

## New Features on Prewrathministries.org

On the resource page I have made some changes. For the prewrath books I offer on my page—up until now I have just been handling orders and have passed the payment and shipping instructions on to the publisher or distributor. I have now added the ability to order these books directly from Amazon.com. This will accomplish two things. First, this keeps me from having to do double processing on the order, and second, the buyer can get the lowest price available if he chooses to order a used book. I think this will be a win-win situation for everyone.

Also, I was privileged to be asked, by Kristen Wisen, to preview her brand new prewrath novel called The Appearing. Kristen is the daughter of Robert Van Kampen, and she is endeavoring to continue her father's work. The novel was a riveting story about a church that adopted a prewrath doctrine and then put plans into place to prepare for the coming of the Antichrist. The novel is scriptural and will be available through Kristen's website March 1st. A link is provided to pre-order the book.

## What Others Are Saying

I was sent an email where George Bush was presented a scroll from the New Jewish Congress, The Sanhedrin, and The Holy Temple and Temple Mount Movements on January 9, 2008. The text of the scroll can be found at <http://www.templeinstitute.org/megillat-bush.htm>. In the scroll, it addresses President Bush as: "Esteemed Mr. George W. Bush, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal (Ezekiel 38:1), leader of the west!" This was clearly an allusion to the possibility of President Bush not taking Israel's side and becoming the leader of Israel's enemies.

IsraelNationalNews.com reported at "<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/125060>," about an Israeli radio show: "Tamar speaks with Rabbi Chaim Richman from the nascent Sanhedrin who

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## Feature Article: Who Are Gog and Magog?

*By Elbert Charpie*

One of the more difficult passages of scripture are those passages which deal with Gog and Magog. Many have tried to identify these mysterious names - some have applied them to Russia, Assyria, and others and so I wanted to devote this article to examining these passages. Gog and Magog are mentioned in two passages in the Bible, besides 1 Chronicles 5 which lists the name "Gog" in a genealogy. The first passage is Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 which describes a battle against Israel.

Ezekiel 38:2 (NIV) "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him 3 and say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. 4 I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army--your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords.'"

The battle that Ezekiel records is one that has some striking features. For instance...

Ezekiel 38:20 (NIV) The fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground. 21 I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man's sword will be against his brother. 22 I will execute judgment upon him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him.

This record is almost identical to the judgment of the 7th bowl in Revelation which immediately precedes Armageddon...

Rev 16:17 (NIV) The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.

It goes on... Rev 16:20 (NIV) Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. 21 From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

Furthermore we are told that birds and wild animals will eat the flesh of the fallen hordes of Gog...

Ezekiel 39:4 (NIV) On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your troops and the nations with you. I will give you as food to all kinds of carrion birds and to the wild animals.

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Ezekiel 39:17 (NIV) "Son of man, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Call out to every kind of bird and all the wild animals: 'Assemble and come together from all around to the sacrifice I am preparing for you, the great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. There you will eat flesh and drink blood.'"

The book of Revelation records the same thing...

Rev 19:17 (NIV) And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

Therefore, I believe there can be no doubt that the battle described in Ezekiel is the battle of Armageddon. However, Gog shows up again.

Rev 20:7 (NIV) When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. 9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Gog and his armies are destroyed at the battle in Ezekiel, so how can they show up again at the end of the millennium? Some say the Ezekiel battle IS the battle at the end of the millennium. But, the next verse begins the Great White Throne judgment and then John records, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth..." Ezekiel tells us that they will burn the weapons from his battle for 7 years and be burying the dead from that battle for 7 months (Ezek 39:9-14). Therefore, I do not believe Ezekiel's battle could be the one at the end of the millennium. So, what is the answer?

Gog is called the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. Therefore, we are talking about a person—either human or spiritual (and in this case demonic). "Magog" literally means "the hordes of Gog." Because of the use of "Gog" and because he shows up in two places where it would be humanly impossible, I believe we are speaking of a person that is a spiritual being. We have precedence for this:

When Daniel was praying for to understand the future of his people, he wrote...

Daniel 10:5 (NIV) I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist. 6 His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

Daniel 10:12 (NIV) Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. 13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. 14 Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."

Now there is no doubt that in the Daniel passage we are talking about angelic beings. Michael the archangel is called a "chief prince." Therefore, I believe Gog could be the demonic leader of the enemies of God's people. In the case of Armageddon, he is the Antichrist. At the end of the millennium, it could very well be Satan himself. Magog is simply the followers of Gog.

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had part in giving a scroll to U.S. President George W. Bush when he came to Israel this last month. In the scroll, it alluded to him being Gog, from Magog, as written about in the bible." The report is dated 25 Shevat 5768, February 1, 2008.

I am not vouching for the authenticity of this account, but it at least becomes apparent that even in Jewish thought Gog and Magog are the symbols of the enemies of God's people.

The scrolls ends... "Therefore it behooves you to declare: 'I, George Bush, Commander in Chief of the armies of the United States of America, will instruct all of my troops to protect the Divine rights of the nation of Israel, and remove from her any threat.' Before you is a choice: You can merit to eternal life, or be inscribed for eternal disgrace. Your fate and that of all those with you hangs in the balance of the destiny of our land."

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