

# REVELATION CHAPTER 20 part 3 (v.7-10) Battle of Gog and Magog!

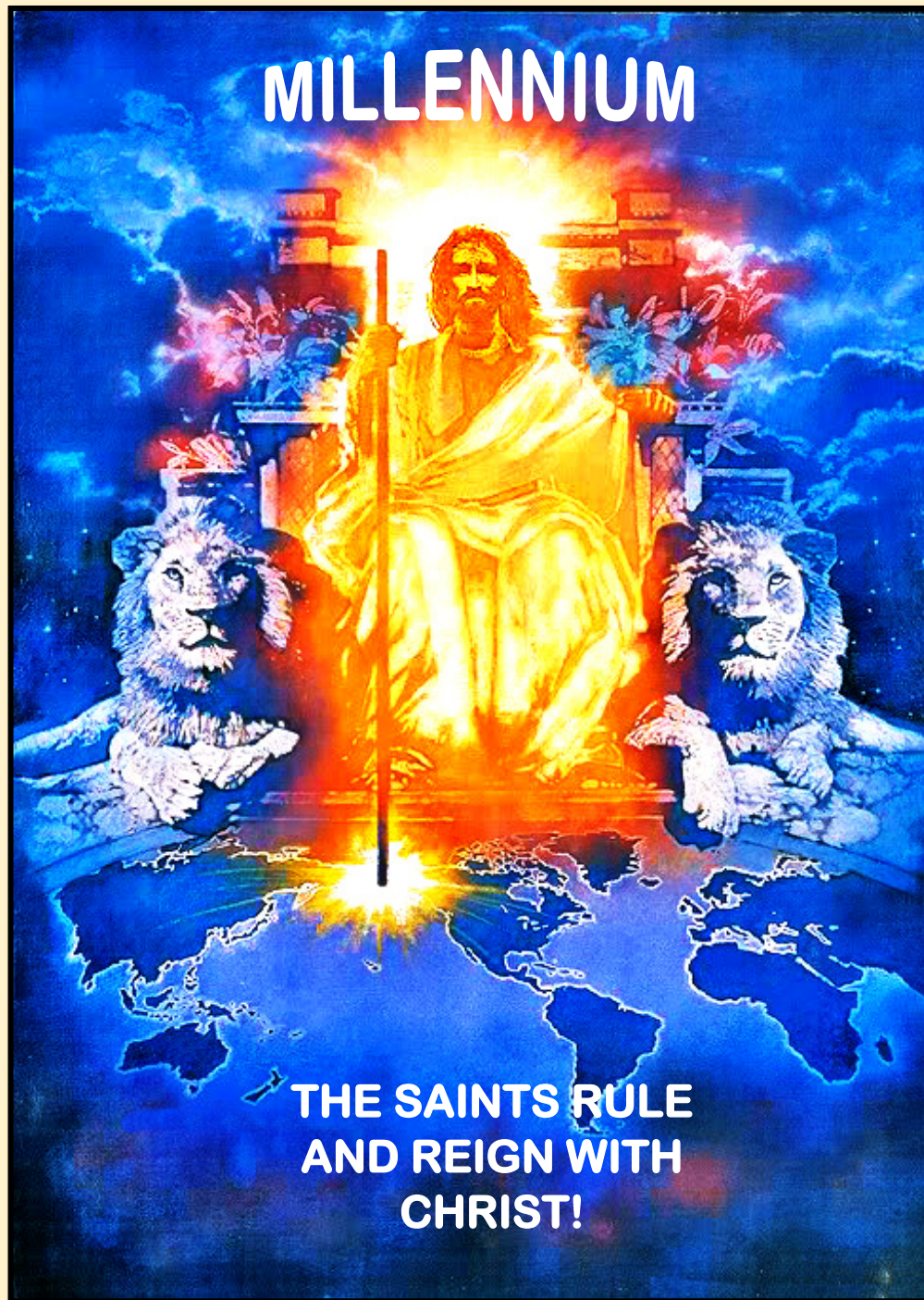
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During the Millennium, half the battle is won, simply because the Lord is here, and the other half because the Devil has been cast into the pit and is not here! Which ought to make it pretty easy for us to run the World without his bad evil influences, with nothing but good spiritual influences to help us.



Think of that! Imagine—no problems with the devil for one thousand years, thank the Lord! It's going to be a much nicer World then, with no more Devil and the curse largely lifted, and it will be a time of peace and prosperity. --A beautiful, wonderful, Heaven-on-Earth! During the Millennium everyone will be reached with the Gospel.





