

International Chaos April 2023 Prophecy Update Matthew 24 / Ezekiel 38

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"
4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Sorrows = Birth pangs

A) One of the signs is there will be an increase in Wars and rumors of wars - nations rising against nations.

B) We are not talking little skirmishes - Nations - Kingdoms against Kingdoms

C) Feb 24 2022 Russia invades Ukraine!

Suddenly the world is put on Alarm

A) This was in the Guardian: Ukraine Invasion might be the start of the third world war that could spell the end of modern civilization
Says George Soros HL

"The invasion of Ukraine didn't come out of the blue. The world has been increasingly engaged in a struggle between two systems of governance that are diametrically opposed to each other: open society and closed society."

The 91-year-old former hedge fund owner said the tide had started to turn against open societies in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the US in 2001. Today China and Russia present the greatest threat to open society."

B) Everyone around the world has seemed to realize that this battle could be the start of something on a much bigger scale.

C) Then there was this Headline on Monday - Taiwan warns that Chinese misstep could lead to uncontrollable World War Outbreak

Taiwan is sounding alarms over Chinese military drills that it says could mistakenly spark an "uncontrollable war" that would draw in countries from around the world. HL

"The Chinese military exercises this couple of days have been very serious," Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu told Fox News Sunday. "If you look at the sorties of the Chinese air force, together with the ships, they're coming very close to Taiwan.

And any accident might spark an uncontrollable war in between Taiwan and China. And if other countries are trying to intervene, it might be the start of a war of great scale." - Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu

The USA and the Philippines are taking this seriously

HL US-Philippines military exercise to be the largest ever amid rising tensions with China
About 12,000 U.S. troops will participate in the joint military exercise with Philippines forces

Roughly 12,000 U.S. troops, 5,400 Philippine personnel and over 100 Australian military members are set to participate in the annual Exercise between the countries, far surpassing the 9,000 that participated in the event in 2022, according to reporting from the Navy Times on Wednesday.

Then there was this headline: Weekend The Chinese Carrier Shandong launched 80 fighter missions in Weekend drills

North Korea calls for more 'offensive' war deterrence HL

North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un, has ordered the country's war deterrence capabilities to be strengthened and made more "practical and offensive" in response to what it called "frantic" aggression by the United States and South Korea, state media KCNA reported on Tuesday

Things are heating up all over the globe right now.

A)But the most alarming news as far as it relates to prophetically is what is coming out of Iran in recent weeks

HL Monday in the Iran Front Page: Iran army chief says Israel “too small” to pose threat to Islamic Republic

Iran’s army chief has slammed comments by the chief of staff of the Israeli military that the regime is “ready” to attack Iran without the help of the US, saying “on an updated scale”.

Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi said such comments by Israeli officials are an attempt to hearten Israeli forces and cover up the domestic problems the regime is facing.

“The Zionist regime, which is sinking, and indications of its collapse are now evident more than ever before, is too small to pose a threat to the Islamic Republic of Iran and the unwise and unsound moves by the leaders of the regime will only speed up its collapse,” General Mousavi said.

This is really the first time that Iran’s officials have used this kind of rhetoric in describing Israel’s forces.

A)IDF have long been respected as a premier fighting force in the world - but that opinion is starting to change.

B)At least among Iran’s leaders

**April 5th
Iran’s supreme leader: Israel’s demise coming faster than I expected HL**

A)Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei told local leaders on Tuesday that the “Zionist regime” was disappearing faster than he had anticipated, amid internal Israeli divisions over the government’s controversial judicial overhaul.

“Their own officials continuously warn that their collapse is nearing. Their president says this, their former prime minister says this, their [military] chief says this and their defense minister says this. They all say it,” Khamenei said,

B)Recent Headline from the EX IDF intel Chief Overhaul damage to Israel’s national security may be irreversible HL

Former military intelligence chief Maj. Gen. (res.) Tamir Hayman says he no longer trusts Benjamin Netanyahu’s judgment on matters of security after the prime minister’s attempt to fire Yoav Gallant as defense minister, **Tamir Hayman says he no longer trusts Netanyahu on matters of security, cautions premier may no longer be thinking rationally**

C)Hayman is not alone in his opinions

HL Crises on multiple fronts threaten Benjamin Netanyahu’s grip on power

A)Dozens of former senior defense, security and intelligence officials have opposed the proposals weakening the supreme court on the grounds they are anti-democratic.

B)Israel’s crucial military reservists, including almost all of those serving in its most important air force unit, have joined the nationwide protests and said they will refuse to attend for service, setting alarm bells ringing over the reliability of the chain of command and operational capacity.

