

## IRAN is in Ezekiel 38, but why NOT their PROXIES?

*Why are Syria, Hezbollah, Hamas and the Houthis MISSING IN ACTION?*

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Ezekiel 38:5 lists Persia, renamed Iran in 1935, as a member of the Magog coalition that invades Israel in the latter days.

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, (*Magog Coalition*), all of them *with shield and helmet*. (Ezekiel 38:5)

The fifty-two verses in Ezekiel 38-39 provide some of the most literally descriptive predictions within the entire Bible. It identifies the invaders, their motives, their defeats, the Lord's divine intervention and purposes and the sequence of aftermath events. The focus of this article is the identification of WHO IS and WHO IS NOT, part of Ezekiel 38-39.

### WHO IS PART OF THE EZEKIEL 38 PROPHECY

Ezekiel 38 and 39 involves at least fourteen participants in the prophecy. They are;

- 1.) *The Victor*: God.
- 2.) *The (intended) Victim*: Israel.
- 3.) *The Invaders*: Magog, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, and Togarmah. (Refer to the Ezekiel 38 map image to find out the consensus of the modern-day equivalents of the Magog coalition).

4.) *The Protestors*: Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish and their Young Lions.



The prophecy informs that, in the latter years the invaders will attack Israel to capture plunder and booty. They covet Israel’s economic prosperity and conspire militarily to confiscate this livelihood as part of their spoils of war. As the victor, the Lord, not the IDF or America, prevents this from occurring by utilizing supernatural means to defeat these invaders. These miraculous events are described in Ezekiel 38:18-39:6.

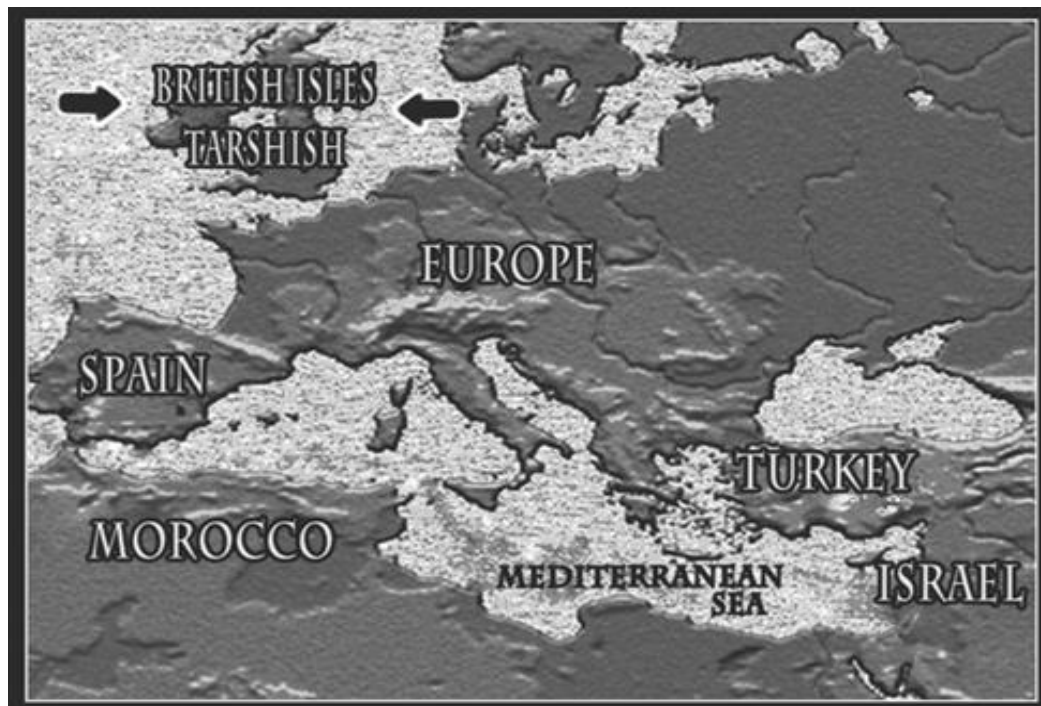
Meanwhile, as the epic event unfolds, the protestors complain about the evil intentions of the invaders. Their protests are lodged in the questions in Ezekiel 38:13 quoted below.

“Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’” (Ezekiel 38:13)

Ultimately, after the invaders are conquered, Israel graduates from being the intended victim and instead becomes the resultant benefactor. The modern-day equivalents of these protestors today are commonly understood and taught to be;

1. *Sheba*: Yemen, where the Iranian proxies, the Houthis, exist today.
2. *Dedan*: Saudi Arabia and perhaps parts of the Gulf Cooperative Council (GCC) Arab Gulf States.
3. *Tarshish*: Either the UK or Spain.

4. *Young Lions*: Either the colonies that came from the UK, namely North America, or the offshoots of Spain, mainly the Latin American countries. (In my book entitled, *The Now Prophecies*, I explain why the “*Tarshish*” is likely the UK and their “*Young Lions*” seems to be America.



