



## **SPECIAL LESSON**

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### **“Iran, and the Current Conflict with Israel”**

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#### **A. Intro:**

- **I’ve been receiving a lot of questions about the conflict in Iran lately – enough that I feel I need to pivot and provide a different lesson for today.**
- I know there are various opinions out there. Not everybody is on the same page concerning what is happening now.
- I’m not interested in arguments. What I am going to tell you is what I understand to the best of my abilities, and in conformity with the proper rules of interpretation.

#### **B. Background:**

1. Iran has been threatening the US and Israel (‘death to Israel,’ ‘death to America’ etc.) for 30 years or more – but things have been ratcheting up over the last 10 - 15 years in particular.
2. The current larger conflict fundamentally began in the early dawn, on Oct. 7, 2023, on Shabbat, which was the last day of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles.
3. That was exactly 50 years and one day after the start of the Yom Kippur War in Israel in 1973.
4. The Palestinians initiated rapid incursions into the southern communities of Israel by land, sea, and even air (powered hang gliders).
5. It caught Israel unawares – the same dynamic as in 1973. Within a very short time, Palestinian terrorists poured through breaches in the border fence and took over 20+ villages and communities in southern Israel and began slaughtering Israeli citizens in their homes and in the streets.
6. Terrorists surrounded a party that was out in the country, and which was attended by hundreds of Israeli young people, and fired on the attendees from all points. Over 250 bodies were identified from this one event.
7. At the same time, hundreds of rockets were fired from Gaza into multiple places across southern Israel.
8. Bomb-dropping drones were used to take out tanks and military outposts.
9. **IMPORTANT:** The Palestinian terrorist organization, Hamas, started this conflict (very important!), and they called it ‘Operation “Al-Aqsa Flood” in reference to the Temple Mount area - - and specifically to the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosques which are located there.
10. Remember, Islam claims this Temple Mount area to be the third holiest site in Islam - though ironically, the Quran does not mention Jerusalem at all.

11. This Temple Mount area is what Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East Six-Day War. Israel annexed this area along with east Jerusalem.
12. However, in a historical setback – it's one of those 20/20 hindsight blunders - Israel turned over this Temple Mount area to Jordan for administration by the Jordanians.
13. Under the longstanding 'status quo' arrangements since that point, non-Muslims are permitted to visit, but only Muslims are allowed to worship anywhere on the Mosque compound.
14. Over the last few years, in defiance of these protocols, some Jewish visitors to the site have been praying more or less openly, and this has infuriated the Muslims.
15. This has become a flashpoint issue for the Palestinians, and this is the reason they provided for that conflict which **they initiated**.
16. Of note, Temple Mount issues like these have spawned various violent clashes and short conflicts going all the way back to the mid-1990s.
17. In any event, the Palestinians' rationale was these prayers of the Jewish visitors, and other reasons like these, are 'violations, threats, and attacks' of the Temple Mount area.
18. And so, unbelievably, this justified, in the minds of the Palestinians (and their terrorist arms, like Hamas), a legitimate cause for war.
19. The Islamic mindset is not a geopolitical one. It does not play by those rules. It is a 'theological' or 'apocalyptic' mindset – for lack of better terms. They look at everything through the lens of what they believe their religion is instructing them.
20. This mindset is not well understood amongst Western leaders. Islam only understands 'strength' proven in conflict. The USA became a mockery when we sent pallets of cash in the cover of night to try to bribe the Islamic leaders, etc.

### **C. Current Status of the present conflict**

1. At the time of this lesson, the following details are among the pertinent ones:
  - The death toll of Israelis from this present conflict in Gaza significantly exceeds the number of casualties Israel had in the 1967 Six-Day War.
  - As we now know, more than 100 Israelis (including the elderly, women, and children) were captured and taken into Gaza. A group of American citizens was also taken captive. And as we know – most of those captives died.
  - We also saw various of these captives stripped naked and abused in all sorts of ways, and we saw them paraded around Gaza. Some of this treatment and the scenes are reminiscent of the days of Nazi Germany.
  - The bodies of dead Israeli soldiers were stomped on and dragged behind cars and motorcycles.
  - Arab social media produced many dozens of videos showing this animal-like behavior of the Palestinians and their inhumane treatment of the captives.
  - What we have been seeing in real time is the truth about Islam and the evil that saturates it from top to bottom.

