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The Spiritual Life Basics

**Introduction: The Need for a Spiritual Life -
The Times in Which We Live (Part 12)
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- Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
- WASHINGTON – While most of the reporting and analysis of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's speech at the U.N. focused on what he had to say about the West and specifically the U.S., his chilling closing remarks were lost on most listeners – and apparently all reporters.
- The last two paragraphs of his remarks revealed his steadfast and driving conviction, as previously reported in WND ,that a messianic figure, known as the "Mahdi" to Muslims, is poised to reveal himself after an apocalyptic holocaust on Earth that leaves most of the world's population dead.

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- "I emphatically declare that today's world, more than ever before, longs for just and righteous people with love for all humanity; and above all longs for the perfect righteous human being and the real savior who has been promised to all peoples and who will establish justice, peace and brotherhood on the planet," Ahmadinejad said. "Oh, Almighty God, all men and women are your creatures and you have ordained their guidance and salvation. Bestow upon humanity that thirsts for justice, the perfect human being promised to all by you, and make us among his followers and among those who strive for his return and his cause."

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- Ahmadinejad is on record as stating he believes he is to have a personal role in ushering in the age of the Mahdi. In a Nov. 16, 2005, speech in Tehran, he said he sees his main mission in life as to "pave the path for the glorious reappearance of Imam Mahdi, may Allah hasten his reappearance."

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- Who stands in the Mahdi's way?
- A top priority of Ahmadinejad is "to challenge America, which is trying to impose itself as the final salvation of the human being, and insert its unjust state [in the region]," says Hamidreza Taraghi, head of the conservative Islamic Coalition Society.
- Taraghi says the U.S. is "trying to place itself as the new Mahdi." This may mean no peace with Iran, he adds, "unless America changes its hegemonic ... thinking, doesn't use nuclear weapons, [or] impose its will on other nations."

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- Council on American–Islamic Relations (CAIR) founder Omar M. Ahmad by the San Ramon Valley Herald on July 4, 1988:
- *"Islam isn't in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Koran, the Muslim book of scripture, should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on Earth." -*
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- “In 1974 [Algerian President] Houari Boumedienne, the man who ousted Ben Bella three years after Algerian independence, spoke before the General Assembly of the United Nations. And without circumlocutions he said:
- *‘One day millions of men will leave the southern hemisphere of this planet to burst into the northern one. But not as friends. Because they will burst in to conquer, and they will conquer by populating it with their children. Victory will come to us from the wombs of our women.’*”

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- Next Attack Imminent: Muslims Ordered to Leave the US
Hamid Mir, Dr. Paul L. Williams & David Dastych
- September 19, 2006
- Recently, Abu Dawood, one of the newly appointed commanders of the al Qaeda forces in Afghanistan issued some disturbing statements.
- Dawood stated: that final preparations have been made for the American Hiroshima, a major attack on the US; said that Muslims living in the United States should leave the country without further warning;
- that the attack will be commandeered by Adnan el Shukrijumah ("Jaffer Tayer" or "Jafer the Pilot"), a naturalized American citizen, who was raised in Brooklyn and educated in southern Florida...

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- that the al Qaeda operatives who will launch this attack are awaiting final orders, that they remain in place in cities throughout the country and that many are masquerading as Christians and have adopted Christian names;
- that al Qaeda and the Taliban will also launch a major strike (known as the "Badar Operation") against the coalition forces in Afghanistan during the holy month of Ramadan;
- and that the American people probably will be treated to a final audio message from Osama bin Laden which will be aired some time later.

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- The announcements from Abu Dawood were obtained by Hamid Mir, the only journalist to interview Osama bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and Taliban leader Mullah Omar in the wake of 9/11. Mir's earlier reports regarding the resurgence of the Taliban, with support from Iran and Russia, and an unofficial truce (reported by some Western sources) between President Pervez Musharraf and al Qaeda, have panned out and have been reported by the mainstream media in recent months.

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- Mr. Mir interviewed Dawood (no specific date indicated) at the tomb of Sultan Mehmud Ghaznawi, on the outskirts of Kabul. Dawood and the al Qaeda leaders who accompanied him sported short beards and were dressed casually, for disguise. The al Qaeda commander had contacted Mir by cell-phone to arrange the meeting.

