

# Studies in the Book of Ezekiel

Lesson 14

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

## Read Ezekiel 38-39

- These chapters are apocalyptic, i.e. highly symbolic.
- There are several interpretive approaches to these chapters, some worthy, some not.
- These chapters indicate that at some point in the future (of Ezekiel's time) the territory of God's people would be invaded by hordes from the north.
- **The basic theme is that God will protect his people and destroy their enemy.**
- Ezekiel 38 focuses on the foe that will come against God's people.
- Ezekiel 39 focuses on the results of the victory over Gog:

### The Rescue of the Faithful (38:1-23)

#### Introduction to the Foe (38:1-2)

- Who is Gog? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was the tone of Ezekiel's prophecy toward him? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Preparation of the Foe (38:3-9)

- What was God's message to Gog? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Summarize God's message to Gog in four words. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Motivation of the Foe (38:10-13)

- What plan would come into Gog's mind? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Invasion by the Foe (38:14-16)

- Who would bring Gog against the land? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why would he do this? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Confrontation with the Foe (38:17-23)

- God spoke in the past about Gog's invasion. Some suggest Isaiah 34:2, 66:15-18; Jeremiah 4:5ff, Zephaniah 1, but these may refer to something else. The point is the invasion would not take God by surprise.

- How would God respond to Gog's invasion? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Results of the Victory (39:1-29)

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#### Dramatic Destruction (39:1-8)

- What's the main point of Ezekiel's prophecy against Gog? \_\_\_\_\_
- Compare what God would do with what Gog would do. (v. 2-6)
- What will God do with His holy name? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Complete Destruction (39:9-20)

- How does God describe the complete destruction of Gog? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Ultimate Vindication (39:21-24)

- How would God's handling of Gog vindicate Him among Israel and the nations?  
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#### Final Consolation (39:25-29)

- How is the relationship between God and His people after the captivity described?  
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- When would Israel know that "I am the Lord their God"? \_\_\_\_\_

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### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

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#### Looking at Chapters 38-39 as a whole...

- What words/phrases/concepts are repeated?  
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- What else in these chapters did you find interesting or important?  
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