

# Ezekiel's War Revisited Again

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This is a second update to Ezekiel's war. What was currently opened places this war occurring at the end of the Tribulation, not before the Tribulation. First Eze 39:25-29 tells of the gathering of all the Israelites and the Jews scattered throughout the world, being brought back to Israel after Ezekiel's war. This goes together with Mat 24:29-31, that Yeshua tells us after the end of the Tribulation, all the Israelites and Jews scattered throughout the world are collected and brought back to Israel. There are many other scriptures from the Prophets that tell is the same thing. Therefor there is no doubt as to when this war occurs.

This prophecy is not straight forward in trying to identify the time that Ezekiel's war occurs. A major problem is that no other prophet tells us anything about this war in the manner that it is described in Ezekiel. So in a time placement, we need to rely primarily on what Ezekiel tells us.

If you are locked into a preconceived idea, it is unlikely you will be able to pick up on the clues in scripture and integrate them using logic.

This document replaces a previous document called 'Ezekiel's War'. This is a result of continued studying and learning and being directed by God's Spirit. It is found that the timing of the occurrence of this war was wrong in the original document and therefore the effects that were previously thought to occur, will not take place.

We must continually walk, ever studying and ever learning. Always searching for the truth from God's word. We must always correct ourselves from what we are shown in scripture and what we see occurring in the world with respect to prophecy being fulfilled.

## Information from Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39

We are told of the specific Nations, generally called Gog, coming against Israel in order to take riches for themselves, although other motives are likely followed with two of the Nations, in that they hate Israel. The Nations are Russia (Rosh), Iran (Persia), Turkey (Meshech and Tubal, who are also Gomer and Togarmah). In addition Ethiopia, and Libya also participate, these two are proxies of Turkey and/or Russia. These scriptures very specifically identify these Nations and only these Nations.

The destruction of Magog or the land of these Nations themselves, and the armies of these Nations are a result of God's direct intervention. They are destroyed by blood, pestilence, great hail, fire and brimstone being rained down upon them and also everyone in that army, turning upon each other and fighting. This occurs on the mountains of Israel as well as on these Nations themselves.

**Eze 38:21** And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

**Eze 39:2** And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

**Eze 39:4** Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and *to* the beasts of the field to be devoured.

**Note that the amount of those killed by the LORD is enormous, 5/6 or 83% are killed and only 1/6 are spared.**

**These mountains start just above the city of Megiddo and the valley or plain of Jezreel and the mountains themselves carry on down to Jerusalem.**

**A major earthquake will occur in the land of Israel at this time.**

**Eze 38:19** For in my jealousy *and* in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

**Eze 38:20** So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

**This could in fact possibly coincide with Rev 16:18 earthquake, which is part of the last plague of the Tribulation.**

**Rev 16:18** And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.

**The deaths of this large army described by Ezekiel is phenomenal in numbers considering the time of cleaning the land of the dead. It takes 7 months to collect and bury them in the valley of Hamongog and in a city that will then be named Hamonah. Note that Har-Magedon or Armageddon means mountain of Megiddon. This army is killed mainly in the mountains although some die in the plain as well.**

**Eze 39:5** Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

**The plague occurs by God using natural items, meteorites, lava eruption, fire, hail of rocks and an earthquake along with a madness of turning soldier against his fellow soldier.**

**After the destruction of this army, Israel collects the spoils of war, being mainly wood. Wood shields, spears, bows, arrows, armor, and handstaves.**

**Eze 39:9** And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

Israel burns these over 7 years and does not need any wood from the fields or the forests for heating and for cooking or for any other use. Originally one tends to think that taking spoils from the destroyed army for the seven years, are ahead of the start of the Tribulation or through the 7 year tribulation. There is nothing to support this in the scriptures.

**Eze 39:10** So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

The fowls of the air and the beasts of the field are called to a feast of dead men, and domestic animals of lambs, rams, goats, bullocks, and horses. This feast table on the mountains as set forth by God for the birds and animals also contains chariots upon it.

**Eze 39:17** And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

**Eze 39:18** Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

**Eze 39:19** And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

**Eze 39:20** Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.

This army is travelling on horses as it comes against Israel. The weapons of this army are also described, and it is not with modern weapons of our current day.

