

[The Gog-Magog Battle - Ezekiel 38:18-23](#)

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[Ezekiel 38:7-17](#) gives the motives for Gog's evil scheme — to plunder and loot an unsuspecting nation. Gog will use his massive coalition of nations to invade Israel's wealth. What will God's reaction be to Gog attacking the people who are the apple of His eye, and for what purposes does God intend to use this invasion? [Ezekiel 38:18-23](#) gives us the answers.

Ezekiel 38:18-22 — The Sword of God

"18This is what will happen in that day: When Gog attacks the land of Israel, my hot anger will be aroused, declares the Sovereign LORD. 19In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. 20The fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground. 21I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man's sword will be against his brother. 22I will execute judgment upon him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him."



God's "hot anger," "zeal" and "fiery wrath" unleashes the very elements against the Gog-Magog coalition of armies. God not only plans on just destroying the armies, but He embarrasses them by having the various factions turning on and killing each other. Whoever is left alive, God then cracks the land out from under their feet, swallowing them with a mountain-shattering earthquake.

God also pummels the armies from above with torrents of rain, hail and sulfur falling from the sky. It could be that the falling debris is a result of the earthquake producing volcanic activity. Maybe but less likely Israel releases its nuclear missiles.

Whatever the fallout, in the end there can be only one conclusion about how Gog's armies were destroyed. *"Torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur"* all are very biblical in proportion. The wrath of the Old Testament judgments released into a modern age which thinks God has ceased judging in such a dramatic way will terrorize a world in religious confusion.

Ezekiel 38:23 — God Revealed

"23'And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

The whole planet will suffer a terrible earthquake. Also, the whole world will witness the Gog-Magog Battle and see the destruction of Gog. And, because of the supernatural elements used to destroy this massive international invasion force, God uses His victory to

show the entire world that Jehovah God exists. Everybody will know in no uncertain terms that God is real and He defends the tiny nation of Israel. There will not be a single atheist left at that point.

What will be the fallout for Gog and benefits for Israel from God's victory? In the next part of this "Impending Invasion of Israel" series we'll look into Ezekiel 39 for the grisly details.