 B.C. His ministry extended over at least twenty-three years. The book opens with his first dramatic vision of the “likeness” of the LORD”. Ezekiel was keenly aware of God’s presence and power in human affairs. He addressed both the exiles and the people left in Judah with messages of warning and judgment, predicting the fall of Jerusalem.

After its fall (586), Ezekiel prophesied of hope and reassurance for the people of Judah, who had then lost the focus of God’s covenant and the temple in Jerusalem. His vision of the valley of dry bones (chapter 37) is a classic picture of God’s ability to breathe new life into those who are spiritually dead. Ezekiel is prophesying about the Jews that did not go into captivity to Babylon, but remained against the word of the LORD in Jerusalem.

NOTE.

Ezekiel’s message is primarily directed to the people in the land of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem (the two tribes), but often it is difficult to separate the message from Judah and Israel (the ten tribes) because much of what the LORD says can be applied to both Judah and Israel because the two are so intertwined and both nations were guilty of the same gross sins.

FOR INFORMATION: concerning people, places and the meaning of words see the title: “Map Locations and People of the Bible,” and the title: “Bible Dictionary” on Website Menu. For details of the nations allied to Gog see the title: “The Northern Army and their Allied Nations.” (at the end of this chapter).

Introduction to this chapter: at the time of this prophecy Ezekiel is in captivity to Babylon and Jerusalem and the temple of God are lying in ruin. Though this chapter is all about Gog there is no mention of Gog and his armies actually entering the city of Jerusalem. After (Ezekiel 38-39) the following nine chapters of Ezekiel are entirely focused on describing (in extreme detail) the New Jerusalem and the new Temple of God.

This study is broken up into the following two sections: -

1. Section one travels through the verses highlighting certain points of interest and explaining others.

2. Section two gives some very interesting insights into why the Muslim world of Islam views Israel and the Western world as Gog who has to be destroyed so Islam becomes the universal faith on earth.

Section 1

God is against Gog, Chief Prince of Meshech and Tubal.

Ezekiel 38:1-6 ----- ¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. ³and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, *I am against you*, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. ⁴And I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great host, all of them with buckler and shield, wielding swords. ⁵Persia, Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; ⁶Gomer and all his hordes; Beth-togarmah from the uttermost parts of the north with all his hordes— many peoples are with you.

Son of man: means son of mortal man.

Persia: is Iran.

Cush: is, Arabia, Ethiopia, Egypt Africa and Libya.

Put: is Persia.

Gomer and Beth-togarmah: are unknown.

The following is a list of all nations allied to Gog that are mentioned in (Ezekiel chapter 38, 39). Arabia, Egypt, Ethiopia (Arica), Greece, Iran, Libya, Russia, Syria and Turkey plus nations along the Coastlands (Ezekiel 39:6) and whoever is in league with these nations at the time of this climatic battle.

NOTICE: God is against Gog when he and his hordes come against Israel (v3), therefore Gog cannot be applying to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon because God was with Nebuchadnezzar when he attacked Israel (it was God who brought Nebuchadnezzar against Israel). The following verses shows the LORD used Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon as His servant.

- Thus says the LORD of hosts: Because you (Judah) have not obeyed my words, ⁹behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the LORD, and for *Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my (the LORD'S) servant*, and I will bring them against this land (of Judah) and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. (Jer. 25:8-9).

God actually paid Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon wages because he and his armies laboured and worked for God. The land of Egypt was the wages God paid King Nebuchadnezzar for his service against Tyre (Ezek. 29:18-20). Also (Ezekiel 39:8) shows that this event does not refer to Babylon destroying Israel, because that has already taken place.

At this time Ezekiel is in captivity to Babylon, Jerusalem and the temple of God is in ruin and the land of Israel is laying waste (Ezekiel 39:8-10).

The Uttermost Parts of the North with all his Hordes.

Ezekiel 38:7-9 ----- ⁷Be ready and keep ready, you (Persia, Cush, Gomer, Beth-togarmah, the uttermost parts of the north) and all your hosts that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. ⁸After many days you will be mustered. In the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from war, the land whose people were gathered from many peoples upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste. Its people were brought out from the peoples and now dwell securely, all of them. ⁹You will advance, coming on like a storm.

You will be like a cloud covering the land, you (Gog, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Cush, Gomer, Beth-togarmah, the uttermost parts of the north) and all your hordes, and many peoples with you.

Israel is the nation that is restored from war (v14, 16) and the land that is restored from war refers to Israel being delivered from their seventy years in captivity to Babylonian.

The people who were gathered from many peoples: refer to the multitudes of Jewish families who returned to Israel at the end of the seventy year captivity.

The land which had been a continual waste: refers to the land of Israel during the seventy year captivity, there was no-one to farm or till the ground, weeds flourished and wild animals made it their home.

Its people were brought out from the peoples: refers to Israel's deliverance from the Babylonian captivity.

Now dwell securely: refers to Jerusalem being rebuilt the temple of God being restored and the time of peace and prosperity that followed.

These verses show that this climatic event: will take place sometime long after Israel has returned from their seventy years in captivity to Babylon, rebuilt the ruined city of Jerusalem and the temple of God and are living in a time of peace.

The latter years: Gog, Persia, Cush, Gomer, Beth-togarmah and the uttermost parts of the north are told to prepare themselves to attack Israel, because sometime in the latter years (meaning near the end of the years) they will be called to summon up their strength and to bring together their armies to go against Israel at a time when they are dwelling in peace.

Latter: in this context implies near the end of a thing, the thing in this instance is years it is the latter years, implying near the end of years or the end of the age as we know it.

Peace: this does not necessarily mean Israel will be in an absolute state of total peace and security it can simply mean they are not in a state of war at this time (see the title: "Israel is Dwelling Securely" on the next page).

Gog and his Allied Nations will go up Against Israel.

Ezekiel 38:10-12 ----- ¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day (Gog is called to summon his armies), thoughts will come into your (Gog and his allied nations,) mind, and you will devise an evil scheme ¹¹and say, 'I will go up against the land of unwalled villages (Israel). I will fall upon the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates,' ¹²to seize spoil and carry off plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and the people who were gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell at the center of the earth (Israel).

Some event is going to begin thoughts in the mind of Gog to invade the land of Israel and take its riches. God says that he will put a hook in the jaw of Gog (v4), so it may be that something happens in the Middle East that forces Gog to get involved, especially if he is a nation that has vast amounts of money invested in the Middle East or he is a Moslem dominated country.

Unwalled villages having no bars or gates: probably refers to those living outside the city of Jerusalem.

Quiet people who dwell securely: probably means they are not in a state of war, it appears Gog and his hordes will be the nations who begin this invasion against Israel.

Dwelling securely: does not necessarily mean they are safe, it can mean that they are so well guarded and strongly fortified by their weapons and missiles of war that they are not worried or troubled by feelings of fear, doubt, or vulnerability, because they believe they are unlikely to fail in any attack.

To seize spoil and carry off plunder: the motivation of Gog and the nations with him is to gain wealth. This war could very well be all about gaining control of the Middle East. All nations know that whoever controls the Middle East and its wealth (i.e. oil) has the power to control the world.

The centre of the earth: from God's viewpoint Israel is the centre of the earth.

Sheba and Dedan and the Merchants of Tarshish.

Ezekiel 38:13 ----- ¹³Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all its leaders will say to you (Gog, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Cush, Gomer, Beth-togarmah, the uttermost parts of the north), 'Have you come to seize spoil? Have you assembled your hosts to carry off plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to seize great spoil?'

Sheba: Arabia (modern Republic of Yemen).

Dedan: Arabian people in the north-western end of the Persian Gulf.

Merchants of Tarshish and all its leaders: a place, presumably in the western Mediterranean region, conjecturally identified by many with Tartessus, an ancient city located on the Atlantic coast of Spain but long lost, while others identify Andalusia the second-largest of Spain's regions with the biblical Tarshish (from Tartessus). The history of Andalusia merges with that of the united kingdom of Spain.

Ships of Tarshish: seems to refer to large cargo ships of the kind and size that were used in the Tarshish trade, for Solomon had, "Ships of Tarshish" going from Ezion-geber through the Red Sea and onto India, making the round trip in three years (1 Kings 10:22).

World Council of United Nations: while Gog and his allied nations are preparing to invade Israel it appears the Arab people around Saudia-Arabia, the Persian Gulf and the nations surrounding Spain are not sure of Gogs intention. This is quite a normal scenario as nations today spend months and sometimes even years negotiating at the, "World Council of United Nations" while all the time various nations are positioning themselves for war.