C)You add to that all of the upheaval that has taken place on the temple MT over the past 10 days - during the Islamic holiday Ramadan

D)Netanyahu’s support continues to crumble - I personally have never seen this type of disdain for an Israeli leader in my life

1)Especially by his own people - Crime Minister

E)I will talk about the Prophetic implications of that in a few minutes.

But all of this unrest and upheaval in Israel over the past month or so has them in a vulnerable position.

A)Iran and the surrounding Arab countries are seeing this as a potential opportunity to pounce.

HL March 18 Palestinian Islamic Jihad leaders meet with Hezbollah leader Nasrallah

A)I bet you didn’t realize that terrorist had conventions did you ?- Scary

B)"During the meeting, they discussed the situation in the area and the challenges in the face of the Palestinian rebellion,". "They emphasized the continuation of consultation and coordination between them in a way that strengthens the rebellion against the Zionist enemy."

C)That led to what happened on Sunday - Easter

Iran kickstarts multi-front Middle East war against Israel - analysis HL

A week of attacks on Israel, including [rockets fired from Lebanon, Gaza and Syria](#), represents the manifestation of an Iranian strategy to confront Israel with multiple threats on different fronts.

Although different groups may be behind the attacks from those places, these groups **are likely all linked to Iran**.

The groups involved include Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and others that may go by different or new names, but which are proxies of Tehran.

Iran has been backing these terrorist groups for years with this end in mind.

A)Iran supplies Hamas with financial support and also helped it develop longer-range rockets and a larger arsenal.

B)Whereas Hamas rockets could once only travel a few kilometers, now they can reach most parts of Israel.

C)Iran has also supplied the Islamic Jihad group with 1,000's of rockets

Before these attacks started this week a Middle East Expert - Dr. Mordechai Kedar predicted that. Iran Planning Multi-Front Attack On Israel

Dr. Kedar is a senior lecturer at Bar-Ilan University and the vice president of NEW ISRAEL.

A)He served for 25 years in the IDF military intelligence specializing in Syria, Arab political discourse, Arab mass media, Islamic groups, and Israeli -Arabs relations.

B)He is considered an expert on the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamist groups.

1)He is fluent in Hebrew, Arabic, and English and has debated Muslims on Arab media in Arabic.

C)On Sunday, Dr. Kedar published an op-ed article describing a shocking security situation developing in the region that represents a dire threat to Israel. Dr. Kedar began with a disclaimer:

"A note to my readers," he wrote. "I hesitated quite a bit, debating whether to publish the things that appear below because of the panic they might cause in Israel.

However, "A source I have known for years - an expatriate from the Middle East, a supporter of Israel, who lives in Europe and is in continuous contact with people in Iran and Iraq - conveyed to me his assessment that Iran is planning to launch a combined attack on Israel in the foreseeable future that will include all the forces at its disposal in the Arab countries."

Why is this Significant?

A)Two Battles that happen in the end times scenario - they need to no be confused.

B)There is the battle of Armageddon - Last Battle - Antichrist

C)Then there is the Ezekiel 38 Battle - these headlines and what is happening right now could be the set up the precursor to Ezek. 38

D)Turn in your Bibles to - Ezekiel 38

The Prophet Ezekiel describes a battle that will happen in the last days where Russia will join with a group of Islamic nations - led by Iran to attack Israel.

A)It will be a massive display of Military force - coming against Israel but in the end the Lord will Supernaturally intervene on Israel's behalf

Now 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,
A)In this general context of God's restoration of Israel, here Ezekiel prophesied against Gog (a ruler) and Magog (the place of Gog).

B) Here Gog is noted as the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

C) The phrase prince of Rosh has also been translated as *chief prince*, describes the greatness of the prince, - Supreme ruler

Rosh has been identified by scholars as Russia and Meshech could be Moscow and Tubal could be Tobolsk – two major Russian cities

A) V.6,15 Tells us that they come from the far North

B) If you were in Jerusalem and headed in the direction of the far North it takes you to the land of Russia

C) Daniel chapter 11 used the term **the King of the north** to describe the commander of this alliance

D) So the question is - Is Vladimir Putin Gog - the Prince of Rosh

Son of man, set your face against 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, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. ⁴ I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. ⁵ Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet; ⁶ Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah *from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you.*

Now this is an amazing Prophecy:

A) Ezekiel prophesied approximately 2500 years ago events that would occur in Russia's future

Who will Join this Russia Alliance?

A) **Magog** was the name of one of Noah's grandsons (Genesis 10:2; 1 Chronicles 1:5), and many scholars believe his descendants settled around the Black and Caspian Seas on Russia's southern border.

