

# The Upcoming Final War Gog-U-Magog



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We all get involved in the unusual and frightening current events. Nations are at war with each other and new empires are on the rise. Horrific natural disasters suddenly take place in rapid succession, phenomenal with no explanation or warning. **Israel is experiencing one of its most dangerous periods, during which its mere existence is threatened.**

**“Gog-U-Magog” is a documentary that combines the wisdom of Jewish teachings including Kabbalah, Talmud and Books of Prophets together with the ideas of leading political pundits. “Gog-U-Magog” illuminates the current affairs in the Middle East and the rest of the world in a light that you probably never saw before.**

**The Mid-East is as volatile as a powder keg could get. Lebanon has an ongoing civil war. Iranian surrogates, the Hezbollah guerilla fighters are emboldened and just waiting for the right moment to attack Israel again. Directly or indirectly, Syria is eager to join in. Egypt, although quiet, has rearmed and strengthened its military by a factor 45. On a daily basis rockets attack the center of Israel with impunity. Israel is deeply divided over the Gush Katif-withdrawal and the other peace accords which still do not yield any calm from Gazan terror attacks. Even inside Israel proper, battling terror-cells are competing for staging greater attacks. Israeli security agencies are confronted with no less than seventy terror alerts daily! How many such threats does the US Dept. of Homeland Security receive daily? G-d only knows that.**

*Let us not forget that even without Ossama Bin Laden*

*blipping any radar screens he still continues to threaten the world. From the Afghan mountains he is menace #1 to world stability. Then, there is Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran who is already rattling the world's nerves even as he is just readying Iran's nuclear capabilities. We cannot delude ourselves when he threatens to vaporize the "imperialist-powers" of the US and Israel. He will be ready to strike way too soon.*

**One might easily think that the current events are distressing, but a deeper analysis teaches us otherwise.**

### **Why The War Of Gog-U-Magog?**

**G-d created His world. This includes ourselves, the whole beautiful universe around us, and even the human intelligence to write, to read, and to print these very sentences. But where is G-d, the most important One in the world? He is hiding his presence.**

**The Hebrew word for world; "olam" has same root letters (ayin-lamed-mem) as the word "He'elem", concealment<sup>1</sup>.** The One who created the universe concealed Himself, in order to empower man with free will and choice. Talmud Massechet Berachot 6A relates,

"Abba Binjamin states; if the human eye would only be able to see (the spiritual consequences of our deeds), then we would not have the wherewithal to survive."

Should the spiritual forces such as spirits, souls, angels, and destructive forces become visible to the naked-eye then mankind would be struck with such an awe and fright that it would simply not have the 'nerves' to continue living.

G-d took the concealment a step further. A person would



not be able to function *naturally*<sup>2</sup>, if he would immediately see 'positive' G-dly forces being created from good deeds and negative forces also resulting from his sins. Imagine, a man upon performing a Mitzva immediately being rewarded and becoming rich. Further imagine, another person, upon performing a sin he would immediately be punished. Under such a mode of governance man would have no free will. Man would always busy himself with Mitzvot and charity. Only a fool would engage in sin. G-d is 'impressed'<sup>3</sup> by the righteous who serve him sincerely.

Consider the state trooper, who observes the traffic from a conspicuously marked cruiser. He knows that motorists only slow down when passing him because they want to avoid any fine. The L-rd therefore 'goes unmarked'- aka: Hester Panim<sup>4</sup>, in order to give humanity a balanced test. G-d's Hester Panim which facilitates man's free-will may even beget the most outrageous blasphemy- Chillul Hashem. Successful people start praising themselves instead of G-d. Some so-called builders of Zion actually never acknowledged G-d for the creation of Israel. G-d's Hester Panim sanctions them to challenge Him for over fifty years while He remains silent.

#### The Purpose of the War Gog-U-Magog.

Eventually G-d's *Hester Panim* will cease with the revelation of His divine truth (referenced in Ezekiel, 38-23). Looking towards this period we chant the Kaddish prayer, "Yitgadal Veytkadash Shemay Rabba." This 'revolution' will not be engendered by a small and local event. Rather, according to the prophets this OLAM, world of denseness and inscrutability will be refashioned through a multi-national, global war, and against Israel. How?