America has hundreds of warships, submarines and nuclear missiles constantly ready to attack any threatening nation, so it is certain other nations are doing the same thing.

Gog will come from the Uttermost Parts of the North.

Ezekiel 38:14-16 ----- ¹⁴Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day when my people *Israel are dwelling securely*, will you (Gog, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Cush, Gomer, Beth-togarmah, the uttermost parts of the north) not know it? ¹⁵You will come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great host, a mighty army. ¹⁶You will come up against *my people Israel*, like a cloud covering the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

Gog and his allied nations will know that Israel believes they are secure.

Israel is dwelling securely: see title, "Dwelling Securely" on the previous page.

The uttermost parts of the north: uttermost carries the idea of being at the most distant point the point that is the farthest out in this context it is the north point farthest from Israel (which is Russia).

Riding on horses: in this context are a symbol of weapons of war it could be planes, missiles, tanks and warships etc.

Like a cloud covering the land: is a symbol of an enormous army, in our day and age it probably means a multitude of nations are going to be in league and agreement with Gog.

In the latter days: in this context implies near the end of a thing, the thing in this instance is years. It is the latter years, implying near the end of years or the end of the age as we know it.

The LORD will vindicate His Holiness before their eyes: (v16) Israel will have no hope of defending themselves against this invading army it is only because God intervenes for them that they emerge victorious. God by saving Israel from certain destruction vindicates His name and His Holiness because by protecting Israel proves His faithfulness to His people.

Is Gog the One Prophets of Israel Spoke of in Former Days?

Ezekiel 38:17-18 ----- ¹⁷Thus says the Lord GOD: Are you (Gog, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Cush, Gomer, Beth-togarmah, the uttermost parts of the north) he of whom I spoke in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel, who in those days prophesied for years that I would bring you against them? ¹⁸But on that day, the day that Gog shall come against the land of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, my wrath will be roused in my anger.

The question: "Are you (Gog and his allies) he of whom I spoke in former days by my prophets of Israel, who in those days prophesied for years that I would bring you against them?" There are no verses which directly prophecy of Gog and his confederation of nations other than (Ezekiel chapter 38, 39) and (Revelation 20:8) and they are ruled out by the fact the verse asks if Gog was the one prophesied of in the years before Ezekiel.

Following maybe two possible answers (I am sure there are many more).

1. From the beginning Israel was promised an eternal Kingdom of peace with a King from their nation ruling and reigning on David's throne, yet throughout their history many prophets prophesied that various kings and nations would come against Israel and many did. Therefore the question may mean, "Are you (Gog and his allies) the final enemy of whom I spoke in former days by my prophets of Israel, who in those days prophesied for years that I would bring you against them?"
2. It, maybe referring to the following verses of Psalm two and other similar verses in the Old Testament.
 - Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, ³"Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." ⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." ⁷I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." ¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (Psalm 2:1-12).

On the day Gog invades Israel the LORD'S wrath will be roused means the LORD Himself will intervene.

There will be a Great Earthquake in Israel.

Ezekiel 38:19-20 ----- ¹⁹For in my jealousy and in my blazing wrath I declare, On that day *there shall be a great earthquake* in the land of Israel. ²⁰The fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep on the ground, and all the people who are on the face of the earth, shall quake at my presence. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall tumble to the ground.

On the day Gog invades Israel there will be an enormous earthquake in the land of Israel.

There are three common teachings concerning this earthquake.

1. Some scholars teach that this earthquake is a symbol of governments and the world's money system crashing throughout all the nations of the world.
2. Other teachers of the Bible interpret the verse literally they believe there will be an earthquake that begins at Israel, but is so big it will affect the entire world.
3. I personally believe both these teachings are correct.

The LORD will bring a Sword against Israel.

Ezekiel 38:21-23 ----- ²¹I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Lord GOD. Every man's sword will be against his brother. ²²With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur. ²³So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

On all my mountains: this latter day climatic and monumental event will take place surrounding the mountains of God. The LORD'S mountains are Mount Zion, Mount of Olives and Mount Sinai (also called Mount Horeb) and by extension all the mountains and hills that are in the land of Israel.

Torrential rain and hail stones: it appears God will throw the armies of the nations aligned to Gog into so much confusion that they will turn against each other. To do this God will use torrential rain and gigantic hail stones.

Fire and sulphur: probably refers to missiles and bombs.

I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations: (v23) at the final end of God's judgment on Gog the world will know they have witnessed the power of God. Notice there is no mention of Gog entering the city of Jerusalem.

Gog and Magog in Ezekiel and in the Book of Revelation.

Following are sixteen reasons why the battle with Gog and Magog in Ezekiel chapter thirty-eight and chapter thirty-nine cannot be the same battle as Gog and Magog in Revelation chapter twenty.

1. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) the battle results in Israel knowing God, in (Rev. 20) Israel has been ruling with Christ for one thousand years prior to the invasion of Gog.
2. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) the purpose of the battle is that Israel and the nations may know the Lord God, in (Rev. 20) Israel already knows God, the only reason for God's intervention is to protect Jerusalem from Gog.
3. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) prior to Gog's invasion, God's face was hidden from Israel because of their transgressions, in (Rev. 20) God's face is not hidden from Israel prior to the invasion of Gog.
4. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) God is said to be using Gog to punish Israel, in (Rev. 20) Jerusalem is now referred to as the beloved city and God is seen protecting Israel from the invasion of Gog.
5. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) Israel is not dwelling in total safety prior to the destruction of Gog. God says that Israel will forget their shame and all the treachery they have practiced against the LORD, when they dwell securely in their land, in (Rev. 20) Israel is dwelling in absolute safety with Christ as their King and protector prior to the destruction of Gog.

6. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) many Jews were dwelling among the nations prior to Gog's invasion, in (Rev. 20) the Jews are already dwelling in their own land with Christ prior to the invasion of Gog.
7. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) Gog and Magog gather specific nations, in (Rev. 20) Gog gathers all the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, it says, they march up over the broad plain of the earth and surround the camp of the saints and the beloved city.
8. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) it says God will destroy the weapons and make them useless and that there is a great earthquake, extreme rain and hail that affect the fish of the sea, the birds, the beasts, and all creeping things that creep on the ground, and all the people. The mountains are thrown down, the cliffs fall, and every wall (around the city of Jerusalem?) shall tumble to the ground, in (Rev. 20) there is no mention of any of these events, except that fire from heaven consumes Gog.
9. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) after Gog's defeat the birds and all the beasts of the field, gather to the great feast of Gog's dead bodies on the mountains of Israel, in (Rev. 20) Gog is destroyed by fire and then we see the Great White Throne judgment.
10. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) after Gog's defeat those who dwell in the cities of Israel go out and make fires of the weapons and burn them for seven years, in (Rev. 20) there are no weapons as they have been turned into plowshares.
11. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) the battle results in the Jews coming out of the cities of Jerusalem that they are living in and burying the dead bodies of Gog (after Gog's defeat) for seven months in a special grave, in (Rev. 20) there are no graves as Hades is thrown into the Lake of Fire (the final destination of the dead) (i.e., eternal death, total extinction).
12. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) after Gog's defeat God says, now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, in (Rev. 20) Israel is already ruling with Christ and enjoying God's favour prior to the destruction of Gog.
13. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) satan, is not bound for a thousand years until after Gog's invasion, in (Rev. 20) satan has been bound prior to the invasion of Gog.
14. In (Ezekiel 38 & 39) the resurrection does not take place until after Gog's invasion in (Rev. 20) the resurrection has already taken place prior to the invasion of Gog.
15. In Ezekiel 38 & 39; Christ is not ruling prior to Gog's defeat, in (Rev. 20) Christ has been ruling as, King of kings and Lord of lords on earth for one thousand years prior to Gog's defeat.
16. In Ezekiel 38 & 39; after Gog's defeat Christ returns, in (Rev. 20) after Gog is defeated the great White Throne judgment takes place.

The Northern Army and their Allied Nations (from Ezekiel chapters 38, 39).

Aegean Sea: (the Mediterranean Sea, between Greece and Turkey). The Aegean Sea is called the arm of the Mediterranean sea, between Greece and Turkey it is about 600 km (400 mi) long and about 300 km (200 mi) wide. It is connected with the Sea of Marmara to the north-east by the Strait of the Dardanelles. The Aegean Sea is irregular in outline with numerous gulfs, and is studded with islands, including the Sporades, Cyclades, and Dodecanese. The sunny weather, beaches, archaeological ruins, and beautiful islands draw many tourists to the Aegean each year. The Aegean civilizations are among the earliest known European civilizations. With the rise of the ancient Greek and Middle Eastern cultures, the lands surrounding the sea became the sites of widely differing civilizations, and the culture of the Aegean islands became identified with that of Greece.

