**Revelation Chapter 19,The King’s Return**

1. **Review the “Mystery Babylon” location. Read Zechariah 5:5-11, and discuss the alternative view proposed there which seems to “marry” the literal Babylon with the “Papal Rome Babylon.”**
2. **Read Luke 1:31-33. What is the “throne of His father David?”** **The throne of David did not exist during Christ’s ministry. And, at this point Jesus is sitting on His Father’s throne. Chapter 19 is about fulfilling the promise of David’s throne. Compare to 2 Samuel 7:11-16, 19, Isaiah 7:13, I Chronicles 17:12, 22:10, Isaiah 55:3, Ezekiel 37:25, Genesis 17:2-8, Psalm 132:11, 89:3, 4, 34.**
3. **Was this “throne of David” recognized by the First Church Council in Acts 15? Read Acts 15, 16, 18 and Amos 9:11-12, Jeremiah 30:7, 11, 18.**
4. **What is the oldest prophecy about Christ’s Second Coming in the Bible? Refer to Jude 1:14-15. Who is Enoch? Where does Jude quote from? Is the Book of Enoch a valid source? Defend your answer. Jude quotes Enoch. And, this is canonical. Interesting! This was uttered by a prophet before the flood of Noah.**
5. **Have we seen the end of the tribulation period before in this chapter? Are we actually looking at the same story from several different angles?** **Re-read Revelation 6:14-17, 14:18-20, 16:19-21. Defend your answer. End of the wrath in Chapter 18.**

**“After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God! 2for true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants *shed* by her.” 3Again they said, “Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!”**

1. **What does “after these things” imply? After the fall of Babylon.**
2. **Discuss what “halleluiah” means?**
3. Today at 9:11 AM
4. Hallelujah, Halleluyah, or Alleluia, is a transliteration of the Hebrew word הַלְּלוּיָהּ (Standard Hebrew Halləluya, Tiberian Hebrew Halləlûyāh) meaning "[Let us] praise (הַלְּלוּ) Jah (Yah) (יָהּ)" (Sometimes rendered as "Praise (הַלְּלוּ) [the] LORD (יָהּ)or God"). It is found mainly in the book of Psalms. It has been accepted into the English language. The word is used in Judaism as part of the Hallel prayers. Alleluia is the Latin form of the word; it is used by Catholics in preference to Hallelujah.

For most Christians, "Hallelujah" is considered the most joyful word of praise to God, rather than an injunction to praise Him. In many denominations, the Alleluia, along with the Gloria in Excelsis Deo, is not spoken or sung during the season of Lent, instead being replaced by a Lenten acclamation.

Halleluyah is a composite of Hallelu and Yah (Jah). It literally translates from Hebrew as "Praise Yah, [third-person plural]!" or simply "Praise Yah!" Yah is the shortened form of the name Yahweh (Jehovah), referred to as the Tetragrammaton.

The term is used about 24 times in the Hebrew Bible (mainly in the book of Psalms (e.g. 113-118), where it starts and concludes a number of Psalms) and four times in Greek transliteration in Revelation.
5. **Describe God’s judgments in verse 2.**
6. **In verse 2, how can the smoke rise “forever and ever?”** **Could this abominable place (Mystery Babylon) be associated with Gehenna/Hell? Read Isaiah 30:33**, “For Tophet **(was a location in Jerusalem in the Valley of Hinnom, where worshipers influenced by the Canaanite Pantheon sacrificed children to the gods of Moloch and Baal by burning them)** *was* established of old, Yes, for the king it is prepared .He has made *it* deep and large; Its pyre *is* fire with much wood; The breath of the Lord, like a stream of brimstone, Kindles it.” This is the place where will be continual burning….**Read Isaiah 66:23-24,**. 23And it shall come to pass *That* from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the Lord.24“And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.” **and** **Revelation 14:10, “**The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out undiluted into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.”

**4And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, “Amen! Alleluia!” 5Then a voice came from the throne, saying, “Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, bothsmall and great!” 6And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!**

1. **Remind yourself who the twenty-four elders are in verse 4. Review Revelation4:4. This is the last reference to the 24 elders. From now on they co-occur as the bride of Christ.**
2. **Who are the voice/voices in verses 5-6? Probably the martyrs in Revelation 6:9 and those saved by the witness of the 144,000 Jewish witnesses.**
3. **Characterize the crescendo of the praise and worship of God in this section.**
4. **Who is the multitude in verse 6?**

**7Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” 8And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.9Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”**

