

Gog and Magog - Part 3

Ezekiel 38:1-3 *And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, **set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:*** (KJV)

The Hebrew word for “chief” is “Rosh” and literally means “top” or “head” of something. According to most scholars, the word is used in the sense of a proper name, not as a descriptive noun qualifying the word ‘prince.’ The German scholar, Dr. Keil, says after a careful grammatical analysis that it should be translated as a proper name, i.e., Rosh.

Ezekiel 38:4-7 *And **I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.*** (KJV)

Ezekiel says that God “will turn thee (Gog) back and put hooks into thy jaws” and literally force her into the Middle East to come against Israel. This is very important because we have already briefly mentioned that there is an ancient connection between Assyria/Sennacherib with Gog and Magog. Isaiah says of Assyria-Sennacherib when they came against Hezekiah and Judah:

Isaiah 37:29...*therefore will **I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.*** (KJV)

Clearly, the same phraseology is used here. This is very important to our study of Gog and Magog. Later in this study we will be looking at Assyria as a type and forerunner of Gog and Magog.

The prophet lists other nations that support and will join battle with Gog and Magog in Ezekiel 38:5-6; Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, and Togarmah. We just cannot tell with all certainty who exactly all these peoples represent in modern times; but it could also be a general listing of all the Gentiles coming against Israel with Gog as its leader.

The Artscroll says: “*Gog’s forces will be augmented by other armies. The Japhethic Persia will converge on Israel from the east, while the hammite Cush, and Put will come from the south. Persia is the modern Iran. Yoma 10a identifies it with Tiras, another son of Japheth (Genesis 10:2). Cush lies to the south of Egypt between the southern Nile Valley and the Red Sea. It probably spread over the area which today is the eastern part of the Sudan, Ethiopia, and Eritrea. Put, according to Josephus (Antiquities 1:6) is Libya. Nahum 3:9 mentions Put and Libya together, which suggests that Put is only part of Libya. Gomer and Togarmah are son and grandson of Japheth, respectively.*

It is difficult to identify Gomer with any certainty. Josephus (History of the Jews, chapter 1) identifies children of Gomer, as the 'Franks who live in France on the River Seine'. [Our passage lists six Japhethite and two Hammite nations among Gog's armies. No Arab nation (that is, Shemite people descended from Abraham's son Ishmael) are mentioned. However, there is much source material which indicates that the Arab nations will play a major role in the wars of Gog and Magog – See Chevlay Mashiach BiZemaneinu, page 149].”

Ezekiel 38:8 *After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. (KJV)*

The Artscroll interprets the phrase “After many days thou shall be visited” as “From ancient times you are to be recalled” implying that Gog and Magog had already existed prior to Ezekiel 38, but under another name. Once again, we will be looking at the Assyria link to Gog and Magog shortly. The Artscroll comments: “Rashi sees the wars of Mashiach ben Yosef as a time of reckoning for all the evils which the nations had perpetrated against Israel over the centuries. ‘You are to be recalled’ (that is, punished) for sins which were committed long ago...in order to facilitate your punishment – you will come in the end of years...”

God's consideration of Gog goes back into antiquity. This final confrontation had been planned all along. It is the culmination of all of world history which is inexorably flowing towards this point; although we could not understand how while the events were taking place (Rabbi Breuer).

Gog plans to attack a land whose inhabitants had returned from the exile into which they had been driven by the sword (Rashi).

The memory of Eretz Yisrael's (the Land of Israel) desolation is still alive. For centuries it had been an arid wilderness, yearning for the return of its children. As they gradually came back, pouring into their home from the many countries of their exile, Israel's hills began to bloom. Upon these newly blossoming hills, Gog's armies will march.

We can not know how God will bring about the initial ingathering of the exiles...By whichever way they return, it is God who brings them there. The outward appearance may be that they come by their own volition, but in reality they are liberated from the nations. On that basis, Rashi comments: ‘It should have occurred to you, Gog, that He Who took them out from among the other nations of their exile would not forsake them in your hands.’”

Ezekiel 38:9 *Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee. (KJV)*

Gog and Magog will “ascend and come like a storm...like a cloud to cover the land.” What does this mean? For an army to ascend like a “storm”, “cloud” or even “flood” is a Hebraism that a “great and large army is coming”.