Attica: (central Greece). It is the ancient region of south-eastern central Greece, a peninsula jutting into the Aegean Sea and separated from Boeotia to the north by the hills of Parnis in the east and Kithairon in the west. The name Attica probably derives from the Greek word for “peninsula”. In Greek legend Attica was originally divided into twelve Pelasgian states, which were later unified by Theseus, king of Athens. In fact, the region was inhabited by Ionian Greeks, whose small villages and towns were united politically into the city-state of Athens by 700 B.C.

Because of that city's long dominance in Greek political and cultural affairs, the Attic dialect became the standard literary language of ancient Greece. Attica was rich in natural resources, notably clay for the pottery industry, marble, lead, and silver which financed the Athenian navy. Today, Attica is divided among the modern departments (nomes) of Attiki and Boeotia and of Greater Athens, the capital of Greece.

Beth-togarmah: (unknown). A man who appears as a son of Gomer (a descendant of Japheth) states that Beth-togarmah traded “war horses and mules” Beth-togarmah is listed among the forces of Gog coming from the uttermost parts of the north with all his hordes. (The exact location is unknown).

Cush: (Arabia, Ethiopia, Egypt and Libya). The oldest son of Ham (one of the sons of Noah). Among Cush's descendants were Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raamah, and Sabtecha. They were mostly located in Arabia. Nimrod is likewise said to be the “son” of Cush, but the word son probably means “descendant.” Cush became the ancestor of the Ethiopians; Mizraim of the Egyptians; Canaan of the Canaanites, the pre-Israelite inhabitants of Palestine; and Phut of an African people inhabiting Libya.

Cyprus: (west of Syria and south of Turkey). Cyprus, republic, and third-largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, located west of Syria and south of Turkey. The total area of the country is 9,251 sq. km (3,572 sq. miles). Nicosia is the capital and largest city. Since 1974 the northern third of Cyprus has been occupied by Turkish troops and has formed, *de facto*, a separate (though officially unrecognized) state.

Dedan (Dedanites): (Arabia). An Arabian people who established themselves in the region about the north-western end of the Persian Gulf and were an important commercial people and travelling tradesmen.

Euboea: (Eastern Greece). Euboea, formerly Negropont island, eastern Greece, in the Aegean Sea, with an area of 3,885 sq. km (1,500 sq. miles), it is separated from the southern part of the mainland by the Northern Euboean Gulf and Euripos Strait.

Gog: (a hostile King towards Israel). Gog and Magog, in the Bible are presented as great hostile nations that arise against Israel (Revelation 20:8). In (Ezekiel 38:2), Magog is also identified as a land—the home of Gog. In later rabbinic literature, Gog and Magog became the conventional symbols for any force opposed to authentic religion or its followers.

Gomer: (unknown). A descendant of Japheth and father of Beth-togarmah (the exact locations is unknown) (see Japheth).

Javan: (the Ionians) the entire Greek Race. Ionians, one of the three important ethnic divisions of the ancient Greeks. The Ionians seem to have been one of the earliest Greek-speaking peoples from the north to have reached the mainland of Greece, and were possibly the originators of the culture that developed at Mycenae. The name Iones or Iavones was current in antiquity; Javan, a variant form, occurs in (Genesis 10:2), and in Hebrew this term is applied to the entire Greek race. In historical times the Ionians occupied Attica and parts of Euboea, most of the islands of the Aegean Sea, and the narrow strip along the western coast of Asia Minor (modern Turkey) known as Ionia.

Japheth: in the Old Testament, (the third son of Noah), and traditionally one of the founders, together with his brothers Ham and Shem, of humanity. Japheth married before the onset of Noah's Flood, from which he and his wife were saved in his father's ark (see Genesis 7:13). After the Flood, he had seven sons.

According to Biblical tradition, Japheth's sons and grandsons are the progenitors of a number of important ancient peoples, among them the nations descended from Javan (the Ionians), Madai (Medes), Kittim (presumably the inhabitants of Cyprus), Tarshish, Meschech, and Tubal (see Genesis 10:2-4).

Madai: (Medes) (modern Iran). Media, the ancient country of Asia corresponding to the north-eastern area of modern Iran. The inhabitants, who were known as Medes, and their neighbours, the Persians, spoke Indo-Iranian languages that were closely related to Old Persian.

Magog: (Russia). Magog is the land of Gog and a son of Japheth, the names of king Gog, "Prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal" resemble the modern Russia, Moscow and Tobolsk. "The nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog" refers to all the ungodly nations of the earth who oppose the people of God (Ezek. 38:2) (Rev. 20:8).

Meshech: (Russia). A son of Japheth (the third son of Noah) associated with Magog and Tubal and thought by many to have been progenitors of Russians and other Slavic peoples. According to Biblical tradition, Japheth's sons and grandsons are the progenitors of a number of important ancient peoples, among them the nations descended from Javan (the Ionians), Madai (Medes), Kittim (presumably the inhabitants of Cyprus), Tarshish, Meschech, and Tubal (Gen. 10:2-4). They are prophesied as joining in a northern confederation against Israel and to be destroyed upon the mountains of Israel. The leader of this northern group is called Gog.

Persia: (Iran). Persia, the country in south-west Asia between the Caspian Sea and the Persian Gulf now known as Iran. The term Persia originated from a region of southern Iran known as Persis or Parsa. The use of the name was gradually extended by the ancient Greeks and western world to apply to the whole Iranian plateau. The Iranians themselves, however, had long called their country Iran, that is, the "land of the Aryans". In 1935 the government requested that the name Iran be used instead of Persia.

Persian Empire and Mesopotamia: (Syria, Turkey, Iraq). Mesopotamia and the Persian Empire Mesopotamia, located in a region that included parts of what is now eastern Syria, south-eastern Turkey, and most of Iraq, lay between two rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates. The name Mesopotamia is a Greek word meaning "between the rivers" its oldest known communities date from 7000 B.C. Several civilizations flourished in the region. In the 6th century B.C., it became part of the Persian Empire, at that time the largest empire in the world.

Sheba: (Arabia). The ancient kingdom of south-western Arabia (modern Republic of Yemen), the inhabitants of Sheba, (the Sabaeans), spoke a language in the Arabic group of Semitic languages. At one time the kingdom of Sheba had colonies along trade routes leading to Palestine and was one of the most powerful and wealthiest cities of ancient Arabia.

Tubal: a tribe descended from Japheth (see Japheth).

SUMMARY: the northern army and their allied nations. Gog is the hostile king towards Israel and his allied nations are Arabia, Egypt, Ethiopia (Arica), Greece, Iran, Libya, Russia, Syria and Turkey plus all the nations along the Coastlands (Ezekiel 39:6) and whoever is in league with these nations at the time of this climatic battle.

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Son of Man set your Face against Gog and Magog.

Ezekiel 38:1-3 ----- ¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. ³and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

The study of Gog and Magog is enormously fascinating for the following two reasons: -

1. Christians believe they are the people of God so they naturally believe Gog and Magog refer to all the nations that are opposed to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob the God of Israel and of Christianity
2. Moslems believe they are the people of God so they naturally believe Gog and Magog refer to all the nations that are opposed to the Allah and against Islam.

To discover the identity of Gog and Magog it will help if we firstly take a little journey through history this will also help us understand the mind of Islam.

The creation of Israel and Muslim rage against them: one hundred years ago, there was no threat of Islam against Israel, because there was no Israel. Today that has all changed, since the first of Israel's creation, the Muslim nations have raged against it, threatening to send the Jews into the sea from the first day of their creation. The origin of this rage against the Jews and Israel dates back to the time Mohammad fled from Mecca to Medina. In Medina, the Jews rejected his claim of prophet, and ridiculed him. His rage against them transferred to the Quran, which was later transferred to all Muslims through the Quran. Muslims today (2012) make up a majority of the population in 49 countries around the world and compose of over 23% of the earth's population, 1.6 billion making Islam the second-largest religion after Christianity.

Qur'an (or Koran): is the central religious text of Islam which Muslims believe to be a revelation from God. Muslims believe that the Quran was verbally revealed from God to Muhammad through the angel Gabriel. Muslims regard the Quran as the most important miracle of Muhammad, a proof of his prophet-hood, and the culmination of a series of divine messages that started with the messages revealed to Adam and ended with Muhammad. They consider the Quran to be the only revealed book that has been protected by God from distortion and corruption.