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- Here, then, is Mr. Mir's interview with Abu Dawood.
- Q: How did you have my local mobile number?
- A: We watched you on Geo TV walking in the mountains near Kabul with British troops. You were embedded with our enemies. We were sure that you are staying in one of the few hotels or guest houses in Kabul. We were looking for you in Serena and Intercontinental hotels, but then some Taliban friends informed us that they had your phone number and you might visit them in Zabul [an Afghani province]. We got your number from Commander [Muhsen] Khayber.

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- America is playing with the security of Muslims all over the world, now it is our turn again. Our brothers are ready to attack inside America. We will breach their security again. There is no timeframe for our attack inside America; we can do it any time.
- Q: What do you mean by another attack in America?
- A: Yes a bigger attack than September 11th 2001. Brother Adnan [el Shukrijumah] will lead that attack, Inshallah.
- He is very well known in Al Qaeda. He is an American and a friend of Muhammad Atta, who led 9/11 attacks five years ago. We call him "Jaffer al Tayyar" ["Jafer the Pilot"]; he is very brave and intelligent.

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- Bush is aware that brother Adnan has smuggled deadly materials inside America from the Mexican border.
- Bush is silent about him, because he doesn't want to panic his people.
- Sheikh Osama bin Laden has completed his cycle of warnings. You know, he is man of his words, he is not a politician; he always does what he says.
- If he said it many times that Americans will see new attacks, they will definitely see new attacks.
- He is a real Mujahid. Americans will not win this war, which they have started against Muslims.
- Americans are the biggest supporters of the biggest terrorist in the world, which is Israel.

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- Q: But if you attack inside America again, then Muslims living in America will face lot of problems, why would you like to create new problems for your brothers and sisters?
- A: Muslims should leave America. We cannot stop our attack just because of the American Muslims; they must realize that American forces are killing innocent Muslims in Afghanistan and Iraq; we have the right to respond back, in the same manner, in the enemy's homeland. The American Muslims are like a human shield for our enemy; they must leave New York and Washington.

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- Q: But your fighters are also using the American Muslims as their shield, if there are no Muslims in America, then there would be no Al Qaeda, may be the Americans would feel safer?
- A: No, not at all. We have a different plan for the next attack. You will see. Americans will hardly find out any Muslim names, after the next attack. Most of our brothers are living in Western countries, with Jewish and Christian names, with passports of Western countries. This time, someone with the name of Muhammad Atta will not attack inside America, it would be some David, Richard or Peter.

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- Q: So you will not attack America, until Muslims are there?
- A: I am not saying that, I am saying that Muslims must leave America, but we can attack America anytime. Our cycle of warnings has been completed, now we have fresh edicts from some prominent Muslim scholars to destroy our enemy, this is our defending of Jihad; the enemy has entered in our homes and we have the right to enter in their homes, they are killing us, we will kill them.

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- Reporter: Don't underestimate al-Qaida nuke threat: Warning to Muslims to leave U.S. is serious, says Pakistani who met bin Laden
- Posted: September 21, 2006 1:00 a.m. Eastern
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- WASHINGTON – The warning from an al-Qaida field commander in Afghanistan calling for Muslims to leave the U.S. – particularly Washington and New York – in anticipation of a major terror attack to rival Sept. 11, should be taken seriously says the Pakistani journalist who interviewed Abu Dawood.

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- Hamid Mir, a reporter who has covered al-Qaida and met with Osama bin Laden, told radio talk-show host Glenn Beck yesterday that he, too, had made the mistake of underestimating the terror network in the past.
- He said he interviewed bin Laden prior to Sept. 11, 2001, and heard warnings about an attack on the U.S., but discounted them.
- Mir took bin Laden more seriously after the bombings of the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998, shortly after his first of three meetings with bin Laden – the last coming after 9/11.

