

Passage: Revelation 19:17-21

Title: The Battle of Armageddon

Summary: Hollywood has made scores of movies, making millions of dollars, regarding “Armageddon”; but in our study today we will see God’s account how things will really be..... and most importantly, WHY they shall be. Join us for a difficult bible passage made clear.

Revelation 19:11–21 (NKJV) ¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS ¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, ¹⁸ that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.” ¹⁹ And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. ²⁰ Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. ²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

(Revelation 19:14 NKJV) And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

This is You and Me

This is you and me here, we are now reading about ourselves, so put yourself in the story. The armies of heaven will include the angels and saints (the angels are a part of this army (Matt. 25:31; 2 Thes. 1:7); and so are the saints (1 Thes. 3:13; 2 Thes. 1:10). Jude describes the same scene (Jude 14-15). The word saints means “holy ones” and could refer to believers or angels). That is going to be cool, saddled up next to an angel (what is up dude). Clothed in fine linen, white and clean. No camouflage, no battle fatigues, no armor, no mention of a sword (I am hoping I get a sword, it’s a guy thing). Maybe we will have swords, I am not totally sure, hopeful though. Whatever the case there will be no need for us to fight, Jesus will wage the war, we will watch in amazement at His great power.

He Said It – Not Me

Verse 14 - clothed in fine linen, white and clean – Clothed in white and clean, fine linen (of the best threads). Imagine your finest dress, or suit, the one you put on and you feel it, it wraps you and displays you. Well He said it, white and clean, not me! Because He said it, that settles it, that is how He sees me and you, as the spotless bride, adorned in white. To which I say, I can’t wait to put those threads on, to be clothed and how He will look at me, smile and be taken away by me, that He will see me as beautiful. Beloved that is how He sees us today as we are made new through His finished work of the cross, but one day we will see his eyes, as He looks at us as His bride.

Like a like the groom sees his bride in white and just say, perfect, beautiful. And I don't think I ever get tired of that. Heaven will never be long and boring to me, because every time he gives me that look, I'm going to go. Are you serious? But there's going to be this moment right here. Without a doubt. We've spent the marriage supper with him while seven years. We'll see as we've studied. But we're going to see him in a whole different way. We're going to get up from this feast. He's going to mount up, and we're going to look at him and we're going to say as well, wow, you know, there's a beauty in strength, there's a security in strength. And when we look at him, we're going to see just the beauty of holiness and clothed and and totally enveloped in strength. And that's the God of strength today to become to you and me all that we need today. I'll bring you a security. I can bring you a rest.

Will we ever tire of that look? I think not!

Can't wait for heaven 😊

(Revelation 19:15 NKJV) Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

With a Brooding Heart

This all happens with a brooding heart, as God's heart breaks that it has come to this.

(Revelation 8:1 NKJV) When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

(Revelation 8:2 NKJV) And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

(Revelation 15:7 NKJV) Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

(Revelation 15:8 NKJV) The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Sword – Rule – Rod (Nations Rage)

19:15 – “sword” – (Greek “hromphaia”) Lit. “the long Thracian sword or one longer than most.” The same word is sometimes used to describe a javelin, a sword sufficiently light and long to be thrown as a spear.

- “strike” – Lit. “strike down.”

- “rule” – or “shepherd.” (Psalm 2:8,9)

- “rod” – or “scepter.”

- “fierceness and wrath” – Jesus is expressing the fury of His hatred toward sin and rebellion.

This is fierceness as has never before been seen.

Psalm 2:1–9 (NKJV) ¹ Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, ³ “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.” ⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. ⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶ “Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.” ⁷ “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

*Psalm 2:10–12 (NKJV)*¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Sermon Transcript

But here he's being very clear. He himself treads the winepress of fierceness and the wrath of Almighty God. When we were in Israel, when I was in Israel in 1996, they took us to a replica of what the land would be like at the time of Jesus.

And even there was another place over here at the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But I never forget the the replica of the time of Jesus. And one of the things that they I love the the sheepfold, and they showed how the shepherd would build up this wall, stone wall, maybe some of it was just thorn and, you know, bristle type thing of, branches and whatnot, and it would make a wall, but there would be this opening, which was about 5 or 6ft wide. And in that it's the perfect picture of Jesus, the Shepherd, and I am the door. And what they would say is the shepherd would sleep, that he would bring all the sheep into the into this fold that was surrounded by these walls. And then he would sleep across the door, and so the sheep would feel the security that the door is closed by my shepherd. And we see the beauty that Jesus calls us as sheep. There's only one way in by the Lamb of God, the great Shepherd.

