

MAGOG PART 2



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Ezekiel 38-39 and we're just going to pick up here where we left off with verses eight and nine after many days you will be you will be mustered in the latter years you will go against the land that's restored from war the land whose people were gathered from many nations upon the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste but its people were brought out from the Nations and now dwell securely all of them you will advance coming on like a storm you will be like a cloud covering land you and all your hordes and many peoples with you um now verse 8 is like a Time text of sorts telling us when this attack from Gog would come it uses the phrases after many days and in the latter years and verse 16 uses the phrase the last days the latter days or the end of days depending on which translation you use now many dispensationalists but not all of them to be fair sees upon this language and assume terms like this can only be understood as cad logically but these aren't necessarily eschatological terms for the end of the world or even ad70 for example the first usage of such a term in the Bible is Genesis 49 1. it reads then Jacob called his sons and said Gather yourselves together that I may tell you what shall happen to you in the days to come the phrase in the days to come is literally the end of days but the end of days isn't referring to the end of the world or even to

an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie in the late 90s Jacob's words here are fulfilled in the lifetime and near future of his immediate descendants his twelve Sons Deuteronomy 31 29 is similar Moses tells the people of Israel for I know that after my death you will behave very corruptly and turn from the way which I have commanded you and evil will confront you in the latter days because you will do that which is evil in the sight of the Lord provoking him to anger with the work of your hands note the usage of the second person plural You In this passage this isn't much different than Matthew 24 in this regard and audience relevance is just as important here as it is in Matthew 24. and in context in the latter days simply means in the days following Moses death he's telling them they would do evil in the sight of the Lord and it didn't take long for this to happen in fact it happened rather quickly in judges 2 20-21 we read so the anger of the Lord burned against Israel and he said because this nation has violated my Covenant which I commanded their fathers and has not listened to my voice I in turn will no longer drive out from them any of the Nations which Joshua left when he died those were the latter days of which Moses spoke they were in the future from their perspective but they're in the past from ours likewise proverbs 31 25 speaks of The Virtuous Woman Who Smiles at the future if you have a New American Standard Bible look up the marginal reference here it's literally she smiles at the last days now as much as our dispensational friends would like us to think The Virtuous Woman smiles at their doomsday apocalyptic scenarios the truth is she's smiling at her own future thus the translations are absolutely correct in rendering the phrase in this manner such terminology simply means Future Days from the perspective of the writer the subject and or the original audience thus according to the theological dictionary of the Old Testament in and of themselves these Expressions simply mean in the days afterwards in the following days in the course of time in the future accordingly the brown driver Briggs Hebrew and English lexicon of the Old Testament translates Ezekiel 38 16 as in the end of days and defines it as a prophetic phase denoting the final period of History so far as the speaker's perspective reaches thus the sense varies with the context with this in mind these chapters from Ezekiel are written sometime after the Babylonian exile and the events of the Book of Esther take place shortly after the return from Exile so Esther fits the historical context of the speaker's perspective namely Ezekiel in fact Daniel block who's certainly not a preterist has this to say regarding ezekiel's usage of these Expressions he writes unlike Daniel 2 28 and 10 14 where it serves technically for the eschaton here both Expressions refer simply to a later time when the historical phase of the

