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The meaning of this name is uncertain

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- The name is found in (**Ezekiel Chapters 38,39**) and is there applied to the leader of a storm-like, multinational assault against God's people.

- The attack comes after Yehowah has gathered his people out of the nations and restored them to the previously devastated mountains of Israel. This pictures the end of the thousand year reign of Christ. Because they dwell in security, with no visible signs of protection, and because they enjoy abundant prosperity, **Gog** is drawn into waging a vicious, all-out attack upon them.

- He congregates a vast army from many nations for this purpose. But his assault sets off Yehowah's rage and brings terrible defeat and destruction upon Gog and his entire crowd.

- Their carcasses become food for birds and beasts, and their bones are buried in the valley that thereafter is called the Valley of **Gog's** Crowd, literally, Valley of Hamon-**Gog**.

.. The Source And Intent Of Gog's Assault

- The assault has a source far distant from the land of Israel. **Gog** is of the land of Magog, situated in the remotest parts of the north.

- Son of man, set your face against **Gog** of the land of Magog, the head chieftain of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. (**Ezekiel 38:2**)

- And you will certainly come from your place, from the remotest parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great congregation, even a numerous military force. (**Ezekiel 38:15**)

- He is the head chieftain, great prince, **AT**, chief prince, **KJ**, **RS** of Meshech and Tubal.

- Son of man, set your face against **Gog** of the land of Magog, the head chieftain of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. (**Ezekiel 38:2**)
- And you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am against you, O **Gog**, you head chieftain of Meshech and Tubal. (**Ezekiel 38:3**)
- Some translations here read the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, **AS, JB**, thus making *Rosh*, **Hebrew** for head refer to a country or people. No such land or people is mentioned elsewhere in the Bible, however. Meshech and Tubal, like **Magog**, are names given to sons of Japheth
- The sons of Japheth were Gomer and **Magog** and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras. (**Genesis 10:2**)
- And the three lands bearing these names lay to the North of Israel. Other northern members of the attacking forces, also Japhetic, were Gomer and Togarmah, thought to be the progenitors of the ancient Cimmerians and Armenians, respectively. Japhetic Persia lay to the Northeast. But the conspiracy embraced southern Hamitic members also Ethiopia and Put down in Africa.
- And I shall certainly turn you around and put hooks in your jaws and bring you forth with all your military force, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in perfect taste, a numerous congregation, with large shield and buckler, all of them handling swords. (**Ezekiel 38:4**)
- Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them with buckler and helmet. (**Ezekiel 38:5**)
- Gomer and all its bands, the house of Togarmah, of the remotest parts of the north, and all its bands, many peoples with you. (**Ezekiel 38:6**)
- And you will certainly come from your place, from the remotest parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great congregation, even a numerous military force. (**Ezekiel 38:15**)

- **Gog's** role, therefore, is as commander of a massive assault force that applies tremendous pressures designed to crush Yehowah's people as though they were in a vise.

**See Also MESHECH 1**

**See Also MAGOG 2**

**See Also TUBAL**

- Israel is described as dwelling in the center of the earth.
- It will be to get a big spoil and to do much plundering, in order to turn your hand back upon devastated places re-inhabited and upon a people gathered together out of the nations, one that is accumulating wealth and property, those who are dwelling in the center of the earth. ([Ezekiel 38:12](#))
- Ancient Israel not only was located at a central point as regards the Eurasian and African continents but also was the center of pure worship of the true God and was counted by him as the pupil of his eye.
- For Yehowah's share is his people. Jacob is the allotment that he inherits. ([Deuteronomy 32:9](#))
- He came to find him in a wilderness land, and in an empty, howling desert. He began to encircle him, to take care of him, to safeguard him as the pupil of his eye. ([Deuteronomy 32:10](#))
- For this is what Yehowah of armies has said; Following after the glory he has sent me to the nations that were despoiling you people, for he that is touching you is touching my eyeball. ([Zechariah 2:8](#))
- Yehowah states that he will put hooks in **Gog's** jaws and lead him to this attack.
- And I shall certainly turn you around and put hooks in your jaws and bring you forth with all your military force, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in perfect taste, a numerous congregation, with large shield and buckler, all of them handling swords. ([Ezekiel 38:4](#))
- And Isaiah the son of Amoz proceeded to send to Hezekiah, saying; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; The prayer that you have made to me concerning Sennacherib the

king of Assyria I have heard. ([2 Kings 19:20](#))

