THE BOOK of EZEKIAL

Narrative Translation

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And the Lord God said, “Say the following: ‘Listen, Gog, head leader of Meshech and Tubal. I will come to you and put a ring through your lip, and I will bring you out with your whole army—all the horses and cavalry bedecked magnificently, the entire mighty assembly holding bucklers, shields, and swords. Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya[[3]](#footnote-1) will be with them, all with shield and helmet. All the armies of Gomer and all the armies of the House of Togarmah in the far north.[[4]](#footnote-2) Many people will be with you. Prepare and get ready—you and the entire assembly gathered around you. Become a defender for them. It will take many days for you to count [them].

‘In the final years, you will be entering the land of the people returning from the sword,[[5]](#footnote-3) the ones who were gathered from many nations onto the hills of Israel,[[6]](#footnote-4) which had long been a wasteland.[[7]](#footnote-5) And the people [who] had come from the many nations lived in safety.[[8]](#footnote-6) You and all your armies, and the many people with you, will rise up like a tempest, like a cloud shrouding the land.

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“So, prophesize, Son of Man,” declares the Lord God, “and say the following to Gog, ‘You will be aware of the day when My people of Israel are not living securely. You will come from your place in the far north. Many people will be with you, all riding on horses. Everyone, a great assembly and a mighty force. You will rise over my people of Israel like a cloud shrouding the land. It will be in the end days. I will bring you against My Land [of Israel],[[15]](#footnote-13) because the nations will know Me when I am seen as holy in their eyes, Gog.’”

Thus, says the Lord Yahweh, “You are he about whom I spoke in ancient days through my servants, the prophets, who prophesied for years in that time that I would bring you upon them [i.e., the Israelis]. It will happen on that day, at the time for coming against the Land of Israel. The Lord God declares: ‘The rage in My face will be felt. My jealousy and the fire of My fury—I will not even speak [of those]! On that day, there will be a great earthquake[[16]](#footnote-14) in the Land of Israel. Even the fish in the oceans, and the birds in the sky, and the beasts in the field—and all creeping things that creep over the earth—will be shaking in My presence. And all men who are on the surface of the earth will be thrown down. The mountains will collapse, and every promontory and wall will fall to the ground.[[17]](#footnote-15) And I will proclaim from all My mountaintops a sword for Gog,’ declares the Lord God. ‘It will be the sword of man against his brother. And I will judge him [i.e., the Jews of Israel] with plagues, and with blood, rain, and flooding. I will be raining down hail stones of fire and brimstone on him and his men and on the many people who are with him.[[18]](#footnote-16) And thus, I will magnify Myself and consecrate Myself, and they will know that I AM Yahweh, the One True God.’

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“I will send fire from Magog upon those dwelling on the coast in safety, and they will know that I AM Yahweh. Then, in the midst of My people Israel, I will announce My Sacred Name. I will no longer let them profane My Sacred Name. And the nations will know that I, Yahweh, AM holy in Israel.”

“Listen! It is coming and it will be,” proclaims the Lord Yahweh. “It is the day about which I have spoken. [On that day,] those dwelling in the cities of Israel will emerge [when] their arsenal and shield and buckler ignite and burn.[[19]](#footnote-17) With the bow, and with the arrow, and with the javelins, and with the spear, they will kindle a fire with them for seven years.”

Declares the Lord Yahweh, “They will not take wood from the land, and neither will they chop in the forests, because they will kindle a fire from the arsenal. And they will plunder the plunders, and will pillage the pillagers. It will happen on that day that I will give to Gog a burial place there in Israel—the valley running east from the sea. It will block traveling because they will bury there. Thus, Gog and all his men will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog.[[20]](#footnote-18) For seven months, the House of Israel will be buried [there], in order to purify the Land [of Israel].”

“All the people of the Land [of Israel, who are killed] will be buried [there], and out of its fame will become a day that honors Me,”[[21]](#footnote-19) declares the Lord Yahweh. “And men will constantly separate [the bodies from the rubble of the cities], passing over the land, burial parties burying the [bodies] remaining on the surface of the ground, to purify it.[[22]](#footnote-20) At the end of the seven months, they will still be searching. The search parties will cross over the Land [of Israel], and [when] they see a man’s bone, they will place a marker next to it until the burial parties have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog. Also, the name of a city will be Hamonah.[[23]](#footnote-21) Thus, they will purify the Land [of Israel].”

“You, Son of Man,” declares the Lord Yahweh, “proclaim the following to every kind of bird and to every beast in the field: Assemble and come gather around for My sacrificial [meal], which I AM offering to you—a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel. And you will eat flesh and drink blood. You will eat mighty flesh and drink the blood of the Land [of Israel]’s princes[[24]](#footnote-22)—all the rams, lambs, and goats, oxen and cows of Bashan.[[25]](#footnote-23) And at my sacrificial [meal], which I AM offering to you, you will devour fat to your satisfaction, and drink blood to drunkenness. And you will be satiated at My table with a mighty horse and rider, and with every man of war,” declares the Lord Yahweh.

“And I will give My glory to the nations. And all the nations will see My judgment that I performed, and My hand that I placed upon them. And from that day forward, the House of Israel will know that I AM Yahweh, their God. And the nations will know that the House of Israel went into exile for being unfaithful to Me.[[26]](#footnote-24) So, I hid My face from them and gave them into their enemies’ hand. For their defilement and for their rebellion, I have acted against them and hidden My face from them.”

Therefore, the Lord Yahweh now proclaims the following: “I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and I will have compassion for the whole House of Israel, and I will be jealous for My holy name.[[27]](#footnote-25) But they bore their disgrace and all their transgressions, by which they were disobedient to Me, when they lived safely in their land, nothing terrifying [them]. When I have returned them from the people, and gathered them from their enemies’ lands, then I will sanctify them in the sight of many nations. And they will know that I AM Yahweh, their God. I exiled them among the nations, but I will gather them in their land, with none of them still remaining exiled. And I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will pour My spirit upon the House of Israel,” declares the Lord Yahweh.

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25. Bashan is located in modern-day Syria. Likely, this is a reference to the Golan Heigts, which is in Syria but is currently being seized by Zionist Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
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49. This is according to Jewish law. [↑](#footnote-ref-47)
50. “Hamonah” means “multitude” or “large number.” [↑](#footnote-ref-48)
51. This event is also discussed in *Revelation 19:17-19*, where we learn that “Gog” is the Rider on the White Horse: “Then I saw a single angel standing before the sun, and he shouted in a loud voice, speaking to all the birds who were flying in Middle Heaven, ‘Come gather for the great feast of God! So you can eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of commanders, and the flesh of titans! And the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of everyone—both free and enslaved, and small and great!’ And I saw [that] the Beast, and the kings of the Earth and their armies, had gathered to wage war against the [Rider] sitting on the [White] Horse, and against his army.” [↑](#footnote-ref-49)
52. Bashan is located in modern-day Syria. Likely, this is a reference to the Golan Heigts, which is in Syria but is currently being illegally seized by Zionist Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-50)
53. The Israelites were deemed “unfaithful” because they worshipped idols, including a false Yahweh idol that was not the One God of All Things. [↑](#footnote-ref-51)
54. When God says He will be “jealous,” He means that He will be jealous if their love and devotion is directed toward idols. [↑](#footnote-ref-52)