Exile is over and the new period of settlement in the land has arrived again this is the time period of Esther and the text gives us some very specific details regarding this time period Gog's attack would come at a time when God's people are now dwelling securely all of them Ezekiel 38 8. and in verse 14 it says of Gog on that day when my people are dwelling securely will you not know it it's a time when the land has been restored from war and God's people were brought back to their Homeland which had been a continual waste this aptly describes the situation during the time of Ezra Nehemiah and Esther when God's people had returned from Exile and the restoration had begun Ezra informs us that all Israel was once again living in their own cities and the people were gathered together as one man Nehemiah reiterates this all the sons of Israel were back home in their own cities and everyone lived securely on his own property and this idea of the Jews dwelling securely is highlighted by the fact that the Persians who had liberated them from Babylon were fully assisting the Jews in the restoration effort Ezra chapter one and even the Assyrians who had taken the ten Northern tribes captive 136 years earlier were aiding the Jews in the rebuilding of their Temple Ezra 6:22 so their most recent enemy Babylon was no longer a threat their ancient enemy Assyria was now their Ally and they had the full support of Persia the Empire now in power in short things couldn't have been better for God's people at this time everyone who wanted to return was back home and the other nations were no longer a danger to them they were truly dwelling securely and this perfectly fits the scenario that Ezekiel describes as the time when Gog's attack would come it was a time when all the Jews were dwelling securely throughout the entire Persian Empire and it was a time according to Ezekiel when those Jews who were dwelling securely were living in unwallled villages Ezekiel 38 11. now we definitely can't look to today's headlines to find the Fulfillment of this verse modern day Israel is protected by a 500 mile long wall called the West Bank barrier on the other hand where we can look to find its fulfillment is once again the Book of Esther the Hebrew word for unwallled villages is only used three times in the entire Old Testament one of them is obviously here in Ezekiel 38 11. and a second of these three usages is Esther 9 19. this verse speaks of the Jews of the rural towns who lived in unwallled villages these are the very Jews whom Haman and his armies sought to exterminate so the attack of Gog and his allies Ezekiel 38 and 39 comes at a time that accurately describes the unique living conditions of the Jews unwallled villages in the Book of Esther when Haman and his forces set out to annihilate them now the only other occurrence of this specific word is Zechariah 2 4. remember zachariah's writing after the return from Babylon

and prior to the completion of the temple in other words at the exact same time period as the events of the Book of Esther with this in mind this is what the verse says about Jerusalem during this time period and behold the angel who was speaking with me was going out and another Angel was coming out to meet him and he said to him run speak to that young man saying that Jerusalem would be inhabited without walls because of the multitude of men in cattle within it for I declare as the Lord will be a wall of fire around her and I will be the glory in her midst interpreting scripture is about connecting dots and the Bible gives us three dots here with the term unwallled Villages and these three dots connect Ezekiel 38 the Book of Esther and the Book of Zachariah they're all speaking to the same thing and of the same event and note carefully the reason the angel gives in Zachariah because God himself would be a wall of fire around his people and the glory in their midst God works through his people and in a very real sense the Lord was that wall of fire around his people through his servants Esther and Mordecai the Jews didn't need walls to protect them they had two servants of the Lord who were faithful to their God and that's all they needed and with regard to the wall of fire metaphor it's no small coincidence that Gog is poetically destroyed with fire in Ezekiel 38 22. this passage isn't about nuclear weapons it's about God protecting his people when they're faithful to him that being said if we want that same wall of fire around us then we need that same fire for the Lord to burn in our hearts that burned in the hearts of Esther and Mordecai that same wall of fire that protected them can protect us we put our faith and trust in him and him alone and Zacharias says that wall of fire would protect them at a time when the nations would seek to plunder God's people remember the goal of Gog in Ezekiel and the goal of Haman in Esther was to attack God's people and seize their plunder but Zachariah says God will raise up a protector of his people who with a wave of the hand will plunder their enemies instead and say to his people his glory has sent me to the Nations who plundered you for He Who touches you touches the apple of his eye now the apple of his eye is an ancient Hebrew idiom speaking of the reflection of an infant in the pupil of his or her father's eye as he gazes intently at the baby he's holding in his arms Israel was that infant in God's arms and he's sending a deliverer to rescue them in their time of trouble and the entire prophetic episode in Zachariah opens with a Heavenly messenger who's standing among the Myrtle trees and this is significant why it's significant because Esther's original Hebrew name her real name was Hadassah and Hadassah means myrtle tree in other words Zechariah is Heavenly messenger is telegraphing the idea that the that the Deliverance