- Islam never was, it is not, and it never will be “the religion of peace.” That assertion was, is, and always will be a demonic lie.
2. As we saw, Israel formally declared war in response to these events.
- While this was stated by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the early days of this conflict, it was also authorized by Israel’s Security Cabinet, including voting in favor of invoking Article 40A. This is the first time this has happened since the Yom Kippur War in 1973.
  - The IDF campaign called their war efforts ‘Operation Swords of Iron.’
  - The IDF also called up hundreds of thousands of reservists. There has been very little – if any – uncooperative posture by any branch or member of the military. It was the largest call-up in decades.
  - Fierce political disagreements were laid aside in Israel, and ruling members came together in support of this War Declaration, in support of the IDF, and in support of Israel’s leadership.
  - Hundreds of Israelis lined up to donate blood as hospitals became overwhelmed with the wounded.
  - Many thousands of rockets were fired into Israel from the Gaza area. Most of the targets were in southern Israel, but some of those rockets landed in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.
  - Tanks and other equipment became part of a full-scale ground invasion of Gaza.
  - In the beginning, global sentiments were on Israel’s side as world leaders expressed clear support for Israel. As usual, this support plummeted shortly after Palestinian casualties started hitting the press.
  - In our own country, most of our leaders on both sides of the aisle had expressed strong support for Israel. The exceptions were some of the far-left folks like “the squad” members, which predictably called for Israel’s restraint.
  - Since that point, the left – pretty much as a whole – has turned against Israel and has (a.) bought into lies, and (b.) promoted lies about the conflict.
3. Notably, there quickly emerged hints of other regional forces joining with Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad in that conflict against Israel:
- First off, and perhaps most importantly, the president of Iran called the Hamas leader to congratulate him for this successful attack. It’s significant that Hamas is an Iranian proxy (also Hezbollah).
  - A channel associated with Hezbollah in Lebanon (another Iranian proxy – and the largest and most powerful of them) also announced, “Today is the day when all fronts come together.”

- Mortars, missiles, and anti-tank ordinances were shot into Israel from Hezbollah, in Lebanon, and Israel responded to these things. That all escalated as we know.
- The Taliban also asked Iran, Iraq, and Jordan for land access to Israel. The Taliban pledged to send all their troops and equipment to ‘liberate Jerusalem’ (Note: This is the \$80 Billion + worth of sophisticated American military equipment that Joe Biden abandoned to the Taliban in Afghanistan).
- We came close to a situation where Egyptian forces wanted to join in the fight alongside Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.
- West Bank militants (Biblical Judea and Samaria) also jumped into the fray and began firing on the IDF. Same for Yemen and the Houthis.
- Saudi Arabia (lately in the news for wanting to strike a peace deal with Israel) issued a formal statement suggesting fault for the current conflict lay on both sides.
- Qatar was stronger in its language: it stated that “Israel started this.”
- Bottom line: a number of Israel’s proximal foes contemplated jumping into the fray.
- According to a former Israeli National Security Advisor, Israel was facing an existential threat if Hezbollah, if Iranian militias in Iraq and Syria, and if Palestinian terrorists from the West Bank (again: Biblical Judea and Samaria), all joined in the fighting.

**NOTE:** A lot has happened since October 2023, and here’s the natural ‘elephant in the room’ question: “WAS ALL THAT THE START OF THE PROPHETIC PSALMS 83 WAR?”

**NOTE:** As I go into this lesson, I want to review the high points of that, and then I want to move into where we are now – and where this all may be going. I want to begin by commenting on **Ezek. 37:10**. This is the chapter about the famous dry bones prophecy, and this verse reads:

*“So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.”*

**NOTE:** More and more prophecy scholars are interpreting this to mean a physical “**army**,” a military force - - rather than a large population of people or citizens.

Since the dry bones prophecy is about God bringing back the Jewish people to their homeland – and that process began in May of 1948 - the suggestion of **Ezek. 37:10** is that a significant military element would emerge as part of this return.

And as we know, Israel has endured multiple wars and conflicts since 1948. **Always**, it has been a conflict initiated by her surrounding neighbors, and it’s always the same players: the

Palestinians, the Syrians, the Egyptians, the Jordanians, and so on. In more recent decades, militant Iranian proxies like Hezbollah and Hamas have taken center stage.