*The following was related by a high-ranking officer in the Israeli army.*

*During the end of the second Lebanon war, I gathered my soldiers and told them, "Look, where we have arrived. We are not giving G-d a chance to perform open miracles. Just imagine, during this war, G-d performs undeniable wonders. Within 24 hours we easily win against the trained Hezbollah, and all of Southern Lebanon would be in our hands. And after an additional 48 hours Nassrallah would be captured and killed. What would have happened in our state, the day after the war? Would the prime minister and chief of staff appear before the Knesset, praising the L-rd, and thanking G-d? Is that what would happen?" The soldiers responded, "We wish we had the ability to appreciate all the miracles that G-d bestows upon us. However, we would unfortunately praise the military for its strength".*

*Therefore in the end of times<sup>5</sup> G-d will bring the nation of Israel to their homeland and establish for them an independent state. In due time He will deliver a leader, named Gog. This Gog will assemble a multi-national military campaign against Israel including peoples that we believed were on our side.*

*It will be transparently clear to everybody that Israel does not have the slightest chance to win such a mega-scale war. The L-rd will then unmask Himself proclaiming "Yitgadal V'yitkadash" in front of the assembled nations. The abundance of G-d's truth will thus be acknowledged as*



*Israel's salvation will be through the greatest wonders<sup>6</sup>. The deliverance will be as phenomenal as the exodus of Egypt.*

***When the divine truth will finally be distinguished the universe will be governed by new laws of nature.***

### ***Who is the leader of Magog?***

***Who is the likely candidate to be the leader named "Gog"? We may speculate who this might be.***

***Theologians throughout history offered numerous beliefs and theories regarding the identity of Gog the leader of Magog. However, according to our tradition, we do not know the identity<sup>7</sup> of this monarch, president or leader, nor his nation that will assemble the coalition of the countries against Israel.***

### ***The Stages Before The Great War.***

#### ***1. Destruction of 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple; 70 CE.***

*Israel sinned. G-d spoke openly to them through His prophets. Nevertheless, G-d provided the forces of evil with a balance of power, thus propping up the resistance. The end result was the masses disregarded the prophets. After unheeded warnings of an impending 'holocaust' the Jewish commonwealth ceased to exist.*

#### ***2. Diaspora***

*Israel was disbanded as a nation, and scrambled all over the world, living in small communities. Their mere physical existence was constantly under threat. As a result, hundreds of thousands of Jews perished both physically and spiritually. The communities subsisted spiritually as they maintained their true Jewish identity by clinging to the Torah tradition. They knew that devotion to religion is their lifeline as they followed*

*with love and reverence the guidance of their rabbis.*

### 3. Prayer

*Jews pray at least three times daily that that the redemption process should begin and they merit the return to Zion. In prayer, Jews align themselves, facing towards Israel. At every wedding ceremony the groom shatters a glass to symbolize the destruction of the Temple. The wedding ceremony is followed by melodies of the prophecies relating to the ingathering of Israel at the end of times. According to the Talmud many statutes were incorporated into Jewish Law based on the concept, "Zecher LaMikdash" or "Memorializing the Temple." Tradition<sup>8</sup> goes further, with the belief that by connecting ourselves with our past and by conducting "Zecher LaMikdash" we are indeed hastening and lightening the process of the ultimate redemption. Should the nation of Israel, G-d forbid forget their true identity then the process of redemption would have to be that much more intense. To bring us back from a much further (spiritual) distance requires a larger scale operation.*

### 4. Intermediate Ingathering of the Exiles

By the grace of G-d, we were delivered proportionately. As was predicted by the prophets<sup>9</sup>, G-d apportioned the land to Israel and established a sovereign Jewish state. He granted us time to express our appreciation and mend our evil ways, thus becoming closer and closer to him. **G-d was seeking to mitigate the critical operation which He must do in the ultimate transformation of the universe. The further the gap between us is then the operation needs to be deeper and that much more intense.**



