

## **Revelation Lesson 25 Handout**

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### **Ezekiel 38–39 (NASB95)**

**<sup>1</sup>**And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

**<sup>2</sup>**“Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him

**<sup>3</sup>**and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal.

**<sup>4</sup>**“I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords;

**<sup>5</sup>**Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

**<sup>6</sup>**Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you.

**7<sup>th</sup> "Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them.**

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**"ROSH, MESHECH AND TUBAL" IN EZEKIEL 38 REFERS TO RUSSIA, MOSCOW AND TOBOLSK, TWO OF RUSSIA'S MAJOR CITIES.**

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**THE LOCATION OF MAGOG IN THE LAND MASS BETWEEN ANCIENT ARMENIA AND MEDIA--IN SHORT, THE REPUBLICS SOUTH OF RUSSIA AND NORTH OF ISRAEL, COMPRISED OF AZERBAJIAN, AFGHANISTAN, TURKESTAN, CHECHNYA, TURKEY, IRAN AND DAGESTAN—**

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**8<sup>th</sup> "After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them.**

**9<sup>th</sup> "You will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you."**

**10**“Thus says the Lord God, “It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan,

**11**and you will say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates,

**12**to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are now inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world.’

**13**“Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages will say to you, ‘Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?’ ” ’

**14**“Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “On that day when My people Israel are living securely, will you not know it?

**15**“You will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army;

**16**and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It shall come about in the last days that **I will bring you against My land**, so that the nations may know Me when I am sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog.”

**17** Thus says the Lord God, "Are you the one of whom I spoke in former days through My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them?"

**18** "It will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," declares the Lord God, "that My fury will mount up in My anger."

**19** "In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel."

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**ZECHARIAH 14:3** Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when He fights on a day of battle. **4** On that day His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. **5** And you shall flee to the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with Him.

**Ezek. 38:20** "The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground."

**<sup>21</sup>“I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains,” declares the Lord God. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother.**

**<sup>22</sup>“With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone.**

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### **2 Corinthians 12:3–4 (NASB95)**

**<sup>3</sup>And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—**

**<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.**

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### **Revelation 2:7 (NASB95)**

**<sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.’**

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**Luke 23:43 "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise"**

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## **Luke 16**

**<sup>19</sup>Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.**

**<sup>20</sup>And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,**

**<sup>21</sup>and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.**

**<sup>22</sup>Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.**

**<sup>23</sup>In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.**

**<sup>24</sup>And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'**

**<sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.**

**<sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'**

**27**“And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house—

**28**for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

**29**“But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’

**30**“But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’

**31**“But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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## Near-Death Experiences and Hell

I came across a book written by a cardiologist at the University of Tennessee that corroborates an important aspect of the biblical message. In the course of their emergency room work, Dr. Maurice Rawlings and his colleagues interviewed more than 300 people who claimed near-death experiences. What made Rawlings' study distinct is that the interviews were not conducted months or years later but immediately after the experiences had allegedly occurred—while the patients were still too shaken up in the immediacy of the moment to gloss over or to re-imagine what they had experienced.

Nearly 50 percent of them reported encountering images of fire, of tormented and tormenting creatures, and other sights hailing from a place very different from heaven. In follow-up interviews much later many of these same people had changed their stories, apparently unwilling to admit to their families, maybe even to themselves, that they had caught a glimpse of something like what the Bible calls hell.

Dr. Rawlings concludes, "Just listening to these patients has changed my life. There is a life after death, and if I don't know where I'm going, it is not safe to die." *Dan Meyer, "The Light at the End of the Tunnel,"*

## **2 Corinthians 5:8 (NASB95)**

**<sup>8</sup>we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.**

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## **Philippians 1:23 (NASB95)**

**<sup>23</sup>But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;**

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## **Matthew 25:41 (NASB95)**

**<sup>41</sup>“Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;**

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## **Mark 9:45–46 (NASB95)**

**<sup>45</sup>“If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than, having your two feet, to be cast into hell,**

**<sup>46</sup>[where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.]**

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## **Revelation 20:10 (NASB95)**

**<sup>10</sup>And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**

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## **Hebrews 10:31 (NASB95)**

**<sup>31</sup>It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

## **Hebrews 12:29**

**For our God is a consuming fire.**

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**Rev. 20:11** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

**12** And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

**13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

**14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

**15** And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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## **Mark 8:36**

**For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?**

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## **John 5:22 (NASB95)**

**22** For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

## **Acts 17:31 (NASB95)**

**<sup>31</sup>because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”**

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