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The following article by Yossi Leshem of the International Center for the Study of Bird Migration in Tel Aviv tells us: how Israel is one of the most important migration highways in the world for migrating birds. The birds migrate twice yearly during spring and autumn. ***Spring*** *is the time of* ***Pesach*** *" Passover " and* ***Autumn*** *is the time of* ***Succot*** *" Tabernacles " According to the Bible the hordes of Gog will be defeated on the mountains of Israel and become*

The lowest spot on Earth will turn into one of the most musical spots on Earth this month, when an Israeli initiative brings together Grammy Award-winning world music artist Paul Winter and musicians from 22 different countries in an attempt to integrate environmental awareness and musical multi-culturalism.

Winter will debut a new composition 'Flyways' at Nahal Zohar at the Dead Sea along the Great Rift Valley (GRV) - a work inspired by the **500 million birds** that use the Valley route to migrate twice a year from Europe to Asia. The celebration is part of an event entitled 'A Musical Celebration of Birds and People,' part of a campaign by the Israeli organizers to declare the Great Rift Valley a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with the aim of protecting the cultures and the nature along its path.

The Great Rift Valley is a series of geological rifts stretching 4,000 miles, from southern Turkey, running through Syria and Lebanon, along the Dead Sea, Gulf of Eilat and the Red Sea until Kenya at which point it splits into two branches, finally ending in Zimbabwe.

According to Yossi Leshem of the International Center for the Study of Bird Migration at Latrun near Tel Aviv, some **500 million birds** representing 300 species, including storks, pelicans, lesser-spotted eagles, lesser kestrels, honey buzzards and many others, migrate across Israel's skies **twice a year** in the **autumn and spring**. Some even stick around Israel for the winter in search of good food (fish ponds) and weather (Eilat). "This is one of the most important migration highways in the world," he told ISRAEL21c. "And we have to insure that it remains a natural habitat for this

phenomenon."

Compare this to what the Word of God says:

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.

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**
(Golan Hights).
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.