***\*\* Hab.2:14 For the Earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.***

**Waters completely cover the sea, and likewise the world will be completely covered with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord and the righteous Kingdom of Jesus Christ.**

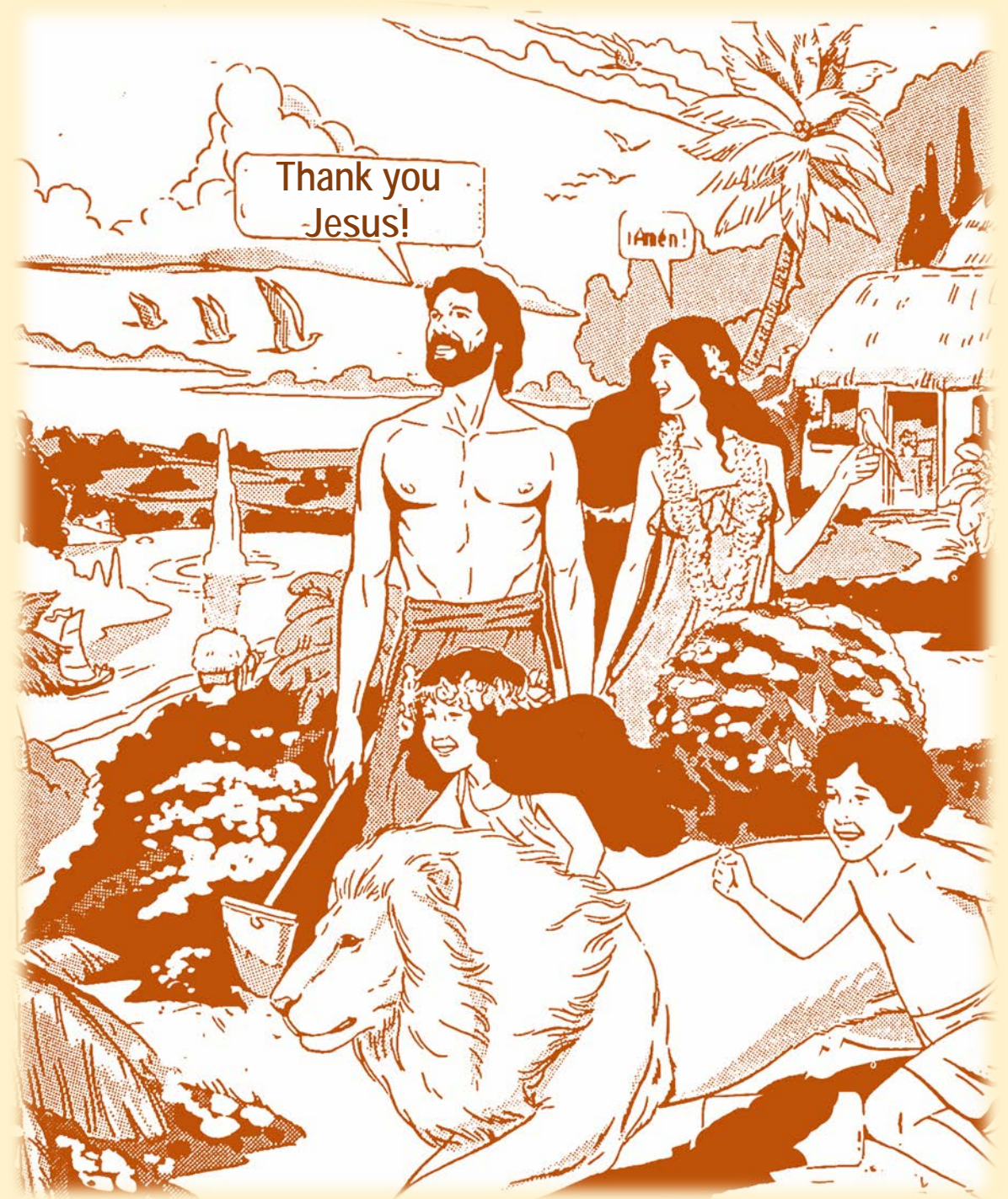
**The Bible says that during the Millennium the Lord “*will destroy on this mountain [His Millennial Kingdom] the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations*” (Isaiah 25:7).**

