

Is
EZEKIEL 38
Gog
The



Antichrist?



Argument

From

LANGUAGE

GOG MAGOG: WHO SAYS WHEN

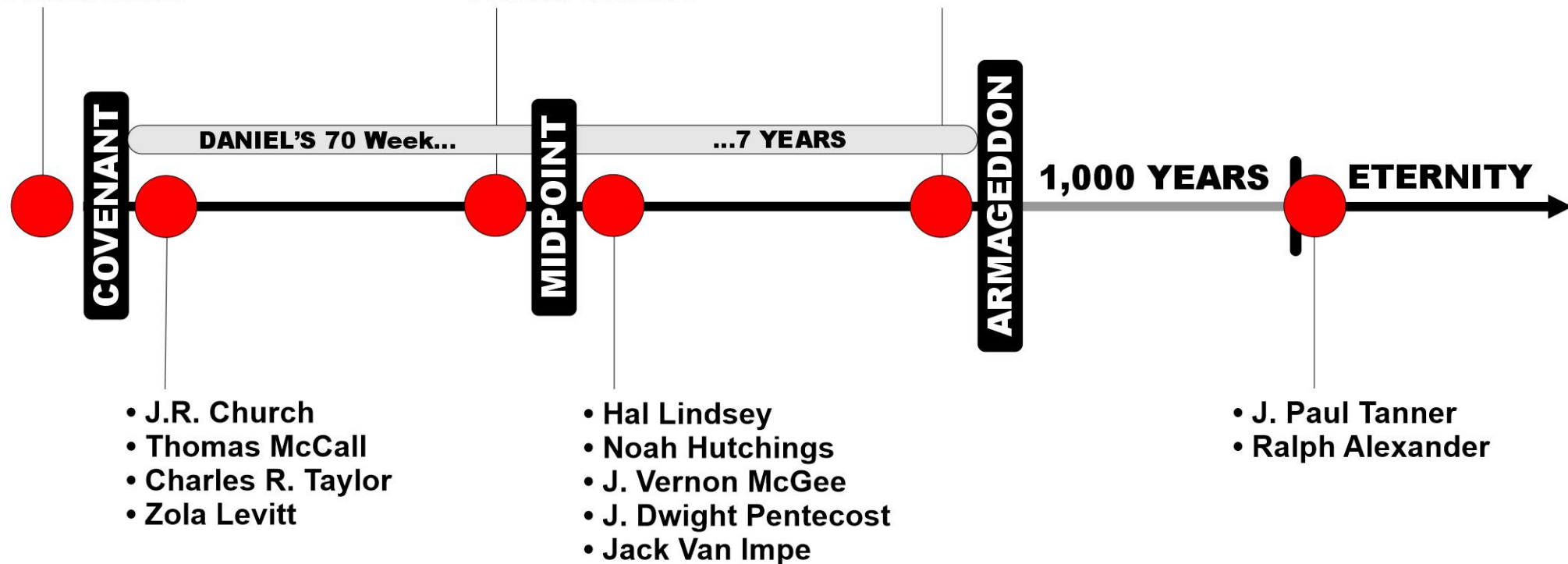
Ezekiel 38-39; Re.20:7-10

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What they have in common is that they are pre-tribulational concerning the timing of the rapture.



LANGUAGE

(Textual Name)

**Gog & Magog Battle
is Armageddon**



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REVELATION 19 & EZEKIEL 39 COMPARED

SAME EVENT

POPULAR VIEW

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the SAME event** $=$



DESTRUCTION OF GOG \ ANTICHRIST

SAME PERSON

Ek.39:11, Destruction of GOG (Antichrist)

Ek.38:22, “great hailstones”

Ek.38:22, “fire, and brimstone”

**Ek.38:19, “great earthquake
in the land of Israel”**

Rv.19:20, Destruction of BEAST (Antichrist)

Rv.16:21^{*}, “great hail”

Rv.19:20, “fire burning with brimstone”

**Rv.16:18, “great earthquake as had
not occurred since men were on
the earth” [v.19, “the great city” i.e.,
Jerusalem]**

