

## Ezekiel's Prophecy to the Exiles—Gog's Invasion (January 19–March 14, 586 BC)

### Ezekiel 38

#### The Invasion of the Armies of Gog

1 And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,  
 2 “Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the head leader of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him.  
 3 And you must say, ‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Look! I *am* against you, Gog, the head leader of Meshach and Tubal,  
 4 and I will turn you around, and I will place hooks in your cheeks, and I will bring you out and all of your horses and horsemen fully armed, all of them, *a* great crowd, holding *a* shield, and small shield, *and* holding swords, all of them.  
 5 Persia, Cush, and Put *are* with them, all of them, with *a* small shield and helmet.  
 6 Gomer and all of its troops, Beth Togarmah, the remote areas of the north, and with all of its troops and many peoples with them.  
 7 Be ready, and prepare yourselves, you and all of your assembly, the assembling around you, and you must be for them as a guard.  
 8 After many days you will be mustered; in the last years you will come to a restored land from *the* sword, gathered from many peoples on the mountains of Israel which were as permanent ruins *but* from peoples it was brought out, and they will dwell in safety, all of them.  
 9 And you will advance like a storm; you will come, *and* you will be like a cloud covering the land, and all of your troops and many nations *along* with you.”  
 10 “Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “And then on that day, things will come up on your mind, and you will devise evil plans.  
 11 And you will say, ‘I will go up against a land of open country; I will come *to* the *people* being at rest in safety, all of them dwelling without a wall and crossbars and without doors,  
 12 to loot loot, and to plunder plunder, to assail inhabited ruins and *a* people gathered together from *various* peoples *and who are* acquiring livestock and goods *and* dwelling at the center of the world.  
 13 Sheba and Dedan and traders of Tarshish and all its strong lions, they *will* ask you, ‘To loot loot are you coming? To plunder plunder *have* you summoned your assembly, to take away silver and gold, to take livestock and goods, to loot great amounts of loot?’”  
 14 “Therefore prophesy, son of man, and you must say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Will you not realize on that day when my people Israel are dwelling in safety,  
 15 and *so* you will come from your place, from *the* remote areas of *the* north, you and many people with you, horsemen all of them, a great crowd and a vast army,  
 16 and you will advance against my people Israel like a cloud covering the land; it will be in the last days, and I will bring you against my land, so that the nations know me, when I show myself holy through you before their eyes, O Gog!’”

#### Yahweh Comes to Israel's Defense

17 “Thus says the Lord Yahweh, ‘*Are* you he of whom I spoke in former days by the hand of my servants the prophets of Israel *who* were prophesying in those days for years *that I would* bring you against them?  
 18 And *so* then in that day, on the day of the coming of God against the land of Israel,’ declares the Lord Yahweh, ‘my rage will come up in my anger.  
 19 And in my passion, *in* the fire of my wrath, I spoke *that* certainly on that day *a* great earthquake will be on the land of Israel.  
 20 And the fish of the sea and the birds of the heaven and the animals of the field and all of the creeping things that creep on the earth and all of the humans who *are* on the surface of the earth will shake at my presence; and the mountains will be demolished, and the steep mountain sides will fall, and every wall on the earth will fall.  
 21 And I will call against him in all of my mountains a sword,’ declares the Lord Yahweh, ‘*And the* sword of each *person* will be against his brother.  
 22 And I will execute justice with him with a plague and with blood and torrents of rain, and hailstones; fire and sulfur I will cause to fall on him and on his troops and on many peoples who *are* with him.  
 23 And *so* I will exalt myself, and I will show myself holy, and I will make myself known before *the* eyes of many nations, and they will know that I *am* Yahweh.’”

## Ezekiel's Prophecy to the Exiles—Yahweh's Judgment on Gog (January 19–March 14, 586 BC)

### Ezekiel 39

#### The Destruction of the Invading Armies

1 “And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and you must say, ‘Thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Look! I *am* against you Gog, the head leader of Meshech and Tubal,  
 2 and I will turn you around, and I will drag you along, and I will bring you up from *the* remote areas of *the* north, and I will bring you against the mountains of Israel,  
 3 and I will strike your bow from your left hand, and your arrows from your right hand I will cause to fall.  
 4 On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all of your troops, and *the* peoples who *are* with you, to birds of prey, birds of every wing, and animals of the field I will give you as food.

