

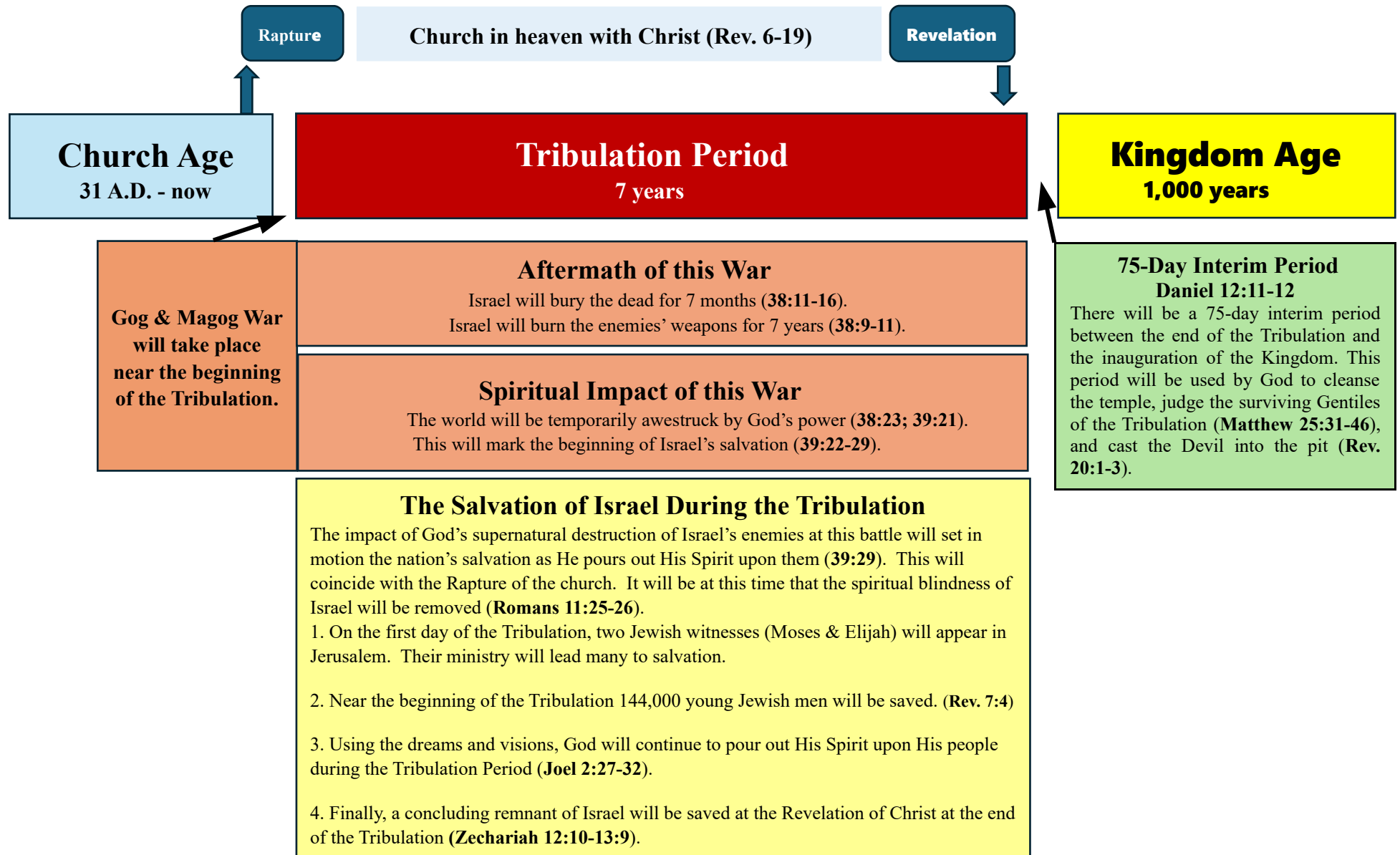
Timeline of Gog and Magog War and Its Aftermath

Ezekiel 38-39- Invasion of Israel by Russia, Iran, Turkey, and other radical Muslim terrorist elements

Bible Study
Chart #305

(All Bible references are from **Ezekiel 38-39** unless otherwise noted. See the back of this chart for greater detail.)

