

GOG AND ANTICHRIST

Who are they and what is the connection between them?

They are both involved in the end times, during the Great Tribulation period. The Antichrist is a world dictator during that time while Gog is the leader of a coalition of world nations who come and lay siege to Jerusalem at the battle of Armageddon. Gog is killed and buried in Israel (Eze 39:11) while Antichrist is captured and thrown alive into hell (Rev 19:20).

The following passages are relevant to the discussion: Genesis 10:1-7, Ezekiel 38-39, Daniel 11:40-45, Joel 2-3, Zechariah 12:1-11, Matthew 24:21-22, Revelation 6:12-17, 9:13-19, 16:12-16.

Gog - The coalition from the far north

Gog is not a character that we know much about. Jewish eschatology viewed Gog and Magog as enemies to be defeated by the Messiah, which would usher in the age of the Messiah.

The descendants of Noah listed in Genesis 10 give us an idea of how the earliest nations were related to one another. Noah and his three sons were the only humans to survive the worldwide inundation. His three sons are Ham, Shem, and Japheth.

Ham was the ancestor of Cush (Ethiopia/Sudan), Egypt, Libya, and Canaan, later conquered by Israel. These nations were probably blacks and the ancestors of Africans and South Asians.

Shem is the ancestor of northern Middle Eastern peoples, the Semites. His sons are Elam (Iran), Asshur and Arpachshad (Iraq), Lud (Turkey) and Aram (Syria). Aram was an ancestor to Uz, Hul, and Gether. Arpachshad was the ancestor of Eber (Hebrews).

Japhet is the father of Europeans. His sons are Gomer (Turkey), Magog (Sythians/Russians), Madai (Iran), Javan (Greece), Tubal, Meshech and Tiras (Italy). Gomer was an ancestor to Ashkenaz (Germany), Riphath, and Togarmah (Armenia), and Javan was an ancestor to Crete and Spain. The descendants of Gomer and Magog migrated north and are probable ancestors of Russians and northern Europeans. The Hindus of northern India speak an Indo-European language.

Ezekiel refers to Gog as the chief ruler of the nations of Meshech and Magog. The northern nations of Gomer and Togarmah are with him and they are described as coming from the far north, which can only refer to Russia. There are many nations with him, including Muslim allies, Persia, Sudan, and Libya.

Gog represents all the fighting men of the north, Caucasians, and Turkic peoples. Ezekiel says that this mighty horde of well-armed warriors will go and attack Israel at a time when they have been gathered from the nations and now live in prosperity at the crossroads of the nations. This can only mean modern-day Israel.

This vast army is to be identified with the 200 million mounted troops who are released by angels at the Euphrates River to go and kill 1/3rd of mankind. Fire and smoke and sulfur that come from their horse's mouths sound like modern artillery. They are released at the blowing of the sixth trumpet, the seventh trumpet signals the return of the Messiah.

When the sixth angel pours out the sixth bowl of God's wrath, the climax arrives, the annihilation of the armies laying siege to God's city of Jerusalem.

There is a symbolic mention of Gog and Magog at the end of the millennial reign of Christ and the saints. It equates with the nations in the four corners of the earth – a final rebellion by all the nations.