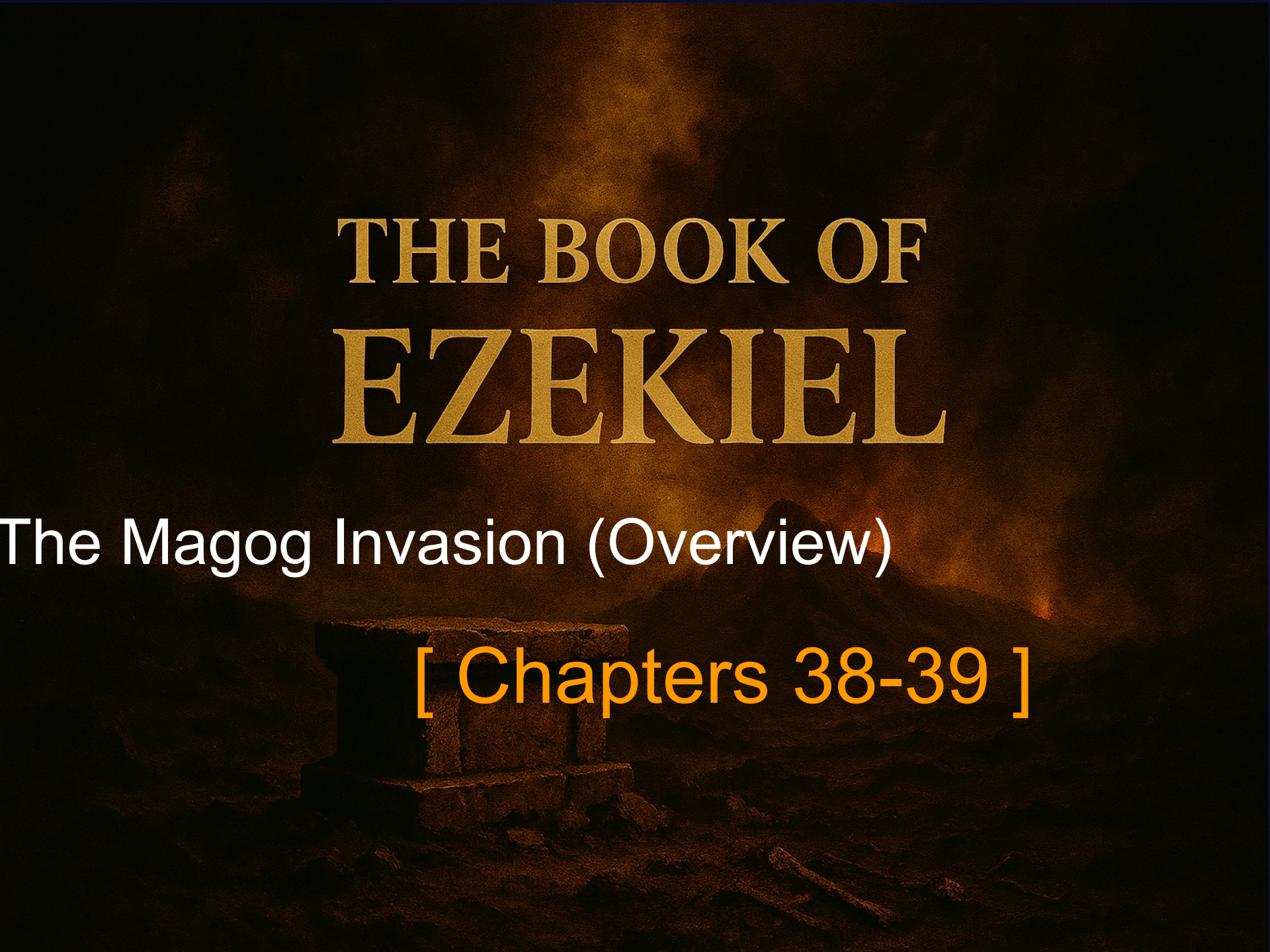
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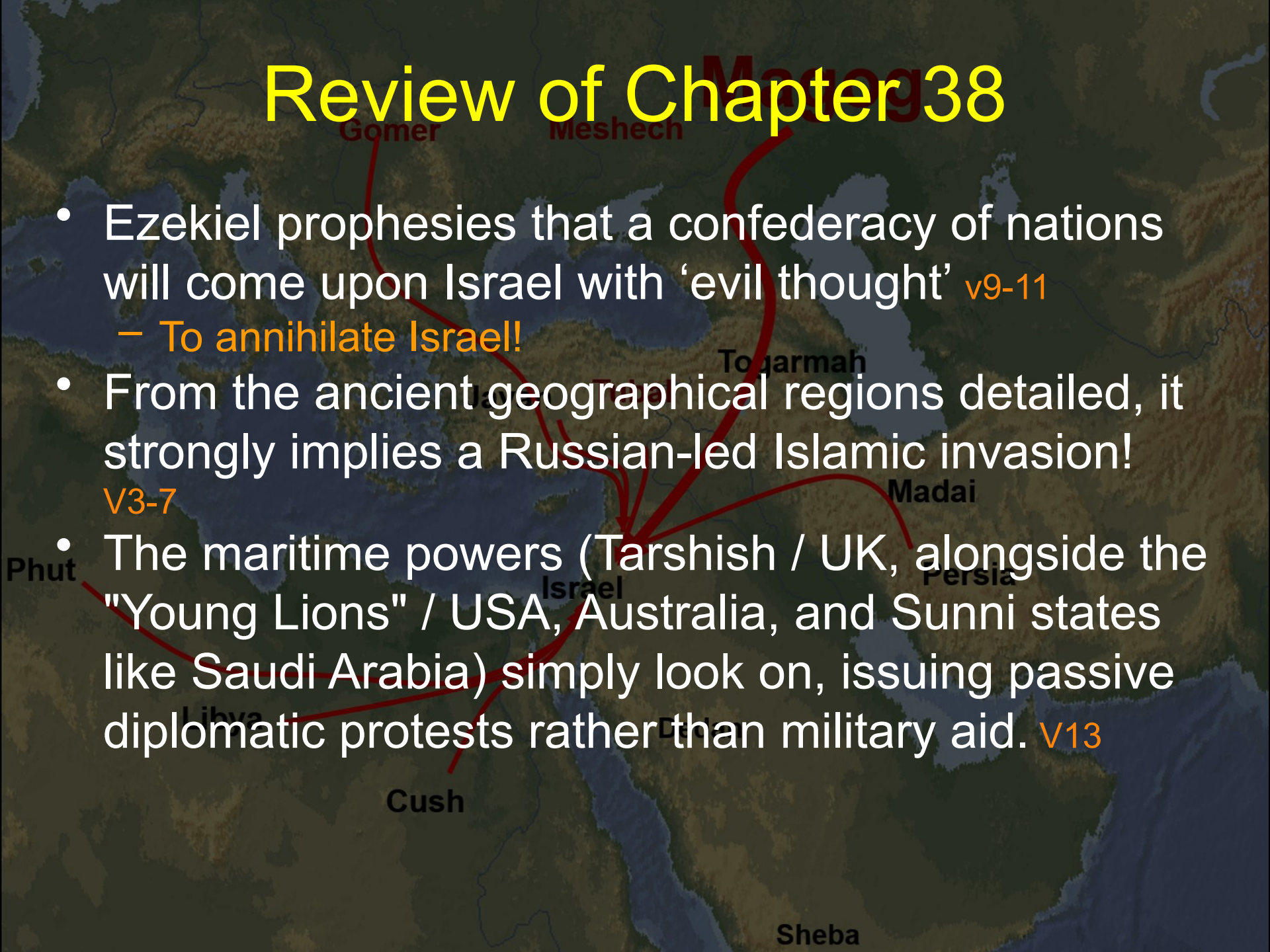
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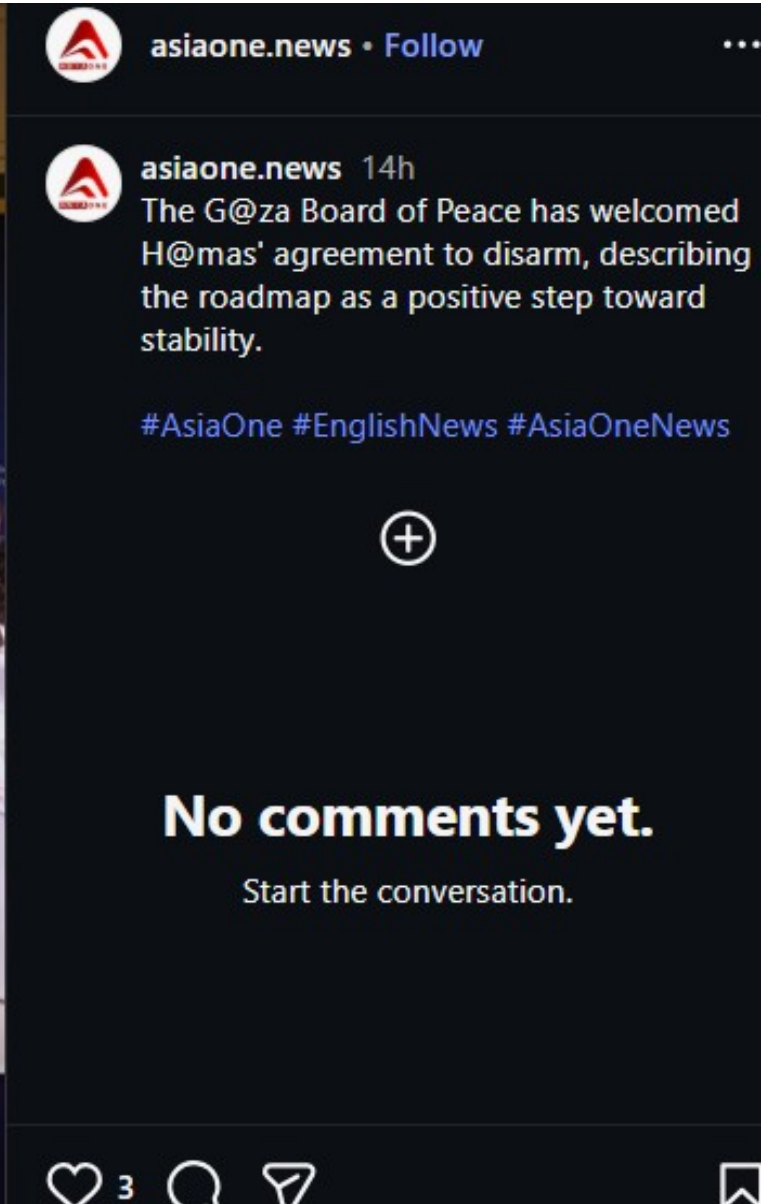
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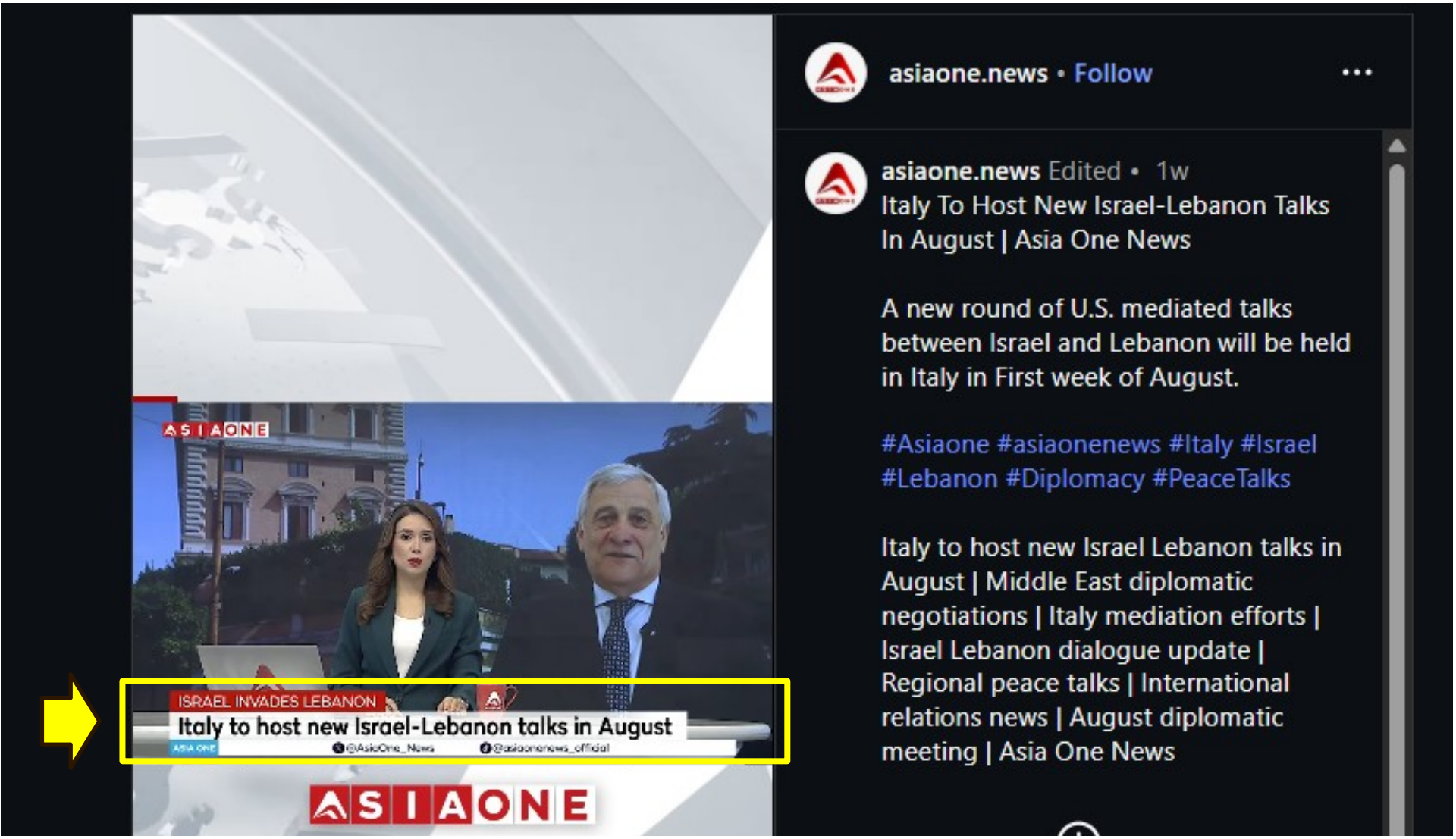


