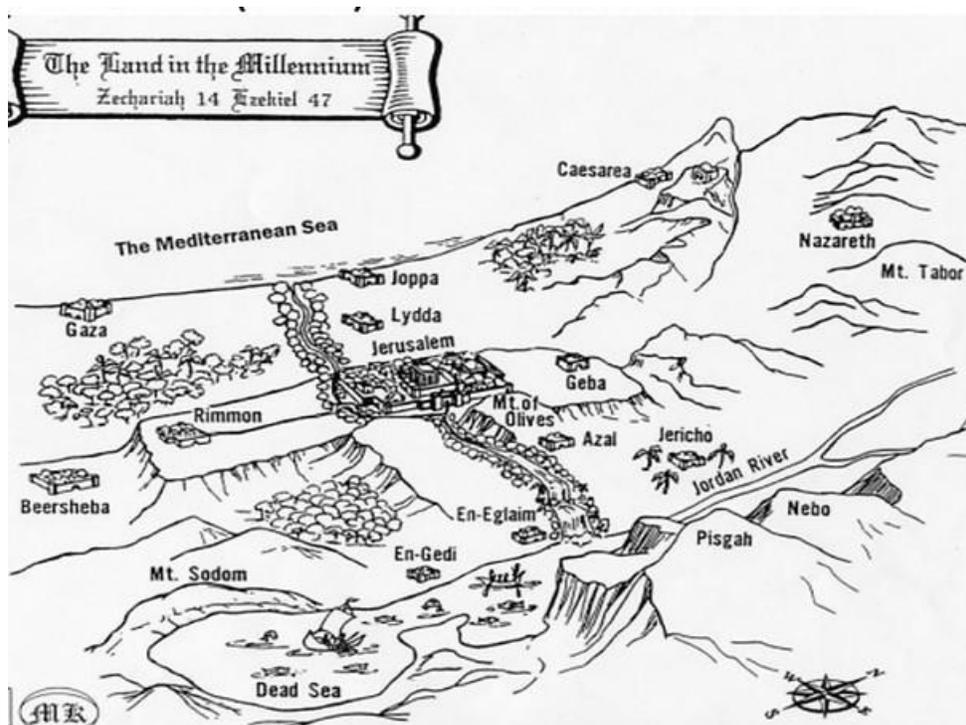


Judgment After 1000 Years

20:7-9 When the thousand years has ended, satan shall be released from his prison, ⁸ and he shall come out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for the battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹ And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the kedoshim and the beloved city - but fire fell from heaven and consumed them.

- ✓ Gog and Magog – is this the Gog & Magog of Ezekiel 38 & 39?
 1. In the battle of Ezekiel 38-39, the armies come primarily from the north and involve only a few nations of the earth (Eze 38:6, 15; 39:2). The battle in (Rev 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 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 (Rev 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 who are rebellious are destroyed without any more opportunity for repentance. Rev 20:7-10
- ✓ broad plain – Topography change
 - The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. Jerusalem will be raised up and occupy her place, from the Benjamin Gate to the place of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses. Zechariah 14:10



- Then the great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to force her to drink the cup of the wine of His furious wrath. Revelation 16:19
- ✓ Camp – (parembolen) used of barracks or headquarters of soldiers or an army in battle array, but also of the camp of Israel. Exo 29:14, Lev 4:12, Heb 13:11 Here it is used to represent the city of Jerusalem.
- ✚ The rebellion is ultimately permitted by God who released satan from his prison for this very test of humanity. Using the enemy one more time to separate the unfaithful from the faithful for the final judgement.
- ✓ the beloved city – Jerusalem Psa 78:2, 87:2, 132:13
- ✓ fire fell from heaven –
 - As God did with Sodom and Gomorrah. Gen 19:24
 - Those who came to arrest Elijah. 2 Kings 1:10-15
 - Gog on the mountain of Israel. Eze 38:22
 - Magog, the land of Gog. Eze 39:6

20.10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are too, and they shall be tortured day and night forever and ever.