But he sleeps across that door. And then the other part of that would be that any robber type, or any thieves or any abusers, they would have to go through that opening to get to these sheep. That means they'd have to go through the shepherd. Just a beautiful picture of our Lord. And then we see it here again in this picture. Man, you want to come and touch my sheep. You got to get through me first and I'll determine what I allow. And to the limit. I allow it for my glory and or for my protection. And these things. Well, the other thing that they had was how do they make wine in this day? And so they had this stone wall that was about three feet high. And then it was a total smooth rock base to it, and it had a slight slope to it, then a drop down to like a, drainage and then through a pipe hole, it went into another like smaller, stone and circular encapsulation that had a smooth finish.

And then over it was a post with a rope. And so the wine maker and everybody made their own wine. Pretty much. That's the only way you could purify the water to make it drinkable without getting disease and sickness. And so you would load it up with these grapes, and then the person would come in and take off their sandals, gird their robe, and they would step in and they would hold on to the rope because it was going to get slippery in there. And they would tread the grapes they would tread, and they're separating the, the, the, the substance from the liquid. And as they tread it down thoroughly, then it would turn into this liquid and it would flow through this little trench into the next place that then they would scoop, and then they would put it in the barrels and let it ferment and become that wine. But the point of it is, the wine maker would hold that rope and tread long and thorough. And there was this place, light treading, light result thorough treading.

Every last drop, thorough vat filled with this fruit of the vine. And this is what the Lord he's making this picture and we just saw and we read that his robe is dipped in blood, and he's making this point that I'm coming and I'm going to tread this thoroughly. I need to tell you, as we read a passage like this, God has such a word for us, even as what we're reading, of what this is going to be in this battle that's coming again, it's the wrath of the lamb against the Christ rejecting world. But he wants to speak to us through this passage. And so one of the things, if you would, would you turn with me to Psalm chapter two? And if you're a really quick flipper, you can flip to acts four when you get there. Psalm chapter two. What we're reading here is a quote from Psalm chapter two. David would write it and he's speaking. maybe you have a title. The Messiah is Triumph and Kingdom, and you'll hear some words that are so correlating to what we're read.

We'll see their quotes in many ways. And again, we're going to jump into acts four because there's a power in the passage for us, Psalm chapter two, verse one. And all these notes will be posted online before the night's over. Attached to this message. Why do the nations rage and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves. And the rulers take counsel together against the Lord's and against his anointed, saying, let us break their bonds and 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. Yet I have set my King on my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree. The Lord has said to me, you are my son, today I have begotten you. There's a reference to that in Hebrews. But here for us today ask of me, and I will give you the nations of your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possessions you shall break them with the rod of iron.

You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel. The Lord is using this passage here in this battle of Armageddon. And all these nations think they're going to come and defeat the Lord. They're going to come and think that they can actually usurp the authority of the Lord on this earth. And he makes that statement, I laugh at you. God says, I laugh that you think that you could come and rage against me and have any type of victory, but the power that comes with this, if you would turn acts for acts chapter four and we can take a little look. See it. starting in chapter three, I'll just give you a high level of what's going on here. the church is birthed, acts, Jesus resurrects the church's birth acts. Chapter two. Here we come to acts chapter three. Peter and John. Now we go, wow, this is awesome. So John is writing the book of revelation. Him and Peter, verse one, chapter three went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer in the ninth hour.

Now people church, they haven't come into a resistance yet. There's almost a excitement that's happening at this point in okay, Jesus crucified Rose again on the third day, pours his spirit out. The church is birth and there's this place that they that it's not this full resistance as we know it as of yet coming against the church. So they're going to the temple. That's what they know to do. They're going up for the hour of prayer and they come. And here's a lame man, as the story would go, he's been lame since birth. And Jesus, Peter looks at him, says those great words, silver and gold, have I not? But in the name of Jesus arise and walk. And so we have this power, and this man gets up and he walks while all the people go, this is amazing that that this has just happened. They're all going to the temple. Thousands and thousands of people go to the temple and all these people are like, wait, we know that man.

And you know the real thing when you see the real thing and they know the real thing is he's been lame since his birth. Like, no one can fake this for all these years. This man has been lame. And yet here comes this man, Peter and John. They come and they speak these words. And this man arises and walks. Everybody says, how can this be? What in the world happen? And so they flood to this. What just happened? Peter doesn't miss the opportunity filled with the Holy Spirit, and he preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of a mighty God. And in acts three verse 19, he says these words, repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. So the times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Jesus Christ, who has preached to you before. And he goes, and he speaks and says, there's only one name under heaven and earth, and a man can be saved.

