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# KNOWING GOD

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BOOK OF EZEKIEL

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EZEKIEL 38-39

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**Send Your Holy Spirit now for Christ's sake to...**

**A**

**CHURCH**

**THAT**

**PRAYS**

- Pray silently for the prayer request printed in your bulletin.
- Our College Students, and our small group led by Ian Veary.
- All first responders serving on front lines against COVID.
- Our church plant, WordServe.
- Sister church, Real Hope Community Church and Pastor Ryan Lokkesmoe.
- The Af\*ar of Ethiopia.

**We ask all this for the glory of Your name.**

Please pray for this request shared during last week's worship service.

**Pray for  
others**

# **Knowing God**

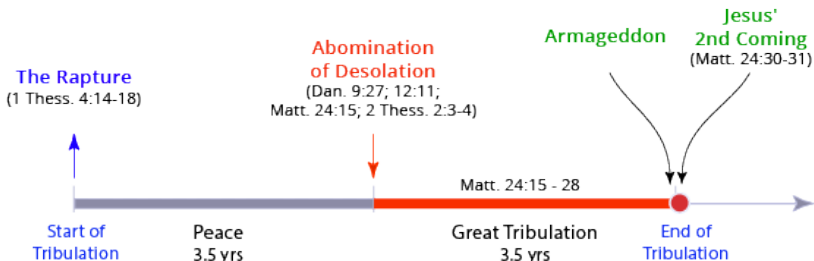
## **“Knowing the End” – Ezekiel 38-39**

**December 5, 2021**

### **Our Sermon Series**

<b>KNOWING GOD</b>				
<i>A Study of the Book of Ezekiel</i>				
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		Knowing Revival	Ezekiel 37	Nov 28
		Knowing the End	Ezekiel 38-39	Dec 5
		Knowing the Future	Ezekiel 40-48	Dec 12

### **Timeline of End Times** (assumes pretribulation, premillennial scenario)



### **When Does the Battle of Gog Occur?** (Ezekiel 38-39)

- Warren Wiersbe: “Many Bible scholars consider this section of Ezekiel to rank among the most difficult prophetic passages in Scripture, and they don’t all agree in their interpretations.”
- Charles Ryrie: “Chapters 38-39 describe a future attack on Israel and God’s deliverance of His people. The invading armies come out of the uttermost parts of the north (38:15) to invade Palestine but are destroyed by supernatural intervention (39:3). Seven months will be required to bury their corpses (39:11-15), and their weapons will supply fuel for Israel for seven years (39:9-10). The time of the battle is unclear. Israel will be living

in security, whether real or imagined (38:11-12), which might indicate that the battle takes place before the middle of the Tribulation, while Israel feels secure under a treaty with the Antichrist. But the consummation of the battle involves birds and beasts eating the flesh of the warriors, a scene similar to the description of Armageddon at the end of the Tribulation (39:17-20; Rev 19:17-18). Also, at the conclusion of the conflict the nations will understand the judging hand of God, and Israel will know that the Lord is their God (Ezek. 39:21-22). Perhaps the first thrust of the battle described by Ezekiel will begin just before the middle of the Tribulation, with successive waves of the invasion continuing throughout the last part of that period and building up to Armageddon. John envisioned a battle of Gog and Magog, at the conclusion of the millennial kingdom (Rev. 20:7-9), but this is different in time and characteristics from the one Ezekiel describes.”

- Some help with the names of nations:
  - Gog = ruler of Magog
  - Magog = region of current day Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan
  - Meshech and Tobal = modern day Turkey
  - Persia = Iran; Cush = northern Sudan; Put = Libya;
  - Gomer = eastern Turkey and Ukraine;
  - Beth-togarmah = part to Turkey near the Syrian border

## **What Difference Does Knowing About The Battle of Gog and Armageddon Make in My Life Now? (Ezekiel 38-39)**

### **1. Knowing about Armageddon leads me to trust God and worship Him for His \_\_\_\_\_ (38:10-11)**

- God planted thoughts into the mind of one of the most powerful rulers in the world!!! Gog is a generic name for a ruler. This ruler will lead a coalition of armies from 7 nations against Israel.
- **Proverbs 21:1** – *The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He will.*
- **Exodus 14:4** – *I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.*
- Charles Ryrie: “Ten times it is said that Pharaoh hardened his own heart (Exodus 7:13,14,22; 8:15,19,32; 9:7,34,35; 13:15), and 10 times that God hardened Pharaoh’s heart (4:21; 7:3; 9:12; 10:1,20,27; 11:10; 14:4,8,17). Paul uses this as an example of the inscrutable will of God and of His mercy toward people (Rom. 9:14-18). Seven times Pharaoh hardened his own heart before God first hardened it, though the prediction that God would do it preceded all.”
- Many of us have a hard time trusting God when we don’t understand how His sovereignty works.
- Three types of God’s will:
  - (1) **Sovereign Will** – The providential will of God that cannot be thwarted (Psalm 115:3; Isaiah 46:10; Acts 18:21; Ephesians 1:11; Hebrews 2:4).