**The veil is the veil of misunderstanding, of unbelief, the veil of non-comprehension of spiritual things.**



**In the face of the visible rule and reign of Christ on Earth, His Second Coming in mighty power and glory, His wiping out of the Antichrist and his Kingdom, and the imprisonment of Satan, it would stand to reason that most who had never heard of Jesus before are going to believe and receive Him.**

**And most likely there will be many who might have heard something about Jesus, but didn't fully understand, or just couldn't believe until they saw a physical manifestation. To see the Coming of the Lord and His taking over the Earth will be pretty strong persuasion, and probably enough to convince almost anybody to believe.**





**His Word says:** *No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. Jer.31: 34*

Although we won't have to battle with the Devil and his spiritual forces during this millennial period, we'll still have to grapple with the rebellious nature of the willful hearts of people, who will still have free choice to do good or evil. Humanity will still have free will. They will have a choice of whether or not to love God and be kind to their fellow man. Many will, but others won't. There will be people, and apparently even whole nations, that will rebel against the Lord's rule at some point during the Millennium. As a result, there will be drought and famine and other penalties.





**\*\* Zec.14:16-19** And it shall come to pass that everyone **who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem** shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the Earth **do not come up to Jerusalem to worship** the King, the Lord of hosts, **on them there will be no rain.** If the family of Egypt **will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up** to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. **This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.**





**The Feast of Tabernacles is an old Jewish festival that was observed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the seventh month to commemorate the days of Israel's wilderness wanderings.**

## **Israel's wilderness wanderings**



**We don't know if this is the actual feast that is being celebrated in the Millennium or whether this is symbolic, or if everyone will need to travel to the physical city of Jerusalem yearly to celebrate it, but what is clear is that those who do not recognize the Lord's authority and worship Him will suffer as a result.**



**REV.20:7** And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

**REV.20:8** 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.

So Satan then is allowed to get out of his prison in the heart of the earth where he's been for a thousand years, he's allowed to get out very **BRIEFLY**, just long enough to deceive the nations again, the unconverted people over whom we have been ruling.

Historical hindsight tells us that Satan will present his lies in a palatable a manner, just as he does now, appealing to human selfishness, self-centeredness, pride, and greed. It shows how clever the Devil is and how gullible many people are. How stupid they are to think that they could actually overthrow the Kingdom of Christ after 1,000 years of His supernatural, miraculous, visible, personal reign on Earth!



**Think of it: after a thousand years of the reign of Jesus Christ and us personally ruling over them, having learned what real righteousness is and what the Kingdom of God is like, many will still backslide and side themselves with the Devil! After having that much Light, that much time, that much love, that much mercy, they are going to deserve the World's final flood, a flood of fire, which will totally destroy the surface of the Earth and burn them all up!**

**It will serve as a great lesson to the whole universe that the evildoers, once they have decided to be evil, will remain evil! This great Millennial Drama on Earth will manifest the heinous sin of the confirmed rebels, the utter reprobates. Like many of the Scribes and Pharisees, the religious-political leaders of Jesus' day, even though they saw Jesus, watched Him perform miracles, heard His Words, saw the results and everything--even saw Him raise the dead and saw Him raised from the dead--they still rejected Him and wouldn't receive Him as their Messiah! (In ancient Israel, the religious leaders were also the political leaders.)**







**Jesus said, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets"—the written Word of God—"neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead!" (Lk.16:31.)**

**Millions are going to come back from the dead, perhaps billions, (at the First Resurrection, the Rapture), yet they're not going to be persuaded! God's going to rule over them personally in the form of Jesus Christ for a thousand years, and yet they will not receive Him!**

**"Let favour be showed to the wicked," *Isaiah* says, "and yet they will not learn righteousness!" (Is.26:10.) – They will not repent!**



The events in **verse 8**, the rebellion at the end of the Millennium, will be the last trial for the human race. For the many who have said, *“If only I could see God, then I would believe!”*, here is the ultimate test of those words. At this point in history, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Himself God, will have been physically on earth, visible to all, for 1000 years. Humanity will have seen God for all that time.

When the Enemy has been released, what will the people of this world do? If they turn away, as apparently many of them will, it simply shows that His personal presence is not the key factor; rather it is their love, humility, and willingness to receive Him that really counts.





You'll notice Gog and Magog are mentioned here. It is also in the book of *Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39*, and it is a prophecy about the battle of Armageddon according to most scholars. But be careful you don't get these two battles mixed up, because although they both involve "*Gog and Magog*", they are a thousand years apart!

