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32:1 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first [day] of the month, [that] the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

32:2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for **Pharaoh king of Egypt**, and say unto him, **Thou art like a young lion of the nations**, and thou [art] as a **whale [dragon]** in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.

32:3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will therefore **spread out my net** over thee with a company of many people; and they shall bring thee up in my net.

32:4 Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

32:5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height.

32:6 I will also **water with thy blood** the land wherein thou swimmest, [even] to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee.

32:7 **And when I shall put thee out**, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

32:8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make **dark** over thee, and set **darkness** upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.

32:9 I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.

32:10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at [every] moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

### **SATAN'S ARMY DESTROYED; ISLAM**

32:11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; **The sword of the king of Babylon** shall come upon thee.

32:12 **By the swords of the mighty** will I **cause thy multitude to fall**, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all **the multitude thereof shall be destroyed**.

32:13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

**Vs 1-2: 'Pharaoh'** (crocodile) is understood by the wise to be a name of the Dragon". "**Thou art like a young lion**", or can also be translated "Thou didst liken thyself unto a young lion." And as the lion is the king of beasts, so Satan makes himself out to be the king of the nations. Consider **Ezekiel 29:3**; and **Isaiah 14:13, 14**; **Rev 9:8; 12:9**

**Vs 3:** Just as Satan has taken many of God's people in **his net** and deceived and destroyed them, God will finally take Satan in His net and destroy him. The "company of many people" is most probably a reference to the 144,000. Their work is described in **Revelation 20:1-3**

**Vs 4-5:** This language is comparable to **Ezekiel 28:17-19** which we know is a description of Satan's fate

**Vs 6:** Satan's future, or lack thereof. This is a further graphic illustration of the terrible fate that awaits Satan.

**Vs 7:** The first part of the verse "**And when I shall put thee out**" refers back to **Revelation 20:3** when Satan is cast "into the bottomless pit". The last part of the verse is a parallel to **Isaiah 13:9, 10** - Isaiah tells us plainly that this will be fulfilled during "the day of the Lord".

**Vs 8:** the condition of the earth during the 1,000 years while Satan is confined to it, the same as recounted by **Jeremiah 4:23-28**- Satan will be bound to this earth for 1,000 years in total darkness. He has claimed to be god, and the true God will give him a long time to think about what he has done.

**Vs 9-10:** a direct parallel to **Revelation 18:9, 10**

**Vs 11-13:** Next Ezekiel begins to describe the **destruction of Satan's army**. The same army that will be identified in verses 17-30.

"**The sword of the king of Babylon**" can represent none other than the armed forces of the United States and her allies that will be used to annihilate the Islamic powers described in verses 17-30. The papacy is "the king of Babylon" and has no standing army of her own, but always uses the armies of the nations that bow to her in idolatrous devotion.

"**By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall.**" America is still the mightiest nation on earth. Satan's uncircumcised army will fall before America and the Allied powers. "All the multitude thereof shall be destroyed." This is the same thought as expressed in slightly different words in **Daniel 11:45** where we are told; "He shall come to his end and none shall help him." **Verse 13 is a graphic picture of the terrible devastation that will ensue.**

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32:14 Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord GOD.

32:15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be destitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I [am] the LORD.

32:16 This [is] the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, [even] for Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

*Ezekiel lists every nation that forms a crescent around Israel. This is a delineation of the uncircumcised army of Satan who are bent on using terrorism to achieve their goal of destroying Israel and making the whole world Islamic.*

32:17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth [day] of the month, [that] the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

32:18 Son of man, wail for **the multitude of Egypt**, and cast them down, [even] her, and **the daughters of the famous nations** [*the well-known nations*], unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

32:19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised [*See notes below*]. [*Here God is addressing Satan and telling him he will be destroyed with his army. Compare Ezekiel 28:17*]

32:20 They shall fall in the midst of [them that are] slain by the sword: she is **delivered to the sword**: draw her and all her multitudes.

32:21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

32:22 **Asshur** [is] there and all her company: his graves [are] about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:

32:23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living.

32:24 There [is] **Elam** [*Iran*] and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.