***Both Revelation 16 and 19 refer to Armageddon**



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ISRAEL'S UNDERSTANDING OF ANTICHRIST



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**¹Now the word of the LORD 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.**

EZEKIEL 38:1-3



ANCIENT HEBREW TEXTS

Septuagint (LXX)

3rd Century BC

- Greek translation of the Hebrew OT.
- 72 Jewish translators (6 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel)

Hebrew to Greek

Syriac (Peshitta Translation)

2nd century AD

5th century AD

- Translated into Syriac from Biblical Hebrew —
- The N.T. was translated from the Greek to Syriac —

Hebrew to Syriac; Greek to Syriac

Samaritan Pentateuch

Second Temple era
(515BC-70AD)

- Ancient version of the Hebrew Law of Moses.

Hebrew texts

Dead Sea Scrolls

3rd century BC
to 1st century AD

- Most of the texts are Hebrew, with some in Aramaic

Ancient Hebrew & Aramaic texts



ANCIENT HEBREW TEXTS

Masoretic Text

7-10th Century AD

- Authoritative Hebrew and Aramaic text in Rabbinic Judaism
- The Masoretic Text is the basis for most Protestant translations of the Old Testament (KJV; NKJV; NASB; NIV; ESV, etc.).
- Some Christians prefer translations of the Septuagint as it matches quotations in the NT.

Rabbinical Hebrew Tradition

KJV

NKJV

NASB

NIV

ESV



HOW WAS “GOG” UNDERSTOOD BY EZEKIEL AND HIS AUDIENCE?

Rabbinical Hebrew:

Other Ancient Texts:

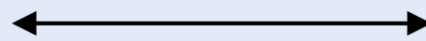
Masoretic

Ek.38:2-3, “**Gog**”



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¹1Ch.5:4, “**Gog**”



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Nu.24:7, “**Agag**”



²Nu.24:7, “**Gog**”

Septuagint
Peshitta
Samaritan Pent.
Dead Sea Scrolls

- Ezekiel comes along later and he has this prophecy of someone named “Gog.”
- It should have been understood that he was talking about the same guy (AC).
- “Gog” refers to a person, described as a prince from the land of Magog (Turkey), who is the final Antichrist.

¹Descendants of Reuben during the Assyrian attacks (745-722B.C.)

²The ‘prophet’ Balaam prophesied concerning the last days.

He shall pour water from his buckets, And his seed shall be in many waters. His king shall be higher than Agag, And his kingdom shall be exalted (Nu.24:7)

HOW DO THE JEWS INTERPRET GOG OF MAGOG

- **The Jews believe Gog is the final satanic invader of Israel.**
- **Gog is simply the Jewish name for what we call the Antichrist. He is the Antichrist of the OT, commonly called, “Belial.”**
- **The view that Gog is the Antichrist has been held by Jews and many leading Christian scholars.**



LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Ezekiel 38-39 & Revelation 16, 19

- 1. Gog & Magog Battle is Armageddon (Ek.38-39; Rv.16; 19)**
- 2. Israel's Understanding of Antichrist (Ek.38:1-3)**



Argument

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RESULTS

RESULTS

(Of Destruction of Gog)

**God's Name Will No
Longer Be Blasphemed**



**So 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 the LORD, the Holy One in
Israel.**

EZEKIEL 39:7





**“So 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 the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.”
(Ek.39:7)**

- The Anti-Christ will blaspheme the name of God for 42 months (Rv.13:5).**
- Revelation tells us the Anti-Christ has on him the names of blasphemy (Rv.13:6; 17:3).**
- The AC will raise up followers who will do the same. They imitate AC in his blasphemy.**
- Anyone who places this event anywhere before the end of the Week is contradicted by this truth.**
- The only way to reconcile Ek.39:7 is to understand that Gog is the AC, at the battle of Armageddon.**



RESULTS

(Of Destruction of Gog)

**The Gentiles Come
to Know God**



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⁶And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am the LORD. 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 the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

EZEKIEL 39:6-7





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- God uses the destruction of Gog as a demonstration to the gentiles and principalities of the air. And the Lord is vindicating His name.**
- God displays His holiness before the whole world.**
- This is a complete reversal of what takes place during the period of Tribulation, and the Day of the Lord.**



