

## A Comparison of Isaiah 24:21-23 and Revelation 20

There are some who would say that Revelation 20 contains descriptions that are not quoted or alluded to in other Scripture. We disagree with this position for the following reasons:

1. Scripture is unified and speaks with one voice as to the descriptions and events of the end times.
2. The descriptions in the Old Testament and New Testament hold the key to understanding the events, chronology and unity of the Bible.
3. It is impossible for God to contradict Himself, therefore we seek the unity of the Bible as the prophets and apostles recorded the text.

Isaiah 24	Revelation 20
<p>21. So it will happen in that day, That the LORD will <b>punish the host of heaven on high</b>, And the <b>kings of the earth on earth</b>.</p>	
<p>22. They will be gathered together Like <b>prisoners in the dungeon</b>, And will be confined in prison;</p> <p>And after <b>many days</b> they will be punished.</p>	<p>1-3 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a <b>thousand years</b>; and <b>he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him</b>, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the <b>thousand years</b> were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.</p> <p>7-10 When the <b>thousand years</b> are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, <b>Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.</b> <b>And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.</b> <b>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</b></p>



	και ο διαβολος ο πλανων αυτους εβληθη εις την λιμνην του πυρος και θειου οπου και το θηριον και ο ψευδοπροφητης και βασανισθησονται ημερας και νυκτος εις τους αιωνας των αιωνων
23. και τακησεται η πλινθος και πεσειται το τειχος οτι βασιλευσει κυριος εν σιων και εν ιερουσαλημ και ενωπιον των πρεσβυτερων δοξασθησεται	

We maintain that the phrase “after many days” is consistent with the descriptions of the thousand years (τα χιλια ετη), the same phrase “after many days” being found in Ezekiel 38:

Ezek. 38:8 “**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.”

We maintain that this phrase “after many days”, accompanied by its concurrent descriptions in the prophets, relate the same concept of the thousand years in Revelation 20. We also note that Gog and Magog appear after the thousand years is near its completion, which is consistent in Ezekiel and Revelation.