**The Destiny of Daniel—Chapter 12—Israel’s Trouble--The Finale**

**Read Daniel 11:36-45**

1. **Re-read Daniel 8:9-11, 20-25.**
2. **Review the “little horn” of Daniel 8 in preparation for this chapter.**
3. **This section actually starts in Daniel 11. Begin reading in Daniel 11:36-37; where do we get the term the “Willful King?”**
	1. **Describe him from verse 36.**
4. **Read 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, Daniel 7:25-26, 8:23-24…….**against God.
	1. **How does he “exalt himself?”**
5. **See verses 36-37; who is the “God of his fathers?”**
	1. **Could he be Jewish?**
	2. **What does “the desire of women” mean?** Alludes to the fact that the dream of every Jewish mother was to be the mother of the Messiah.
6. **In verses 38-39, who is the “god of forces” or the “god whom his father knew not” or “strange god?”**
7. **Do verses 36-39 fit both Antiochus Epiphanes and the antichrist? discuss**
8. **Starting in verse 40, the Armageddon scenario begins. Who is the King of the South? North? Daniel 11:40---**
	1. **Who is the King of the South? North?** Might be Syria, might be Russia
9. **Examine verse 41, who escapes the antichrist? Who are these countries? Edom, Moab, Ammon?**
	1. **Why? Could this be Petra? Jordan?**
		1. **Of all the enemies of Israel, why is Jordan spared here?**
	2. **Re-read Matthew 25.** Flee to the mountains
10. **In verses 44-45, who are the East and the North?**
11. **What seas are helped here?** Dead Sea and Mediterranean Sea
12. **Who helps the antichrist in the end?** Verse 45

**Read Daniel 12:1-3**

1. **In verse 1, what “time” is being referred? Read Matthew 24:15. The Great Tribulation.** Jesus refers to Daniel 12:1. This is the last half of the seventieth week of Daniel.
	1. **Discuss--Jesus quoted this passage in** [**Matthew 24:21**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Matthew+24:21&t1=en_nas)**.** *For 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*. With great sadness, we must say that the Bible teaches that the worst has yet to come for Israel and the Jewish people.
	2. **See also** [**Revelation 12:13-17**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+12:13-17&t1=en_nas)**.** This tells us what makes this time so terrible. It describes the fury of the devil directed against the Jewish people during this time. The trumpets, seals, and bowls of Revelation all described the horrific conditions of the world in general during this time. The Jewish people will be targets of the full fury of the devil and his antichrist during this period, and will live in a world that is in incredible upheaval because of the judgment of God.
2. **Who is Michael?**
	1. **The angel Michael is often associated with spiritual battle. See** [**Daniel 10:13**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Daniel+10:13&t1=en_nas)**,** [**Daniel 10:21**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Daniel+10:21&t1=en_nas)**,** [**Jude 1:9**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jude+1:9&t1=en_nas)**, and** [**Revelation 12:7**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+12:7&t1=en_nas)**. Since Michael is called *the archangel*** [**Jude 1:9**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jude+1:9&t1=en_nas)**, he is Satan's true opposite.** Satan is not the opposite of Jesus; he is the opposite of Michael, this high-ranking angel.
	2. **Who does he “stand up” for?**
	3. **Read Jude 1:9, Daniel 10:13, Daniel 12:1, Revelation 12:7, and I Thessalonians 4:16.**
	4. **Who is Michael always battling?** Satan and his hosts
3. **Where have we seen this “time of trouble” before in the scripture?**
	1. **See Jeremiah 30:7. There shall be a time of trouble**: This refers to the time of persecution for Israel and world calamity known as the Great Tribulation. This period is also called *the time of Jacob's trouble* in [Jeremiah 30:7](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jeremiah+30:7&t1=en_nas).
	2. **Read Matthew 24:21, Matthew 24:29, Revelation 7:14, Matthew 24:21-22, Revelation 13:1-8, Daniel 9:27, Revelation 3:10, 13:5, Mark 13:19, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; “Time of Jacob’s trouble”—Deuteronomy 4:30, Jeremiah 30:7, Joel 2:2 and read the parallels—Daniel 11:40-45; Exodus 9:18, 24.**
4. **Who are “thy people?”** (Israel was to “pass under the rod”—Ezek. 20:34-38; “furnace of affliction”—Ezek. 22:18-22) **Hosea 5:15—in the time of their affliction (Only 1/3 will be spared—Zech. 13:8-9)**
5. **“Thy people delivered”—read Dan. 7:18,27; Zech 12:10, 13:8-9, Jer. 30:7-11, Isa 14:12-17, Job 1:6, 2:1-7, Zech. 3:1-5, Rev. 12:6-7.**
6. **Which book is this in verse one? (allusions to “written in the book”—Ex. 32:15-16; Psalm 69:28, Luke 10:20, Rev. 13:8, 17:8, 20:15, 21:27); not all are prepared—read Ezek 20:33-38; Israel blinded—Rom. 11:25; “blotted out”—read Ex. 32:31-33, Psalm 69:28, Rev. 3:5**
7. **Verse 2, explain which resurrection this is?** (Two classes of resurrections: The rapture, the dead in Christ will be resurrected first, the evil dead will not be resurrected until the Great White Throne Judgment) Read Job 19:25-26, Isa 25:19 (rapture?), Ps. 16;9-10
	1. **See also** [**John 5:29**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=John+5:29&t1=en_nas)**,** [**Revelation 20:4-6**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+20:4-6&t1=en_nas)**, and Revelation 11-15.**
8. **Who are the wise in verse 3? (First occurrence of “everlasting life” in the O.T.)**
9. **Who are the ones brought “to shame and everlasting contempt?”**