This ongoing Arab – Israeli conflict has essentially compelled Israel – as **Ezek. 37:10** states - to become a great military force. The IDF has rapidly become the superior military in the Middle East simply as an issue of existential survival.

So, turn to **Psalms 83 (vss. 1-8)** and let’s do a quick review and get a running start.

**QUESTION:** “Who are these adversaries of Israel in their modern equivalents?”

**NOTE:** Bill Salus, a friend of mine, is probably the leading authority on these matters. He has done an extensive study to identify some of these foes of Israel based upon their ancient locations, and others by where they eventually migrated.

**ANSWER:**

- **Tents of Edom:** Palestinians, and the area from which they came from Southern Jordan
  - **NOTE:** It is very important that this is the first contingency mentioned on this list. That is a Biblically significant designation - - and notice that this group STARTED the conflict of Oct. 2023.
  - The term “tents” suggests a refugee or a non-permanent status - - someone not in their real homeland.
  - **IMPORTANT:** This Biblical ‘tents’ or ‘refugee’ status is a **recent qualifier**. It has ONLY been the case SINCE Israel’s War of Independence in 1948.
  - It’s vital that we know that, because this calls into serious doubt whether the **Psalms 83** dynamics could have been historically fulfilled in ancient times as some people think it was.
- **Ishmaelites:** Saudis (Ishmael is the father of the Arabs)
- **Moab:** Palestinians and Central Jordanians
- **Hagrites:** Egyptians (Hagar is the matriarch of Egypt)
- **Gebal (Byblos):** Hezbollah and Northern Lebanese
- **Ammon:** Palestinians and Northern Jordanians (‘Amman’ is Jordan’s capital city)
- **Amalek:** Arabs of the Sinai area
- **Philistia:** Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad of the Gaza Strip (think ‘Philistines’)
- **Tyre:** Hezbollah and Southern Lebanese
- **Assyria:** Syrians and Northern Iraqi’s

These groups have all – at one point or more - expressed a desire to see Israel eliminated. Many of these territories include proxy groups of Iran (like Hezbollah in Lebanon, or Hamas in Gaza) which answer to and are funded by Iran.

**A. So, all that said, here are the Biblical conditions for this prophetic *Psalms 83* war:**

1. All these foes want Israel eliminated. Their goal, according to **vs. 4** is to “*destroy them as a nation so that the name of Israel is remembered no more.*”
2. Their motive is seen in **vs. 12**. They want to “*take possession (ownership) of the pasturelands of God.*”
3. That means Israel, by this point, must be fertile and productive and green - - which it is today. Israel is one of the primary agricultural suppliers to Europe.
4. You can fly over Israel today and see a hard outline between the verdancy of Israel on one side of the fence and the dry barrenness of her neighbors on the other side. (NOTE: This is another **recent qualifier**).
5. All these foes of Israel must join forces. A contingency from within each of these territories mentioned must – in some way - be participating.
6. They must all be conspiring together to achieve these objectives. In **vs. 3**, they are planning and plotting for this sort of military campaign.
7. This prophetic war – by virtue of who is listed first on this list – will in some way be started by, or center around, the Palestinians (AKA “the tents of Edom”).
8. This conflict will require a state of declared war by Israel. This is not another few-day skirmish with one or more of these foes such as Israel has had many of to date.
9. This is, instead, a full-on no-holds-barred war - - and I think (with some hindsight here), it is likely a lengthy and drawn-out endeavor with some ‘twists and turns.’

**B. And here are the outcomes of this war according to *Psalms 83* and other related passages** (NOTE: The Bible outlines various other individual prophecies which are – likely – all tied together as being part of one larger conflict).