- This is the word that Yehowah has spoken against him; The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you, she has held you in derision. Behind you the daughter of Jerusalem has wagged her head. ([2 Kings 19:21](#))
- Because your exciting yourself against me and your roaring have come up into my ears. And I shall certainly put my hook in your nose and my bridle between your lips, and I shall indeed lead you back by the way by which you have come. ([2 Kings 19:28](#))
- The prophecy clearly shows, however, that this is already **Gog's** desire, the scheme being a product of his own heart.
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; And it must occur in that day that things will come up into your heart, and you will certainly think up an injurious scheme. ([Ezekiel 38:10](#))
- And you must say; I shall go up against the land of open rural country. I shall come in upon those having no disturbance, dwelling in security, all of them dwelling without wall, and they do not have even bar and doors. ([Ezekiel 38:11](#))
- Yehowah draws **Gog** out, nonetheless, by restoring and prospering his own name people. This incites **Gog** to manifest his malevolence toward God's people and he willingly advances into a course that brings swift destruction upon himself and all his associates. By the defeat and annihilation of **Gog** and his forces, Yehowah magnifies and sanctifies his own name before all observers.
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- Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all its maned young lions, they will say to you; Is it to get a big spoil that you are coming in? Is it to do much plundering that you have congregated your congregation, in order to carry off silver and gold, to take wealth and property, to get a very great spoil? ([Ezekiel 38:13](#))

- **Therefore prophesy, O son of man, and you must say to Gog; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Will it not be in that day when my people Israel are dwelling in security that you will know it (Ezekiel 38:14)**
- **And you will certainly come from your place, from the remotest parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great congregation, even a numerous military force. (Ezekiel 38:15)**
- **And you will be bound to come up against my people Israel, like clouds to cover the land. In the final part of the days it will occur, and I shall certainly bring you against my land, for the purpose that the nations may know me when I sanctify myself in you before their eyes, O Gog. (Ezekiel 38:16)**
- **This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Are you the same one of whom I spoke in the former days by the hand of my servants the prophets of Israel, who were prophesying in those days, years, as to bringing you in upon them? (Ezekiel 38:17)**
- **And it must occur in that day, in the day when Gog comes in upon the soil of Israel, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, that my rage will come up into my nose. (Ezekiel 38:18)**
- **And in my ardor, in the fire of my fury, I shall have to speak. Surely in that day a great quaking will occur in the soil of Israel. (Ezekiel 38:19)**
- **And because of me the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the wild beasts of the field and all the creeping things that are creeping on the ground and all mankind that are upon the surface of the ground will be bound to shiver, and the mountains will actually be thrown down and the steep ways will have to fall, and to the earth even every wall will fall. (Ezekiel 38:20)**
- **And I will call forth against him throughout all my mountainous region a sword, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. Against his own brother the sword of each one will come to be. (Ezekiel 38:21)**
- **And I will bring myself into judgment with him, with pestilence**

