

REVELATION Lesson 178

Chapter 20:4, The Second Coming: The Judgment of Israel's Enemies, the Kingdom Established

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Daniel 7:26-27

When Jesus Christ sets up His kingdom on Earth, all those **nations** that are allowed to have part in that kingdom will be part of the Lord's everlasting kingdom (see Daniel 2:44).

Ezekiel 39:1-29

This chapter describes the first battle of Gog and Magog at the Second Coming:

- These are the names of nations that have not been established yet.
- This army will come from the north towards the mountains of Israel (vs 2).
- The battle will be fought with bows and arrows (vs 3). God will render our modern weaponry useless.
- These armies will become food for the ravenous birds (vs 4-5).
- God's harsh punishment will convince the people that Jesus Christ is the LORD (vs 6).
- The Lord's holy name will no longer be polluted by the tongues of men (vs 7).
- In God's estimation, the greatest day in history will be the day when Jesus Christ comes back to Earth to set up His kingdom (vs 8).
- All the weaponry will be collected and burned for fuel for 7 years (vs 9-10).
- Israel will spoil their enemies (vs 10) like they did Egypt (Exodus 12:35-36).
- The dead from the Army of Gog will be buried in Israel (vs 11).
- The people of Israel will bury the enemy army for 7 months (vs 12).
 - This activity will glorify God (vs 13) because He promised to destroy Israel's enemies as soon as they got their hearts right. Promise fulfilled.
 - God would have fulfilled this promise 5,000 years earlier, but Israel would not believe God and get right.
- After seven months of burying the dead enemies, men will be employed to search for any remaining bodies or parts of bodies and bury them so that the Holy Land will be cleansed (vs 14-16).
- The enemy corpses will be given to the fowls of the air to feast on (vs 17-20).
- Everyone will know why Israel went into captivity, why God hid His face from them, and why He gathered them together again (vs 21-29).

Jeremiah 25:26-33

The slain of the LORD in other parts of the Earth will not be buried.

Joel 2:28-32

God promised deliverance to "**whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD.**"

- John the Baptist preached "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 3:2).
- Jesus Christ preached the same message (Mt 4:17).
- The twelve apostles preached the same message (Mt 10:7).
- Peter, expecting Jesus to set up the kingdom, acted on what he understood from the Old Testament scriptures. He attempted to fight off the soldiers who came to take Jesus in the garden (John 18:10).

- The Jews expected Jesus Christ to deliver them and establish the kingdom of heaven on Earth.
 - They could not see the suffering Savior in scripture because they didn't have the indwelling Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:14).

Ezekiel 11:14-20

The Lord promised Israel that He would regather them and establish them in His Kingdom. The Lord will keep His promise.

- The Lord will keep His promise of eternal life to you—even if you mess up as bad as Israel did.
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