

## Behold | Sermons through the Revelation

Sermon #43 | Revelation 20:7-10 | Concluding the Millennium

### Revelation 20:7-9 | The Last War

- In verse 3 we were told that the devil would be bound **till the thousand years should be fulfilled**.
- Now, in v. 7, the "dispensation of Satan's imprisonment" is complete, and Satan will be loosed for the **little season** prophesied in v. 3.
- Note that v. 3 says he **must be** released. Why? Any answers would be speculation.
  - It could be that he must be released in order to show his complete rejection of his created purpose (he is beyond rehabilitation).
  - It could be to give the millennial age inhabitants that have not been glorified the same ability of free-will as Adam and Eve.
- The *former* battle of Gog and Magog is found in Ezekiel 38-39. It is a battle which takes place *before* the restoration of Judah (compare Ezek. 39:25). At Revelation 20:8, Judah has already experienced 1,000 years of restoration.
- The *future* battle of Gog and Magog is post-millennial. The terms must in some manner be representative of **the four quarters of the earth** (v. 8).
- During the 1,000 years, there has been a huge increase in population, for now **the nations number as the sand of the sea** (v. 8). This implies:
  - That the Davidic Kingdom is now at its greatest peak and has fulfilled the prophecies of a worldwide Kingdom.
  - That the Gentiles that entered the Kingdom with their mortal bodies have had children during this time.
- This army will encircle **the camp of the saints about** and their **beloved city**.
  - This is clearly a reference to the Jews, who inherited the Kingdom, and not to "all Christians." It is also clearly a reference to Jerusalem.
  - This is, in many ways, a repeat of the so-called Battle of Armageddon, with the nations rising up against Jerusalem and her people.
  - Even to the end, the Jewish nation and the city of Jerusalem are hated, because of her chosen status, because she is "the apple of God's eye," because Jerusalem is the chosen dwelling place of God. Humanism (which is always satanic) cannot allow these to survive.

- Much like the Battle of Armageddon, it ends instantly with the **fire that came down from God** (v. 9).
- Notice that the **fire came down from God out of heaven** (v. 9).
  - This does *not* mean that God is in heaven. During the millennium, He will dwell with man (Lv. 26:11-12, Ps. 66:17-18, among others). (Note: there is the possibility that this doesn't begin until the New Heaven and New Earth).
  - God is dwelling among men, but the fire He sends will come from heaven.

### Revelation 20:10 | The Devil's Damnation

- At the conclusion of the battle, the devil himself is cast into the **lake of fire**.
- This is the 2nd arrival into the Lake of Fire. The Beast and False Prophet were cast in 1,000 years prior.
- The pictures of Satan as "CEO of Hell" are Biblically incorrect.
  - He is currently **walketh about** like a **roaring lion** (1 Pet. 5:8).
  - He will someday be in the **bottomless pit** (Rev. 20:3) for a thousand years.
  - He will then **deceive the nations** (Rev. 20:8), once again being set free.
  - He will, at last, be cast into the **lake of fire and brimstone** (v. 10).
- In the **lake of fire** the devil will **be tormented day and night for ever and ever** (v. 10).
  - Every indication is that all the inhabitants of the Lake of Fire will suffer this torment. The Bible does not teach annihilationism.
- At this point, there are only three known inhabitants of "hell." Those who have previously died and not yet been resurrected are in the "place of torment" and in the conscious torment of the "rich man" in the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk. 16:19-31).

### How to make hell your home someday

- Choose to follow Satan, whose future is hell.
- Choose ignorance, and thus be deceived by Satan (when full information is fully available).
- Choose to do nothing, thus never receiving the gift of eternal life.

### How to make heaven your home someday

- Receive God's gift of eternal life, paid for by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and offered by God through Jesus.