5 On the surface of the field you will fall, for I myself have spoken," declares the Lord Yahweh.  
 6 "And I will send fire against Magog and among *the people* inhabiting the coastlands in safety, and they will know that I *am* Yahweh.  
 7 And my holy name I will make known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not let the name of my holiness be profaned anymore, and the nations will know that I *am* Yahweh, *the holy one* in Israel.  
 8 Look! *it is coming*, and it will happen," declares the Lord Yahweh. "It is the day about which I have spoken.  
 9 " "And the inhabitants of the towns of Israel will go out, and they will set ablaze, and they will kindle a fire with a weapon and a small shield and a shield, *with* a bow and with arrows, and with hand clubs and with spears, and so they will light a fire with them, a fire lasting seven years.  
 10 And they will not carry trees from the field, and they will not chop wood from the forests, for with the weapons they will light a fire; and they will plunder *those* plundering them, and they will plunder *those* plundering them," ' declares the Lord Yahweh.  
 11 " "And then on that day I will give to Gog a grave there in Israel, The Valley of the Travelers, east of the sea, and it will block the travelers and Gog and all of his hordes they will bury there, and they will call *it* the Valley of Hamon-Gog.  
 12 And the house of Israel will bury them for seven months to cleanse the land.  
 13 All of the people of the land will bury them, and it will be an honor for them *on* the day when I appear," ' declares the Lord Yahweh.  
 14 " "And they will set apart men to continually go through the land burying the travelers, the ones left over on *the* surface of the land to cleanse it; for the whole of seven months they will explore *it*.  
 15 And the ones going through, they will go through within the land, and if *anyone* sees *the* bones of a person, *then* he will build beside it a sign *to remain* until the buriers have buried him in the Valley of Hamon-Gog.  
 16 And furthermore *the* name of *the* city *there is* Hamonah, and *thus* they will cleanse the land."

### The Great Slaughter

17 "And you, son of man, thus says the Lord Yahweh: 'Say to all kinds of birds and animals of the field, "Be gathered, come be gathered from everywhere to my sacrifice that I *am* sacrificing for you, a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, and you will eat flesh, and you will drink blood.  
 18 Flesh of warriors you will eat, and the blood of leaders of the land you will drink; rams, young rams and goats, bulls, *and* the fattened animals of Bashan—all of them!  
 19 And you will eat fat until you are satiated, and you will drink blood until you are drunk from my sacrifice that I sacrifice for you,  
 20 and you will be satisfied at my table *with* horse and horsemen and warriors and every man of war," ' declares the Lord Yahweh.  
 21 "And I will display my glory among the nations, and all of the nations will see my judgment that I have executed and my hand that I have laid upon them.  
 22 "And the house of Israel will know that I *am* Yahweh their God from that day and beyond,  
 23 and the nations will know that because of their guilt the house of Israel went into exile, because they acted unfaithfully against me, and I hid my face from them, and I gave them into the hand of their foes, and they fell by the sword, all of them.  
 24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgression I dealt with them, and I hid my face from them.

### Israel Restored

25 Therefore thus says the Lord Yahweh: "Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob, and I will have compassion on all of the house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name.  
 26 And they will forget their disgrace and all of their infidelity that they displayed against me when they dwelt on their soil in safety with nobody making them afraid.  
 27 When I restore them from the nations and I gather them from the countries of their enemies, then I will show myself holy through them before the eyes of many nations.  
 28 And they will know that I *am* Yahweh their God, *because of* when I deported them into the nations, and I reassembled them to their soil, and I will not let any of them remain there any longer.  
 29 And I will not hide my face again from them when I pour out my Spirit over the house of Israel," declares the Lord Yahweh.

## Ezekiel's Prophecy to the Exiles—A Lament over Pharaoh (March 15, 586 BC)

Ezekiel 32:1–16

### Judgment on Pharaoh

1 And then in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first *day* of the month, the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,  
 2 "Son of man, raise a lament over Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and you must say to him,

*'With* a fierce, strong lion among nations you compared yourself,  
 and you *are* like the sea monster in the seas,  
 and you thrash about in your rivers,  
 and you make water turbid with your feet,

and you make your rivers muddy.

3 Thus says the Lord Yahweh:

Now I will spread my net over you  
in *the* assembly of many peoples,  
and I will bring you up in my dragnet.