It's through Jesus Christ. And the resulting 5000 people get saved. Give their life to Christ. I'm digressing. I'm not. But it's fitting for the passage. You know, one man's sorrow brought 5000 thousand people's joy. And I know maybe sometimes there's some things in your life. It just feels painful. You're wondering where God is. Well, God sees you. He knows exactly where you're at. He. You're not missed and you're not overlooked. And yet, through this one man's sorrow. 5000 come to the joy of the Lord. And maybe that's what God's doing in your hard times and your hardship. And I just say, hang in there and see what the Lord's going to do, because he's definitely sees you. So 5000 gets saved. And then in chapter four, as we're leading up to the direct, reference that they'll speak, that we're reading chapter 19 here, I love it in verse 13 as they look and they're saying, how can these things be in verse 13? Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled, and they realized that they had been with Jesus.

That's all you need in power in your life. Just be with Jesus. He invites us to come and eat. He invites us into the sweet time of fellowship with him. But they look and they go. This is unexplainable. All we can know is they had been with Jesus and this is what the resultant is. And so to the promise for us that we see. But we know what happens as we read through the story. They come and they say, we can't stop what you just did. That's a miracle. No one can dispel that. But here's what we're going to tell you. Do not speak the name of Jesus anymore. And Peter says, those bold and great words, should we obey man or should we obey God? You decide. But for us we cannot but speak the name of Jesus. Is any of this starting to sound familiar to you? Think about your day. Think about your life. Think about the media. Think about what you read. Think about what we're being told.

Think about all these type of things. And there comes this place that's coming upon the church. You need to stop speaking boldly. You need to start being quiet. We will tell you what you can speak. We will tell you what you can't. You be quiet and we'll produce the narrative. And if you go against it, sorry for you. We're coming for you. And here's Peter. They come against him. The rage is coming against him and John. They gather together in verse 23 of acts four, and we get to where it correlates to our revelation 19. For this man, verse 22 was over 40 years old, on whom the miracle of healing had been performed. 40 years laid there at that gate and being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, you are God who made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, who by the mouth of your servant David have said.

Psalm to Revelation 19 why did the nations rage and the people plot vain things? The kings of the earth looked there and took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against his Christ. And here's what they come, they come, and they encourage one another with this Psalm two they come and say, look, the world's pressing in. The world is telling us what we can and cannot do, what we can say and cannot say. And they're saying, be quiet, we're giving you the command or or hard times will come. And when you read it, they start to speak this. This Psalm to one another. And what are they literally saying? Why does this nation rage? Do they actually think that they can defeat the Lord? Do they actually think that they can shut us up to they actually think that we're going to cower in these things. And and I look at this church and as we would read through, what they end up saying is, Lord, grant us boldness.

Verse 31. And when they prayed, the place where they assembled together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the Word of God with boldness. Isn't it interesting that they

didn't say, you know what we need, Lord? We're we're seeking you, creator, heaven and earth, all things we need to. We need a supply so we can bunker. Lord, we we need this place that we can retreat to. Lord, we need these resources so that we can sustain. And without the world pressing in upon us. They come, they go. No, no, we don't retreat. We pray, Lord, we don't want a prayer of retreat. We want a prayer of go forth, prayer of power and boldness. And this is what the Lord lays out and applies to them. And he gives them this boldness. And the church continues on. And as we read this psalm, this revelation 19, this is what we're seeing happen here. He's making this statement, and they're using this passage that, you know, the world thinks they're going to meet and press against the Lord and silence Jesus Christ.

And what we see is here he comes, he continues on. And he he's not going to be stopped. And literally revelation 19 verse 15 is, why do you rage? Do you actually think that you can defeat the Lord God Almighty? But before we move on and we said the fierceness of his wrath, it's with a brooding heart. God's heart breaks that it's come to this. And so though there's a judgment, though there's a derision. So there's this place. You know. Why do you rage against me? Yet he still comes with this heart ache. We know that he went in for a half hour silence before he unleashed a set of these judgments to come, because his heart breaks that it's come to this with a brooding heart.

(Revelation 19:16 NKJV) And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Difficult to See Him this Way / Hurt My Kids

He is coming in power. He is coming in fierce power. As children of God it can be difficult for us to see Him this way, so fierce, so frightening (if you are His enemy). From the everyday view most people will say of me, you are a nice guy. But what they don't see, maybe don't know is there is another side of me, that should a person molest or attack my family, my children, there is a fierce side of me that they would never imagine exists, that would be unleash, an anger and wrath to protect my loved ones that no one knew existed. Jesus will unleash His fierce fury upon His enemies that have come against His loved ones.