1. The foes which come against Israel will ultimately be destroyed by Israel to the point they no longer exist as a threat or as a recognized people group or nation (**Cf. vss. 9-11**).
2. These adversaries which come against Israel will be eliminated in a very dramatic fashion (**Cf. vss. 13-15**).
3. The result of this greater conflict will – again, **ultimately** - be several things (we also need to look at some other related passages to see all this, but first we’ll stay in ***Psalms 83*** a bit more):
  - “*Men will seek God’s name*” (**Cf. vss. 16-18**) – in other words, many people will recognize God’s hand in all the developments.
  - They will see Bible prophecy being fulfilled; and they will acknowledge God as a result of the outcomes of the carnage and trauma.
  - Israel’s adversaries will be utterly ashamed and distraught (**Cf. vss 16-18**). All the predictable, deceptive, pompous, and proud words of Israel’s enemies will be exposed as deceptive, shallow, and baseless.
  - **NOTE:** All the people who openly support the Palestinians, who want to see a two-state solution, who embrace BDS and other errant movements (and this includes a lot of churches and church leaders, BTW) will also be completely disgraced.

**NOTE:** Now we need to see what some other related passages have to say about this larger conflict, because ***Psalms 83*** is probably the hub passage concerning this greater conflict, but it is not the only one.

Other passages which address yet unfulfilled prophecies also provide some supplementary information about this same conflict, and we need to consider them. **For example: Iran.**

**There will be a great disaster in Iran according to *Jeremiah 49:35-37*** (and here's where we come to some of the developments of the last week or so).

- The region of western Iran is known as ancient Elam. In the Bible, it's different than Persia, but today they are both 'Iran.'
- In this area, a high concentration of Iran's missile launching systems and her nuclear program are located. This makes sense since it is the closest part of Iran to Israel.
- The Bible says this region will be attacked and completely destroyed – likely by the IDF and a series of allies (***Cf. vs. 36, 'the four winds'***).
  - NOTE: The USA has been an active part of the present campaign. But about a dozen other regional nations are planning to jump in as well since Iran has been attacking them indiscriminately and without cause. (NOTE: The UAE jumped in last evening, and Saudi Arabia is now threatening Iran too.)
  - Even some EU nations are starting to supply some military support. I think, in the weeks ahead, we're going to see multiple players jumping in against Iran.
  - It's interesting to note that this whole flare-up with Iran began at about the same time as the 2026 celebration of Purim.
  - NOTE: This holiday celebrates the miraculous story that unfolds in the book of ***Esther***.
  - In this story, Queen Esther helps save the Jewish people from widespread massacre at the hands of Haman in ancient Persia (modern day Iran).
- Other notable outcomes of this present Iranian conflict are specified, for example:
  - Iran's '*bow*' will be broken, as well as the '*mainstay of (her) might*' (***vs. 35***). 'Arrows' are not mentioned, but '*bow*' instead.
  - This could be an indication of Iran's missile launching system, or just a general reference to her ability to attack and wage war in general.
  - Also, notice in ***vs. 38*** that God says He will '*destroy her king and officials.*' This is an indication that Iran's top leadership will be taken out.
  - It's significant to note that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and multiple key political and military officials were killed within the first hour of this present conflict.
  - This ***Jeremiah*** passage also says that '*disaster, 'dismay,' and a 'shattering'* will come upon Iran as a result of this conflict. It's reasonable to see these things taking place right now.
- Remember, Iran is the head of the octopus here. There is a direct relationship with multiple of Israel's adversaries. All of Iran's proxies surrounding Israel are the tentacles of that octopus.

- Iran is ultimately responsible for the larger situation that Israel is dealing with, and so it is no surprise here that the events of **Psalms 83** and **Jeremiah 49** show a relationship. Iran HAD to be dealt with.
- This larger event in Iran has still to result in several things according to **Jer. 49:34-39**:
  - Iran will experience further great disaster. The Lord has *'fierce anger'* against Iran for her hatred of the Jews. So, things have just begun in all this (**vs. 37**).
  - The destruction of Elam or western Iran will result in a mass exile of her people to all nations of the world.
  - This may be because of nuclear or radiation fallout; it may also simply be that the populace takes advantage of a 'window of opportunity' to get out of Iran finally (**cf. vs. 36**).
  - Iran's mainstay of her military might will be completely broken (her drone technologies, her missile program, and her nuclear capabilities are still being systematically destroyed).
  - The leadership of Iran will be destroyed (**Cf. vs. 38**). *'The king and many officials'* are gone - - but there is more to go yet.
  - **Bottom line:** There has been extraordinary military success against Iran in this conflict to date – and these things are fulfilling what **Jer. ch. 49** says - but there is much more to go yet. I believe we will see a much more complete decimation of that nation.