- and with blood, and a flooding downpour and hailstones, fire and sulphur I shall rain down upon him and upon his bands and upon the many peoples that will be with him. ([Ezekiel 38:22](#))
- And I shall certainly magnify myself and sanctify myself and make myself known before the eyes of many nations, and they will have to know that I am Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 38:23](#))
  - Upon the surface of the field you will fall, for I myself have spoken, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 39:5](#))
  - And I will send fire upon Magog and upon those who are inhabiting the islands in security, and people will have to know that I am Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 39:6](#))
  - And my holy name I shall make known in the midst of my people Israel, and I shall no more let my holy name be profaned, and the nations will have to know that I am Yehowah, the Holy One in Israel. ([Ezekiel 39:7](#))
  - Look! It must come and it must be brought to be, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. This is the day of which I have spoken. ([Ezekiel 39:8](#))
  - And the inhabitants of the cities of Israel will certainly go forth and burn and build fires with the armor and bucklers and large shields, with the bows and with the arrows and with the handstaves and with the lances, and with them they will have to light fires seven years. ([Ezekiel 39:9](#))
  - And they will not carry sticks of wood from the field, nor will they gather firewood out of the forests, for with the armor they will light fires. And they will certainly make spoil of those who had been making spoil of them, and plunder those who had been plundering them, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. ([Ezekiel 39:10](#))
  - And it must occur in that day that I shall give to Gog a place there, a burial place in Israel, the valley of those passing through on the east of the sea, and it will be stopping up those passing through. And there they will have to bury Gog and all his crowd, and they will be certain to call it the Valley of Gog's Crowd. ([Ezekiel 39:11](#))

- **And those of the house of Israel will have to bury them for the purpose of cleansing the land, for seven months. (Ezekiel 39:12)**
- **And all the people of the land will have to do the burying, and it will certainly become for them a matter of fame in the day that I glorify myself, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (Ezekiel 39:13)**
- **And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations will have to see my judgment that I have executed and my hand that I have placed among them. (Ezekiel 39:21)**
- **And those of the house of Israel will have to know that I am Yehowah their God from that day and forward. (Ezekiel 39:22)**
- **Proclaim this, you people, among the nations; Sanctify war! Arouse the powerful men! Let them draw near! Let them come up, all the men of war! (Joel 3:9)**
- **Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning shears into lances. As for the weak one, let him say; I am a powerful man. (Joel 3:10)**
- **Lend your aid and come, all you nations round about, and collect yourselves together. To that place, O Yehowah, bring your powerful ones down. (Joel 3:11)**
- **Let the nations be aroused and come up to the low plain of Jehoshaphat, for there I shall sit in order to judge all the nations round about. (Joel 3:12)**
- **Thrust in a sickle, for harvest has grown ripe. Come, descend, for the winepress has become full. The press vats actually overflow, for their badness has become abundant. (Joel 3:13)**
- **Crowds, crowds are in the low plain of the decision, for the day of Yehowah is near in the low plain of the decision. (Joel 3:14)**
- **Sun and moon themselves will certainly become dark, and the very stars will actually withdraw their brightness. (Joel 3:15)**
- **And out of Zion Yehowah himself will roar, and out of Jerusalem he will give forth his voice. And heaven and earth certainly will**

rock, but Yehowah will be a refuge for his people, and a fortress for the sons of Israel. (Joel 3:16)

- And you people will have to know that I am Yehowah your God, residing in Zion my holy mountain. And Jerusalem must become a holy place, and as regards strangers, they will no more pass through her. (Joel 3:17)

## • Identification Of Gog

- The lands and peoples mentioned in the prophecy relating to **Gog** are known from the Bible and to some extent from secular history. But efforts to identify **Gog** with some historically known earthly ruler have not been successful.

- Most frequently suggested is Gyges, king of Lydia in western Asia Minor, called Guggu in the records of Assyrian monarch Ashurbanipal. [Ancient Records of Assyria and Babylonia, by D. Luckenbill, 1927, Vol. II, pp. 297,351,352]

- Gyges, however, had died decades before the writing of Ezekiel's prophecy. Hence, such identification is unacceptable. Additionally, the prophecy itself places **Gog's** attack in the final part of the years, in the final part of the days.