KING OF KINGS

Verse 16 - And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. – I love this title, and I love the way it is spelled out in all capitals. Let there be no mistaken, who the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS is. This is the only place in the whole Bible that I found this spelled out in all capitals. We see one similar occurrences in the NT, and that was when the sign was hung over Jesus' head when He hung on the cross – and there again, let there be no mistake who the KING OF THE JEWS is!

(Matthew 27:37 KJV) And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

The WORD – the Battle is Over

I've seen artists render this scene with a literal sword protruding from the mouth of the Lord. I don't believe such is the proper view. I believe the "sharp sword" that comes forth from His mouth is simply the Word He speaks—sharper than any two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). Jesus will speak, and the battle will be over.

Sermon Transcript

Well, verse 16, back to revelation 19 as we pick up there and continue on. And he has on his robe and on his thigh a name written King of kings and the Lord of Lords. I find it interesting, as I read through this in my study, the only other place that I found that it's written in all caps like this is Matthew 27, verse 37, and we know the story, the sign that, Pilate would put above the cross.

This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. And here's what's being tied in. This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. All capital letters. Here we come, the revelation of 19, verse 16. And he has on his robe and on his thigh a name written King of kings and the Lord of lords. And what we have here is Jesus is making clear when he comes for this fight, the culmination of all the nations, culmination of all man trying to take the earth and claim it for themselves and remove God from it, and Jesus Christ as the King and rightful owner of it

when he comes on his robe and on his thigh, the name written King of Kings. And the Lord, Lord, he's saying. The man you crucified. 2000 years ago is the God-Man who's on this horse right now. And he brings. And he ties these. It's the same man coming back, rightfully. I came the first time as a lamb for the offering of your sin. This time I come, as I said, that I would, to come for the judgment of those who didn't receive that.

(Revelation 19:17 NKJV) Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

Angel calls Bird / Knows where Victory Lies / Great Example for Us

Verse 17 - Come and gather together for the supper of the great God. - Notice the angel is calling the dinner guests before the battle even begins, he knows where the victory lies. Great example for us, next time you are in a spiritual battle, call the birds to come enjoy God's victory over the enemy, the demons will tremble, for they too know, they just need reminding.

Imagine the Scene

Imagine the scene. They are gathered for war, and before Jesus even appears millions of birds start hovering overhead, imagine how eerie that would, they would be saying this doesn't look good

Sermon Transcript

And in verse 17, then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, come and gather together for the supper of the great God. I find it interesting. Anybody, any homeschoolers in here you would know this? No, no, no offense against public school. How far away is the sun? 93 million miles. And yet an angel can speak and the earth can hear. Amazing. And the amazing thing is, I look and I think of the power of angels, God's angels and their power. When Angel killed 185,000 Assyrians, here's one angel we can speak in his booming voice, heard 93 miles, 93 million miles away. But he speaks, and he says to the birds, come and eat. And the birds believe that the victory is coming. All the birds we just read, they they all start to ascend onto this valley of Megiddo. And we talked about this before, but the valley of Megiddo, it's a land mass between Europe and Asia, runs right through the Middle East, right through Israel.

I believe it's 33 major conflicts have been fought there. Napoleon, Napoleon, then himself. When he came, he looked at it and says, fascinating. All the armies of the world could fight here. And if you went with us when we went to Israel, we saw and it's just this massive plane. Of course, we know the end of this battle. this thing is like 180 miles long. And it says at the end of this battle, the blood will be up to the horse's bridle. That's a ton of blood. That's a lot of blood. And this is what we know is the outcome of this. When this battle was over. And. And this angel gives this call to these birds. Come, there's a banquet. Come and eat. And they believe it, and they come in the surety of this. As I pondered that, and I thought of what the scene would be like an angel standing in the sun. That's one hot angel. I don't know. An angel.

That's a huge angel. Does he block out the sun and darkness falls on the earth? Imagine that scene and then imagine you're in this battle. You think you're coming to victory. Everyone goes into the battle thinking victory's mine. And then I'll say you start hearing all the flapping of birds. Can you imagine the sound, the eeriness of it. And if this angel is blocking the sun at this moment, can you imagine what that would feel like and all these type of things? But before we move on, and as I pondered that this week and I was looking at it, I go, these angels believed when God said when he sent his angels say, come and eat. I'm going to give you a banquet. They came. And the Lord just spoke. Ray, I invite you every day to come and eat. And how many times you're too busy. You're in a hurry. You can still sit and do your devotions. Stand up and go. What was that? I totally forgot whatever I was.

