

Part 9

Gog & Magog

Ezekiel 38:1-9

As you go through the week...

Over the past 75 years, there have been many major stories that have impacted, and in many ways, changed the world: WWI, II, Korea, VietNam, 911, Iraq, Iran; and even more recently the Coronavirus pandemic. All these stories had a beginning and an end; but there is one issue that never seems to go away. It is one of the most perplexing problems that faces world leaders: Israel & Jerusalem! By all accounts, Israel is a nation that shouldn't even exist. Yet it does exist; which ironically has made it a seemingly intractable and perennial problem of Biblical Proportions. Why is Israel & Jerusalem constantly at the center of world conflicts?

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

1. Why do you think that Israel, Jerusalem and the Jews are continuously in the headlines?
2. Does it seem fair/right to you that Israel is "the apple of God's eye?" What exactly do you think that means?
3. What is your understanding of the term, The Last Times? Do you see other events that suggest to you that we are living in those "times."

Passages cited: 1 Kings 9:3; Isaiah 51:3; Ezekiel 25:15; 35:5; 36:22, 23, 24; 37:1-3; 38:1-9, 11; 39:14-15, 19-21, 23; Zechariah 2:8; 12:2-6; Romans 11:1, 25.