- After many days you will be given attention. In the final part of the years you will come to the land of people brought back from the sword, collected together out of many peoples, onto the mountains of Israel, that have proved to be a constantly devastated place, even a land that has been brought forth from the peoples, where they have dwelt in security, all of them. (Ezekiel 38:8)

- And you will be bound to come up against my people Israel, like clouds to cover the land. In the final part of the days it will occur, and I shall certainly bring you against my land, for the purpose that the nations may know me when I sanctify myself in you before their eyes, O **Gog**. (Ezekiel 38:16)

- And it must occur in the final part of the days that the mountain of the house of Yehowah will become firmly established above the top of the mountains, and it will certainly be lifted up above the hills, and to it all the nations must stream. (Isaiah 2:2)

- The burning anger of Yehowah will not turn back until he will



have executed and until he will have carried out the ideas of his heart. In the final part of the days you people will give your consideration to it. (**Jeremiah 30:24**)

- But know this, that in the last days critical times hard to deal with will be here. (**2 Timothy 3:1**)
- For these reasons, the name **Gog** is evidently cryptic or symbolic, not being that of any known human king or leader.
- The evidence points to a fulfillment in what is elsewhere called the time of the end.
- And some of those having insight will be made to stumble, in order to do a refining work because of them and to do a cleansing and to do a whitening, until the time of the end, because it is yet for the time appointed. (**Daniel 11:35**)
- And he went on to say; Go, Daniel, because the words are made secret and sealed up until the time of the end. (**Daniel 12:9**)
- On this account be glad, you heavens and you who reside in them! Woe for the earth and for the sea, because the Devil has come down to you, having great anger, knowing he has a short period of time. (**Revelation 12:12**)
- Bible scholars and commentators generally recognize the prophecy as relating to the time of the Messianic Kingdom. As an example, *The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* comments; **Gog appears as the leader of the last hostile attack of the world-powers upon the kingdom of God.** [Edited by S. Jackson, 1956, Vol. V, p. 14]
- No fulfillment on natural Israel is known. The fulfillment in the final part of the days logically is with regard to Spiritual Israel, the Christian congregation.
- For he is not a Jew who is one on the outside, nor is circumcision that which is on the outside upon the flesh. (**Romans 2:28**)
- But he is a Jew who is one on the inside, and his circumcision is that of the heart by spirit, and not by a written code. The praise of that one comes, not from men, but from God. (**Romans 2:29**)

- **And all those who will walk orderly by this rule of conduct, upon them be peace and mercy, even upon the Israel of God. (Galatians 6:16)**
- **Described by the apostle Paul as children of, and directed by, the Jerusalem above.**
- **But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. (Galatians 4:26)**
- **These points aid in arriving at the identification of **Gog**.**
- **Further aid is found in the book of Revelation. Prophetic visions there foretold a great increase in persecution against the Christian congregation on the part of the symbolic dragon, Satan the Devil. This was to follow his being cast down, with his demons, from the heavens to the region of the earth, an act accomplished by the Kingdom of God through Christ at the time of Jesus beginning to exercise kingly authority.**
- **And she gave birth to a son, a male, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod. And her child was caught away to God and to his throne. (Revelation 12:5)**
- **And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days. (Revelation 12:6)**
- **And war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels battled with the dragon, and the dragon and its angels battled (Revelation 12:7)**
- **But it did not prevail, neither was a place found for them any longer in heaven. (Revelation 12:8)**
- **So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (Revelation 12:9)**
- **And I heard a loud voice in heaven say; Now have come to pass the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been hurled down, who accuses them day and night before our**

**God! (Revelation 12:10)**

- **Now when the dragon saw that it was hurled down to the earth, it persecuted the woman that gave birth to the male child. (Revelation 12:13)**
- **But the two wings of the great eagle were given the woman, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, there is where she is fed for a time and times and half a time away from the face of the serpent. (Revelation 12:14)**
- **And the serpent disgorged water like a river from its mouth after the woman, to cause her to be drowned by the river. (Revelation 12:15)**
- **But the earth came to the woman's help, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river that the dragon disgorged from its mouth. (Revelation 12:16)**
- **And the dragon grew wrathful at the woman, and went off to wage war with the remaining ones of her seed, who observe the commandments of God and have the work of bearing witness to Jesus. (Revelation 12:17)**
- **The massing of earthly nations against God, his Son, and God's faithful servants on earth figures prominently in these visions, as does also the total defeat and desolation of such enemy forces.**
- **And I saw three unclean inspired expressions that looked like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the wild beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (Revelation 16:13)**
- **They are, in fact, expressions inspired by demons and perform signs, and they go forth to the kings of the entire inhabited earth, to gather them together to the war of the great day of God the Almighty. (Revelation 16:14)**
- **Look! I am coming as a thief. Happy is the one that stays awake and keeps his outer garments, that he may not walk naked and people look upon his shamefulness. (Revelation 16:15)**
- **And they gathered them together to the place that is called in Hebrew Har-Magedon. (Revelation 16:16)**

