

Revelation 20:7-10 - Why have Magog in the Millennium?

INTRO - account after teaching (Matt. 13:51) where Jesus asks, "Have you understood all these things?" The disciples answered, "YES". But I wonder if they really did? On another occasion – John 16:18 Pastors might be tempted (in Revelation) to convey, "I understand all these things", when we don't

Rev. unveils the future and such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Our text today speaks of a battle that is at least 1000 yrs in the future (if taken at face value –I do, others don't). I think I can understand the words but sometimes question the meaning. I hold strongly in truth of Bible but loosely in my understanding of it. Today I want to take a stab at the meaning of the millennium. Why do we need to know these things? Are these things relevant for us now?

MILLENNIAL INTENT

- Why have a Millennium? What is the purpose of the 1000 year reign of Christ on earth?
 - o I don't totally understand I don't have to Isaiah 55:8-9 Rom. 12:34
 - o Let me give you at least 3 reasons for the millennium
- 1. PATTERN of Creation SEALED
 - a. Early church teaching that history would last 7000 yrs. (patterned after creation week)
 - b. 6000 years of "history" and then the 7th thousand year as a "rest"
- 2. PROMISES of God FULFILLED
 - a. Promises to/about: Israel, David, land, environment, kingdom, church, rewards
 - b. God keeps His promises – Josh. 23:14 Is. 46:11; 55:10-11 Heb.. 6:18 Luke 21:33
- 3. PROBLEM of man's heart REVEALED
 - a. The Millennium will once again show that man is beyond repair (cannot fix himself)
 - i. The story of Humpty Dumpty is the story of humanity
 - b. Mans problem is not his environment, health, government, education....it is himself!

MAGOG'S DEPLOYMENT

- The Millennium is a time when:
 - o Satan is confined and unable to deceive the nations. (imagine a world with no devil)
 - o Perfect government. Christ on the throne. Saints reigning and ruling with Him in justice
 - Swords beat into plowshares peace Micah 4:1-4
 - o Renewed environment - effects of curse lifted. Wolf and lamb lie down together
 - Desert will bloom like a rose (Isaiah 35)
 - o Heath will be restored. To die at a 100 will be unusual Isaiah 65:20
 - o Education will be universal. Knowledge of God will cover earth.... Isaiah 11:9
 - o The long hoped for utopia will be realized. Paradise on earth

- And yet the Millennium will end in a great rebellion
 - o Rev. 20:7 Satan released for a short time and will deceive the nations
 - o Rev. 20:8-9 the nations gather to war against Jesus and Saints (like sand- lots of them)
 - Fire come down from heaven and destroys them (Ezekiel 38-39)
 - o Why are we told of the pre history about a war and rebellion 1000 yrs in future?
- Mans problem is not his: environment, government, health, education/ opportunity -it is himself
 - o Mans problem is sin. Deceitful heart Jeremiah 17:9-10
 - o Eccles. 9:3b madness in their hearts
 - o Man fell in Paradise Eden
 - o Long life until Noah's time produced more opportunity for sin Gen. 6:5-6
 - o History of Israel (a chosen & privileged people) stiffnecked and hard hearted
 - Rejected their Messiah ever wonder "what was wrong with them?"
 - o the church (we are the same) what is wrong with us?
 - o The millennium- after a 1000 years of utopia mankind still rebels
 - o What is the message of all of this to us? There but by the grace of God go I
 - o Joe Biden took flack recently for saying 10-15% of people are bad.
 - that's low - 100% are bad Rom. 3:9-18 no one good not even one
- The Millennium will show once again the man cannot fix himself. We are hopeless without grace
 - o Common grace- God is so good to sinful mankind everyday (Matt. 5:45)
 - o Restraining grace-God keeps us from sinning /restrains us from being bad as would be
 - Imagine if God let go of the reins of mans sin (Rom. 1:18-32 - gave them over)
 - o Saving grace Why did you repent and believe when so many don't?
 - Amazing grace
 - o Magog in the Millennium cries out, " May God be gracious to us or we perish!"

ETERNAL TORMENT

- Speaking of perishing...the Great Instigator himself will eventually get his Rev. 20:10
 - o 1000 years in prison (time out) didn't fix him either
 - o The Devil is a deceiver and we are easily deceived
- The Devil gets thrown into the lake of fire. Hell is not Satans kingdom, it is his torment
 - o Hell belongs to God not Satan. Hell is prepared for Devil and his angels Matt. 25:41
- The Beast and the False Prophet were confined there at the 2nd Coming Rev. 19:20c
 - o 1000 yrs later they are still there Hell is an eternal life sentence
- Tormented day and night forever and ever
 - o The unholy trinity are tormented forever. Those deceived by them will join them
- Mankind consists of 2 groups Those deceived by Satan those who receive Christ

I know not how the Spirit moves convincing men of sin, revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in them. But I know who I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. Jesus can fix the broken sinner

all the kings horses and all the kings men can't put Humpty together again...but the KING can!