

The Battle Of Armageddon



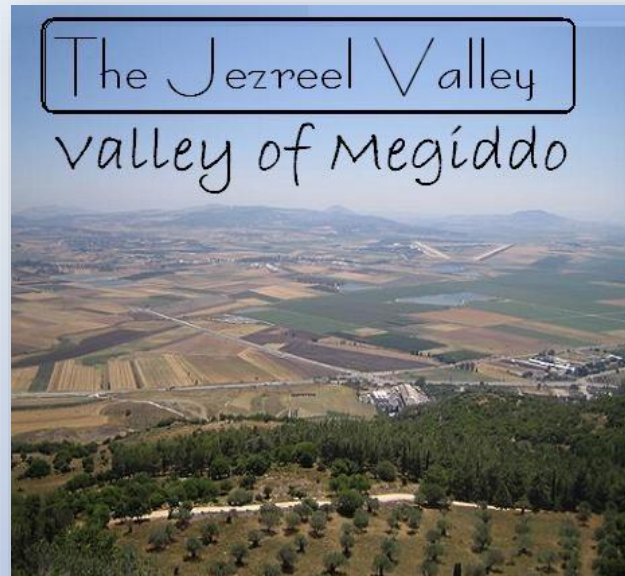
(Revelation 14:14-20; 16:12-16; 19:11-21; 20:1-3)

“The Battle of Armageddon” is an expression often used to describe the decisive battle between the Antichrist and his God-hating forces of the earth against Christ.

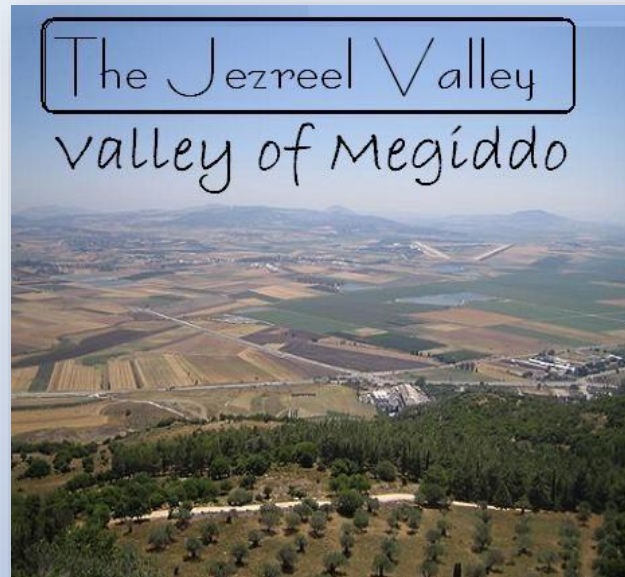
We are all familiar with the term “global war,” by which we mean a war which involves the entire globe. In the past “global” or “World” wars, there were actually nations that remained neutral. These wars may have had world-wide effects, but they were not in actuality “global.”

In this last great conflict, however, not one nation will remain neutral as we read how these spirits *“go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”* This will indeed be a global war in its fullest sense of the term.

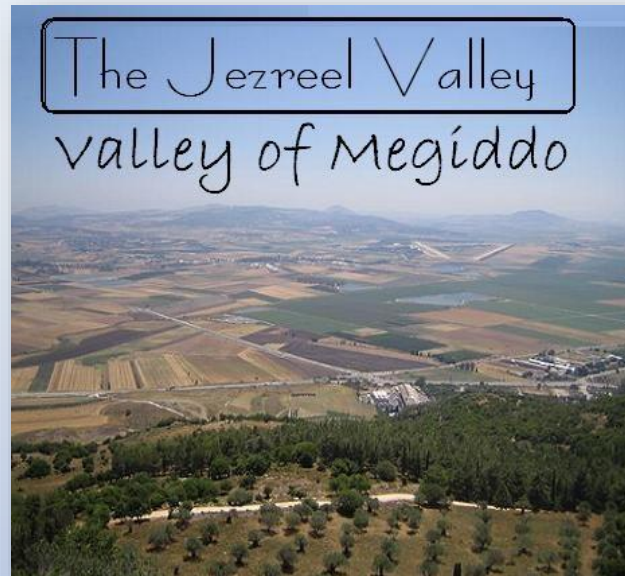
Dr. John R. Rice, “Armageddon, ‘mount of slaughter,’ will be in the valley of Megiddo where a tel or mound of an ancient fortress and town are now excavated. . . The valley of Megiddo or Jezreel or Esdraelon, is a lovely valley the normal route of any invading army to Israel from the north and east.”



