

The Revelation of God

Part 7

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Hello all, it is November the 15th of 2024, and this will be part 7 of the Revelation of God series. I'm sure, if you saw my notes on this one, you'd thought I majored in Egyptian hieroglyphics, but I can assure you that's not the case. We'll just have to see how this goes.

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In part 6 of this series, we finished up looking at Ezekiel 34 where we were given considerable detail of what would indeed occur at some point. It would be a sobering read for anyone that has made it a habit to feed off the sheep, rather than feed the sheep.

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In COG (Church of God) theology Ezekiel 37, specifically verses 1 – 14, has historically been pulled out and placed as going to occur at some point after the thousand years; traditionally called the millennium, and has been termed the second resurrection, a term or phrase that's never used in the scriptures.

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Over the years, on the eighth day, this passage was usually brought to bear as significant, and it's timing was placed according to E. W. Bullinger's appendix 198, which I've sent our many times over the last few years. It shows where this teaching actually came from, and was adopted by Herbert W. Armstrong.

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It is a core doctrine, but does it fit what is revealed to us? What I'd like to do is pick up the narrative in Ezekiel 35. It is a message from Yehovah to Ezekiel, and it's important to understand who is talking to who here as we look at this passage.

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And it says in verse 1 of Ezekiel 35

¹ Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, ²“Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it,

So, it would seem as though Yehovah is the one that is revealing this to Ezekiel at the time. And we can see a confirmation yet again, of Hebrews 1 where we are told.

¹ God,

That's the God, Yehovah

who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets

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So, it is actually the Father who spoke this and revealed it to Ezekiel. And we see the confirmation of that in Hebrews 2.

² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

So, there can be no mistake who the God of Hebrews 1:1 actually is.

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What I found over the years is that when we begin to read these passages in the order that they are presented; sometimes there's a continuous story flow that makes traditional understanding and teaching very suspect; in fact, can't possibly fit at all.

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So, what I'd like to do today is walk through Ezekiel 35 through 40. There is a lot of scriptures here, the Scribe's going to like that because he won't have to type up too much of my commentary and lots of scriptural references. (Boyd is correct, scriptures are copied and pasted to this document)

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But if we look at this passage as a continuous time flow, then we can come to understand, or at least consider, is cropping out Ezekiel 37:1 – 14 and placing it a thousand years later, than the text would seem to indicate. So, we are going to look at that and just follow along and see if it makes any sense at all. And one of things too, while we can pay attention here, as this is the Revelation of God series. Let's take special note of how many times in this passage Yehovah says, "Then they will know I am Yehovah." The world today has no clue, generally, about Yehovah.

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They don't recognize Him, and they certainly don't know Him. So, let's go through this passage. Again, in verse 1 of Ezekiel 35.

¹ Moreover the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, ²"Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it, ³ and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against you; I will stretch out My hand against you, and make you most desolate; ⁴I shall lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate.

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And here we have it.

Then you shall know that I am Yehovah.

Do they know Yehovah today? The answer would have to be, I don't think so.

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⁵*“Because you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity,*

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Well, what’s that?

when their iniquity came to an end,

That’s a marker bed, a time when Israel’s iniquity, their rebellion against God comes to an end. Would we consider that to be occurring in the thousand years of peace and prosperity, in the world generally, or would we consider it an event that will happen before that thousand-year period actually takes place?

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And I think the answer is quite obvious.

⁶*therefore, as I live,” says the Lord God, “I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you. ⁷Thus I will make Mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it the one who leaves and the one who returns. ⁸And I will fill its mountains with the slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those who are slain by the sword shall fall.*

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This is a time of judgment, as we will see.

⁹*I will make you perpetually desolate, and your cities shall be uninhabited;*

And when He does that.

then you shall know that I am Yehovah. ¹⁰“Because you have said, ‘These two nations and these two countries (Israel and Judah) shall be mine, and we will possess them,’ although Yehovah was there,

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Oh!

¹¹*therefore, as I live,” says the Lord God, “I will do according to your anger and according to the envy which you showed in your hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them when I judge you.*

So, it is a time of judgement, it is a time after the Father, in fact, has returned.

¹²*Then you shall know that I am Yehovah. I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, ‘They are desolate; they are given to us to consume.’ ¹³Thus with your mouth you have boasted against Me*

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and multiplied your words against Me; I have heard them.”¹⁴ ‘Thus says the Lord God: “The whole earth will rejoice when I make you desolate.