4 And I will throw you on the ground;  
on the surface of the open field I will hurl you,  
and I will cause every bird of the heaven to dwell on you,  
and I will satisfy the animals of all of the world from you.

5 And I will put your flesh on the mountains,  
and I will fill the valleys *with* your carcass.

6 And I will water *the* land *with* your discharge from your blood  
on the mountains,  
and valleys will be filled from you.

7 And I will cover *you* at extinguishing your heavens,  
and I will make dark their stars,  
and I will cover *the* sun with the cloud,  
and *the* moon will not give its light.

8 All sources of light in the heavens,  
I will make them dark over you,  
and I will put darkness on your land,”

declares the Lord Yahweh.

9 “And I will disturb *the* hearts of many peoples  
at my bringing *about* your captivity among the nations,  
to countries that you do not know.

10 And I will cause many peoples to be awestruck over you,  
and their kings will shudder over you *in* horror,  
at my brandishing my sword before their faces,  
and they will tremble continually,  
each *person* for his life,  
on the day of your downfall.”

#### **Babylon’s Role in Egypt’s Fall**

11 For thus says the Lord Yahweh:

“The sword of the king of Babylon,  
it will come to you.

12 By the swords of warriors I will cause to fall your hordes  
*by the most* ruthless of *the* nations, all of them,  
and they will devastate the majesty of Egypt,  
and all of its hordes will be destroyed.

13 And I will destroy all her domestic livestock  
beside many waters.  
*The* feet of humans will not make them turbid again,  
and *the* hooves of domestic livestock will not make them turbid.

14 Then I will make their waters settle,  
and their rivers as the olive oil I will let flow,”

declares the Lord Yahweh.

15 “Then I make the land of Egypt *a* desolation,  
so that the land will be stripped from its fullness  
when I strike all of *those* dwelling in it,  
and they will know that I *am* Yahweh.

16 This is a lament, and they will chant it as a lament; the daughters *of* the nations will chant it as a lament over Egypt, and over all of its hordes they will chant it as a lament,” declares the Lord Yahweh.

### Ezekiel’s Prophecy to the Exiles—Pharaoh’s Descent into Sheol (March 29, 586 BC)

Ezekiel 32:17–32

#### Egypt’s Hosts in Sheol

17 And then in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth *day* of the month, the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

18 “Son of man, mourn over the hordes of Egypt, and make her go down, *and* with her *the* daughters of mighty nations, down to the deep underworld with *the people* going down to *the* grave.

19 You are more lovely than whom? Go down and be laid in rest with *the* uncircumcised.

20 In the midst of *the* people slain by *the* sword it is given they will fall *to* a sword; they carried her off and all of her hordes.

21 *The* chiefs of *the* warriors will speak to him from the middle of Sheol; with his helpers they have gone down; the uncircumcised lie *still*, those slain by the sword.

#### Assyria in Sheol

22 Assyria *is* there and all of its assembly; all around it *are* its graves, all of them killed, those fallen by the sword,

23 who will be given its graves in *the* remote areas of *the* pit, and its assembly will be all around its grave, all of them killed, fallen by the sword, *those* who spread terror in *the* land of *the* living.

#### Elam in Sheol

24 Elam *is* there and all of its hordes, all around its grave, all of them dead who fell by the sword, *those* who went down uncircumcised to *the* depths of *the* underworld, *those* who spread their terror to *the* land of *the* living, and *now* they bear their disgrace with *the people* going down to *the* grave.

25 In the midst of *the* slain they made a bed for her with all of her hordes all around its graves, all of them uncircumcised, slain by *the* sword, for their terror was spread in *the* land of *the* living, and they *now* bear their disgrace with *the people* going down to *the* grave; in the midst of *the* slain it was placed.

#### Meshech, Tubal and Their Followers in Sheol

26 Meshech *and* Tubal *are* there and all of its hordes, all around him its graves, all of them uncircumcised *and* killed by *the* sword, for they gave their terror in *the* land of *the* living.

27 And they do not lie with warriors fallen from long ago, who went down *to* Sheol with their weapons of war, and they placed their sword under their heads, and their shields were on their bones, for *the* terror of *the* warriors *was* in *the* land of the living.

28 And you *too* in the midst of uncircumcised *people* will be broken, and you will lie with *those* slain by *the* sword.

