

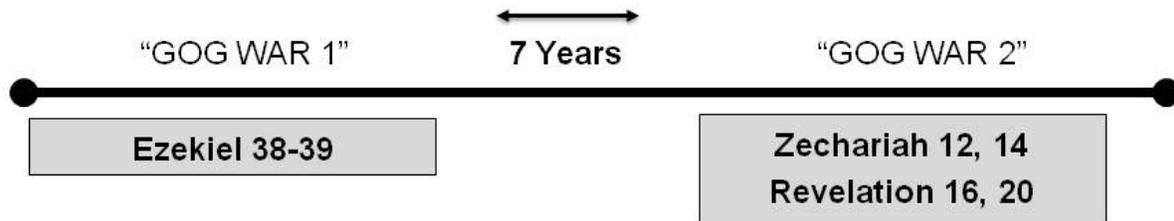


## THE FINAL TWO WARS FOR ISRAEL IN THE END TIMES

In the end times, there are two final wars in Israel that are often confused for the same conflict—but are most likely different. They can be thought of more as an ongoing process. Much like World War II was a continuation of unresolved issues left over from World War I.

The first war is the Gog led invasion of Israel as described in Ezekiel 38-39. The final Gog-Magog war, which is ended only by the return of Christ, is described in Zechariah 12 and 14 and in Revelation 16 and 20. The second war enters into Jerusalem directly. In both wars a leader called "Gog" is involved. Yet Gog is killed in the first war. These two wars can be called "Gog War 1" and "Gog War 2." They will likely be at least seven or more years apart. The second war occurs on the Day of the Lord after Satan has been released from the Abyss.

## THE TWO WARS OF GOG



1. Israel is restored and lives in safety
2. Gog leads Persia with many nations
3. God intervenes
4. Mountains of Israel is location
5. Gog is killed and buried
6. Israel cleans the battlefield for 7 months
7. Israel uses weapons for fuel for 7 years
8. "I will make known my holy name among my people Israel."

1. Satan will be released and will deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and gather them for battle
2. Jerusalem invaded
3. Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west
4. Christ returns, "Living water" will flow out from Jerusalem
5. "They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child"

## THE TWO WARS ARE DIFFERENT--WHY DO SOME PROPHECY EXPERTS SEE ONLY ONE WAR?

In the first battle, Ezekiel says that because of the destruction of Gog and his Islamic armies, God's name will never again be blasphemed. The wise surviving nations will understand the true God. Israel will be delivered and God will pour out His Spirit on Israel. The survivors of the saved remnant of Israel will come to know the Lord forevermore. Israel will dwell securely in their land and the Lord God will reside in the land of Israel.

Does this mean both wars are the same? No, since after the first war the Israel people will clean the land for seven months, and burn the Islamic weapons for seven years. Ezekiel does not say Jerusalem is invaded. He does not say Christ returns on the last day. So these are different events.

After the first war more people, especially descendants of both Isaac and Ishmael, that accept Jesus Christ as the risen Messiah will repent and no longer blaspheme God's name. God's name will no longer be blasphemed in Israel, and this will of course also be true in the whole world once Christ returns and Satan is fully defeated. But Satan will only be completely defeated when Jesus returns on the Day of the Lord. That's why the two wars should be seen as running on a continuum, much like World War I and World War II some 20 years later. There are just too many differences between Gog 1 and Gog 2 to be the same.

	<b>Ezekiel Gog</b>	<b>Revelation Gog and Magog</b>
Biblical Name	Gog	Gog and Magog
Bible Verses	Ezekiel 38, 39	Revelation 13, 16, 20
Battle Location	Mountains of Israel	Jerusalem
Fate	Killed and buried in Israel	Thrown in Lake of Fire by Jesus
Destroyed By Whom	Power of God	Return of Christ
What Happens Next	Land cleaning, Weapons as fuel 7 years	Christ's Judgment and New Heaven and Earth
Supernatural Image	None	Angry Dragon
Supernatural Power	None	Signs, Wonders, and Miracles
Beast's Fate	Armies destroyed, Beast continues	Beast completely destroyed
Actions of Israel	No repent, understands God was present	Repents, Israel calls upon God, Jesus
Israel Recognizes Jesus	No	Yes
Leader or King	Leader	Dragon
The Final 8th King Revelation 17	Beast released from Sheol (Abyss)	Beast has been slain
Comes from	Beth Togarmah (Turkey)	Satan released from the Abyss
World Reaction	Strong Political and Military leader	Total fear, worship, astonished
World Astonished	No	Yes
Fate	Killed in battle	Destroyed by Christ
Connected to Beast	Islamic armies controlled by Beast	Satan is last fallen angel destroyed by Jesus
Worshiped at Temple Mount	No	No
Status	Leader	Powerful Delusion, God like
Human	Yes	Appears to be God like, Satan in reality
Islamic Status	Islamic political leader	Wants to be God ("Allah") and is a spirit

