Rev34 - When Man Fights God - Revelation 19:17-21

<u>DISCUSS CURRENT WAR-STATE in Israel/Iran</u> <u>Put Up Amir Telegraph - Graphic</u>

I want to talk to you today about MAN - FIGHTING GOD

We're **gonna look** at the **Final Battle** of the **ARMIES** of this **World** - **AGAINST GOD**

& <u>we're</u> gonna <u>see Jesus Christ</u>

<u>DECIMATE</u> His <u>Enemies</u> - with <u>A WORD</u>

The Armies of the World will Gather Together to FIGHT GOD

& with a WORD from the mouth of Jesus Christ

They will ALL become VULTURE TREATS
In the Valley of ARMAGEDDON

As ALL Bible texts do
This text makes me think - about US

& <u>about how WE</u> can <u>FIGHT</u> against <u>God</u> in <u>So Many</u> Ways

& so - here's what I'd like to Ask US today

If THIS is how ALL Battles against God
are going to END

Then - IS IT A GOOD IDEA for me to be FIGHTING GOD TODAY?

The **Battle** of **ARMAGEDDON might** be a **Powerful Encouragement**

for <u>us</u> to <u>RE-CONSIDER</u> our own "going TOE-to-TOE" with GOD

We <u>ARE</u> going to talk about - the <u>PROPHETIC Side</u> of the <u>Final Battle or ARMAGEDDON</u>

But what is really most important

is **that** we **TAKE** the **Prophetic Side** of the **Battle of Armageddon**

& APPLY it to OUR Lives - Personally - Today

Let's Pray

You are prob Familiar - w/ the word ARMAGEDDON

<u>ARMAGEDDON</u> is <u>used frequently</u> - to describe "<u>end of the world</u>" - "<u>cataclysmic</u>" events

But - (Biblically) the word ARMAGEDDON

Does NOT - refer to a SPECIFIC BATTLE

Instead - it refers to a SPECIFIC PLACE

The Word - ARMAGEDDON is a *Transliteration* of Two HEBREW Words - HAR - MEGIDDO

<u>HAR</u> - <u>means</u> <u>MOUNT</u> <u>MEGIDDO</u> - <u>comes from</u> the <u>Root Word</u> - that <u>means</u> <u>SLAUGHTER</u>

But - MEGIDDO is also a Place

HAR MEGIDDO - the Mount of Megiddo
& it is One of the Most Awesome places to stand in Israel

Har Megiddo is situated perfectly in the JEZREEL VALLEY

For armies to be able to - GUARD a Narrow Pass

of the Most important Trade Route in that part of the World - THE VIA MARIS

& <u>Because of that</u> - <u>There</u> have <u>been</u> <u>SO MANY Battles</u> fought <u>HERE</u>

That Archeologists have un-covered

26 LAYERS of Cities built on Mount Megiddo

from the **Destruction** & **Rebuilding** of **Battle after Battle**

In 1799, Napoleon Bonaparte stood HERE at Megiddo -

& he said "All the armies of the world could maneuver their forces on this vast plain . . . There is no place in the whole world more suited for war than this . . .

This is a picture I took - <u>IN 2002 (or '03)</u> of The <u>Valley of Armageddon</u> - (Jezreel Valley)

Taken from <u>Har-Megiddo</u> - - notice - <u>rainbow</u>



& <u>Here</u> is a <u>Pic</u> of <u>Current-Day Megiddo</u> & the <u>Valley of Armageddon</u> that it <u>protects</u>



So - <u>Let's Be Reminded</u>

HOW the <u>Armies</u> of the <u>World</u> - <u>GET GATHERED here</u>

Turn back to - Revelation 16:12-16 (NLT)

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12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and it dried up so that the kings from the east could march their armies toward the west without hindrance.

13 And I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet.

14 They are demonic spirits who work miracles and go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God the Almighty.

(Let's SKIP v.15 for 1 minute) . . .

16 And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name Armageddon.

This is **the beginning** of the **Armies of the World Assembling** at **Armageddon**

& notice - it's the entire Un-Holy Trinity

Sending Demonic Spirits - to Gather the Armies of the World together in one place

These <u>Demons</u> are <u>Using - ALL</u> the <u>tools of Hell</u> to <u>draw</u> these <u>Armies</u> to this <u>Battle</u>

& the Armies of the World Think

they are coming to Destroy

Jerusalem & the Jews - Once & For All

But - Just As it is - when WE Fight God . . .