**Eze 38:4** 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:

**Eze 38:15** And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

The North parts describe Russian and Turkey. Recognize God's word is truth.

## Information from Ezekiel Chapters 37

The information in Ch 37, preceding chapters 38 & 39 on the army coming against Israel sets a stage of the time period for when things are taking place. Thus it is important to examine Ch 37.

This is the valley of dry bones. It is difficult to know exactly what is being said as there appears to be a lot of symbolism. However one set of verses stands out, indicating the LORD will open the graves and bring His people up out of the graves and bring them back to the land of Israel.

**Eze 37:12** Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

**Eze 37:13** And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

**Eze 37:14** And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

**This speaks of a resurrection and then being brought back to the land of Israel. This would fit with those who died as Saints, they would be resurrected at Yeshua's (Jesus) first coming and again others at Yeshua's second coming. These being the Israelites of the Spring and Summer Harvests of First Fruits. These return with Yeshua when He comes back and destroys the army coming against Jerusalem at the end of the Tribulation. The Saints are then always with Yeshua. This means these Saints will be in the land of Israel for the one thousand years of the Millennium.**

**Next in Ch 37 we are told of the joining of the two sticks of Israel and Judah, where the Nation of Israel is again back together in unity as one. Now all the Israelites in the various nations are brought back and living in the land of Israel with Yeshua residing over them as King and Chief Priest. Also the new Temple resides in Jerusalem and all the Israelites take their rightful place as the center and leaders of the world during the Millennium.**

**Eze 37:15** The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

**Eze 37:16** Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions:

**Eze 37:17** And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

**Eze 37:18** And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou *meanest* by these?

**Eze 37:19** Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

**Eze 37:20** And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

**Eze 37:21** And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

**Eze 37:22** And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

**Eze 37:23** Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and

I will be their God.

**Eze 37:24** And David my servant *shall be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

**Eze 37:25** And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall be* their prince for ever.

**Eze 37:26** Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

**Eze 37:27** My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**Eze 37:28** And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

The Israelites that are alive will then prosper and multiply in the presence of Yeshua. The final temple will be made in Jerusalem and God will reside there with them. They will all be God's people. They will keep the Torah, including the Holy Days (Statutes) and the Right rulings (Judgments),

This also sets the time as being the end of the Tribulation and beginning of the Millennium. Now following this is Ch 38 describing an army coming against Israel. Note the first verse in Ch 38 starts with "**and**", which often indicates a sequential occurrence, which would then place this army coming at the end of the Tribulation and beginning of the Millennium.

## Analysis of Ezekiel on its Own

This is an analysis of the above scriptures of Ezekiel Ch 37-39. First we must decide whether the scriptures are literal or symbolic ? In other words were the weapons of war being used, those of current day technology or were they bows and arrows, spears, swords, chariots and horses ?

If Ezekiel's war took place in today's time it would be with our modern day warfare. If Ezekiel's war took place at the end of the Tribulation, it is very possible that it will be with bows and arrows and swords etc. We need to consider more scripture to try and find the most likely interpretation.

Consider, this army described by Ezekiel is not killed by the sword coming out of Yeshua's mouth, which makes us tend to think that Ezekiel's war occurs ahead of the Tribulation. However other scriptures then do not fit. Why are we told of all the wood that the Israelites gather and will burn for 7 years ? Why are we told of the feast of those birds and animals coming to eat horses, and also the flesh of the army coming on horses and of the chariots ? These scriptures are God's word.

If the scriptures are literal, it is very possible that this army in Ezekiel, coming against Israel, is part of a larger army that comes from the East, right at the end of the Tribulation. We need to examine other scripture of the end time army and see if it helps us evaluate what is occurring, as best we can.

## Examination of the Army from the East at the end of the Tribulation

First how does this army from the East form ? It comes about at the ninth trumpet and vial in the Tribulation. The Euphrates river is dried up so that the kings of the East can come against Israel. Also three frogs that are spirits come out of the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet. These then go to gather the kings in the world to come against Israel and specifically against Jerusalem.

