

## SERMON NOTES

Title: The Beginning of the End  
Text: Ezekiel 36-39  
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Introduction:

- A. In approximately 37 hours we will leave the year 2007 behind, never to be seen again.
- B. But what of our world experience?

Body:

I. First God says that Israel will be collected and brought back to their own land, from the ends of the earth.

-----Ezekiel 36:8-12-----

- A. Perhaps the most significant and unmistakable sign that we are near the coming of our Lord is the formation of the state of Israel.

-----Ezekiel 37:11-14-----

- B. This prophecy has already happened.

II. The second thing to note in the text is that Israel is to become secure and prosperous once again.

- A. Today the deserts are blooming again after centuries of neglect.

-----Ezekiel 36:29-36-----

- B. Today Israel is not only prosperous but she is secure.

-----Ezekiel 38:7-16-----

III. The third thing Ezekiel tells us is that an “Evil Empire” will invade Israel.

-----Ezekiel 38:1-6-----

- A. Who are these countries listed in the coalition that will come against Israel?
- B. Notably missing from the coalition are any direct references to Egypt or Iraq.

IV. Finally then Ezekiel tells us that God will defeat them.

- A. Ezekiel does not say that any nation will come to the aid of Israel.
- B. The victory will be God's victory for He will fight for Israel.

-----Ezekiel 38:18-23-----

Conclusion:

- A. The establishment of the nation of Israel was the beginning of the end.  
Jesus said: [Matthew 24:32-35](#)
- B. The time is near and Jesus could return at any time.