

GOG AND MAGOG

- The Final Rebellion -

THE HISTORY

At the Second Coming, there was a great resurrection. Multitudes were raised from the dust. Those who had lived in rebellion against God and His law, heard judgment pronounced against them, and they were left to die as the last plagues destroyed all life on earth. Their bodies were consumed in the fire which burned the earth. The redeemed went with Christ to the Father's House. For a thousand years, they prepared to serve as priests under Christ. The earth lay desolate and uninhabited.

At the end of the 7th (sabbath) millennium, the redeemed of Israel returned with their King to the earth. They restored the waste places and rebuilt the ruined cities. They raised up a city on Mt. Zion, and a Temple - the Temple seen by Ezekiel the prophet. The healing river flowed out from this Temple, and the earth came back to life - animals and fish and birds - and people.

Those raised at this time were not called of God during the first age. They lived all their lives in ignorance - unaware of God and of His Law. They were the uninformed, the unaware, who were never exposed, never taught. Now they have heard the truth. The priests under Christ have governed and educated. Many of those raised at **The 8th Day** have come up to The City and have given their allegiance to Christ as Savior, LORD and King. They have learned "His ways," and they now "walk in His paths." Christ has even taken some of them for priests, to help govern, and for Levites to work in support of the Temple (*Isa. 66:21*).

NOTE: The "sons of Zadok" were priests, loyal to King David when Absalom rebelled (2 Sam 15, Eze. 44:15, Eze. 48:11). They are a type of The 8th Day priests, who are loyal to King Yeshua Messiah, when Satan leads a rebellion.

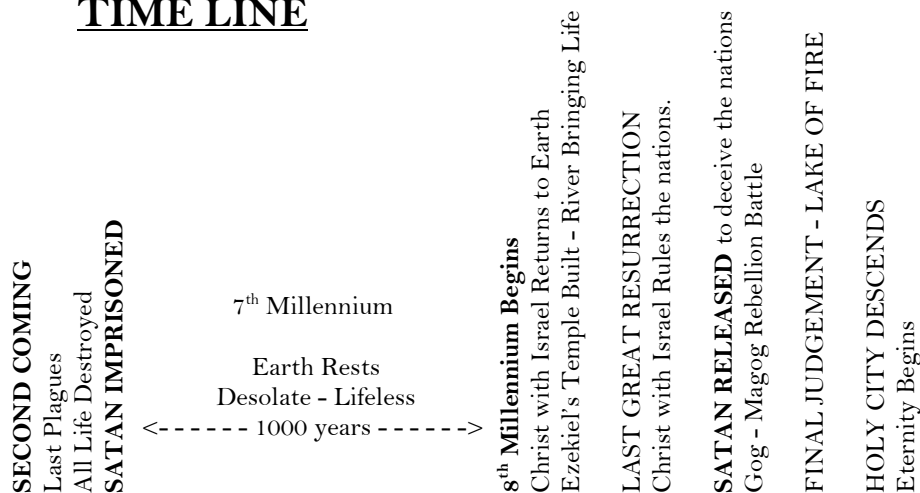
Ezekiel 39:25-29 "When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands," . . . The LORD will be "hallowed in them in the sight of many nations."

THE REBELLION

But all is not well, even in this Kingdom of Messiah. There is growing discontent. Satan was “set free” by the resurrection, to “deceive the nations” (*Rev. 20:1-2*). By far the great majority do not want to keep the Law of God, or to walk in His ways. They demand a greater voice in the government and entrance into the City. They do not come up to worship the LORD on the Sabbath (*Isa. 66:23*). They have not come up to the Temple for the Feast of Tabernacles (*Zech. 14:18-19*). They have refused to submit to Christ as King. Now they openly rebel. They seek to overthrow the reign of Christ. They have come up to take The City by force - a great army, under a leader named Gog of Magog.

Revelation 20:7-9 “Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.”

TIME LINE



WHY IS SATAN RELEASED?

Answer: Because the contest for souls is not yet finished.

If the fate of all mankind was decided at the Second Coming, then why allow Satan to “deceive” once again? It goes back to the original contest between Christ and Satan for the hearts and minds of intelligent beings.

Satan demands the right to tempt each one. God’s justice requires that all be tested. Their motives must be made manifest by their actions. (This is because they will finally be judged by their actions.) It follows then, that the multitudes - raised to life following the 7th millennium - have not yet been tested. They must learn of Christ and “His ways,” and must then choose - to serve Him, or to rebel.