Dr. Oliver B. Greene, *“Armageddon . . . which takes place in the plain of Jezreel, the great valley that runs through the middle of the Holy Land from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River. It is approximately 200 miles long and 10 miles wide.”*



Napoleon Bonaparte is said to have stated with deep emotion after his first sight of this great valley, *“This is the ideal battleground for all the armies of the world.”* Little did he realize that this prophecy had preceded him, that it *will be* the world’s great battleground!



Dr. Oliver B. Greene, *“The sixth vial brings all the kings of the earth, with their armies, to the valley of slaughter. All is now ready for the last vial to be poured out. What a sight! . . . there are millions of soldiers with their kings.”*



Dr. Oliver B. Greene (continued), *“They are determined to wipe the names of God and Jesus from the earth and from the memory of man. But alas! What a deluge of blood they are to enter. Two hundred miles of blood – six feet deep and ten miles wide (Revelation 14:20).”*



(Psalms 2:1-5, 9) “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 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 bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. . . . Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

(Joel 3:2, 9) “I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. . . .Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:”

(Joel 3:10-12) “Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.”

(Joel 3:13-16) “Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.”

I. The Location of the Battle.

** There seems to be at least four important names involved in Armageddon:*

- A. The Valley of _____ Jehoshaphat _____ (Joel 3:2, 12).
- B. The Valley of _____ Jezreel _____ (Hosea 1:5-11).
- C. The Valley of _____ Megiddo _____ (Zechariah 12:11).
- D. The City of _____ Bozrah _____ (Isaiah 34:6; 63:1).



JEZREEL VALLEY: Israel's breadbasket

Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost, *“Palestine is to be given a blood bath of unprecedented proportions which will flow from Armageddon at the north down through the valley of Jehoshaphat, will cover the land of Edom, and will wash over all Judea and the city of Jerusalem. John looks at this scene of carnage and he describes it as blood flowing to the depths of the horses’ bridles.”*



II. The Reasons for the Battle.

** What will draw all the nations of the world into the area of Armageddon?*

A. Because of the _____ Sovereignty _____ of God.

(Joel 3:2) “*I will also gather all nations*, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.”

(Zechariah 14:2) “For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.”

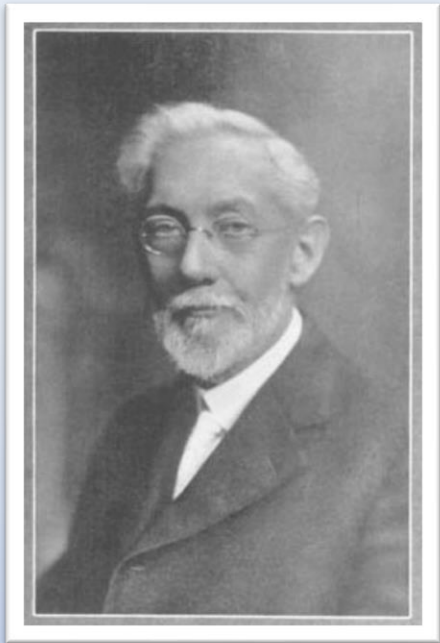
(Revelation 16:16) “And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”

B. Because of the _____ Deception _____ of Satan.

What could induce the kings of the earth to concentrate their forces on that one spot in such an enlightened generation?

The only answer is the devastating power of the lying, frog-like spirits that go forth from the satanic trinity of Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet during the last days of the Tribulation.

Dr. Clarence Larkin, “The power of a delusive and enthusiastic sentiment, however engendered, to lead to destruction great hosts of men is seen in the Crusades to recover the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem. If a religious fanaticism could, at nine different times, cause hundreds of thousands of religious devotees to undergo unspeakable hardships for a religious purpose, what will not the miracle working wonders of the ‘frog-like’ demons of the last days of this Dispensation not be able to do in arousing whole nations, and creating vast armies to march in all directions from all countries, headed by their Kings, for the purpose of preventing an establishment of the Kingdom of the King of kings in His own land of Palestine?”



C. Because of the _____ **Hatred** _____ of the nations for Christ.

(Psalms 2:1-3) “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 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 bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.”

(Revelation 11:18) “And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, . . .”

1. The nations, led by the Antichrist, will doubtless realize the _____ **Prophecy** _____ of the _____ **Return** _____ of Christ (Rev. 11:15; 12:12).