B) Today this region makes up the "stan countries" (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,

Uzbek/istan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and perhaps even Afghanistan),

1) all former constituents of the Soviet Union.

C) What unites the sixty million residents of this region today is their religion: Islam."

Which is an interesting thing to note when you consider the other nations mentioned here in Ezekiel 38

- Persia: This is the land of modern Iran.
- Ethiopia: This is not the same as modern Ethiopia. It represented the land south of Egypt. **Today, this nation is Sudan.**
- Libya, this land is still known as Libya today.
- Gomer: Crimea – others believe Part of modern Turkey.
- Togarmah = Turkey.

What is significant about all those nations?

A) Like all the "stan countries" I mentioned before – they are all heavily Muslim in their religion and belief's

B) What is really interesting is the relationship that Russia has to all of these nations -

HL Echo's Of Ezekiel 38: Putin Declares Partnership With Islam In New World Order

In 2022 Russian President Vladimir Putin sent a message of greetings to the participants and guests of the 2022 Kazan Global Youth Summit as it opened in Kazan.

"Islamic states have been our traditional partners in addressing many topical issues on the regional and global agenda, in attempts to build a more just and democratic world order,"

We have talked about in Previous PU how Russia has been supplying Iran with military weapons and training for years now.

A) Iran in turn sends that to these terrorist groups

B) We have also talked about the Military presence that Russia currently has in the Mediterranean Sea

C) They have several warships off the coast of Syria right now - well within striking distance of Israel.

HL - Iran in Nuclear talks with Russia -

HL Netanyahu - If Iran gets Nuclear weapons the whole world is in trouble

HL The US sees this as a major threat - we just deployed a Nuclear Sub into the Middle East amid tension with Iran

So the players are in place - the stage is being set - for what Ezekiel prophesied would happen in the last days.

⁴ I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

What are the hooks in the Jaw of Russia?

A) Oil and minerals in the Dead sea - Natural gas pipeline

B) Rebound from the whooping they are encountering in the battle with Ukraine.

Recent headline- Can Israel become Europe's natural gas supplier?

C) Israel has Huge Oil and natural gas reserves – supplies gas and oil to a lot of the middle East.

D) Russia currently supplies gas and oil to much of Europe the

Imagine if Russia could get possession of the gas and oil resources that belong to Israel – Potential to control most of the world.

A) They would become incredibly rich and powerful in the world

B) Now The motivation of all those other Muslim nations Led by Iran – is a hatred for Israel –

1) Iran refuses to even acknowledge Israel as a real nation – absent on their maps

C) Threatened to wipe Israel off the face of the earth!

with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

A) Ezekiel described the army with the terms that made sense to him and were relevant to most of human history.

B) This was a large, fast, well-equipped army, ready for conquest.

God is going to draw this alliance of nations into an invasion of Israel – but God is also going to intervene.....destroy these nations –

A) Give Israel a great victory

V.14 ¹⁴ “Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know *it*?’ ¹⁵ Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. ¹⁶ You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. **It will be in the latter days** that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.” ¹⁷ Thus says the Lord GOD: “Are *you* he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?”

A) At an appointed time, Gog and those allied with him will come against Israel.

B) V.16 Like a cloud or a massive unstoppable storm to cover the land

V.16b It will be in the latter days:

A) Once again, Ezekiel emphasized that this attack against Israel would happen in the last days of human history as we presently know it.

It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.”

B) God would bring it to pass then to glorify Himself among the nations (so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you).

18 “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “that My fury will show in My face. 19 For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, 20 so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’ 21 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. 22 And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.”

So the Question is when is this going to happen?

A) Could it happen now? - Yes

B) I believe like many scholars that this will take place shortly after the rapture of the church.

C) There are several factors that I believe will need to take place before the Antichrist can come into power

#1 The Church - the one who restrains - 2 Thessalonians 2 will need to be removed. - Rapture

#2 The United States is weakened as a world power - Rapture will do that.

#3 Israel will be standing alone when the Battle of Ezekiel 38 takes place - again if the rapture happens and weakens the US - Israel is alone

#4 Islam will have to be weakened - The Battle of Ezekiel 38 will do that

Everything that we are seeing right now - is Precursor - the set up for these event

A) The region is being primed right now for the this battle to happen

B) Israel is being primed right now to accept new leadership

C) The Tribulation is divided into 2 31/2 year periods - first 31/2 - The Antichrist is at peace with Israel - Primed for new leadership

D) Someone to solve the tension regarding the temple mount - Daniel 9 - Matt 24 - the Temple is going to be rebuilt

E) So first 3/12 years peace - Abomination of Desolation - 2nd 31/2 years is war

The Stage is being set

28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” Luke 21:28