RESULTS

(Of Destruction of Gog)

**Israel Will Come to
Know God Forevermore**



3

**So the house of Israel shall know
that I am the LORD their God
from that day forward.**



EZEKIEL 39:22





**“So the house of Israel shall know that I am
the LORD their God from that day forward.”
(Ek.39:22)**



- **From that day forward Israel will be saved.**
- **When does Israel get saved? At the end of the 70th Week.**
- **When He returns to the earth (Zc.12:10-14) He will pour out His Spirit of grace upon them in salvation.**
- **If someone is a devout Jew but rejects the Messiah they do not know God (1Jn.2:22).**
- **Yes, they are worshiping the true God in part, but they do not know Him.**



⁹It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. ¹⁰And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. ¹¹In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

ZECHARIAH 12:9-11



RESULTS

(Of Destruction of Gog)

**Israel Dwells Securely
in Their Land**



4

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. ²⁸then they shall know that I am the LORD 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.

EZEKIEL 39:26,28





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- The AC will trample Jerusalem for 42 months. That is not securely. During the reign of AC Israelites will be scattered away from Israel proper.**
- As a result of Gog and his hords being destroyed, Israel will dwell securely in the land. This is the end of the Week.**
- Isaiah 60 is one of the clearest texts concerning the establishment of the Messianic kingdom. Deliverance of Israel from all her enemies is seen, and the nations will bring their wealth up to Jerusalem.**



RESULTS

(Of Destruction of Gog)

**God Will Not Hide His Face
From Israel Anymore**



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**And 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.**

EZEKIEL 39:29





“And 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.” (Ek.39:29)

- **God is fully revealing Himself to Israel when Jesus returns to the earth.**
- **What is spoken in Zechariah 12, Ezekiel 39, and Revelation 16, and 19 are identical.**



RESULTS

(Of Destruction of Gog)

**Their Armies Are Confused
And Attack One Another**



6



“I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord GOD. “Every man's sword will be against his brother.” (Ek.38:21)

- “It shall come to pass in that day That a great panic from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, And raise his hand against his neighbor's hand” (Zc.14:13).**
- At Armageddon God will cause His enemies to fight each other in confusion.**



RESULTS

(Of Destruction of Gog)

**After the Battle
Weapons of War Are Destroyed**





“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” (Ek.39:9)

- **“He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore” (Is.2:4).**
- **“They shall beat their swords into plowshares.” These are famous words for the end of Armageddon (Jl.3:10; Is.2:4; Mi.4:3).**



RESULTS

(Of Destruction of Gog)

**The Captives of Israel
Will Be Delivered**



²⁵Therefore 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 the LORD 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.

EZEKIEL 39:25-28





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- **After the destruction of Gog and his armies, those Jews who were previously held captive among the Gentile nations will all be delivered – every single last one.**
- **Zechariah says that half of the city of Jerusalem will go into “captivity” (14:2).**
- **Every living Jew will return to the land of Israel.**
- **This can only be a reference to the time when Jesus returns and delivers the Jewish captives from among the Gentile nations.**



