

The War of Gog and Magog Ezekiel 38 and 39

- Understanding God's Word will clarify interpretation of many passages
- Having faith that God will keep His covenant with Israel strengthens our faith for today
- False prophets and anti-Christ will arise, knowing the truth will give discernment
- a Biblical worldview gives understanding to the circumstances of the world, which leads to peace
- Knowing that Rapture is imminent and there are signs of the End Times should urge us to share the gospel
- Knowing that Rapture is imminent should urge us to holy living

Interpret the scriptures consistently, with awareness of grammar, and historical contexts, and literary devices.

A few important details

GOG is a person

The people of Magog are the people known as Scythians

Gog will devise an evil plan

Sheba and Dedan and Tarshish protest against Gog's attack

God says in Ezekiel 38:4 that He will bring them out with their army, horses, horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor.

Timing of the war

Ezekiel 38:16 - in the latter days

Ezekiel 38:10 - Israel will be a land of unwalled villages, dwelling securely

Ezekiel 39:9 - burning weapons for 7 years, Ezekiel 39:12 - burying for 7 months

Fruchtenbaum concludes that the invasion must take place at least 3 1/2 years or more before the tribulation starts

It can take place before or after rapture