

UNDERSTANDING THE NATIONS

DEVOTIONAL AND STUDY GUIDE

Pastor Josh Huisman explores the topic of Armageddon, emphasizing the importance of understanding end-times prophecies from the Bible. he provides a detailed interpretation of the events leading up to and including the Battle of Armageddon, referencing scripture from Ezekiel, Daniel, and Revelation, and highlighting the role of various nations in this ultimate confrontation.

Primary Bible Passage:

- **Revelation 16:12-16 (ESV)**

Study Questions:

Introduction:

Pastor Josh dives into the complexities of Armageddon, offering insights into prophetic Bible verses that describe this battle as outlined in God's Word. His interpretation invites us to ponder our understanding of end-times prophecies and their implications for our faith and daily lives.

In Revelation 16:12-16, we are introduced to the Battle of Armageddon, setting the stage for the final battle between God and Satan (the forces of evil). It serves as a reminder of the ultimate victory of God's sovereignty and the fulfillment of His promises.

How does the prophecy of Armageddon influence your perspective on current global events?

Understanding Prophecy and Interpretation:

Pastor Josh's sermon navigates through the interpretations of biblical prophecies concerning Armageddon, emphasizing the importance of a literal understanding of Scripture while acknowledging diverse viewpoints among scholars.

How do you approach the interpretation of biblical prophecies in your own study of Scripture?

Discuss the importance of remaining open to different interpretations while holding firm to the core truths of our faith.

The Role of Nations in Prophecy

In the sermon, Pastor Josh outlines the potential roles of various nations in the lead-up to Armageddon, based on interpretations of Ezekiel, Daniel, and Revelation. This discussion raises questions about the geopolitical and spiritual significance of nations in God's plan.

How do you reconcile the current geopolitical landscape with biblical prophecies about the end times?

In what ways can we pray for nations involved in end-times prophecies?

Reflecting on the Rapture and Tribulation:

Pastor Josh suggests the rapture of the Church precedes the tribulation and Armageddon, offering comfort and hope to believers.

The theology of the rapture leading to the tribulation and Armageddon naturally leads to reflection on our readiness for Christ's return. It's a gentle yet firm reminder that readiness for Christ's return isn't about predicting dates or deciphering signs, but about cultivating a relationship with Him grounded in faith, hope, and love.

Next Steps

1. **Dedicate Time for Bible Study:** Commit to a structured study of biblical prophecies related to the end times, focusing on the books of Daniel, Ezekiel, and Revelation. Consider taking these books chapter by chapter, noting key themes, questions, and insights.
2. **Pray for Discernment:** Daily prayer for wisdom and discernment is crucial as you navigate through the complexities of end-times prophecies. Ask God to reveal His truth to you and to guide you in applying the truth to your life and how it can impact the lives of those around you.
3. **Reflect on Personal Preparedness:** Reflect on your own spiritual preparedness for Christ's return. Consider writing a personal reflection or journal entry about where you feel your current relationship with God is, areas of growth you experienced, and steps that you would like to take to be more aligned with His will.
4. **Share the Message:** Share any insights or things you learned from the sermon with friends, family, or on social media. Spreading awareness about the importance of Israel from a biblical perspective is so important, especially in our society today.
5. **Attend the Series:** Make a commitment to continue attending the upcoming sermons of "Reading the Signs."