

# Ezekiel 38

by Chuck Smith

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*Chuck Smith explains the prophecy of Ezekiel 38, describing the coming war between Israel and Russia, and its significance for the Church.*

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 34:25, Ezekiel 36:35, Ezekiel 37:1

**Topics:** "Prophecy", "Israel's Restoration"

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## Description

Chuck Smith discusses the prophetic implications of Ezekiel 38, emphasizing the necessary conditions for Israel's restoration as a nation and the significance of the coming war involving Magog. He highlights the transformation of Israel's land, the identity of the invaders, and the timing of the battle in the latter years. The sermon outlines the devastating results for the invaders and the sanctification of God in the eyes of all nations, marking a pivotal moment in Israel's history. Smith also addresses the implications for the Church, noting the current blindness of Israel and the role of the restraining force against the anti-Christ.

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## Transcript

"THE COMING WAR"

I. NECESSARY PRE-EXISTING FACTORS.

A. Israel had to become a nation again.

1. God began giving details about this in chapter 34.
2. Chapter 36, He speaks of the agricultural developments.
  - a. "The desolate area has become like the garden of Eden."
3. Chapter 37, valley of dry bones and two sticks.

B. There were to be forests again. 34: 25 / 39: 10

1. The Turks in their long occupation denuded the land.
2. The Israelis in one of the first major projects began

planting trees.

3. Millions of trees now planted - they proudly point out their forests.

II. THE IDENTITY OF MAGOG - ROSH, MESHECH, TUBAL.

III. THE TIME OF THE BATTLE - "LATTER YEARS". ( 38: 8 )

IV. THE RESULTS OF THE BATTLE.

A. 5 / 6 of invaders destroyed. 39: 2

B. Weapons cache will provide fuel for Israel for seven years.

C. Seven months in burying dead.

D. The end of Israel's backsliding and blindness. 39: 22

V. GOD BEING SANCTIFIED IN THE EYES OF ALL NATIONS.

A. He speaks of ten of that day that will come.

Ez. 20: 41 / 28: 22,25 / 36: 23.

B. This promised day comes when Russia and allies destroyed.

C. Ez. 39:27-29.

VI. WHERE DOES THIS PLACE THE CHURCH?

A. Romans 11: 25 - "Blindness has happened to Israel till the fullness of the gentiles be come in."

B. II Thess. 6,7.

1. The restraining force holding back the power of the anti-Christ. That which hinders shall hinder until He be taken out of the way.

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