### **The Covenant; Daily Recital of Sh'ma (K'riyat Sh'ma)** **(Deuteronomy 11:13-17)**

13: *"And if you will obey my commandments which I command you this day, to love the L-RD your G-d, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,*

14: *He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain, your wine and your oil.*

15: *And He will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you shall eat and be full.*

16: *Take heed lest your heart be deceived and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them,*

17: *and the anger of the L-rd will be kindled against you, and he will dry out the heavens, so that there be no rain, and the land will yield no fruit, and you will be quickly expelled off the good land which the L-rd gives you.*

*The Land of Israel- Eretz Yisrael is referred to as "The King's Palace". When being hosted in a king's court one must conduct themselves with proper etiquette. G-d, therefore, advises us about the sensitivity of the Land of Israel.<sup>10</sup> Upon sinning in Israel, G-d particularly warns us, "The anger of the L-rd will be kindled against you... and you will quickly be expelled off the good land which the L-rd gives to you."*

*We tried everything with exception of the "The L-rd's Condition" to bring peace to Israel. They bore no fruit. The attempts are even very pitiful. Imagine, President George Bush proposing a peace treaty to arch terrorist Ossama Bin Laden. George Bush invites him to the White House and shakes his hand. To motivate OBL to sign the peace accords the US president rewards him vast parts of American soil.*



*Politicians will urge everybody to "show restraint" and "pay the price for peace" to "finally stop the cycle of violence." Believing that the peace accords will create utopia we ratify them euphorically, regardless of the cost or risk. Sounds neo-Orwellian? However, in Israel this is considered sane and mainstream.*

*Two groups coexist in our world. One group has faith that everything in the world<sup>1</sup> is a result of G-d's will. The second group does not believe. According to them everything falls under the laws of nature, which include the chances off odds, coincidence and the whims of despots.*

The title of this movie: "Gog-U-Magog" was edited in the format of a military news report. The writer of this documentary subscribes to the former. Our times were predestined by the L-rd as outlined in The Prophets. They might seem bleak. However, we were advised that the world was created with a schematic or master plan. If we stay within certain tolerance levels then the machinery will operate smoothly. If we abuse the 'equipment' then we breached the warranty and can expect things to malfunction, as the manufacturer's manual precisely warned. Elect to be "Pro-life, as expressed in Moses' words.

"This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19)

**(Footnotes)**

<sup>1</sup> The concept of "concealment" is expounded by the kabbalists in great depth. In kabala jargon it is referred to as the principle of



"Tzimtzum."

<sup>2</sup> The previous point of concealment was to simply provide humanity with the strength to survive, i.e. so as not to buckle under and perish from fright. G-d took it now a step further, even after we have the wherewithal to survive, He wanted us also to live and conduct ourselves *freely, without pressure*.

<sup>3</sup> As expressed by the Psalmist, (147:11) "The L-rd takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope for His steadfast love."

<sup>4</sup> Literally, hides His face

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, major global battles occurred in world history which might have appeared to us and even to leading kabalists as a most opportune time for G-d's unmasking, the revelation of His divine truth. The fact that the revelation didn't materialize then could be attributed to a variety of factors which are beyond the scope of this paper.

<sup>6</sup> E.g. Ezekiel 38:22, "I will execute judgment upon him with pestilence and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him."

<sup>7</sup> An opinion among rabbinic sources maintains that the names "*Gog, Magog*" are only allegorical. They were ferocious and mighty warrior kingdoms, very familiar to the people living in the days of Ezekiel and were therefore used for "reference purposes only".

<sup>8</sup> As expounded by the famed medieval philosopher and poet, Rabbi Judah Halevi (c.1075–1141) in his magnum opus, "The Kuzari"

<sup>9</sup> There are chilling verses in Ezekiel which make reference that Jews would survive a holocaust and then leave the Diaspora to help in the rebuilding of Israel. For example, see Ezekiel 38:8 with Rashi's commentary.

<sup>10</sup> Rashi; Deuteronomy 11:18, Nachmanadies; Leviticus 18:25

<sup>11</sup> IE everything except man's freedom of choice whether to serve the L-rd or not