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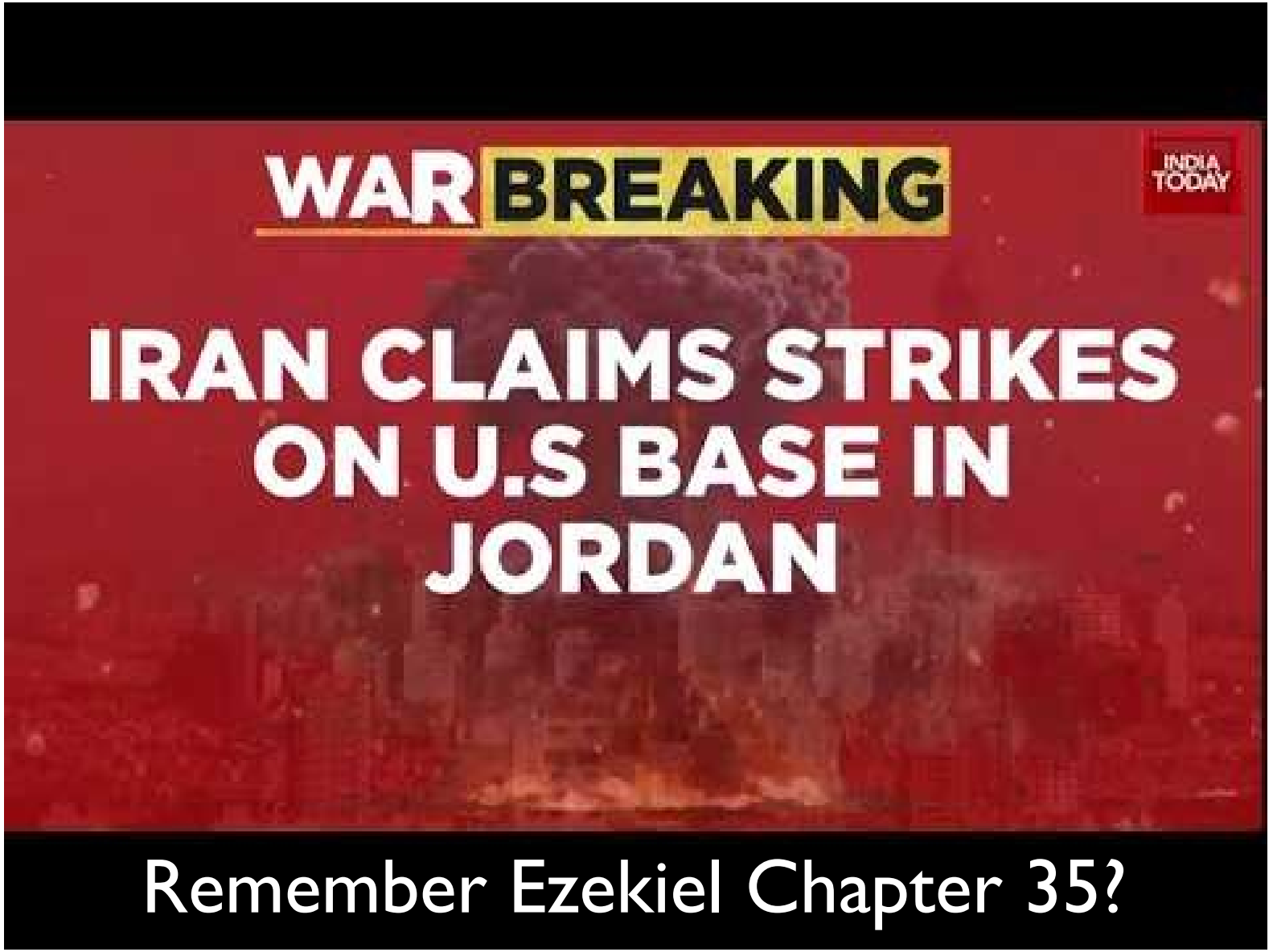




