

Three Angel's Sermon Series
Lesson 13: The Battle of Gog and Magog Part 1
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Review: After the Second Coming of Jesus 1000 Years review (Revelation 20:1 – 6)

- Satan and his evil demons are bound to this devastated planet known as the “bottomless pit” or abyss.
- The condition of the earth will be in the same state of being without form, void, and very dark before Creation.
- Satan is unable to tempt anyone; all the wicked who were slain at the Second Coming of Jesus lay as “dung” scattered throughout the earth.
- The righteous faithful people of God are in Heaven as judges with Christ during the sentencing phase of judgment to determine how long and how intense each wicked person's final punishment in hellfire.
- Also saved in Heaven will be “priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”
- At the end of 1000 years all the guilty wicked are resurrected.

Two Resurrections (Review):

First Resurrection: The righteousness dead in Christ at His Second Coming are resurrected to receive God's eternal life reward.

Second Resurrection: The second resurrection is the resurrection of damnation of the wicked in which Jesus himself will raise up the wicked to receive their punishment.

The Battle of Gog and Magog.....Revelation 20:7 - 15

After the 1000 years are complete, what will Satan be allowed to do?

Revelation 20:7, 8

7 And when the **thousand years are expired**, Satan shall be **loosed out of his prison**,
8 And shall go out to **deceive the nations (wicked people)** which are in the four quarters of the earth, **Gog and Magog**, to **gather them together to battle**: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

In verse Revelation 20:5, it already reveals that Jesus will resurrect the wicked dead at the end of the 1000 years and in verses 7 and 8 Satan will be loosed and allowed to deceive all the wicked to gather them for battle - the last and final battle.

Notice that Jesus calls the nations, the wicked people of the earth, Gog and Magog, in which there are so many they are as the sand of the sea.

Why does Jesus call the wicked people of the earth Gog and Magog?

According to Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, **Gog** was the king of the land of **Magog** who came from a mountainous region north of the land of Israel to attack.

We must understand the literal Gog and Magog in order to understand more fully why Jesus called the wicked people of the earth Gog and Magog at the end of the 1000 years.

Ezekiel 38:1 – 9, 14 – 16, 21 – 23

- 1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, set thy face against **Gog, the land of Magog**, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,
- 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
- 4 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:
- 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:
- 6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and* many people with thee.
- 7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 14 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*?
- 15 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:
- 16 **(Also has end time application) 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.**
- 21 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.
- 22 **(Also has end time application) 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.**
- 23 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.

Ezekiel 39:6, 7

- 6 **(Also has end time application) 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.**
- 7 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.

Now going back to Revelation 20:8, after 1000 years Satan is loosed, deceiving all the wicked who were just resurrected to gather them for battle against Jesus. Satan will gather an army to battle against Jesus like he did before the Second Coming of Jesus. The reason Jesus calls the wicked guilty and **Satan Gog and Magog is because there is a direct parallel between them and the literal king, Gog, over the land of Magog as prophesied by Ezekiel.**

Ezekiel 38 and 39 reveals the story of the literal king of Gog over the land of Magog who was gathering for battle against the people of God, land of Israel. They with the coalition of other nations were planning to overwhelm the people of God like a cloud cover and totally take over. ***But what did God do as they were approaching the city? He rained down great hailstones, fire and brimstone.***

Satan is the self proclaimed king over the wicked at the end of the 1000 years. He is figuratively the king of Gog. The wicked represent Magog, the kingdom of Satan, as a “covering” as many as the sands of the sea as mentioned in Revelation 20:8. In Greek, Magog means a “covering”. The literal Gog and Magog were planning to overwhelm Israel like cloud cover, but they were defeated by God in the end with hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

What happens to the heavenly holy city of God in heaven, the New Jerusalem after the 1000 years are ended?

Revelation 21:2, 9, 10

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Going back to Revelation 20, what do Satan and the wicked do next when the New Jerusalem settles on this earth and what is God's response?

Revelation 20:9, 10

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and **devoured them.**

10 And the **devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone,** where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Satan and the multitude of the wicked that he gathered for battle, the battle of Gog and Magog, surrounds the city and begins to attack, then God executes his punishment by raining down fire on the wicked, Satan, and his demons where destroyed like the literal Gog and Magog. It says that the end of verse 9, that they were “devoured.” Meaning that totally destroyed never to come back. The fire raining from heaven is hell fire in which the wicked, demons, and Satan meeting their punishment of eternal death, NOT life. They will not burn throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Again they will be devoured.

What are some more Bible verses that confirm that the fire of hell will “devour” the wicked and burn them up completely?

Psalm 145:20

20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he **destroy.**

Psalm 37:38

38 But the transgressors shall be **destroyed** together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

Malachi 4:1 – 3, 10

1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall **burn them up**, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall **leave them neither root nor branch**.

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall **be ashes** under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do *this*, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 Peter 3:10

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be **burned up**.

It is clear that hell fire will totally destroy Satan and wicked. It will burn up.

What does Revelation 20:10 mean when it says that they will be “tormented day and night for ever and ever”?

For ever in the Greek can mean perpetual or a period of time. “For ever” in this context is a specific period of time. We use this term “forever” meaning a specific period of time when something lasts longer than anticipated or desired. Like standing in a very long line at the store. How many times have we used the word “forever” when you had to stay in that long line? You were not talking about staying in that line throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

When Jonah was in the belly of a great fish at the bottom of the sea how long did he feel like he was in that fish?

Jonah 2:6

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

Does this mean that Jonah was in the belly of the a great fish forever, throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity? No.

Jonah 1:17

17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish **three days and three nights**.

So in this case “forever” was a specific period of time that is longer than anticipated or desired.

Also what kind of fire is hell fire known as?

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