1. **What is “the fine linen, clean and white” in verse 8? The righteousness of the saints.**
2. **What is the “marriage supper of the lamb?” Where does this take place? Compare the two main ideas about the timeline concerning this event. RAPTURED SAINTS DURING THE TRIBULATION TIME IN HEAVEN, OR ALL SAINTS RIGHT AFTER THE SECOND COMING.**
3. **Why is John commanded to write in verse 9?**
4. **Who is the bridegroom? Read John 3:22.**
5. **Who is the bride? Read 2 Corinthians 11:2, Ephesians 5:22-23**
6. **Who is Israel? Read Isaiah 54:14. Hosea 2:14-23, Ezekiel 16:35, described as a harlot, she is the wife of Yahweh, Isaiah 54:14. Hosea was to love his whoring wife, anyway….a type of Israel. Hosea 2: speaks about Israel being divorced from God…judged city of Jerusalem, they were worshiping Baal……compares the city/people to a whoring woman. God divorces Israel, and Deuteronomy24:4. which says that a husband cannot remarry a wife he has divorced. So, for God to take Israel back after He divorced her, He had to nullify the first marriage contract by dying (Jesus).**
7. **Was she (Israel, God’s bride) permanently cast away? Read I Peter 2:9.…”**But you *are* a chosen generation (race), a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.” **should say “chosen race.” Defend your thoughts. Peter is talking to the Jews. Read Isaiah 54:5, Is. 61, and Is. 62.**
8. **Review the strange contrast about “Mystery Babylon’s” claim in Revelation 18:7, “I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow,” with Israel who is described as “divorced” in Isaiah 54:4-9, Jeremiah 3:8. 14, and Hosea 2: 14-19 and “widowed” in Lamentations 1:1 and Isaiah 54:4.**
9. **Review the ancient Jewish wedding.**
	1. **The Ketubah, the Betrothal, payment of the purchase price, set apart or sanctified—Covenant established, I Cor. 11:25, purchase price I Cor. 6:19-20, Bride set apart, Ephesians 5:25-27, I Cor. 1:2, 6:11, Hebrews 10:10, 13:12**
	2. **Bridegroom departs to his Father’s House to prepare a room addition (John 14:1-4 )**
	3. **The Bride prepares for imminent return to fetch her; she does not know his exact time of return, usually in the middle of the night. Escort to accompany Him upon His return to gather His Bride, I Thess. 4: 16-17.**
	4. **Surprise gathering, Huppah, Wedding, Jeremiah 7:34, 16:9, 25:10, Psalm 45:8-15, Matthew 25:1-13**
	5. **Seven day Marriage Supper, Judges 14:12, Matthew 9:15, 22:11-14, John 2:1**

**10And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See *that you do* not *do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

1. **Who is speaking to John in verse 10? This is probably Daniel. What is to be worshiped according to this messenger? Compare to Acts 10:25-26 and Joshua 5:15. How do we know from this passage in Revelation that the person speaking was not Jesus Christ?**

**11Now 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.**

1. **In verse 11, the heaven is opened. Compare this to the “sixth seal” opening in Revelation 6:14-17. Is this the same occurrence?**
2. **In Luke 4:16-21, Jesus reads the passage in Isaiah 61: 1-2, when He starts His ministry. Why does He leave out the second part.…….”and the day of vengeance of the Lord?” was left out in the Luke 4 part. This is the mandate that He is fulfilling in this section. The first time He came on a peaceful donkey, but this time He is on a war horse.**

**12His 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. 13He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.**

1. **Describe Jesus in verse 12. Why is his robe dipped in blood?**
2. **“The Word” is John’s description of Jesus elsewhere. Read John 1:1.**
3. **Review the “grape harvest” of Revelation 14, with the 5th, 6th, and 7th angels who call for the harvest of the Lord. Tie this to the description of Jesus in verse 12. Read also Revelation 14:20 and Isaiah 63:1-6.**
4. **Explicate how the remnant of Israel escapes to Bozrah, according to Jesus’ warning in Matthew 24:15-22.**

**14And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean,[**[**f**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?st=1&utm_expid=13466113-11.5w1LoPJgSfySJpp2u36etw.1&search=Revelation+19&version=NKJV&utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fsa%3Dt%26rct%3Dj%26q%3D%26esrc%3Ds%26frm%3D1%26source%3Dweb%26cd%3D1%26ved%3D0CCMQFjAA%26url%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.biblegateway.com%252Fpassage%252F%253Fsearch%253DRevelation%252B19%2526version%253DNKJV%26ei%3DRR8oVKflBc2syAS88YKgAw%26usg%3DAFQjCNGeTD0Ha2ezN5g7hjaaHe2_17Yv3w%26bvm%3Dbv.76247554%2Cd.aWw#fen-NKJV-31032f)**] followed Him on white horses.**

1. **Why white horses? What does the linen symbolize? Righteousness of the saints**

