

## 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 the LORD came to me saying,  
 2 “Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him  
 3 and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.  
 4 I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company *with* buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords;  
 5 Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet;  
 6 Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah *from* the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you.  
 7 “Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them.  
 8 After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, *whose inhabitants* have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them.  
 9 You will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you.”  
 10 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan,  
 11 and you will say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates,  
 12 to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world.’  
 13 Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages will say to you, ‘Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?’”  
 14 “Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “On that day when My people Israel are living securely, will you not know *it*?  
 15 You will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army;  
 16 and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It shall come about in the last days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I am sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog.”

#### Yahweh Comes to Israel's Defense

17 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Are you the one of whom I spoke in former days through My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for *many* years that I would bring you against them?  
 18 It will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” declares the Lord GOD, “that My fury will mount up in My anger.  
 19 In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare *that* on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.  
 20 The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground.  
 21 I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains,” declares the Lord GOD. “Every man's sword will be against his brother.  
 22 With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone.  
 23 I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the LORD.”

## 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 say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal;  
 2 and I will turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north and bring you against the mountains of Israel.  
 3 I will strike your bow from your left hand and dash down your arrows from your right hand.  
 4 You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field.  
 5 You will fall on the open field; for it is I who have spoken,” declares the Lord GOD.  
 6 “And I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the LORD.

7 My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

8 Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,” declares the Lord GOD. “That is the day of which I have spoken.

9 Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will go out and make fires with the weapons and burn *them*, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears, and for seven years they will make fires of them.

10 They will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, for they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the spoil of those who despoiled them and seize the plunder of those who plundered them,” declares the Lord GOD.

11 “On that day I will give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off those who would pass by. So they will bury Gog there with all his horde, and they will call *it* the valley of Hamon-gog.

12 For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land.

13 Even all the people of the land will bury *them*; and it will be to their renown *on* the day that I glorify Myself,” declares the Lord GOD.

14 “They will set apart men who will constantly pass through the land, burying those who were passing through, even those left on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search.

15 As those who pass through the land pass through and anyone sees a man’s bone, then he will set up a marker by it until the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.

16 And even *the* name of *the* city will be Hamonah. So they will cleanse the land.”

### The Great Slaughter

17 “As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Speak to every kind of bird and to every beast of the field, “Assemble and come, gather from every side to My sacrifice which I am going to sacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18 You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, as *though they were* rams, lambs, goats and bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

19 So you will eat fat until you are glutted, and drink blood until you are drunk, from My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 You will be glutted at My table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all the men of war,” declares the Lord GOD.

21 “And I will set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed and My hand which I have laid on them.

22 And the house of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God from that day onward.

23 The nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their iniquity because they acted treacherously against Me, and I hid My face from them; so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword.

24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I dealt with them, and I hid My face from them.””

### Israel Restored

25 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, “Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name.

26 They will forget their disgrace and all their treachery which they perpetrated against Me, when they live securely on their own land with no one to make *them* afraid.

27 When I bring them back from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, then I shall be sanctified through them in the sight of the many nations.

28 Then they will know that I am the LORD their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then gathered them *again* to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer.

29 I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,” declares the Lord GOD.

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

Ezekiel 32:1–16

### Judgment on Pharaoh

1 In the twelfth year, in the twelfth *month*, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 “Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him,

‘You compared yourself to a young lion of the nations,  
Yet you are like the monster in the seas;  
And you burst forth in your rivers  
And muddied the waters with your feet  
And fouled their rivers.’”

3 Thus says the Lord GOD,

“Now I will spread My net over you  
With a company of many peoples,  
And they shall lift you up in My net.

4 “I will leave you on the land;  
I will cast you on the open field.  
And I will cause all the birds of the heavens to dwell on you,  
And I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with you.

5 “I will lay your flesh on the mountains  
And fill the valleys with your refuse.

6 “I will also make the land drink the discharge of your blood  
As far as the mountains,  
And the ravines will be full of you.

7 “And when I extinguish you,  
I will cover the heavens and darken their stars;  
I will cover the sun with a cloud  
And the moon will not give its light.

8 “All the shining lights in the heavens  
I will darken over you  
And will set darkness on your land,”  
Declares the Lord GOD.

9 “I will also trouble the hearts of many peoples when I bring your destruction among the nations, into lands which you have not known.

10 I will make many peoples appalled at you, and their kings will be horribly afraid of you when I brandish My sword before them; and they will tremble every moment, every man for his own life, on the day of your fall.”

