

# "The Importance of Timing"

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Recently The Sojourner was talking to me about the fact that some of the things that were taught to him as fact in school have now been found not true. Other scientific discoveries, over time, have proven these "facts" to not be true, and have caused scientists to over and over again adjust their theories. This in turn gives schools cause to also alter what they teach and declare as truth to their students.

Looking at God's Word we see many prophecies. Some people say the Bible cannot be truth or it cannot be taken literally because there are so many prophecies that have not to pass. Some of these naysayers are the same people who shrug their shoulders when scientists alter what they are calling truth and easily stock it up to the process of scientific discovery—we just have not discovered all there is to be discovered yet.

Something that needs to be remembered is that our Heavenly Father was there when the earth was created he knew how his Word would end before he even started having the various authors write it.



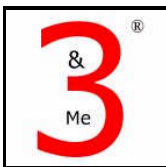
Notes:

[a]Isaiah  
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This all being said, consider that God knew how things would end before he put the prophecies in the Bible. The fact that some of the prophecies have not yet been fulfilled does not mean they are false, their time has just not yet come.

Jesus' birth was prophesied by the Prophet Isaiah hundreds of years before Jesus came to earth [a].

Israel becoming a nation in one day was prophesied



thousands of years before that came into being. It was all in the timing—the truth in God's Word has been proven over and over. The other prophecies will come to pass also. It is just a matter of timing—God's timing. Oh, and God is never late!

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## "Words Of Ezekiel"

(Teaching Sketch)

Ezekiel 38-39 (NIV)



Ezekiel spoke of the future and things in the future. Not just the near future but thousands of years in the future. Strange that some today, were he in the 'now,' might say he is a false prophet because they had not seen his prophecy come true as delivered in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Note that Ezekiel did not put a time in, "the word of the Lord," he recorded.

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### Talking To The Enemy

Here in Ezekiel 38 and 39 God is, much of the time, talking to the enemy about what one day will happen and how in those happenings he will use them to bring destruction on themselves all the while showing himself (God) faithful, powerful, and compassionate toward his people, Israel. God, himself, disarms those armies who come against Israel.

### Even Nature

Even nature turns on the enemies of God when they are destroyed on the field of battle. Chapter 39:4 tells:

<sup>4</sup> On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your troops and the nations with you. I will give you as food to all kinds of carrion birds and to the wild animals.

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### Identifying The Players

Ezekiel begins by identifying those who will come against his people, Israel. The purpose of this message is not to identify who the countries are and their names today but to simply show the progression of events and God's plan and purpose. The identifying of today's players in last days events will be covered at another time.

### We Need

We need to understand the overall picture and movement of people, armies, and God to

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## Key Scripture:

Ezekiel 38:1-7 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>"Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of <sup>[a]</sup> Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him <sup>3</sup> and say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of <sup>[b]</sup> Meshech and Tubal. <sup>4</sup> I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords. <sup>5</sup> Persia, Cush <sup>[c]</sup> and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, <sup>6</sup> also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you. <sup>7</sup> "Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them.

[a] Ezekiel 38:2 Or *the prince of Rosh*,

[b] Ezekiel 38:3 Or *Gog, prince of Rosh*,

[c] Ezekiel 38:5 *That is, the upper Nile region*

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Ezekiel tells them they will “fall in the open field,” this to display to all who see it the power of God at work to establish his word as it had been said.

## Deliverance

The people of Israel will know God’s, “holy name” and he, “will no longer let my holy name be profaned, and the nations will know that I the Lord am the Holy

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One in Israel.<sup>9</sup>(39:7)

## Israel Will Know

Israel will know he says:  
<sup>9</sup>"Then those who live in the towns of Israel will go out and use the weapons for fuel and burn them up—the small and large shields, the bows and arrows, the war clubs and spears. For seven years they will use them for fuel. <sup>10</sup>They will not need to gather wood from the fields or cut it from the forests, because they will use the weapons for fuel. And they will plunder those who plundered them and loot those who looted them, declares the Sovereign LORD.

It will take Israel seven years to use up the fuel energy left by their enemies. They will be reminded for seven years of God’s faithfulness to them. They will not soon forget. They will spend seven months just burying the bones of their enemies. Then Israel will know the Messiah and will come into full relationship with him. See:

<sup>22</sup> From that day forward the house of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God.

## Just so you’ll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal fellowship & sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise, Worship, & Offerings:** (*Offerings to be placed in basket during Praise & Worship*)

Words of Prophecy or Knowledge if they have been given during “Praise & Worship.” (other times as the Spirit moves)
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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