

APOCALYPSE: It is Done!

Revelation 16:12-21

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I. Man's Final **Battle** (v.12-16)

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I. **Man's FINAL BATTLE** (v.12-16)

It seems that mankind loves WAR. Only 8% of world history has been a time of peace. The rest has seen war in various parts of the earth. In fact, it's estimated that from 3600 BC, there have been killed in war 3.64 million people. The value of destroyed property from all world wars would pay for a golden belt to encircle the entire earth - 100 miles wide and 33 feet thick - Pure gold!!

THE BATTLE'S PATH - "Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared."

- "**Euphrates**" is one of the most important rivers in the entire Bible. It is over

1,800 miles long, is mentioned 2x in Scripture, was the eastern border of the Roman Empire, and was the river that nourished the city of Babylon.

- **"Kings from the East"** literally means **"kings of the rising sun"** and therefore has led many commentators to believe that this will be an Asian coalition coming against the Antichrist during the battle of Armageddon.
Progression of the Armageddon Campaign: Gog & Magog (Eze 38-39); Kings of North/South (Dan 11); Kings from the East (Rev 16)

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- The **Frog** was regarded by most middle eastern cultures as an unclean animal
There is **Demonic seduction** to draw armies towards Armageddon.
Psalm 2:2-5 - *"The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure.."*

Demonic influence in human governments today?!? (**Dan 10**)

- **"Har-Megiddo"** is literally the **"hill of Megiddo"**. This cross roads of the ancient world is a highly strategic location, and has been conquered and rebuilt about 25 times, with constant archaeology in progress there today.
Over 200 military battles have happened in the Valley of Megiddo: Tutmoses of **EGYPT** -Sennacherib of **ASSYRIA** -General Titus of **ROME** all battled on this field.
Napoleon Bonaparte stated it was "the greatest battlefield on earth!"

THE BATTLE'S PRECAUTION - 15 *"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."*

- Believers today should be **waiting**.. (1Thess **1:10**)
- Believers today should be **watching**.. (Lk 24:28)
- Believers today should be **working**.. (1Cor **15:58**)

II. **God's FINAL JUDGEMENT** (v.17-21)

A GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT - 17 *Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne,*

saying, "**It is done!**"

- Finally, after 7 years, and half the world's population dead, the Lord's program of judgement is now complete. The 7 **SEAL** judgements are done, the 7 **TRUMPET** judgements are over, and now the 7 **BOWL** judgements are finished.
- Remember, the Tribulation had 3 main purposes:
WAKE UP a nation.. it's done!
MAKE UP a Kingdom.. it's done!
SHAKE UP a world.. it's done!
- This reminds us of the words of Jesus upon the Cross: "***It is finished!***" (Jn 19:30)
*Either **JESUS** pays for sin, or **WE** must pay for our sins!!*

A GREAT EARTHQUAKE - 18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was **a great earthquake**, such a mighty and great earthquake **as had not occurred since men were on the earth.**

- The last judgement will be a shaking of the earth, greater than has ever been felt in the history of the world. It is truly a "mega-quake"
#10 Largest Earthquake: 2012, Indonesia - 8.5 Richter Scale
#6 Largest Earthquake: 2010, Chile - 8.8 Richter Scale
#4 Largest Earthquake: 2011, Japan - 9.1 Richter Scale
#1 Largest Earthquake: 1960, Chile - 9.5 Richter Scale

A GREAT DESTRUCTION - 19 Now the **great city was divided into three parts**, and the **cities of the nations fell**. And **great Babylon** was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.
20 Then **every island fled away**, and **the mountains were not found**.

- **Jerusalem** will be divided into 3 parts due to the earthquake
- Notable **cities** of the world will collapse in utter destruction and ruin
- The city of **Babylon** will be utterly destroyed and laid waste
- Enormous **geographical restructuring** will take place all over planet earth, preparing it for the rule and reign of Christ during the Millenium (Mt 24)

A GREAT HAIL - 21 And **great hail from heaven fell** upon men, each hailstone about **the weight of a talent**. Men **blasphemed God** because of the plague of the hail, since that **plague was exceedingly great.**"

- The penalty for **BLASPHEMY** in the OT is death by stoning, and here, the Lord Himself carries out this tremendous judgment by sending icy hail stones from heaven that weigh over 100lbs (silver talent) or possibly 200lbs (gold talent)!!
 - **Force = Mass x Velocity**
- This judgement will wreak havoc upon the cities and inhabitants of earth - millions more will surely die!*