**Faith Foundations 2023-2024**

**The Book of Ezekiel**

**Session 24—Ezekiel 38-39**

**In this week’s session, we will be delving into two of the most interesting chapters of the book of Ezekiel. Unlike most of the rest of the book, these chapters have some features of apocalyptic literature, which is the same literary genre as the second half of Daniel and most of Revelation. Apocalyptic literature typically involves vague prophecies about future events, often of a violent nature. The names and numbers found in apocalyptic passages are usually symbolic, and care must be taken not to identify them with any specific location or date. Nevertheless, there are significant general truths that can be gleaned from apocalyptic literature, truths that can give us believers great hope for the future. The chapters of Ezekiel before us in this session are no exception.**

**1.) Read Ezekiel 38:1-6. Against whom did God tell Ezekiel to prophesy? Who is this person (or perhaps, whom does he represent)?**

**2.) What will God do to Gog, and how will Gog respond?**

**3.) Who is allied with Gog, and where are these nations located, especially relative to Israel?**

**4.) Read Ezekiel 38:7-9. In verse 7, what does God command Gog to do? Why?**

**5.) Against whom will Gog and its allies assemble? How numerous will their armies be?**

**6.) How does God describe the nation of Israel in this section of text?**

**7.) Read Ezekiel 38:10-13. What thoughts will come into Gog’s mind? Why will it think these things?**

**8.) What will the other nations ask Gog? Are they happy or upset by what Gog is doing?**

**9.) Read Ezekiel 38:14-16. When will Gog try to attack God’s people?**

**10.) How will God “vindicate His holiness” through Gog?**

**11.) Read Ezekiel 38:17-23. What question does God ask Gog in verse 17? What does this imply about His foreknowledge of Gog’s attack?**

**12.) How will God react to Gog’s attack? What kinds of things will happen as a result?**

**13.) What will God ultimately do to Gog? What will this reveal about His character?**

**14.) Read Ezekiel 39:1-6. What will God incite Gog to do? What He then do to Gog?**

**15.) What will happen to Gog and Magog as a result of all this?**

**16.) Read Ezekiel 39:7-10. How will God reveal His holy name to Israel and to the nations?**

**17.) What will the Israelites do with all the weapons Gog used against them?**

**18.) How will the Israelites treat Gog and its allies?**

**19.) Read Ezekiel 39:11-16. What will happen to Gog after its defeat?**

**20.) What will the Israelites do to cleanse the land? Why would this cleanse the land?**

**21.) Read Ezekiel 39:17-20. For what purpose does God assemble the birds and beasts? What will they eat, and how does Gog factor into it?**

**22.) Read Ezekiel 39:21-24. How will these actions bring glory to God?**

**23.) What will God’s victory against Gog prove to everyone about Israel’s exile in Babylon?**

**24.) Read Ezekiel 39:25-29. What does God promise to do for His people in this passage?**

**25.) How will God’s deliverance of His people show that He is the true God?**

**26.) Read Revelation 20:7-10. How is the imagery of Gog and Magog used here to further proclaim God’s victory in Christ over all of His enemies? Whom do Gog and Magog ultimately represent?**

**27.) Read Acts 2:1-21. How did the day of Pentecost fulfill the prophecy of Ezekiel 39:29?**

**In the future, more enemies will be raised up against God’s people, both the nation of Israel and the Christian Church of the New Testament era. These enemies will seem fearsome, but God is ultimately in control of them, and He is leading them to their defeat. In the end, He will destroy them, and they will be utterly annihilated. Of course, this is good news for us Christians, because God’s greatest enemies are sin, death, and the devil, and these enemies seek to harm us and take us away from God. It is comforting to know that God has beaten them, and that they can harm us no longer. God’s wrath is fearsome, but it is supremely comforting when it is directed against those who would destroy us!oHo**