32:25 They have set her **a bed** [*bier*] in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves [are] round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them

Vs 14-15: This is describing deep water where all the sediment has settled out, making the water crystal clear. This must revert back to the time while probation still lingers. When this terrible devastation begins to come upon the earth men will finally see clearly that there is a God in heaven whom they have insulted. **When God sends judgments upon nations, those who are hardened in sin are destroyed so the rest will have one last, brief, opportunity to turn to the true God and be saved.** Jesus wants to save every soul He can possibly rescue at the last moment. This may be the means of turning even many Muslims to the truth.

**Vs 16:** Most people will mourn because they have lost this world and they are not ready to meet Jesus. *Matthew 24:30*

**Vs 17-18:** "**The multitude of Egypt**" is symbolic of a world who has rejected God and, therefore, have accepted Satan as their lord. "**The daughters of the famous nations**", can also be translated "the well-known nations". This is the introduction to the list of nations mentioned in verses 22-30, and then referred to in verse 30 as "the Princes of the North".

Even a few years ago the Islamic nations of the Middle East were an obscure group that most people paid little or no attention to, but today they are "well known" to virtually everyone in the world. Egypt has always been "well known" to every Bible student, and in the last days "she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north", *Jeremiah 46:25*. These Islamic nations think they are rising to power and will soon dominate the world, but instead they will be "cast down...into the pit".

**Vs 20:** The "famous" or "well known" Islamic nations will be "**delivered to the sword**". This is the same as *Daniel 11:45*, "he shall come to his end, and none shall help him". The last part of verse 20 says, "draw her and all her multitudes". This is the same call to Islam as found in *Joel 3:11*

**Vs 21:** *See notes below*

**Vs 22-23:** The geographical area of ancient Asshur would today encompass Syria and part of Iraq. Notice as we go through the list that each nation also "caused terror in the land of the living". This is a reference to the terrorist activities of each of these nations that we see going on today.

**Vs 24:** By comparing the historic maps with current ones we find ancient **Elam is Iran today**. Here we see Iran is one of the "Princes of the North", therefore, **Iran will continue to exist until it joins the Caliphate and will then meet with the same fate as all the other "Princes of the North"**. "The nether parts of the earth" is sheol, the grave.

**Vs 25:** *See notes below*

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that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of [them that be] slain.

32:26 There [is] **Meshech, Tubal** [*Turkey*], and all her multitude: her graves [are] round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

32:27 And they shall **not** lie with the mighty [that are] fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war: and **they have laid their swords under their heads**, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though [they were] the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

32:28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with [them that are] slain with the sword.

32:29 There [is] **Edom** [*Jordan, and part of Saudi Arabia today*], her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are laid by [them that were] slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.

32:30 There [**be**] the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians [*Lebanon*], which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with [them that be] slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

32:31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, [even] Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.

32:32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with [them that are] slain with the sword, [even] Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

**Vs 26: Meshech and Tubal** is primarily Turkey today. Turkey is the "hinge" of the Islamic nations. Soon Turkey will be the seat of power for Islam when the Caliphate is formed. Istanbul, formerly known as Constantinople, is one of the most strategic military areas in the world. But no matter what their advantages, they will meet the same fate as the rest of Islam.

**Vs 27-28:** The LXX and Syriac omit the negative (**not**) in verse 27. The former translates the sentence, "And they are laid with the giants that fell of old". Turkey, no matter how much military might she has, will fall in that day when the King of the North "come[s] to his end". The expression, "**they have laid their swords under their heads**" is obscure but **Song of Solomon 2:6** gives us a hint as to the meaning. *See notes below*

**Vs 29:** Today, the area that bore the ancient name of **Edom is Jordan, and part of Saudi Arabia**. This reference has to be talking about the literal geographical area (and if this reference is literal, all the names have to be taken literally), because the spiritual meaning of Edom is the professed church who hates the true remnant, and they at least profess to believe in Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Where Edom is used in a spiritual sense it symbolizes Esau. He is the one who should have inherited the birthright but sold it for a bowl of pottage, just as the conference church sold their birthright to the Evangelicals, in the 1950's, for a bowl of pottage. Esau was the twin brother of Jacob. They represent the division in the church today. Jacob represents the true remnant, who now possess the birthright.

