

The Attack and Defeat of Gog (Part 1)
Ezekiel 38:1-23

Main Point:

In the midst of spiritual warfare, remember who is in control and that your future is secure in Christ.

1. As a Christian, you have a formidable foe.
2. Your formidable foe is under the control of God Almighty.
3. Your formidable foe is unable to thwart the gracious purposes of God for you.

Iain Duguid "The point of Ezekiel 38–39 is not that at some distant point in future history these particular nations will oppose Israel ... Rather, [they] represent symbolically a supreme attempt by the united forces of evil to crush the peace of God's people."

Christopher Wright "The symbolism speaks of an ever present reality, namely, human and satanic opposition to God and his people. History is littered with "Gogs" – those who have thought they would eradicate the people of God."

Revelation 20:7-8 7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. (NKJV)

Iain Duguid "Gog and his foul friends who seek to destroy the restored Israel are simply the ultimate expression of a continual struggle in which Satan seeks to destroy the people of God..."

Derek Thomas "The devil is a force to be reckoned with, and we should make no mistake in thinking otherwise."

Job 1:6, 8 6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them ... 8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" (NKJV)

Christopher Wright "God controls the results of human plans and actions in such a way that God's own name and glory are the final beneficiary in the world."

Iain Duguid "Though trials of all kinds, even the worst imaginable kind, may and will come, they will do so only under God's good and sovereign hand."

Revelation 20:9 9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. (NKJV)

Iain Duguid "In spite of all his planning and preparation, Gog has fundamentally misread the matchup. It is not a matter, as he supposes, of his vast and well equipped army ranged against a defenseless nation...Rather, by tangling with Israel Gog is taking on Israel's God."

Christopher Wright "The destruction of Gog as the final great enemy of Israel and Yahweh thus stands as ultimate reassurance to God's people that their future is secure."

Colossians 2:15 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. (NKJV)

Iain Duguid "No matter how big the opposition, how well organized they are, how powerful their weaponry, or help paltry the resources of God's people, ultimately the plans of God's enemies will come to nothing."