Class #39 - Gog from Magog (Ezekiel 38-39)

Objectives:

- Explain why the Lord is bringing Gog and his armies against Israel.
- Recall one or two descriptions of the destruction of Gog's armies.
- Identify what God wants His people and the nations to conclude from this.

Opening Question

What are the big picture, high-level observations from first reading?

The Invasion (38:1-23)	
-	Ezekiel's prophecy is now for Gog, from the land of Magog—likely a figure from far away lands who represents the possible enemy. (1-2)
-	From the outset, the Lord is Gog and his allies, and will bring them out for battle in an impressive horde. (3-9)
-	They will march together toward the restored land where people have been gathered—upon, where the Lord's people dwell securely. (8-9)
-	Gog will be eager to attack this land and plunder its people. (10-13)
-	The Lord will allow this great army to come upon Israel, so that the nations would know Him, and so that His would be vindicated. (14-16)
-	The Lord's question: Are you (Gog) the one who I prophesied that I would bring against Israel? (17)
	- Answer (probably) : Could be referring to
-	Instead, the Lord will not allow Gog to Israel. He will shake heaven and earth to show His greatness and bring down Gog in judgment. (18-23)

The Outcome (39:1-29)		
-	The Lord repeats: He is Gog, the chief prince. (1)	
-	Gog and his armies will fall on the mountains of Israel, and be for the birds and beasts; their lands will be consumed by (2-6)	
-	The result: God's name will be known, it will no longer be, and the nations will know that He is the One in Israel. (7-8)	
-	Israelites will use the weapons of Gog's armies as for seven years as they those who plundered them. (9-10)	
-	It will take seven months to the land by burying all the slain of the army of Gog. (11-16)	
-	The Lord will host a feast for the birds and the beasts, and they will gorge themselves on the flesh and blood of Gog's armies. (17-20)	
-	The Lord's is on display. (21)	
	- Israel will see and know	
	- The nations will see and know	
-	Israel will be restored, they will their shame and dwell securely, and they will know that He is their God, when He pours out His on them. (25-29)	