**Rev 16:12** And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

**Rev 16:13** And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

**Rev 16:14** For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

This army is gathered in the mountains of Israel and likely in the valley of Armageddon. Armageddon means mountain of Megiddo. The terrain would have this army come through the valley of Jezreel on their way to Jerusalem by a route through the mountains.

**Rev 16:16** And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

The size of this army is not given to us, often erroneously man says it is 200 million, but that army is one controlled and formed by 4 angels of God in order to bring the ninth plague upon mankind.

**Rev 9:16** And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

These are then killing men on the earth who do not have God's seal on them. This army is on special horses made by God specifically for this plague, this is particularly noteworthy.

**Rev 9:17** And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses *were* as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

**Rev 9:18** By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

All we know about the army described is coming from the East. It could be Iran, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan etc. It might or might not be China.

**It will be this army that is pillaging Jerusalem at the time that Yeshua returns placing His feet on the Mount of Olives.**

**Zec 14:1** Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

**Zec 14:2** For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

**Zec 14:3** Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

**Zec 14:4** And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

**Yeshua then destroys these people with the sword of His mouth.**

**Rev 19:15** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

**Those men in this army, in and around Jerusalem, are melted completely from some type of extreme energy beam. Therefore there would not be anything left for the fowls and animals to eat.**

**Zec 14:12** And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

**However there must be a large portion of this army in the mountains of Israel that are making their way to Jerusalem, coming up behind those already in Jerusalem. These must be killed by the great earthquake and the heavy 70 lb hail raining down upon them along with possible other means such as being struck by madness. This would result in those being killed having flesh left on them that can be eaten by the fowls and animals.**

**Rev 19:17** And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

**Rev 19:18** That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great.

**Rev 19:19** And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

**Rev 19:20** And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

**Rev 19:21** And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which

*sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Scripture is clear on the end time coming from a number of different prophets. The army from the East coming against Israel is occurring at the time of the worst of the wrath of God that is coming down on the world, the tenth plague. This army is riding horses and using chariots. The following scriptures describing the end of the Tribulation all identify the army of men riding horses.

**Zec 14:15** And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

**Mic 5:10** And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:

**Rev 19:18** That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great.

**Rev 19:19** And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

**Zec 10:5** And they shall be as mighty *men*, which tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD *is* with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

Combined with Ezekiel, we have other scriptures telling us the same thing with respect to horses.

**Eze 38:4** 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:

**Eze 38:15** And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

**Eze 39:20** Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD

The main obstacle for an ancient army with horses and wagons would be that of crossing a major river, thus the Euphrates river was dried up by God's angles ahead of the coming of this army at the last plague.

In addition, we are told that those from the various Nations that are left alive and go back to their Nations will come to Jerusalem in the start of the Millennium, to bring gifts, on horses and chariots, mules and swift beasts.

**Isa 66:20** And they shall bring all your brethren *for* an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy



mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.

Those Jews surviving in Jerusalem after Yeshua comes back and fights, recognize Yeshua as their Messiah and they weep, just like those of the army that are left alive in the valley of Jezreel, who are weeping for a different reason.

**Zec 12:11** In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

The last plague of God has a major earthquake that has never occurred before along with hail from heaven. It appears that these plagues at the end of the Tribulation that are coming upon the army from the East match well with the plagues coming upon the army described by Ezekiel. It appears that they could be occurring at the same time for both the army from the East and the army described by Ezekiel. Along with the references to the horses and the wood and the resurrection of Israelites, it gives strong support to this being one large army both from the East and from the North, all acting together at the same time.

## Conclusion

From all of the above scriptures taken together, we now know that the time for Ezekiel's war occurs at the end of the Tribulation. It appears that Ezekiel's army is joined in and along with the armies of the various other Nations of the East, all coming against Jerusalem at the same time. The riders on horses and chariots, the call to the fowls and animals to come and eat flesh and blood of the fallen, the gathering of wood to be burned for 7 years, are all consistent with a society at the end time that does not have current weapons of warfare. Rather they have gone back to much earlier times using horse chariot, and wagon along with swords, bows and arrows and spears. There is nothing that prevents Ezekiel's war as occurring at the end of the Tribulation and the actions that follow it for 7 months and for 7 years.

