

# Heaven - our living Hope!

## Part 6

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We are at the place in this study where I have been asked for years about the why, in the Bible Prophecy timeline. Why after the Millennial Reign of Christ is Satan set free again ?

### Revelation 20:1-11 AMPC

1 Then I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the key of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and a great chain was in his hand.

2 And he gripped and overpowered the dragon, that old serpent [of primeval times], who is the devil and Satan, and [securely] bound him for a thousand years.

3 Then he hurled him into the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and closed it and sealed it above him, so that he should no longer lead astray and deceive and seduce the nations until the thousand years were at an end. After that he must be liberated for a short time.

4 Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges and to pass sentence was entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes [beheaded] for their witnessing to Jesus and [for preaching and testifying] for the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark or permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived again and ruled with Christ (the Messiah) a thousand years.

5 The remainder of the dead were not restored to life again until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed (happy, [a]to be envied) and holy (spiritually whole, of unimpaired innocence and proved virtue) is the person who takes part (shares) in the first resurrection! Over them the second death exerts no power or authority, but they shall be ministers of God and of Christ (the Messiah), and they shall rule along with Him a thousand years.

**7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his place of confinement,**

8 And he will go forth to deceive and seduce and lead astray the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth—Gog and Magog—to muster them for war; their number is like the sand of the sea.

9 And they swarmed up over the broad plain of the earth and encircled the fortress (camp) of God's people (the saints) and the beloved city; but fire descended from heaven and consumed them.

10 Then the devil who had led them astray [deceiving and seducing them] was hurled into the fiery lake of burning brimstone, where the beast and false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (through the ages of the ages).

11 Then I saw a great white throne and the One Who was seated upon it, from Whose presence and from the sight of Whose face earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

**Revelation 20:1-11 KJV**

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

*7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,*

*8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.*

*9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.*

*10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

*11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.*

Why? why does God allow Satan to be loosed (freed, liberated) from the bottomless pit after one thousand years? First, let's go over the 2 different periods of time dealing with Gog and Magog.

Gog and Magog appear in Ezekiel chapter 38 and 39 as well as Revelation 20:7–8. While these two passages use the same names, a close study of Scripture clearly demonstrates they do not refer to the same people and events. The events are separated by at least 1,000 years. In Ezekiel's prophecy, Gog will be the leader of a great army that attacks the land of Israel, which is "peaceful and unsuspecting" at the time (Ezekiel 38:11). Gog is a wicked spiritual principality and described as "of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal" (Ezekiel 38:2–3). When will Ezekiel's battle of Gog and Magog occur?

Before the tribulation begins. Remember, the people of Israel will be burning the enemy's weapons for seven years and spend over seven months burying the dead (Ezekiel 39:9–10, 12–16). That length of time requires the battle to be fought before the tribulation, and possibly even before the rapture of the church. There are several other reasons why this battle in Ezekiel is a different event than the one found in Revelation.

According to the “Never Wrong” Prophet Ezekiel, Magog will not win. God will intervene to preserve Israel. “There shall be a great earthquake” (Ezekiel 38:19), “every man’s sword will be against his brother” (verse 21), and God “will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on [Gog] and on his troops and on the many nations with him” (verse 22). The result is that the nations will see God’s greatness and holiness (verse 23).

Israel will get the Temple Mount back as a result of this war where 5/6th of the armies (primarily: Russia, Turkey and Iran) will be destroyed by God instigating those nations and the UN to broker a 7 year peace treaty with Israel. (Daniel 9)

Gog and Magog are mentioned again in Revelation 20:7-8. The duplicated use of the names Gog and Magog in Revelation 20:8-9 is to show that these people demonstrate the same rebellion against God and antagonism toward God as those in Ezekiel 38-39.

The book of Revelation uses Ezekiel’s prophecy about Magog to portray a final end-times attack on the nation of Israel (Revelation 20:8-9). The result of this battle is that all are destroyed, and Satan will find his final place in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10).

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.

1. In the battle of Ezekiel 38-39, the armies come primarily from the north and involve only a few nations of the earth (Ezekiel 38:6, 15; 39:2). The battle in Revelation 20:7-9 will involve all nations, so armies will come from all directions, not just from the north.

2. There is no mention of Satan in the context of Ezekiel 38-39. In Revelation 20:7 the context clearly places the battle at the end of the millennium with Satan as the primary character.