The great Islamic threat to Israel comes from Iran: Muslim nations surround Israel, and oppose their existence, even after losing five major conflicts. Currently the great Islamic threat comes from Iran, which has openly called for the destruction of the Jewish state, while at the same time trying to develop nuclear capability. Islam will remain a threat to Israel, until either Islam or Israel attains a decisive victory over the other. Since Israel's very existence remains in doubt from the world perspective, the conclusion to this Islam/Israel conflict needs to be understood from a prophetic viewpoint concerning the Dome on the Rock.

The Dome on the Rock and Islam: the third most holy place for Islam is located in the heart of Jerusalem, the Dome of the Rock, a building which, according to Islam commemorates Mohammad's ascent into Heaven. There according to Islam, Mohammad received the confirmation of Islam by the biblical prophets and the Lord Himself.

The Dome on the Rock and Judaism: the Dome of the Rock also happens to be the Most Holy location of Judaism, where according to the Bible, God instructed Israel to build a Temple. Only on this spot alone can Israel establish a place of sacrifice to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This creates quite a problem in the world today. We have two groups of people, both with claims to the same location. Yet according to Bible prophecy, a Third Temple will be constructed on this very location. Therefore, if a Third Temple is to be constructed, then at some point the Dome of the Rock or Noble Sanctuary must be removed. Since Islam in a unified voice, on numerous occasions has threatened world-wide war, if the Dome of the Rock is harmed, it's logical to conclude, Islam as a power and threat needs to be removed before the Temple is rebuilt. The prophetic war in the Bible, the war of Gog and Magog, though not stated explicitly, implies the war is caused by a conflict over the Temple and the Dome of the Rock.

Gog, Magog, Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.

After the defeat of Gog and Magog: in the book of Ezekiel chapters 40 to 43, is the building of the Temple, when the Glory of the LORD, enters the area now known as the Temple Mount. From the context, of the events described in these two chapters, it is clearly a future age, known as the Messianic age, or the Millennium, when the Kingdom of God is established on Earth. During this period, the Messiah, Jesus Christ reigns over the earth.

The third and fourth temple: the Temple described in Ezekiel 40 to 43, would actually be the 4th Temple, since the 3rd Temple (Yet to be built) is the subject of the Abomination of Desolation (Matt. 24:15), (Dan. 9:27) (Dan. 12:11). The 4th Temple is established, after all earthly conflicts are finished, which includes Armageddon. This 4th Temple follows the return of Messiah (Jesus Christ) who comes in glory and power to rule over the nations and Israel (Matt. 24:29-31, (Matt. 25:31-40) as King of the world.

Gog, Magog and Russia: in short, the battle Gog and Magog is war in the latter days (Last days) when a confederacy of nations attack Israel, which has been restored in the last days. These nations, which attack Israel in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, include nations, which are Muslim and have a clear animosity to Israel. Along with these Muslims nations, a northern kingdom, called Gog and Magog, which many identify, as the land Russia, will ally itself with Muslim nations, to oppose Israel in the last days.

Gog and Magog in Ezekiel: in Ezekiel Gog and Magog is a symbol of the evil darkness of the north and the powers hostile to God, whereas in Revelation, Gog and Magog have no geographic location, and instead represent the nations of the world, banded together for the final assault on Christ and those who follow him during his millennial reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. Since the primary reference concerning Gog and Magog in Ezekiel is to the northern powers the general thought is that the title, Gog and Magog refer to the European powers, headed up by Russia. Most agree that the reference to Meshech and Tubal (Moscow and Tobolsk) is a clear mark of identification. The Bible confirms this conclusion by giving the location three times calling it "the uttermost north" (Ezek. 38:6, 15 KJV) (Ezek. 39:2 KJV). Drawing a straight line north of Jerusalem on the map almost hits Moscow.

Rosh, Magog and China: Rosh is the proper name of the country of Russia and its people (Russians). Arabic writers confirm that the Great Wall of China is called the wall of Magog (Hait Al-Ma'ajooj), to protect China from the invading Russians. Certain Muslims might claim that Magog refers to China and not Russia, but this disagrees with many Arabic historians. The following will give the nations ancient names and the modern nation that now occupies that territory.

The Ancient Nations.

The Modern Nations.

Gog and Magog ----- Russia.

Meshech and Tubal ----- Moscow and Tobolsk.

Persia ----- Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ethiopia ----- Ethiopia and Sudan.

Libya ----- Libya.

Ashkenaz, Gomer ----- The Soviet Block (Eastern Europe).

Togarmah ----- Southern Russia.

Many nations with you ----- Other nations allied to Russia.

The nations allied to Russia in this prophecy are Muslim nations seeking the Islamic form of Government. Islamic fundamentalism is the greatest enemy to the Jews. The evidence for this is overwhelming. The LORD tells Ezekiel to prophesy against Gog and say thus says the Lord GOD: -

- Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. (Ezek. 38:3) (Ezekiel 39:1). (The Islamic nations are included in this warning of the LORD).

Gog and Magog, Meshech and Tubal: Gog and Magog are great hostile powers that oppose Israel. Magog is also identified as a land (i.e., the home of Gog). Magog Meshech and Tubal can be summed up in the word Russia the land of Gog, The names king Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal resemble modern Russia, Moscow and Tobolsk and the nations which are in the four corners of the earth.

Gog and Magog refer to all the ungodly nations of the earth that oppose the people of God (Ezek. 38:2) (Rev. 20:8).

Fundamentalist Islam.

The Insight Magazine reported and interesting insight in the following article: -

Fundamentalist Islam looking to Iran for inspiration and support is spreading across the Middle East and North Africa. Shimon Peres recently stated: "Since the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union, we consider Khomeinism the greatest danger the Middle East is facing (Khomeinism is the religious and political doctrines of the Ayatollah Ruhollah). It has many of the characters of communism. It is fanatic it is ideological it is religious and claims, like communism, that the end justifies the means.

Most of all, it has the same inclination to export its ideas. It does not respect national borders. The Iranian example already has spread to Sudan ...Algeria...Tunisia...Palestine. The overall aim of these efforts apparently is to create an Islamic belt stretching from Iran through the Middle East to North Africa. Ironically, many Arabs attribute their defeats in wars with Israel to religion: While Israel from its very birth was built upon religion." (Insight magazine, 9, 6, 1993).

Another relevant Islamic writing is that of one of their respected prophets who said: -

- The Muslims will fight against the Kaafirs (someone who covers up the truth, a disbeliever of Islam) and even the trees and rocks will say, 'O Muslim, there is a Kaafir hiding beneath me - come and kill him!' Allah will destroy the Kaafirs, and the people will return to their lands. Then Gog and Magog will appear from all directions, eating and drinking everything they find. The people will complain to me, so I will pray to

Allah and He will destroy them, so that the earth will be filled with their stench. Allah will send rain which will wash their bodies into the sea. My Lord has told me that when that happens, the hour will be very close, like a pregnant woman whose time is due, but her family do not know exactly when she will deliver."

(Ahmad, Musnad 1/375. Similar Hadith in Ibn Majah, Kitaab al-Fitan (Hadith 4081), 2/1365, 1366) By: Imam Ibn Kathir Source: Islaam.com.

Israel the Holy Land and the Judeo-Christian Euro-World-Order.

(Taken from Islamic Scholar Imran Nazar Hosein website: imranhosein.org).

The Islamic Scholar Imran Nazar Hosein wrote: one people today totally dominate and control the entire world, its politics, economy, culture, news, sports, entertainment, fashions, travel, etc. They possess absolute power that no possible combination of rivals can now challenge. Moreover, there is no secular evidence to suggest that their powerful grip over the whole world can ever be successfully challenged. They do much more than control the world.

They change, unfold and reinvent themselves, and then change the world as well, until it becomes their carbon copy. They have broken down all the barriers that have for ages separated people from each other, and a single global society has emerged for the first time in human history with a single language, English. They are the Judeo-Christian Euro-world-order (i.e., modern secular western civilization), and they are an absolutely unique phenomenon in history. They are an ominous 'world-order', ominous for Arabs and Muslims in particular, and for non-Europeans in general. But even those European people who would live lives of piety, faith and righteousness are not spared. The 'world-order' wages relentless war on the religious way of life in general, and on Islam in particular. They use their absolute power to corrupt, to oppress, and to engage in acts of injustice and wickedness with no parallel in history.

Jewish Christian 'white' war crimes now inflicted on Arab Muslim Iraq are but a continuation of 'white' apartheid inflicted on black Christian Africa. Their greed is indescribable. They suck the wealth of all of mankind through legalized theft, and they even take from the poor the little that they possess. Eventually they imprison all of mankind in a new economic slavery. They are essentially godless and amazingly decadent, and possess such powers of deception that 'appearance' and 'reality' are always opposite to each other in everything they do.

