

"THAT YOU WILL KNOW I AM THE LORD" Part 6 EZEKIEL 38-39; PSALM 83

I. GOD'S COVENANT LOVE FOR AND WITH ISRAEL

II. GOD'S FUTURE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL EZEK. 36

- *III. GOD'S MIRACULOUS RESTORATION OF ISRAEL FROM THEIR GRAVES!* EZEK 37
- *IV. THE EVENT THAT WILL RESTORE ISRAEL'S FAITH IN THE LORD* PSA 83; EZEK 38-39
 - A. The psalmist's prayer for the Lord's intervention against enemies who are seeking the annihilation of Israel - the first concentric ring (Iran's proxies)
 - B. Identifying the second concentric ring: Gog (the prince), of Magog, (Rosh), Meshech, Tubal, Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, Put (Libya) Gomer, Togarmah
 - *C. God's dealing with the nations:* Gen 11; Deu 32; Isa 40:15-17; Acts 17:26-27
 - 1. Responsible and accountable to Him but given much freedom of self-determination Rom 1
 - 2. They came from families, clans, and tribes
 - 3. Separated them into regions by families, geography and languages to keep them from unifying into wickedness Gen 11:6-8
 - 4. Gave them each a principality to teach them how to live and show them how to come back to God from their rebellion at Babel Ps 82
 - 5. He determines their time of rising and falling and their boundaries; raises up leaders

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- 6. Though given much freedom, they are not in a bargaining position with Him nor are they sovereign; not His equal Isa 40:15-17
- 7. Uses them as disciplinary agents to accomplish His will i.e. Babylon for Israel
- 8. Gives them the singular purpose of seeking the Lord Acts 17:26-27
- 9. Interacts with them through resistance to evil, withdrawal of resistance and allowing the natural consequences of their decisions to happen; if pursuing evil, destruction of the nation is inevitable Rom 1:21-32; Ps 50:16-21
- 10. In His sovereignty, He uses them as He wills to accomplish His purpose of enthroning His holy Son as Lord of Heaven and Earth; He puts irresistible hooks in their jaws! Ezek 38:4
- 11. According to Ezekiel, He does what He does with them so they will know that He is the LORD! Eze 38:16, 23; 39:6, 7, 22
- D. He has a work of judgment He wishes to perform on nations who have defied Him for a long time; The judgment will be brutal and it will be final; It is payday! It will set up the Tribulation
- *E.* It is a work to be done in the latter days Eze 38:8,16
- F. Israel is back in the land and prosperity has begun
- G. God announces ahead of time what the outcome will be! Ezek 39:21-29
- H. This is NOT Armageddon nor is it the end of the millennium battle. You may see this one!