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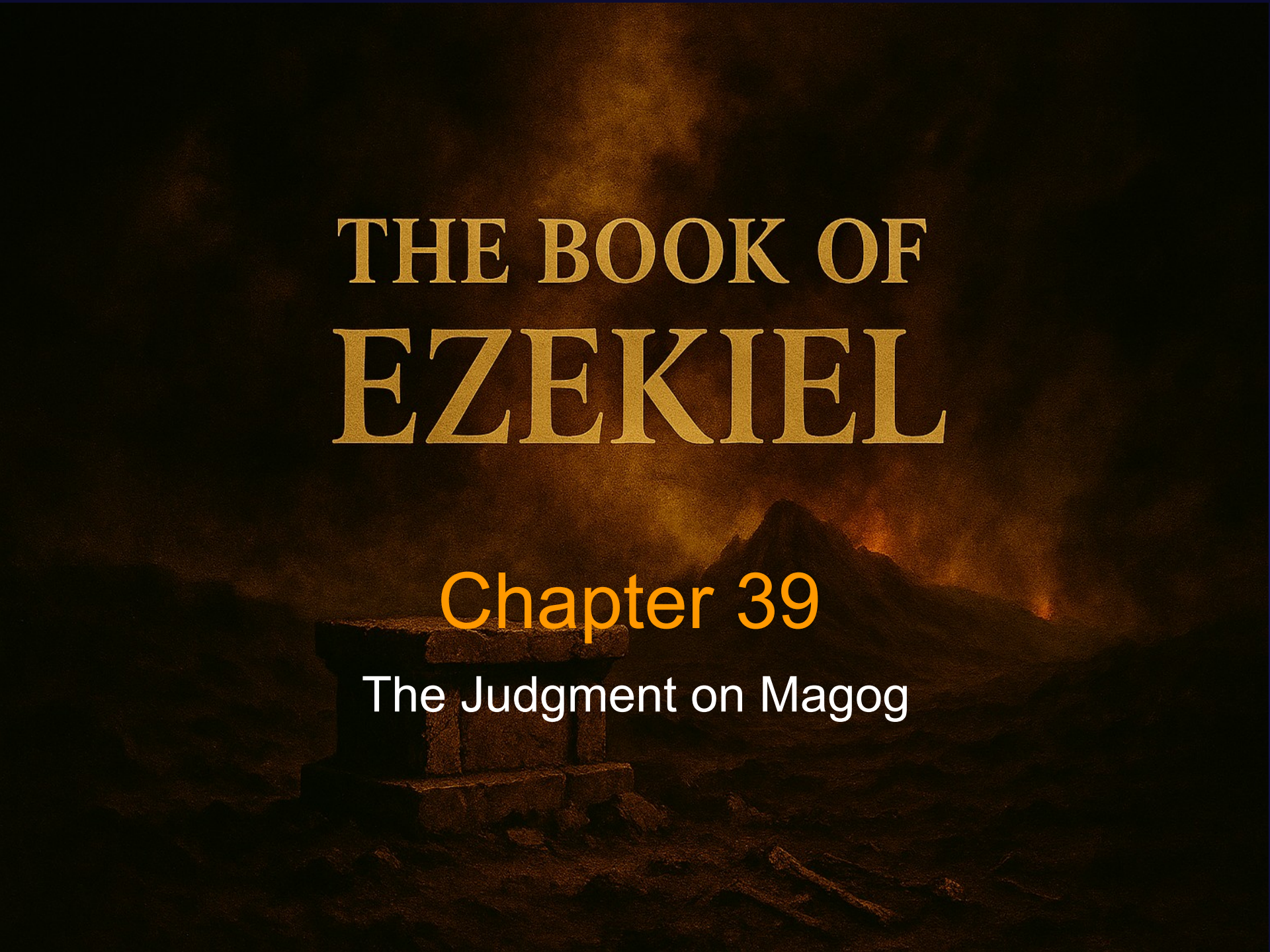
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The Judgment on Magog

1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

Ezekiel 39:1

- Gog is the spiritual power behind all of this

2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

Ezekiel 39:2

- Note once again: God is the one orchestrating this!
- The Classical (Conservative) view:
- Only 1/6th of the invading army will survive
- But is that what the text says?
  - Note: Modern versions translate this differently:

The Sixth Part?

- Almost all modern translations (NASB, ESV, NIV, NKJV) and ancient versions (like the Greek Septuagint and Latin Vulgate) derive the word from a root meaning "to lead on," "to drive forward," or "to drag along.“
- So where KJV reads:
  - "I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee...“
- Modern translations render it as:
  - "I will turn you around and drive you forward / lead you on..."

The Tautology!

- Certainly in Hebrew poetry we have
- *Synonymous Parallelism*
  - where the second clause restates what is given in the first clause.
- *Synthetic Parallelism*
  - where the second clause develops the thought of the first.
- But Ezekiel 38–39 is written in standard prophetic prose, not classical Hebrew poetry.
- In Hebrew prose narrative, stringing together four verbs that all essentially mean *"I will move / drag / lead you forward"* creates a heavy tautology.
- It repeats the exact same spatial action four times without adding new information.