3. Ezekiel 39:11–12 states that the dead will be buried for seven months. There would be no need to bury the dead if the battle in Ezekiel 38—39 is the one described in Revelation 20:8–9, for immediately following Revelation 20:8–9 is the Great White Throne judgment (20:11–15) and then the present heaven and earth are destroyed, replaced by a new heaven and earth (Revelation 21:1). There obviously will be a need to bury the dead if the battle takes place before or in the early part of the tribulation, for the land of Israel will be occupied for another 1,000 years, the length of the millennial kingdom (Revelation 20:4–6).

4. The battle in Ezekiel 38-39 is used by God to bring Israel back to Him (Ezekiel 39:21-29). In Revelation 20, Israel has been faithful to God for 1,000 years (the millennial kingdom). Those in Revelation 20:7-10 who are rebellious are destroyed without any more opportunity for repentance.

let me remind you that the saints of God, will have resurrected bodies (Resurrected saints; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) and we are not going to get tired. We are going to be able to walk around day and night all throughout the land.

**Isaiah 60:11 AMPC**

*11 And your gates shall be open continually, they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations—and their kings led in procession [your voluntary captives].*

**Isaiah 60:11 KJV**

*11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.*

God’s Word says the gates to the city will be open day and night. Other passages say there will be children celebrating in the streets, running around and playing all throughout Israel. There will be older men and women as well using staffs to walk due to their advanced age.

Remember, these are the who will who make it through the Tribulation who will be walking around with the saints those who were caught up in the rapture of the church and those who died for the testimony of Christ during the Tribulation.

This passage speaks (one of several) to the rapture of the church which is prior to the 7 year Tribulation.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV**

*13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

*14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

*15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

*16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

*18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 AMPC**

*13 Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [in death], that you may not grieve [for them] as the rest do who have no hope [beyond the grave].*

*14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep [in death].*

*15 For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him [c]in death].*

*16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first.*

*17 Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!*

*18 Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words.*

Revelation 20:4 speaks of the those who joined the raptured saints during the 7 year Tribulation **for not taking the mark and for their witness of Jesus Christ.** This is not the best option...

#### **Revelation 20:4 AMPC**

*4 Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges and to pass sentence was entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes [beheaded] for their witnessing to Jesus and [for preaching and testifying] for the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark or permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived again and ruled with Christ (the Messiah) a thousand years.*

#### **Revelation 20:4 KJV**

*4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

During the Millennial Reign of Christ there will be people who made it through the 7 Year Tribulation, asking the Levites, the sons or descendants of Zadok the Priest questions about Jesus. The Bible even says that people will be talking with Jesus about the scars in His hands.

Isaiah says that although rare, there will be people who would die during the Millennium, those who made it through the Tribulation but not the raptured saints.

**Isaiah 65:20 AMPC**

*20 There shall no more be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who dies prematurely; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner who dies when only a hundred years old shall be [thought only a child, cut off because he is] accursed.*

## The Septuagint

The Septuagint (from the Latin septuaginta, "seventy") is a Koine Greek translation of a Hebraic textual tradition. As the primary Greek translation of the Old Testament, it is also called the Greek Old Testament. This translation is quoted a number of times in the New Testament, particularly in Pauline epistles.

The title (Greek: Ἡ μετάφρασις τῶν Ἑβδομήκοντα, lit. "The Translation of the Seventy") and its Roman numeral LXX refer to the legendary seventy Jewish scholars who solely translated the Five Books of Moses into Koine Greek as early as the 3rd century B.C.

When you begin to take about the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ, there are going to be some very unique changes that are going to take place. There will be sacrifices again at the Temple, which I believe will be memorial sacrifices found in Ezekiel Chapter 45-46, and throughout the book of Isaiah as well.

There is also going to be a healing river that flows and brings life to the fish and the Dead sea.