2. They will also be aware of His _____ **Touch** _____
_____ **Down** _____ on the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:9-12).

3. Thus, it is not unreasonable to assume they will gather in that area to try to _____ **Destroy** _____ Christ at the
_____ **Moment** _____ of His return to earth.

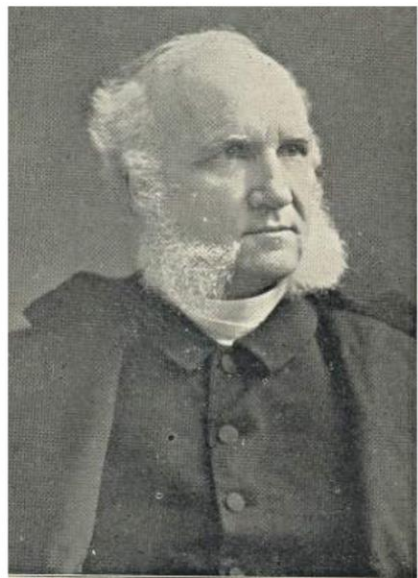
III. The Chronology of the Battle.

A. The drying up of the _____ Euphrates _____ River.



(Revelation 16:12) “And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.”

Dr. J. A. Seiss, *“From time immemorial the Euphrates with its tributaries has been a great and formidable boundary between the peoples of the east of it and the west of it. It runs a distance of 1,800 miles, and is scarcely fordable anywhere or any time.*



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(continued)“. . . It is from 3 to 1,200 yards wide, and from 10 to 30 feet in depth; and most of the time it is still deeper and wider. It was the boundary of the dominion of Solomon, and is repeatedly spoken of as the northeast limit of the lands promised to Israel. . . .



(continued)“. . . History frequently refers to the great hindrance the Euphrates has been to military movements; and it has always been a line of separation between the peoples living east of it and those living west of it.”



* Thus, when this water barrier is removed, tens of millions of soldiers from China, India, and other Asian powers will march straight for Armageddon and destruction.

B. The destruction of _____Jerusalem_____.



This will be the 47th and last takeover of Jerusalem.

(Zechariah 12:2) “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.”

(Zechariah 14:2) “For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken . . .”

(Luke 21:20) “And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.”

C. The _____ **Second** _____ **Coming** _____ of Christ.

1. Fearful _____ **Manifestations** _____ in the _____ **Skies** _____
(Zech. 12:2; 14:2; Luke 21:20).

2. The _____ **Heavens** _____ _____ **Open** _____ and Jesus
Christ comes forth for all to _____ **Behold** _____ (Matt.
24:30; II Thess. 1:7-8; Rev. 1:7; 19:11).

3. The _____ **Beast** _____ and _____ **False** _____
_____ **Prophet** _____ are destroyed (Rev. 19:19-20).

4. The _____ **Wheat** _____ will be separated from the
_____ **Tares** _____ (Matt. 13:24-30, 37-43; Rev. 14:14-20).

(Revelation 19:21) “And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”



Dr. John Phillips, *“In a few graphic sentences we are told how Satan’s rickety empire collapses like a house of cards when the Lord appears. We are told how Satan’s forces are to be doomed at Armageddon. John says, ‘And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.’*

(continued) *“As the armies, assembled at the cockpit of the earth, stare in amazement at the appearing of the King of glory, their gaze is momentarily directed to the sun. There, standing in its glare, is an angel; at his summons, enormous flocks of birds appear, circling and wheeling around the armies of the earth, croaking to one another in anticipation of the coming feast, dipping low over the horrified troops, and climbing again the skies.*



(continued) The battle has not yet been fought, but the omens are dreadful. With each passing moment, the sky grows darker with these birds of prey. There cannot be a vulture, an eagle, a raven, left on the earth that has not obeyed the summons and come to the supper of God. Satan's armies are doomed; the fierce fowls know it and have come to bury the dead in the name of the living God."



5. Satan is Arrested and bound for 1,000 Years in the bottomless pit.

(Revelation 20:1-3) “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.”



6. Jesus Christ touches down upon the _____Mount_____ of
_____Olives_____ (Acts 1:9-12; Zech. 14:1-4).



7. Christ will usher in His _____ Reign _____ upon the _____ Earth _____ for 1,000 years (Zech. 14:6-11, 16; Matt. 25:34; I Cor. 6:2-3; Rev. 20:4-6).