The Best Translation

- The KJV structure, however, introduces a distinct, logical progression of action:
- Action 1 Directional: *"I will turn thee back"*
  - Diverting Gog from his original campaign.
- Action 2 Judicial/Sovereign: *"and leave but the sixth part of thee"*
  - Decreeing the severe destruction/limitation of his force.
- Action 3 Geographic: *"and will cause thee to come up from the north parts"*
  - Spatially moving the remaining threat.
- Action 4 Destination: *"and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel."*
- With the KJV every single clause performs a completely distinct job in the sentence

The Hebrew Root Debate

- The translation debate centers on the rare verb שְׁשַׁשְׁתִּיךָ(*weshishetika*).
- It is a *hapax legomenon*
  - a word that appears only once in the entire Hebrew Bible.
- The KJV translators derived the verb directly from the established Hebrew root שֵׁשׁ (*shesh*), meaning "six" or "a sixth part".
  - *shesh* is used dozens of times in the OT for "six"
- Modern scholars often look to external ancient languages to guess at a verb shashah meaning "to lead on" or "to drive forward."

No Problem!

- The irony, is that in trying to manufacture a new meaning from outside the Hebrew text to avoid the number "six," modern translators created a repetitive sentence structure in Hebrew prose that didn't exist in the KJV!
- In trying to solve a problem that didn’t exist they created one!
- For God to declare in Ezekiel 39:2 that He will reduce a proud, massive army to a "sixth part" fits Ezekiel’s established theological vocabulary of divine fractional destruction.
  - See Ezekiel 5:1–2; Rev 6:8; Rev 8:7–12

Summary (and Insight!)

- Some modern versions change 'leave a sixth part' to 'lead you on,' but if you read it that way, God repeats 'I will lead you, drive you, and bring you' four times in a single sentence.
- The traditional text gives us a clear, logical sequence:
  - God turns the invader back,
  - cuts his army down by five-sixths,
  - and then brings that remnant right onto the mountains of Israel to display His glory!



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- Note the sequence of events!
  - 1) God will interrupt whatever it was that Gog was doing and 'turn him back'
  - 2) God will destroy five sixths of his army
  - 3) Then God will cause him to come [down] from the north
  - 4) He will eventually arrive in Israel
- Use of the 'vav' conjunctive strongly suggests this is to be taken sequentially

Alternative Scenario

- If Russia is at 100% full strength, a dominant global superpower wouldn't necessarily need to cobble together a massive regional bloc (Iran, Sudan, Libya, Turkey) just to invade Israel for resources—they could do it unilaterally.
- So what ‘forces’ them to do this?



Alternative Scenario

- Russia get bogged down, depleted, and severely humiliated in a grueling conflict (such as Ukraine or Eastern Europe).
- They lose "5/6ths" of their standing military strength and/or strategic credibility.
- Stripped of 5/6ths of their former conventional power, desperate for oil, resources, and geopolitical leverage, they are "turned back" (diverted away from their current campaign) and hooked into a new direction toward the Middle East.

Alternative Scenario

- To save face and rebuild their status, they rally a surrogate coalition of eager regional allies (Iran, Syria, North African states) to seize the vast wealth ("take a spoil") of an apparently defenseless Israel.
- They are forced to step into the role of coordinator rather than sole conqueror.
- Desperate for a win, desperate for oil and gas wealth to rebuild, and desperate to project power, they form a pact with eager regional partners (like Iran) who bring the raw manpower to the fight.

Alternative Scenario

- Russia becomes a dangerous, cornered beast with a massive point to prove.
- The hook in the jaw isn't pulling a confident, untamed conqueror; it's dragging a desperate, wounded empire into a fatal trap!



Alternative Scenario

- The Set-Up:
  - A prolonged European war depletes and humbles Russia down to a fraction of its former conventional might ("leave but 1/6th").
- The Hook:
  - Facing economic ruin and military embarrassment, Russia is diverted south toward the Middle East.
- The Alliance:
  - Russia leverages regional anti-Israel hatred to form a surrogate coalition (Iran & Co.) to do the heavy lifting.
- The Trap:
  - They march into Israel expecting an easy prize, only to be totally annihilated by the hand of God on the mountains of Israel.

Another Alternative

- J Vernon McGee has a unique perspective on the *"leave but the sixth part of thee."*
- He argues that the Hebrew root is better rendered "I will six thee“
- Meaning God will afflict Gog with six specific plagues: pestilence, blood, overflowing rain, hailstones, fire, and brimstone Ezekiel 38:22
- McGee stresses that God uses these six plagues to wipe out the host upon the mountains of Israel.
- When finally the brimstone falls, there is zero doubt that God Himself destroyed them, just as He did with Sodom and Gomorrah.

3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand,
and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy
right hand.

4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel,
thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is
with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous
birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field
to be devoured.

Ezekiel 39:3-4

5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 39:5-6

- 'Carelessly' Heb:betach *in false confidence*
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7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.

Ezekiel 39:7

- This whole battle is orchestrated by God as a witness to Israel and the rest of th Word

8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

Ezekiel 39:8-9

- Ezekiel is trying to articulate in c.587 B.C. what he was seeing as he looked 2600 years in the future!

10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord God.

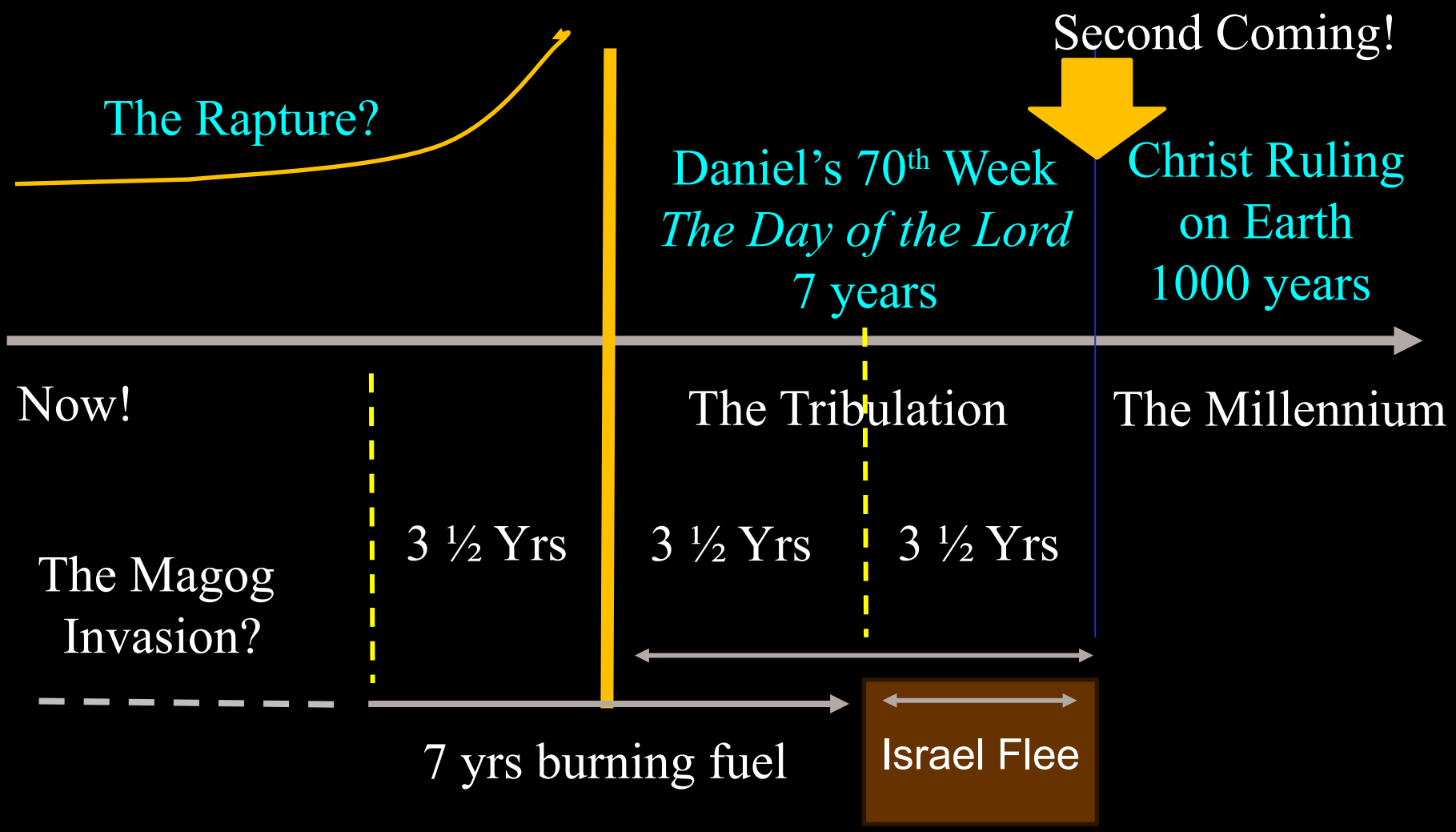
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- Somehow, the weapons that are recovered provide the energy needs of Israel for seven years!
- What kind of weapons can be used as fuel?
- Nuclear?