### **Ezekiel 47:1-10 AMPC**

*1 Then he [my guide] brought me again to the door of the house [of the Lord—the temple], and behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple was toward the east; and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the temple, on the south side of the altar.*

*2 Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around outside to the outer gate by the way that faces east, and behold, waters were running out on the right side.*

*3 And when the man went on eastward with the measuring line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were ankle-deep.*

*4 Again he measured a thousand cubits and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that reached to the knees. Again he measured a thousand cubits and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that reached to the loins.*

*5 Afterward he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over or through.*

*6 And he said to me, Son of man, have you seen this? Then he led me and caused me to return to the bank of the river.*

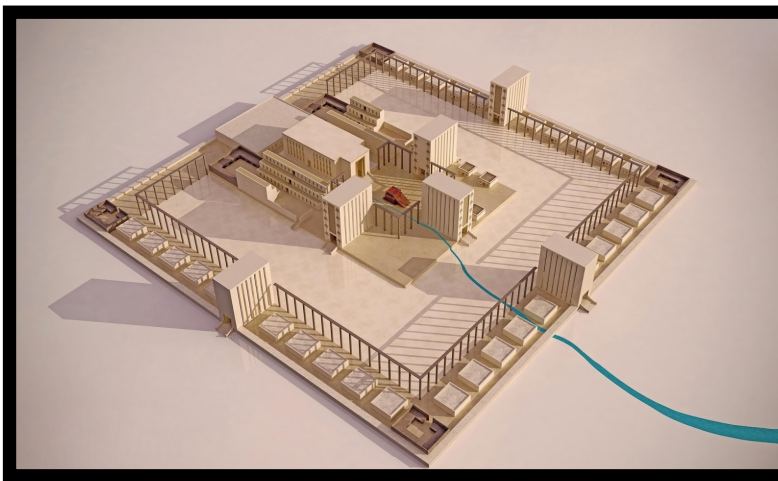
*7 Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.*

*8 Then he said to me, These waters pour out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah (the Jordan Valley) and on into the Dead Sea. And when they shall enter into the sea [the sea of putrid waters], the waters shall be healed and made fresh.*

*9 And wherever the double river shall go, every living creature which swarms shall live. And there shall be a very great number of fish, because these waters go there that [the waters of the sea] may be healed and made fresh; and everything shall live wherever the river goes.*

*10 The fishermen shall stand on [the banks of the Dead Sea]; from Engedi even to En-eglaim shall be a place to spread nets; their fish shall be of very many kinds, as the fish of the Great or Mediterranean Sea.*

***(See images page 10)***



The water that runs from the Temple is at an elevation in Jerusalem of 2,500 ft above sea level and it is flowing into the Dead Sea which is 1,400 ft below sea level. When that happens, that water will cause the Dead Sea to be healed. When the Dead Sea is healed, the Bible says that it will produce fish of many kinds.

Right now in En-gedi (Ein Gedi) there are companies buying land for buildings, docks and applying for fishing licenses for when Jesus returns. This is already a tourist attraction but there are currently no fish in the Dead Sea but they are preparing now.



During the Millennium, when that river flows from the Temple Mount Platform under the threshold of the altar where Jesus sits and goes into the Dead Sea...that water will bring healing to trees, vegetation, fish, animals etc.

Let's get back to the Why? why does God allow satan to be loosed (freed, liberated) from the bottomless pit after one thousand years?

The saints of God are going to have a resurrected body, that means we will be free from the temptation of satan. Remember, the saints are those who were caught up in the rapture of the church (dead and living) and those who died for the testimony of Christ during the Tribulation.

However, there will be people who made it through the Tribulation and some of them will be giving birth during the Millennium. Yes, there will be babies born during the One Thousand Year Reign of Jesus Christ.

These people have never been tested by satan, tested by evil spirits the way we had when we lived here on earth proper to the Rapture of the Tribulation. The reason why they haven't been tested during the Millennium is satan is bound. The demonic powers are all bound. (Revelation 20:1-3, 7)

God is going to allow those who survived the Tribulation and their descendants born during the Millennium to be tested by the satan the way we were. They will have to decide, will they will turn away from God or be faithful to Him which takes us to...

The Great White Throne Judgement which is at the end of the Millennium Reign of Christ.

**Revelation 20:11-12 AMPC**

*11 Then I saw a great white throne and the One Who was seated upon it, from Whose presence and from the sight of Whose face earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.*

*12 I [also] saw the dead, great and small; they stood before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is [the Book] of Life. And the dead were judged (sentenced) by what they had done [their whole way of feeling and acting, their aims and endeavors] in accordance with what was recorded in the books.*

**Revelation 20:11-12 KJV**

*11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.*

*12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

This is the judgment of unbelievers according to their works and sentenced to everlasting punishment in the Lake of Fire. From those who died not believing, not following Jesus, took the mark in the Tribulation and died or made it through the Millennium. The judgment of those in the Millennium will be based on: did they do the sacrifices, serve Jesus, do the offerings etc. This is a little different then it is for us today.