**Vs 30-32:** *See notes below*

### Introduction

One reason people get confused when they try to interpret prophecy is the details are not always given in chronological order. The one we are about to look at in *Ezekiel* is no exception. But if we follow the landmarks laid down by our pioneers, and align our interpretations with theirs, we can come to the right conclusions.

**Chapters 32, 37, 38 and 39, and 40-48 of Ezekiel have never been literally fulfilled.** Though much of the language used is highly symbolic these prophecies will undergo a literal fulfillment leading up to, during, and immediately following the millennium.

We will confine this part of our study to Chapter 32. As we begin we need to ask, what purpose did God have in presenting this prophecy to us? Remember, **the central theme is an introduction to the millennium.** There is only one logical conclusion we can come to as we evaluate the context. **This is a depiction of an alliance of nations that will be formed in the**

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**Middle East just before the close of probation.** Therefore, our Lord is clearly telling us **the Caliphate will be reinstated**, and we are watching it happen right before our eyes.

**Verses 1-16, 31, and 32 of the Chapter are a symbolic representation of Satan and his army and the terrible retribution that awaits them. Verses 17-30 tell us who the nations are that make up that army and calls them “the Princes of the North” in verse 30. When this confederation is made up they become the revived Kingdom of the North, the uncircumcised army of Satan.**

**Vs 19:** Now we need to ask; **who are the uncircumcised** and what does the term mean? We find the answer in **Acts 7:51**;

Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers [did], so [do] ye. **Acts 7:51**

According to this verse, the **“uncircumcised” are those who “resist the Holy Ghost”**. If you reject the Holy Ghost you will also reject Jesus Christ. So the “uncircumcised” are those nations that reject Jesus as being Lord and God. Islam accepts Jesus as a prophet, but totally rejects the fact that Jesus is God.

**Vs 21:** The first part of verse 21 is a very obscure expression. It appears to be saying the various “well known” nations are represented as lying together in hell and speaking to Satan. They lie there along with all who have bowed to Satan. As Ezekiel goes through the list of nations culminating in verse 30, each one is portrayed as lying uncircumcised in the pit of hell, slain by the sword.

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Circumcision was practiced in Egypt from ancient times. To lie with the uncircumcised was considered the height of indignity. Here the term is used primarily in the spiritual sense, but also to show God’s indignation against Satan and his army.

**Vs 25:**

Meshech and Tubal is primarily Turkey today. Turkey is the “hinge” of the Islamic nations. Soon Turkey will be the seat of power for Islam when the Caliphate is formed. Istanbul, formerly known as Constantinople, is one of the most strategic military areas in the world. But no matter what their advantages, they will meet the same fate as the rest of Islam.

**Vs 27-28:** His left hand [is] under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me. **Song of Solomon 2:6**

By comparing this verse with verse 27 above, we see the expression signifies a close embrace. **How much closer could any soldier embrace his weapon than a suicide bomber who straps on a vest of explosives?** When they kill their supposed enemy, they commit the sin of self murder and “their iniquities shall be upon their bones”, to the delight of Satan. Suicide bombers are the greatest terror we face today, and there is an estimated 200,000,000 of them in the world. But God will fight for His people, and the suicide bombers will fall “with them that are slain”.

**Vs 30:** Notice the word “be” is not in the original text. If you leave the word out, it is a little easier to understand the true meaning of the verse. Ezekiel here sums up the list of nations and refers to them collectively as “the Princes of the North”. Almost as an afterthought, he adds “the **Zidonians**”. This ancient people **occupied the area now known as Lebanon**. The list would not be complete without them. **If you will look at a map of the Middle East, you will find that every**

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**nation that forms a crescent around Israel has been named and when they confederate together they become “the Princes of the North”.**

Remember, **ancient Egypt encompassed a part of Libya, and Sudan.** In **Daniel Chapter 11** Egypt was always the King of the South, but, if you will recall, the fate of Egypt today was foretold in **Jeremiah 46:25**;

The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north. **Jeremiah 46:25**

According to this prophecy, Egypt would **“be delivered into the hand of the people of the north”.** **This has happened and the “King of the South” has ceased to exist.** That is why the King of the South is not mentioned in **Daniel Chapter 11 after verse 40**, but is referred to as **“the land of Egypt” in verse 42**, or simply as **“Egypt” in verse 43**, and then drops from sight because it is absorbed into the Kingdom of the North.