A Clue to the Timing!

- Israel will use the weapons as fuel for seven years
- However, half-way through the Tribulation, Israel will be forced to flee their Land (Matt 24)
- That means the Magog Invasion must occur no later than 3 ½ years before the Tribulation, to allow them the 7 years needed for this scripture to be realised

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- Israel's comprehensive victory may well set the stage for them to rebuild the Temple
  - Including the right to reinstitute the Levitical sacrificial system
- It will almost certainly cause great trouble for the nations of the World – what are they to do with Israel?
- The stage will be set for a charismatic world leader to broker a peace deal with Israel and the surrounding nations (that up until now none have been willing to sign!)

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog.

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- Commentators highlight a profound poetic irony here: Gog and his army entered Israel as invaders "passing through" to conquer. They end up permanently stuck in the land, buried in the very valley named after temporary passers-by!

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- Hamon means "multitude," "horde," or "tumultuous crowd.
- God strips Gog of his grand reputation. Instead of being remembered as a great global conqueror, his legacy is reduced to a mass grave named *"The Valley of Gog's Hordes"*

12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

Ezekiel 39:12

- It is going to take seven months to bury all the bodies!
- Rather than the annihilation of Israel, Gog's plan (just like that of Haman in the book of Esther) is completely turned around on their own heads!

13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God.

14 And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

Ezekiel 39:13-14

- People will be employed full time to bury the dead
- Note: to cleanse the Land (so before the 1000yrs)

15 And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.

16 And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

Ezekiel 39:15-16

- The 'passengers' (Foreign aid workers?) will help the search, but will only mark the place of the dead.
- To avoid contamination (from the radiation?) they will leave the disposal to the professionals!

17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

Ezekiel 39:17

18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the
blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of
lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them
fatlings of Bashan.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink
blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I
have sacrificed for you.

20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses
and chariots, with mighty men, and with all
men of war, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 39:18-20

21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and
all the heathen shall see my judgment that I
have executed, and my hand that I have laid
upon them.
22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am the
Lord their God from that day and forward.

Ezekiel 39:21-22

- Once again, God reiterates His purpose!

23 And the heathen shall know that the house of
Israel went into captivity for their iniquity:
because they trespassed against me, therefore
hid I my face from them, and gave them into the
hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the
sword.

24 According to their uncleanness and according to
their transgressions have I done unto them, and
hid my face from them.

Ezekiel 39:23-24

- Even ‘the Mystery of Israel’ will be ‘understood’

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Now will I
bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have
mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will
be jealous for my holy name;
26 After that they have borne their shame, and all
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Ezekiel 39:25-26

27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

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Ezekiel 39:27-28

29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 39:29

- There is nothing now holding Israel back!
- They have been brought back to life (Ch37)
- Now God is pouring His Spirit upon them.
- All that remains is for them to repent and turn to Him.
- But will take the events of the Tribulation to finally shake them from their complacency
- Then and only then will they call out to Him

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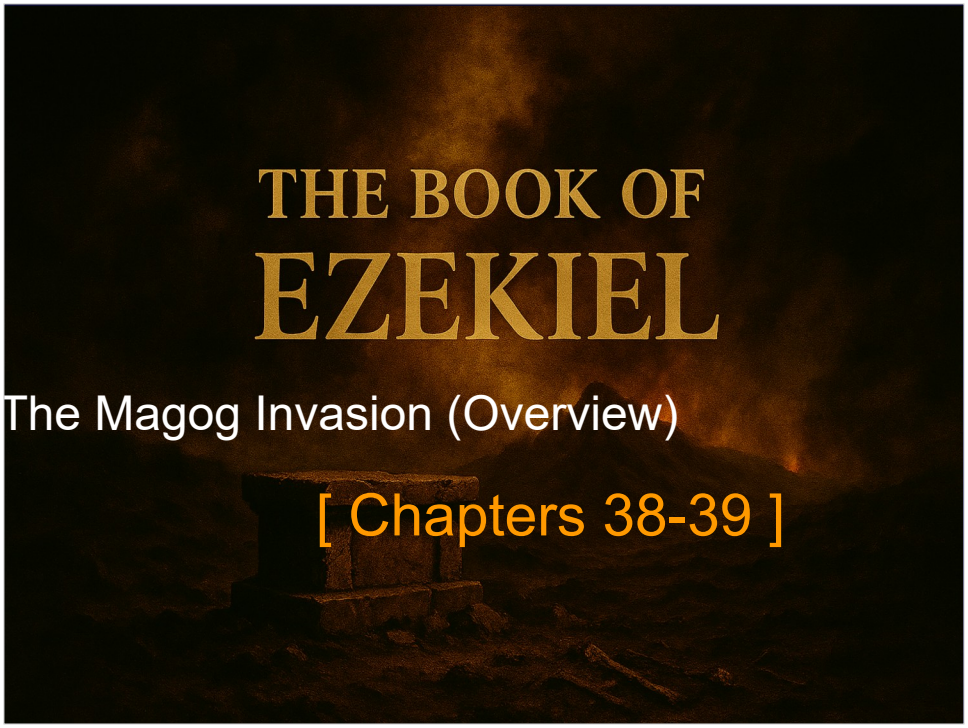
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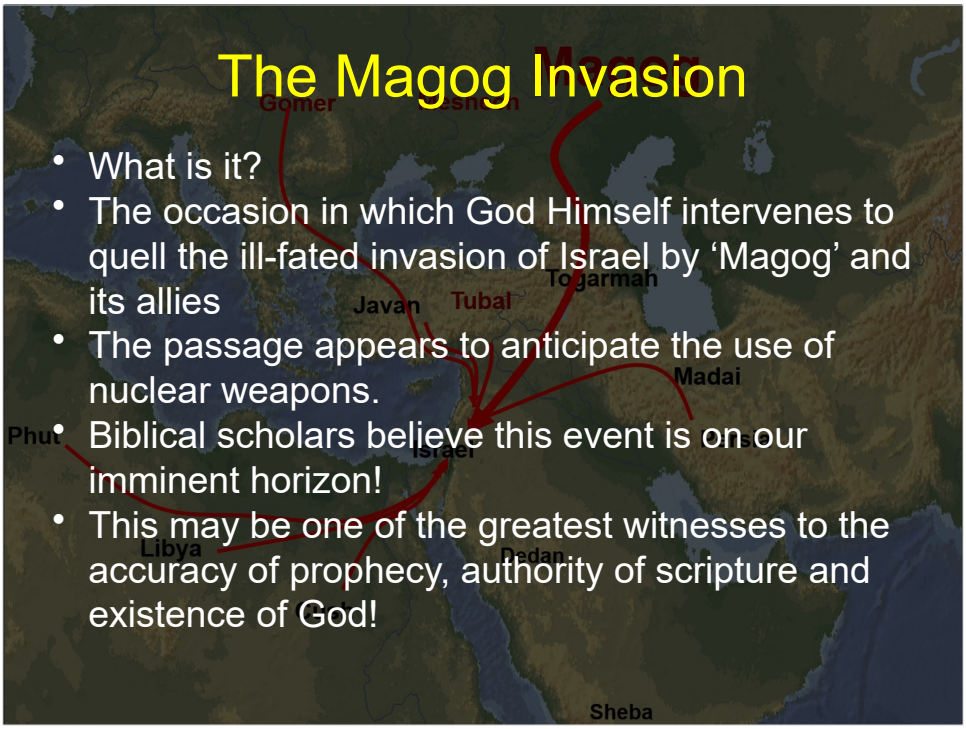
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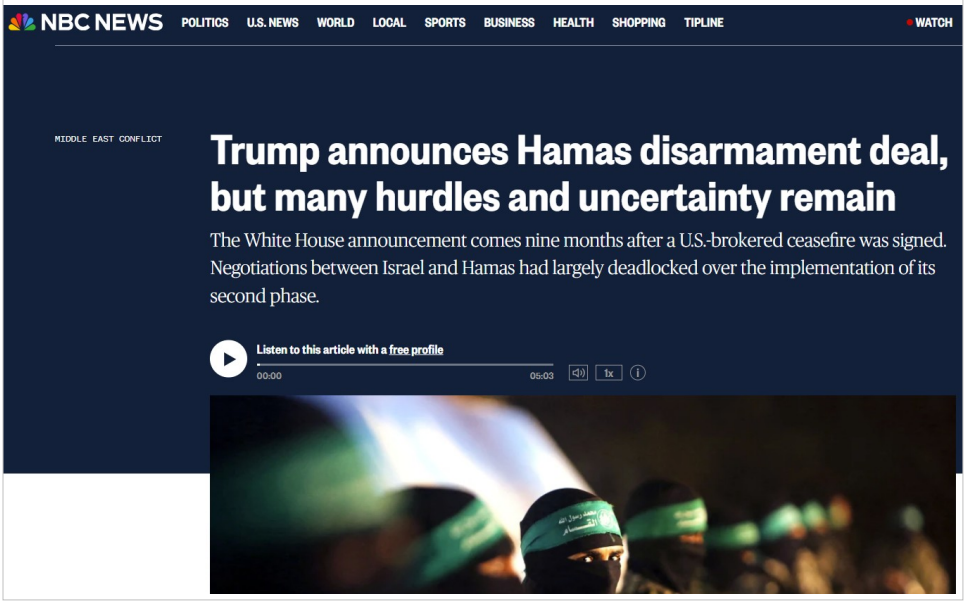