## WHO IS NOT PART OF THE EZEKIEL 38 PROPHECY

Having identified WHO IS part of the action in Ezekiel 38-39, now let's observe who appears to be MISSING IN ACTION (MIA). The emphasis is put upon Iran and its present proxies, who are, Hezbollah, Syria, Hamas and the Houthis. Iran also has a burgeoning presence within Iraq.

### THE HOUTHIS

**Iran-aligned Houthis in Yemen fire missiles at Saudi capital – Reuters 5/8/18**

*“Yemen’s Houthis fired a salvo of ballistic missiles at Saudi Arabia’s capital on Wednesday - an attack Saudi authorities said they intercepted in the skies over Riyadh. The assault took place a day after Saudi Arabia’s top Western ally the United States pulled out of a deal with Iran over its disputed nuclear program and could signal an uptick in tensions between Riyadh and regional rival Tehran.”<sup>i</sup>*

The Houthis are busy helping Iran spread its hegemony throughout the Middle East. Some suspect the Houthis, who were given missiles by Iran, are testing the proficiency of these missiles, by using Saudi Arabia as a punching bag. The purpose in part, is to confirm that Hezbollah's 150,000 Iranian provided missiles will be effective against a war with Israel.

At the very least, it is observable that the Houthis in Yemen are currently enemies of the Saudis. Yet, in Ezekiel 38:13, we see that Yemen, as Sheba, and Saudi Arabia, as Dedan, are aligned together protesting Iran's participation in the Magog invasion of Israel. The glaring question is: "*Why is Yemen not included among the Magog invaders?*" The probable answer is that something adverse happens to the Houthis before Ezekiel 38, that eliminates them as an affective proxy of Iran.

## **HEZBOLLAH**

**Iran hails 'victory against Israel' by its proxy Hezbollah in Lebanon elections – *Times of Israel* 5/8/18**

*"A senior Iranian official on Tuesday hailed the "victory" of the Hezbollah terrorist group in Lebanese elections as a success in the "fight against Israel" and the United States. "*<sup>ii</sup>

Hezbollah is a major threat to Israel. Estimates are that they have about 150,000 advanced missiles pointed at a bank of strategic Israeli targets. Some analysts suspect that when Iran gives its Hezbollah proxy the green light to war against Israel, that with the amount of launchers they have, could launch 1000 missiles per day into the Jewish state.

Yet, we see no resemblance of Hezbollah mentioned among the Ezekiel invaders. Hezbollah hails from Lebanon, and if they were part of the Ezekiel prophecy, they would likely be identified by the biblical names for Lebanon, which are Lebanon, Tyre, Sidon, or Gebal. None of these names are listed in Ezekiel 38, however, Tyre and Gebal are listed in the Psalm 83 prophecy.

The question is: "*Why isn't Lebanon, Tyre, Sidon or Gebal listed alongside Persia in Ezekiel 38:1-6?*" In his forty-eight chapters Ezekiel refers to these places at least twenty-times, but not even an honorable mention in Ezekiel 38-39. Additionally, perplexing, is the fact that

Ezekiel 38:15 and 39:2 specify that the Magog invaders attack from the North of Israel, which is the actual geographic location of Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Perhaps like the Houthis, Hezbollah has something crippling happen to this terrorist group that eliminates it from the Magog invasion.

## **SYRIA**

**Israel strikes Iranian targets in Syria after rocket fire – Reuters 5/9/18**

*“It was the heaviest Israeli barrage in Syria since the 2011 start of the civil war in which Iranians, allied Shi’ite Muslim militias and Russian troops have deployed in support of President Bashar al-Assad. The confrontation came two days after the United States announced its withdrawal, with Israel’s urging, from a nuclear accord with Iran.”<sup>iii</sup>*

Iran has been instrumental in supporting President Bashar al-Assad of Syria throughout the Syrian revolution. Yet, there is no mention of Syria, Assyria, Damascus, Hamath or Arpad among the Magog Invaders. These are the biblical names for modern-day Syria. Ezekiel alludes to these names at least twelve times in his forty-eight chapters, but not once in Ezekiel 38.

However, Assyria shows up in the Psalm 83 prophecy. Damascus is destroyed in the prophecies within Isaiah 17, and Damascus, Hamath and Arpad are the subjects of Jeremiah 49:23-27. *“Why isn’t Syria listed alongside Iran in Ezekiel 38?”* Is it because Damascus gets destroyed in Isaiah 17 beforehand?