- (2) **Circumstantial Will** – Circumstances that God allows in the midst of an evil, sin-filled, fallen world and through which God providentially takes and brings ultimate good and glory out of (Romans 8:28-30; Genesis 50:20).
- (3) **Commanded Will** – What God commands us to do but which many of us do not do. It is God's will that we obey His commands, but we do not always obey. Thus, this category of His will does not always happen (Mark 3:35; John 7:17; 1 Thess. 4:3; 5:16-18).
- Application #1 – Instead of fretting about life and world events, I choose to trust in the sovereign, all-powerful, all-knowing, good God who has the whole world in His hands.

## 2. Knowing about Armageddon leads me to live my life as though I am \_\_\_\_\_ (39:17-24)

- Sidenote: Two possibilities on use of archaic weapons in the future:
  - (1) Ezekiel is describing what he sees using language he knows; or
  - (2) Something has happened in the world reverting us to old weapons.
- Ezekiel 39:22-29 describes a great awakening among Jews that could explain Romans 11:26.
- There is a coming Day of Judgment when God will ask each of us two final exam questions:
  1. **What did you do with My Son?** Your answer to this question will determine your eternal destination whether Heaven or Hell.
 

*1 John 5:11-12 – And this is the testimony that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life, whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*
  2. **What did you do with the time, talents, and treasures I entrusted you with?** Your answer to this question will determine rewards in Heaven.
 

*2 Corinthians 5:10 – For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*
- Application #2a – Jesus, I have sinned and my life has fallen short. I repent of my sins and receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for dying on the cross and rising from the dead for me! Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I choose to follow You.
- Application #2b – Lord, I am not capable of investing my life strategically for Your Kingdom in my own power. Please fill me with Your Spirit to live a life of Kingdom significance investing my time, talents, and treasures in...
  - Your Word (1 Peter 1:24-25) – recommend QT Journal
  - Sharing Jesus with others (Daniel 12:2-3)
  - Loving people well (1 John 4:7-21)

### 3. Knowing about Armageddon leads me to invest my life for the evangelization of \_\_\_\_\_ (38:16,23; 39:6,21)

- God's heart is for the nations! God is working a plan to draw all peoples to Himself (Revelation 7:9-10), and He invites (commands) us to be a part of that plan (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).
- Application #3 – With God's help and power, I choose to invest my life in God's plan for the nations by...
  - Praying daily for our unreached people groups: Ban\*jar, Bug\*is, Makas\*ar, Raj\*put, A\*far, Azer\*baijani.
  - Praying with the First Sunday UPG Prayer Group today at 12:30pm in the Vista.
  - Going on a cross-cultural mission trip in the Year 2022: [WhatsGrace.org/Mission-Trips](http://WhatsGrace.org/Mission-Trips)
  - Volunteering at our Christmas celebration on Sat, Dec 11, with all of our international friends and neighbors at Camden Down Apartments: [WhatsGrace.org/Local-Missions](http://WhatsGrace.org/Local-Missions)
  - Taking the Pathways to Global Understanding course starting Feb 7: [WhatsGrace.org/Missions](http://WhatsGrace.org/Missions)
  - Ministering through FriendSpeak: [Friendspeak.net/](http://Friendspeak.net/)

### 4. Knowing about Armageddon leads me to find my ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ in God (39:25)

- Oprah Winfrey's hang-up with God: "I cannot follow a God who is jealous."
- Erik Reece: "Anyone who says, 'Love Me more than anyone else or you are not worthy of Me,' is an egomaniac."
- John Piper: "God is the one being in the universe for whom self-exaltation is not the act of a needy ego, but an act of infinite giving. The reason God seeks our praise is not because He won't be fully God until He *gets* it, but that **we** won't be happy until we *give* it. This is not arrogance. This is grace. This is not egomania. This is love."
- John Piper summarizing Jesus: "If you find your ultimate joy in your most cherished earthly treasure, you will be disappointed in the end, and I will be dishonored. Because I am offering Myself to you as the all-satisfying beauty and greatness and wisdom and strength and love of the universe. I am what you were made for. And I am telling you that, if you see this — if you see Me as your supreme Treasure — then you don't have to choose between your satisfaction and My glorification, because in the very act of your being most satisfied in Me, I will be most glorified in you. When I pray for you, that in the end you will see My glory, it is simply because, as God, I am infinitely glorious, and I want you to see infinite glory and enjoy it. I want you to be with Me and be satisfied in Me. I am not an egomaniac. I am your all-satisfying Friend."
- Application #4 – I will seek my satisfaction in God!!!!

# Christmas Eve

at Grace Fellowship

## CINCO RANCH CAMPUS

**Friday, December 24, 10AM**

**Family Christmas Eve Service:** This is a special, family-friendly Christmas Eve service designed for children and their parents in the main Worship Center. Experience fun kids worship and the Christmas Story.