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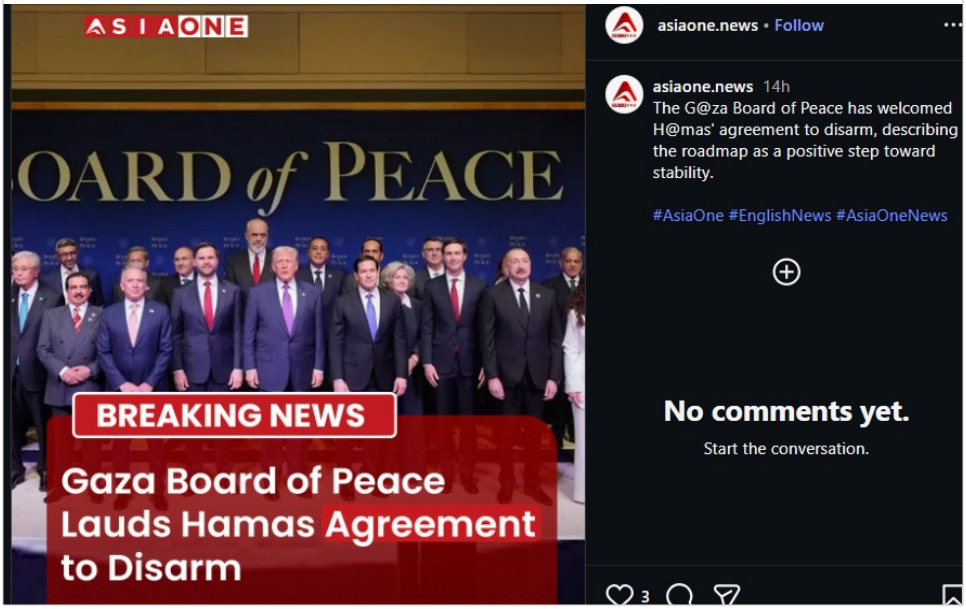
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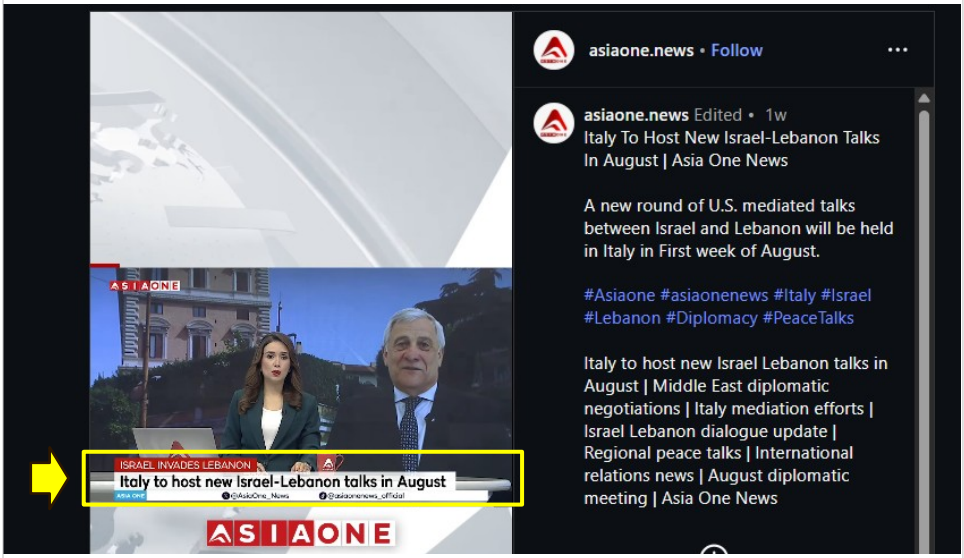
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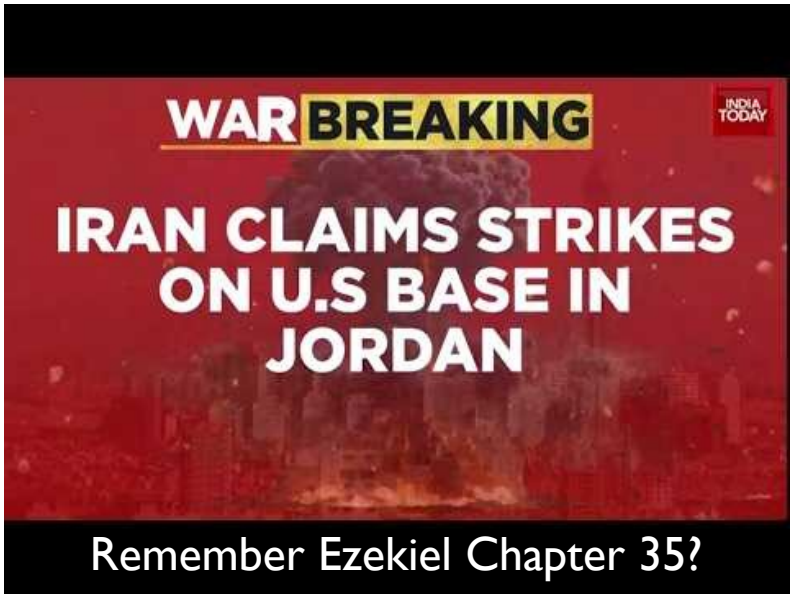
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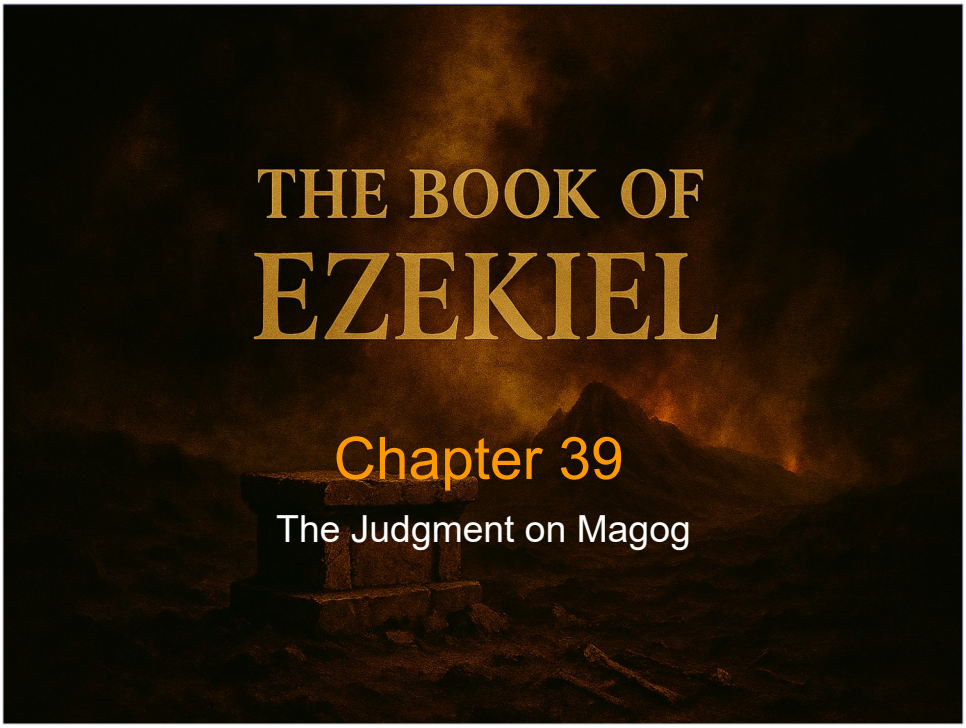
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- Chapter 39 gives us the *aftermath and the timeline.*