Ezekiel 38:10-13 *Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and **thou shalt think an evil thought**: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, **To take a spoil, and to take a prey**; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. **Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey?** to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil? (KJV)*

Verses 10-13 are very crucial to the understanding of Gog and Magog. Gog and Magog will attack Israel because of three reasons:

- 1) To Make An Evil Plan
- 2) To Take A Spoil
- 3) To Take A Prey

Isaiah 10:5-6 *O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, **to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.** (KJV)*

The Artscroll interpretation says that Gog “*will conceive a wicked design*” and will come to “*seize spoil and plunder booty.*” We will discover this same scenario when Assyria attacked Judah in Biblical times. We will cover that invasion in detail a little later in this study; but look at the connection from the above verses in Isaiah 10. Also, as we will discover later, Gog and Magog will plan a wicked design against Israel, in other words a conspiracy. The Conspiracy, however, goes far deeper than just invading Israel. It is clear at the time of Gog’s invasion that Israel believes they are living in a so-called peace [with the Arabs]: “All of them dwelling without walls.”

Sheba and Dedan were ancient wealthy nations of Arab traders. They ask to Gog, “Are thou come to take a spoil?” The ancient tribe of Sheba dwelled in what today is southwestern Saudi Arabia. The tribe of Dedan anciently dwelled in today’s northwestern portion of Saudi Arabia. Tarshish was thought to either be Spain or England in ancient times. It was the furthest known shipping route to the west in antiquity. The wording implies that they do not understand why Gog is attacking (maybe because there is apparent peace in the land). Gog attacks because of the spirit of Amalek, which wants to annihilate Israel.

Ezekiel 38:14-16 *Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **In that day** when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? And **thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.** (KJV)*

Verse 16 mentions the time frame when the prophecy will be fulfilled as: “in the latter days” אַחֲרֵי יַמִּים (acherit ha-yamim). This is an ancient Jewish idiom used by the prophets to mean “the Day of the Lord”, and since the Messiah has not returned at this point, must be fulfilled in the first seven years of the Day of the Lord called the Birth Pangs of the Messiah. Another metaphor for the Birth Pangs and the Day of Lord is used in verse 14; “In that Day.”

Ezekiel states that “Gog” will come from the “north parts,” which in Hebrew means literally the “farthest” or “utmost” north. Clearly, the prophet states that Gog will invade God’s people, Israel, like a “cloud” to cover the land. Again, this is a Hebraism representing the massiveness of Gog’s armies coming into the Promised Land.

The last part of verse 16 states “I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.” According to Artscroll: “...through the holocaust which will befall Gog’s armies, God will manifest His greatness and holiness and make himself known among all the nations. This recalls Exodus 14:4, where God tells Moses that He would be honored through Pharaoh when the Egyptians drowned in the sea. Rashi there comments: ‘When God takes vengeance from His enemies, His Name becomes exalted and sanctified’.” This concept of God’s Name being sanctified and that the “Gentile” nations will know Him after the defeat of Gog and Magog will be amplified upon in the course of our study.

Ezekiel 38:17 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them? (KJV)

Isaiah 37:21,22,26 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria: This is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him...Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldst be to lay waste defenced cities into ruinous heaps. (KJV)

According to the prophet Ezekiel, Gog and Magog was prophesied about for centuries, but just under different names. When King Hezekiah prayed to God concerning the Assyrians, Isaiah prophesied about the same thing – that Assyria was prophesied from ancient time – but obviously under different names. Who were these prophets that prophesied about Gog and Magog?

Numbers 24:17-25 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city. And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever. And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock. Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until

Asshur shall carry thee away captive. And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever. And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way. (KJV)

Balaam, the prophet to the nations, prophesied in Numbers about the coming of the Messiah out of Israel and those events that will lead to His coming. The prophecy is very profound and if one is willing to take the time to study in depth, they will be rewarded by the information that is revealed.