Notice the order of the nations as they are named by Ezekiel. The first part of the Chapter talked about **Egypt**, which included a part of Libya. Next is **Syria** and **Iraq**, and then follows **Iran** and so forth.

The uprisings started with Egypt and soon spread to Libya. Now Syria is in the process of being overthrown. Our troops overran Iraq, but we have since handed control over to the supposed democratic government that was installed. **The Muslim Brotherhood is exploiting the democratic process that we set up to vote in their own people and take full control.** We saved them the trouble of an uprising in Iraq.

**So far, the order in which the nations are being taken over by the Muslim Brotherhood is exactly the same as delineated by Ezekiel.** Will Iran be next? The Brotherhood is already calling for their overthrow, along with Saudi Arabia.

**When the Caliphate is formed, the first move will be to destroy literal Israel, and then they will attempt to take over all the professed Christian nations.** Their main objective is not to take our land, or our possessions, but to destroy the nominal Christianity described in the Bible as spiritual Babylon, and God will allow them to almost succeed.

Notice the prophecy in **Jeremiah Chapter 51** against literal Babylon. When we apply this to the **last days** and give it a worldwide view, **this becomes a warning for all who are in spiritual Babylon today**;

Set ye up a standard in the land, **blow the trumpet** among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of **Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz**; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as **the rough caterpillars**.

Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the **Medes**, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.

And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant. **Jeremiah 51:27-29**

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The nations of **Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz** were all in what is now Turkey. Notice the reference to the “**rough caterpillars**”; this is one of the stages of growth of the locust, and the locust is symbolic of Islam.

Compare **Joel 2:25** where the locusts are juxtaposed to a “great army”;

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, **my great army** which I sent among you. **Joel 2:25**

Next we need to compare **Joel 2:20** where the locusts are called “the northern army”;

But I will remove far off from you **the northern [army]**, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. **Joel 2:20**

**There can be no doubt that “the northern army” referred to here is the King of the North as we compare these verses with **Daniel 11:45**;**

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. **Daniel 11:45**

Notice that this northern army will be driven “into a land barren and desolate”. This is a symbol of speedy and total destruction. The King of the North “shall come to his end, and none shall help him”. The northern army will have “his face toward the east sea [**the Dead sea**], and his hinder part toward the utmost sea [**the Mediterranean sea**]”. In other words “he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain”.

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Looking behind the literal scenes portrayed, the discerning student of prophecy will also see Satan and his fallen angels in their last desperate attempt to seize God’s throne in this present world;

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, **in the sides of the north**: **Isaiah 14:13**

The dominions of **Babylon the Great (the papacy)** will be devastated by **Satan’s uncircumcised army (the King of the North)** until the professed Christian nations finally come out on top and annihilate Islam.

**Vs 31:** This is a bit of rare sarcasm on the part of God. The Lord is using irony to show His contempt for what Satan has done. This is the culmination of 6,000 years of Satan’s usurped rule over this earth. God is asking him since he is soon to be slain if it is a comfort to him that his vast army will be with him in death.

**According to the pioneers, Satan’s army (Islam) will be slain during the sixth plague.** This will leave a huge void in the Middle East and all the armies of spiritual Babylon who have come together to destroy Islam will want to claim the oil rich region for themselves. **This will culminate in the battle of Armageddon.**

Satan knows all this, but what is truly amazing is the real reason he has deceived all the armed forces of the world into coming to the valley of Megiddo to fight. His hidden purpose is revealed in **Revelation 19:19**;

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And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. *Revelation 19:19*

**Here Satan's real agenda is divulged. Incredibly he has gathered together all the military might of this world to fight against Jesus and His army of angels at the Second Coming.**

This brings us to the last verse of the prophecy;

For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with [them that are] slain with the sword, [even] Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD. *Ezekiel 32:32*

Here God has the last word in the controversy. He tells Satan that "he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised ... [even] [Satan] and all his multitude." This is a fitting end for the prince of darkness. He has caused untold death and destruction for six millennia, and now, he will be brought down to the pit. "Thou shalt be a terror, and never [shalt] thou [be] any more."