#### Edom, Prince of the North and Sidon in Sheol

29 There *is* Edom, its kings and all of its leaders who are laid *along* with their might with *those* killed by *the* sword; they will lie with *the* uncircumcised and with *the people* going down to the grave.

30 There are *also* the princes of *the* north, all of them, all of *the* Sidonians who have gone down, being ashamed *to* lie with *the* slain because of their terror *that they caused* from their might, and they lie uncircumcised with *those* killed by *the* sword, and they bear their disgrace *along with the people* going down to *the* grave.

#### Pharaoh’s Doom

31 Pharaoh will see them, and he will be comforted over all of his hordes killed by *the* sword, Pharaoh and all of his army,” declares the Lord Yahweh.

32 “For he spread my terror in *the* land of *the* living, and *so* he will be laid down in the midst of the uncircumcised with those killed by *the* sword: Pharaoh and all of his hordes,” declares the Lord Yahweh.

### Ezekiel’s Prophecy to the Exiles—The Watchman and Individual Responsibility (March 29, 586 BC)

Ezekiel 33:1–20

#### The Duty of the Watchman

1 And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, speak to your people, and you must say to them, ‘A land, if I bring over it a sword and the people of the land take a man, one from their number, and they appoint him for them as a watchman,

3 and he sees the sword coming against the land, and he blows on the horn and he warns the people,

4 and anyone who listens hears the sound of the horn and he does not take warning and *the* sword comes and it takes him, his blood will be on his *own* head.

5 *For* he heard the sound of the horn and he did not take warning; his blood will be on him. But *if* he took warning, he saved his life.

6 And *as for* the watchman, if he sees the sword coming and he does not blow the horn, and the people *are* not warned, and *the* sword comes and it takes their lives, he will be taken through his guilt, but his blood from the hand of the watchman I will seek.'

#### The Function of the Watchman

7 "And you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; if you hear a word from my mouth, then you must warn them from me.

8 When I say to the wicked, 'Wicked *one*, you will certainly die,' and you did not speak to warn *the* wicked from his way, he, *the* wicked, will die by his guilt, but his blood I will seek from your hand.

9 But, you, if you warn *the* wicked from his way, to turn from it, and he does not turn from his way, he will die by his guilt, and you will have saved your life.

10 "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, saying, 'So you said, saying, "Indeed, our transgressions and our sins *are* on us, and because of them we *are* rotting, and how can we live?"'"

#### Individual Responsibility

11 Say to them, 'As I live,' declares the Lord Yahweh, 'Surely I have no delight in the death of the wicked, except in *the* wicked returning from his way, and he lives. Turn back! Turn back from your ways, O evil *ones*, for why should you die, house of Israel?'

12 "So you, son of man, say to your people *that* the righteousness of the righteous shall not save him in the day of his transgression, and the wickedness of the wicked will not cause him to stumble on the day of his returning from his wickedness; and *the* righteous will not be able to live by it on the day when he returns to his sin.

13 When I say to the righteous, 'Certainly he will live,' and he trusted in his righteousness, and he *turns and he* does injustice, all of his righteousness will not be remembered, and because of his injustice that he did, because of it he will die.

14 And when I say to the wicked, 'Certainly you will die,' but he returns from his sin and he does justice and righteousness—

15 *for example*, *the* wicked returns a pledge for a loan, he restores stolen property, he goes in the statutes of life *so as* not to do injustice—certainly he will live; he will not die.

16 All of his sins that he committed, they will not be remembered against him, and he did justice and righteousness; certainly he will live.

17 "Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair!' yet their way is not fair.

18 When *the* righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, then he will die because of it.

19 And when the wicked turns from his wickedness, and he does justice and righteousness, because of it he will certainly live!

20 Yet you said, 'The way of the Lord is not fair!' I will judge you, house of Israel, each *person* according to his ways."

### A Fourth Deportation to Babylon (582n BC)

Jeremiah 52:28a, 30

#### The Fourth Deportation (retribution for Gedaliah's murder?)

28a This *is the number of* the people whom Nebuchadnezzar deported:

30a in *the* twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan, *the* captain of *the* guard, deported seven hundred and forty-five Judean persons;

#### Summary and Total

30b *there were* four thousand six hundred persons in all.

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