**15Now 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. Isaiah 61:2**

1. **Read Hebrews 4:12. Describe the sword.**
2. **Revelation 2:26-28, Psalm 2:9, Revelation 12:5 describe “rod of iron.” Compare with verse 15.**
3. **What caused the “wrath of the Almighty God?” Is righteousness evident?**
4. **And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:**

**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

1. **Why his thigh? Horseback warfare would have a weapon on the thigh. That’s where a knight would have a shield or crest emblazed on his thigh.**

**17Then 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,18that 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,* freeand slave, both small and great.”**

1. **Describe the “second supper” of this chapter described in Verses 17-18. Contrast this to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Dramatizes the carnage from Armageddon. Ezekiel 39 has similar language, but this is a different conflict called Gog/Magog. This was common in ancient days in battle.**
2. **Who are the invited guests to this supper? What is their fare?**

**19And 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.**

1. **What makes the armies of the world gather to make war with God? Read Psalm 2:1-12. Compare this with this war.**
	1. **Read Obadiah 1:15—to do to the nations what they did to Israel.** ““For the day of the Lord upon all the nations *is* near; As you have done, it shall be done to you;
	Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.”
	2. **Read Joel 3:2—people will be scattered for scattering the Jews. “**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.”
	3. **Read Jeremiah 12:14-17—people will lose their land for seizing Jewish land. “Thus says the Lord: “Against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit—behold, I will pluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. 15Then it shall be, after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land. 16And it shall be, if they will learn carefully the ways of My people, to swear by My name, ‘As the Lord lives,’ as they taught My people to swear by Baal, then they shall be established in the midst of My people. 17But if they do not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation,” says the Lord.”**
	4. **Zechariah 2:8-9—people will be plundered for plundering Israel. “For thus says the Lord of hosts: “He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye. 9For surely I will shake My hand against them, and they shall become spoil for their servants. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me.”**
	5. **Revelation 16:9—people refuse and give God glory. “And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.”**
	6. **Revelation 16:15—people live wickedly and ignore the second coming. “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.”**

**20Then 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.**

1. **Who actually had done the miracles on the earth? Explain how these two “evil characters” meet their demise. What happened to these two?**

**21And 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.**

1. **Read Zechariah 14: 2-4. What does “all nations” mean? How does this apply to America?**
2. **Zechariah 14:4 has an interesting explanation of the Lord’s entrance on the earth. Put into your own words what Jesus does on the Mt. of Olives.**

**The Battle of Armageddon**

**Revelation 19:11-21**

**42. Armageddon..is most likely the large, broad valley of Jezreel, or Esdraelon, which Megiddo overlooks. T**he word **Armageddon** was used by the Apostle John, in the book of Revelation (16:16), only one time.  The original word from the Bible is “Ar Magedon” which literally means "mount of Megiddo" -- a city from which only ancient ruins remain and are located in northern Israel, next to the Kishon River, on the southern border of the plain of Esdraelon, just south of Haifa. This is the probable location for the world’s final battle, the Battle of Armageddon. Here’s the “great conflict” scenario: **The word "Armageddon" appears only once in the** [**Greek New Testament**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Novum_Testamentum_Graece)**, in** [**Revelation 16:16**](http://tools.wmflabs.org/bibleversefinder/?book=Revelation&verse=16:16&src=!)**. The word is translated to Greek from** [**Hebrew**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_language) ***har məgiddô* (הר מגידו), *har* - Strong H2022 - meaning "a mountain or range of hills (sometimes used figuratively): - hill (country), mount (-ain), X promotion." This is a shortened form of *Harar* - Strong H2042 - "to loom up; a mountain; -hill, mount". *Megiddo* - Strong מְגִדּוֹן H4023 /meg-id-do'/ "Megiddon or Megiddo, a place of crowds.")**

**I. Prerequisite to Jesus’ return, Israel must ask Jesus to return.**

A. **Hosea 5:15, “I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face; in their affliction they will seek me early.”**

B. **Revelation 16:17**, “***Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done."***

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| **II. First, The Lord Jesus will battle at Edom, Bozrah, to rescue the remnant of Israel from the antichrist. His clothing is splattered with the blood of His enemies.** The preparatory events start with the 6th bowl of wrath. The Battle of Armageddon actually starts at the 7th bowl of wrath.1. ***Isaiah 63:1-6,* “Who *is* this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This *One who is* glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?—“I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” 2Why *is* Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?“I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one *was* with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.4For the day of vengeance *is* in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.5I looked, but *there was* no one to help, And I wonderedThat *there was* no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me.6I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth.”**
2. **He had warned them to flee to the mountains, Matthew 24:15-22, “**Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+24&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23973c)] spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), 16“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.”