After the Millennium and Great White Throne judgement is over the bible says that God starts the next step in Bible Prophecy.

**2 Peter 3:12-13 AMPC**

*12 While you wait and earnestly long for (expect and hasten) the coming of the day of God by reason of which the flaming heavens will be dissolved, and the [material] elements [of the universe] will flare and melt with fire?*

*13 But we look for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness (uprightness, freedom from sin, and right standing with God) is to abide.*

God renovates the earth with fire! Then John says that I saw a New Jerusalem, a New Heaven and a New Earth!

### **Revelation 21:1-7 KJV**

*1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

*2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

*4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

*5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

*6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

### **Revelation 21:1-7 AMPC**

*1 Then I saw a new sky (heaven) and a new earth, for the former sky and the former earth had passed away (vanished), and there no longer existed any sea.*

*2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, all arrayed like a bride beautified and adorned for her husband;*

*3 Then I heard a mighty voice from the throne and I perceived its distinct words, saying, See! The abode of God is with men, and He will live (encamp, tent) among them; and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God.*

*4 God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish (sorrow and mourning) nor grief nor pain any more, for the old conditions and the former order of things have passed away.*

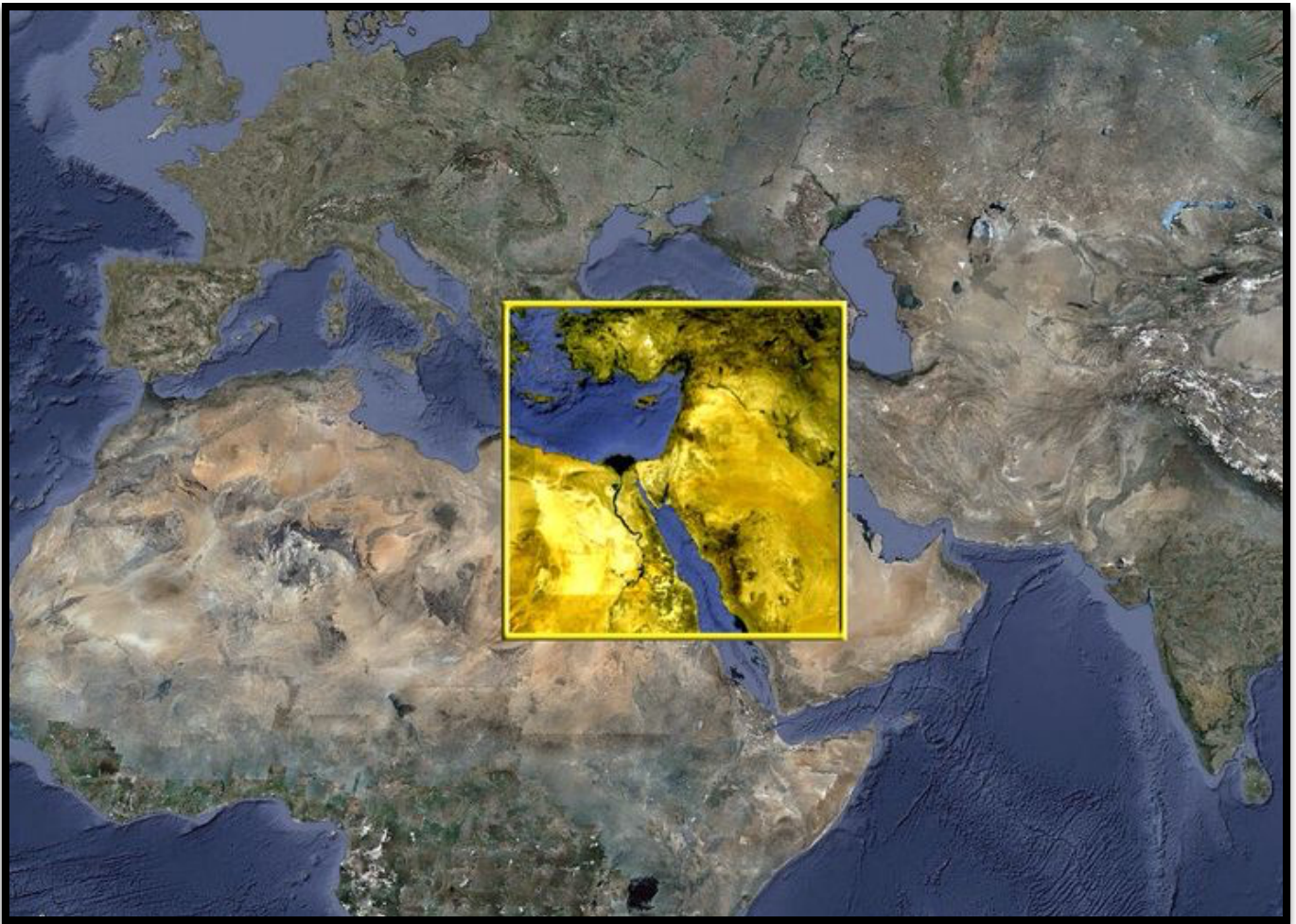
*5 And He Who is seated on the throne said, See! I make all things new. Also He said, Record this, for these sayings are faithful (accurate, incorruptible, and trustworthy) and true (genuine).*

