Armageddon

Signs of the Times Message Series Week 3

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1. Battle of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38 and 39)

A. Who will be involved?

- "Far North" = Russia (Ezekiel 38:6, 15)
- Meshech and Tubal = Territories in <u>Turkey</u> (Ezekiel 38:2)
- Persia = Iran (Ezekiel 38:5)
- Cush = Sudan (Ezekiel 38:5)
- Put = <u>Libya</u> (Ezekiel 38:5)
- Gomer = <u>Germany</u> or modern-day Turkey (Ezekiel 38:6)
- Beth-togarmah = <u>Turkey</u> or Armenia (Ezekiel 38:6)

B. When will it take place?

- When Israel is present in its own land. (Ezekiel 38:8)
- When Israel is at <u>peace</u> and not concerned with protecting themselves. (Ezekiel 38:11, 14)

C. Where will it take place?

In the mountains of Israel. (Ezekiel 38:8)

D. What will be the outcome?

- God's supernatural interventions give Israel the victory. (Ezekiel 38:18-23)
- It will take <u>seven months</u> to bury the dead. (Ezekiel 39:12)
- God will <u>reveal</u> Himself to the nations. (Ezekiel 38:23)

E. What is the takeaway for us?

When all you can see is chaos, uncertainty, and impossibilities, <u>rest</u> in the sovereignty of God. (Ezekiel 38:3-4)

"One of the most important truths to realize, though, is that this great battle between God's people and their enemies is instigated and orchestrated by God himself."

Gospel Transformation Bible, ESV, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2013, p. 1105.

2. Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:14-16)

A. Who will be involved? (Revelation 16:13-14)

- Dragon-<u>Satan</u>, Beast-<u>Antichrist</u>, False Prophet (Revelation 16:13)
- Kings of the whole world (Revelation 16:14)

B. When will it take place?

At the end of the tribulation.

C. Where will it take place?

In the valley of Jezreel, 18 miles from Haifa.

"The mountain of Megiddo is an actual geographical feature located in northern Israel. It includes an extended plain that reaches from the Mediterranean Sea to the northern part of the land of Israel. Megiddo is about eighteen miles southeast of Haifa, fifty-five miles north of Jerusalem, and a little more than ten miles from Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew up."

Dr. David Jeremiah, *The Book of Signs*, W Publishing, Nashville, TN, 2019, p. 338.

"In 1799, Napoleon stood at Megiddo before the battle that ended his quest to conquer the East and rebuild the Roman Empire, considering the enormous plain of Armageddon, he declared: '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 . . . [It is] the most natural battleground on the whole earth.'"

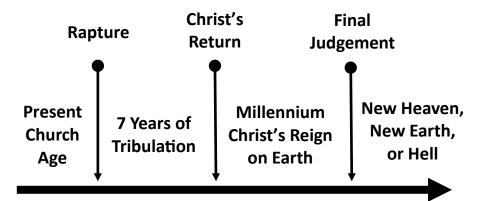
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D. What will be the outcome?

- Great destruction of the earth. (Revelation 16:17-21)
- The fury of God's <u>wrath</u> will be poured out. (Revelation 16:19)
- One-third of humanity is <u>killed</u>. (Revelation 9:15-16)
- <u>Christ</u> returns and destroys the nations and defeats the Antichrist. (Revelation 19:11-20)

E. What is the takeaway for us? God is a God of justice and judgment.

Timeline of the End Times



Discussion Question:

What did you learn from this message?

Recommended Reading:

The Book of Signs by Dr. David Jeremiah