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Again, does this sound like something at the end of the thousand years, or the time of judgement when the Father and Christ and the saints return?

¹⁵As you rejoiced because the inheritance of the house of Israel was desolate,

So, the house of Israel at this time has been made desolate.

so I will do to you; you shall be desolate, O Mount Seir, as well as all of Edom—

So, it’s pointing out who that is, and again we see it said:

all of it! Then they shall know that I am Yehovah.”

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Notice that the text is continuous as we merge from Ezekiel 35 into Ezekiel 36, there’s really no break of content here.

¹ “And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of Yehovah! ² Thus says the Lord God: “Because the enemy has said of you, ‘Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession, ””

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And you notice how that goes right back to Ezekiel 35:12.

¹² ... I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, ‘They are desolate; they are given to us to consume.

So, the thought is the same.

³ therefore prophesy, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations,

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God is speaking to the land and its condition. Would we expect that condition in the thousand years, or even at the end of the thousand years? Is that something we would expect, where does that actually fit?

“Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people”—

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That doesn't sound very millennial to me.

⁴therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God! Thus says the Lord to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes,

Again, does that fit with the end of the thousand year thing?

and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around— ⁵therefore thus says the Lord God: "Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with whole hearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country." ⁶"Therefore, prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations." ⁷Therefore thus says the Lord God: "I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame.

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Where would you place this in a time sequence that would make sense?

⁸But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come.

This is talking about the restoration of Israel, and God is preparing the land, getting it in shape for them to come.

⁹For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. ¹⁰I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

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What time frame is that talking about?

¹¹I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings.

Why? For what purpose?

Then you shall know that I am Yehovah.

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Israel does not know who Yehovah is today.

¹²Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them of children.” ¹³Thus says the Lord God: “Because they say to you, ‘You devour men and bereave your nation of children,’ ¹⁴therefore you shall devour men no more, nor bereave your nation anymore,” says the Lord God. ¹⁵“Nor will I let you hear the taunts of the nations anymore, nor bear the reproach of the peoples anymore, nor shall you cause your nation to stumble anymore,” says the Lord God.” ¹⁶Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying: ¹⁷“Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds; to Me

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In God’s understanding or thought process

their way was like the uncleanness of a woman in her customary impurity.

¹⁸Therefore I poured out My fury on them

Again, I’m not talking about the Day of the Lord, a time of vengeance, a time of cleanup here.

I poured out My fury on them for the blood they had shed on the land, and for their idols with which they had defiled it. ¹⁹So I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the countries; I judged them according to their ways and their deeds. ²⁰When they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned My holy name—when they said of them, ‘These are the people of Yehovah, and yet they have gone out of His land.’ ²¹But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went. ²²“Therefore, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. ²³And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am Yehovah,”

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Do we think the nations will know Yehovah in the thousand-year period? This is talking about a time when they are coming to know

... “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. ²⁴For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

So, we have a prophecy here about the restoration of Israel. And it’s important to consider, when is Israel restored, are they restored once, or are they restored multiple times?

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²⁵Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;

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Their old spirit was in such bad shape that God is going to have to do this.

I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh ²⁷I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

It takes the Spirit of God; a different outlook completely, to cause people to walk in the way of God.

²⁸Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers;

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So, has Israel been restored here yet? No, they have not.

you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

God expresses His desire for Israel to actually be His people, and He wants to be their God. And it's quite interesting to look at verse 26 and 27, which we just read, to see the things God is going to have to do, to bring that about.

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Going on in verse 29.

²⁹I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. ³⁰And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations.

When is the time setting here?

³¹Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations. ³²Not for your sake do I do this," says the Lord God, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!" ³³Thus says the Lord God: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.

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Again, it's important. What is the time setting here? Is this during the millennium? Is this at the end of the millennium, or is it before this thousand-year period ever starts?

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³⁴The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. ³⁵So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the Garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'

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And quite often, what we've done in the past is roll these things up into a ball, so this is an instantaneous happening of some kind. And just looking at verse 35, is this not going to take some time to accomplish, turning a complete wasteland into something like the Garden of Eden? Pick your number, is it decades, is it six months? What works for you when we consider this?

