

## THE BOOK OF REVELATION

### "Gog and Magog"

Revelation 20:7-10

#### Introduction

1. Armageddon ends with the Lord triumphant (19:17-21). With the enemies of our Lord defeated, the millennium begins (20:1-3).
2. The first resurrection includes the church (1 Thess. 4:13-18), the Old Testament saints (Dan. 12:1-3), and the tribulation saints (20:4). This provides a totally saved group to enter the kingdom (20:6).
3. Now, after the millennium, there is a renewed outbreak of violence on earth. It includes the following activities:

1. SATAN--loosed v. 7.

The indefinite temporal clause states a general time period. It is when the 1000 years are finished. To neglect a period of a literal 1000 years is really to ignore the plain Word of God. Satan is now released from his prison in the abyss (cf. vv. 2, 3). The future tense affirms an actual historical fact. This agrees with the previous promise where the sad necessity is given (v. 3). Thank God, it is only for a "little time."

2. SIN NATURE---exhibited vv. 8, 9.

- a. The world DECEIVED by Satan.

Satan is back to his old tricks. He is the arch deceiver (12:9; 13:14; 19:20; 20:3). His work is worldwide for it reaches the "four corners." Good parentage does not produce good children no more than bad parents produce evil children. People are born with the sin nature (Psa. 51:5; 58:3). Selective procreation is doomed before it starts! Children born in the millennium are sinners by birth (Isa. 65:20). There is no answer for the sin nature but the new birth (John 3:3) and the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6). This final demonstration of evil shows the Bible true!

- b. The world DISTRACTED by Satan.

Through his own means, Satan gathers together the world for battle with God. The tremendous number noted shows that a perfect environment will never produce a good

people. When will our sociologists and environmentalists ever learn?!?

c. The world DETERMINED by Satan.

The one object of the horrendous number of people is the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and God's people. The war on God's purpose comes right up to the end. The word "camp" means a military one (Acts 24:34, 37) or an army in a line of a battle (Heb. 11:34). The fight of rebellious man did not die with Armageddon.

NOTE: Gog and Magog of Ezekiel and Revelation distinguished

<u>Ezekiel</u>	<u>Revelation</u>
a. from north only	from four quarters of earth
b. seven months for burial	completely consumed by fire
c. 1/6th of army returns	everyone entirely consumed
d. thought of Gog is spoil and prey	thought of annihilation and people
e. protest of nations against Gog	all nations agree
f. prior to millennium	after millennium
3. <u>SWIFT DOOM</u> --descended vv. 9, 10.	

a. Destruction Fire comes from God and utterly devours the armies facing the city. There is no way to allegorize the verbs here. The fire does come down! The enemies are "eaten up/down." What a climax to a feeble effort by man!

b. Destination Satan is here called the devil (cf. v. 2). He is cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. Judgment was gained against Satan earlier, but now executed (John 12:31-33; 16:11). The beast and false prophet are already there (cf. 19:20). It is prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41). Those who follow him enjoy his home! That the Bible teaches eternal punishment is hard to deny from passages like this. What an awful doom for a nonbeliever!

Conclusion The truth is clear. God provides the final and only perfect environment with Christ as King. This also fails to bring men to repentance. Rebellion is evident even under these conditions. The end is eternal punishment. While there is time, we urge you to come to Christ and receive His forgiveness through faith. Do it now.