

THE FINAL WAR

“ 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.

Rev 20:7-9 ”

When Satan is released at the end of the 1000 years, he immediately deceives humanity, rallying those who are envious of Israel to wage war against Christ's nation. Ezekiel 38-39 covers this battle in detail. It begins with a thought planted in Gog's mind to invade the unwallled villages of Israel. He then assembles a mighty army from various nations, and using rudimentary, wooden weapons, they attack on horseback.

Israel is completely defenseless as they've lived in peace for 1000 years and have no art of fighting and no weapons. But God destroys the attacking multitude supernaturally with fire from heaven before any invasion can begin.

Interestingly, the wooden weapons of the slain provide Israel with a supply of firewood for the next 7 years, and the bodies of the dead are a sacrifice made to the animal kingdom. Animals have always been used as sacrifices, but here at the end of the Kingdom age, when sin is vanquished, the need for animal sacrifice is gone. In a reversal of roles, God uses humanity, those that oppose him, as a final sacrifice to the animals.

According to the chronology of the Bible, the world has existed for around 6000 years. During this time, the world has trusted in mankind (6 being the number of sinful man) and the result has been death, despair, war and destruction.

But in the next 1000 years, we will experience how the world was intended to be, under Jesus' perfect rule. This will bring the age of the world to 7000 years, with 7 being the number of completion and perfection. After this time, after the final war and the judgment of Satan and all unbelievers, sin will be completely removed.



WAR OF GOG AND MAGOG
The final battle. It ends with the elimination of all who oppose God.

7 YEARS
7 years of cleanup and of peace. A period of testimony to God's faithfulness to Israel.

THE BOOK OF LIFE

After the end of the war, Satan is judged and thrown into the eternal Lake of Fire, joining the Antichrist and the False Prophet there. At the end of the 1000 years, all unbelievers are resurrected into new bodies to face their judgment. As believers, we were resurrected in the First Resurrection prior to the 1000 year Kingdom. We have no part in this Second Resurrection, which is the raising and gathering of all unrepentent humanity - on display in front of the Creator.

“ Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev 20:6,12-15 ”

Prior to the Second Resurrection, every unbeliever since Creation existed in Hades in torment. But now, Hades gives up its dead to be judged. The sea (abyss) also gives up its demonic beings to be judged.

The Book of Life contains all the names of those who will receive God's mercy and was recorded before the beginning of time. It will testify that these people have not been saved by faith and are not worthy of eternal life. It then remains for them to be judged according to the other books present, however Revelation gives no indication as to what these other books contain.

Once all sinful beings have been cast into the lake of fire, sin is completely vanquished and the earth and all the saints prepare for, and eagerly anticipate, the arrival of the New Jerusalem.



NEW HEAVEN & NEW EARTH
When sin is completely removed, we will be ushered into the New Jerusalem.