The <u>ARMIES</u> of the <u>World</u> have - <u>THEIR PLAN</u> <u>BUT GOD</u> Has - a <u>DIFFERENT PLAN</u>

& <u>So</u> - We <u>Have GOT</u> to <u>Pay ATTENTION</u> - to the <u>WARNING</u> <u>Inserted Right</u> in the <u>Middle</u> of these <u>Vs's</u>

<u>Jesus says in - Revelation 16:15 (NLT)</u>

15 "Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their clothing ready so they will not have to walk around naked and ashamed."

In <u>other words</u> . . . <u>DON'T</u> Get <u>Caught</u> on the <u>Wrong Side</u> of this <u>BATTLE</u> <u>With</u> your <u>PANTS DOWN</u>

& <u>personally</u> - <u>I don't want</u> to <u>get caught</u> on the <u>Wrong side</u> - of <u>ANY Battle</u> with <u>God</u>

& So - AS these Armies

are <u>ALL GATHERING</u> & <u>PREPARING</u>
In the Valley of Armageddon

JESUS is going to CRACK the SKY & ALL the world will SEE Him!

& the <u>Armies</u> of the <u>World</u> are going to <u>TURN</u> to <u>Fight</u> - <u>their Ultimate Common Enemy</u> - <u>GOD</u>

& Satan has PLAYED - right into God's Hand

As <u>The Anti-Christ</u> has <u>prepared</u> the <u>Armies</u> of the <u>World</u> for the <u>Final Battle</u> of <u>ARMAGEDDON</u>

At that Moment - Jesus will come - IN AN INSTANT

& <u>those</u> who have <u>Gathered</u> - to <u>FIGHT God</u>
Will be <u>DECIMATED</u> - In <u>An INSTANT</u>

Psalm 2:1-6 (NLT)

- 1 Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans?
- 2 The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against his anointed one.
- 3 "Let us break their chains," they cry, "and free ourselves from slavery to God."
- 4 But the one who rules in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them.
- 5 Then in anger he rebukes them, terrifying them with his fierce fury.
- 6 For the Lord declares, "I have placed my chosen king on the throne in Jerusalem, on my holy mountain."

& Guys - When <u>WE</u> talk about <u>US Fighting Against God</u> - in our <u>own lives</u>

The Question IS - Have <u>WE</u> Placed God's Chosen King on the <u>Throne of OUR LIVES</u>

OR - Are we Angry at God & Preparing for Battle with Him

Are you getting the IDEA?

Do you think it's time (finally) to actually LOOK at the Battle of Armageddon in Rev 19?

We've done all the Background

Now we can just Focus on the END-RESULT

For <u>those</u> who <u>choose</u> to go <u>Toe-to-Toe</u> with the <u>Almighty God</u>

Remember - the **Vs's** leading **INTO our Text** today are **about** - the **RETURN** of **Jesus Christ**!!

& we Pick it up today, Right AT the 2nd Coming

& today's Text starts - with a DINNER BELL!!

Revelation 19:17 (NLT) → →

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17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to the vultures flying high in the sky: "Come! Gather together for the great banquet God has prepared.

2 msg's ago we talked about
The Marriage Banquet of the Lamb

& In the <u>Marriage Banquet</u> - Those who <u>BELONG to Christ</u> are the <u>GUESTS AT the Banquet</u>

BUT - At THIS Great Banquet

The **ENEMIES of Christ** - **BECOME the Banquet**

& the Invited GUESTS . . . Are the VULTURES

& what is it - they will be FEASTING on ?

(Angel says to Vultures) Revelation 19:18 (NLT)

18 Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and strong warriors; of horses and their riders; and of all humanity, both free and slave, small and great."

<u>Jesus Christ</u> showed up at <u>this Battle</u> in our <u>Last Msg</u> & <u>ALL the SAINTS</u> - & <u>ALL the ANGELS</u> - <u>WITH HIM</u>

But then God says - No . . . Wait . . . There's one more thing . . .

I'm **gonna need ALL THE VULTURES** to **Clean Up The Mess** I'm about to **make**

& then <u>John sees</u>
those who are about to become - VULTURE TREATS

Revelation 19:19 (NLT)

19 Then I saw the beast (Antichrist) and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. (that's Jesus, with US).

The Kings of the Earth - Are preparing to Fight Against God

& I'm saying - WHAT in the World are You THINKING ??

