

末世預言進階課程 Prophecy Course Level 3

第四課：在末世時的戰爭及基督對以色列的拯救 (I): 歌革大戰

Lesson 4: The battles at the end times and the Christ's deliverance of Israel (I): Battle of Gog

課前預備 Lesson Preparation

經文：結 38-39

Passage: Eze 38-39

參考經文：賽 2:4；啟 20:8-9

Reference: Isa 2:4; Rev 20:8-9

怎樣預備 How to study

1. 研讀上述經文，嘗試了解關於上述各段經文的重點。不要放過任何你認為有趣或不解的細節。寫下所有你發現的問題。
Study the above passages. Try to figure out the main points concerning all the passages listed above. Don't let go any details you find interesting or confusing. Write down all the questions you have.
2. 閱讀並思想「一頁聖經研究」，看看它有否解答你寫下的問題。閱讀後，你可能有更多的問題，也把它們寫下來。
Read the One Page Bible Summary and ponder on it. See if it answers your questions written. Write down any additional questions you have after your reading.
3. 找出在下面「思考問題」的答案。若你認為有些問題太過困難，可以跳過不答。
Answer the Questions to Ponder below. If you find some of them too difficult, you can skip them.
4. 若你發現這段經文不易理解，或是下面的問題不容易回答，不要沮喪。你可以把你的問題帶到課堂時詢問，你也可以在課堂之前，以電郵詢問你的問題。
If you find that the passage/ questions are not easy, don't feel frustrated. You can ask your questions/ what you do not understanding during the lesson. You can also ask your questions via email before the lesson if you wish.

思考問題 Questions to Ponder

回答以下各題時，請用以西結書 38-39 的一頁聖經研究作參考。

Please refer to the one-page summary for Eze 38-39 in answering the questions below.

(A) 請讀以西結書 38 章。

Read Eze 38.

1. 歌革的軍隊從哪裡來？這隊軍隊是由哪些國家組成的？這軍隊強大嗎？試引用相關的經文，支持你的答案。

From where does the army of Gog come? What nations does the army include? Is the army large? Support your answers with relevant Scriptures.

The army of Gog comes from the North (v15). They consists of seven nations, namely, Meshech, Tubal, Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, Put (Libya), Gomer and Beth-togarmah (the last two in Turkey, v3, 5-6), which is likely an Islamic Union. This army is very large, as it is described as “a great company with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords” (v4), “like a cloud covering the land” (v9) and that “a great assembly and a mighty army” (v15).

2. 聖經如何描繪當歌革軍隊來進攻時，以色列當時的狀況？

How does the Scripture describe Israel when the army of Gog attacks her?

Israel is described as a land once wasted but now inhabited by people gathered from the nations (v12). People are at rest and live securely (“the land of unwallled villages”, v11, 14).

3. 參考你第 1 及第 2 題的答案，以及一頁聖經研究的內容，回答以下問題。

Refer to your answers in Questions 1 and 2 and also the one-page summary, answer the following questions.

(a) 以西結書 38 章所提及的歌革、瑪各之戰與啟示錄 20:8-9 所提及的歌革、瑪各之戰（發生在千禧年結束之時）是同一場戰役嗎？試舉出理由支持你的論點。

Are the battle of Gog and Magog in Eze 38 and the battle of Gog and Magog in Rev 20:8-9, which occurs at the end of the Millennium, the same battle? Give reasons to support your argument.

No, because

- Gog is described as the leader of the land of Magog in Ezekiel 38:3 while Gog and Magog represent nations of the world in Revelation 20:8;
- Gog leads 7 nations nearby only in Ezekiel 38:2-6, while Gog and Magog are nations all over the world in Revelation 20:8.
- Israel is a nation with people gathered from nations (returned to the land) in Ezekiel 38, while in Revelation the Jews has already lived in Israel for a thousand years;

- weapons are used in the battle in Ezekiel (Eze 38:4, also the burning of weapons after the battle in 39:9-10), while weapons are already destroyed in Millennium (Isa 2:4);
- in the battle described in Ezekiel 38-39, there are 7 years of weapon burning after the battle, while in that in Revelation 20, judgement of great white throne and new heaven and earth come after the battle.

(b) 以西結書 38 章所說的歌革、瑪各之戰是啟示錄中 16:12-16 及 19:17-21 所描述的哈米吉多頓大戰（發生於主再來地上之時）嗎？試舉出理由支持你的論點。

Are the battle of Gog and Magog in Eze 38 and the battle of Armageddon described in Rev 16:12-16 and 19:17-21, which occurs at the return of Christ on the Earth, the same battle? Give reasons to support your argument.

No again, because

- the battle of Armageddon is at the end of the last seven-year period, at which Israel is being persecuted, while in the battle of Gog and Magog in Ezekiel is at a time of which Israel is living in peace and prosperity (Eze 38:8, 12);
- Armageddon is a large plain which can contain an armies of two hundred million, while the battle in Eze 38 is on mountains of Israel (38:21, 39:2)

(c) 那麼你認為以西結書的歌革、瑪各之戰發生在何時？為甚麼？

Then when will the battle of Gog and Magog in Ezekiel happen? Why?