**Read Daniel 12:4-7**

1. **When is the book to be “unsealed?” verse 4, contrast to Revelation being unsealed**
2. **What does running “to and fro” and “knowledge shall be increased” refer to in verse 4?** (Hebrew word is “The Knowledge,” scripture in particular. Amos 8:12, Rom. 11:25,).
3. **In verses 5-6, three figures are mentioned. Who are they? Who is the one in linen and upon the waters of the river?** (This is probably Christ and two angels)
4. **What are the waters?**
5. **What is time, times, and half? Verse 7—last half of the great tribulation.** ( Revelation 12—dragon persecutes woman (Israel), 3 ½ years, ½ of tribulation, 1260 days , 42 months, Daniel 7:25, Rev.11:2, Daniel 12:7, Revelation 13:5
	1. [**Daniel 7:25**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Daniel+7:25&t1=en_nas) **described it as the period that saints are given into Antichrist's hands.**
	2. [**Daniel 9:27**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Daniel+9:27&t1=en_nas) **described it as the period between the breaking of Antichrist's covenant with Israel, the erection of the abomination of desolation, and the establishment of Jesus' kingdom.**
	3. [**Daniel 12:7**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Daniel+12:7&t1=en_nas) **described it as the duration of "the time of trouble" for Israel.**
	4. [**Revelation 11:2**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+11:2&t1=en_nas) **described it as the period that the holy city will be tread underfoot by Gentiles.**
	5. [**Revelation 11:3**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+11:3&t1=en_nas) **described it as the period of ministry for the two witnesses.**
	6. [**Revelation 12:6**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+12:6&t1=en_nas) **and 12:14 described it as the period that Israel (perhaps only its remnant) is preserved by God in the wilderness.**
	7. [**Revelation 13:5**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Revelation+13:5&t1=en_nas) **described it as the duration of Antichrist's authority to rule, persecute and blaspheme.**
6. **Who is taking the oath here?**
7. **What does “accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people” mean in verse 7?**

**Read Daniel 12:11-13**

1. **Why does Daniel not understand the vision?**
2. **What were the instructions given to Daniel in Verse 9?** (Go thy way and the words are sealed until the end times)
3. **What does “time of the end” mean?**
4. **In verse 10, who will understand this vision? Who are the wise?**
5. **Does the time period in verse 11 correspond with the same time period in verse 7, how many days is this? (1,260 days compared to 1,290 days)—this is a puzzling prophecy, because this is 1260 plus 30, and then there is 45 more days--nowhere else in the Bible is this number highlighted) 1260 days—3 ½ years, plus 30 days, plus 45 days.. This starts at the “Abomination of Desolation.” The Jews use a 30 day calendar/lunar calendar; we use a Gregorian calendar, 365 ¼ days/ solar calendar. 1260 days plus 30 days plus 45 days. If the day is Tish B’Av, (see 34b), then that would fast forward you to**
6. **What is the extra blessing for the last time period?** 1335 days. 45 days past the second number. THESE SPECIFIC DATES ARE FOUND NO WHERE ELSE IN THE BIBLE! The clue to these are found in the Jewish feast days.
	1. **Read Daniel 8:19 and 11:29, 35—what does “time appointed” means? This means Jewish Holy Days. THIS IS A MASSIVE CLUE TO THESE MYSTERIOUS NUMBERS.**
	2. **What is “Tish b Av?”** the ninth of Av….this is a celebration of the day that Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple in 586 B.C., also the 2nd temple/ Ezra’s temple was destroyed by Titus of Rome in 70 A.D., temple also destroyed again in **132 A.D., means the desecration of the Temple.**
		1. **Would it seem that Tish B’ Av would be the day that the antichrist will do the “Abomination of Desolation**?” If so, then you can count forward to the ending.
7. **Scripture referring to antichrist—Rev. 13:5, 17, Rev. 6, , Rev. 13:23-25.**