## **WILL THE THIRD TEMPLE BE REBUILT AFTER THE WAR?**

There will be a time of peace between two wars so in that sense they are separate, but the problem should be thought of as an ongoing situation. They will be at least seven or more years apart since Israel needs seven years to burn the Islamic weapons—and perhaps also build Ezekiel’s Third Temple.

But Christians should also recognize it is not likely that the Temple will be built. And even if it was built the sacrifices would be meaningless. For the Apostle Paul tells us in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians we are the temple. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”*) and (1 Corinthians 3:16-17 *“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.”*) The Book of Hebrews makes clear in chapter 10 that no grain or animal sacrifice can equal what Jesus did for us!

### **Hebrews 10:1-18 (NIV)**

**The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. 2 Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. 3 But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. 4 It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.**

**5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; 6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.**

**7 Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.’”**

**8 First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. 9 Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

**11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. 14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.**

**15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: 16 “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”**

**17 Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” 18 And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.**

With regards to the first Gog war, Ezekiel says nothing about an invasion of Jerusalem and in fact implies that Israel quickly defeats the invading Islamic armies with the help of God. The second Gog war is even larger and far more destructive to Israel and Jerusalem. Only the return of Christ defeats Satan (the dragon) in the second war.

The Bible tells us a Babylon-Persian (Islamic) 10 nation confederacy will invade and attempt to destroy Israel in the end times. Babylon today is Iraq and Syria, and Persia is Iran. God tells us about this first invasion of Israel in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39.



#### **Ezekiel 38 (NIV)**

**3** *'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshek 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.*

**5** *Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, 6 also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you.'*

***8 In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety. 9 You and all your troops and the many nations with you will go up, advancing like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land.***

Ezekiel 38 makes clear this first invasion will only occur after the Jewish remnant returns to Israel (this occurred beginning in 1948), and they have prospered, and live in peace (this is today). Thus it could not have occurred in past history. Persia will lead this invasion, along with other Islamic countries such as Put, which is Libya today, Turkey, and Cush which is Northern Africa today.

The invasion prophesied by Ezekiel occurs relatively soon after Israel's rebirth and the ingathering of Jewish people from around the world.

### **GOG IS A VERY IMPORTANT LEADER--BUT DIES**

The Islamic Man of Lawlessness will lead this invasion. "Gog" the chief prince of Meshek and Tubal is the Islamic Man of Lawlessness, and the "northern nations" include Turkey, Iraq and Syria. Beth Togarmah is in modern Turkey today. **In Ezekiel 39 God makes clear that Gog is killed and buried in the first invasion.**

In this first invasion the Islamic armies do not make their way to Jerusalem. With God's help they fall in the mountains of Israel before they can strike Jerusalem.

### ***Ezekiel 39 (NIV)***

***1 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshek and Tubal. 2 I will turn you around and drag you along. I will bring you from the far north and send you against the mountains of Israel. 3 Then I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows drop from your right hand.***

***4 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. 5 You will fall in the open field, for I have spoken, declares the Sovereign Lord. 6 I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in safety in the coastlands, and they will know that I am the Lord.***

***11 "On that day I will give Gog a burial place in Israel, in the valley of those who travel east of the Sea. It will block the way of travelers, because Gog and all his hordes will be buried there. So it will be called the Valley of Hamon Gog."***

## IRAN (PERSIA) AND TURKEY HOLD THE ISLAMIC INVASION ROAD TO ISRAEL

American military intervention in the countries around Israel has set the stage for Ezekiel's war. The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria ("ISIS") took over in much of Iraq and Syria after the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq and subsequent 2011 U.S. departure. For most of the United States' allies in the Middle East, the war against ISIS never was the primary concern. These reluctant nations largely humored Washington, gave speeches and weakly joined its international coalition — and looked the other way.