THE BOOK OF
EZEKIEL
Chapter 39
The Judgment on Magog

1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

Ezekiel 39:1

- Gog is the spiritual power behind all of this

2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

Ezekiel 39:2

- Note once again: God is the one orchestrating this!
- The Classical (Conservative) view:
- Only 1/6th of the invading army will survive
- But is that what the text says?
  - Note: Modern versions translate this differently:

The Sixth Part?

- Almost all modern translations (NASB, ESV, NIV, NKJV) and ancient versions (like the Greek Septuagint and Latin Vulgate) derive the word from a root meaning "to lead on," "to drive forward," or "to drag along.“
- So where KJV reads:
  - "I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee...“
- Modern translations render it as:
  - "I will turn you around and drive you forward / lead you on..."

The Tautology!

- Certainly in Hebrew poetry we have
- *Synonymous Parallelism*
  - where the second clause restates what is given in the first clause.
- *Synthetic Parallelism*
  - where the second clause develops the thought of the first.
- But Ezekiel 38–39 is written in standard prophetic prose, not classical Hebrew poetry.
- In Hebrew prose narrative, stringing together four verbs that all essentially mean *"I will move / drag / lead you forward"* creates a heavy tautology.
- It repeats the exact same spatial action four times without adding new information.

The Best Translation

- The KJV structure, however, introduces a distinct, logical progression of action:
- Action 1 Directional: *"I will turn thee back"*
  - Diverting Gog from his original campaign.
- Action 2 Judicial/Sovereign: *"and leave but the sixth part of thee"*
  - Decreeing the severe destruction/limitation of his force.
- Action 3 Geographic: *"and will cause thee to come up from the north parts"*
  - Spatially moving the remaining threat.
- Action 4 Destination: *"and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel."*
- With the KJV every single clause performs a completely distinct job in the sentence

The Hebrew Root Debate

- The translation debate centers on the rare verb שְׁשִׁאתִיךָ (*weshishetika*).
- It is a *hapax legomenon*
  - a word that appears only once in the entire Hebrew Bible.
- The KJV translators derived the verb directly from the established Hebrew root שֵׁשׁ (*shesh*), meaning "six" or "a sixth part".
  - *shesh* is used dozens of times in the OT for "six"
- Modern scholars often look to external ancient languages to guess at a verb shashah meaning "to lead on" or "to drive forward."

No Problem!

- The irony, is that in trying to manufacture a new meaning from outside the Hebrew text to avoid the number "six," modern translators created a repetitive sentence structure in Hebrew prose that didn't exist in the KJV!
- In trying to solve a problem that didn’t exist they created one!
- For God to declare in Ezekiel 39:2 that He will reduce a proud, massive army to a "sixth part" fits Ezekiel’s established theological vocabulary of divine fractional destruction.
  - See Ezekiel 5:1–2; Rev 6:8; Rev 8:7–12

Summary (and Insight!)

- Some modern versions change 'leave a sixth part' to 'lead you on,' but if you read it that way, God repeats 'I will lead you, drive you, and bring you' four times in a single sentence.
- The traditional text gives us a clear, logical sequence:
  - God turns the invader back,
  - cuts his army down by five-sixths,
  - and then brings that remnant right onto the mountains of Israel to display His glory!



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Ezekiel 39:2

- Note the sequence of events!
  - 1) God will interrupt whatever it was that Gog was doing and 'turn him back'
  - 2) God will destroy five sixths of his army
  - 3) Then God will cause him to come [down] from the north
  - 4) He will eventually arrive in Israel
- Use of the 'vav' conjunctive strongly suggests this is to be taken sequentially

39:2 וְשֹׁבַבְתִּיךָ וְשִׁשֵּׁאתִיךָ וְהַעֲלִיתִיךָ מִיַּרְכְּתֵי צָפוֹן וְהֵבֵאוֹתִךָ עַל־הָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל׃

Alternative Scenario

- If Russia is at 100% full strength, a dominant global superpower wouldn't necessarily need to cobble together a massive regional bloc (Iran, Sudan, Libya, Turkey) just to invade Israel for resources—they could do it unilaterally.
- So what 'forces' them to do this?

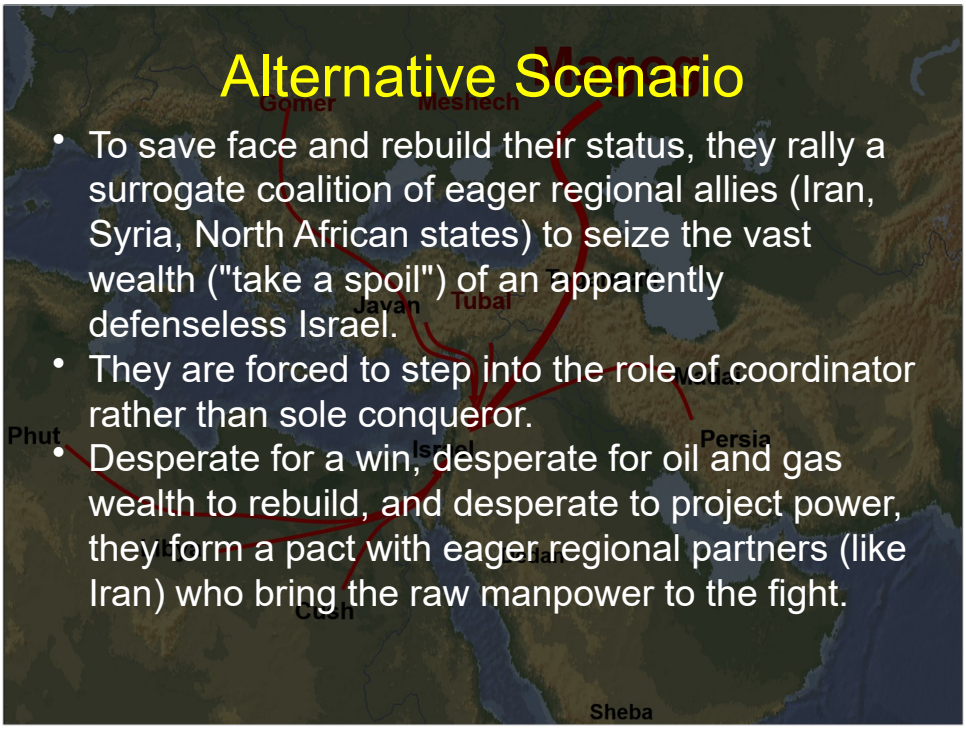


Alternative Scenario

- Russia get bogged down, depleted, and severely humiliated in a grueling conflict (such as Ukraine or Eastern Europe).
- They lose "5/6ths" of their standing military strength and/or strategic credibility.
- Stripped of 5/6ths of their former conventional power, desperate for oil, resources, and geopolitical leverage, they are "turned back" (diverted away from their current campaign) and hooked into a new direction toward the Middle East.