In Numbers 24:17 a "Star" (kokhav כוכב) coming out of Jacob is paralleled to a "Scepter" (King's Rod - Shevet שֵׁבֶט) rising out of Israel. The Targum of the first century proves that the Jews saw this verse as referring to the Messiah-King. The Targum replaces the word Sceptre-Shevet with "Messiah." The Hertz Pentateuch & Haftorahs mentions "*In the reign of Emperor Hadrian, this verse was applied to Bar Kozeba, the leader of the last Jewish War of Independence, whose name was consequently changed to Bar Kocheba, 'the Son of the Star'. His most noted follower was Rabbi Akiba, and the entire Jewish Diaspora seems to have supported the movement.*"

Genesis 49:10 ***The sceptre (Shevet) shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. (KJV)***

In Genesis Jacob prophesies that the Shevet-Sceptre "shall not depart from Judah...until Shiloh come". We know that Yeshua and King David were from the tribe of Judah. The "Sceptre" is paralleled with "lawgiver" (mehokek מְהוֹכֵךְ - better translated as "ruler's staff"). The JPS Torah Commentary notes "*an early tradition, found in the texts from Qumran, in the Targums, and in rabbinic literature, sees in Shiloh a Messianic title...the numerical value (gematria) of... 'Shiloh will come', is equal to that of Mashiah, 'Messiah': 358.*" The Torah Anthology states "*Shiloh is the Messiah. When He comes, he will be King over Israel...They (the Christians) understand it to mean that Judah's dominance will last until the Messiah comes, and then it will be taken away. But actually, the verse means that the sceptre will never depart from Judah. This will only be realized, however, when the Messiah comes.*"

Balaam's prophecy discusses the aspects of the spirit of Amalek into the last generation. Very clearly, Amalek is to be destroyed in the Day of the Lord. Balaam says, "the Kenite shall be wasted." The Hebrew word for "Kenite" is "Kayin", which is an ancient name for Canaan. In other words Canaan (The Promised Land-Israel) shall be wasted, but when? "Until Asshur shall carry thee away captive." Asshur is an ancient name for Assyria and specifically refers to when Assyria had taken the northern ten tribes into captivity. However, the prophecy is to be fulfilled in its fullness during the Day of the Lord, just prior to the coming of King (Scepter) Messiah. If we bring "Kayin" and Asshur forward to the Day of the Lord, they refer to Israel and Gog respectively. Gog will devastate Israel during the Birth Pangs of the Messiah prior to her defeat by God.

Next, Balaam mentions, “And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.” Who is “Chittim” and “Eber”. According to the ancient rabbis, Chittim, is a code name for Rome. Eber is where the name “Hebrew” comes from, and therefore represents Israel. According to this thought, after Asshur (Gog) attacks Kayin (Israel) and is destroyed by God, Rome (Chittim) will then attack the land of Asshur (Magog) and Eber (Israel). The Torah Anthology mentions that: “*God will cause great warships of Kittim, located near Rome, to come and do battle against the other nations. They will reach and lay waste as far as the city of Assyria...*”

Ezekiel 38:18-23 *And it shall come to pass at the same time **when Gog shall come against the land of Israel**, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely **in that day** there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. **Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.** (KJV)*

“In that Day,” during the Birth Pangs of the Messiah, God’s wrath will come upon Gog when they come against the land of Israel. These verses describe a great upheaval in the land of Israel when Gog attacks her. Once again, Ezekiel states that after Gog and Magog’s destruction, many Gentiles from among the nations will know that the Lord of Israel is God.

Artscroll comments: “*These verses describe a shattering physical upheaval which is to come about when Gog and his hordes descend upon the land. In Joel, there are hints that such an upheaval will take place and Zechariah describes it in detail...*

Mechilta to BeShalach compares Pharaoh’s empty boats at the Sea to those of Gog and Magog...This Mechilta draws a parallel between Pharaoh’s destruction at the Red Sea and the earthquake of our chapter (Ezekiel 38:19). The idea which seems to bind these two instances together is first, the self-delusion of the attackers who imagine themselves in control of a situation which, in reality, is completely beyond them, and second, the picture of a mocking, laughing God who destroys them.