- **And the ten horns that you saw mean ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they do receive authority as kings one hour with the wild beast. ([Revelation 17:12](#))**
- **These have one thought, and so they give their power and authority to the wild beast. ([Revelation 17:13](#))**
- **These will battle with the Lamb, but, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb will conquer them. Also, those called and chosen and faithful with him will do so. ([Revelation 17:14](#))**
- **And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. ([Revelation 19:11](#))**
- **His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. ([Revelation 19:12](#))**
- **And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. ([Revelation 19:13](#))**
- **Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. ([Revelation 19:14](#))**
- **And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. ([Revelation 19:15](#))**
- **And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. ([Revelation 19:16](#))**
- **I saw also an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice and said to all the birds that fly in midheaven; Come here, be gathered together to the great evening meal of God. ([Revelation 19:17](#))**
- **That you may eat the fleshy parts of kings and the fleshy parts of military commanders and the fleshy parts of strong men and the fleshy parts of horses and of those seated upon them, and the**

- fleshy parts of all, of freemen as well as of slaves and of small ones and great. ([Revelation 19:18](#))
- And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. ([Revelation 19:19](#))
  - And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. ([Revelation 19:20](#))
  - But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. ([Revelation 19:21](#))
  - The feasting by birds on the corpses of such enemies of Christ's Kingdom rule likewise finds a correspondency here.
  - On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your bands and the peoples that will be with you. To birds of prey, birds of every sort of wing, and the wild beasts of the field I will give you for food. ([Ezekiel 39:4](#))
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- But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. ([Revelation 19:21](#))
- The central figure, or leader, of the earth-wide assault against the Messianic Kingdom and its subjects, according to Revelation, is Satan the Devil.
- He is the only person in the Biblical record who can be said to fulfill adequately the description and role assigned to **Gog** of **Magog** in the prophecy given to Ezekiel.
- The prophecy in Ezekiel concerning **Gog** therefore points to a vicious, earth-wide assault on God's people, an assault engineered and led by the abased Satan the Devil. This attack is what triggers the complete wiping out of such Satanic forces by means of God's awesome power.
- And it must occur in that day, in the day when **Gog** comes in upon the soil of Israel, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, that my rage will come up into my nose. ([Ezekiel 38:18](#))
- And in my ardor, in the fire of my fury, I shall have to speak. Surely in that day a great quaking will occur in the soil of Israel. ([Ezekiel 38:19](#))
- And because of me the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the wild beasts of the field and all the creeping things that are creeping on the ground and all mankind that are upon the surface of the ground will be bound to shiver, and the mountains will actually be thrown down and the steep ways will have to fall, and to the earth even every wall will fall. ([Ezekiel 38:20](#))
- And I will call forth against him throughout all my mountainous region a sword, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. Against his own brother the sword of each one will come to be. ([Ezekiel 38:21](#))
- And I will bring myself into judgment with him, with pestilence and with blood, and a flooding downpour and hailstones, fire and

sulphur I shall rain down upon him and upon his bands and upon the many peoples that will be with him. ([Ezekiel 38:22](#))