**C. Next, and at some point here, I believe we will see further ramifications of this larger conflict.**

- Notably, the Palestinians are likely to be eliminated as a people group – almost entirely (**Cf. Obadiah 1:18**):

*"The house of Jacob (this is the IDF) shall be a fire, And the house of Joseph (again, the forces of the IDF) a flame; But the house of Esau (the father of the Edomites and the origin of the Palestinians) shall be stubble; They (again, the IDF) shall kindle them (the Palestinians) and devour them, And no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau," For the Lord has spoken."*

- This is one of those complementary passages to the **Psalms 83** details which has not been historically fulfilled, and it is still awaiting fulfillment.
  - This passage in **Obadiah** spells out a very bad prognosis for Gaza and the Palestinians.
  - It is worth noting that Hamas refuses to surrender and continues to wage war against Israel. At some point here, Israel will have had enough of this...
- Syria, too, will suffer devastating losses, and her largest cities will exist no more (**Cf. Isaiah 17:1-2, 9, 14**). This could very well be a nuclear strike by Israel on Damascus – an 'eye for an eye' approach (implications of that...).

*“See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins. The cities of Aroer will be deserted....”*

*“In that day his (speaking of Syria and Damascus and other cities in that nation) strong cities will be as a forsaken bough and an uppermost branch, Which they left because of the children of Israel; (again, this seems to specify the actions of the IDF) And there will be desolation.”*

(This describes how it all happens): *“In the evening, sudden terror! Before the morning, they (the cities) are gone! This is the portion of those who loot us, the lot of those who plunder us.”* (Details here **may** suggest a nuclear event).

- Further, Jordan will lose her main cities the same way as Syria did, and Israel will take possession of large parts of Jordan (**Cf. Jeremiah 49:2; Zephaniah 2:8-9**)

*“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will cause to be heard an alarm of war in Rabbah (Amman, Jordan) of the Ammonites; It (Amman, Jordan) shall be a desolate mound, And her villages shall be burned with fire. Then Israel (the IDF) shall take possession of his inheritance,” (NOTE: This territory is within the Promised Land described in **Genesis 15:18**) says the Lord.”*

*“I have heard the reproach of Moab (Central Jordan), And the insults of the people of Ammon with which they have reproached My people, (Israel) And made arrogant threats against their borders. Therefore, as I live,” Says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, And the people of Ammon like Gomorrah—Overrun with weeds and saltpits, And a perpetual desolation. The residue of My people (again, a reference to the IDF) shall plunder them, And the remnant of My people shall possess them.”*

NOTE: Some takeaways here on these passages about Jordan:

- The current treaty Jordan has with Israel is fragile – at best - and has been vulnerable several times already.
- It will not hold up when Jordan decides to jump in and fight against Israel according to **Psalms 83** and here in these passages.
- Remember, the Edomites are in Jordan, and they are the origin of today’s Palestinians. Remember the massive riots in Jordan in support of the Palestinians when the conflict first broke out in Oct. 2023?
- I believe Jordan will lose her control of the Temple Mount. I don’t think Israel will make the same mistake of giving it back as she did in 1967.
- Israel will possess a large part of the land of Jordan - - this includes that area of Bozrah which is where the ancient fortified city of Petra exists (**Cf. Isaiah 63:1-6**).
- This area is most likely where the righteous remnant of Jews will flee to at the midpoint of the Tribulation.

- **Daniel 11:41** specifies that this particular area will not be conquered by the antichrist, and this is consistent with what we read in **Rev. 12:6**. God protects the faithful Jewish remnant there.
  - ✓ Furthermore, in **Daniel 8:9-14**, we have a passage that refers to the antichrist, and we see here a “a directional dilemma.”
  - ✓ **Daniel 8:9** describes the antichrist as waxing in power and territory “...to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land.”
  - ✓ Northern Syria (and the territory of ancient Assyria) was the Seleucid dynasty’s headquarters. This is where Antiochus Epiphanes, the most **detailed** TYPE of the antichrist, reigned.
  - ✓ The Bible makes a strong case in multiple passages that this same region will be the territory from which the future and final antichrist will come.
  - ✓ So - - while one might argue that Israel currently lies south of that northern Syrian region (it’s actually a bit southwest), it certainly doesn’t lie anywhere east of it.
  - ✓ But - - - when Israel gains a large portion of Jordan in an upcoming conflict, Israel will indeed possess territory that lies “to the south and to the east” from that specific region the antichrist will emerge from.
- See how it all fits together? Bible prophecy does not catch up with the news. Rather, the news catches up with Bible prophecy.