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

11 For thus says the Lord GOD, “The sword of the king of Babylon will come upon you.

12 By the swords of the mighty ones I will cause your hordes to fall; all of them are tyrants of the nations,

And they will devastate the pride of Egypt,  
And all its hordes will be destroyed.

13 “I will also destroy all its cattle from beside many waters;  
And the foot of man will not muddy them anymore  
And the hoofs of beasts will not muddy them.

14 “Then I will make their waters settle  
And will cause their rivers to run like oil,”  
Declares the Lord GOD.

15 “When I make the land of Egypt a desolation,  
And the land is destitute of that which filled it,  
When I smite all those who live in it,  
Then they shall know that I am the LORD.

16 This is a lamentation and they shall chant it. The daughters of the nations shall chant it. Over Egypt and over all her hordes they shall chant it,” declares the Lord GOD.

### **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 In the twelfth year, on the fifteenth of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 “Son of man, wail for the hordes of Egypt and bring it down, her and the daughters of the powerful nations, to the nether world, with those who go down to the pit;

19 ‘Whom do you surpass in beauty?  
Go down and make your bed with the uncircumcised.’

20 They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword. She is given over to the sword; they have drawn her and all her hordes away.

21 The strong among the mighty ones shall speak of him *and* his helpers from the midst of Sheol, ‘They have gone down, they lie still, the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.’

#### **Assyria in Sheol**

22 “Assyria is there and all her company; her graves are round about her. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword,

23 whose graves are set in the remotest parts of the pit and her company is round about her grave. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword, who spread terror in the land of the living.

#### **Elam in Sheol**

24 “Elam is there and all her hordes around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth, who instilled their terror in the land of the living and bore their disgrace with those who went down to the pit.

25 They have made a bed for her among the slain with all her hordes. Her graves are around it, they are all uncircumcised, slain by the sword (although their terror was instilled in the land of the living), and they bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit; they were put in the midst of the slain.

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

26 “Meshech, Tubal and all their hordes are there; their graves surround them. All of them were slain by the sword uncircumcised, though they instilled their terror in the land of the living.

27 Nor do they lie beside the fallen heroes of the uncircumcised, who went down to Sheol with their weapons of war and whose swords were laid under their heads; but the punishment for their iniquity rested on their bones, though the terror of *these* heroes was *once* in the land of the living.

28 But in the midst of the uncircumcised you will be broken and lie with those slain by the sword.

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

29 “There also is Edom, its kings and all its princes, who for *all* their might are laid with those slain by the sword; they will lie with the uncircumcised and with those who go down to the pit.

30 There also are the chiefs of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who in spite of the terror resulting from their might, in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword and bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit.

#### **Pharaoh’s Doom**

31 “These Pharaoh will see, and he will be comforted for all his hordes slain by the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his army,” declares the Lord GOD.

32 “Though I instilled a terror of him in the land of the living, yet he will be made to lie down among *the* uncircumcised *along* with those slain by the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his hordes,” declares the Lord GOD.

## **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 the LORD came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them, ‘If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman,

3 and he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows on the trumpet and warns the people,

4 then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his *own* head.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life.

6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman’s hand.’

#### **The Function of the Watchman**

7 “Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me.

8 When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked

man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand.

9 But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life.

10 “Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus you have spoken, saying, “Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are rotting away in them; how then can we survive?”’

#### **Individual Responsibility**

11 Say to them, ‘As I live!’ declares the Lord God, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?’

12 And you, son of man, say to your fellow citizens, ‘The righteousness of a righteous man will not deliver him in the day of his transgression, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will not stumble because of it in the day when he turns from his wickedness; whereas a righteous man will not be able to live by his righteousness on the day when he commits sin.’

13 When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he so trusts in his righteousness that he commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but in that same iniquity of his which he has committed he will die.

14 But when I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and he turns from his sin and practices justice and righteousness,

15 *if a* wicked man restores a pledge, pays back what he has taken by robbery, walks by the statutes which ensure life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

16 None of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He has practiced justice and righteousness; he shall surely live.

17 “Yet your fellow citizens say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right,’ when it is their own way that is not right.

18 When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, then he shall die in it.

19 But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and practices justice and righteousness, he will live by them.

20 Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

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

Jeremiah 52:28a, 30

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

28a These are the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away into exile:

30a in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile 745 Jewish people;

#### **Summary and Total**

30b there were 4,600 persons in all.

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