RESULTS SUMMARY

Ezekiel 38-39 & Revelation 16, 19

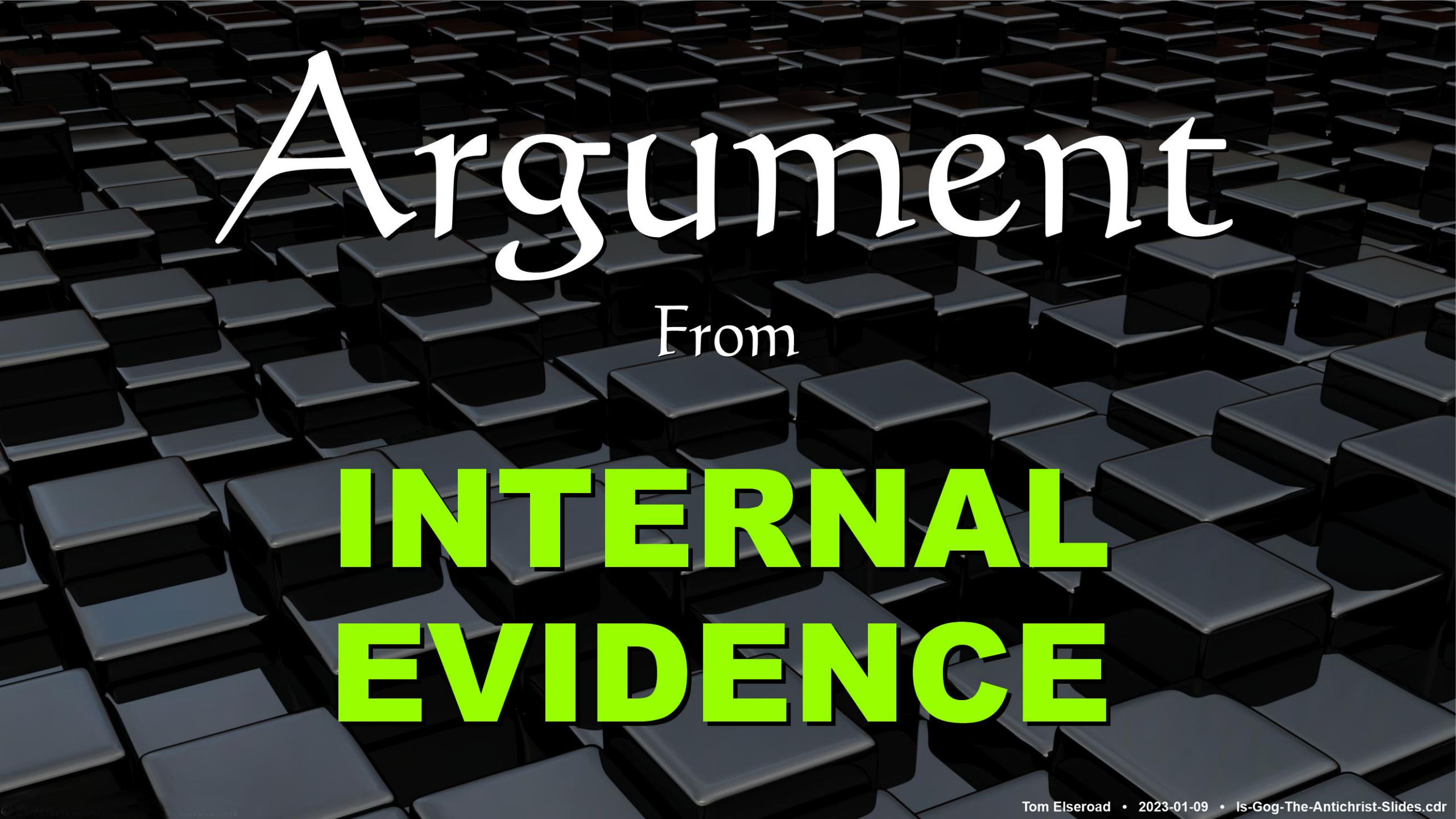
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- 5. God Will Not Hide His Face From Israel Anymore (Ek.39:29)**
- 6. Their Armies Are Confused And Attack One Another (Ek.38:21)**
- 7. After the Battle Weapons of War Are Destroyed (Ek.39:9)**
- 8. The Captives of Israel Will Be Delivered (Ek.39:25-28)**

3 PRIMARY THEMES

Armageddon and Salvation For Israel

- 1. The Lord destroys the invading nations including Gog (Antichrist)**
- 2. The Jewish people come to recognize that Jesus, the One whom they have pierced, is in fact the Messiah**
- 3. The Lord pours out His Spirit upon the Jewish people.**





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INTERNAL EVIDENCE

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(Ezekiel & Armageddom)