would come through Hadassah God's myrtle tree and it did Isaiah 55 12-13 says for you will go out with joy and be led in peace the mountains in the Hills will break into shouts of Joy before you and all the trees of the field will clap their hands instead of the thorn bush the Juniper will come up and instead of the stinging nettle the Myrtle will come up and it will be a memorial to the Lord an everlasting sign which will not be eliminated in context Isaiah is talking about the Everlasting Covenant that God's going to make because of his love for David Isaiah 55 3. this is obviously the New Covenant which Finds Its fulfillment in Christ we have to understand that without Esther the amalekites would have wiped out the Jewish people instead of the other way around the line of David would have been cut off and the Messiah would have never come in other words her actions changed the course of history and we're all here today because the Jewish people weren't wiped out the line of David was not cut off and 500 years later the Messiah was born and Esther was God's myrtle tree that he raised up to make it happen and the Book of Esther which records her actions for all time is that Memorial to the Lord that Everlasting sign that Isaiah talked about which has not been eliminated even to this day once she'd uncovered and revealed haman's entire plot to annihilate the Jews Esther points to him and declares before the king a foe and an enemy is this wicked Haman and Haman became terrified before the king and the Queen and then on the Gallows of his own house which Haman constructed to hang Mordecai the king declares hang them on it after this the king grants the Jews the right to assemble to defend themselves and to annihilate the entire Army of those who set out to annihilate them and they did this includes 500 men along with the ten sons of Haman in the capital city of Souza alone and an additional 75 News regarding the Gog and Magog battle in Ezekiel Jeff Kinley says when you look through the rest of scripture there are just zero examples of a victory this great to quote a line from The Lion King Kinley needs to look harder both the battle itself and the resulting victory for God's people were huge and this more than meets the criteria for fulfilling something of the scope and size of ezekeil's Gog and Magog prophecy as does something else that happens in the Book of Esther when we Loop it in with ezekeil's prophecy Ezekiel 38 10 says this is what the Lord God says it will come about on that day that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan now just like the term unwallled Villages was a DOT for us to make a connection gog's evil plan is another one of these dots the word translated plan here is the same word that's used for haman's evil plan to annihilate the Jews three times in the Book of Esther then Esther spoke again to the king she fell at his feet and wept and she pleaded

with him to avert the evil plan of Haman the agagite and the plot that he is he had devised against the Jews Esther 8-3 Esther stood before the king and said if it pleased the king let a letter be written to revoke the letters the plot devised by Haman the agagite which he wrote to destroy the Jews Esther 8 5 and finally but when it came before the king he gave orders in writing that haman's evil plan the that he had devised against the Jews should return on his own head and that he and his sons should be hanged on The Gallows Esther 9 25. so once again this coincides perfectly with the failed evil plot plan or scheme of ezekeiel's Gog of the land of Magog and haman's entire evil plot plan or scheme to eradicate the Jews and all the events that follow including the Jews ultimate Victory through the actions of Esther thus preserving the line of David is triggered by one single event Mordecai's refusal to bow and this should be a lesson for us today if even one person stands for what's right it can turn the tide but it often means going against the grain and sometimes standing alone when the king promoted Haman and advanced his authority over all the other princes all the king's servants and all who were with and all all who were at the gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman all but one Mordecai we're told neither bowed down nor paid homage and when the king's servants who were at the gate asked him why are you transgressing the King's Command Mordecai's reply was simply I'm a Jew Mordecai was a man of few words but the few words he chose spoke volumes there were a thousand years of History loaded into those three words Haman was in a malachite and the Jews and the amalekites had been sworn enemies from the time of The Exodus when the Israelites left Egypt and found Freedom after hundreds of years of slavery the first thing they encountered after their Newfound Freedom was amalek who came to fight with them at refugeem and fight with him they did and when it was all over the Lord said to Moses write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua I will utterly blot out the memory of amalek from under heaven now we understand why there was no way Mordecai's bowing down to this guy Mordecai was a faithful follower of the Lord and he knew his history as such he had no interest in paying homage to the amalekites on the contrary he wants to wipe them out and as we've seen that's exactly what Esther and Mordecai did they finished the job that was started back in Exodus 17 when their God vowed to utterly blot out the memory of amalek from under heaven Mordecai knew his Bible and he knew what he had to do but it wasn't just ancient history that charged those three words I'm a Jew there was something more recent in his own childhood that molded Mordecai into the courageous and godly man that he was remember when we said Mordecai's