Psalms 34, verse eight. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He says, come and eat. I'm going to prepare a banquet for you every morning. Every day. Let me give you the Word of God. I'm going to prepare a banquet for you in worship. That you can come and just worship me in spirit and truth. And Hebrews two says, And God worships in our midst. I'm going to prepare a banquet for you. On the days that we meet

as a church. And we come and we fellowship. And he puts this amazing banquet on, says, eat unlimited, calorie free as much as you want, come and eat. And here comes all these birds. They believe it. And I say to myself, man, I need to believe it.

(Revelation 19:18 NKJV) "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

The Flesh

6-times the word flesh is used in this passage, dinner for the birds of the air. If you are sowing to the flesh, here is the final outcome

We, man, are but flesh! Who can stand against the Lord Almighty!

Sermon Transcript

Well, verse 18 that you may eat the flesh of the kings, the flesh of the captains, the flesh of the mighty men, the flesh of horses. Anybody hear enough key word here, and those who sit on them, and the flesh of people, free and slave, both small and great.

All this flesh is coming here before this great battle. Six times in these two verses we hear this word flesh. God's making a point. Man is but flesh. Six times flesh. I will come and eat this flesh, and I come, and I do well to remind myself. And you do well to remind yourself. We are but flesh. Anything we want to do in and of ourselves is but flesh. And there is a law of reaping and sowing. And we sow in the flesh, we will reap the flesh. But here's the beautiful thing when we sow in the spirit, we reap in the spirit. We go back to acts chapter two, three and four that we just read. They came. They didn't say, give us fleshly protection, give us fleshly wisdom, give us flesh to deal with what we know. Give us the spirit. And they were baptized again, a supply of the Holy Spirit, that then they were able with boldness to go out and do what the Lord had called them to do, and a law of reaping and sowing.

I can come and say, praise the Lord, if I. So the things of the spirit, when he says, come and eat, and I come and eat of the things of the spirit, the Word of God. And here's the power. Amazing what he puts together for us. His name is called the Word of God. We're going to see when he speaks the sharp two edged sword Hebrews. For the Word of God is living, powerful, sharper than a two edged sword. What he's going to speak is going to be the Word of God, this battle. Just so you know.

Verses 20 and 21 I covered in all about 60s. That's what I did, the first service. He speaks and it's over. It's done because he speaks the Word of God. And what we see here is when the Word of God comes, the flesh must be consumed. When the Word of God shows up, speaks the way, the the flesh, the things of the flesh, the things Of that aren't of the things of the Lord, they immediately will be consumed.

And here's the beautiful part of what the Lord is speaking and showing us. Yes, this is a actual event that's going to happen. But he speaks to us and he shows us here today. You know, every time you let the Word of God step in, in the spirit and truth, the sharp, two edged sword, whatever that is in the flesh, must be consumed. It will be consumed. I remember 30 plus years ago, think I've been walking with the Lord now 33 years, and I was going to church under great Bible teaching. I was reading the word teaching Sunday school. And then God just moved in. My life spoke to me about going to Bible college and the first part of the Bible College was what we call the Chuck tapes, which, by the way, September 9th starts. We're going to do the Bible College here every Monday through Friday from 5 to 7. Chuck tapes, even now they're digital, but we call them Chuck tapes. You'd get hold. And I remember when I started Bible college and I ordered my Chuck tapes, and I remember when they showed up, you would.

I would have thought you just delivered me bricks of gold. And I opened that box and I was like, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, numbers. Dude, I'm imitating Brian who was here, you know, as he teaches those those students down in Haiti. But I open it up and I was like, Genesis through revelation, the Word of God. And I'm telling you what I started in Genesis chapter by chapter, verse by verse 323 or 24 tapes. And as I started to go through those tapes every day. I'm telling you what began to happen. The things in

my flesh had to go. The Word of God in the flesh cannot coexist. And we're seeing here, we're reading here the Word of God and flesh will not coexist. When he shows up with His Word, the flesh will be consumed. And as the Word of God was going through me, the Word of God was going through me, and something had to get out of the way to make room for the Word of God.

And it was the things of my flesh and the things of my personal selfish desires and these type of things. And as the word was moving through me, it was an amazing thing because I could sit there and pray and pray and you never come to fullness until the presence of the Lord. But I was sitting and I could pray, Lord, give me a victory over my anger. Lord, give me a victory over the loose, you know, sharpness of my tongue. And you fill in the rest of so many types of things. And then there was times, I'm just going through these tapes, these Chuck tapes and the word of God's going through me. And I would look in a situation would arise and I would respond spiritually. And I go, wait a minute. I didn't have to pray about this. I didn't have to whip this up, I didn't what is it? And then it was just the obviousness. As I was going through the Word of God, God was transforming me from in, from glory to greater glory.

