#### **Purpose of the Prophecy**

- It is God's zealous relationship with Israel and His plan to restore them.
- It is a primary example of God's sovereignty and man's will being used to accomplish God's will and execute judgment.
- It results in God being glorified.

Ezekiel 37:11-12

Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' "Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:13-14

"Then you shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. "I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken [it] and performed [it]," says the LORD.'"

# Ezekiel 38 The Hook

## Vv 1-3

## God is against Gog and Magog

#### Vv 1-3 Map: Possible Location of Meshach and Tubal



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### The Invasion of Israel

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Gog's Evil Plan

#### Vv 10-13 – Gog's Evil Plan

#### In the midst of the land:

"An interesting phrase is employed to define the place where God's people will be dwelling. It is called the middle (literally, the navel) of the earth, as explained in Ezekiel 5:5. The land of Israel is in the center of the earth as far as God's purposes for the world are concerned (cf. Deuteronomy 32:8)."

#### Vv 10-13 – Gog's Evil Plan

#### In the midst of the land:

"Rabbinic literature states: 'As the navel is set in the centre of the human body, so is the land of Israel the navel of the world...situated in the centre of the world, and Jerusalem in the centre of the land of Israel, and the sanctuary in the centre of Jerusalem, and the holy place in the centre of the sanctuary, and the ark in the centre of the holy place, and the foundation stone before the holy place, because from it the world was founded."

- (Charles Feinberg as quoted by Guzik)

## Vv 14-17

## Gog Acts On The Evil Plan

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## God's Response

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## God's Judgment Against Gog

## Taking It Home

#### **MEDITATION VERSES**

**Ezekiel 38:23** 

"Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I [am] the LORD." '

#### BENEDICTION

2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy, [and] peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.