

Preterism – Gog and Magog

“The fatal flaw in their arguments is that the prophetic events described by the prophet Ezekiel contradict the historical events recorded in the book of Esther. For example, Ezekiel’s prophecy predicts that Gog’s vast army will be utterly defeated in the land of Israel by a great earthquake, sword, pestilence, and “torrential rains and hailstones, and fire and sulfur” (Ezek. 38:19-22; 39:2-6). However, Haman never took a vast army into the land of Israel, and the Jews slaughtered their enemies with swords throughout the provinces of Persia without a single mention of an earthquake, rain, hail, or descending fire (Est. 9:2-10). Ezekiel also prophesied that the Jews living in the land of Israel will take spoils from Gog’s defeated army (Ezek. 39:10), whereas the book of Esther mentions that the Jews refused to take plunder from their enemies (Est. 8:10, 15-16). In addition, Ezekiel’s prophecy predicts that the wars of Gog and Magog will occur in “the latter years” and “the latter days” (Ezek. 38:8, 16), but the events in the book of Esther predate the first century AD, “the latter days” according to preterism, by nearly 540 years!⁴³² Furthermore, two of the stated purposes of the war of Gog and Magog will be to ensure that the nations never again profane the Lord’s name (Ezek. 39:7; cf. 38:16, 23; 39:6), and that “Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God, from that day forward” (Ezek. 39:22, emphasis added). The complete fulfillment of Ezekiel’s prophecies will mean nothing less than the nation of Israel finally and forever inheriting the blessings of the new covenant (cf. Ezek. 39:25-29). Obviously, these events await a future fulfillment, evidenced by the fact that the particular conclusions - the ultimate result specified by the prophets has, to this point, never been fully manifested in Israel or the nations.”

—— Brock Hollett, *Debunking Preterism: How Over-Realized Eschatology Misses the Not Yet of Bible Prophecy*, Kindle, (Morris Publishing, 2018), Location 3545, 3560.