

**Week #3**

# **Old and New Testament Prophecies of the End Times**

A 6-week Bible study on what the Bible says (and doesn't say) about this important subject.

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# Are principles of interpretation really important?

- What does this mean?

**“They passed the port at midnight.”**

How could we ever  
agree on the meaning?

# It's not only words – It's also idioms and cultural use of words

- *Entire store 25% off*
- Please wait for hostess to be seated.
- *Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.*
- Slow children at play.
- *Fine for parking here.*
- Eat here and get gas.



# How did the Homework go for you?



- Did you review (again) the diagrams (p. 3)?
- How about the overview of what we believe and teach (p 4-5)?
- And the overview of belief statements of dispensationalists (p 6-7)?
- **And basic principles of Bible interpretation?**
- **Did you bring questions with you?**



# Major assumptions of dispensationalists



- God deals differently with people in different time periods called dispensations.
- The Jews and the NT Church are never the same and never share divine promises.
- The End Times are only in the future.
- There will be multiple returns of Jesus and resurrections and judgments of people.
- (With exceptions) Passages are to be understood literally, not idiomatically.

# Deuteronomy 30:1-10

As you read these passages, be asking . . .

- Can we really say that these threats – and promises – have already been fulfilled? Or must they lie somewhere in the future?
- Can you identify any New Testament promise that emphasizes how the land of Palestine is the inheritance of God's people? Is this significant?

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- **What amillennialists say:** *Can you see how we end up with our beliefs?*

## Isaiah 9:6-7

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- What does it mean, that Jesus “will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom”?
- How would you describe the nature of the Messiah’s rule as well as its duration?



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## Ezekiel 38-39

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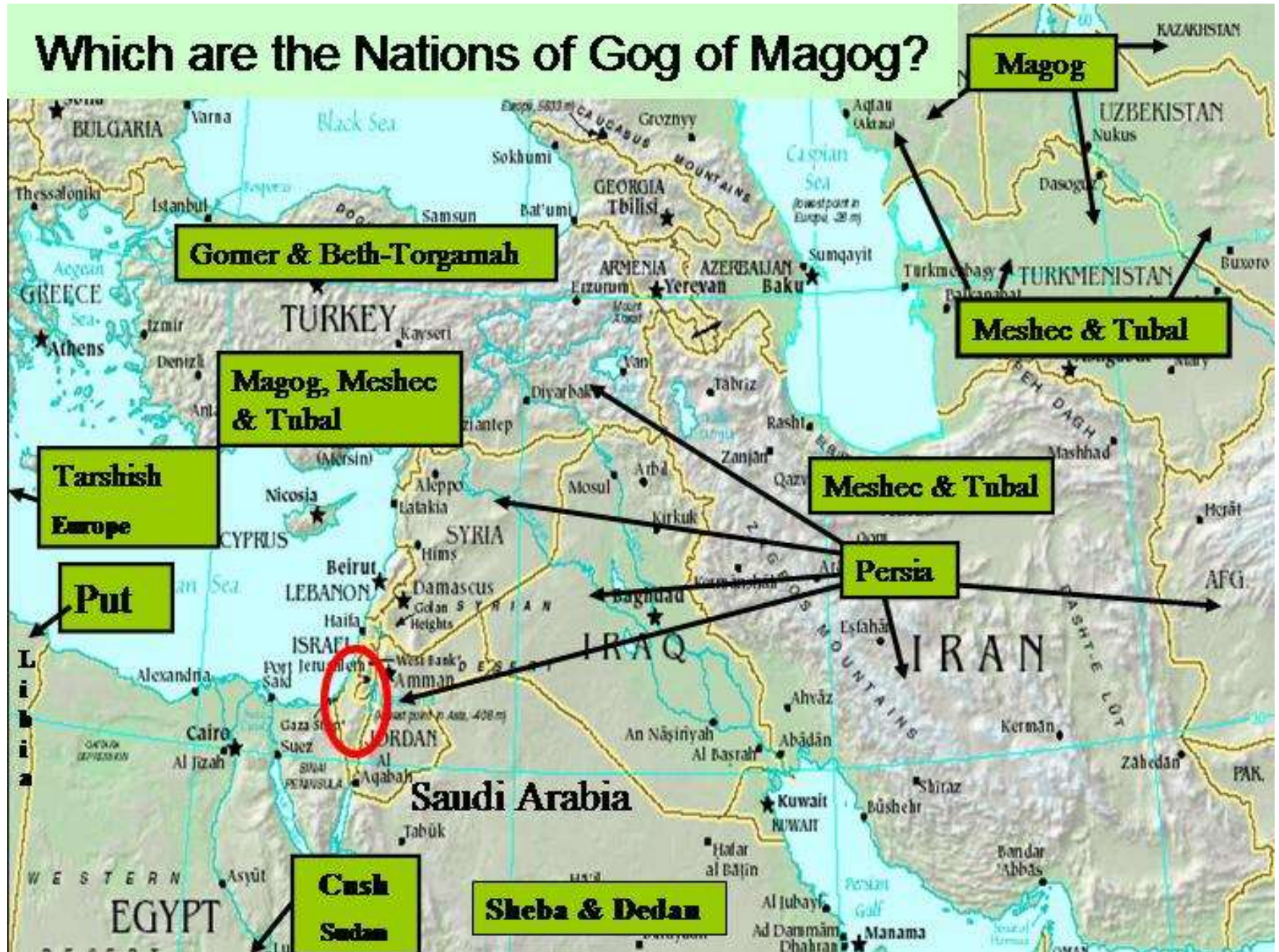
- Picturing these events in your mind, how would you describe the event?
- Is there anything in the text that indicates a literal – or figurative – meaning?

**THE TABLE OF NATIONS**  
GEN. 10

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- LUD Descendants of Japheth
- PUT Descendants of Ham
- UZAL Descendants of Shem



# Which are the Nations of Gog of Magog?



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# Homework for this week:

- **Review the material we went through today.**
- **Review the diagrams and belief statements of amillennialists and dispensationalists (p 3—7).**
- **Read through the Principles of Interpretation (p 23-24).**
- **Read page 25, reasons why dispensationalism is false & dangerous.**
- **Bring questions with you next week.**





***Soli Deo Gloria***

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