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- Dawood said the impending attack, which could involve nuclear or radiological weapons, is being coordinated by Adnan el-Shukrijumah and suggests it may involve some form of warhead smuggled across the Mexican border.
- "Our brothers are ready to attack inside America," Dawood told Mir. "We will breach their security again. There is no timeframe for our attack inside America; we can do it any time."
- As WND has previously reported, el-Shukrijumah is a trained nuclear technician and accomplished pilot who has been singled out by bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri to serve as the field commander for the next terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

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- El-Shukrijumah was born in Guyana Aug. 4, 1975 – the firstborn of Gulshair el-Shukrijumah, a 44-year-old radical Muslim cleric, and his 16-year-old wife. In 1985, Gulshair migrated to the United States, where he assumed duties as the imam of the Farouq Mosque in Brooklyn.
- The mosque, located at 554 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn, has served as a hive for terrorist activities. It has raised millions for the jihad and has served as a recruiting station for al-Qaida. Many of the planners of the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, including blind Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, were prominent members of this notorious "house of worship."

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- In 1995, the Shukrijumah family relocated to Miramar, Fla., where Gulshair became the spiritual leader of the radical Masjid al-Hijah Mosque, and where Adnan became friends with Jose Padilla, who planned to detonate a radiological bomb in midtown Manhattan; Mandhai Jokhan, who was convicted of attempting to blow up nuclear power plants in southern Florida; and a group of other home-grown terrorists.
- Adnan Shukrijumah attended flight schools in Florida and Norman, Oklahoma, along with Mohammad Atta and the other 9/11 operatives, and he became a highly skilled commercial jet pilot, although he, like Atta and the other terrorists, never applied for a license with the Federal Aviation Commission.

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- El-Shukrijumah has been mentioned as a key figure in what has been called the "American Hiroshima" plot – an al-Qaida plan to detonate one or more nuclear weapons in the U.S.
- The terrorist was last seen in Mexico, where, on Nov. 1, 2004, he allegedly hijacked a Piper PA Pawnee cropduster from Ejido Queretaro near Mexicali to transport a nuclear weapon and nuclear equipment into the U.S., according to Paul Williams, a former FBI consultant and author of "The Dunces of Doomsday."

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- Following 9/11, el-Shukrijumah was reportedly singled out by bin Laden and al-Zawahiri to spearhead the next great attack on America.
- One plan was for a nuclear attack that would take place simultaneously in seven U.S. cities, leaving millions dead and the richest and most powerful nation on earth in ashes.

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America Absent From the End Times

- "Can you imagine the effects on our country if over 28 million people—people in industry, government, the military, business, agriculture, education, medicine, and communications—disappear?"
- That is approximately double the entire population of New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Houston all rolled together!"

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- “Since America is not mentioned or referred to specifically in any passage of Scripture, we must be careful about drawing any hard and fast conclusions about her future.
- Simply stated, the main view is that in the end times. America will be absorbed into Antichrist’s reunited Roman Empire. The United States will become a part of the end-time confederacy of western Nations.”
- (Mark Hitchcock - Is America in Bible Prophecy?)

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Ezekiel 38 & 39

An Invasion of Israel

From the North, the East, and the South

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- Ezekiel 38-39 present a need for speculation as we witness the violent threats and actions of the true Believers of Islam.
- The pieces fit together to form a description of the last Jihad!
- This battle is referred to Biblically as the Gog and Magog Invasion.

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- Some speculators see the Gog and Magog Invasion as part of Armageddon at the end of the 7 Year Tribulation.
- Others speculate it to occur in the Middle of the Week, 3 1/2 years into the Tribulation.
- Still others see it happening just prior to the rapture.
- Others say it happens after the rapture, and opens the door for the Two Witnesses of Revelation 11 to build the Third Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

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- There are various interpretations of scriptures to support, to some degree, each of these speculations.
- However, if we analyze the participants and events in light of current events, it seems most probable that, whenever it occurs, this is the Last Jihad of the Islamofascists.