Finally, they are a world-order that is strangely and mysteriously obsessed with liberating the Holy Land. Europe became Christian and then waged 'white' Holy Wars called 'the crusades' for a thousand years until success was finally achieved when a British army, led by General Allenby, defeated the Ottoman Islamic Empire's army and triumphantly entered Jerusalem in 1917. Allenby then declared "today the crusades have ended". In fact the crusades will not end so long as Muslims resist oppression in the Holy Land.

Europe also became Jewish and created the 'white' Zionist Movement which then fanatically pursued the goals of the Jewish return to the Holy Land and the restoration of a State of Israel. The European Jew was a native of the Khazar tribes of Eastern Europe and was a convert to Judaism. He was not Israelite. Yet the European Jews successfully led the way, employing means more crooked than straight, for the restoration of a State of Israel in the Holy Land. They used the same means to literally force the Israelite Jews, long resident in the Muslim world, to migrate to that secular State of Israel. The Judeo-Christian Euro-world-order has protected and strengthened that Israel to such an extent that it has now become a super-power. Indeed it will soon become the 'ruling state in the world.

The Islamic Scholar Imran Nazar Hosein went on to say: can all of this be an accident of history? Can it be something without meaning and explanation? There are scholars and writers who might shrug their shoulders and dismiss all of the above as mere chance. And then there are others who would be convinced by the evidence presented from the Holy Qur'an that today's strange world-order is that of Gog and Magog. Dajjal (the great deceiver and gross manifestation of cumulative

evil the Anti-Christ) deceived the Jews into defying every moral and religious law while pursuing an unrelenting effort to make Israel the 'ruling state' in the world. But they make that effort while riding the back of the 'Gog and Magog world-order'. In the end they will face the Messiah they had rejected, and whose crucifixion they had demanded. Allah Most High, Who created Gog and Magog, and who gave to them their indestructible power, would Himself now destroy Gog and Magog. A Muslim army would then attack and destroy the Euro-Jewish State of Israel, and the Jews in the Holy Land would then face, at the hands of that Muslim army, the greatest of punishments. The 'oppressor' would be punished, and history would thus end with the triumph of Truth over falsehood.

Islam's Proof that Israel and the Western World is Gog and Magog.

(Taken from Islamic Scholar Imran Nazar Hosein website: imranhosein.org).

The Islamic Scholar Imran Nazar Hosein presents his summary: the evidence from the Qur'an that supports our (Muslim) identification of Gog and Magog with the present world-order. In Surah al-Kahf of the Qur'an (chapter 18 entitled 'the Cave'), as well as in Prophetic commentary (Ahadith), Gog and Magog are described as two people who descended from father Adam (peace and blessings of Allah Most High be upon him) and who were created by Allah Most High, and endowed with great power. "None but I can destroy them", said Allah (Sahih Muslim).

Surah al-Kahf has described how they were contained behind an iron barrier because they used their power to commit acts of Fasad (acts of wickedness, oppression, corruption). The Surah (chapter 18) also implied that they would use power to wage war on those who lived lives of faith and righteousness, and that they would act malevolently against those who lived the primitive way of life, or who eked out a bare subsistence living (as in Haiti). Thus the picture emerged of an absolutely godless and ruthless people who had the hearts of beasts.

The Surah went on to inform that when the Last Age commenced, "Allah would bring down the barrier" and Gog and Magog (who are a major sign of the Last Age) would be released into the world. Surah al-Anbiyah (the 21st chapter of the Qur'an) then revealed that they would eventually "spread out in every direction" - indicating that with their invincible power they would take control of the whole world and that, for the first time in history, one people would rule all of mankind:

The 'town' is Jerusalem. Allah Most High destroyed that 'town' and expelled the Jews from it. They were then banned from returning to it to reclaim it as their own. Today they have returned and have reclaimed it as their own. But they have done so while riding on the backs of an essentially godless people whose power is such that they have taken total control of the whole world, and they relentlessly use that power to oppress mankind, and to wage war on Islam in general and on Arabs in particular.

From the time of medieval Euro-Christendom to the age of secular western civilization, Europe has progressively displayed the characteristics of the world order of Gog and Magog, and has also fulfilled their basic mission. European people in Europe, North America, Australia, and in the Holy Land today dominate the whole world. They use power to oppress and to corrupt.

They liberated the Holy Land, and brought the Jews back to reclaim it as their own. They created the secular godless Euro-State of Israel and presented it to the non-European Jews as David's Holy Israel. It is an indication of the utter spiritual blindness of the non-European Jewish people that they allowed themselves to be deceived and led down the road to their final destruction by Gog and Magog.

Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, has provided additional information on Gog and Magog. For example, he said, "None of them dies without leaving a thousand more behind." And so the reality of contemporary globalization that is corrupting and enslaving mankind can now be understood.

Islam and the Future of Money.

(Taken from the writings of Islam).

The universal embrace of electronic money: the final stage of evolution in the western monetary system would witness the universal embrace of electronic money, the brightest jewel of their evil monetary crown, which would totally replace today's fraudulent paper currencies. Indeed this final stage has already commenced, and all that the international monetary bandits now need is a world crisis (such as a nuclear attack on Iran which has not as yet occurred but which is expected at any time) that would result in a total collapse of the US dollar and a consequent mass stampede away from paper currencies. Perhaps the psychological shock of the collapse of the US dollar would produce the stampede through which electronic money would effortlessly replace paper money as the new cashless money system of the world.

The monetary system and European Judeo-Christians: the monetary system created by the ruling European Judeo-Christian alliance was specifically designed to remove 'money with intrinsic value' from the money-system of the world, and to replace it with money that had no intrinsic value. Such non-redeemable paper currencies could then be devalued. When they were devalued, not only would it result in an unjust legalised theft of the wealth of those who used the devalued currency but additionally, it would become more and more expensive for such countries to repay loans which were taken on interest.

Eventually these countries would be trapped with debts they could never repay, and would thus be at the mercy of those whose suspiciously large loans to them were meant to deliver precisely such control over them. (See John Perkins, 'Confessions of an Economic Hit-Man'). As money was devalued, the cost of property, labour, goods and services in the territories of the devalued currencies would become cheaper and cheaper for those who created the monetary system. Eventually one part of the world could live very comfortably while the rest of the world, with their constantly devalued money, sweated and laboured in a new slavery to keep the bandits permanently rich and with permanent first class tickets on the ship of life.

The increase of poverty and the IMF: as poverty increased in the targeted countries, corruption naturally also increased. Those who had the intellectual acumen of cattle would then wonder loudly: why do Muslim countries suffer from so much corruption while the West (which had looted their wealth and was living off their sweat) was so free from corruption. Then when the IMF forced privatization upon those whose money had lost value, the bandits could then buy out oil and gas fields, power-supply companies, telephone companies, etc., in such countries for a song and six-pence, (i.e., for a price far less than their true value).

The enemies of Islam and the Anti-Christ: the enemies of Islam are not content with simply living off the sweat of others through exploiting to their advantage a monetary system that is unjust and oppressive. Rather they have a grand design to so financially enslave the masses as to permit them to impose their dictatorship over the whole world. Their dictatorship would, in turn, pave the way for the Euro-Jewish State of Israel to become the ruling state in the world and, eventually, for a ruler of Israel to startle the world with the utterly fraudulent claim, that he is the true Messiah. In fact, he would be Dajjāl the false Messiah or Anti-Christ! We are now so close to that event that this writer confidently predicts that children now at school would live to see it.

Muslims and the present money system: unless one has an understanding of the grand design behind the creation of the contemporary monetary system of non-redeemable paper money, one cannot respond properly to the challenge posed by that monetary system. For Muslims to accept the present system of nonredeemable paper-money in which the Jewish-Christian ruling alliance simply has to print paper as money, assign a fictitious value to it, and in the process become creators of as much wealth as they want. They can then use their currencies to buy anything they want in any part of the world. However, when Muslims follow them in this blasphemous activity of creating wealth out of nothing while a suitcase filled with Indonesian Rupiahs or Pakistani Rupees cannot buy even a cup of coffee in Manhattan they living against the will of Allah.

Scholars of Islam have never declared the present monetary system of non-redeemable paper money to be Harām (sinful) and they never will. Those who do are, of course, very wrong in their judgement and they will have to face the consequences on the Day of Judgement for that atrocious failure because they do not consider that money in the form of precious metals created by Allah Most High with intrinsic value assigned to them by Allah Himself is firmly grounded in the blessed.