But - <u>sometimes</u> When <u>I'M Fighting</u> Against <u>God</u>
I'm <u>sure God</u> is <u>saying</u> the <u>Exact Same thing</u> - <u>to ME</u>

So - The Clean-Up Crew is on Stand-By

& The world's FEEBLE Armies are ready to Take-On God

But - **Before** the **Vulture Banquet** begins

There are <u>two</u> in this <u>Army</u>
<u>that God</u> has a <u>Very SPECIAL PLACE</u> <u>Reserved For</u>

Revelation 19:20 (NLT) \rightarrow \rightarrow

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20 And the <u>beast</u> was captured, and with him the <u>false prophet</u> who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the <u>beast</u> and his <u>false prophet</u> <u>were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur</u>.

The Antichrist & the False Prophet
Are Snatched Up by God

& they are Thrown ALIVE - into the Lake of Fire

They **get** to **BYPASS** - **PHYSICAL Death** & **Head STRAIGHT** to **ETERNAL Death**

& <u>they are</u> the <u>First Two Occupants</u> of the <u>Eternal Lake</u> of <u>Fire</u> (talk about in Ch 20)

BUT - 1,000 Yrs later - when Satan is thrown in WITH Them

Ch 20 says they will ALL

Be Tormented Day & Night, Forever & Ever

- So Jesus Christ is In The Air over the Armies of the World
- WE are with Him Along with All the Angels
- <u>The Vultures</u> are <u>ready</u> to begin the <u>Clean-Up</u>
- <u>The Antichrist</u> & <u>False Prophet</u> Have <u>entered</u>
 <u>Eternal Judgment</u>

& now - It's All Over - But - ONE FINAL WORD

This World has been AT WAR with God for SUCH a LONG TIME

& <u>God</u> has <u>been so merciful</u> for <u>so many thousands</u> of years

But - When this Day Finally comes - the Enemies of God Will be JUDGED - with A WORD from the Lord Jesus

Revelation 19:21 (NLT)

21 Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies.

We <u>talked lst wk</u> - about <u>the Sword</u> that is the <u>Word Spoken</u> by Jesus

It is the <u>LONG SWORD</u> that <u>CUTS DOWN</u> everything in its <u>PATH</u>

- & WITH A WORD The Enemies of God ARE SLAIN
- & the Vultures of the earth are GORGED with their flesh

We need to KNOW

When <u>Armageddon</u> <u>DOES Come</u>
When <u>God's Judgment MUST come</u>

There is **going** to be a **Very Clear Line Drawn** with **NO Gray** area

EVERY Single **PERSON** will **either** be **FIGHTING AGAINST GOD** - or **ON GOD'S SIDE**

But that's NOT just True for the Final Battle of Armageddon

That's **JUST AS** True **For US Fighting** our **Battles** - **TODAY**

When it comes to the battles
We are Fighting - in OUR OWN lives TODAY

Weare either

FIGHTING - AGAINST GOD
Or FIGHTING - ON GOD'S SIDE

Why not fight your Battles
WITH GOD - Instead of AGAINST GOD

In that Battle you're in TODAY

RUN TO GOD - for **PROTECTION**For **STRENGTH** - & for **VICTORY**

<u>Because Ultimately</u> - <u>GOD WINS !!</u> & IN Christ - YOUR Ultimate VICTORY - is GUARANTEED

Jesus said in John 6:37 (ESV)

37 . . . whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

SO You can either - FIGHT Against HIM
Or you can COME to Him - & JOIN HIM

When Man FIGHTS with God - & Man LOSES

That is especially TRUE
In the Final Battle of Armageddon

But (in a lesser sense)
it is also true for us, TODAY

When Man FIGHTS with God - Man LOSES

& whether it's the Battle of Armageddon

Or <u>it's something you</u> are <u>fighting</u> with <u>God</u> about <u>today</u>

Ultimately - **God** is **going to WIN**

& you can Either FIGHT AGAINST HIM - or JOIN HIM

Do you know WHY we Raise our Hands to God?

Because it is an ACT of SURRENDER!!

I Surrender to The Lord

- I Surrender MY WAY to YA-WAY
- I Surrender MY WILL To YOUR WILL

YOU are the **Sovereign OMNIPOTENT GOD**

& I want to be READY - when You Return

I Surrender to You TODAY

so that I will be WITH YOU - & NOT AGAINST you

BOTH - For TODAY

& <u>for that Day</u> when <u>you Return</u> for the <u>Final Battle</u> on <u>Earth</u>

Let's Pray