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Intro Music – “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: **Is EZEKIEL 38 – Starting In Israel?**

In the Holy Bible, there have been many prophecies given to us by God and most all of them have been fulfilled. We have seen prophecy given to Noah and to Abraham. We have read about those that were fulfilled by Jacob whose twelve sons were the twelve tribes of **Israel**; *a name given to Jacob by an Angel of the Lord*. And his eleventh son **Joseph**, who saved Egypt from famine and was made 2nd in command to the Pharaoh!

King David wrote many Psalms that were prophecies like **Psalm 22**, *about the crucifixion of Jesus* that happened a thousand years later. **Solomon**, his son built the temple David wanted to build for the Lord but the Lord didn’t allow David to do it because he was *‘a man of war and had shed much blood!’*

After the death of King Solomon, Israel was divided into two kingdoms:

The 10 tribes of Israel, (the Northern Kingdom) and

The 2 tribes of Judah, (the Southern Kingdom.)

God sent many great prophets (*Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Elijah, Obadiah, and Ezekiel*), to warn the kings and people of each nation **not to worship idols and not to disobey God!** But the people didn't take the warnings seriously and were removed from the **promise land** and lived in exile in **Babylon** for at least seventy years.

The prophet **Ezekiel** lived in exile in Babylon during the period before and after the fall of Jerusalem. His prophecy is for the people of Israel **in the last days.**

Chapter 36 starts with the restoring of the agriculture of the Jewish nation of Israel with many trees, a fruit harvest and a good crops of corn. The first task for the Jews was to make it **"a land of plenty"**. And that's what happened.

Chapter 37 dealt with the re-birth of the Jewish nation! After Rome destroyed Jerusalem and the temple, the Israelites roamed the Earth for 2000 years before God would gather them back to the land that He gave them! Israel was made a nation in one day with the declaration from President Truman in the United States on May 14th 1948! They were declared **the nation of Israel** at 2:00pm and at 6:00pm, the Arab nations around them declared war against them. Since then they have fought seven wars and been successful. But the latest attack on October 7th from **Hamas** was more devastating than America's 9/11 attack and now, the world waits to see what will happen!

Some believe that there are two different prophecies of war in the “last days”, besides the last “*Armageddon*” war. *That is Psalm 83, and Ezekiel 38!*

Those who believe *Psalm 83* think Israel exists right now in *the inner ring of fire*, [all the different tribes that are closest and most hostile that surround Israel], “and who believe that Israel has to be wiped out as a nation and remembered no more”!

In Psalm 83, Israel says these are the enemies of the “GOD of Israel”, (*found in Psalm 83: verses 6-8*) This is *the inner ring of fire that has to be taken out before Ezekiel 38, can happen! This includes Hamas, Hezbollah and all those who would remove the God of Israel and replace Him with the Muslim state.*

The outer ring of fire consist of [the nations that are described in Ezekiel 38, that are not as hostile and close, but they will surely come to destroy Israel]

Ezekiel 38 [from biblegateway.com]

New Living Translation

This is another message that came to me from the LORD “Son of man, turn and face Gog [*chief prince*] of the land of Magog, [*people in the southern provinces of the former Soviet Union*] the prince who rules over the nations of Meshech [*Moscow*] and Tubal [*Turkey*], and prophesy against him. Give him this message from the Sovereign LORD: Gog, I am your enemy! I will turn you around and put hooks in your jaws to lead you out with your whole army—your horses and charioteers in full armor and a great horde armed

with shields and swords. **Persia [Iran]**, Ethiopia, and Libya will join you, too, with all their weapons. **Gomer [Turkey]** and all its armies will also join you, along with the armies of **Beth-togarmah [Turkey]** from the distant north, and many others.

“Get ready; be prepared! Keep all the armies around you mobilized, and take command of them. A long time from now you will be called into action. In the distant future you will swoop down on the land of Israel, which will be enjoying peace after recovering from war and after its people have returned from many lands to the mountains of Israel. You and all your allies—a vast and awesome army—will roll down on them like a storm and cover the land like a cloud.

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: At that time evil thoughts will come to your mind, and you will devise a wicked scheme. You will say, ‘Israel is an unprotected land filled with un-walled villages! I will march against her and destroy these people who live in such confidence! I will go to those formerly desolate cities that are now filled with people who have returned from exile in many nations. I will capture vast amounts of plunder, for the people are rich with livestock and other possessions now. They think the whole world revolves around them!’ But **Sheba [mountains, valleys and deserts in the area of present-day Yemen]** and **Dedan [north-western Arabia, now part of Saudi Arabia]** and the merchants of **Tarshish [most Bible maps show it on the west coast of Spain]** will ask, ‘Do you really think the armies you have gathered can rob them of silver and gold? Do you think you can drive away their livestock and seize their goods and carry off plunder?’

“Therefore, son of man, prophesy against Gog. Give him this message from the Sovereign LORD: When my people are living in peace in their land, then you will rouse yourself. You will come from your homeland in the distant north with your vast cavalry and your mighty army, and you will attack my people Israel, covering their land like a cloud. At that time in the distant

future, I will bring you against my land as everyone watches, and my holiness will be displayed by what happens to you, Gog. ***Then all the nations will know that I am the LORD.***

“This is what the Sovereign LORD asks: Are you the one I was talking about long ago, when I announced through Israel’s prophets that in the future I would bring you against my people? But this is what the Sovereign LORD says: When Gog invades the land of Israel, my fury will boil over! In my jealousy and blazing anger, I promise a mighty shaking in the land of Israel on that day. All living things—the fish in the sea, the birds of the sky, the animals of the field, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the people on earth—will quake in terror at my presence. Mountains will be thrown down; cliffs will crumble; walls will fall to the earth. I will summon the sword against you on all the hills of Israel, says the Sovereign LORD. Your men will turn their swords against each other. I will punish you and your armies with disease and bloodshed; I will send torrential rain, hailstones, fire, and burning sulfur!

