

FOUR GREAT BATTLES IN REVELATION

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NOTE: In this short book we will not quote all Scripture. We will however give all Scripture references. We suggest the reader read all Scripture.

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Some people say the Book of Revelation is a deep, dark book, and hard to understand.

I disagree. Revelation states

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass,

Does that sound like something mysterious, and hard to understand.

The book of Revelation records four great battles that are yet future.

The participants in these battles are Satan, who is the instigator, and, in all these battles except one, humanity, who is easily manipulated by Satan, and Israel and Jesus Christ, who must defend themselves.

Immediately following the gathering together of the Church, the tribulation begins.

When Jesus Christ opens the first seal of the seven sealed scroll, the seven year wrath of God upon an evil world begins.

The first seal is opened and one of the four heavenly beasts shows John a rider on a white horse. (Revelation 6:1,2)

This is symbolic of peace. The Antichrist will arrive on the scene and promise peace to the world. The day of the Lord, and the wrath of God begins.

1 Thessalonians 5:2,3 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape.

Israel will accept the Antichrist as their long awaited Messiah. He will establish the covenant with Israel. (read carefully Daniel 9:26,27)

He is the prince that shall come. And notice the phrase, “people of the prince.....”

It will be a false peace. Satan has the ability to warp the mind of humanity into believing anything but the truth.

The second heavenly beast shows John a rider on a red horse who takes peace from the earth. This is symbolic of war. (Revelation 6:3,4)

This war will be a fulfillment of Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. It is the first battle of Magog.

Ezekiel 38:1-3 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophecy against him.

And say, Thus saith the Lord God, behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

Magog is present day Russia, and Gog is the prince, or leader of Russia, and that is Satan.

The names represent where the families settled. (see Genesis 10:1-5)

In Ezekiel 38:4 a large army is gathered.

Ezekiel 38:5,6 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them, all of them with shield and helmet.

Gomer and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands, and many people with thee.

Remember, Israel thinks they have received their Messiah. They believe they are at peace. They are gathered back in their land.

And, “they shall dwell safely all of them.”
(ref. Ezekiel 38:8 the white horse)

Then the red horse of war. Russia and her allies will come against Israel.

Ezekiel 38:11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages, I will go up to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars or gates.

They will come out of the north, (Ezekiel 38:15) In the latter days. (38:15)

It has been foretold by God through the prophets. (38:17)

However, God has planned it. It will come to pass. But God Himself will defend Israel and destroy Magog and those who follow them.

He does that for His own glory. (Ezekiel 38:21 – 39:8)

THE BATTLE IN THE HEAVENS

The next great battle in the book of Revelation will take place in the middle of the seven years.

For the first three and one half years Satan will manipulate and control the Antichrist.

Revelation 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, , called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Satan and his angels, throughout history, are responsible for a lot of the chaos that takes place in society.

Christ calls Satan the prince of this world, and Paul calls him the prince of the power of the air. (John 12:31 14:31 16:11 Ephesians 2:2)

Since Satan and his angels were cast out of the third heaven, the throne of God, (ref. Revelation 12:3,4 with 2 Corinthians 12:1-4)

they have the ability to roam about the first and second heaven. (the atmosphere and outer space)

However, they must present themselves before God, and give account. (Job 1:6,7 2:1,2)

But when this battle takes place in the heavens, Satan and his angels are literally cast to the earth.

Revelation 12:12a Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea!.....

The rest of that verse states....

...for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

In the middle of the seven year tribulation, the wrath of God, the Devil will indwell the antichrist. At that time he will sit in the temple claiming to be God, (ref. 2 Thessalonians 2:4) and institute the mark of the beast. (Revelation 13:15-18) No wonder the heavens rejoice and woe to the inhabitants of the earth.

Armageddon

At the end of the tribulation the world will gather together at a place called Har-Megiddo, or the valley of Jehoshaphat. (ref. Joel 3:2)

NOTE: The first battle of Magog and the battle of Armageddon are the only two battles of Revelation that are a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. (see Joel 1:15 Zechariah 11:15 – 12:4 14:1-3 and many more)

The world will gather together to battle the Lord Jesus Christ at a place called Armageddon. (just outside Jerusalem)

Actually, the Lord Himself will call them to the great battle. (Revelation 16:16)
(Revelation 14:14-29 16:12-16 19:19)

The kings of the earth and their armies will be possessed by the Devil's angels. (see Revelation 16:14)

This so called battle, which is misunderstood by many, will not be much of a battle at all.

Jesus Christ and His heavenly army will descend from heaven riding on white horses, and Christ will simply speak His word and they will judged.

Revelation 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

All of the books and movies made about Armageddon are simply man's ignorance of

the God of the Bible and His Word.

In the Old Testament, the seven year tribulation and Armageddon, are referred to as the 'Day of the Lord,' and the 'Lord's Day.'

It will be a time when God will have His revenge on a Christ denying and Bible rejecting society.

A society that rejects everything God stands for. (examples .. man denies creation and believes the earth evolved from nothing; Man denies male and female, and believes you can be whatever you want to be; Man denies life and believes a baby can be murdered; Man denies God is in charge of the weather; Man is in the process of destroying the family and family values; and this is just a small example.)

Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

For more on the day of the Lord, we suggest Looking up the words in a Concordance.

Up to this point we have viewed three battles that are recorded in the book of Revelation.

The first battle of Magog will take place in the beginning of the tribulation.

The Antichrist, who is manipulated by Satan will appear on the scene and promise peace to Israel. They will accept him as their long awaited Messiah. (Daniel 9:24-27)

He will be the king Israel requested in 1st Samuel chapter eight. (1 Samuel 8:1-)

Then he appears on a red horse and there is war.