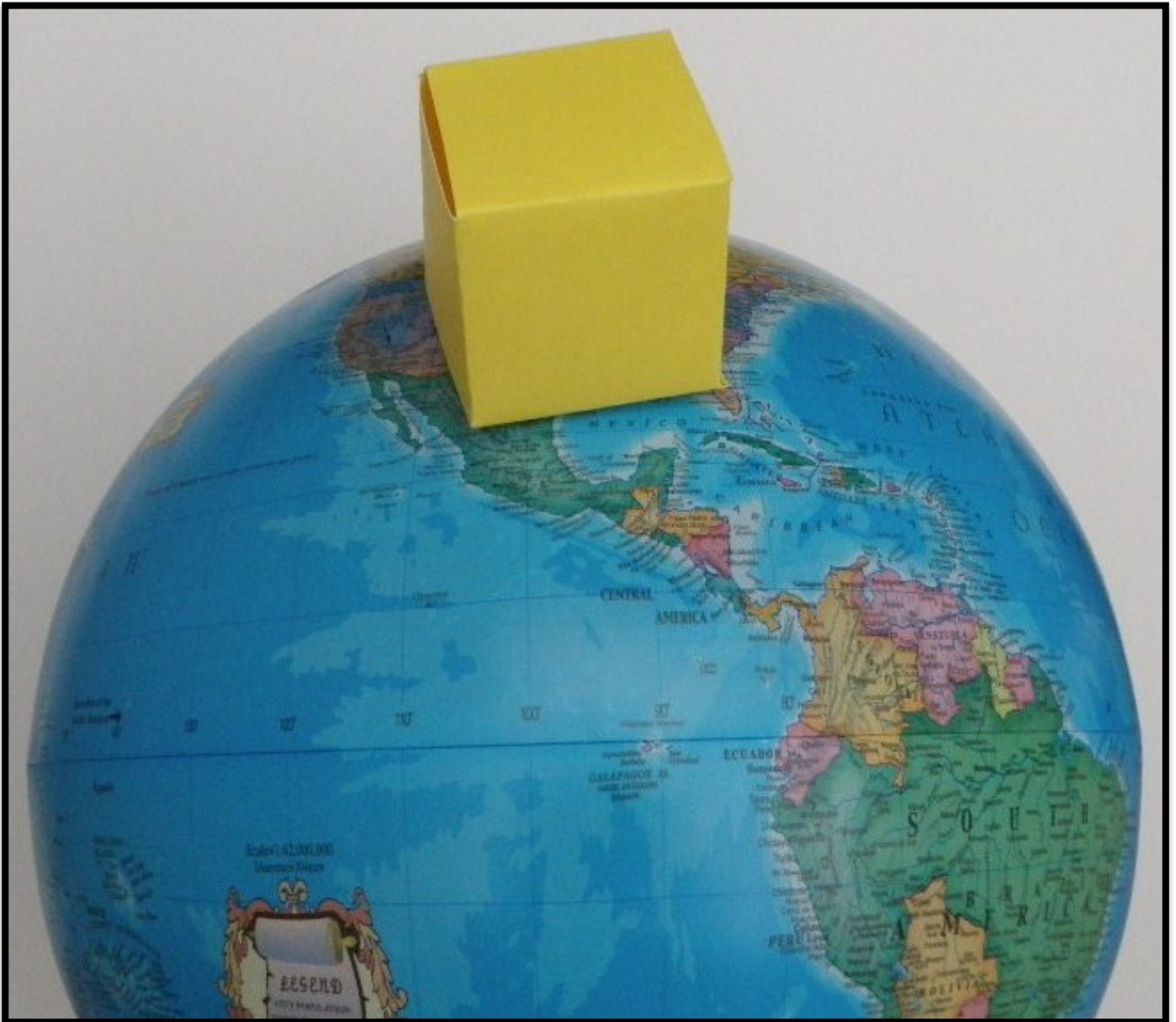
*6 And He [further] said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I [Myself] will give water without price from the fountain (springs) of the water of Life.*

