

The image features a solid purple background. In the upper portion, there are white silhouettes of various Islamic architectural elements, including minarets and domes. The central focus is the text "SHALL ISRAEL BE DESTROYED?" written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, arranged in four lines.

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Will Israel ever be overrun and destroyed? If so, when, and by whom? If not, why? Will the PLO gain power and crack the wall of Israel's strength and morals? Will Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, or others possess Israel's real estate?

Most of us know that Israel was recognized as a nation in 1948 after being without a homeland for more than 1900 years. Now the Jews have a place to call their own. *"Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen whither they be gone, and will gather them...and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation..."* (Ezekiel 37:21, 22a). We also have read scriptures that refer to Israel budding forth as a fig tree in Matthew 24:32-36.

And we should know that we are in the last days of grace. Yes, even in the last days of time itself as we know it. We can discern this by such scriptures as Zephaniah 3:9 - Israel speaking Hebrew; Jeremiah 31:8-11 - Israel scattered for 2000 years; Ezekiel 34:26 - increased rainfall in Israel; and Isaiah 35:1 - Israel blooming like a rose.

All of these different signs have come to pass, yet Israel is continuing in battle and is seated in the hot spot of the world. One has to wonder when and if Israel will be defeated.

To find the answer, let's look at the Six Day War, fought in 1967. Israel's two million people took on fifty-five million Arabs. Israel won with unusually low loss of life. Since then there have been many relentless attacks on the nation of Israel, yet the tiny nation remains undefeated.

Will there ever be true and lasting peace in the Middle East? Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 talk about an attack on Israel that is yet to come; an attack that will be stronger and use more soldiers than any other attack on Israel.

"...in that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely...and thou (Gog) shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel..." (Ezekiel 38:14-16a).

There is little doubt among Bible scholars that Russia and her allies will mount a force and attack Israel. How can Israel fight, much less win against such a force?

"And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face...and I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood: and I will

rain upon him and his bands, and upon the many people that are with him an overflowing rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone" (Ezekiel 38:18, 21-22).

Ezekiel 39:11-15 states that with God's help, Israel will win such a victory that it will take seven months to bury the dead of Gog's army of invaders.

Why? Why is God going to intervene and help Israel in time of war and invasion? Israel, a nation of people that refused to accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God! The answer, "...so the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God" (Ezekiel 39:22).

When will Israel face Gog of the north? *"It shall be in the latter days"* (Ezekiel 38:16).

The main reason for knowing and caring how close Israel is to war with a Superpower is to realize how near we are to the return of Jesus (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

Are YOU ready to meet Jesus in the air?

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