Jewish rabbis and the Christian monks devour the wealth of mankind: the Jewish rabbis and the Christian monks devour the wealth of mankind wantonly and debar (men) from the way of Allah. They who hoard up gold and silver and spend it not (this would obviously be in the context of use of gold and silver as money) in the way of Allah, unto them give tidings (O Muhammad) of a painful doom.” (Qur’ān, al-Tauba, 9:34). Money with intrinsic value has today disappeared from the money-system used around the world. The entire Muslim world is also guilty of having abandoned ‘money’ that is firmly grounded in the Qur’ān itself and which is of value even in the hereafter. Muslims have already paid a horrible price for having abandoned that ‘sacred money’ and accepted in its place an utterly fraudulent means of exchange in the form of ‘secular money’.

The grand design: there is a grand design that links international politics, international monetary economics and religion with today’s fraudulent monetary system. Let us explain. Every Jewish child knows about, and believes in, a divine promise communicated to the Israelite people in which Allah Most High promised that history would end with one man, who would be a Prophet and the Messiah, ruling the whole world from the throne of David (‘alaihi al-Salām) in Holy Jerusalem with eternal rule. Jews concluded from this that history would end with a Pax Judaica (Judeo-world-order), and with Jerusalem once more at the centre of the world as it was at the time of Solomon (‘alaihi al-Salām). They believed that a Judeo-world-order would validate the Jewish claim to truth, while invalidating all other such claims.

Muslims, Christians and Jews and the return of the Messiah: it is quite remarkable that Muslims and Christians both share with Jews the belief that the historical process would culminate with the Messiah ruling the world with justice from Holy Jerusalem. However, unlike Jews, Muslims and Christians both believe that Jesus, the son of the Virgin Mary, was the divinely promised Messiah. They also both believe that he was raised into the heavens at the time of the attempt to crucify him, and that he would return to rule the world from Jerusalem exactly as divinely prophesied. The Qur’ān explained the phenomenon of his return by disclosing that Jesus was not crucified but, rather, that Allah Most High caused it to appear as such: The Quran says: -

- That they (the Jews) said (in boast) “We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Apostle of Allah,” but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not. Nay, Allah raised him up unto Himself; and Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise. (Qur’ān, al-Nisā, 4:157-158)

Christians have rejected that declaration of the Qur’ān, and persist in their belief that Jesus was crucified. Jews, on the other hand, reject Jesus as the Messiah, and await another Messiah who would liberate the Holy Land for Jews, bring them back to the Holy Land to reclaim it as their own, restore the Holy State of Israel in the Holy Land (i.e., the Holy Israel that was created by the Prophets David and Solomon), and then cause that Israel to become the ruling state in the world. That Messiah would then rule the world from Holy Jerusalem with Pax Judaica (Judeo-world-order) and bring back the Jewish golden age.

The Holy Land, the Messiah and a world government based in Jerusalem: there is compelling evidence that continues to mysteriously unfold in the world that appears to validate the Jewish claim to truth. After all, the ‘liberation’ of the Holy Land took place in 1917. Then the world witnessed the subsequent return of the Jews to the Holy Land to reclaim it as their own some 2000 years after they were expelled from it by divine decree. The establishment of the present (imposter) State of Israel then followed in 1948, and subsequently growth of Israel to super-power status in the world became evident. Along the way the Judeo-Christian alliance that brought modern western civilization into being has made steady progress towards

the establishment of a world government. It now appears to be only a matter of time before Israel replaces USA as the ruling state in the world, and a ruler of Israel makes his appearance as the head of a world government based in Jerusalem, and he makes the momentous claim that he is the Messiah!

The Prophet Muhammad and the false Messiah: Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam) informed the world that Allah Most High, who had pre-knowledge of all events, had responded to the Jewish rejection of the true Messiah by creating a false Messiah. He disclosed that Allah Most High would release that evil being into the world with a mission to impersonate the true Messiah. Consequently Dajjāl the false Messiah would have to attempt to establish a world government through which he would rule over the world from Jerusalem.

There is information in the life of the blessed Prophet which indicates that the false Messiah was released into the world after the Prophet's Hijrah to Madina had taken place, and after the Jews of Madina had rejected him as a true Prophet and the Qur'ān as the revealed word of Allah Most High.

The Prophet also disclosed that one of the most formidable weapons that the false Messiah would use to achieve his goal of ruling the world from Jerusalem would be that of reducing mankind to such a state of internal spiritual blindness that they would be incapable of perceiving his diabolical strategies and would thus be deceived. (See 'Surah al-Kahf and the Modern Age' chapter on 'Moses and Khidr'). The Prophet disclosed the supreme strategy through which the false Messiah would seek to impose his universal dictatorship over mankind to be the weapon of Ribā (interest). With Ribā he would enslave with poverty those who resist him, and empower with wealth those who accept and support him. The rich elite of mankind so created would then be used as clients and surrogates to exploit and enslave the poor masses and rule over them on behalf of the false Messiah.

The grand design and Jewish and Christian Alliances: the Qur'ān has strictly prohibited Muslims from entering into friendly relations or an alliance with such Jews and Christians who themselves reconcile and establish Judeo-Christian friendship and alliance. It did so in the following momentous verse of Sūrah al-Māidah:

- Oh you who believe (in Allah Most High) do not take (such) Jews and Christians as your friends and allies who themselves are friends and allies of each other. And whoever from amongst you turns to them with friendship and alliance belongs to them. Surely Allah will not guide a people who commit such (an act of) Dhulm" (evil, wickedness). (Qur'ān, al-Māidah, 5:51)

The Western civilization monetary and economic system: we live in precisely such a world in which a Judeo- Christian alliance has emerged for the very first time in history. It is that alliance which has created modern western civilization, and which now rules the world through the United Nations Organization, etc. It has created a monetary and economic system through which it has already succeeded in unjustly enriching itself at the expense of the rest of the world. It is that Jewish-Christian alliance which established the International Monetary Fund. The reader must now question whether the Qur'anic verse quoted above has prohibited Muslim membership in international organization created and controlled by that Jewish-Christian alliance. The answer should be obvious.

The rich elite rules over the world: a rich elite now rules over the poor masses of mankind, and the rich nations now rule over the rest of the world. In addition, the wealthy ruling elite around the world now constitute one Jamā'ah (community of Muslims) and the stage is now set for the appearance of their one Amīr (chief ruler) who would rule the world from Jerusalem and would be the false Messiah. Those who cannot recognize Dajjāl the false Messiah as the mastermind behind the present world-order, now rule almost the entire Muslim world. They consequently defy the Qur'anic prohibition while establishing and maintaining friendly ties and even alliance with that Judeo-Christian alliance.

Worldwide legalized theft, gigantic fraud, and economic oppression: so long as such people continue to rule over Muslims, the Ummah (community of Muslims) of Muhammad (sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam) would continue to remain imprisoned in miserable poverty and incapable of resisting those who wage war on Islam on

behalf of the State of Israel. We now describe one of the processes of Riba (interest) through which Dajjāl (the great deceiver and gross manifestation of cumulative evil the Anti-Christ) empowers with wealth those who support him, and enslaves with poverty those who oppose him. What he did was to establish an international monetary system that corrupted money in such a way that it could be manipulated and made to function as a vehicle of legalized theft, gigantic fraud, and economic oppression. One of the very visible forms of such is the exploitation of labour through slave wages. Around the world of the so-called free market economy today, governments have found it necessary to impose minimum wage legislation in order to prevent bloody rebellion by those imprisoned in slave wages.

The reader can easily recognize the very heart of the process of legalized theft in the international monetary system that the Judeo-Christian alliance has created by focusing attention on an event that occurred in April 1933. The US Government enacted legislation at that time prohibiting American residents from keeping gold coins, bullion or gold certificates in their possession. Gold coins were demonetized, and were no longer permitted as legal tender. They could not be used as money. If anyone was caught with such gold after a certain date, they could be fined \$10,000 and/or be imprisoned for six months. In exchange for the gold coins and bullion, the Federal Reserve Bank, which is a private bank, offered paper currency (i.e., US dollars) with an assigned numerical value of \$20 for every one ounce of gold.

Most Americans rushed to exchange their gold for paper currency, but those who were aware of the rip off that was about to take place bought gold with their paper currency and then shipped the gold away to Swiss banks. It is significant that the British government also demonetized gold coins in the same year as the US. They did so through the simple expedient of suspending the redeemability of the sterling paper pound into gold.

