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GOG AND MAGOG

“²The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.” Genesis 10: 2 The New King James

When God confounded the languages and scattered the people (Genesis 11:1-9) the descendents of Magog settled in the region of the Caucasus Mountains between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea. Later some of them joined other Japhethites in populating the regions to the north including Russia. Other descendents of Japheth migrated westward and provided the rootstock of the Indo-Europeans. There was even an occasion when some of the descendents of Japheth came back as mercenaries (because of their propensity for fighting) and then later settled with their “cousins” in the Caucasus region. It is important to note that with the Islamic conquest of Persia (known as Iran today) the region came under the rule of the Arabs and Islam spread throughout the region.

Near the end of the Tribulation the nations to the south and to the east of Jerusalem will join the nations to the north, organize a large army and invade the Promised Land with the intentions of overthrowing the Anti-Christ (Zechariah 14). We know that God’s people will not be present in that battle. Jesus Christ would not allow godly citizens to be raped or taken captive if He was present in Jerusalem. The invading army will be led into battle by Iran and the countries of the Caucasus region (Gog). The people they will be fighting will be those who have taken the mark of the Beast. The scripture below describes the results of nuclear weapons used in that battle.

“12 And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.” Zechariah 14:12 New King James Version

Please do not confuse this battle (Revelation 16:12-16) with the second battle of Armageddon in the valley that surrounds the city of Jerusalem. A second slaughter will take place in the same valley of Megiddo near the end of the 1,000 year reign of Christ (Revelation 20:1-10).