introduction is given in more detail than any other person in the story again he was a descendant he was a descendant of Kish a benjamite like his ancestor Saul but there's even more to it than that according to Esther 2 6 Mordecai was one of the original captives who had been exiled by Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon and Ezra 2 2 and Nehemiah 7 7 mention him by name as one of the returning Exiles now the Exile lasted a long time I just spilled my water the Exile lasted a long time so Mordecai would have been a very young boy when he was taken and taken to Babylon but that young boy would have remembered something something that happened in Babylon that would stay with them for the rest of his life he would have remembered three slightly older young men Shadrach Meshach and Abednego who stood alone for their God while an entire Empire bowed down to the idol of a false god and he would have remembered how the true God the God for whom they took their stand not only delivered those three young men from the fiery furnace but was right there with them in that furnace as well this time it's an older man in Persia who's not going to bow and his with his childhood memories from Babylon racing through his mind and surging through his veins his time had finally come to be the one to stand alone for his God Mordecai remembered two things from Babylon one God's people don't bow to their enemies and two when they're faithful to him God delivers his people from their enemies and that's exactly what God did for Esther and Mordecai and those three words I'm a Jew said it all and those three words spark taemon's evil plan which runs parallel to gog's evil plan in the Book of Ezekiel in both it's an evil plan that fails bringing a centuries-long conflict to a final head the amalekites want to annihilate the Jews the Jews annihilate the amalekites instead but in this evil plan it wasn't just the Jews Annihilation that Haman was after he wanted more he wanted what they had and they had a lot with that in mind Ezekiel 38 12 says that gog's goal in attacking Israel is to see spoil and carry off plunder and in Esther 3 13 haman's goal in annihilating the Jews was to seize their possessions as plunder in Ezekiel 38 13 God comes to carry away Israel's gold and silver and in Esther Haman promises to pay the Persian soldiers and give Kickbacks to the king with the silver he acquires from plundering the Jews basically haman's saying let me do this and outline your pockets and that's all it took at that point the king took the Signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman the agagite the enemy of the Jews and said the silver is yours and the people also do with them as you please and in addition to Silver and Gold Ezekiel 38 12 also speaks of God going after those who've acquired cattle and livestock and who live at the center of the world now the center of the

world center of the world's simply a Hebrew idiom for Jerusalem and verse 13 says speaking of Gog have you come to capture spoils have you assembled your contingent to seize plunder to carry away silver and gold to take away livestock and goods and that's exactly what the returning Exiles brought with them silver and gold and livestock and goods in Ezra we're told that the Jewish Exiles who returned under Cyrus's decree brought with them an enormous amount of silver and gold along with goods and Cattle these are the exact items mentioned by Ezekiel in the Gog of Magog prophecy according to Ezra the amount of gold and silver that was set aside for the rebuilding of the temple alone totaled 5 400 articles and with regard to cattle remember in zachariah's prophecy about the events in the Book of Esther the prophet says that Jerusalem would be inhabited Without Walls specifically because of the multitude of men and cattle within it Zechariah 2 4. so God had obviously already begun to bless the Exiles even before they return home again God's people were doing pretty well for themselves at this time and in the Book of Esther after Mordecai takes a stand we're told when Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage to him Haman was filled with rage but he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone for they had told him who the people of Mordecai were therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews the people of Mordecai who were throughout the whole Kingdom note he disdains to lay hands on Mordecai on Mordecai alone why because they told him who the people of Mordecai were they were the people with the gold and silver they were the people with the goods and cattle and again this ties in perfectly with what Ezekiel says about Gog he's going after the people of Israel in order to acquire their gold and silver and take away their goods and cattle now in light of modern dispensationalism we have to ask does anyone really believe Russia is going to invade modern-day Israel to take away their cattle and steal their livestock and the answer is no they don't no one does not even dispensationalist just like bows and arrows really means missiles and rocket launchers and horses and Horsemen really means planes and helicopters cattle and livestock really means oil and natural gas so this is the world according to dispensationalism and it's very inconsistent consistent literalism nothing really means what it says all their claims to the contrary but their problems only get worse Israel isn't exactly known as a major oil producer in the world to begin with as go to my ear famously said let me tell you something that we Israelis have against Moses he took us East that has no oil now so Russia is supposedly going to go after a nation that has no oil to take away their oil now dispensationalist Andy Woods assures us all that is about to change he says in the summer of 2010