After all the gold in USA had been exchanged for paper currency, the US Government then proceeded in January 1934 to arbitrarily devalue the US paper dollar by 41% and to then rescind the law of prohibition concerning gold that was previously enacted. The American people rushed back to exchange their paper currency for gold at the new exchange value of \$35 per ounce of gold. In the process, they were robbed of 41% of their wealth. The reader can now easily recognize the legalized theft that takes place when paper currency is devalued.

The Qur'ān has specifically prohibited, hence declared Harām (sinful according to Islamic law) such a robbery of people's wealth. It has done so, for example, in these verses of Sūrah al-Nisā and Sūrah Hūd:

- "O ye who believe! Do not appropriate each-others property and wealth in a manner that is unjust and unfair: Rather, let business be transacted in a manner that brings mutual satisfaction." (Qur'ān, al-Nisā, 4:29)
- "O my people! give just measure and weight, and do not deprive people of what is rightfully theirs by diminishing the value of their things (such as value of labour, merchandise, property, etc.) and do not commit evil in the land with intent to corrupt and destroy." (Qur'ān, Hud, 11:85).

The Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam) has declared such transactions which are based on deception, and which yield a profit or gain to which one is not justly entitled (i.e., acts of 'ripping off'), to be Ribā.

The Federal Reserve Bank initiated a 'trial run' to test domestically the new monetary system through which a massive and unjust transfer of wealth throughout the unsuspecting world could be achieved. That transfer would take place through the simple device of creating money out of worthless paper and then forcing paper currency upon all of mankind. Those who control the monetary system would then target certain currencies and force them to be continuously devalued. As such paper currencies lost value the unsuspecting masses would suffer massive loss of wealth, however, their 'loss' would result in 'gain' for others.

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Babylon and the Global World System of Money

The Babylonians were money-lenders not only out of dedicated policy but with fervour, zest, and relish. One of their proverbs expresses this outlook clearly:-

- The giving of a loan is like making love; The returning of a loan is like having a son born.

They were a breed of happy, proud, heartless and ruthless moneylenders. Their whole world of business moved in terms of credit financing, and their whole concept of social control and of imperialism rested on usury. It is not surprising that Babylon the Great, the harlot, is the type in Revelation of the One World Order which shall seduce all nations. Loans are not the basis of normal operation for a biblical economy as they are with a Babylonian economy. Certainly loans are to be found in a biblical economy, but they are a result of abnormal circumstances and not the norm and because of such abnormal circumstance they have their place, but they operate in terms of absolute understanding as well as clear, definite and obvious restrictions.

The following two kinds of loans in the Bible were recognized: -

1. To the believer without usury, but with security.
2. To the unbeliever, with usury and security.

In both instances the security is the something real, it is a tangible asset, in goods or in money that is transferred and involves only the two parties involved to the contract. Modern banking however, is radically different. Banks "create" money by an official authorization and by one party simply recording a loan and a deposit on their books. The consequence is, not the personal and limited action of a biblical loan, but inflation, the decreasing of the prior relationship of money value to total goods and services. As a result there is a decreasing of all money, and such loans mean an element of robbery in that they reduce the value of all other money previously in existence. Modern central banking (i.e. the Federal Reserve System) is modern applications of the old Babylonian principles and is equally seductive in helping to bring about the lure of the dream of Empire

Federal Reserve System: prior to the introduction of central banking, the ability to create money by an official authorization was relatively limited, and it depended in large measure on the confidence of the individuals in the local bank. Today, the instrument of control has passed to the Federal Reserve System, its directors and stockholders, the Treasury Department, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and other agencies who are engaged in manipulating the money supply. Biblical law is hostile to a money system that is based on credit, because it creates an abnormal and oppressive lifestyle of debt for a country and for individuals who lives by it. The Babylonian system of economics today is anti-biblical and as such will incur the wrath of God, whose advance judgment Scripture proclaims:-

- The merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of Babylon's luxurious living (Rev. 18:3).
- Babylon the Great is fallen is fallen (Rev. 18:2).
- The merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her Babylon since no one buys her gold, silver, jewels, pearls and fine linen anymore (Rev. 18:11-12).

The meaning of Common Muslim Words.

Amīr: is a noble title meaning chief captain, leader or commander, it is usually used in reference to a group of people and as a title for governors or rulers, usually in smaller states. In modern Arabic is equivalent to the English word prince. The word entered the English language in 1593, from the French word *emir*.

It was one of the titles or names of the Islamic prophet Muhammad. It is possibly derived from the Syriac Mar or Mora, a title of respect, literally meaning, "my lord."

Ayahs: is a verse in the Qur'an (the sacred scriptures of Islam). The Qur'an has 114 chapters (called surahs) which vary in length from several pages to several words.

Dajjal: literally means: the great deceiver; and seen as the gross manifestation of cumulative evil. In Islamic tradition the maleficent figure gifted with supernatural powers whose advent and brief, though quasi-universal rule (somewhat like the real thing, but not actually so), will be among the signs heralding the approach of the resurrection. In Islamic tradition the Dajjal is the maleficent figure gifted with supernatural powers whose advent and brief, though quasi-universal, rule will be among the signs heralding the approach of the resurrection. The Dajjāl may be thought of as the Antichrist since he is assigned the task of killing Jesus after his return to earth.

The Dajjāl will proclaim his divinity, using the words of the pharaoh "I am your supreme lord" (Koran 79:24) and deceiving men with a display of supposed miraculous powers and perform satanic tricks of false miracles. The Dajjāl will cover the globe with unbelief and sin he will defile the earth with his foulness as well as with the multitude of his forces and followers who will fill the world with corruption and few places will be spared from his triumphant on-slaught. It is written: Jesus will descend, and immediately seek out the Dajjāl. According to most Sunnite traditions Jesus first task after his return to the earth is to put an end to the rule of the Dajjāl on the behalf of God. Certain Islamic writings end with the Prophet warning his community against the Dajjāl as "the greatest trial since the creation of Adam" and beseeching God to keep the Dajjāl either concealed or confined until the end of time (Kašmīrī, p. 105).

The Prophets warn that the emergence of the Dajjāl will be the supreme test of the Muslims and will clearly divide true believers from false (Majlesī, tr. Davānī, p. 969). Islam teaches worldwide that the Dajjāl will be a universal Anti-Christ that characterizes modern Western civilization. The role of the Dajjāl differs from that of the Western Christian world's idea of the antichrist in that his defeat and death are envisioned by the Muslim community to introduce the universal triumph of Islam in the last days of the world.

Hafiz: is someone who has memorized the entire Quran.

Harām: (Arabic) (or Haraam) is an Arabic term meaning sinful. In Islamic jurisprudence, haram is used to refer to any act that is forbidden by Allah and is one of five Islamic commandments (al-ahkam al-khamsah) that define the morality of human action. Acts that are haram are typically prohibited in the religious texts of the Quran and the Sunnah. The category of haram is the highest status of prohibition. Islam teaches that a *haram* (sinful) act is recorded by an angel on the person's left shoulder.

If something is considered haram, it remains prohibited no matter how good the intention is or how honorable the purpose is. It is believed that a *haram* is converted into a gravitational force on the day of judgement and placed on mizan (weighing scales). Views regarding, what is or is not haram amongst the Islamic community can vary significantly. Actions that are haram result in punishment, and are therefore considered a sin if carried out by a Muslim.

An Islamic principle related to haram is that if something is prohibited, then anything that leads to it is also considered haram. A similar principle is that the sin of haram is not limited to the person who engages in the prohibited activity, but the sin also extends to others who support the person in the activity, whether it is material or moral support.

Jamā'ah: congregation group or party and stick close to the community of Muslims.

Kaafirs: literally means "one who covers up the truth". It is used to refer to someone who is made aware of the message of Islam but refuses to worship Allah. Commonly known as a disbeliever.

The use of Kafir in the Qur'an: Kafir designate disbelievers and infidels it distinguish believers from non-believers of Islam. In its most fundamental sense in the Qur'an, kufr means "ingratitude," however the Qur'an contains numerous verses in which more detailed definitions are provided. The kafir is referred to as being grievous and odious in the sight of God and in the sight of believers (40:35) who will be punished and destroyed when the inevitable day of punishment comes because they rejected Allah (25:77) (6:45). Kafir's who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and strive upon earth to cause corruption are to be killed or crucified or their hands and feet are to be cut off because they are a disgrace in this world; and for them in the Hereafter is a great punishment (5:33).

Khomeinism: the religious and political doctrines of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (1900?-) who founded the Islamic Republic in Iran in 1979.