God’s laughter at Gog’s destruction is discussed in Avodah Zarah 3b. The Gemara maintains that this is a unique occurrence. Never throughout history would God laugh at His creatures, save only on that one day – the day of Gog’s destruction. What is the meaning of God’s laughter, and what new light do these teachings of the Sages shed upon the war of Gog and Magog. Mocking laughter is a reaction to the superiority one feels upon observing another person in an absurd, futile, or incongruent situation...So God, who needs only to release His breath for the seas to come crashing

down around Pharaoh's forces, mocks his foolish plans. And so God will one day laugh as the nations gather and...talk in vain...take their stand...and conspire against Hashem and against His anointed. It is futile for them to marshal their forces when it requires nothing more than God's anger to rise within Him for the very earth on which they stand to quake and shake so that mountains fall and cliffs topple...At that moment God will be exalted, sanctified, and made known to many nations. Mankind will have come to recognize true indivisible Oneness of God..."

*Ezekiel 39:1-5 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And **I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee**, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. (KJV)*

The KJV states that only a sixth of Gog and Magog's armies will be left after their destruction as recorded in Ezekiel. There is a problem here because this is not what the Hebrew text actually states. In all Hebrew Bibles this phrase does not exist. This idea, however, does come from one rabbi named Radak. The Artscroll says "Radak suggests that it means to destroy, or that it is related to שש, six: I will reduce you to a sixth [of our population], or I will punish you with the six forces [of nature mentioned in Ezekiel 38:22]." The Artscroll interprets the KJV "leave but the sixth part of thee" as "seduce you." The Targum says "I will make thee go astray." Gesenius says: "will lead thee."

*Ezekiel 39:6-7 And **I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD. So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.** (KJV)*

God will send a fire on the land of Magog. This appears to be just after Gog is destroyed on the mountains and open fields of Israel. It could be God's supernatural power, or it could be Kittim/Rome attacking them in their own land after their defeat in Israel as we previously discussed in Numbers 24. God's Holy Name will be known in the midst of the people of Israel.

*Ezekiel 39:8-10 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; **this is the day whereof I have spoken. And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years: So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.** (KJV)*

When Gog and Magog is destroyed all their weapons will lay in the fields and the mountains. Ezekiel states that these weapons will be burned with fire for seven years so that no wood will be taken from the forest and fields. This has led some Christian prophecy teachers to conclude that Gog and Magog will be destroyed at the beginning of the Tribulation period, which lasts a duration of seven years.

Ezekiel 39:11-16 *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog. And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD. And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog. And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.* (KJV)

Artscroll: “The Valley of travelers, east of the sea – Targum identifies this sea as the Sea of Ginossar; we know it as the Sea of Galilee (Radak). The travelers used to cross the sea in order to import fruit from Ginossar, a place that was known for its luscious produce...The corpses will be piled so densely that the path of the travelers will be blocked (Rashi). Alternatively the stench of the decaying bodies will cause the travelers to cover (block off) their noses as they pass (Rashi; Radak)...Israel’s purpose in burying the dead is to cleanse the land. But the nations will perceive it as an act of magnanimity towards their fallen enemies (Radak).” Some in Israel today believe that this burial place is today known as the Valley of the Tears located in the Golan Heights. The Golan Heights is east of the Sea of Galilee (Chinnereth).”

Ezekiel 39:17-20 *And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.* (KJV)

Ezekiel 39:21-24 *And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward. And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword. According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.* (KJV)

After “Gog and Magog” is destroyed all of Israel will know the Lord. Their sins are taken away when they recognize the slain Yeshua. At the same time the heathen of the nations will know the purpose of Israel in God’s plan.

The Artscroll comments: “*Gog’s defeat is to be a vindication of God’s power in the eyes of the nations. It will have become obvious that Israel had been exiled not because God lacked the power to save them, but because their sins had driven them from their land (Rashi)...In Deuteronomy 31:17-18, exile and suffering are associated with the hiding of God’s Face. In its initial stage, ‘the hiding of God’s Face,’ means that God acts ‘as though He does not see their suffering,’ thus making it possible for Israel’s enemies to overpower them (Rashi). Even after the exile begins to have its desired cleansing effect and the people begin to grope towards true repentance, God’s Face continues to ‘be hidden’ in the sense that the time for their redemption remains concealed from them. They have only their trust and hope in God to sustain them in a seemingly endless exile (Ramban).*”

Ezekiel 39:25-29 *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid. When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there. Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD. (KJV)*

Zechariah 12:10 *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. (KJV)*

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (KJV)*