huge deposits of natural gas were found along Israel's Northern Coastline and others have speculated that Israel may be on the precipice of a vast discovery of oil in fact Woods claims the Bible itself predicts this he writes a fascinating verse potentially predicting these this very thing is found in Deuteronomy 33 24. Okay Deuteronomy 33 24 well all this fascinating verse says is Most Blessed of sons is Acer may he be favored among his brothers and may He dip his foot in oil what what says now this probably isn't talking about actual petroleum but then he adds on the other hand maybe it is um so yeah it's good stuff it's like they hand you the material on a silver platter but anyway yeah so Israel supposedly about to discover oil and a prophecy about a guy dipping his foot in oil supposedly confirms this but we're still left with the main problem how does this turn cattle in livestock into oil natural gas well Jerry Falwell seems to have solved the mystery here in a sermon on these very chapters in Ezekiel Falwell said the purpose of this Invasion Ezekiel said was to take away spoil verse 12 chapter 38. if one but removes the first two letters from this word spoil he soon realizes what Russia will really be after obviously oil and this is where we find ourselves today this then is ezekeil's prophecy concerning Russia ah to be to be fair I have no idea if Falwell was serious about this but they are quite serious about the Russian connection and they attempt to justify this Russian Connection by appealing to ezekeil's references about God coming from the North and the remote parts of the north apparently there was nothing to the North of Israel until modern Russia existed and interpreting the north as modern day Russia is the trump card they need to reinterpret everything else in the passage in modern terms case in point and sad to say even Ronald Reagan couldn't resist getting in on the ACT here according to Reagan what other powerful nation is to the North of Israel none he said but it didn't seem to make sense before the Russian Revolution now for the first time ever everything's in place for the battle of Armageddon and the second coming of Christ it can't be long now he said in 1971 Ezekiel says that fire and brimstone will be rained upon the enemies of God's people that must mean they'll be destroyed by nuclear weapons okay that was right that was Reagan in the 70s fast forward now to our own time and Ed Taylor informs us as Russia descends from the north and down into Israel the destruction of the armies of Israel in the last days war will be so great that it will take over seven months to bury all the dead and gather all the weapons and burn them how does this relate to the current crisis in Ukraine he asks it's a striking revelation of just how much a formidable foe Russia currently is and will continue to be in the last days God predicts it once again the issues here are as they always are audience

relevance and historical context neither of which have anything to do with nuclear threats in the 70s or Russia invading Ukraine in our own time when ancient Israelites heard terms like the North or the remote parts of the North they would have thought of the direction from which their foes historically attacked for example when prophesying about the Babylonian Invasion Jeremiah 4 to the east of Jerusalem so how could an invasion from the East have been described as god-bringing evil from the north well as most commentators recognize the north doesn't typically refer to the origin of Israel's attackers but to the trajectory of their attack logistically it made more sense for Nebuchadnezzar to avoid routing his armies through a vast desert but to go up and around it instead and then descend upon Jerusalem from the north as archaeologist Barry bitzl puts it the Bible's use of the expression the north denotes the direction from which a foe would normally attack and not the location of its Homeland now if this was the case for Nebuchadnezzar coming from Babylon it would have been even more so the case for Haman and his forces coming from Persia which was even farther east than Babylon so the direction of attack the North the goal of the attack gold and silver goods and Cattle the Jews situation at the time of the attack dwelling securely in unwalled villages the time of the attack itself the latter Days From ezekeil's perspective the Nations involved in the attack all Persian the weapons used in the attack ancient and not modern the identification of the attacker himself the chief Prince of those Persian Nations and the fact that the attacker was spoken of in the past all point to the attack of Haman the amalekite in the Book of Esther and not modern-day Russia as the one identified as Gog of the land of Magog in the Book of Ezekiel and finally gog's burial site makes the connection unmistakable Ezekiel 39 11 says on that day I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel in the valley of those who pass by the east of the sea and it will block the way of those who pass by so they will bury Gog there with all his horde and they will call it the valley of Haman GOG on this passage Gary writes according to Ezekiel 39 11 and 15 the place where the army of Gog is buried will be known as the valley of Haman Gog the word Haman in Ezekiel is spelled in Hebrew almost exactly like the name Haman in Hebrew both words have the same triliteral root hmn if you were to transliterate it into English so only the vowels are different notice what Gary says here only the vowels are different this is more significant than we realize why it's significant because vowels weren't added to the Hebrew language until sometime between 700 and 1000 A.D either way ezekeil's writing over a thousand years before vowels even existed in the Hebrew language this means that when an ancient Jew read the books of

