

THE EIGHTH BEAST EMPIRE

Scripture Reference: Ezekiel 37-39

Last session we looked at the “Beast Empires” as revealed in the books of Daniel and Revelation.

QUESTION?	From last session, how did we define the “Beast Empires?”

According the passage from last session – Revelation 17 – there will be a total of 8 beast empires who bring oppression and persecution to God’s people, namely Israel. Today, we will focus on the 8th and final Beast Empire which will exist at the onset of the 70th Week as we discussed two sessions ago.

First, let’s do a little review.

In terms of the 70 weeks of Daniel, where are we today? _____

What event signifies the beginning of the 70th Week Daniel spoke of in Daniel 7?

How long will this “70th Week” last? _____

What did the ten toes of Daniel 2, ten horns of Daniel 9, and ten horns of Revelation 13 and 17 all represent?

Now let’s dig into what this ten-nation federation or alliance will look like and who the Scriptures say will comprise this “empire.” Referring to the Daniel 2 passage from last session, there is one verse at which we must look one more time.

“Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together...”
(Daniel 2:35)

This shows us that the “bronze, silver, and gold” empires will be crushed together with the “iron and clay” which refers to the final (eighth) beast empire. Thus, from last week

we know that this would include Babylon (modern Iraq), Persia (modern Iran), and Greece (especially the Greek part of Syria).

QUESTION?	What do these three nations (today) have in common?

So, of this Ten Nation “Empire” that falls under Antichrist, we see that three of them will be some version of...

- 1) Babylon
- 2) Medo-Persia
- 3) Greece

Now, we must transition to Ezekiel to learn the identity of the remaining 7.

QUESTION?	Where in OT History does Ezekiel fall?

The THREE-NATION Coalition

As a reminder, Daniel 7:8 mentions, “While I was contemplating the [ten] horns, behold, another horn, a little one [Antichrist], came up among them, and the **three** of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it.” Later, the prophet Daniel explains that...

“As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.” (Daniel 7:24)

Identifying these three nations is a critical task. It is quite possible that the formation of this three-nation alliance is the only remaining step that must take place prior to the signing of the “Covenant of Death” as some call it thus launching the 70th week of Daniel.

Now, we see that Ezekiel 38 and 39 speak directly to this period. The first few verses of Chapter 38 clearly identifies two of the three ancestral groups and allows for two options for the third – so we can be aware.

So, let's look at each country listed, and see if we can trace their lineage back to Genesis 10.

- 1) _____ - Josephus, the Jewish scholar identifies the Magogites as the ancient Scythians who inhabited the areas around the Black Sea. Other sources (including the Jewish Talmud) support this identifying Magog as Nomadic tribes that had settled in the Scythian territory. Much, if not most, of the Scythian (Magogite) descendants are German.
- 2) _____ - This is the only listed nation that does not appear in the Table of Nations in Genesis 10. Interestingly, most modern translations do not refer to this as a country but as the meaning of the word, "chief." For this and other reasons, it is most likely that "Rosh" does not refer to a nation but is simply meant to modify the word, "prince." But those who do speculate that "Rosh" refers to an actual country claim it refers to "Russia" primarily due to the similarity in the names – not based on historical information.
- 3) _____ - This nation can be traced back to the area of Russia today known as "Muscovy". This is in the western portion of Russia close to the modern city of Moscow.
- 4) _____ - The city of Tubal was known in ancient Assyrian writings as "Tibareni", a region near the modern city of Tobolsk in Russia. This is about 1000 miles east of Moscow.
- 5) _____ - This was already mentioned under the vision of Daniel as discussed earlier.
- 6) _____ - This is modern day Ethiopia and Sudan. Cush was the son of Ham.
- 7) _____ - This is modern day Libya. Put was also a son of Ham.
- 8) _____ - Gomer was a son of Japheth and historians have traced Gomer back to the present-day Ukraine in the very western portion of the former Soviet Union.
- 9) _____ - *Beth-Togorman* (beth meaning "house of") was a grandson of Japheth and corresponds to modern day Armenia and the southwest portion of the former Soviet Union, including a small portion of Turkey and northwest Iran.

In Summary, this ten nation gathering is as follows:

The Three

Nation /People	Modern Location	Ancestry
1) Magog	Germanic Areas	Japhetic (Magog)
2) Meshech	Muscovy, western Russia	Japhetic (Meshech)
3) Tubal	TObolsk, west-central Russia	Japhetic (Tubal)

The Seven

1) Babylon	Iraq	Semitic (Apachshad)
2) Medo-Persia	Iran	Japhetic(Madai,Tiras)
3) Greek (Syrian)	Syria	Japhetic (Javan)
4) Cush	Ethiopia, Sudan	Hamitic (Cush)
5) Put	Libya	Hamitic (Put)
6) Gomer	Ukraine, western Russia	Japhetic (Gomer)
7) Togarmah	Turkey, southwestern Russia	Japhetic (Togarmah)