

## REVELATION Lesson 187

### Chapter 20:7-10, Two Battles of Gog and Magog, Failure of the Millennial Age, Satan's Final Doom

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#### COMPARING THE TWO BATTLES

One battle takes place at the time of the Second Coming at the end of the Tribulation period.

The other battle takes place at the end of the millennial kingdom.

Both battles consist of the nations of the earth which join together to fight against Israel.

Both combatants are referred to as Gog and Magog.

**Ezek 38:14-16** This battle will take place in the "**latter days**" (vs 16), which always refers to the time centering around the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

- The attackers in Revelation 20:7 are gathered to battle "**when the thousand years are expired**" to fight against the "**camp of the saints**" and the "**beloved city.**"

The army of Ezekiel 38 comes from the "**north parts**" (vs 15).

- The army in Revelation 20:8 comes from the "**four quarters of the earth.**"

**Ezek 38:2** The leader of this battle is an earthly ruler, "**the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.**"

- The leader of the enemy army in Revelation 20:7 is Satan himself.

**Ezek 38:12** The purpose of this invasion is to "**take a spoil, and to take a prey.**" (Possessions)

- The purpose of the attack in Revelation 20:7-9 is to destroy Jesus Christ and the people of Israel.

**Ezek 39:11** This attack will result in the death of the attackers, dead bodies polluting the land, requiring seven months to bury them all (Ezek 39:12).

- In Revelation 20:9, fire from God comes out of heaven and burns up the invading army, leaving no dead bodies to bury.

**Ezek 39:22-28** This battle takes place at the close of the Tribulation period after Israel has been punished for her iniquity against God.

- The battle in Revelation 20 takes place at the end of the thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ on Earth.

Two different battles are clearly described, but the invading armies in both are referred to as "**Gog and Magog.**"

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**Rev 20:8** "**The number of whom is as the sand of the sea.**" There are many factors that contribute to the **great number of available recruits** into Satan's army at the end of the millennium:

- Remember that the sheep nations (Mat 25) consist of people who are born with a sin nature. They are still very capable of sinning against the Lord.
- People will be living longer lives (800-900 years) during the millennium. They can reproduce many more children than was ever possible before. There will be a huge population explosion and the earth will be replenished.

- The mortality rate will be very, very low for several reasons:
    - The curse will be removed from the ground and an abundance of healthy food will be available.
    - Nobody will die in wars, through disease, or as victims of crime,
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**Rev 20:9** Notice that the millennium ends in failure just like all the other dispensations did. Therefore, the millennium cannot be the seventh dispensation of peace, or the day of rest.

- The **Tribulation** period is not a sixth and separate dispensation. It is a continuation of the fourth dispensation of **Law**. It is Daniel's seventieth week.
- The **millennium** becomes the sixth dispensation and **eternity** is the seventh day when God finally rests.

The "**breadth of the earth**" is defined for us in Genesis 13:14-18 as the land that God promised to Abraham.

Satan and his army attack the "**camp of the saints**" and the "**beloved city**." One thousand years of hell did not reform him, and it will not reform anyone else who goes there.

The "**camp of the saints**" indicates that the safe nature of that time will allow people to live without fear of somebody trying to harm them. There won't be a need to lock the doors.

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### SATAN'S FOUR STEPS DOWN

**Ezek 28:14-16** Satan's first step down was from his original position as the anointed cherub who covered the throne of God. He still had access to the throne, but he no longer covered it.

**Job 1:6-7** In Job's day, Satan still had access to the throne, but not as the anointed cherub.

**Zech 3:1-2** In Zechariah's day, Satan could still go from earth to the throne of God in heaven to resist the saints.

**Rev 12:7-9** During the Tribulation time, Satan will be cast out of heaven into the earth with his angels. He will no longer have access to heaven.

**Rev 20:1-2** Satan is bound in the bottomless pit of hell. This third fall is from earth to hell.

**Rev 20:10** Satan will be cast into the lake of fire at the end of the millennium.

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