Alternative Scenario

- To save face and rebuild their status, they rally a surrogate coalition of eager regional allies (Iran, Syria, North African states) to seize the vast wealth ("take a spoil") of an apparently defenseless Israel.
- They are forced to step into the role of coordinator rather than sole conqueror.
- Desperate for a win, desperate for oil and gas wealth to rebuild, and desperate to project power, they form a pact with eager regional partners (like Iran) who bring the raw manpower to the fight.



Alternative Scenario

- Russia becomes a dangerous, cornered beast with a massive point to prove.
- The hook in the jaw isn't pulling a confident, untamed conqueror; it's dragging a desperate, wounded empire into a fatal trap!



Alternative Scenario

- The Set-Up:
  - A prolonged European war depletes and humbles Russia down to a fraction of its former conventional might ("leave but 1/6th").
- The Hook:
  - Facing economic ruin and military embarrassment, Russia is diverted south toward the Middle East.
- The Alliance:
  - Russia leverages regional anti-Israel hatred to form a surrogate coalition (Iran & Co.) to do the heavy lifting.
- The Trap:
  - They march into Israel expecting an easy prize, only to be totally annihilated by the hand of God on the mountains of Israel.



Another Alternative

- J Vernon McGee has a unique perspective on the *"leave but the sixth part of thee."*
- He argues that the Hebrew root is better rendered "I will six thee“
- Meaning God will afflict Gog with six specific plagues: pestilence, blood, overflowing rain, hailstones, fire, and brimstone Ezekiel 38:22
- McGee stresses that God uses these six plagues to wipe out the host upon the mountains of Israel.
- When finally the brimstone falls, there is zero doubt that God Himself destroyed them, just as He did with Sodom and Gomorrah.

3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand,
and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy
right hand.
4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel,
thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is
with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous
birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field
to be devoured.

Ezekiel 39:3-4

5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 39:5-6

- 'Carelessly' Heb:betach *in false confidence*
- This is a direct reference to the nations that did not want to get involved!
- Yes! That includes this country!
- But note the reason why…

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7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.

Ezekiel 39:7

- This whole battle is orchestrated by God as a witness to Israel and the rest of th Word

8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

Ezekiel 39:8-9

- Ezekiel is trying to articulate in c.587 B.C. what he was seeing as he looked 2600 years in the future!

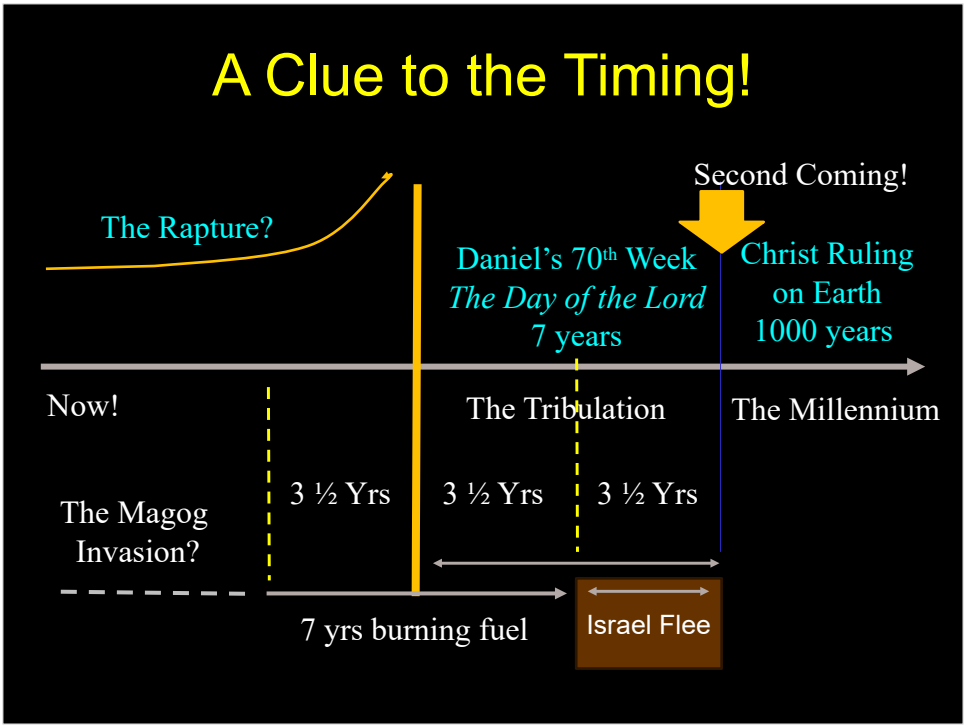
10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 39:10

- Somehow, the weapons that are recovered provide the energy needs of Israel for seven years!
- What kind of weapons can be used as fuel?
- Nuclear?

A Clue to the Timing!

- Israel will use the weapons as fuel for seven years
- However, half-way through the Tribulation, Israel will be forced to flee their Land (Matt 24)
- That means the Magog Invasion must occur no later than 3 ½ years before the Tribulation, to allow them the 7 years needed for this scripture to be realised


A Clue to the Timing!
Second Coming!
The Rapture?
Daniel's 70th Week
The Day of the Lord
7 years
Christ Ruling
on Earth
1000 years
Now!
The Tribulation
The Millennium
3 ½ Yrs
3 ½ Yrs
3 ½ Yrs
The Magog
Invasion?
7 yrs burning fuel
Israel Flee

A Clue to the Timing!

- Israel's comprehensive victory may well set the stage for them to rebuild the Temple
  - Including the right to reinstitute the Levitical sacrificial system
- It will almost certainly cause great trouble for the nations of the World – what are they to do with Israel?
- The stage will be set for a charismatic world leader to broker a peace deal with Israel and the surrounding nations (that up until now none have been willing to sign!)

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog.

Ezekiel 39:11

- Commentators highlight a profound poetic irony here: Gog and his army entered Israel as invaders "passing through" to conquer. They end up permanently stuck in the land, buried in the very valley named after temporary passers-by!

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- Travelers passing the valley will have to hold or "stop their noses" because of the unbearable stench of the rotting multi-million-man army. This echoes Isaiah 34:3 *("their stench shall rise out of their carcasses").*

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- Hamon means "multitude," "horde," or "tumultuous crowd.
- God strips Gog of his grand reputation. Instead of being remembered as a great global conqueror, his legacy is reduced to a mass grave named *"The Valley of Gog's Hordes"*

12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

Ezekiel 39:12

- It is going to take seven months to bury all the bodies!
- Rather than the annihilation of Israel, Gog's plan (just like that of Haman in the book of Esther) is completely turned around on their own heads!

13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God.

14 And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

Ezekiel 39:13-14

- People will be employed full time to bury the dead
- Note: to cleanse the Land (so before the 1000yrs)

15 And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.

16 And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

Ezekiel 39:15-16

- The 'passengers' (Foreign aid workers?) will help the search, but will only mark the place of the dead.
- To avoid contamination (from the radiation?) they will leave the disposal to the professionals!

17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

Ezekiel 39:17

18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 39:18-20

21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and
all the heathen shall see my judgment that I
have executed, and my hand that I have laid
upon them.
22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am the
Lord their God from that day and forward.

Ezekiel 39:21-22

- Once again, God reiterates His purpose!

23 And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

Ezekiel 39:23-24

- Even ‘the Mystery of Israel’ will be ‘understood’

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;

26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.

Ezekiel 39:25-26

27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

28 Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

Ezekiel 39:27-28

29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 39:29

- There is nothing now holding Israel back!
- They have been brought back to life (Ch37)
- Now God is pouring His Spirit upon them.
- All that remains is for them to repent and turn to Him.
- But will take the events of the Tribulation to finally shake them from their complacency
- Then and only then will they call out to Him


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