He was rooting all of these things out, and he was changing me into the image of Jesus Christ. Oh, still a long way to go. I still got to stay in this word, of course, but this is the point that I'm making about this is when the Word of God comes, the flesh has to make room and get out of the way. And we see it in, in a the actual realness and absolute way here. When the Word of God shows up in this battle of Armageddon, the flesh is going to be destroyed six times, six times, six times it is wiped out.

(Revelation 19:19 NKJV) And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

Verse 19 / Armies Gather to Fight Each Other

Verse 19 - And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army: Often this battle is called the battle of good versus evil, but it is important to note that it starts with evil against evil. They first gathered to fight each other, but their common hatred for Jesus will have them unite together to fight Jesus and us.

Battle takes place at Megiddo / Rev 16 / 60 Miles North / Napoleon

We know from chapter 16 that this battle will take place in the Valley of Megiddo. This valley of Megiddo where this final battle will be fought is 60 north of Jerusalem. When Napoleon stood overlooking this valley he said it was the greatest battlefield he had ever saw, and wished he could wage war there. Hundreds of million of men will come to war here, and the blood will flow 180 miles, 3 to 4 feet high. That is unimaginable

(Revelation 14:20 NKJV) And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

Kings are Pawns of Satan

These kings will be pawns of Satan, and be energized to come to this place for the final battle by Satan. The Kings of the East will come with 200,000 million men just in their army alone; the Euphrates river will be dried up to prepare their way:

(Revelation 16:13 NKJV) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

(Revelation 16:14 NKJV) For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

(Revelation 16:16 NKJV) And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

Revelation 17:12–14 (NKJV)¹² "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

(Revelation 9:14 NKJV) saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

(Revelation 9:15 NKJV) So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

(Revelation 9:16 NKJV) Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

Kings of the East – Rising Sun / Severe Famine

The phrase translated “kings of the east” is literally “kings of the rising sun” in the original text. The “land of the rising sun” traditionally and historically referring to both Japan and China, the pieces of the puzzle of prophecy begin to fall into place—for the technology of Japan (and fast up and coming China) and the sheer manpower of China could easily produce the two-hundred-million-man army prophesied in (Revelation 9:14–16). Why would China want to go to war? China has a problem: One and one-half billion people—that is, one of every four people on earth—will live in China, and at this time of the Tribulation there is a tremendous famine going on. To address this situation, the Chinese government imposed a fifteen-year prison sentence on couples with more than a single child. As a result, due to the massive abortion of baby girls, sending their boys to war could be seen differently.

Revelation 9:16–17 (NKJV)¹⁶ Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.

They Worshipped the Anti-christ / Now turn on him

Back in Revelation 13 we saw all the world worshipped the Beast (Anti-christ), they believed he was their deliverer, but by the end of the Tribulation the world sees that he could not deliver what he promised, and insurrections and rebellions begin:

(Revelation 13:8 NKJV) All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Filled with Warfare

The Valley of Megiddo, also called the Jezreel Valley is located sixty miles north of Jerusalem, the Jezreel Valley has been filled with warfare.

- When Gideon and three hundred men overcame the Midianites, it was at the valley below a little hill called Megiddo.
- When Samson took on the Philistines, one of the key battles was at Megiddo.
- King Josiah was killed at Megiddo.
- Deborah and Barak defeated Sisera at Megiddo.
- The Turks, Muslims, Syrians, Egyptians, and the Europeans have all waged war in this valley.
- In his disastrous excursion into Egypt, Napoleon passed through the Jezreel Valley. “If ever there is a place on earth where the last war must be fought,” he declared, “it is here.” The armies of the world will indeed gather at Armageddon. And Antichrist, the false prophet, and Satan himself will meet them there.

Why Satan Gather them Here?

Why would Satan gather all the armies to come fight here?

1st – Destroy Israel

First, to devour Israel. The ultimate anti-Semite is Satan. If He can destroy Israel, Bible prophecy will fail, for how can Jesus return to rule and reign from Israel if Israel ceases to be?

2nd Kill any Believers Left

Second, to destroy believers. Having wiped out the nation Israel, Satan would then wipe out all who oppose him.

