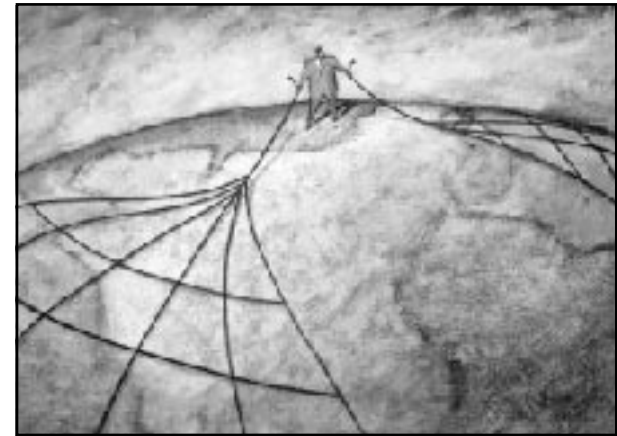


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There are so many events happening now that prophecy is being fulfilled, or could be, right NOW! This means the events that happen should concern us greatly, and we want to get things straight. Two things happening are of significance:

- 1... The rise of Muslim aggression and might across the world;
- 2... That China is also emerging more and more, and America is seeking to strike against China.

Prophecy in the Bible deals with the Muslim nations, and Russia. It is clear that the Arabs, the Muslims, the Middle East hordes, will be dealt with in the battle described in Ezekiel 38. The Muslims will not take over the world, nor will their spiritual leader become the Antichrist. More books are coming out claiming these errors are truth – beware. Despatch has enclosed an outline on this from the book by Dr. Henry Morris, *The Revelation Record*.

This was first printed in 1983, so you can see straight away that prophecy is happening now, Morris did not know what we know today in regard to world affairs. *The Bible shows what is going to happen*. It is never wrong.

This great war of Ezekiel 38 does not happen in the Tribulation; it occurs *before* the Tribulation, thus showing that the global Islamic threat is put down *before* the Antichrist takes power.

The Muslims' power is destroyed *before* the Tribulation; also, Russia's power is gone before the Tribulation, **Ezekiel 38** happens very close to Trib., but before it.

Why is the Antichrist called the Assyrian?

In Isaiah 14 there is a leader mentioned called "the Assyrian," which is another name for the real ruler of this world, Lucifer or Satan. The "Beast" or Antichrist is his tool. Antichrist is a composite man of all the evils of satanic world rule, He has the power of Nebuchadnezzar, Xerxes, Alexander the Great, and Julius Caesar rolled into one. The "Assyrian" shows Antichrist to be Satan incarnate. It is rather like the name "Babylon" which has spiritual connotations. That the Antichrist is Roman is revealed in Daniel 9:26. Here we see that "the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary." ROME did this in AD 70, so the Antichrist is Roman, Gentile. He is not an apostate Jew; he is an apostate from Christianity. The only reason some think he is a

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come into power (Daniel 7:23-25), and he and his nation will quickly enter into a treaty with Israel, which had so recently been in mortal danger. The Scriptures do not indicate the terms of the covenant except that it is for a seven-year period and possibly guarantees the safe construction of the temple and establishment of its worship (**Daniel 9:27**)

At some point in this sequence of events, the Lord will descend from heaven to the earth's atmosphere, and the great resurrection of the Christian dead and rapture of the living believers will take place. It is impossible to say with certainty, however, whether it will take place before or after the Russian invasion, since the rapture is always imminent. Since the seven-year period of the treaty almost certainly corresponds to the seven years covered in Revelation 6-19, the rapture must take place no later than the date of its activation, but it may occur anytime before that. It is possibly also significant that the wooden weapons of Gog's devastated armies will serve as fuel for the Israeli people for a period of seven years (**Ezekiel 39:9, 10**).

In any case, when the rapture does occur, there will undoubtedly be a great flurry of excitement in the world, particularly in those nations where there are many Christians whose sudden disappearance will be newsworthy. Probably there will be enough people left with adequate knowledge of biblical eschatology to deduce what has happened, and many and heated will be the letters to the editor. Liberal pastors will preach sermons to their liberal congregations deploring the rapture theory and trying to explain all the disappearances as some sort of capitalist plot. Many others will claim that aliens from outer space have spirited them away in their spaceships. With all the other excitement in the world, the missing Christians will soon be forgotten, at least for a time, and the world will get caught up in the euphoria of anticipated prosperity and peace.

All of this will be the immediate background of the events in Revelation 6. On the earth will be the vivid memory of Russia's recent destruction. The focus of interest will be increasingly on Israel and the Middle East, and the vanished Christians will soon be forgotten.

The rapture will have had one other major effect on the world. No longer will there be any significant voice for morality and righteousness in the world, and the pursuit of pleasures and vices of every description will be unrestrained (**2 Thessalonians 2:6-12**).

But then the blow will fall. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (**1 Thessalonians 5:3**)."

Jew is because of Daniel 11:37, but this means he will not regard the God of his Gentile fathers, not Jewish. Compare 1 John 2:18, 19 where Antichrist and many antichrists arise from Christendom.

CHINA is shown in the Tribulation period coming across a dried up Euphrates river, in Revelation 16:12. It is speaking of the battle of Armageddon, not now before the Rapture. (See **Rev. 16:16**).

The Euphrates was the ancient border between Assyria and Babylonia. It was in the Apostle John's time the eastern boundary of the Roman Empire.