THE GREAT BATTLE OF GOG AND MAGOG From the Complete Jewish Bible

Ezekiel 38:2-6 [A vision] “Human being, turn your face toward **Gog** (of the land of Magog), chief prince of Meshekh and Tuval; and prophesy against him. Say that Adonai ELOHIM says, ‘I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshekh and Tuval. I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with all your army, horses and horsemen, all completely equipped, a great horde with breastplates and shields, all wielding swords. Paras, Ethiopia and Put are with them, all with breastplates and helmets; Gomer with all its troops; the house of Togarmah in the far reaches of the north, with all its troops-many peoples are with you.’”

We must remember that this is prophecy, and it may include symbolism. The ancient nations, peoples, tribes and leaders may simply represent the enemies of the LORD in this account of a future battle because they were enemies in the past. Gog is a strong leader - controlled by Satan. The LORD says that He will pull Gog towards this battle in a way that he cannot resist. But God always assumes responsibility for what He allows Satan to do.

(Read the study: “The Wrath of God - A Different View” at prophecyviewpoint.com.)

Ezekiel 38:7-8 “Prepare yourself [Gog], get ready, you and all your crowd gathered around you; and take charge of them. After many days have passed, you will be mustered for service; in later years you will invade the land which has been brought back from the sword, gathered out of many peoples, the mountains of Isra'el.”

Ezekiel 38:9 “They had been lying in ruins for a long time, but now Isra'el has been extracted from the peoples and all of them are living there securely. You [Gog] will come up like a storm, you will be like a cloud covering the land- you and all your troops, and many other peoples with you.”

Ezekiel 38:10-11 “Adonai ELOHIM says: ‘When that day comes, thoughts will well up in your mind, and you [Gog] will devise a sinister scheme. You will say, ‘I am going to invade this land of unwalled villages; I will take by surprise these people who are at peace, living securely, all in places without walls, bars or gates. I will seize the spoil and take the plunder.’”

Ezekiel 38:12-13 “You [Gog] will attack the former ruins that are now inhabited and come against the people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and other wealth and are living in the central parts of the land. Sh'va, D'dan and all the leading merchants of Tarshish will ask you, ‘Have you come to seize spoil? Have you assembled your hordes to loot; to carry off silver, gold, livestock and other wealth; to take much plunder?’”

Ezekiel 38:14-16 “Therefore, human being, prophesy! **Tell Gog that Adonai ELOHIM says this:** ‘Won't you be aware of it when my people Isra'el are living in security? You will choose just

that time to come from your place in the far reaches of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them on horseback, a huge horde, a mighty army [Magog]; and you will invade my people Isra'el like a cloud covering the land. This will be in the acharit-hayamim [latter days]; and I will bring you against my land, so that the Goyim [Gentiles] will know me when, before their eyes, I am set apart as holy through you, Gog.”

The LORD said the same of Pharaoh and the Egyptians (Exo. 7:5, Exo. 10:1-2, Exo. 14:4).

THE LORD DEFENDS HIS CITY

Revelation 22:15 “But outside [of the City] are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.”

Ezekiel 38:17-23 “Adonai ELOHIM says: ‘I spoke of you [Gog] long ago through my servants the prophets of Isra'el. Back then, they prophesied for many years that I would have you invade them. When that day comes, **when Gog invades the land of Isra'el**,’ says Adonai ELOHIM, ‘my furious anger will boil up.”

“In my jealousy, in my heated fury I speak; when that day comes **there will be a great earthquake in the land of Isra'el**; so that the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the wild beasts, all the reptiles creeping on the ground and every human being there in the land will tremble before me. Mountains will fall, cliffs crumble and every wall crash to the ground.’

Ezekiel 38:17-23 cont. ‘I will summon a sword against him [Gog] throughout all my mountains,’ says Adonai ELOHIM; ‘every man will wield his sword against his brother. I will judge him with plague and with blood. I will cause torrential rain to fall **on him, his troops and the many peoples with him**, along with huge hailstones, fire and sulfur. I will show my greatness and holiness, making myself known in the sight of many nations; then they will know that I am ADONAI.”

More than once, the LORD so terrified and confused enemy troops, that they fought against each other. The battle of Gideon against the Midianites is one such account (Judges 7:22).

THE DEATH OF GOG

Ezekiel 39:1-5 “So you, human being, prophesy against Gog; say that **Adonai ELOHIM says: ‘I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshekh and Tuval**. I will turn you around, lead you on and bring you from the far reaches of the north against the mountains of Isra'el. But then I will knock your bow out of your left hand and make your arrows drop from your right hand. **You will fall on the mountains of Isra'el**, you, your troops and all the peoples with you; I will give you to be eaten up by all kinds of birds of prey and by wild animals. You will fall in the open field, for I have spoken,’ says Adonai ELOHIM.”