3rd – Egypt from South / Russia from North / China from East / All Converge

Finally, to determine who will rule the world. Satan knows he will ultimately encounter God at Megiddo. Daniel 11:40–47 outlines the actual strategy that will be used in this final battle (Daniel 11 is the most detailed Scripture on the Battle of Armageddon – the first 35 verse speak of Antiochus Epiphanes, and then transition into future prophecy of the End Times). While Antichrist is headquartered at Babylon, the king of the south—Egypt and the northern African nations—will launch an insurrection against him. At the same time, the king of the north— (most likely Russia)—will come south in order to assist the Egyptians and the northern African nations in their rebellion against Antichrist. So we see Egypt coming north, Russia coming south, China coming from the east—and they all converge in Megiddo.

(Daniel 11:40 NKJV) "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. (Daniel 11:41 NKJV) "He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. (Daniel 11:42 NKJV) "He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. (Daniel 11:43 NKJV) "He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. (Daniel 11:44 NKJV) "But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. (Daniel 11:45 NKJV) "And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

The Battle First Against Each Other / Then See Jesus

The armies of the world gather in the plain of Jezreel, the valley in northern Israel called the Valley of Megiddo—the place we know as Armageddon. Two hundred million men have come from the East; Antichrist is storming into Jerusalem to secure his power base. According to Daniel 11, the South, which would include the Pan African nations and the Arab states banded together, also head toward Israel, to which the Northern armies come from Europe. They all converge to fight one another. But as the battle begins, everyone looks up and sees One whose eyes are like fire, crowned with many crowns, riding a white horse, leading an innumerable army. And suddenly, all of the weapons of all earth's armies are turned upon this One—which was Satan's intention all along.

First Came Lowly – Now Comes in Power / Lights will Bow Down / How Bright does He Shine?

Jesus, He came lowly the first time riding a colt. This time He comes in powers. In the Book of Matthew it says when Jesus returns that the sun and stars will be darkened. The only light that shines at this time will be Jesus. There will be only one light shining, the Lord of glory, the KING OF KINGS. When Jesus returns to earth, even the light will bow before Him, will not share in His glory. How brightly is Jesus shining in your life? I pray you will let the other lights that compete against Him diminish today, so you can see the brilliance of your God:

(Matthew 24:27 NKJV) "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

(Matthew 24:28 NKJV) "For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

(Matthew 24:29 NKJV) "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

(Matthew 24:30 NKJV) "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Not Magog

Ezekiel 38 and 39. It's called the battle of, it's called the Magog invasion, different from the battle of Armageddon. Or is it? I study and read. This is probably that is echo 3839 is probably some of the most time I've ever that I, I've spent in, you know, my preparation studies, you know, in being a Bible teacher, this Magog invasion.

Ezekiel 36 and 37 God brings Israel back into the land, establishes them as a nation rebirth. We always hit that as like the first point, can a nation be born in a day? May 14th, 1948. Check. We're the generation. How long is the generation? I wish I could tell you. Ezekiel 3839 says, Kings from the east or from the North, a coalition will come down upon Israel at a time of peace. We study and we know as you read it, and I'm not going to deep dive it, but it's Russia got Magog, Persia, that's Iran, and then Turkey and a few others. Libya. But we watch it in the news. Russia, Iran, Turkey unified, coming together stronger and stronger. And we go, wow. And so there's four, four ish. And I read great Bible teachers. And some will say the Magog invasion could happen today. Some will say, no, the Magog invasion can't happen until after the rapture. And the church has taken out.

Some will say no. The Magog invasion is at the mid tribulation point after he goes in and declares himself to be God, then and then the fourth one. And there's still probably four more, but these are the big ones. And the fourth one they go, it's actually the same battle. The battle of Armageddon is the Magog invasion, and each of them have their little issues. And here's the point. And I say it every time I teach the prophecy update. I don't know. And I have no problem saying that, because here's what I know God purposely does it so that we don't know so that we look and are always going. It's imminent. It could happen at any

moment. These type of things, they're forming before our very eyes and therefore my redemption draws near. The rapture is near. He's going to take us out before all these things unfold. And so there's a place that God has for the history of the church. You read Paul. First Thessalonians second says he thought he was living in the rapture.

He thought for sure that he was going to experience the rapture and all these great men, women of God from that time to today all lived with this Expectancy of emergency that we could be the generation. So I love looking at those things. I love next week we'll do this prophecy update. But as I talked about pastor Chuck and the Chuck tapes, there is something that always struck me about what pastor Chuck would say. And it's just like a passage like this, you know, the judgment and wrath of God. It's not going to draw people to salvation. We study it because we it has it before us. It's when you take this and as as the scriptures tell us, it's the goodness of God that leads to salvation. And when I look and I can come to verse 14, the armies of God clothed in white, pure, and I can just look at the goodness of God and go, you saved me. You went the distance. I believe the Word of God that he's speaking in this battle.