**\*\* EZE.38:1-2** *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 prophesy against him...*

The battle of Armageddon is led by "**Gog**"--a name given to the Antichrist in *Ezekiel 38*--from "*the land of Magog*" and occurs near the end of the Wrath of God period. The fact that Gog and Magog feature in both the Battle of Armageddon at the beginning of the Millennium and the Battle of Gog and Magog at the end of the Millennium shows that it is going to be an attempted revival of the same empire, the same forces over which the Antichrist and the False Prophet ruled. Only this time, the Devil won't be using the body of a man as he did with the Antichrist, but the Devil himself will personally try to revive his anti-Christ satanic kingdom, the kingdom of Gog and Magog that he had before the Millennium.







**Remember, a lot of the people that we're going to be ruling over are really hang-overs, leftovers from the Antichrist's kingdom who somehow managed to live through the Wrath of God and survive it and will still be around when we start ruling and reigning with the Lord over all the Earth. And in spite of the visible, all-powerful Kingdom of Christ on Earth for a thousand years, an awful lot of these people are obviously still not going to submit to the authority of Christ and will again be deceived and misled to follow the Devil when he comes back at the end of the Millennium.**

**In addition, there will be multitudes born during the Millennium who had never experienced life in the previous Age and the influence of the forces of spiritual Darkness. This is just speculation, but perhaps these will be captivated, all too easily, by Satan when he arrives on the scene at the end of the Millennium.**



So this battle of Gog and Magog is like the Devil's second coming! --He comes back to lead his people again, and they certainly will be his people if they are persuaded to rebel against the loving rule and reign of Christ in the Earth! Imagine, even after a thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ in person, with us as His personal officers, police and guardian angels, they will still rebel against the King of kings and His Heavenly Kingdom on Earth!

**\*\* *PSA.2:1-5* Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.**



***He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.***



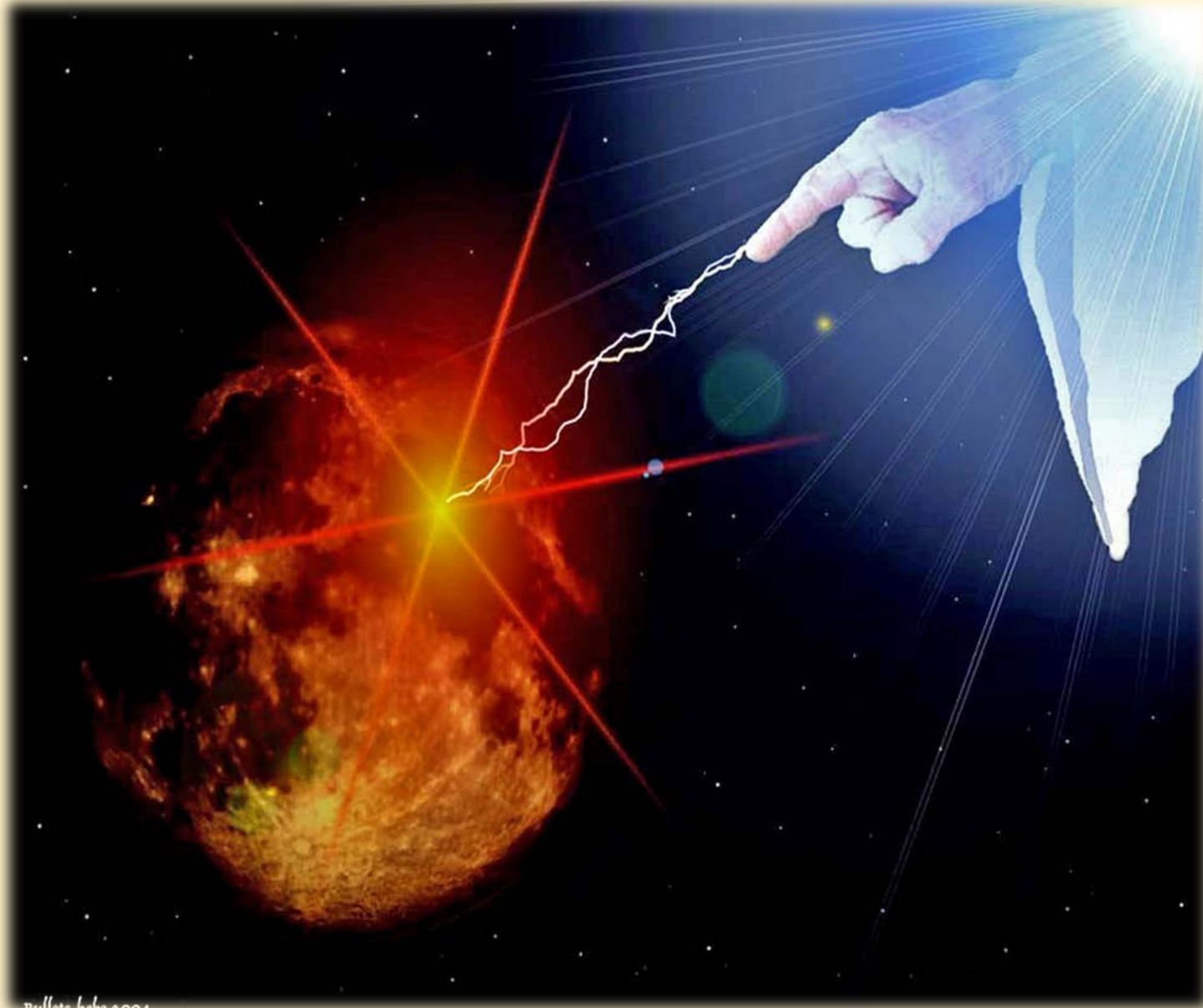
**REV.20:9** And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the **beloved city**: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