Ezekiel and Esther the names Haman and Haman would have been the exact same word so all the key elements of Ezekiel's Gog and Magog prophecy constantly and continually take us to the Book of Esther to find their fulfillment and John picks up on the Gog and Magog theme in the Book of Revelation he says when the thousand years are completed Satan will be released from his prison and he will come out to deceive the Nations which are at the Four Corners of the earth Gog and Magog to gather them together for the war and the number of them is like the sand of the seashore and they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the Saints the Beloved City and fire came down from heaven and devoured them as preterists we understand this as the events leading up to and including the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. John's using Ezekiel's Gog and Magog imagery and applying it to the current situation he's writing about Mike Sullivan puts it this way John's using the symbolism of a past Battle of Gog and Magog within Israel's history to depict a future but shortly at hand soon and about to be persecution and battle for John and his contemporaries to experience and relate to and John does this several other times in Revelation as well he takes the reader's mind back to a particular Old Testament time Placer event in order to recall the circumstances and themes surrounding those times times places and events for example the church at Thyatira is told but I have this against you that you tolerate that woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess and she teaches and leads my bond servants astray so they commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrifice to Idols now he obviously didn't mean that this was the same Jezebel whom we find in the books of Kings back in the Old Testament it simply means that some of the Christians of John's day were being led astray in the same manner that Jezebel had led God's people astray in former times John does the same thing with other Old Testament terms as well like Babylon Sodom and Egypt and applies them to first century Israel the situations are similar but not identical he's taking the Core theme or idea behind these terms and relating it as Sullivan says to their contemporary situation the usage of the Old Testament terminology in each case adds an additional element to what he has to say in order to enhance his message and his message wouldn't be quite complete without it accordingly with respect to John's usage of the phrase Gog and Magog one scholar says the crucial question is what would have been lost to John to his original readers and to us if this opposition had not been included in other words if you took those three words Gog and Magog out of the text of Revelation 20 what difference would it make why specifically is the phrase there excuse me and what

additional element does it add to what John's communicating to his audience that wouldn't have been there otherwise well in light of what's going on in the first century at the time the additional element is Crystal Clear it's the plot twist when we understand that Ezekiel 38 and 39 is fulfilled in the Book of Esther and Revelation 20 is fulfilled in ad70 it all comes together and makes perfect sense what's going on in the Book of Esther the enemy of God's people Haman and the coat and his cohorts are in League with the political power of the day Persia Haman conspires with the Persian king to exterminate the Jews in the end it backfires and Persia turns on Haman the deceiver is deceived the Executioner is executed and God's people are victorious what's going on in the Book of Revelation what's going on in the first century the enemy of God's people apostate Judaism is in League with the political power of the day Rome the Jews and the Romans conspire together to exterminate the Christians we have to remember when the neuronic persecution was in full swing the Christians were being wiped out but what happens in the end the Beast Rome turns on the Harlot Jerusalem and the true Israel of God Jews and Gentiles alike who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ Alone is revealed Believers are being hunted down killed and persecuted and John told them he was their fellow partaker in this tribulation when John uses the phrase Gog and Magog he's telegraphing to his readers that the tables are about to turn just like they did in Esther's day and just like Mordecai's three words I'm a Jew we're loaded with meaning John's three words Gog and Magog are loaded with meaning as well but this is only the case when we understand ezekeil's Gog and Magog prophecy in light of its historical fulfillment in the Book of Esther otherwise those three words really have no meaning and most commentators really can't account for why they're even there but again when we understand ezekeil's prophecy in light of the Book of Esther those three words have all the meaning in the world and they still have meaning for us today past fulfillment does not negate current application God's word is not dead and stagnant it's living and active and it comes to life and speaks to every new generation and every new situation and just like Shadrach Meshach and Abednego stood their ground in the fields of Babylon and Mordecai in the streets of Persia and the first century Believers in the coliseums of Rome we are also called to stand for the Lord today against all opposition Paul says having done everything to stand firm stand firm we are called to stand taking every thought captive to The Obedience of Christ and destroying every argument raised against the knowledge of God which is another way of saying we apply the Bible to every area of life and just like those who went before we stand for our God