In this way, I will show my greatness and holiness, and I will make myself known to all the nations of the world. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

New Living Translation

The Slaughter of Gog's Hordes“Son of man, prophesy against Gog. Give him this message from the Sovereign LORD: I am your enemy, O Gog, ruler of the nations of Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you around and drive you toward the mountains of Israel, bringing you from the distant north. I will knock the bow from your left hand and the arrows from your right hand, and I will leave you helpless. You and your army and your allies will all die on the mountains. I will feed you to the vultures and wild animals. You will fall in the open fields, for I have spoken, says the Sovereign LORD. And I will rain down fire on Magog and on all your allies who live safely on the coasts. **Then they will know that I am the LORD.**

In this way, I will make known my holy name among my people of Israel. I will not let anyone bring shame on it. And the nations, too, will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One of Israel. That day of judgment will come, says the Sovereign LORD. Everything will happen just as I have declared it.

Then the people in the towns of Israel will go out and pick up your small and large shields, bows and arrows, javelins and spears, and they will use them for fuel. There will be enough to last them seven years! They won't need to cut wood from the fields or forests, for these weapons will give them all the fuel they need. They will plunder those who

planned to plunder them, and they will rob those who planned to rob them, says the Sovereign LORD.

“And I will make a vast graveyard for Gog and his hordes in the Valley of the Travelers, east of the Dead Sea. It will block the way of those who travel there, and they will change the name of the place to the Valley of Gog’s Hordes. It will take seven months for the people of Israel to bury the bodies and cleanse the land. Everyone in Israel will help, for it will be a glorious victory for Israel when I demonstrate my glory on that day, says the Sovereign LORD.

“After seven months, teams of men will be appointed to search the land for skeletons to bury, so the land will be made clean again. Whenever bones are found, a marker will be set up so the burial crews will take them to be buried in the Valley of Gog’s Hordes.(There will be a town there named Hamonah, which means ‘horde.’) And so the land will finally be cleansed.

“And now, son of man, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Call all the birds and wild animals. Say to them:

Gather together for my great sacrificial feast. Come from far and near to the mountains of Israel, and there eat flesh and drink blood! Eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of princes as though they were rams, lambs, goats, and bulls—all fattened animals from Bashan! Gorge yourselves with flesh until you are glutted; drink blood until you are drunk. This is the sacrificial feast I have prepared for you. Feast at

my banquet table—feast on horses and charioteers, on mighty men and all kinds of valiant warriors, says the Sovereign LORD.

“In this way, I will demonstrate my glory to the nations. Everyone will see the punishment I have inflicted on them and the power of my fist when I strike. And from that time on the people of Israel will know that **I am the LORD their God.** The nations will then know why Israel was sent away to exile—it was punishment for sin, for they were unfaithful to their God. Therefore, I turned away from them and let their enemies destroy them. I turned my face away and punished them because of their defilement and their sins.

Restoration for God’s People

“So now, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will end the captivity of my people; I will have mercy on all Israel, for I jealously guard my holy reputation! They will accept responsibility for their past shame and unfaithfulness after they come home to live in peace in their own land, with no one to bother them. When I bring them home from the lands of their enemies, I will display my holiness among them for all the nations to see. **Then my people will know that I am the LORD their God,** because I sent them away to exile and brought them home again. I will leave none of my people behind. And I will never again turn my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit upon the people of Israel. **I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!”**

As you see, all these wars between the Arab and the Jew are not about **POLITICS and POWER.** They are about choosing who GOD really is. If you believe the real **GOD is Muslim, you have NO FREE WILL!**

What does he say: ***“If you believe in me, that is fine with me. If you don’t believe in me, you will be murdered and die right now!”***

If you believe that the real **GOD** is the **CREATOR of the UNIVERSE**, the stars, planets, the heavens, the angels, the EARTH and all Life On The Earth, **He is the God of FREE WILL!**

His name is **JEHOVAH** or **YAHWEH**. **And if you say, I don't believe in you. He would say "That's OK, You have a whole lifetime to experience many things and come to a conclusion about Me.**

I AM and have been the God of your Fathers, Mothers. Brothers and Sisters; your Grandmothers, your Grandfathers - Your Children, YOU. I know you've heard a lot about Me. But you are not sure! You light the candles on the Menorah and say a prayer. You've heard about me maybe from family. Did they tell you about my many journeys with your relatives? Did they mention a cruise I took with your ancient family and all their pets and a great flood?

Did you know when we lived in Egypt, we had a great family reunion in the desert. It wasn't like Palm Springs but we all took a hike and when we got to the sea, many dipped in the water but the older ones were afraid that they couldn't swim so we walked across to the other side.

I know your families were disappointed when the Romans tore down the temple in Jerusalem and stopped all the sacrifices. You probably thought I went away and no one heard from me. But I'm here! We still have some hard times to go through and I will be with you and I will fight for you how I fight. I will pay the whole world back for their EVIL during a tribulation that is coming up. **Let me warn you!** If somebody comes along and wants to build a new temple for you and gives the impression that he is the Messiah and does great wonders *** **DON'T BELIEVE HIM!** **I should tell you about My Son Jesus, but you don't**

want to hear about that! That's another war at the end of the tribulation! "Armageddon"

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given **His Son Jesus, the good shepherd** to bring you back to him.

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