NOTE: Every great war except the war in the heavens revolves around Jerusalem. Geographically, Jerusalem is the center of all prophecy. Satan hates Israel because the Messiah, Jesus Christ the Lord, was born in the genealogical line of Abraham, the father of the 12 tribes of Israel. (Revelation 12:1-4 and Revelation 12:13-17)

When the Bible uses the term North, or South, or East and West, Jerusalem is the center.

The Second Battle of Magog

Magog was a son of Japheth; the eldest son of Noah. (Genesis 10:21)

When God dispersed humanity at Babel, each family went and settled over the earth.

Almighty God changed their language and they were divided. (Genesis 11:7-9)

The family of Japheth settled in the 'Isles of the Gentiles.' This would become the European Nations. (Genesis 10:1-5)

Historically, there would always be tension between the families of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Shem would ultimately be the genealogical line of Abraham, and Israel. (Genesis 11:10-29)

NOTE: That is where we get the term Shemite, Semite or anti- semitec, The problem is, Ishmael was also born to Abraham, and that makes the Arabian nations Shemites. What a crazy world!

Ultimately Magog became what we now know as Russia.

Gog is the prince of Russia. Since world leaders come and go, the ultimate prince is Satan.

Christ calls him the prince of this world.
(John 12:31)

The word prince simply means ruler. Satan is the ruler of this world.

Russia is a socialist country, Socialism is Communism and communism is an antichrist ideology.

Therefore, with all that in mind, it is no wonder that Magog, under Gog, attacks Israel in Ezekiel chapter thirty eight.

NOTE: Many Bible scholars will not agree with me, but, The seven year tribulation is mentioned in Matthew 24:11-44 and Mark 13:4-37 with Luke 21:5- 31.

They are not prophetic concerning the Church. They are prophetic passages concerning the future of Israel, and the 'Day of the Lord.' We will quote a few verses at length to prove our point. It is important for the student of the Bible to understand prophecy.

The Church age was a mystery.

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.

This does not refer to the gathering together of the Church, but the gathering together of Israel as a nation.

Israel has been put aside while Christ is calling out His Church by the gospel. When that is complete, Christ will gather His Church together. Then will begin the seven year wrath of God upon an evil world.

The tribulation will begin with only those who are lost. The saved, the Church, has been taken by Christ.

The redemption is Israel, not the Church.

Luke 21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

After the events take place in the seven year wrath of God, or the 'Lord's Day,' or the 'Day of the Lord,' Jesus Christ will set up the kingdom promised to Israel.

This kingdom will last for one thousand years.

In the beginning of the tribulation Magog and her allies will attack Israel, who thinks they are safe. This is the first battle of Magog.

Then, in the middle of the tribulation, there is a battle in the heavens. Satan and his angels are cast out of the heavens into the earth.

At the end of the tribulation the worlds armies will gather together at a place called Armageddon, to battle Jesus Christ. (ref. Joel 3:2-16 Zechariah 12:1-9 Matthew 24:27-31 Revelation 14:14-29 16:12-16 19:11-16)

Then, all the Old Testament prophecies concerning the kingdom will be fulfilled.

Satan will be cast into the bottomless pit for one thousand years. (Revelation 20:1-3)

The world will have one thousand years of perfect peace. Jesus Christ the Lord will rule from His throne in Jerusalem.

Satan, who has the ability to warp the minds of humanity will be chained for one thousand years during the kingdom.

All of those who are saved during the seven years wrath of God will go into the kingdom.

Jeremiah 30:1-3 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying.

Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

For lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord, and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

(ref. also Jeremiah 33:15-17)

Jeremiah 23:5,6 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely, and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

What a concept! Judgment and justice for one thousand years. No corrupt government to harass the citizens. Perfect peace and harmony under Jesus Christ the Lord.

Until.....

Revelation 20:7-10 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan will be loosed out of his prison.

And shall go out to deceive the nations 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.

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.

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

Look at the many things these verses tell us.

After one thousand years of perfect justice, and judgment with Christ the King, Satan will be loosed and have a following as the ‘sand of the sea.’

Remember, Satan has the ability to warp the minds of humanity.

This is not the same as the first battle of Magog because in Ezekiel, they came from the north country.

In Revelation they are “in the four quarters of the earth.”

In Revelation Satan gathers them together, (Revelation 20:7,8) in Ezekiel it is God Himself. (Ezekiel 38:16-21 39:1-3)

Remember, Magog was a man. His family settled in the Isles of the Gentiles.

After the thousand year reign of Christ, the ideology of Magog, which is antichrist, is in the ‘four quarters of the earth.’

Finally, unlike Ezekiel there will not be a battle. Fire from God out of heaven will devour them.

Satan will be cast into the lake of fire, where the beast and false prophet are, and have been for one thousand years.

All four of these great battles will take place after the Church is taken from the earth.
Even So come Lord Jesus!!

At the present time in history we are living in the Church age, or, the age of grace.

God is giving humanity the opportunity to make a decision.

John 3:14-16 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Jesus Christ the Lord was lifted up on the Cross, and give His life for the sins of the world.

God the Father gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for the sins of the world.

The only requirement is to believe it. "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

(see 1 Timothy 1:15 2:16 2 Timothy 1:8-10)

In order to have eternal life, with my sins paid for, is by believing Jesus Christ the Lord paid for my sins with His death, burial, and resurrection.

We do nothing! We do not have to pray, ask, quit sinning, read the Bible, go to church, or dance a jig.

We just believe in Christ personally, “that whosoever believeth in Him...”

Even today the Devil has deceived many, warped the minds, into rejecting that simple Bible truth.

If you believe He paid for your sin, you will be taken with the Church and miss the wrath of God upon an evil world.

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