and we turn our backs on the gods of men we don't bow down to them and we don't bow to their Idols so that would be the main takeaway in all of this for us today and it echoes the theme of this conference how then shall we live after ad70 in many ways a lot has changed since 80 70 obviously but when it comes to this namely standing up for the Lord and allowing his word to permeate our thoughts and actions we live exactly like those Heroes of the faith did before 80 70 we stand for the Lord in thought in word and indeed and with that I will stand and take some questions if anyone has any or if we have any time thank you thank you thank you [Applause] so Glenn oh thank you Glenn that that oh thank you thank you thank you very much um okay oh Karen well that's your job yeah yeah come on included in what no we can't use this for a book because those are from a movie you can use it for a PowerPoint but not for profit but I mean oh oh yeah I don't have a problem with that yeah ah it's kind of relevant too with the Whole New World Order you know oh it we have the blueprint like like you say well we know how the Bible ends we win in the end well we won and God continues to apply these prints it's an ongoing victory yeah that's yeah exactly you know it's funny I gotta share something real quick that I told Gary this this morning when I started doing the research on this I'm downstairs in my in in the living room you know and I got this stack of books and I've got Mike's book there and I've got Gary's books all the ones I had pictures of I got stuffed by Jim Jordan by Michael Heiser I'm like buried in the small book so my daughter comes downstairs and she's got a book and she's like what are you doing and I'm like I'm trying to figure out you know what's going on with Gog and Magog who are Gog and Magog she's like oh okay and I was like what are you reading and it was Anne of the island and it's the third novel in the Anne of Green Gables series so she's sitting over on the one chair I'm over on the other chair we're reading our stuff all of a sudden she's like Dad you're reading the wrong stuff I'm like what she's like the answers here in Anne of Green Gables and I'm like what are you talking about well sure enough there's some line in the book where there's two ceramic dogs on a mantle and it says the one dog always faces right and the other dog always faces left and their names are Gog and Magog so so Mike Gary I'm sorry you guys were way off on this one I put your books away and picked up Anne of Green tables [Laughter] you know what there is a connection and we've been saying this is all about connecting dots so yeah well see they connect dots too but like if you're a kid and you have you're connecting dots and you connect the wrong dots it's just a bunch of scribbles so like it's not that they're not connecting dots they're just connecting the wrong ones I almost cry after

you laugh you know yeah well that's like it's funny but it it's funny but not really like when you look at like what Bush did with you know when he was trying to get support from Josh rock with the war in Iraq I mean this stuff's funny but it's not because when Christians see this stuff they're like like like the line from David Chilton where any bad news is good news you know and oh War you know that's a good thing no it's not like we should be against war and even if it's necessary to defend our freedoms like we shouldn't be happy about it it yeah it's just it's nuts what they do to this prophecy um it's just you know terrible I learned something about hermeneutics will fall well if you don't like a word just remove a few letters yeah you can make all kinds of words that way it's awesome yeah oh that goes with the cattle and natural gas sort of thing you know what I'm saying so everything's starting to make sense now that we're you know drilling down on this done appealing of the onion for a lot of us to help us go back to the word of God and just see the power and help our heavenly father oh thank you for saying that and thank you for being here and you know honestly it's it's all working together because like that was a funny story about you know when I started the research but that's what I started with I started with Mike's book I started with um Gary's stuff and uh so you know it's so and Jim Jordan by the way his his name's been mentioned a lot he's a fantastic writer he just really did the Spade work with the Gog and Magog stuff and then I'm reading Mike's book he's talking about taking you know something from the past and kind of it serves as a type of Shadow for what's going on in Revelation but then so like all that what I'm saying is this I kind of cheated you know what I mean I'm building on the work of Sullivan and Demar and Jordan but like you take that and then you kind of expand on it now you all take that that and go out and study it more and you know just dig deeper and deeper because it's it's a big passage Ezekiel 38-39 is a huge passage there's a lot in there and you know who knows you know what we can discover and um how many different angles we can look at it if everybody just really starts drilling down on the passage there's there's a lot more there you can't pot you can't get through it all in such a short period of time Gary that yeah at that point it I'm pretty sure he blundered he did a lot of blunders but that was definitely Breeze through that story you know but you have opened uh oh yeah well that was the thing um again it was uh it Jim Jordan's just done incredible work in Esther apart from just the Gog and Magog stuff and Jim stuff is really just what made me realize like his statement Esther is as important as Exodus that is not an exaggeration it's just um but it seems like that whole period the the restoration period when they come back from Babylon it seems like that

whole period is sort of ignored I you know what I mean like besides like Jordan and a few other people I don't know if a lot of people pay attention to that but there's just so much it's so rich and then when you start making the connections between Esther and the book of Zechariah and stuff it's like this is just incredible you know so okay