

54 Doomsday for Satan and his Remaining Followers

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“When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever” (Rev 20:7-10).

This may sound a bit odd, but at the end of the thousand years, Satan will be released from his prison to, again, deceive the nations.

This collective group of nations from the *four corners of the earth* will be placed under the banner of Gog and Magog. The reason for this is the entire world, and its nations, will side with either Gog (northern) or Magog (southern). Gog, from the Hebrew, means “*rebellious sons of Israel*.” Abraham and Magog, in Hebrew, mean “*sons of Japheth*.” The historical note here is the nations that gather with Gog are the direct descendants of Ishmael (Muslim), and the descendants of Japheth are a people not directly related to the seed of Abraham. Japheth is known for settling in the northern region known as Europe (white and yellow-skinned people). The best way to remember these are: Gog is the Islamic nation, and Magog is the European Union.

Satan’s purpose in deceiving the nations is no different than it has always been – to get the people to come against God. His plan will be no different than what it was in the Garden with Eve, to deceive humans into thinking they can be little gods. As baffling as it is, Satan just doesn’t seem to get it – he loses. His methods of madness include the accusation of ultimately accusing God of being the One who is restrictively jealous and not wanting humans to have the knowledge of self-independence. In reality, Satan is the one who is jealous and desirous of starving the humans of the real knowledge – the knowledge of the Holy.

When Satan unfolds his plan, millions (*the number of whom is as the sand of the sea*) will be deceived. Obviously, this number is made up of the people born during the Millennium, since Israel and other nations will be in their natural bodies during the thousand year reign. These Millennial-born people will have never have known temptation, because Satan was in the pit for those thousand years. This will give Satan a new market of fresh flesh to deceive. After deceiving them, they will all gather together and surround the *camp* where we, as the Saints of Christ Jesus, will be sheltered in the great beloved city (Jerusalem). Before they even attempt to draw their swords, something horrific will happen.

Before we go on, let’s try to capture this scene. All those who have been blessed with passing the judgment of Christ – His beloved Bride – will be residing in the greatest city known to man, Jerusalem. Under the watchful eye and protection of our Husband, the city will be surrounded by millions of people – like *sand on the seashore*. You might think that it would send a panic

throughout all the children of God, but it won't. Each of us will be resting in the promises of God. We have watched God fulfill all of what He said He would do and now, we will be faced with a sea of people who desire to see the elect consumed by the hate of their leader, Satan. The results will not be pretty!

Do you remember the end result of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19)? Within the blink of an eye, these two cities were consumed by fire from Heaven, as if a nuclear bomb was dropped from the sky. As with Sodom and Gomorrah, this coming destruction will be sudden, certain, and complete. At last, the enemy of God and the Universal church (wannabe followers of a Christ) will be fried by the *consuming fire of Heaven*. Just like in the scene of the flood (Gen. 6-8), everyone but the people of Noah will be swept away into the pit of despair. It is sad to say, but these people will not have momentary affliction, or a quick death; but rather, they will be tortured by these flames for eternity.

Moments after these rebels are torched, Satan will be thrown into *the lake of fire and brimstone, where the Beast and False Prophet are also*. Finally, they will be together again. But this time, they will be sharing in their *torment day and night forever and ever*. It is finished!

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