## **.. Burial Of Gog's Crowd**

- The burial of **Gog** and all his crowd is in the valley of those passing through on the east of the sea.
- And it must occur in that day that I shall give to **Gog** a place there, a burial place in Israel, the valley of those passing through on the east of the sea, and it will be stopping up those passing through. And there they will have to bury **Gog** and all his crowd, and they will be certain to call it the Valley of **Gog's** Crowd. ([Ezekiel 39:11](#))
- **An American Translation** here reads, [the valley of Abarim, east of the Dead Sea](#). The name Abarim is used at;
- Then they pulled away from Almon-diblathaim and went camping in the mountains of Abarim before Nebo. ([Numbers 33:47](#))
- Finally they pulled away from the mountains of Abarim and took up camping on the desert plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. ([Numbers 33:48](#))
- With reference to the mountains East of the Dead Sea. There are two deep valleys, or gorges, in this region, the Arnon and the Zered. The Arnon is some 3 kilometers (2 miles) wide at the top and is about 520 meters (1,700 feet) deep.
- The Zered is an even more formidable canyon, its steep cliffs dropping some 1,190 meters (3,900 feet). Either of these valleys may be used to represent this prophetic burial place, the Arnon being due East of the sea, while the Zered, at the Southeast, was the more traveled of the two.
- Or, since the picture presented is symbolic, no specific valley may be intended. This burial in a deep place by the Dead Sea likewise finds some parallel in Revelations description of the disposal of the opposers of God's Kingdom by their being cast into the symbolic lake of fire, and by the abyssing of Satan.
- And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he

misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. (**Revelation 19:20**)

- And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven with the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (**Revelation 20:1**)
- And he seized the dragon, the original serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:2**)
- And he hurled him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not mislead the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After these things he must be let loose for a little while. (**Revelation 20:3**)

#### **See Also ABARIM**

- And he will go out to mislead those nations in the four corners of the earth, **Gog** and **Magog**, to gather them together for the war. The number of these is as the sand of the sea. (**Revelation 20:8**)
- Also speaks of **Gog** and **Magog**. Here, however, the reference is not to an individual commander, or ruler. Both names are shown to apply to those nations in the four corners of the earth who allow themselves to be misled by Satan after he is released from the symbolic abyss. Since other texts show that the Millennial Rule of Christ brings an end to national rule and divisions
- And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be brought to ruin. And the kingdom itself will not be passed on to any other people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it itself will stand to times indefinite. (**Daniel 2:44**)
- I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! with the clouds of the heavens someone like a son of man happened to be coming, and to the Ancient of Days he gained access, and they brought him up close even before that One. (**Daniel 7:13**)
- And to him there were given rulership and dignity and kingdom, that the peoples, national groups and languages should all serve



even him. His rulership is an indefinitely lasting rulership that will not pass away, and his kingdom one that will not be brought to ruin. ([Daniel 7:14](#))

- It would appear that such nations are the product of rebellion against his earth-wide dominion. They advance over the breadth of the earth to encircle the camp of the holy ones and the beloved city. This comes after the Millennial Rule over earth by Christ Jesus has reached its completion.

- And he seized the dragon, the original serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ([Revelation 20:2](#))

- And he hurled him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not mislead the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After these things he must be let loose for a little while. ([Revelation 20:3](#))

- Now as soon as the thousand years have been ended, Satan will be let loose out of his prison. ([Revelation 20:7](#))

- And he will go out to mislead those nations in the four corners of the earth, **Gog** and **Magog**, to gather them together for the war. The number of these is as the sand of the sea. ([Revelation 20:8](#))

- And they advanced over the breadth of the earth and encircled the camp of the holy ones and the beloved city. But fire came down out of heaven and devoured them. ([Revelation 20:9](#))

- Both in Ezekiel and in Revelation, the opposers are numerous, those in Revelation being of an indefinite number, as the sand of the sea, the attack is the result of a widespread conspiracy and is directed against God's servants when they enjoy great prosperity.

- So, the use of **Gog** and **Magog** to describe those led into a post-Millennial rebellion is very fitting. Their end is absolute destruction.

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- **And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. ([Revelation 20:10](#))**
- **And death and Hades were hurled into the lake of fire. This means the second death, the lake of fire. ([Revelation 20:14](#))**