

WHAT WE BELIEVE, PART 35
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Eschatology, Part 10

The Final Rebellion

- **The key passage:**
 - Revelation 20:7-10
- **A secondary, more _____ passage:**
 - Ezekiel 38:1-39:16

Revelation 20:7-10

- **The instigator (vs. 7)**
 - _____
- **The incitement (vs. 8a)**
 - Worldwide _____ of the nations
- **The invaders (vs. 8b)**
 - Their identity = all the nations of the earth
 - “The four quarters” suggests that the rebellion will originate in _____ regions far from Israel.
 - Their identifier = _____ and Magog
 - Their intent = battle against _____ and the saints
 - Their innumerability = as the sand of the sea
- **The invasion (vs. 9a)**
 - _____ encircled by enemies on every side
- **The incineration (9b)**
 - Destroyed by _____ from heaven
- **The _____ (vs. 10)**
 - Satan cast into the lake of fire to be _____ forever.

Ezekiel 38:1-39:16

- **The analysis**
 - Most popular interpretation: Fulfilled at the beginning of the _____
 - Correct interpretation: Fulfilled at the _____ of the Millennium
 - Conclusion: Revelation _____ provides the key time indicator for when this battle occurs, at the end of the Millennium.
- **The attackers (38:1-7)**
 - Their leader = Gog
 - A human _____ with Satan behind him
 - Their land = Magog

- Associated with Meshech and Tubal
 - Located to the _____ of Israel (38:6, 15)
 - Their leadership of the nations
 - The invading force will represent an international _____
- **The _____ (38:8-16)**
 - The time
 - In the “_____ years” and “after many days”
 - After the land has been “brought back from the _____”
 - When a regathered nation of Israel is _____ dwelling in their land without walls or gates
 - The intent
 - To plunder the _____ of Israel
 - The attack
 - An overwhelming invasion force will sweep into Israel on _____ from the north.
 - They will be joined by other nations _____ Israel.
- **The annihilation (38:17-39:8)**
 - God fulfills His ancient _____.
 - God reveals His wrath against His enemies:
 - A great _____
 - A massive _____ in the enemy army
 - Torrential rains and great _____
 - A rain of fire and _____
 - God destroys five-sixths of the enemy army.
 - God visits fiery judgment on the rebellious _____.
- **The _____ (39:9-16)**
 - The weapons of the invading armies will be collected and burned as firewood for _____ years.
 - The corpses of the invaders will require seven _____ for burial.
 - After the initial cleanup, certain people will be permanently employed to bury any remaining _____ that are discovered.

Interpreting the Battle of Gog and Magog

- _____ **for a Tribulation fulfillment**
 - The word “chief” (Ezek. 38:1) should be transliterated “Rosh,” meaning _____.
 - Correct understanding: Rosh is never used as a _____ name in the Bible and should be translated “chief.”

- The account of the final rebellion in Revelation 20 _____ from the account in Ezek. 38-39 in many key respects.
 - Correct understanding: Although Ezekiel provides more details, there are no actual _____.
 - Suggested contradictions:
 - Rev. says the invaders will come from all directions; Ezek. says they will come from the _____ (see 38:5, 13).
 - Rev. says the invaders will be destroyed; Ezek. says 5/6 (39:2).
 - Rev. doesn't mention the earthquake, hail, or other disasters, just the _____ from heaven (38:22).
 - Rev. says the invaders will be destroyed on the _____; Ezek. says they will be destroyed on the _____ (38:5).
- Why would God have a seven-year _____ after the final rebellion before initiating the Great White Throne judgment?
 - Correct understanding: Although there are many possible reasons, probably the most important is described in Ezek. 38:23, to give the inhabitants of the earth time to consider, repent, and _____ for eternity.
- _____ **with a Tribulation fulfillment**
 - If Rev. 20 and Ezek. 38-39 don't describe the _____ event, why the reference to Gog and Magog in Rev. 20:8?
 - The idea that God will intervene miraculously on behalf of Israel at the beginning of the Tribulation contradicts other passages indicating Israel will be _____ by the _____ at the beginning of the Tribulation.
 - Daniel 11:40-41: _____
 - The description of a peaceful seven-month burial operation and a seven-year process of burning the weapons of the invaders doesn't match up with what we know will be happening in _____ during the _____.
- _____ **for a postmillennial fulfillment**
 - The pre-invasion conditions described in Ezek. 38 could only exist at the end of the _____:
 - Israel _____ and dwelling in the land.
 - Israel at peace and without _____.
 - Israel's wealth the _____ of all the nations.
 - The fact that Rev. 20:8 _____ the final rebellion as the battle of Gog and Magog should incline us to that interpretation absent any clear reasons to the contrary.