**NOTE: Again, Hamas and the Palestinians will exist no more, and Gaza will become part of Israel (Cf. Isaiah 11:14; Ezek. 25:15-16)**

*“But they (this might specifically reference the Israeli Air Force) shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines (this is Gaza) toward the west (this shows a direction from Israel proper); Together they shall plunder the people of the East; They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; (again, this repeats the defeat of Jordan) And the people of Ammon (Jordanians) shall obey them.”* (So whatever the outcome, Israel will end up being superior and in full control.)

*“Thus says the Lord God: “Because the Philistines dealt vengefully and took vengeance with a spiteful heart, to destroy because of the old hatred,” therefore thus says the Lord God: “I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines (this is a reference to Gaza), and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast.”* (this is where Gaza lies today, on the shoreline).

**And finally, and generally speaking, Israel’s surrounding Arab nations will suffer great defeat and devastation (Cf. Zech. 12:6).** This is not ‘Armageddon’ commentary.

*“In that day I will make the governors of Judah (the leaders of Israel and the military leadership of the IDF) like a firepan in the woodpile, (the warzone) and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding (Arab) peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—Jerusalem.”*

**Some broad takeaways here:**

- As we noted, some of Israel's adversaries are making it clear right now that they want to acquire Jerusalem - - but the Bible makes it clear this will not happen.
- Multiple times, we see in all these passages that the Israelites (via the IDF) are going to achieve great victory after great victory. I believe that we are starting to see these things unfold now - - more 'wrinkles in the equation' to come yet.
- In several places (more besides the ones I have outlined here), we find that Israel will acquire great territory as a result of this larger conflict. This is per the age-old 'rules of war:' if you are attacked, and you win, you can keep the land of the attacker.
- So, at some point (perhaps soon), and besides the territories of Gaza and Jordan and the West Bank (this is Biblical Judea and Samaria, BTW), Israel is likely to acquire parts of Syria, southern Lebanon, the Sinai, and northwest Saudi Arabia.

**IMPORTANT:** This is **not** me speaking my political opinions. This is not me trying to exert my personal views over better rationale. Rather, this is what **I believe** the Bible lays out for us.

My views are also supported by the fact that none of these details fit NICELY into a historical perspective since none of these events have happened before to these PRECISE details.

**NOTE:** All that said, there's another important part to this whole story. I believe it will all come at a heavy price to Israel (**Cf. Isaiah 17:4-6**)

- "...the glory of Jacob (Israel) will fade" (her power, might, resources, etc. will be spent and exhausted)
- "...gleanings will remain....leaving two or three olives on topmost branch, etc." (Israel will suffer heavy losses, and areas of Israel once heavily populated will be left with few people)
- NOTE: There may be a another 'directional' reference here. Several scholars see the northern part of Israel being referenced in these three verses, just like the 'topmost branches' seem to indicate.
- If that is the case, it could mean Israel will take some heavy hits in this region. It means this would have a devastating effect, and perhaps cities like Haifa and Tel Aviv will yet be hit pretty hard.
- The result of this larger conflict is Israel will emerge victorious, but she is weakened. She is totally spent. She will have fought an existential conflict, and this will take all she has to achieve victory.
- Her historic enemies around her will be utterly defeated however. Israel will be at peace ('serenity' is the idea here) because her foes are eliminated, but she is now fragile and vulnerable.
- NOTE: This partially sets up the conditions for the War of Gog and Magog in **Ezek. 38 & 39** which are – most likely – to be a post-Rapture event.
- That huge forthcoming conflict will be a supernatural victory – achieved by God - which is consistent with the 'paranormal' dynamic of the post-Rapture timeframe.

**NOTE:** I've given you the big picture as best as I can see it. My conclusions take into account multiple passages on this same topic. I do not camp on any one or two passages to the exclusion of others on the same matters. That is not a wise approach.

My views are shared by other prophecy scholars, but let's collectively keep in mind – these things are FUTURE. No one can be certain of something which has yet to happen.



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