Prophecy devo #35 - The Millennium

The Millennium is reign of Jesus Christ on earth. It will last 1,000 years, which is mentioned six times in Revelation 20:1-6). Four specific events are mentioned in connection with the Millennium. 1. Satan will be bound for 1,000 years (1-3). An angel will apprehend him and cast him into the bottomless pit (the abyss, the lowest part of Hades). He will remain there for the entire Millennium, so he can't deceive the nations until he is released. 2. Saints will reign 1,00 years. We will sit on thrones (4). This will include those who survive the Tribulation, those who will be martyred, and those who did not worship the Antichrist or receive his mark. Christ's Old Testament saints and New Testament saints will share His reign. This is referred to as the first resurrection (5). The wicked dead will be raised and judged after the Millennium. The first resurrection includes all the righteous saints who will be raised before the Millennium begins. 3. Satan will be released after 1,000 years (7). He will be released from the abyss. He will go out to deceive the nations again (8). The nations will be led by Gog and Magog. This is not the same as the previous battle of the same name. Gog and Magog are the demonic forces that led the invasion from the North (Ezekiel 38-39). These demonic powers will be released with Satan (8). I believe they are "principalities and powers" who inspire and promote the destruction of Israel. 4. Satan will be remanded (10). The Devil will be cast into the lake of fire, where the beast and the false prophet are. They shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. These two statements prove that Hell is not a place of annihilation but a place of eternal consciousness.