Ezekiel 39:6-7 “I will also send fire against Magog and against those living securely in the coastlands; then they will know that I am ADONAI. I will make my holy name known among

my people Isra'el; I will not allow my holy name to be profaned any longer. Then the Goyim will know that I am ADONAI, the Holy One in Isra'el.”

Fire will rain down upon lands distant from Israel and the main battle site. Every rebel will be destroyed. Just as in the story of Korah, Dathan and Abiram (who lead a rebellion against Moses) - though distant from the main confrontation, all of those rebellious in heart were destroyed. Read the story in Numbers Chapter 16.

THE CLEANUP - AFTER THE BATTLE

Isaiah 66:24 “And they shall go forth and look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”

Jesus quoted from this passage. See Mark 9:44, 46 & 48.

Ezekiel 39:8-10 “Yes, this is coming, and it will be done,’ says Adonai ELOHIM; ‘this is the day about which I have spoken. Those living in Isra'el's cities will go out and set fire to the weapons, to use as fuel-the shields, breastplates, bows, arrows, clubs and spears; they will use them for fire seven years; so that they will not need to gather wood from the fields or cut down any from the forests; because they will use the weapons for fire. Thus they will plunder those who plundered them and rob those who robbed them,’ says Adonai ELOHIM.”

THE BURIAL PLACE

Ezekiel 39:11 “When that day comes, I will give Gog a place there in Isra'el for graves, the Travelers' Valley, east of the sea; and it will block the travelers' passage. There they will bury Gog and all his horde, and they will rename it the Valley of Hamon-Gog [Horde of Gog].”

Ezekiel 39:12-16 “It will take the house of Isra'el seven months to bury them, in order to cleanse the land. Yes, all the people of the land will be burying them; they will become famous for it. It will be a day for me to be glorified,’ says Adonai ELOHIM. They will then pick men for the continual duty of going through the land and burying with the travelers the corpses still lying out on the ground, in order to cleanse it; they will begin their search after the seven months. As they go through the land, if anyone sees a human bone, he will put a marker next to it until the grave diggers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon-Gog. Moreover, “Hamonah” [Its Horde] will be the name of a city. Thus will they cleanse the land.” (Complete Jewish Bible)

NOTE: The “fire” of God kills the rebellious, but it does not char or consume the bodies. This explains why the survivors are described – burying the bodies. This explains why the bodies (at the Second Coming) are left unburied (Jer. 25:33). There will be no one left to bury them. This explains why the bodies of Nadab and Abihu were carried out of the courtyard, by their tunics (Lev. 10:5). All these were consumed by the “fire” of God. The glory of God is “fire,” but not fire in our earthly sense.

THE COUNTERFEIT

Many believe that the current nation of Israel is the fulfillment of the promised return. They see the nation as if “resurrected” - like “dry bones” come back to life (*Ezekiel 37*). I believe that Satan will use these circumstances, to deceive “the very elect.” A terrible attack will threaten to destroy Jerusalem (probably involving Muslim nations, along with Russia and perhaps others). Some miracle will “save” Jerusalem. Many will call this the Battle of Gog and Magog. Destruction of the Temple Mount will open the way for a third Temple to be built. Then the “abomination of desolation” will stand in this defiled “holy place.” Anti-Christ “will make fire come down from heaven in the sight of men.” (*2Thess. 2:3-4, Rev. 13:13*) He will demand worship - finally - on pain of death for disobedience. He will be overthrown by Christ at His coming.

Many are teaching that the Battle of Gog & Magog will take place prior to the Second Coming. I do NOT agree! There is only one Battle of Gog & Magog, and it will clearly be fought AFTER the 7th millennium (*Rev. 20:7-10*). In Scripture we find this battle only in Revelation 20 and in Ezekiel Chapters 38 - 39. John is writing about the same event which Ezekiel saw. Ezekiel just provides much greater detail.

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NOTE: The Battle of Gog & Magog is NOT the Battle of Armageddon. The Battle for Armageddon (Mount of the Congregation) DOES take place just at (or just before) the Second Coming. See Revelation 16:16.

THE LAST GREAT RESURRECTION

Growing up, I was taught that only the wicked would be raised after the 7th millennium. They would be raised to face judgment and then execution. I just don't believe this any longer.