**III. Then, Jesus will step on the Mount of Olives, just as He promised.**1. **Acts 1:11, “**who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”
2. **Zechariah 14:4, “**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.”

**IV. The Lord then goes to the Valley of Megiddo, where He defeats many of the armies of the world.** It is at the **end of the 6th bowl of wrath** that the events leading to the Battle of Armageddon start to unfold.1. **Revelation 16:12-16, “**12Then 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. 13And 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. 14For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+16%3A12-16&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30969a)] of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.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.”16And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, **Armageddon.**
2. **Zechariah 14:13**, ***It will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another.***
3. **Zechariah 14:14**,***Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance.***
4. **Revelation 19:11-13*, And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.***
5. **Isaiah 66:15-16 , “For behold, the LORD will come in fire and His chariots like the whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire.** **For the LORD will execute judgment by fire And by His sword on all flesh, And those slain by the LORD will be many. “**
6. **Revelation 19:14, “And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.”**

**V. Next the Lord defeats most of the remainder of the world's evil forces in the Valley of Jehoshaphat** A. **Joel 3 v.1-2, 9-17,”** [**For, behold, in those days, and in that time when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-1/) **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.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-2/) **9** [**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:**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-9/)**10** [**Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-10/)**11** [**Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-11/)**12** [**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.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-12/)**13** [**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.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-13/)**14** [**Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-14/)**15** [**The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-15/)**16** [**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.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-16/)**17** [**So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joel-3-17/)**”** **B. Rev. 14 :14-20,** “14Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One* like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. 15And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for Youto reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” 16So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.17Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.18And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.” 19So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20And 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.**VI  Last, the Lord will come to Jerusalem to defeat the advance guard of the Antichrist, who will attempt to wipe out the Holy City** 1. **Zechariah 14:2-3, “For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.**
2. **Revelation 16:20-21, “And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. *And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.***
3. **Zechariah 12:1-9, “**The burden[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23047a)] of the word of the Lord against Israel. Thus says the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: 2“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. 3And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. 4In that day,” says the Lord, “I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. 5And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem *are* my strength in the Lord of hosts, their God.’ 6In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again inher own place—Jerusalem. The Lord will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah. 8In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David *shall be* like God, like the Angel of the Lord before them. 9It shall be in that day *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
4. **Revelation 16:17-20,** 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!” 18And 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. 19Now 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. 20Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21And 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.
5. **Revelation 17:12-17, “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings With the beast for one hour. These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and THOSE WHO ARE WITH HIM ARE called and chosen and faithful.” From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."**
6. **Revelation 19:19, “And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.”**
7. **Zechariah 14:12, “Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.”**
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| Map of Israel | Satan is deceiving the leaders of the world, preparing them for the Battle of Armageddon, which as we read in **Re 16:14** is also called "the war of the great day of God the Almighty." The Plain of Esdraelon is where the armies will congregate against Jerusalem. |

**Old Testament references to The Battle of Armageddon**

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| **Zechariah 14:4*****In that day* His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives*, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.******Revelation 16:18, And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a GREAT EARTHQUAKE, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.***Revelation 16:19***The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.***  | The statement "the mount of Olives will be split" is due to the earthquake referred to in **Revelation 16:18-19.****Zechariah 14:5*****You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!*** |

**"The Great Supper of God"**

**Rev. 19:17, “Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great supper of God.”**

**Revelation 19:18**, “***so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.”***

***Revelation 19:20, “And the Leopard beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.”***

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**Revelation 19:21**,”***And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.”***

**Millennium**

As we can read in **Revelation 20**, after the Battle of Armageddon is won, Satan is put "in chains" for a millennium, the dead in Christ are resurrected, and the Government of God on earth ensues.

**Revelation 20:1**
***Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.***

**Revelation 20:2**
***And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;*Zechariah 14: 6-14**, “In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light. 8And in that day it shall be
*That* living waters shall flow from Jerusalem,
Half of them toward the eastern sea
And half of them toward the western sea;
In both summer and winter it shall occur.
9And the Lord shall be King over all the earth.
In that day it shall be—
“The Lord *is* one,”
And His name one.10All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. *Jerusalem*[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+14%3A8-14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23079b)] shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin’s Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and *from* the Tower of Hananel to the king’s winepresses.11*The people* shall dwell in it;
And no longer shall there be utter destruction,
But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.12And this shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet,
Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets,
And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.13It shall come to pass in that day
*That* a great panic from the Lord will be among them.
Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor,
And raise his hand against his neighbor’s hand;
14Judah also will fight at Jerusalem.
And the wealth of all the surrounding nations
Shall be gathered together:
Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance.”

**Here’s the Promise……Ephesians 2:4-7, “**But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, 7that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. “

**Assignment for Next Week: Read Revelation 20 and Isaiah 65**