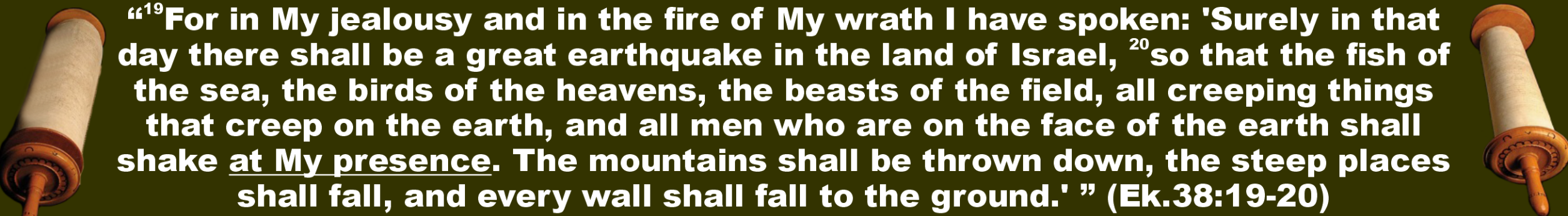
The Messiah Is Present



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EZEKIEL 38:19-20





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- **This is not the Lord's presence and power in some mere conceptual way.**
- **Jesus is literally present on the earth!**



INTERNAL

(Ezekiel & Armageddom)

Other Prophets
Spoke of Gog



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EZEKIEL 38:17-18





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- Ezekiel is telling us that other prophets spoke of this same battle (Is.2, 60; Zc.14, Jl.3, etc.)**
- The KJV uses the literal term “Belial” 17 times, including once in the NT (2Co.6:15). The figurative meaning in many of these concerns 'the devil' and his descendants. “And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?” (2Co.6:15).**
- “Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD” (1Sm.2:12, KJV)**



INTERNAL

(Ezekiel & Armageddom)

A Great Earthquake

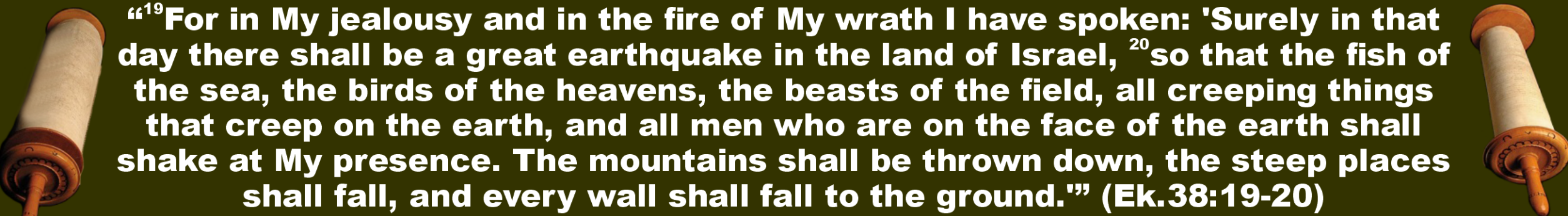


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- How many great earthquakes are there?
(Rv.6:12-16, 6th Seal); (Rv.11:11-15, 7th Trumpet);
(Rv.16:17-21, 7th Bowl, Armageddon)**
- When does Revelation reveal the timing of this
“great” earthquake? It is when He returns to the
earth at the battle of Armageddon.**
- His feet will touch the Mount of Olives and there
will be a “great” earthquake.**



INTERNAL

(Ezekiel & Armageddom)

Modern Israel Security



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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'— 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.



EZEKIEL 38:10-12





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- Does this refer to Israel of today? Yes! They are the people who have been re-gathered to the land, and are rich in resources.**
- People get hung up with the phrase “a land of unwallled villages.” Clearly Israel has many security walls throughout the land.**
- The prophecy is not talking about a land that does not have any walls. There is no such thing.**
- In context this refers to cities that are not been fortified with walls around the city as in ancient times. Israel is basically an open country (tourist everywhere).**