When the United States invaded Iraq 14 years ago to topple Saddam Hussein, it saw Iraq as a potential cornerstone of a democratic and Western-facing Middle East, and vast amounts of blood and treasure — about 4,500 American lives lost, more than \$2 trillion spent — were poured. From Day 1, Iran saw something else: a chance to make a client state of Iraq and create an invasion road to Israel. Turkey saw the same thing. The many Islamic nations are coming together to fight Israel.

The Islamic countries keep the colors of the Four Horsemen—White, Red, Black and Pale Green. The Four Horsemen are the first four Islamic leaders, Mohammad, Abu-Bakr, Umar, Uthman. They had authority over one quarter of the world with the Umayyad Caliphate. (Revelation 6:1-8). Mohammad is the False Prophet.



We are also told in both Daniel and Revelation this final group is controlled by an eighth kingdom, reborn out of the first seven kingdoms and kings. This demonic kingdom is spiritual in nature but has control of the earthly realm.

### **Revelation 17 (NIV)**

**6 I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.**

**7 Then the angel said to me: "Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. 8 The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come.**

**9 "This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. 10 They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while. 11 The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.**

**12 "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. 13 They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."**

### **ABADDON THE DESTROYER--THE SEVENTH KING, AND THE BEAST-- THE EIGHTH KING ARE RELEASED FROM SHEOL!**

*"They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon."* The seventh king that only "rules a short time" is Abaddon. Abaddon is the "destroyer" and releases hordes of demons. He also releases from the Abyss the demonic spirit from Babylon. Now the seemingly fatal wound has been healed! Abaddon the king only operates a short time. Revelation 9:5 *"They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months."*

The demon from Babylon has been released from Sheol. Demonic monsters and false doctrine about Jesus ("smoke") are released which fly like locusts (Exodus 10:12-20; Joel 1:4, 2:4-14) and sting like scorpions (Ezekiel 2:6, Lk 11:12). God grants these evil "locusts" from the Abyss the power which scorpions have – the power to inflict pain of the souls of non-believers. God tells these paroled demons and fallen angels not to harm the earth or those humans who have His seal on their foreheads. The false doctrine of the Koran cannot harm true believers of the Gospel.



The “harlot woman” who was “drunk with the blood of God’s holy people” great city is Mecca that sits on seven mountains. It holds the Kaaba—the Blackstone image of the beast demon from Babylon.



## **THERE ARE SEVEN KINGS, AND THE BEAST IS THE EIGHTH, AND ALSO ONE OF SEVEN**

These may be considered kings, or more accurately demonic leaders of principalities or kingdoms. Since the Bible clearly tells us the beast is from the Abyss, all of the principalities described below are from the spiritual world. The demonic princes did exert control over physical earthly kingdoms and human kings, but the prophecy is about the spiritual world that is opposed to Jesus, the Son of God. The prophecy is about the battle for souls. Those that worship the beast, and its image, and take its mark will not be in the Lamb's book of life. (Revelation 20:4)

### **Revelation 17:9-11 (NIV)**

**“This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while. The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.**

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Persia
5. Seleucid Greeks
6. Rome
7. Demonic King-rules only a short time **{Abaddon}**
8. Beast **{Babylon Demon from Sheol}**

The NASB translation makes this prophecy easier to understand. "The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction." Thus the beast is actually one of the seven, not a successor to them. The first two princes or heads governed the kingdoms of Egypt and Assyria. The next three are first three components of Nebuchadnezzar's four-part statue vision in Daniel 2:31-45, Daniel's four beast kingdoms in Daniel 7:1-18, and John's Revelation beast in Revelation 13:1-4.

3. Babylon (Daniel 2 gold head, Daniel 7 lion, Revelation 13 lion)
4. Persia (Daniel 2 silver chest, Daniel 7 bear, Revelation 13 bear)
5. Seleucid Greeks (Daniel 2 bronze thighs, Daniel 7 leopard, Revelation 13 leopard)

Daniel tells us the final kingdom will be different and fierce. The "little horn" of Daniel 7:8 is Umar, the second caliph after Mohammad and Abu Bakr.

