

# Russia—The King of the East and the Return of Christ

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## I. Introduction.

- A. In the future tribulation many will be wiped out.
- B. Texts: Ezekiel 38, Daniel 11, Revelation 16, 19.
- C. This passage deals with the last times.
- D. The people in question lived by the Black Sea.

## II. These people may be referring to Russia.

- A. The name for this land in the Hebrew has verbal affinities to the word “Russia” today.
- B. The first ally of Russia will be Iran.
- C. Russia will be an ally of other Arabs.
- D. Germany will form an alliance with Russia also.
- E. Turkey and others will join this alliance.

## III. This alliance will begin to move into Israel with little objection.

- A. Something will happen supernaturally leaving only a sixth surviving.
- B. The Antichrist will take power in Palestine. (Daniel 11:3)
- C. The Antichrist will tremble when the power of the east arises. There will be a great massacre. (Revelation 16:12)

## IV. Christ will return and destroy the Antichrist in one fell swoop. (Revelation 19)

- A. Christ will reign on this earth.
- B. In the mean time, there will be great tribulation.
- C. We must turn to Christ while there is still time—for nonbelievers there is only wrath.

### **Application questions:**

1. What is the speaker’s case for viewing Russia in Ezekiel 38?

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2. What do you think the purpose of these events is before the coming of Christ?

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3. What should we do now in light of the coming tribulation?

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