Now read on, Dr. Henry Morris has much of value to add to your prophecy study. Remember, he and Despatch itself are only seeking to decipher prophecy as living predictions happen. No one is infallible in this great task. From *The Revelation Record*, p.p. 108 -111.

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"Ezekiel 38 foresees a sudden invasion of the land of Israel in *"the latter days"* (Ezekiel 38:8, 16), at a time when Israel has returned to her own land out of the nations and apparently dwelling safely there. The threats from her immediate Arab neighbors had been neutralized in some way (possibly through nonaggression pacts with Egypt, Arabia, and others, or possibly by the development of new weapons systems which made invasion by the usual methods impracticable).

The Russian bear far to the north, however, was still Israel's implacable enemy, and had been gradually extending its power through a ring of puppet nations surrounding Israel. These are enumerated in Ezekiel 38:2-6. The prophecy is as follows:

"Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee."

Gog is evidently the name of the commander of these armies, and he hails from the region originally settled by Japheth's son, Magog. This name is probably equivalent to modern "Georgia" and Gog's name thus

may refer to his home-land. Stalin, for example, was from the Soviet republic of Georgia (the prefix “**ma**” means “**land of,**” and “**Georgia**” may be read “*Gog-ia*”), and his first successor was named “*Georgi*” (Malenkov). In fact, Gog could well be a general title, like Pharaoh, derived from the ancestral home of the vast northern nations. Meshech and Tubal were also sons of Japheth, and both ancient and modern ethnologists have recognized their names to have been preserved in the modern names Moscow (or Muscovy) and Tobolsk, the chief cities of western and eastern Russia, respectively. Finally, many scholars have stressed that “**chief prince**” is actually “**prince of Rosh,**” and that Russia actually derives its modern name from this very verse. Thus, there is little doubt that the leader of this latterday anti-Israeli alliance will be Russia.

The other nations form a clockwise ring around Israel and the entire Middle East. Persia is, of course, modern Iran. Ethiopia includes the modern land known as Ethiopia, but may also include a part of the Arabian peninsula across the Red Sea, where the ancestral Ethiopians first settled. Libya, of course, still has the same name today. Gomer, another son of Japheth, gave his name to the Cimmerians, the Crimea, and Germani. Thus, the reference to “Gomer and all his bands” may refer to all the peoples that settled from the Black Sea to eastern Germany. Similarly, “**Togarmah of the North quarters and all his bands**” probably refers to Armenia and Turkestan in general. It is significant that many of these nations today are Moslem nations and all of them are under Russian domination, even though nominally independent. All of them are strongly anti-Israel.

The sudden invasion of Israel will be resisted verbally, though not militarily, by “*Sheba and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, and the young lions there-of*” (Ezekiel 38:13). **Sheba** and **Dedan** were in Arabia, and this passage suggests that the wealthy Arab oil states, themselves the objects of Russian cupidity, may still at that time be outside Russian control. Tarshish is probably the same as Carthage, founded by the Phoenicians. “**Tarshish**” means “*smeltry,*” and the ancient Phoenicians, the first great mariners, founded iron smelttries, mines, and settlements in many lands, including at least Spain and England, and quite possibly even in America. Thus “*the merchants of Tarshish and their young lions,*” in modern equivalence, most likely are the western nations in general. The original **Phoenicia** is modern *Lebanon*, and this nation also will probably be aligned with Israel.

The attackers will be “*like a cloud to cover the land*” (38:9) coming from all directions, possibly great waves of paratroopers, as well as

cavalry. Their weapons will be mostly of wood—probably one of the new forms of very light, but very strong wood (39:9), like lignostone. Perhaps Israel’s advanced weapons technology will have developed laser or microwave beams which render metallic components inoperable. The overwhelming numerical strength of the invading hosts, a number sufficient to require seven months of work by the whole population just to bury (39:12, 13), would seem to be irresistible.

But then God will intervene in an unprecedented way! A tremendous complex of earthquakes, hailstorms, volcanic eruptions, and pestilence, supplemented by fighting among the invading armies themselves, will overwhelm the hosts of Gog, destroying five men out of every six (38:19-22; 39:2-4). Simultaneously, great fires devastate Russia itself, along with the coastlands of its confederates (39:6), so that it will be completely eliminated as a world power as will its various satellite nations

The “**coincidences**” will be so remarkable (even though the catastrophes are all natural phenomena) that all the nations will know they were sent by God (38:23). Israel, in particular, will give up the atheism which has dominated the Zionist movement and the modern Israeli nation in general and will “know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward” (39:22).

It is quite probable that this great event will give Israel both the desire and the opportunity finally to rebuild their ancient temple and reinstitute the ancient worship. The Moslem “**Dome of the Rock**” will be razed and a magnificent temple constructed (Revelation 11:1, 2). With all this, however, the Israeli people will still reject Christ (except for a remnant that will be especially prepared by God), even though they are seeking to restore the worship of the God of their fathers.

The other nations of the world will also quickly seek to take advantage of the vacuum left by Russia’s fall. Quickly forgetting the obvious role of God in the affair, the nations of the western alliance—possibly the NATO nations and/or the nations of the European Common Market—will forge a vast politico/commercial/religious alliance designed to dominate world affairs. Ten of these nations—all with cultural and legal ties to ancient Rome (Daniel 2:40-43; 7:24; Revelation 17:12)—will unite together, first in a loose alliance, later in a united empire.

With Russia and the Moslem nations no longer a problem, and the oil re-sources of the Middle East under their jurisdiction, these western nations will anticipate a tremendous era of peace and prosperity. In one of these nations, a tremendously capable and charismatic leader will have