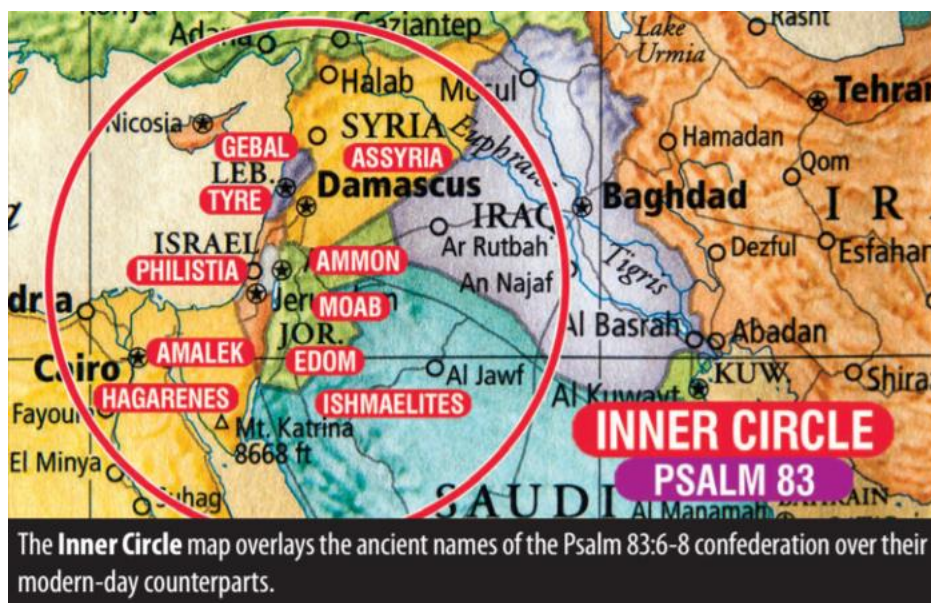
## **HAMAS**

**HAMAS AND IRAN CLOSEST THEY’VE BEEN SINCE SYRIAN WAR, SENIOR OFFICIAL SAYS – Jerusalem Post 3/28/18<sup>iv</sup>**

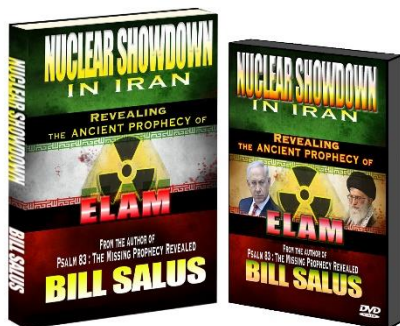
As this Jerusalem Post headline points out, Hamas is another Iranian proxy terrorist group. Hamas is located in the ancient biblical lands of Philistia or Gaza among other names. Although Philistia is identified in Psalm 83:7, it is nowhere to be found in Ezekiel 38-39. *“Why not?”* Is it because Psalm 83 finds fulfillment prior to Ezekiel 38? Is that also why Hezbollah and Assyria are not part of Ezekiel 38. All three of these Iranian proxies today, were aligned together in the 3000-year old prophecy of Psalm 83.

They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.” For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites; **Gebal**, Ammon, and Amalek; **Philistia** with the inhabitants of **Tyre**; **Assyria** also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot. (Psalm 83:4-8)

DOES PSALM 83 PRECEDE EZEKIEL 38? IS THAT WHY THESE IRANIAN PROXIES ARE MISSING IN ACTION IN THE EZEKIEL 38-39 PROPHECIES? For more information about this possibility, read my article entitled, “[Psalm 83 or Ezekiel 38, Which is the Next Middle East News Headline.](#)”<sup>iv</sup> Below is a map of the Inner Circle of the Psalm 83 confederacy. These are Israel’s notorious enemies. Compare this to the Outer Ring map of the Ezekiel 38 coalition, who have never been Israel’s historical enemies.



## REVEALING IRAN’S DOUBLE JEOPARDY



Many of you may not recognize that Iran is the subject of two latter days prophecies. Jeremiah 49:34-39, which identifies Iran as Elam and Ezekiel 38:5, which mentions Iran as Persia. The map below identifies these two ancient territories as part of modern-day Iran. The Jeremiah Elam prophecy, in my estimation, appears to be dealing with Iran’s present nuclear scenario, and I believe it could happen NOW!

If you want to learn more about the vastly overlooked Jeremiah prophecy of Elam, you can read my book or watch my DVD entitled. Nuclear Showdown in Iran, Revealing the Ancient Prophecy of Elam. The book/DVD is available at this [link](#).

<http://ecommerce.solutionsimplicity.com/bundle>



<sup>i</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-security/iran-aligned-houthis-in-yemen-fire-missiles-at-saudi-capital-idUSKBN1IA100>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.timesofisrael.com/iran-hails-victory-of-its-proxy-hezbollah-in-lebanon-elections/>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-israel/israel-strikes-iranian-targets-in-syria-after-rocket-fire-idUSKBN1IA3GF>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Hamas-and-Iran-closest-theyve-been-since-Syrian-war-senior-official-says-547353>

<sup>v</sup> <http://www.prophecydepotministries.net/2008/psalm-83-or-ezekiel-38-which-is-the-next-middle-east-news-headline/>