## ~MESHECH 1 (77) (Me'shech)

- One of the sons born after the Flood to Japheth, the son of Noah.
- The sons of Japheth were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. (Genesis 10:2)
- The sons of Japheth were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. (1 Chronicles 1:5)
- The name evidently extended to his descendants and the land of their settlement. The prophet Ezekiel regularly mentions Meshech along with Tubal, indicating that they were located to the North of Palestine.
- They are described as exporting slaves and copper to Tyre, as being warlike, and as either allies or subjects of Gog of Magog in his prophesied vicious campaign against the mountains of Israel.
- Javan, Tubal and Meshech themselves were your traders. For the souls of mankind and articles of copper your articles of exchange were given. (Ezekiel 27:13)
- There is where Meshech and Tubal and all her crowd are. Her burial places are round about him. All of them are uncircumcised, pierced through by the sword, because they have caused their terror in the land of those alive. (Ezekiel 32:26)
- Son of man, set your face against Gog of the land of Magog, the head chieftain of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. (Ezekiel 38:2)
- And you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am against you, O Gog, you head chieftain of Meshech and Tubal. (Ezekiel 38:3)
- And as regards you, O son of man, prophesy against Gog, and you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am against you, O Gog, you head chieftain of Meshech and Tubal. (Ezekiel 39:1)

- And I will turn you around and lead you on and cause you to come up from the remotest parts of the north and bring you in upon the mountains of Israel. (Ezekiel 39:2)
- Meshech is mentioned independently of Tubal at;
- Woe to me, for I have resided as an alien in Meshech! I have tabernacled together with the tents of Kedar. (Psalms 120:5)
- Evidently as representing an aggressive, barbarous people. See Also GOG 2
- About a thousand years after the Flood, Assyrian inscriptions begin to mention a people called the *Mushku* occupying an area in Asia Minor to the West of Assyria.
- Assyrian Emperors Tiglath-pileser I, Tukulti-Ninurta II, Ashurnasirpal II, and Sargon all mention conflicts with them. The fact that the *Mushku* are frequently mentioned along with the *Tabalu*, evidently the Biblical Tubal gives reason for believing that the name *Mushku* derives from Meshech. Herodotus [III, 94] later refers to the Moschi and the Tibareni in the same manner.
- Many scholars suggest that the *Mushku* are to be related with the Phrygians, who apparently dominated much of western and central Asia Minor about the close of the Second Millennium B.C.E.
- King Mita of Muski, referred to by Assyrian Emperor Sargon, is construed by some scholars as being identical with King Midas of Phrygia, described in Greek tradition as ruling in the same period.