³⁶Then

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So, it's talking about a complete transformation here.

Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, Yehovah, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, Yehovah, have spoken it, and I will do it."

So, again, it's a time of revealing of God to Israel, and also a revealing of the nations in the world that it is Israel's God that has said this and is going to do it.

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³⁷Thus says the Lord God: "I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. ³⁸Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am Yehovah.""

Again, and it's hard to over emphasize how many times, in the book of Ezekiel, "Then they will know." God is going to be revealed to them. So, I think we have a very obvious setting here, and we will just review Ezekiel 36, we'll read verses 8 and 9 again.

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⁸But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come. ⁹For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. ¹⁰I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel,

And then He repeats it.

all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

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So, we really have a continuous; I think a very logical story flow here, in these passages in Ezekiel. Then, all of a sudden, we get to Ezekiel 37, and this nice story flow, that seems to be perfectly logical to me, is plucked out of here and cast a thousand years yet into the future. Does that make any sense at all?

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Let's go on.

¹ The hand of Yehovah came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of Yehovah, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.

So, in Ezekiel 36, my people are about to come. So, here we see a resurrection, and a restoration to the land, fulfilling what was talked about in Ezekiel 36. Is it not a continuous story?

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Let's go on.

²Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed, they were very dry. ³And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So, I answered, "O Lord God, You know." ⁴Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of Yehovah! ⁵Thus says Yehovah to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

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Who is resurrecting these people? It's the Father.

⁶I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am Yehovah."

And it's going to take that, people being physically resurrected by God, to know God. So many died, just not acknowledging Him at all.

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

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Obviously, a resurrection to flesh.

¹¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!'

You go right back to Ezekiel 36, God is going to bring forth the whole house of Israel; here He's doing exactly that.

¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³Then you shall know that I am Yehovah, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.

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Again:

¹⁴I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land.

When is God going to restore Israel? Is it after the thousand years? Does that fit the story flow?

Then you shall know that I, Yehovah, have spoken it and performed it," says Yehovah."¹⁵ Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

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So, is this a concurrent event? Does it not make sense that if He's going to raise Israel that He will restore the two houses together so the nation will be one, that can go forth and evangelize the entire world? What makes sense?

¹⁵Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ¹⁶"As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.'¹⁷ Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.

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Is the passage in Acts, about the restoration of all things, coming to mind now?

¹⁸"And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?'— ¹⁹say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."¹⁹

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Do you suppose in Zechariah 14, when the nations go to observe the Feast of Tabernacles, that these houses will be joined together? Going on:

²⁰ And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes. ²¹ “Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Surely, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

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This is the second exodus that is spoken of in many places in the bible. What is the time frame for this?

²² and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.

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Do we think that during the thousand years, Israel and Judah will still be separated? Or is God going to place them together before the thousand years ever starts?

²³ They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ²⁴ “David My servant shall be king over them,

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So, has a resurrection to spirit taken place? As a matter of fact, is he raised specifically to take on this role, when it is time for it to occur?

and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. ²⁵ Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.

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So, we are talking about the restoration of Israel, where does this fit in your time line?

²⁶ Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.

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Does this sound like a preparatory series of events before the harvest, and before the thousand years begins, to you? Can we see a continuous story flow here where God is revealing events that will happen, and from all appearances to me, it is in time sequence, and the authority to crop out Ezekiel 37:1 – 14 and place it a thousand years later, simply makes no sense.

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Going on (Ezekiel 38:1)

¹ Now the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, ²“Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, ³and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. ⁴I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. ⁵Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; ⁶Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you. ⁷“Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them. ⁸After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely.

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So, here we have Israel dwelling safely, and we still have nations around Israel that are not friendly. Are they yet, still to be made the footstool?

⁹You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you.”

And it talks about, in verse 8, the latter years. Is the time after the 1000 years ever referred in scripture as the latter days, or the latter years? I’m not aware that is the case.

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¹⁰Thus says the Lord God: “On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: ¹¹You will say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’—

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Israel has been restored and they come against them:

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¹²to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land.

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Does this fit a scenario after the thousand years, or before the thousand years ever starts?

¹³Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?'"

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Just a comment here, is God going to restore a righteous money system to the restored Israel? And the answer is, yes He is indeed going to do that.

¹⁴"Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord God: "On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it? ¹⁵Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. ¹⁶You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes."

