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TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 38

Gog of Magog: The Last Great Coalition

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 38:23

"I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the LORD."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 38

This week you will read about the biggest army in the Bible coming against God's people — and never getting a battle. Ezekiel 38 is not mainly a puzzle about the end times; it is a picture of who really holds the hook. Ask God to show you where you need to stay watchful, and where you need to rest in Him.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Ezekiel study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

I Am Against You, O Gog

READ · EZEKIEL 38:1–7

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Who is in the coalition (vv2–6), and what four things does God say He will do to Gog in verse 4?

REFLECT

God's first words to Gog are "Behold, I am against you" (v3). What enemy in your life — an addiction, a fear, a person set on your harm — do you need to remember God has already declared Himself against?

REFLECT

God puts "hooks into your jaws" (v4) and leads the mighty army out. How does it change your fear to know the enemy is on God's leash, not loose?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name the biggest threat you are facing this week, write it down, and next to it write verse 3. Pray it over that threat.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 38:23)

DAY 2 OF 5

Living Securely

READ · EZEKIEL 38:8–13

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How does verse 11 describe the people Gog attacks, and what does Gog want from them (vv12–13)?

REFLECT

Gog came when Israel was "living securely" (v8). When in your life have you been hit hardest — in the crisis, or after things finally calmed down? What does that teach you about staying watchful?

REFLECT

Gog devised an evil plan to take from people who could not defend themselves (vv10–12), and the merchants were eager to profit (v13). Where have you sized someone up for what you could get, or stood by while someone else did?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pick one guardrail that protects you in good seasons — a meeting, a call, a daily reading — and keep it today even though you feel fine.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Before Their Eyes

READ · EZEKIEL 38:14–17

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Why does God say He will bring Gog against His land (v16)? Write the reason in your own words.

REFLECT

God says He will be "sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog" (v16). How might God use the very trouble you are in right now to show others who He is?

REFLECT

Christians disagree about when this battle happens. What do you know for certain from these verses, even if the timing is not clear to you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Tell one man how God showed Himself faithful in a hard season of your life, so that he can see God through it.

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DAY 4 OF 5

In My Zeal

READ · EZEKIEL 38:18–20

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List everything in verse 20 that will "shake at My presence." What does that list tell you about how big God is?

REFLECT

God acts "in My zeal" (v19) — a jealous, protective love for His people and His name. How does it feel to be loved by a God who is that fierce on your behalf?

REFLECT

If all creation shakes at God's presence (v20), what in your life have you been treating as bigger than Him?

RESPOND — TODAY

Spend five quiet minutes simply praising God for His power, without asking Him for anything.

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DAY 5 OF 5

They Will Know That I Am the LORD

READ · EZEKIEL 38:21–23

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What different judgments does God bring on Gog in verses 21–22, and how much fighting does Israel do?

REFLECT

Gog's army turned on itself: "Every man's sword will be against his brother" (v21). Where have you seen a proud plan — yours or someone else's — collapse from the inside?

REFLECT

God's goal is that the nations "will know that I am the LORD" (v23). How could your week point someone toward knowing Him?

RESPOND — TODAY

Surrender one proud plan to God today in prayer, out loud, before He has to put a hook in your jaw.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (EZEKIEL 38:23)

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Which day's reading spoke most directly to where you are right now?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

What does staying watchful in a good season look like for each of us, practically, this coming week?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

How do we encourage a brother who feels surrounded on every side, the way Israel was by Gog's coalition?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, You hold every enemy on Your hook, so I trust You with…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 38:23

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