

Revelation 20:7-15

I. Introduction

Today's passage presents two visions: the War of Gog and Magog and the Great White Throne Judgment. Let us examine the meaning and lessons of each vision.

II. Main Body

1. The First Vision: The War Waged by Satan After Being Released from the Abyss (Verses 7-10) The Vision Illustrated

1) When the thousand years have ended, Satan is released from the abyss.

Satan does not emerge because he desires to do so or because he acts according to his own will. Even Satan can operate only under God's sovereign control and according to God's appointed timetable. No matter how evil the world may become, we must not be afraid.

2) Satan deceives Gog and Magog (Verse 8). What do Gog and Magog represent?

In Ezekiel 38-39, Gog, the ruler of the land of Magog, invades and surrounds the peaceful land of Israel. However, God defeats the invading forces through such means as plagues, hailstones, and burning sulfur. Therefore, Gog and Magog symbolize the evil forces that attack God's people. This prophecy points to a spiritual war in which Satan will mobilize evil forces at the end of the age.

3) The various spiritual wars described in Revelation are different portrayals of the same war, viewed from different perspectives.

The Battle of Armageddon in Revelation 16

The battle against the Lord riding on a white horse in Revelation 19

The War of Gog and Magog in Revelation 20

These accounts describe the same eschatological conflict from different perspectives.

4) Viewing these as separate wars occurring sequentially creates logical difficulties.

For example, if the Lord reigns on earth for a thousand years, how could a people like Gog and Magog exist afterward to wage war against Him?

2. The Great White Throne Judgment: Christ's Final Judgment Before the White Throne (Verses 11-15) The Vision Illustrated

1) The Great White Throne: The great white throne represents the majesty and authority of the One who judges. His judgment is holy, pure, and righteous.

2) The meaning of the statement, "The earth and the heaven fled away from His presence, and no place was found for them." The earth and the heavens, upon which humanity has relied, disappear. It is a moment when humanity stands face-to-face with God, with nothing left to depend upon or hide behind.

3) "The dead, great and small, standing before the throne" (Verse 12): This describes the universal nature of God's judgment: every person, without exception, must stand before the judgment seat of God (Hebrews 9:27).

4) The two kinds of books opened before the throne (Verse 12)

a. The books recording deeds: The dead are judged according to their deeds, in accordance with what is recorded in the books. God remembers every hidden deed of every person and will bring it into judgment (Ecclesiastes 12:14). Every day of our lives is significant before God; not a single moment simply disappears from His sight.

b. The Book of Life: The Book of Life contains the names of those who have been saved. The importance of the Book of Life is emphasized in Luke 10:20, Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, and 21:27. The greatest blessing in life is to have one's name written in the Book of Life.

5) The sea, death, and Hades give up the dead who are in them (Verse 13): At the end of the age, both the righteous and the wicked will be resurrected (Acts 24:15; Daniel 12:2-3; John 5:27-30).

6) The Second Death (Verses 14-15): The second death refers to the casting of death and Hades into the lake of fire.

As Professor Byun Jong-gil has stated: "Those who are born once die twice, but those who are born twice die only once."

III. Conclusion

Let us all believe in Jesus Christ and be born again, so that we may escape the second death.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“The end of the matter: all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

**Bible
Reading**

10/26(Mon)	10/27(Tue)	10/28(Wed)	10/29(Thur)	10/30(Fri)	10/31(Sat)	11/1(Sun)
Mark 10-11	Mark 12-14	Mark 15-16 Luke 1	Luke 2-3	Luke 4-5	Luke 6-7	Luke 8-9

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Quiet Time Passage

10/26(Mon)	10/27(Tue)	10/28(Wed)	10/29(Thur)	10/30(Fri)	10/31(Sat)	11/1(Sun)
Song of Songs 3:1-11	Song of Songs 4:1-16	Song of Songs 5:1-16	Song of Songs 6:1-13	Song of Songs 7:1-13	Song of Songs 8:1-14	Psalms 119:1-16

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share one thing from today's sermon that you newly understood or that especially blessed you.
2. What does the war signify in which Satan, after being released from the abyss, deceives the peoples of Gog and Magog, gathers them to surround the camp of the saints, and launches an attack against them? What is the relationship between this war and the Battle of Armageddon described in Revelation 16, as well as the battle in Revelation 19, in which Jesus, riding on a white horse, wages war against the forces of evil and casts the beast and the false prophet into the lake of burning sulfur?
3. Books recording the deeds of all people in the world, including their most secret actions, are present before the throne of judgment. What lessons should each of us learn from the fact that God remembers everything we do?
4. Are you confident that your name is written in the Book of Life? If so, please explain the reasons for your confidence.