Based upon logic and scriptures in God's word, there are items that cannot be satisfied by symbolic interpretation, Therefore Ezekiel's war is occurring at a time that it is joined with the army from the East. This is occurring right at the end of the Tribulation. It could be the same army or two different armies acting together at the same time.

We will need to watch as prophecy unfolds. Adjust our expectations of what we think the Bible is telling us, according to what we see taking place. Ezekiel's war is one of these expectations.

Recognize that the announcement of the start of the Tribulation along with the severity of the 7 years of plagues during the Tribulation, will have drastic effects upon the entire earth. Modern warfare is totally dependent mainly upon diesel fuel. It is very likely that all types of energy production, manufacturing and processing will be destroyed from earth movement of every mountain and island being moved out of their place, and the heavens raining down upon the earth

along with a major Tsunami from a mountain being thrown into the sea. Without diesel man will quickly revert back to an earlier time, with horses, bows and arrows and swords.

Consider why are all these armies coming against Jerusalem ? It was Satan that sent out 3 evil spirits to gather the armies to come against Israel and specifically Jerusalem. It is Satan that hates God's people, especially the Jews and especially Israel and Jerusalem. Satan wants to destroy all that God cherishes.

Notice from what we are not told, there is an absence of armies coming against Jerusalem from the west, why is this ? It is likely that the antichrist is leading Europe and has the support of a European army. Those in Ezekiel's war are coming to take riches and some of them likely also to destroy Israel out of hatred. It appears that All the rest of the world from the East is coming against Jerusalem to take riches, being invited by the antichrist. In the process they will end up killing and plundering those in Israel and especially those in Jerusalem. It is the antichrist, the beast and the false prophet that are residing in Jerusalem. Also of note, Tel Aviv is not mentioned. Something to reflect upon.

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### Some Major references

Armageddon – Strong's number G717 , Har-Megiddon **Har** means mountain or hill

## Thayer's Greek Lexicon

STRONGS NT 717: Ἀρμαγεδών

Ἀρμαγεδών (Griesbach Ἄρμαγεδών; WH ἄρ Μαγεδων, see their Introductory § 408; Tdf. Proleg., p. 106) or (so Rec.) Ἄρμαγεδδών, **Har-Magedon** or **Armageddon**, indeclinable proper name of an imaginary place: [Revelation 16:16](#). Many, following Beza and Glassius, suppose that the name is compounded of מְגִדּוֹ mountain, and מְגִדּוֹ or מְגִדּוֹ,

the Sept. Μαγεδω, Μαγεδδω. Megiddo was a city of the Manassites, situated in the great plain of the tribe of Issachar, and famous for a double slaughter, first of the Canaanites ([Judges 5:19](#)), and again of the Israelites ([2 Kings 23:29](#); [2 Chronicles 35:22](#), cf. [Zechariah 12:11](#)); so that in the Apocalypse it would signify the place where the kings opposing Christ were to be destroyed with a slaughter like that which the Canaanites or the Israelites had experienced of old. But since those two overthrows are said to have taken place ἐπὶ ὕδατι Μαγεδων (Judges, the passage cited) and ἐν τῷ πεδίῳ Μαγεδων (2 Chronicles, the passage cited), it is

not easy to perceive what can be the meaning of **the mountain** of Megiddo, which could be none other than **Carmel**. Hence, for one, I think the conjecture of L. Capellus (i. e. Louis Cappel (akin to that of Drusius, see the commentaries)) to be far more easy and probable, viz. that Ἀρμαγεδών is for ἄρμαμεγεδων, compounded of ארמא destruction, and מגידו. (Wieseler (Zur Gesch. d. N. T. Schrift, p. 188), Hitzig (in Hilgenf. Einl., p. 440 n.), others, revive the derivation (cf. Hiller, Simonis, others) from מְגִדּוֹ city of Megiddo.)

**STRONGS NT 717: Μαγεδων** [**Μαγεδων** ([Revelation 16:16](#) WH), see Ἀρμαγεδον.]

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