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And here's the great application for us. The devil thinks that somehow he can be an exclusion to the Word of God, that somehow he can change what the outcome of the Word of God is. And we go, that's just mad. It's maddening. It's insanity that you think you can change the outcome of the Word of God, that you could somehow be some exclusion to the deaf, the definitive Word of God that says, and you fill in the blanks, I think, and I pray that you know where I'm going, and I pray that the spirit speaks. We can be this I know what your word says, but I'm going to be the exclusion. I know you says you shall not. But I'm going to, because I feel this special exclusion just for me.

And I think you'll understand. Or we can take the word in God, and you fill in the blank and we step and we go and say, I will be the exception. I can do what's contrary to the Word of God. But here's the ultimate outcome always will be never. You and I will never be an exclusion to the power and the word that God's going to speak here. So he draws them. They're all coming. Satan knows it and he thinks he can turn. But here's how. Here's how deep the battle goes, and here's how quick the battle ends.

(Revelation 19:20 NKJV) Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

(Revelation 19:21 NKJV) And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

No Struggle

Note there is not the slightest mention of any struggle (2 Thess 2:8).

2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NKJV) And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

Anti-christ – False Prophet cast Lake of Fire / Hell is Eternal

Both the anti-Christ and the false prophet will be lifted up before the troops and cast into the Lake of fire. They will be the first two thrown into the Lake of fire. The two most wicked men in all the world, ever!

Apparently, then, angels carry the souls of those men straight to the lake of fire.

- "lake of fire" – This seems to be referring to what Jesus called Gehenna.

- Jesus referred to Gehenna often – Mt. 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; and Luke 12:5.

We will see that they will still be there after the Millennial Reign, so that dispels that life ends at hell, we see that hell is as eternal as heaven.

There is no resurrection here—the rapture has already occurred. The “Second Resurrection” occurs a thousand years later. Unbelievers, when they die, go to Hades, the unseen world, the (temporary) realm

of the dead. Believers go immediately into the presence of the Lord (Phil 1:19- 23; 2 Cor 5:6-8). Hades will be emptied of its dead in Revelation 20:13.

Jesus now takes the throne upon the earth—the Throne of David (Isa 9:6-7; Luke 1:32).

Isaiah 9:6–7 (NKJV)⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Luke 1:31–33 (NKJV)³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Splits the Earth

With the breath of His mouth and the brightness of His coming Jesus will defeat the Beast and his army. The OT Prophet Zechariah tells us Jesus will touch down on the Mount of Olives. Where the mere weight of His foot will trigger a colossal earthquake. It splits the mountain in two. Jesus busts through the Eastern Gate and onto the Temple Mount, where He cleanses the Temple, and reigns on Earth for a thousand years.

Zechariah 14:1–4 (NKJV)¹ Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. ² For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. ⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

After battle – We Stand in Awe

After this Battle we will stand and admire Him, stand in awe of Him:

(2 Thessalonians 1:6 NKJV) since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

(2 Thessalonians 1:7 NKJV) and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

(2 Thessalonians 1:8 NKJV) in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(2 Thessalonians 1:9 NKJV) These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

*(2 Thessalonians 1:10 NKJV) when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints **and to be admired among all those who believe**, because our testimony among you was believed.*

Psalm 149 – High Praises

In Psalm 149 we will be with Him, and we will lift the high praises to them, giving Him glory for His awesome power. This is how mighty your God, and may you know that today and see Him in that way, He is mighty, and He is your God:

(Psalms 149:6 NKJV) Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,

(Psalms 149:7 NKJV) To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;

(Psalms 149:8 NKJV) To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;

(Psalms 149:9 NKJV) To execute on them the written judgment; This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Rev 14 – Lamb on Mount Zion

Revelation 14 John says I saw a Lamb standing on Mount Zion. After this battle at Megiddo, Jesus will march on to the Temple there in Jerusalem, He will dismount to observe the scene, take His rightful place and stand as Victor.

(Revelation 14:1 NKJV) Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

Sound of Battle Over

The sound of battle is over, the only noise to be heard will be the swords being put back into their sheaths, we will dismount with Him, and we will all bow in awe of our Great King.

What we Long For / He Establishes His Kingdom / Why we Say Come Quickly Lord

Finally, the prayer is answered which was prayed by followers of Jesus for centuries, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven." The war is over! Jesus has evicted the squatters and retaken possession

It is what we all long for in our hearts, God taking back this fallen world, establishing His reign on earth, it is what we have been longing for, every election knowing nothing will be set right until the right King comes, and that is why the spirit and the Bride say come quickly Lord.

Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)⁹ *In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*