**JOHN TELLS US CHRIST WILL PROVIDE A PERFECT KINGDOM FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE IN HIM.**



***Revelation 21: (NIV)***

***1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.***

***3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.***

***4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”***

***5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”***

***Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”***

## **IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN--WHAT DOES JESUS COMMAND YOU TO DO?**

The West is not dealing with Islam and Muslims according to God's will. We are in a vast spiritual war, and the West has been deceived to believe we are in a physical war. The spiritual war will never be won with tanks and armies. Only the true Gospel of Jesus defeats the satanic forces of the spiritual war. Jesus expects us to make disciples out of all people—including Muslims that have been taught a false doctrine about Jesus the risen Son of God.

Jesus commanded all Christians to share the Gospel. He commanded us to pray for our enemies. No one needs the true Gospel more than Muslims. Today many of us have Muslim friends or coworkers, or perhaps you know a Muslim thinking about God. The Prophet Joel promised us in the last days the true God's Spirit would be poured out.

### ***Joel 2:28 (NIV)***

***And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.***

Today Jesus is actively appearing to many Muslims in dreams. If a refugee or stranger asks you what their dream of Jesus means, what will you tell them? Jesus commands us to make disciples of all people. He also tells us to pray for those that do not know the Gospel. Jesus will answer our prayers.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus said He will lose none of all those he has been, but raise will them up at the last day. The Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and Jesus will raise them up at the last day. The Bible tells us Christ will return soon. We need to gather as many souls as possible before Jesus returns in all His Glory. The harvest is very ripe—but the workers are too few in number.

As a Christian following Jesus, you should do the following:

- ✓ Pray that Muslims receive the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Give them an Arabic copy of the Gospel of John—it will clearly teach Jesus is the risen Son of God
- ✓ Be prepared to explain the Gospel to Muslims who have questions
- ✓ Be prepared to easily explain why the Gospel is true and was never corrupted
- ✓ Be prepared to explain the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is much like water which also exists in three forms (ice, liquid, and steam) but it is still water
- ✓ Explain that the advocate (Spirit of Truth) that will live in us promised by Jesus in John 14 was the Holy Spirit and not a prophecy of the future false prophet Mohammad
- ✓ Explain that fulfilled prophecy only exists in the Bible and not the Koran
- ✓ Pray with Muslims every day that they understand the truth while there is still some time before Jesus returns and it is too late

## IF YOU ARE A MUSLIM--WHAT DOES JESUS WANT YOU TO DO NEXT?

Did Jesus appear to you in a dream? Has the Holy Spirit visited you? Would just a prophet appear to you, or was it the Son of God, the risen Jesus? **Yes, it was Jesus the risen Son of God! Jesus is appearing to many Muslims to give them the truth. He wants you to be saved.**

Muslims know the Koran teaches that Jesus was born of a virgin (19:20); that He is among those closest to God (3:45); that He taught a message of kindness and compassion (57:27); that He healed the sick and raised the dead by the power of God (3:49); that He miraculously fed the hungry (5:112.); that He is alive now in heaven (3:55); and that He will return at the end of the age (43:61). Muslims also know the Koran says that Jesus is the Messiah and the Word of God (3:45 and 4:171).



At the same time, however, most Muslims have been told that Jesus did not die on a cross. They believe He did not rise from the dead or atone for human sin, and that people should not worship Him as God. When you take away these truths of Jesus—you take away his salvation for you. The truth is Jesus the Son of God, died for you and rose to life. This Jesus is the only path to God. Following any other path will result in being cast away from God on the coming Day of Judgment.

Muslims often feel most strongly, however, that it is deeply offensive to refer to Jesus as the Son of God. But Jesus himself said He was the Son of God when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:4 When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.”) So believe him!! There is much prophecy warning about Islam’s false doctrine in the Bible, but you can learn about that later.

Muslims have been taught that the One God of Abraham is not triune (three in one) and has not become incarnate among us. Though they believe the New Testament, Torah, and Psalms are God’s inerrant Word in the original manuscripts, most have been told a falsehood that people have altered the original text that the Bible we have today is not reliable. The Bible text is reliable and true.

As a Muslim, you should do the following:

- ✓ Pray that you receive the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Read the Gospel of John—it will teach you that Jesus is the risen Son of God
- ✓ Ask a Christian friend to explain the Gospel to you

In John 15:7 Jesus said: **“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”** Jesus will hear your prayers.