*7 He who is victorious shall inherit all these things, and I will be God to him and he shall be My son.*



The word “new” here doesn’t mean he throws away the old, but, He renews the old. He renews the heavens, He renews the earth. The New Jerusalem comes down out of heaven and there will be no more sea and it will be 1500 mile tall, 1500 miles deep and 1 500 miles wide. Then the saints will rule with Jesus christ forever and ever, free from sickness, pain and death and the dominion of satan.





What is the big deal with the war of Gog&Magog and the battle of Armageddon? Satan has always felt that if he could catch God in a lie, he could literally tell God that you have lied, and your Word is not true. Since the beginning of time Satan has tried to kill God's people from the Hebrews of the Old Testament to all followers today.

It was the Hebrew people who brought forth the Oracles of God, brought forth the Messiah and they have the Promise of the Land. Satan knew if you could kill God's people He could prove that God is not a covenant God, that He is a liar. These battles are his last attempts through the powers of darkness, spiritual wickedness in high places to destroy the Jewish people.



### **Genesis 17:1-9 AMPC**

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, I am the Almighty God; walk and live habitually before Me and be perfect (blameless, wholehearted, complete).

2 And I will make **My covenant (solemn pledge) between Me and you** and will multiply you exceedingly.

3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him,

4 As for Me, behold, **My covenant (solemn pledge) is with you**, and you shall be the father of many nations.

5 Nor shall your name any longer be Abram [high, exalted father]; but your name shall be Abraham [father of a multitude], for I have made you the father of many nations.

6 And I will make you exceedingly fruitful and I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

7 And **I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants** after you throughout their generations for an everlasting, solemn pledge, to be a God to you and to your posterity after you.

8 And I will give to you and to your posterity after you the land in which you are a stranger [going from place to place], all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

9 And God said to Abraham, As for you, **you shall therefore keep My covenant**, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

There is specifics to the covenant, to the contract. God's part and my part...and it wasn't just to Abraham but all his descendants.

### **Genesis 26:1-5 AMPC**

1 And there was a famine in the land, other than the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech king of the Philistines.

2 And the Lord appeared to him (**Isaac**) and said, Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I will tell you.

*3 Dwell temporarily in this land, and I will be with you and will favor you with blessings; for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I **will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.***

*4 And I will make your descendants to multiply as the stars of the heavens, and will give to your posterity all these lands (kingdoms); and by your Offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, or by Him bless themselves,*

***5 For Abraham listened to and obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commands, My statutes, and My laws.***

### **Genesis 28:13 AMPC**

*13 And behold, the Lord stood over and beside him (Jacob) and said, I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father [forefather] and the God of Isaac; I will give to you and to your descendants the land on which you are lying.*

This is why we watch Israel and Jerusalem today. We are commanded to by the Word of God to know what is happening and to watch Israel as satan schemes to destroy Israel and take back Jerusalem.

But God is not a man that he should lie (Numbers 23:19), He is a covenant God, a God of Promises that will never be broken.

### **Exodus 2:24 AMPC**

*24 And God heard their sighing and groaning and [earnestly] remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.*

### **Leviticus 26:42 KJV**

*42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.*

This is from the beginning and it shall be this way in the end of time as well - God said so...

**Isaiah 46:9-10 KJV**

*9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,*

*10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

**Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC**

*9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,*

*10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,*