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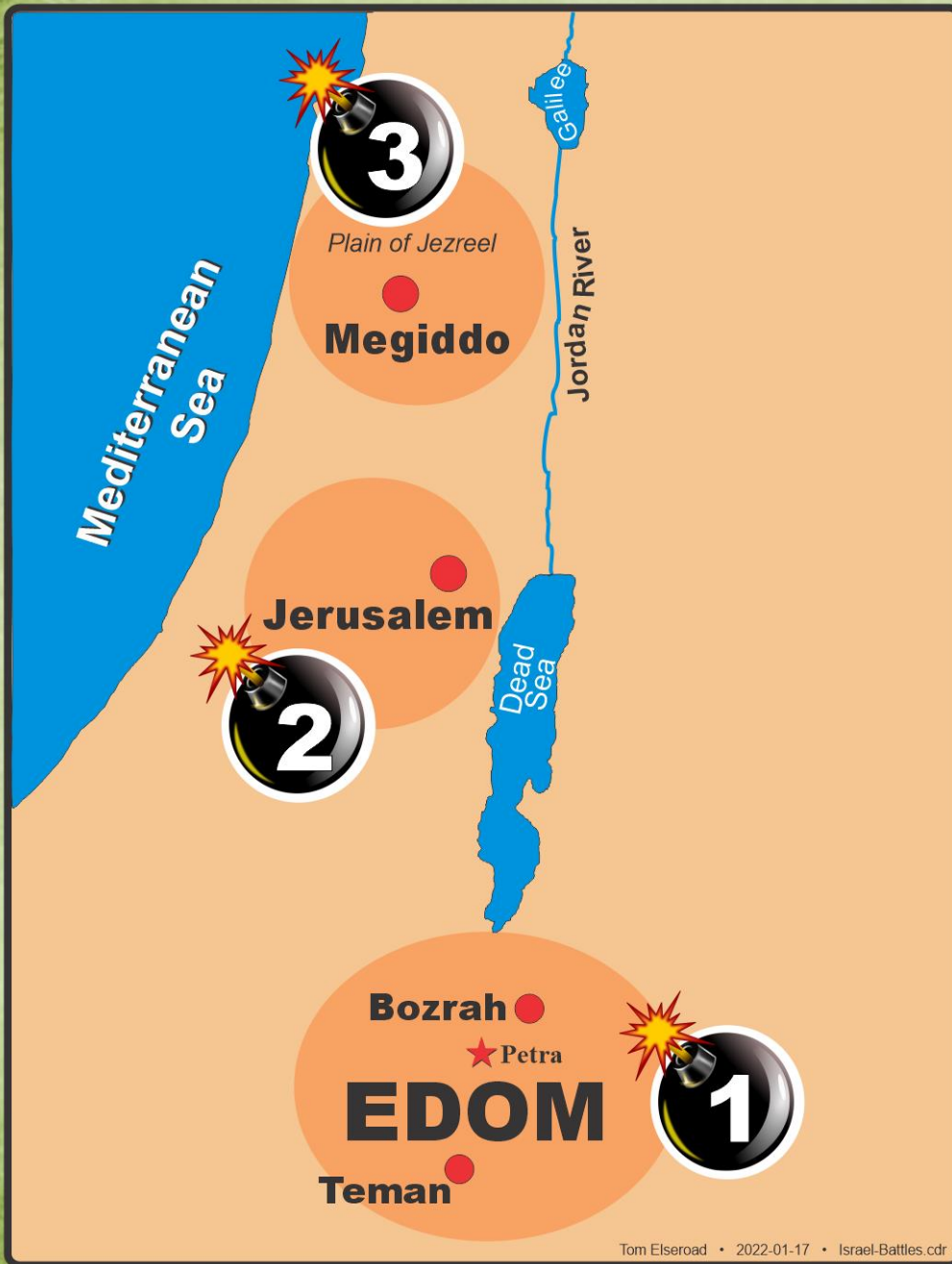
- **When was Israel unfaithful?**
- **When they “dwelt safely in their own land” (Ek.39:26)**
- **This is Israel of today!**



INTERNAL EVIDENCE SUMMARY

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- 2. Other Prophets Spoke of Gog (Ek.38:17-18)**
- 3. A Great Earthquake (Ek.38:19-20)**
- 4. Modern Israel Security (Ek.38:10-12)**



**And they gathered them
together to the place
called in Hebrew,
Armageddon (Rv.16:16)**