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- The Jews rejected Christ during His first advent (Acts 4:10-12), and between His two advents, Jesus was going to build His church (Matt. 16:18) until the fullness of the Gentile church comes in (Rom 11:25).
- Then shall the Lord set up His Davidic Kingdom during His Millennial Reign here on earth.
- Jesus makes reference to the Gentile control over Jerusalem; the passage says: "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword(Jerusalem), and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."- Luke 21:24

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- There are a number of considerations which make it clear that we are dealing with two great wars in our future rather than one war:
- 1. In the Gog/Magog (further referred to as G/M) war, several allies of Gog are mentioned, as opposing Antichrist. -Ezek.38 These are the land of Magog, Meshech, and Tubal, etc.
- Gog (in verse 3) is described as the head or prince of these countries or princes. They include modern day Turkey, the Stan Countries, Iran, Sudan, Ethiopia, Libya and Egypt.
- 2. In the Armageddon war, ALL nations are engaged against The Messiah (Joel 3:2; Zech 12:3; and 14:2)

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- 3. In the Armageddon war, the sun and the moon are darkened but not in the G/M war (Joel 3:15, Matthew 24:29, Luke 21:25, Zechariah 14:6)
- 4. Gog comes from the North (Ezek 38:6, 15), while at Armageddon, the armies come from out of the whole earth. (Joel 3:2, Zech 12:3 and 14:2)
- 5. Gog comes to take a spoil (Ezek 38:11-12), while at Armageddon the nations of the earth assemble themselves together specifically to destroy the people of God.
- 6. Gog is the head of the armies at his invasion (Ezek. 38:15), but at Armageddon the beast Beast is at the head of the invasion (Rev. 19:19)

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- 7. There is a protest against Gog's invasion (Ezek. 38:13), but at Armageddon there is no such protest because all the nations of the earth have joined themselves with the Beast in his attack against Jerusalem.
- 8. Gog is overthrown by divine intervention through the convolutions of nature (Ezek 38:22) , but the armies at Armageddon are destroyed by the sword which goes out of Christ's mouth (Rev 19:15) and by the Lord my God and ALL the saints (Zech 14:5).

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- 9. Gog's armies array themselves in the open fields (Ezek 39:5) while at Armageddon they are seen in the city of Jerusalem (Zech 14:2; Rev. 11:2).
- 10. Gog's armies are destroyed outside of Jerusalem on the mountains and in the valleys (Ezek39:2-4) and take 7 months for the people of Jerusalem to bury, while the Beast and his armies are destroyed in the city of Jerusalem itself (Zech 12:2; 14:2)
- 11. The Lord calls for assistance in executing judgement on Gog (Ezek 38:21), while at Armageddon He is viewed as treading the winepress alone. - (Rev. 19:15; Isaiah 63:3-6).
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- 13. We see in Revelation 16:12 that the Euphrates river must be dried up in order for the final battle to occur, so this also will be a sign of the coming of the final battle of Armageddon. "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates AND THE WATER THEREOF WAS DRIED UP, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

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- *Ezekiel 38:1-6 The word of the Lord came to me; Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him and say: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army - your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords. Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops - the many nations with you.'*

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- Ezekiel 38-39 reveals an end time invasion of Israel, and the total destruction of the invading army.
- It has, for the last 50+ years been referred to as the coming war with Russia.
- Looking at current events, studying the etymology of the Hebrew, the historical geography of the Middle East, and making a comparison to modern geography, I am going to add my speculation.
- Clearly there is a three pronged invasion of Israel by a several countries.
- One comes from the North, another from the East, and the third from the South.

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- Most of the country's names we have not heard since the times of Noah Gen 10:2-6
- They represent the peoples who inhabit the old homelands of those first generations after Noah .
- The main thrust is initiated by the Gog from the land of Magog Ezek 38:2-3).
- North of Israel the Caucasus Mountain range runs between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea.
- The peaks are called the Gogh (Gog) of which Ararat (Noah's landing site) is a peak.
- The land of Magog (to the North of Ararat) must include those inhabitants north of the Caucasus.

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- Ezekiel 38 through 39 tells of a future invasion of Israel by a vast coalition of nations that surround it.
- As we read the headlines in the newspapers of today, and witness the conflict in the Middle East, it's not hard to imagine that this invasion prophesied over 2600 years ago, could be fulfilled in our lifetime.
- Ezekiel 36-37 predicts a gathering of the Jews to the nation of Israel, which will be followed by this massive invasion. For 19 centuries the Jewish people were scattered throughout the world, and until May 14, 1948 there was no nation of Israel to invade.