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Is this not yet another revelation of who God is, and what He's all about, to the nations at this time? We see these events, these corrections, these judgements, come and they are all for the express revealing of who God is.

¹⁷Thus says the Lord God:

Going on it verse 17:

"Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?"

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You know, Ezekiel lived long time ago, and yet God knows, He brings this about.

¹⁸"And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," says the Lord God, "that My fury will show in My face. ¹⁹For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: 'Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, ²⁰so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the

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heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence.

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Has Yehovah returned to the earth? Is this before the thousand years, or is this after the thousand years?

The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’²¹I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord God. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother.²²And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.²³Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations.

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God is correcting the problem, that He wasn’t known by many nations. You see this consistent pattern of the revealing of God, the reality of God, to the world.

Then they shall know that I am Yehovah.”

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Going on in chapter 39

¹ “And you, son of man,

We are just given more details here.

prophesy against Gog, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; ²and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

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The mountains of Israel that He has restored.

³*Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand. ⁴You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.*

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We look at this and we see Gog and Magog, they end up here and when we compare that with Revelation 20, what happens there?

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Fire comes down from heaven and devours them; completely different from this. He brings them into the land of Israel here, and they meet their fate, as we will see.

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⁵You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken,” says the Lord God. ⁶“And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am Yehovah.

So, the ones that come into the land have a religious experience, and also the ones who didn't come, who are back at home, not part of the fighting force, will also get a reminder of who God actually is.

⁷So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am Yehovah, the Holy One in Israel. Surely it is coming, and it shall be done,” says the Lord God. “This is the day of which I have spoken.

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So, we see this continuous series of events here, and God is going to bring it about. His reality and His authority over His creation will be brought forward in a manner everybody is going to know. Going on:

⁹“Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years.

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This is completely different than fire coming down from heaven, and just simply burning them up.

¹⁰They will not take wood from the field nor cut down any from the forests, because they will make fires with the weapons; and they will plunder those who plundered them, and pillage those who pillaged them,” says the Lord God. ¹¹“It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore, they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog. ¹²For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. ¹³Indeed all the people of the land will be burying, and they will gain renown for it on the day that I am glorified,” says the Lord God. ¹⁴“They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months, they will make a search. ¹⁵The search party will pass through the land; and when anyone sees a man's bone, he shall set up a marker by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog. ¹⁶The name of the city will also be Hamonah. Thus, they shall cleanse the land.”

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¹⁷“And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God, ‘Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: “Assemble yourselves and come; gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal which I am sacrificing for you, a great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood. ¹⁸You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams and lambs, of goats and bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. ¹⁹You shall eat fat till you are full, and drink blood till you are drunk, at My sacrificial meal which I am sacrificing for you. ²⁰You shall be filled at My table with horses and riders, with mighty men and with all the men of war,” says the Lord God. ²¹“I will set My glory among the nations; all the nations shall see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them.

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Is this not the time of judgement spoken of in Revelation 11?

²²So the house of Israel shall know that I am Yehovah their God from that day forward. ²³The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. ²⁴According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them.” ²⁵“Therefore thus says the Lord God: ‘Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name—²⁶after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their own land and no one made them afraid. ²⁷When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies’ lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, ²⁸then they shall know that I am Yehovah their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer.

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Israel is going to be restored. When do you think that restoration will take place? Will it take place before the thousand years, or will it take place after the thousand years? Does this read like a continuous story flow to you? It does to me, but you will have to make your own choice. I’ll reread verse 29.

²⁹And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,’ says the Lord God.”

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And you notice here, you can do your own reading, all of this transpires in what appears to be a continuous story, and once that’s done, then we see the restoration of the temple. There seems to be a continuous sequence of events that make a great deal of sense, and to take Ezekiel 37, verses 1 – 14, out and simply place it a thousand years

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later breaks up the story flow of what appears to be a very logical thing.

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So, this is the completion of part 7, and the lesson I think I've learned on this, is when we look at some of these passages, and Isaiah is full of them too, where in the past we've cropped out certain sections of scripture, but failed to read the rest of the chapter, which fills in many additional holes, but does not fit in the doctrinal paradigm in which we were placed.

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When we begin to look at these events in a logical kind of a way and see what God is telling us, what He reveals to us, it's going to change our perception of the way things actually go down. So, pleasant Sabbath wishes to you all, and we'll get back to you at some point.