

# Ground Zero of End Time Prophecy

## Daniel 9:24

### Introduction

Looking into scripture for information regarding the “end of the world”, any bible student quickly realizes that everything is centered on the land and people of Israel. We will be looking at three sections of scripture today that deal with future events involving the nation of Israel.

- I. Ezekiel’s prophesy Ez.38, 39
  - a. The invasion of Israel 38:2,5-6
    - i. A coalition of nations will attack Israel including:
      1. Russia (the leader referred to as Gog
      2. Iran
      3. Turkey/Armenia and eastern Turkey
      4. Sudan/Ethiopia, Libya, possibly Somalia, Germany
    - ii. The leader, Russia, will come from the north V.6,15
    - iii. It comes when Israel is back in its land and enjoying relative security V.11,14
    - iv. Motivated by the “spoils of war” – steal the natural resources of Israel V.12-13
      1. Minerals from the dead sea, oil from the Golan Heights, recent gas discoveries (Leviathan, Tamar worth billions)
    - v. Watched by other countries that will NOT intervene V.13
      1. Saudi Arabia, European and the Americas
  - b. What will happen?
    - i. The invading armies will be **supernaturally** defeated by God
      1. They will turn on themselves V.21
      2. A great earthquake V.19-20
      3. Famine and pestilence V.22
      4. Fiery hail from heaven V.22b
    - ii. Israel will burn the left-over military weapons for fuel for 7 years ch.39:9
    - iii. It will take 7 months to bury the bodies in the valley of Hamongog (somewhere east of the dead sea in a deep ravine) 39:11-13
  - c. Why does this happen?
    - i. To magnify the Lord God 38:23
    - ii. Everyone will know that the God of the universe is the savior of Israel V.23b
  - d. When?
    - i. Most likely sometime just before or at the beginning of Daniel’s last week prophesy
      1. They need 7 years to burn the weapons for fuel
- II. Jesus’ prophesy (The Olivet discourse) Matt.24,25
  - a. Jesus is answering two questions with three parts
    - i. When will the Temple be destroyed?
    - ii. What is the sign of the second coming of Christ and of the end of the world?
  - b. This prophesy is for and about Israel, God’s chosen people
    - i. This time is prophesied as “Jacob’s trouble” Jer.30:7
      1. The purpose - to bring Israel back to God Jer.30:22, Hos.6:1-2, Zech.12:10

- ii. The church age is past (raptured) and is not found in this prophesy until the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming V.31
- c. The beginning of sorrows V.4-14
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> 3.5 years of Daniel's last week
    - 1. False Christs V.5
    - 2. Increased wars and conflicts V.6
    - 3. Racial conflicts V.7 (nation vs nation)
    - 4. National conflicts V.7 (kingdom vs kingdom)
    - 5. Food shortages with famines V.7b
    - 6. Increased pandemics V.7b
    - 7. Increase antisemitism V.9
    - 8. Jewish infighting with apostasy V.10
    - 9. All will hear the Gospel V.14
- d. The great tribulation V.15-28
  - i. Time for the Jews to flee to safety V.16-21
  - ii. Don't fall for reports of the Messiah, even if accompanied by miracles V.23-26
- e. The second coming of Christ V.29-41
  - i. Atmospheric disturbances with lunar eclipses and meteors V.29
  - ii. The sign of Christ appears, people will see and know V.30
  - iii. Christ gathers his saints to come with him V.31
  - iv. People caught off guard, living without thought of God V.37-41
    - 1. Just like before the flood
    - 2. Most will be taken away to their eternal fate awaiting final judgement
    - 3. Those that are spared become part of Christ's kingdom

### III. John's prophesy – Revelations

- a. The spiritual condition of the church in the First 3 chapters
  - i. Seven actual churches that also represent distinctions of the church over the centuries
- b. The scene in heaven – chapter 4 and 5
- c. The judgements upon the earth – chapter 6 -17