



Revelation –The Final Chapters

The Gog and Magog Wars

The main truth to be gleaned from the prophecies is that just as God's people were delivered in ancient times, as predicted by Ezekiel, so will they be delivered again----fully and finally, as set forth by the imagery of John's vision on the island of Patmos.

As has been noted many times (and almost universally by scholars), "VICTORY" is the primary theme of the concluding book of Scripture.

GOD WINS...SATAN LOSES

SATAN IS DISQUALIFIED AND SENT TO THE ABYSS ALONG WITH ALL WHO ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE.

It is important to recognize that the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39 is quite different from the one in Revelation 20:7-8. Below are some of the more obvious reasons why these refer to different people and battles.

Ezekiel 38-39

- 1. The armies come primarily from the north and involve only a few nations of the earth.***
- 2. There is no mention of Satan in the context of the Scripture.***
- 3. The dead will be buried for seven months after the battle. There will be a need to bury the dead if the battle takes place in the early part of the tribulation. The land of Israel will be occupied for another 1000 years (the length of the Millennial kingdom).***
- 4. This battle is used by God to bring Israel back to Him (Ezek. 39:21-29)***

Revelation 20:8-9

- 1. Will involve all nations, so armies will come from all directions, not just from the north.***
- 2. The context clearly places the Battle at the end of the millennium with Satan as the primary character.***
- 3. The Great White Throne judgment will immediately follow the battle. Then the current or present heaven and earth are destroyed, replaced by a new heaven and a new earth.***
- 4. Israel has been faithful to God for 1000 years (the millennial kingdom) And...those who are rebellious and joining with Satan's army are Destroyed without any more opportunity for repentance.***

Revelation 21:1-7, “Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

The Bride is shown again....The New Jerusalem.

Not just a city, but the INHABITANTS that make up that city!
The Glory of the City is the One True God (21:3)

Seven New Things Revealed in Revelation 21 and 22:

- 1. New Heaven (21:1)**
- 2. New Earth (21:1)**
- 3. New Jerusalem (21:2)**
- 4. New Things (21:5)**
- 5. New Paradise (22:1-5)**
- 6. New Source of Light (22:5)**
- 7. New Place for God’s Throne (22:3)**

There will be a whole New Condition for those that:

- **Overcometh (21:7)**
- **Are Part of the Bridegroom’s Party.**

Characteristics of the “New Condition”:

- **God With Man (21:3)**
- **New Conditions will be EXPERIENCED (21:6b)**
- **Old Experiences will be excluded (21:4)**
- **Certain People will be excluded_ (21:8)** “But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”
 (21:27) “Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”
 22:15, “¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.”
 22:18-19, “I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

Those that experience the “New Condition” must:

- **Experience the New Birth**
- **Be a New Creation**
- **Accept the “New Condition”**

The Holy City Revealed...Revelation 21:9-26, “One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. ¹³ There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. ¹⁴ The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. ¹⁶ The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. ¹⁷ The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick. ¹⁸ The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass. ²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.”

Revelation 22:1-5, “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”

The dazzling City that no man can comprehend—Why is it even explained to the ones who cannot “go past go” or “not have the spiritual foresight/insight to see beyond their God given abilities?”

Job 28:13, “No mortal comprehends its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living.”

Ecclesiastes 8:17, “...then I saw all that God has done. No one can comprehend what goes on under the sun. Despite all their efforts to search it out, no one can discover its meaning. Even if the wise claim they know, they cannot really comprehend it.”

1 Corinthians 2:9, “However, as it is written: “**What** no eye **has** seen, **what** no ear **has** heard, and **what** no human mind **has** conceived”— the things **God has** prepared for those who love him.”

Answer: Because it is like God wants to give us a taste of God’s Banana Split knowing we won’t be able to understand how good it is until we eat the whole thing!

“The missionaries tell stories of the primitive tribes they are ministering to as not even having an understanding of the outside world in which they have not been told. Think about it...trying to explain to the bewildered natives about an electric stove when the only thing they have observed is an open wood fire. Or...how can the missionary describe about refrigeration to a native who has known nothing but the cool mountain stream that runs by his thatched hut? Only by comparing the unknown with the known is the missionary able to convey facts of the outside world, or more important, the eternal truths of God. Thus it is with us as we try to comprehend the glories God has prepared in the Holy City for them that love Him.” A truth told by the late Tim LaHaye

The measurement of the city built foursquare: 1400 miles long, 1400 miles wide, 1400 miles high. Enough for the billions of God’s children to call home...and enjoy every minute of eternity with their loved ones!

Do you like to go on cruises?

Largest cruise ship...holds 6,680 passengers. It is only 1,188 ft. long, 200 feet high for passengers and all the recreational areas.

God’s city can hold 480 Billion of his children and we will be rocked to sleep by the river of life. (Incidentally, there are a total of 6.9 billion people on earth today).

Revelation 22:6-21, “The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.” ⁷ “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.” ⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹ But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!” ¹⁰ Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. ¹¹ Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.” ¹² “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ¹⁴ “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you^[8] this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.” ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. ¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.

The Last Message and the Last Invitation

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come, And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22:17).

The Lord Jesus Christ, ever concerned for the souls of lost men and women, closes His great revelation to the churches with a challenge for individual men to call upon His name.

Two (2) entities who invite people to come to Him...the “Spirit” and the “bride.

In addition, He will even use “him that heareth.”

All Christians everywhere should be engaged in saying to men, “Let him that is athirst, come. And whosoever WILL, let him take the water of life freely.”

Jesus Christ, of course, is the water of life.

Come to the “Water of Life”---Open to any person who, by faith, accepts the Risen Christ.

Scriptures:

Genesis 2:8-16

Revelation 22:2

Joel 3:18

Exodus 33:20-23

Proverbs 10:11

Proverbs 3:18

Proverbs 36:9

Proverbs 11:30

Psalms 46:4

Ezekiel 47:7, 12

John 7:37-39

Genesis 2:9

Proverbs 14:27

Genesis 3:22

Ezekiel 47:1-7

John 6:35

Zechariah 14:8

Romans 5:1

Proverbs 13:14

Proverbs 16:2

Proverbs 11:30

NOTE: The closing verses of the Bible make it perfectly clear that salvation is a matter of the will.

This means that “whosoever wills not to come” is LOST!

This teaching abounds throughout the Scriptures.

In contrast to those who reject Christ, we encounter the state of the blessed described in verse 14.

Every individual wants happiness. The way to eternal happiness is to receive Christ as Lord and Savior, which entitles you to:

- 1. Entrance into the holy city,**
- 2. Access to the Tree of Life, and**
- 3. The marvelous blessings of a loving, living God.**

Where we can declare as John declared “Even so, Come Lord Jesus, Come.”

