

Battle of Armageddon

A. The Final Seven-Year Agreement Ends

1. Status of Jerusalem must be settled

- a. Palestinians demand east Jerusalem for their capital.
- b. Israel refuses to give up Jerusalem.
- c. God chose to put His name in Jerusalem.
- d. Jerusalem has never been the capital of any other nation on earth.
- e. United Nations will pass a resolution against Israel probably in the form of economic pressure and sanctions.
- f. United Nations will side with the Palestinians.

2. World government invades Israel

- a. World Community will think invading Israel is their idea. However, it is God's idea.
- b. God will gather the nations.
- c. This will be a showdown between God and the governments of this world.

Zechariah 14:2

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle...

B. The Sixth Vile

1. The Kings of the East

- a. Euphrates River dried up to prepare the way
- b. Mechanism in place to facilitate the invasion of Israel
- c. Oratory is key to world leadership.
- d. The Antichrist and False Prophet will work miracles and influence nations.
- e. Demonic spirits draw the world's leaders to Israel.

Revelation 16:12-14

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

C. Last Minute Warning

1. This warning is to the saints just before the Second Coming of Jesus.

Revelation 16:15

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

D. Armageddon

1. Armageddon comes from two words: Har Megiddo = Hill of Megiddo.

Revelation 16:16

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

2. Who are the "Kings of the East?"

- a. Ezekiel 38-39 gives us a detailed account of the Battle of Armageddon.
- b. Meschah: Root word for Moscow
- c. Persia: Iran
- d. Togarmah: Turkey
- e. Russia, Iran, Turkey, Ethiopia, Lybia will all participate in the invasion of Israel.

Ezekiel 38:2-6

Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

3. In the latter years

- a. Thou shalt come against the mountains of Israel.
- b. Israel is the nation that is brought forth out of the nations.
- c. Israel has been sifted through the nations and was reborn on May 14, 1948.

Ezekiel 38:7-8

Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

4. God's fury will come up in His face.

- a. God will be jealous for Israel.
- b. He will pour out His wrath on the armies invading Israel.
- c. There will be a great shaking in the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 38:18-19

And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

5. A great earthquake

- a. Kingdoms of the world are toppled.
- b. Earthquake happens during the Battle of Armageddon.
- c. Seven thousand will be killed in Jerusalem.
- d. Kingdom of God established and the end of human government.

Revelation 11:13

And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Revelation 11:15

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

6. Mountains shall be thrown down.

- a. Every wall shall fall to the ground.
- b. All creatures of the earth and men shall shake at His presence.

Ezekiel 38:20, 22

So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

7. I will plead against Russia with great hailstones.

- a. These hailstones are the vials of God's wrath being poured out.
- b. Same seven vials found in Revelation 16 are the same vials described in Ezekiel 38.

E. The Seventh Vial**1. God's wrath is poured out upon the earth.**

- a. History's greatest earthquake
- b. Islands and mountains moved
- c. Armies will not be prepared for this great hail.
- d. Great hail will weigh 1 talent each.
- e. Fire and brimstone

Revelation 16:17-18, 20-21

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

2. I will be known in the eyes of the nations.

- a. They shall know that I am the LORD!
- b. All mankind will know there is one God and Jesus Christ is that one God!

Ezekiel 38:23

Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

3. All but a sixth of Russia will be destroyed.

- a. I will bring you upon the mountains of Israel.
- b. God will bring Russia up from the north.
- c. There is no doubt the Battle of Armageddon will culminate in the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:1-2

Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

4. I will make My holy name known.

- a. I won't let Israel pollute My holy name anymore.
- b. The heathen will know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Ezekiel 39:7

So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.

5. Russia will have its own cemetery in Israel.

- a. Israel will bury the dead of Russia for seven months.
- b. This burial happens after the Battle of Armageddon.
- d. Men will work full-time burying the Russian dead.
- e. The dead will be buried in the valley of Hamongog.

Ezekiel 39:11-15

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog. And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God. And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog.

F. Proof the War of Ezekiel 38-39 is Armageddon***Ezekiel 39:17-20***

And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God.

1. Ezekiel account of Armageddon

- a. God's great sacrifice for the beast and the fowls
- b. You will eat the flesh of the mighty and drink the blood of the princes of the earth.
- c. Ezekiel 39:17-20 is the same account of Armageddon as in Revelation 19:17-18.

2. Revelation account of Armageddon

- a. Supper of the great God
- b. That you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of the mighty men.
- c. Ezekiel 39:17-20 is the same account as Revelation 19:17-18.

Revelation 19:17-18

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

3. Battle will begin in the Plain of Megiddo

- a. The armies of Russia, Iran, Turkey, Ethiopia, Lybia and other nations will invade Israel in the north.
- b. This valley is a natural theater for war.
- c. Many famous battles have been fought at Megiddo.

- d. Gideon's battle with the Midianites was fought at Megiddo (Valley of Jezreel).
- e. King Saul and his sons died on Mount Gilboa during a battle at Megiddo.
- f. WWI – Great Britain's Lord Allenby thought he was fighting the Battle of Armageddon at Megiddo.
- g. Allenby was called Lord of Armageddon.

4. Israel will be slowly driven back by the superior forces of the World Community.

- a. Israel makes its last stand at Jerusalem.
- b. Half of Jerusalem falls to the Antichrist forces.
- c. Israel appears to be on the brink of being wiped off the map.

Zechariah 14:2

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

5. Jews cry for their Messiah to come

- a. Jews have been taught their Messiah will come when they need Him most.
- b. The Jewish soldiers will look up and cry for their Messiah to come.
- c. When Israel is on the brink of defeat, Jesus will descend from Heaven.
- d. The church will be changed from mortal to immortal and will be caught up to meet Him in the air.

6. Then shall the Lord go forth.

- a. Jesus will touch down on the Mount of Olives.
- b. His saints will be with Him.
- c. The Jewish people will rush out to meet Him.

Zechariah 14:3-4

Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

7. Israel goes out to meet their Messiah.

- a. Where did you get these wounds?
- b. Two thousand years of blindness will fall from their eyes.
- c. They will mourn for Him and bow before Him.
- d. Israel will turn to Jesus en masse.

Zechariah 12:9-10

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Zechariah 13:6

And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

8. All Israel shall be saved

- a. Jesus takes out from the Gentiles a people for His Name's sake.
- b. He will turn to Israel and all will receive Him as their Messiah.
- c. All Israel will convert to Him at that time.

Romans 11:25-26

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

9. The governments of this world will be destroyed

- a. End of human government on earth
- b. The Kingdom of God will be established.

Daniel 7:9

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10. Antichrist and the False Prophet cast into the lake of fire

- a. At His Second Coming, Jesus will defeat the armies of the Antichrist.
- b. Satan will deceive the nations no more.

Revelation 19:20

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

11. Satan bound in the bottomless pit

- a. One thousand years without a devil
- b. There will be no war during this 1,000 years of peace.
- c. Satan's specialty is deceiving people.
- d. Make sure your faith is based upon the truth.

Revelation 20:1-3

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Jesus Crowned King of kings and Lord of lords!***Revelation 17:14***

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

The saints, now immortal, will be with Jesus at Armageddon. They will rule and reign with Him as kings and priests for the next 1,000 years.