Pax: literally means Jewish matters, but is also the latin term for peace and love. Pax Judaica carries the idea of a Judeo-world-order.

Quasi-universal: close to resembling or somewhat like the real thing, similar, but not actually the same.

Qur'an or Koran: is the central religious text of Islam which Muslims believe to be a revelation from God. Muslims believe that the Quran was verbally revealed from God to Muhammad through the angel Gabriel (Jibril), gradually over a period of approximately 23 years, beginning on 22 December 609 CE when Muhammad was 40, and concluding in 632 CE, the year of his death. Chapters are called Suras and its verses are called Ayahs. Muslims regard the Quran as the most important miracle of Muhammad, a proof of his prophet-hood, and the culmination of a series of divine messages that started with the messages revealed to Adam and ended with Muhammad. They consider the Quran to be the only revealed book that has been protected by God from distortion and corruption.

Ribā: is a loan that demands the borrower will return to the lender more than and better than the quantity borrowed (i.e., interest and profit). Those who took ribā', are severely condemned in the Quran and declared to be at war with Allāh and His Prophet. Muslims are to forego all outstanding ribā', and only to take the principle amount, and to forsake even this if the borrower is in hardship.

Allāh says in Qur'ān: -

- That which you give in usury in order that it may increase people's wealth does not increase with Allāh. But what you pay as zakāt seeking Allāh's pleasure —it is they who will be given a manifold increase. (30:39)
- For their taking usury —though they had been forbidden from it— and for eating up the wealth of the people wrongfully. And We have prepared for the faithless among them a painful punishment. (4:161)
- you who have faith! Do not exact usury, twofold and severalfold, and be wary of Allāh so that you may be felicitous. And beware of the Fire which has been prepared for the faithless, and obey Allāh and the Apostle so that you may be granted [His] mercy. (3:130-132)

The principal reason why the Qur'ān has delivered such a harsh verdict against interest is that Islām wishes to establish an economic system where all forms of exploitation are eliminated, especially the injustice perpetuated in the form of the financier being assured of a positive return without doing any work, while the entrepreneur, in spite of his management and hard work, is not assured of such a positive return. Islām wishes to establish justice between the financier and the entrepreneur therefore interest should be abstained from in all manners because it is hazardous to justice.

As for loans that are borrowed, the borrower is obligated to return the initial money borrowed only. A Muslim teacher wrote: "Muslims who do loan money and charge interest should ask themselves, is it really worth destroying the eternal life of the hereafter, just so that we may have a few more comforts in a life which can come to an end any moment."

Surah: (also spelled sura, Arabic surah) is a chapter in the Qur'an (the sacred scriptures of Islam). The Qur'an has 114 surahs (chapters) which vary in length from several pages to several words (verses are called Ayahs).

Surah Al-Anbiya: is the 21st chapter of the Qur'an it has 112 verses in 7 sections and was revealed to the prophet in Mecca. The holy Prophet of Islam said: "Whoever recites Surah Al-'Anbiya' Allah will take his reckoning easy, (and also On the Day of Hereafter He will not reckon his deeds strictly), and every prophet whose name has been mentioned in the Qur'an will greet him and shake his hands.

Sura al-Kahf: (The Cave) is the 18th surah (chapter) of the Qur'an with 110 ayat (verses).

Ummah: means a community of Muslims. It refers to the people in Arabic, but more specifically to Muslim people with a common ideology and culture. It is more commonly used in Islamic countries. Muslim ummah absolutely refers to the unity of Muslims all over the world. It is a communal word which divides people into two classes: one of them is Muslim and the other is non-Muslim. Non-Muslims are viewed as brothers and sisters in terms of all being children of Adam. The Muslim ummah is responsible for upholding the religion and therefore benefiting the community regardless whether the community is Muslim or non-Muslim. For further information see: -

- Ezekiel 38 Commentary OT.

Taken from (Qur'ān, al-Nisā, 4:157-158) (Koran 79:24) (Kašmīrī, p. 105) (Majlesī, tr. Davānī, p. 969) and various other Islamic writings.

The Black Flag of Islam.

The following two passages in the Hadith (the teachings, deeds and sayings of the Islamic prophet Muhammad) are often cited as the inspiration for the flags.

- The black flags will come from the East, led by mighty men, with long hair and beards. Their surnames are taken from the names of their home towns and their first names are from a 'Kunya.
- Messenger of Allah said: If you see the Black Banners coming from Khurasan go to them immediately, even if you must crawl over ice, because indeed amongst them is the Caliph, Al Mahdi.

Al Mahdi: is a reference to Islamic "end times" theology. If a Muslim who speaks Arabic holds such a black flag, they are very aware of the historical significance. These verses of the Hadith show that the black flag that jihadists used as the backdrop for beheading videos is a symbol calling all Muslims to rise up for the establishing of the Caliphate (the Islamic Empire). Those who carry this flag believe they are fulfilling prophecy.

Those who carry the black flag of the Khilafa (Caliphate) terrorist movement seek to infiltrate and spread all over the world and re-establish the Caliphate (Islamic empire). This infiltration takes place via mass immigration and rapid population growth. The movement then use gradual means to indoctrinate society from within: propaganda is brought to schools, lawfare is used to quiet critics, infiltration is used through jobs in all levels of government and little by little policies and laws are changed to provide easier continued mass immigration and "special rights" for Muslims.

All Moslems are fully aware that given another twenty to thirty years they will dominate the majority of the earth worldwide just by birth rate since Moslem culture is for women to give birth too many children whereas women in the west are mostly restricting their families to one or two children. Once the population is large enough Muslim leaders will be voted into governments, counsels and positions of authority and laws will be changed to conform to the Islamic faith.

Muslims today (2012) make up a majority of the population in 49 countries around the world and compose of over 23% of the earth's population, 1.6 billion making Islam the second-largest religion after Christianity.

SUMMARY: in the widest sense Gog and Magog can be seen as the metal man of Nebuchadnezzar's dream in the book of Daniel (Dan. 2:29-45) which in simplistic terms are names for powerful worldly rulers, who have great influence over nations and multitudes of people worldwide, and the nations and governments aligned to them that oppose God and His plans and His purposes and are aggressively against those who belong to His Kingdom. Also embraced within the names Gog and Magog is the entire world system and its governments, politics, wealth, power, monetary and banking system and its oppression of the masses (especially the poor) and opposition to God. Following are the four events still to come to pass before ETERNITY begins in all its majestic royal fullness and eternal glory.

1. At the end of our present age and prior to the millennial age Gog and Magog will come up against God's people Israel and God will destroy them with torrential rains and hailstones of fire (Ezek. 38:18-23).
2. The first resurrection of all who died in Christ (Old and New Testament) and all who are alive when he returns takes place. Those that died outside of Christ remain in the grave until the end of new millennial age. (Rev. 20:4-6).
3. At the end of Christ's millennial reign on earth Gog and Magog once again gather the nations of the world together for battle against Christ at Jerusalem and God from heaven destroys them (Rev. 20:7-8).
4. God appears on a Great White Throne and death, hades (the grave) and the sea give up the dead and they stand before God and are judged, not according to faith, but by what they have done and how they have lived on earth (Rev. 20:11-13). Finally those who are judged unworthy are cast into the lake of fire with death and the grave and destroyed forever (eternal death) called the second death (Rev. 20:14-15) (i.e., utter and total extinction).

Key thoughts: -

- The purpose of salvation is that those saved prior to Christ's return will be priests and kings of God and of Christ during the glorious new millennial age, they will form the world government with Christ ruling and reigning from Jerusalem the Holy City of God to establish God's Kingdom on earth.
- The mark of the beast must be in place before the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4) because says those who were resurrected in the first resurrection and reigned with Christ a thousand years had not received the mark of the beast.
- The defeat of Gog and Magog in (Ezek. 38 & 39) at the end of our present age ushers in Christ's Kingdom Age, while the defeat of Gog and Magog in (Rev. 20) ushers in ETERNITY at the end of Christ's Kingdom Age when God will be ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its majestic royal fullness and eternal glory.

Christs return: the events of Christ's return in glory are very similar to when he first appeared. The false prideful and controlling religious system feared they were losing their power and control over the people to Christ, so they enticed Rome to have him killed. When Jesus returns the second time the false religious system, called the prostitute woman (or harlot) in the book of revelation will entice the ten horned beast nations being Rome and her allied nations to send their armies against Christ. The difference this time is that Christ is not returning as the Lamb of God to be slain, but as King of Kings and Lord of Lords to establish God's Kingdom on earth. Christ will defeat the ten horned beast nations and establish God's Kingdom on earth during the new millennial age period.

End.