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The Time of this War

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1. This war takes place during *“the last days”* (**38:8, 16**). This is not the same as the other Gog and Magog war mentioned in **Revelation 20:8**. Many factors indicate these two battles with the same names cannot take place at the same time. Ezekiel’s war is followed by a 7-year period of physical cleansing of the land (**39:8-10**). The Revelation war of Gog and Magog is the final event on earth. Immediately, as this war is concluded, earth and earth time cease to exist (**Revelation 20:11**).
2. It will happen when the Jewish people are dwelling in their land as they return from their global exile living in the nations. (**38:8, 12**).
3. This war will materialize as the Jewish people are at *“rest,”* (**38:11**) and are living *“safely”* (**38:11, 14**) in their ancient homeland. This does not mean that Israel will be living at a time of no war or terrorism. The Hebrew word translated *“safely”* means that the Jewish people will be living with confidence in their ability to provide themselves with security even if they are vulnerable. Even during times of the threat of war or acts of terrorism, Israelis amazingly conduct their daily activities with a sense of normality.
4. This Ezekiel war will happen when Israel possesses an abundance of resources, wealth, and especially agriculture abundance (**38:12-13**). Israel now possesses great natural gas and oil deposits, and advanced technological resources. The wealth of the minerals in the Dead Sea are estimated to be worth more than 4 billion dollars. Israel is a world-class leader in agricultural technologies and exports food to its Middle East neighbors.
5. This war will take place when the coalition of nations mentioned in **38:5-6** are in place. That includes Russia, Iran, Turkey, Sudan, Libya, and other radical Muslim groups that hate Israel. This coalition is already in place and many of them already have troops in Syria and Lebanon along Israel’s northern border (**38:15; 39:2**). Israel’s current war with Iran will in some way precipitate the final move of this coalition’s land invasion of Israel on the Golan Heights.
6. This war will happen when these nations become a real threat to Israel. God will, as in days of old (**Joshua 11:20**), bring them against Israel so that He might destroy these enemies of His people (**38:2-4, 16**). Some evil thought of hate will trigger these nations to invade Israel (**38:10**). This seems to be the current prevailing mindset of these nations.
7. God will prepare the geological foundations of the earth in Israel and around the world for the massive earthquake that will trigger the eruption of the dormant volcanoes that are on the border with Israel and Syria (**38:19-22**). The recent geological activity of the great Syrian/African Rift Valley that stretches for 4,300 miles from Turkey into the African continent, indicates that this area along the northern border of Israel is ripe for a major earthquake.
8. Israelis are anticipating this war mentioned by Ezekiel. I have been told that the Israeli military leadership is preparing for this future invasion of Israel. From their perspective, it is only a matter of time.

The Beginning of Israel’s Spiritual Awakening

It is extremely important to note that because of God’s destruction of this massive military invasion of Israel, that He will pour out His Spirit *“upon the house of Israel”* (**39:29**). The Israeli reaction to God’s supernatural intervention during this invasion will have a lasting spiritual impact upon the nation *“from that day and forward”* (**39:22**). A remnant of Israelis will be saved. They will *“know”* that the Lord is their God (**39:7, 22**). The Lord states that from that day *“I will not let them pollute my name anymore”* (**39:7**).

At this point in time, the Bible teaches that most of the Jewish people have a spiritual veil upon their spiritual hearts that prevents them from seeing and receiving the gospel (**2 Corinthians 3:14-18**). This spiritual blindness will prevail until *“the fulness of the Gentiles be come in”* (**Romans 11:25**). This signals what we refer to as the Rapture. In the very next verse of **Romans 9**, Paul writes, *“and so all Israel shall be saved”* (**Romans 9:26**). Therefore, the spiritual eyes of the Jewish people will not be opened until the time of the Rapture. So, if the hours following the defeat of the Gog and Magog coalition brings about a spiritual awakening in Israel, then this invasion must come after the Rapture of the church and before the Tribulation Period begins.

The massive earthquake that will take place at Gog and Magog will cause *“every wall [in Israel] to fall to the ground”* (**38:20**). That would include all the Islamic structures on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. This will open the way for the false peace treaty of the Antichrist (**Daniel 9:27**) that will start the Tribulation Period. On that same day, two Jewish witnesses (**Revelation 11**) will appear in Jerusalem. Their spiritual ministry will impact 144,000 Israelis to come to Christ near the beginning of the Tribulation. All of this will take place after the beginning of Israel’s spiritual awakening connected to the Gog and Magog invasion.