- ✓ they shall be tortured day and night forever and ever –
 - The Lake of Fire does not consume its occupants, they will suffer eternally.
 - he shall also drink the wine of God's fury, poured full strength into the cup of His wrath. And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone before the holy angels and before the Lamb. Revelation 14:10
 - Then death and Sheol were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death—the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:14-15
 - For His judgments are true and just. For He has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her whoring and has avenged the blood of His servants caused by her hand." ³ And a second time they shouted, "Halleluyah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever!" Revelation 19:2-3

The Great White Throne Judgement

20.11-15 Then I saw a great white throne, and the One seated on it. The earth and heaven fled from His presence, but no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead - the great and the small - standing before the throne. The books were opened, and another book was opened - the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what was written in the books, according to their deeds. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Sheol gave up the dead in them. Then they were each judged, each one of them, according to their deeds. ¹⁴ Then death and Sheol were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death - the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

- ✓ standing before the throne – This includes those in human bodies at the time of judgement.
 - The Father does not judge anyone, but has handed over all judgment to the Son. John 5:22
 - Although God overlooked the periods of ignorance, now He commands everyone everywhere to repent. ³¹ For He has set a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness, through a Man whom He has appointed. He has brought forth evidence of this to all men, by raising Him from the dead." Acts 17:30-31

- ✓ another book was opened - the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what was written in the books, according to their deeds.
 - The Book of Life (Deeds) proves that no can come into the New Jerusalem by their works. Their works do not save them. Salvation comes only through faith in Yeshua. There will be no second chances.
 - And He commanded us to proclaim to the people and to testify that He is the One ordained by God as Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about Him - that everyone who puts his trust in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name." Acts 10:42-43
- ✓ lake of fire – Gehenna, Hell.
 - And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Instead, fear the One who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Matthew 10:28
 - "And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off! It is better for you to enter into life crippled than, having two hands, to go to Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. Mark 9:43
 - Final destination for all that reject Yeshua (free will).
 - Second Death
 - Complete separation from God
 - Without excuse. Rom 1:18-32, Mat 25:46, Deut 32:3-5
 - Unending torment, weeping, gnashing of teeth, misery. Mat 3:12, 25:41, Dan 12:2, 2 Thl 1:9, Rev 14:10-11
 - Ultimate consequence of sin. Rom 6:23
 - All sin is ultimately against God. Psa 51:5 (TLV)

How can a loving God send anyone to Hell?

1. Definitions must be Biblical, and assumptions correct.
2. Today's culture defines "loving God" as a completely non-confrontational being who tolerates anything that we want to do.
3. God is love. He is the very definition of love and therefore can not do anything that is unloving.
 - So we have come to know and trust in the love that God has for us. God is love. Now whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16
4. Something cannot be true and untrue at the same time.
5. So the idea that allowing people to go to hell is an unloving act on God's part is a fallacy. Everything that He does is an expression of this perfect love.
 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ The one who believes in Him is not condemned; but whoever does not believe has been condemned already, because he has not put his trust in the name of the one and only Ben-Elohim. John 3:16-18
6. When we decide that God is somehow wrong to allow unrepentant sinners to pay their deserved penalty for sin, then we have declared that we are more loving than God. We set ourselves up as God's judge and in doing so have closed the door to deeper understanding.
7. A better way to ask the question is, If God is love then why do so many people go to hell?

8. Romans 1: 18-21 lays the foundation. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. In unrighteousness they suppress the truth, ¹⁹ because what can be known about God is plain to them - for God has shown it to them. ²⁰ His invisible attributes - His eternal power and His divine nature - have been clearly seen ever since the creation of the world, being understood through the things that have been made. So **people are without excuse** - ²¹ for even though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or give Him thanks. Instead, their thinking became futile, and their senseless hearts were made dark. Romans 1:18-21
9. God has taken the initiative to make His truth known to everyone, but they have refused it.
10. Self-will wants to deny God's right to tell us what to do. "Turn to me and be saved", but people refuse.
11. God is not only perfect love, but He is also perfect justice, which requires payment for sins committed.
12. To excuse our sin / rebellion would require God to be less than just and allow sin-tainted humans into His perfect heavenly home would render Heaven less than perfect.
13. Only the perfect, without blemish, Son of God could go to the alter (cross) in our place. Only His perfect blood sacrifice was an acceptable payment for our sin debt.
 - **He wiped out the handwritten record of debts with the decrees against us**, which was hostile to us. He took it away by nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:14
14. When we refuse Yeshua as our substitute we must pay the price ourselves.
 - For sin's payment is death, but God's gracious gift is eternal life in Messiah Yeshua our Lord. Romans 6:23
15. Love is only Love, when we have the option of not loving Him.