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Revelation 20:8, “*And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea.*”

From the very beginning of man upon the earth, there have been battles. The very first battle mentioned in the Bible is in Genesis 14:8 where the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, along with other kings, went out to battle.

Throughout Bible times and on to today, there are battles. There always will be battles that range from small local skirmishes to world wide wars that effect everyone.

The last battle mentioned in the Bible is in Revelation 20:8. At some point in time, the forces of sin will be gathered together to battle. These forces of evil are numerous as the sand of the sea. The battle is called Gog and Magog, which refers back to great battles in the time of Ezekiel.

The battle will be so intense that evil will surround the camp of the

saints. Revelation 20:9, “*And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.*” Even though the battle will be intense and the saints are surrounded by the forces of evil, fire from God will come out of heaven and devour the evil.

This has to be the last battle ever. The events that follow are the judgment. It’s interesting to note that the first battle ever recorded in the Bible involved Sodom. Such a prevalent and “popular” sin today is even named after Sodom. That sin, along with all others, will be destroyed in this great last battle. There will be no more battles. The victory belongs to God and the Lamb, and to us as well. We are forever victorious. —Marty Edwards❖

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John 11:44, “*And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, ‘Loose him, and let him go.’*”

In John 11 we have the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. When Jesus called for Lazarus to come forth, we see he was bound hand and foot with graveclothes. Jesus then told them to loose him.

We also are “bound” to death. There is no way we can escape it. It will come. For some it comes very early in life. For others, they live to be around a century. The Psalmist said in Psalms 90:10, “*The days of our years [are] threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength [they be] fourscore years, yet [is] their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*”

Death is an appointment that we cannot avoid or break. Hebrews 9:27, “*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*”

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, and Erin Davis. Lillian Riffle** now has a cast on her broken wrist and will have to wear it for about six weeks.

Mae Walters, sister of Shirley Parson, is now at home following a stroke. Remember the sister of Erin Davis, Chris, who has skin cancer. **Suzanne Bowen**, the grandmother of **Ashton Coppick**, is in the final stages of cancer. **Frances Kidd**, the mother of Vicki McDaniel, had a stroke this past week. She is currently hospitalized in Elizabethtown.

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For the world, this will be the worst day of their lives. For those in the LORD, it's the most glorious and blessed day of our lives. Revelation 14:13, *"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*

The only way this can be is because like Lazarus, Jesus has loosed us from the bonds of death. Revelation 1:19, *"I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."* The keys that Jesus has permits us to escape hell and death. Note that Jesus also says in this verse that He was dead but now alive for evermore. He forever broke the bonds of death.

Only the son of God, Jesus, who broke the bonds of death Himself can free us from death. A physical death will come, but we will rise to eternal life.

John wrote in I John 2:25, *"And this is the promise that he hath promised us, [even] eternal life."* This is a promise from God that we have eternal life. Of course we have to obey and live for the LORD, but eternal life has been promised. It is absolutely

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Sunday, August 5, 2018		
Classes	13	Hebrews 1:8-14
Preaching	19	I Timothy 6:6
Contribution	\$954.00	
Evening	11	Singing (Psalm 16:1-11)
Wednesday, August 8, 2018		
Classes	19	I Chronicles 5:1-26

Visitors— Aug 5 (AM) Paul Evans (Rockmart, GA)

Bible Quiz

Why did Bela dwell toward the east?

Last Week's Answer— Bright clouds (Zechariah 10:1)

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guaranteed and will happen if we live and die in the LORD. We are told in Hebrews 6:18, "That by two immutable things, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." We have this guaranteed promise and hope. Let's use the keys that Jesus has to escape hell and death and lay hold on eternal life.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)