It should be in the last seven-year period in Dan 9:27, as the battle happened in the last days (Eze 38:16). As the Jews will live securely and peacefully, it is very likely the battle occurs in the first 3½ years, of which Antichrist has made a peace treaty with Israel (Dan 9:27) and there is pseudo peace.

4. 這戰事是如何結束的？
How does the battle end?

God will totally destroy Gog in one day, by a great earthquake (38:19) when He will be magnified before the nations (38:23). Men in the Gog's army will kill one another (38:21), and God will rain on the armies with hailstones, fire and brimstone (38:22).

(B) 請讀以西結書 39: 1-16。
Read Eze 39:1-16.

5. 這大戰結束後，以色列人會如何處置棄置的武器和歌革大軍的屍體？他們為甚麼要這樣處置？

After the battle, how will Israel treat the weapons left and the corpse of the army of Gog? Why did they treat them this way?

They will burn the weapons (39:9-10) and bury the corpses (39:11-16). They may burn the weapons as fuel because in the Tribulation, fuel may be running out as the world is devastated then. Corpses are buried because they are unclean, and the Jews are to cleanse the land (39:16)

6. 神叫歌革大戰發生的目的為何？祂如何藉這大戰達成這目的？

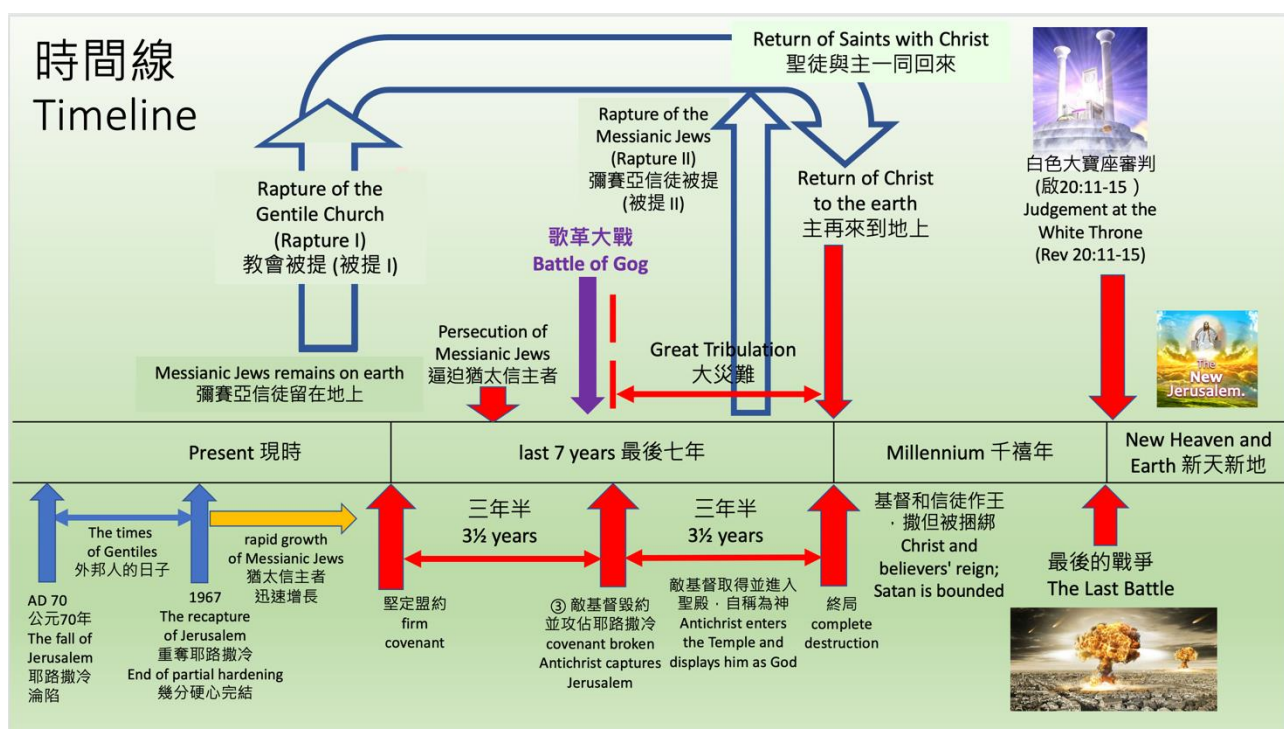
What is God's purpose of bringing the battle of Gog? How does He achieve such purpose through this battle?

God wants to magnify Himself before Israel and the nations (39:7). He achieved His purpose by defeating the army of Gog and restoring Israel (39:25-29). The battle may bring many Jews to convert to complete the 144,000, who will uphold Israel onto the final restoration.

7. 請把今次查考經文的內容加進以下的時間線上。

Incorporate what you have discovered in this Bible Study in the timeline below.

As indicated by the purple arrow and text



8. 今次查考預言，你對神和祂的計劃多了甚麼認識？這對你今天的生活有甚麼影響？寫下兩個你在今次查經想到的應用。
- What do you know more about God and His Plan in this study? How would this affect your life? Write two applications of your Bible Study.

Any application in line with the truth in the Scripture