**1, 3, or 5PM**

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service:** Three identical candlelight services in our main Worship Center with a Christmas message and with special Christmas music. No childcare provided.

## NORTH KATY CAMPUS

**Friday Night, December 24, 7PM**

**Christmas Eve Service:** One bilingual, family service with a Christmas message and with special Christmas music. Children welcome.

# Get to Know God!

Quiet Time Journals are a practical way to listen, talk, and know God.

Pick yours up Today!



# Adult Ministries

## Discipleship

**Groups at Grace:** Make groups a priority in 2022!

**Friendships are found. Scripture is studied. Prayers are prayed. The gospel is shared.**

Visit [WhatIsGrace.org/Adults](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/Adults) for more info on small groups, or email [GraceGroups@WhatIsGrace.org](mailto:GraceGroups@WhatIsGrace.org).

## Care

**Anonymous Angels:** A ministry that blesses our members during the holiday season. We have many members struggling with job loss, serious illness or a family crisis and we invite you to prayerfully partner with Care Ministry to bless these families! Call Care Ministry at 281-646-1903 with any questions.

**Ongoing Registration for Care Ministries:**

**GriefShare**

**Marriage Matters**

**DivorceCare**

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**

**Parenting with Grace**

Visit [WhatIsGrace.org/Care](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/Care) for more info and ongoing registration. Need Care? Contact the Care Ministry at 281-646-1903 or [Care@WhatIsGrace.org](mailto:Care@WhatIsGrace.org).

**Need confidential care? Contact Care Pastor Cindi Lomax at [CLomax@WhatIsGrace.org](mailto:CLomax@WhatIsGrace.org).**

## Missions

**Prayer for the Unreached:** Today at 12:30PM in the Ministry Building, room M207. Learn about and pray for one of our UPGs! More info at [WhatIsGrace.org/Global-Missions](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/Global-Missions).

**25 Blessings:** Merry Christmas with Camden Downs, Sat, Dec. 11, 1:30-4:30PM. Share the joy, hope and blessings of this season. Learn more at [WhatIsGrace.org/Local-Missions](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/Local-Missions).

**2022 Cross Cultural Mission Trips:** Share the love of Jesus with a hurting world. Teams are forming now. More info at [WhatIsGrace.org/Missions-Trips](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/Missions-Trips).

## Prayer

**Prophetic Prayer Dec. 12, 10:30AM-NOON:** If you need strength, encouragement or comfort, visit the Prayer Center so the Prophetic Team can minister to you. Safe; biblical; motivated by love.

**Generational Healing Service, Jan. 16 from 12:30-2:30PM:** Why do bad things seem to repeat themselves in your family? Recognize and break those patterns. Visit [WhatIsGrace.org/Prayer](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/Prayer) for more info.

**For Me to Live Is Christ:** A 9-week Bible study that helps believers learn to exchange the life lived in the flesh for the life lived in the Spirit. Class meets Jan. 23—Mar. 14. Register at [WhatIsGrace.org/Prayer](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/Prayer).

**Prayer Line:** (281) 398-2GOD

**Online Prayer:** [WhatIsGrace.org/Prayer-Wall](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/Prayer-Wall)

# Kids Ministry

**Special Needs Ministry Family Christmas Party, Dec. 11 from 2—4PM:** There will be snacks, games, prizes, crafts, family fun, fellowship, and much more. This is a come and go family event.

**Family Christmas Service, Dec. 24:** This service will be held in the Worship Center at 10AM. Your family will experience a kid friendly worship, the Christmas Story and Christmas songs by candlelight. This service will be an abbreviated Christmas Eve service.

**Grace Fellowship Preschool Registration for 2022-2023** for existing students, siblings, and Grace pastoral staff opens Jan. 24. Jan. 31—Feb. 2, registration will open for Grace Fellowship members, regular attenders, and the general public. Those forms will be drawn randomly for placement on Feb. 9. Questions, call 281-398-3412 or email [LBynum@WhatIsGrace.org](mailto:LBynum@WhatIsGrace.org).

# Student Ministry

**Junior High Fun Night, Dec. 5!** Meet us on the student lawn from 5:30—7pm as we bring loads of snow!

**RE:live Registration Open!** It's the best High School event of the year! Join us Feb. 4—6 for camp-styled fun and powerful worship. Visit [WhatIsGrace.org/StudentEvents](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/StudentEvents) to learn more. Registration closes Jan. 9.

# Get Connected

**New to Grace?** Welcome! Come by the Welcome Center in the lobby to pick up a gift. We would love to say "hello" and answer any questions you might have.

# Get Involved

**Apply to be a Summer 2022 Intern!** Applications are open now to be a GF Summer Intern. Applications close Dec. 20. More information at [WhatIsGrace.org/Internships](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/Internships).

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