If “multitudes of those who sleep in the dust” are raised “to shame and everlasting contempt” at the Second Coming (*Dan. 12:2-3*), if they are then “cut off” from the people of God, and are left to die in the last plagues - isn't that execution enough? They die, fully aware that they are lost - that their death will be eternal. Why resurrect these same people again - a thousand years later - to do it all over again?

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THE GREATER EXODUS

The future return of Israel to the land is called a **greater “exodus”** (*Jer. 16:14-21 & 23:3-8*). We should look to the first Exodus to understand the dynamics.

At the first exodus - TWO GROUPS were clearly delineated.

ISRAEL	THE NATIONS
Chosen	Not chosen
Circumcised	Uncircumcised
Called “the congregation”	Called “strangers” & “aliens”
In covenant	Not in covenant
Written in the Book	Not written in the Book
Sons of the Kingdom	Gentiles
Rich in the things of God	Poor
Taught of God	

At the FUTURE exodus - again TWO GROUPS are clearly described:

ISRAEL	THE NATIONS
Priests of God	Mixed multitude
Immortal (spiritual) bodies	Mortal (physical) bodies
Circumcised in heart & flesh	Uncircumcised
	May NOT enter the

THE MIXED MULTITUDE

In my studies of **the enemies of Israel**, I discovered that only the “captives of Egypt” are promised that they will be gathered and returned to their land (*Eze. 29:13-15*). Why only the “captives of Egypt?” Why not all the captives of Babylon, or Assyria or Rome? I believe it is BECAUSE **the original “mixed multitude” were “captives of Egypt.”** These were people of mixed race who left Egypt, WITH the Israelites, following Moses into the wilderness. They stood at the foot of Mt. Sinai. They were taught the Law of Yahweh!

If the original Exodus is the model, then the greater Exodus should include a greater “mixed multitude” - and it does! The “nations” raised at the last great resurrection. They are a “mixed multitude.”

NOTE: Jeremiah, in his “judgment on the nations” calls them “all the mixed multitude” (Jer. 25:15-17). Did you know that there was also a “mixed multitude” at “the return” of Jews to the land, in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah? (Neh. 13:3). Very interesting!

The Gog-Magog battle is a rebellion. During The 8th Day (8th millennium) those raised last will be taught of Yahweh and of His law (*just as the original mixed multitude heard the Ten Commandments.*)

They will no longer be ignorant or uninformed.

Many will enter into covenant with God thru Christ. In the type, Caleb (a man of great faith) was one of the original mixed multitude. He was a “Kenezite,” meaning descendant of Kenaz, a son of Esau (*Num. 32:12; Josh 14:6,14; Gen. 36:8-11*).

I have thought that Enoch (*Gen. 5:24*) may be a type of those (from the resurrected nations) who are invited to enter the City of God, at the 8th day. They are taken - by God. They are given new spiritual bodies, and are now “sons of God.”

Others - multitudes - like the sand of the sea (*Revelation 20:8*) will resent the reign of Christ. They will be deceived (by Satan) into thinking that they can overthrow the rulership of Christ, and they will come up to attack Jerusalem, where Christ sits as King. God will then defend His city. Fire will come down from heaven and will consume them. The clean-up will take seven months (for the bodies) and seven years (for all the weapons).

FIRE - FIRE - FIRE (A Repeating prophecy)

1. At the second coming: The earth will be **burned up** - and the wicked along with it.
2. At the Gog-Magog battle: The rebellious will be **consumed by “fire”** from heaven.
3. At the final judgment of the dead: The lost will be consumed in **the “lake of fire.”**

In the first two events -- living people are destroyed -- on the earth.
Our study continues with the third and final fire event.

Proverbs 11:31 “Behold the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth:
much more the wicked and the sinner.”

Revelation 22:14 “Blessed are those who do His commandments,
that they may have right to the tree of life,
and may enter through the gates into the city.”

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CHAPTER SUMMARY

1. At the 8th millennium, a last great resurrection will take place.
2. All of those who lived in ignorance of God and His Law will be raised.
3. They will be governed by Christ and His priesthood.
4. Many from these nations will come to know the LORD and His ways.
They will choose Christ as their King.
5. Most from these nations will rebel against the reign of Christ.
6. They will follow a leader named Gog - a great war chief.
7. Gog with His followers (Magog) will invade the land of Israel,
seeking to overthrow Christ.
8. Fire will come down from God out of heaven, and will consume them.
9. Cleanup of the bodies will take seven months.
Bodies will be buried at a city, set aside for that purpose.
10. This "fire" will consume all of the rebellious, including those who remain at some distance from the battle site.

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