And what about this "*camp of the saints*" that the devil's forces compass about and surround? --Is that referring to us, the resurrected saints of God, who have been ruling the Earth for the past thousand years? If we are already "*equal unto the angels*" (Lk.20:36), as Jesus said we'd be, then we wouldn't have to be "*camped*" down on the ground and threatened by the forces of evil and natural human beings under the leadership of the Devil! They couldn't touch us! We will have supernatural, immortal, untouchable, resurrection bodies!





**Now remember, it appears from the Bible's description of the Millennium that there are going to be many who will receive Christ's kingdom on earth, will obey and will be blessed by the Lord, in spite of the many others who rebel.**



**And it sounds like those who come into faith, belief and loyalty to God will be the ones who make up this camp of the saints at the Battle of Gog and Magog! --The nations and the forces who are loyal to us and the Lord, who will resist Satan and his renegade, reprobate rebel forces!**

**Here's a whole new breed of Christians, a whole new race of Christian mortals having to again withstand the anti-Christ forces! It even calls them Gog and Magog again, as it's almost the exact same situation, and they are again led by the Devil and his demons! --The rebels of the Millennium, fighting against the obedient, regenerated citizens of the Millennium!**

**And this time God is so fed up with them that He just sends down fire out of heaven to devour them completely! He annihilates all the anti-God, anti-Christ evildoers remaining upon the face of the Earth! In fact, He causes such a cataclysmic fire to come down from Heaven that it will wipe out the entire Earth! Not the ball itself, but the entire surface of the Earth will be completely burned over, burned out, purified from all the criminal stains, junk, and pollution of the past, and God will start all over again with a new creation, as we'll read in the next chapter! --A New Earth! (Rev. 21)**







He promised never to destroy the world again with a flood of water, (**Genesis 9:11**) but this time, at the very end, He's going to destroy it with a flood of fire! He's going to purify it and destroy the pollution, the germs, the contamination, the evildoers, the curse, all evil, and remake the surface of the Earth into another Garden of Eden.

**\*\* 2PE.3:5-7** *For this they **willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished**: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.***



**\*\* 2PE.3:10-13** *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, ...looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?* Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

**\*\* REV.6:14** *And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*

**The Heavens shall be rolled back like a scroll, he says, and depart with a great noise! It's all going to explode, burn up, and the whole surface of the ball is going to be completely re-created!**







We know it will only burn up and destroy the surface of the Earth and the atmospheric heavens, because God's Word says that the Earth is established forever! (*Ps.78:69.*) God will then rebuild a new World on the ashes of the old, and His great holy City will be able to safely come down through the New Heaven to rest upon the New Earth where God will dwell forever with humankind! (*Rev.21*)

**REV.20:10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (See *Isaiah 14:12-19*)

This verse shows that some are cast immediately into the Lake of Fire. Some are so bad, their judgement won't even wait.

**\*\* JOH.12:31** *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

**\*\* ROM.16:20** *And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.*



**In the next and last part of this chapter 20, we will go through the tremendous event of the Great White Throne Judgement. You don't want to miss this study.**

**If you haven't done already, you can receive Jesus at this very moment. Jesus says:**

***"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev.3:20***

**Please pray this simple prayer:**

***"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"***