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- With the nation of Israel now a reality, the stage seems set for the war that will usher in the tribulation and the rise of the Antichrist; a war that will end with the destruction of Israel's enemies by God Himself, and lead to the signing of a peace treaty with the Antichrist.
- As you read Ezekiel 38 and 39, it isn't just the creation of the nation of Israel that makes this prophecy seem likely to be fulfilled in the near future. The nations that God tells us will form this coalition against Israel seem more likely now than perhaps ever before to form just such an alliance. To understand the prophecies of Ezekiel about this future invasion, it's important to understand who the players will be.

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- There are many theories as to who will join in this future invasion of Israel. Before going through a list of the individual nations, I'll list some of the more common theories you'll hear when studying the prophecies from Ezekiel 38.
- Ezekiel 38:1-7 gives 10 names as participants in the invasion of Israel that will follow the regathering of the Jews to their homeland.
- First mentioned, is the land of Magog.

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- The most common identity for Magog is in Central Asia.
- The Jewish historian Josephus said, "Magog founded the Magogians, called Scythians by the Greeks. Scythians were a nomadic tribe who inhabited the ancient territory from Central Asia across the southern part of ancient Russia."
- Today this area is inhabited by the former Soviet Republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and possibly northern parts of Afghanistan.
- All of these nations that make up the land of Magog have one thing in common - Islam.

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- Meshech and Tubal in verses 2 and 6, were the names of the 6th and 5th sons of Japheth, the son of Noah (Gen. 10:2). Ezekiel 27:13 also mentions Meshech and Tubal as trading partners with Tyre (Modern Lebanon).
- It's likely that Meshech and Tubal refer to the ancient Moshi/Mushki and Tubalu/Tibareni who dwelled in the area around, primarily south of, the Black and Caspian Sea in Ezekiel's day.
- Today these nations would be in the modern country of Turkey, parts of Southern Russia and Northern Iran. All areas with a Muslim majority.

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- Verse 6 adds Gomer and Beth-Togarmah to the coalition. "Gomer" was the first son of Japheth.
- The Gomerites were the ancient Cimmerians, expelled in 700 B.C. from the southern steppes of Russia into what is today Turkey.
- "Togarmah" is the 3rd son of Gomer and beth at the beginning of the name is the Hebrew word for 'house' or 'place of'.
- In Ezekiel's time there was a city in Cappadocia (Modern Turkey) known as Tegarma, Tagarma, Til-garimmu, and Takarama.

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- Verse 5 brings three more names into the mix. God tells us that "Persia, Cush and Put will be with them".
- Persia is a pretty easy one - it is present day Iran.
- The ancient kingdom of Cush in Ezeekiels time was the land just south of Egypt on the Nile River. Today this land is occupied by Sudan.
- Sudan is home to the National Islamic Front, is ruled by an Islamic military dictatorship, a strong supporter of Iraq, home to Osama bin Landen from 1991-1996, and harbors countless Islamic terrorist groups.

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- Ancient Put was the land just west of Egypt, or what is today Libya. Libya is another sponsor of terrorism, and openly refuses to recognize Israel's right to even exist. When the coalition against Israel is formed, Libya won't have to be asked twice to join.
- Verse 6 adds "and many people with you." I believe these to be the independent Islamic Jihadists
- By adding "and many people with you", God may have been indicating that those nations who are not directly involved will have many who will join the Jihad.

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- The reasons God gives us for the enemies' invasion of Israel are further proof that the attack will be an Islamic invasion.
- The first reason God gives for the invasion in Ezekiel 38 is a desire by the coalition to cover the Jewish land and wipe them off the face of the earth.
- Urged on by a hatred of the Jewish people they will seek to destroy them and the nation of Israel. This is the stated goal today of almost every (except Egypt, Turkey, and Jordan) Islamic nation in the Middle East.
- This invasion of Israel and attack on the Jewish people will indeed be a Jihad, but it will also be the final Jihad.