 **Read Daniel 12:11-13, Feasts of God**

1. **In Verse 11, what does “take away the daily sacrifice” mean? When does this happen? What does the number 1,290 represent?**
	1. **What does “1335 days” mean? Does this happen after the 3 ½ year period?**
	2. **Nowhere else in the Bible is this exact number mentioned. Explain 1,335 days?**
		1. **See Feast Charts. Is there a blessing implied in verse 12? Literally, 1260 days, the Jews use a lunar calendar—30 days X 3 ½ Yrs=360 days, 30 day months, we use a solar calendar, 1290 days is 3 ½ years plus 30 days, 2,335 days is 3 ½ years, plus 30 days plus 45 more days. Two specific lengths of time found nowhere else in scripture. Clue for these is in the Jewish feast days. This is very obscure to most teachers. “Appointed time”—means or refers to “certain holy days” which occur every years--repeated several times--Daniel 8:19, Daniel 11:27, Daniel 11:29, Daniel 11:35, means “Jewish Holy Days” in Hebrew; these occur every year at appointed times, based on the phases of the moon…..see Feast Wheel……**
	3. **1st New Number mentioned—1290 days—Feast of Purim (Queen Esther)...….Tish (9) B’ (of) Av (9th of Av)—July/August--Tish B’Av—Jewish festival/ feast, commemorates that Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple in 586 B. C., and the temple built by Ezra and Nehemiah was destroyed by Titus of Rome in 70 A.D., (656 years apart were the two destructions) and also a revolt by the Jews was in 132 A.D. Where Romans killed 100,000 Jews in 132 A.D. and a year later, another battle where Jews were killed, and one year later, 133 A.D, Romans plowed flat the entire temple—associated with the final desecration of the temple. This probably points to when the Antichrist will do the Abomination of Desolation, final desecration of the temple, on a Tish B’Av. If the final Abomination of Desolation is on a Tish B’Av (August or July), then add 1290 days to that Tish B’Av date that month of Adar, Feast of Purim, 3 years and 7 months. Entire month of Adar is a month of celebration and rejoicing and it commemorates the deliverance of the Jews from complete annihilation from one evil man, Haman, see Esther 8:1-8, releasing the Jews from the annihilation of an evil man. In the future, the people will celebrate being released from another evil man, the antichrist. This is the Romans 11:25-27, where the Apostle Paul refers to all of Israel being saved—1290 days…**
		1. **In verse 11, discuss “Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days**.” It is difficult to say what the relationship is between the three and one-half years mentioned in many places and the 1,335 days mentioned here. We could say that at the end of the 1,260 days Jesus returns. At the end of the 1,290 days, Jesus' government is officially installed. At the end of the 1,335 days the nations are judged ([Matthew 25:31-46](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Matthew+25:31-46&t1=en_nas)).
		2. **Second Number mentioned—1335 days- Feast of First Fruits ---Daniel 12:12—plus 45 more days…1335 days after antichrist desecrates the temple—start counting when temple is desecrated, midpoint of tribulation-- Tish (9) B’ (of) Av (9th of Av)—July/August--Tish B’Av- add 1335 days, 3 yrs. 8 mos. 15 days, and that will bring you to Feast of First Fruits…represents resurrection…...this is where Jews bring their first harvest to God and expresses their trust in God to provide, and this shows the day that God led the Jews through the waters of the Red Sea in the Exodus, how God would bring salvation to the world, showing how Jesus went into the depths of the earth to come up and bring salvation, and Jesus arose on the feast of First Fruits, it represents resurrection, telling the Jews that God has resurrected them the devil; JESUS ROSE ON THE FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS, RESURRECTION!! THESE PEOPLE ARE THE NEW HARVEST! THIS IS THE FIRST FRUITS WHO ARE GOING INTO THE MILLENNIUM!**
			1. **See I Corinthians 15: 20-23. This tells us the same thing. The ones that make it through the tribulation to the 1,335 days are the people that are going to populate the earth. They are blessed because “they are the new harvest,” the first fruits harvest. These are the people that Isaiah and other prophets, (Isaiah 32:15, 44:3, 60-62, Ezekiel 36:10-11, 48:1-29,22-28, Zechariah 10:6-9), say will live 1000 years, and we will be ruling and reigning with them in their worship and government of Christ—the first fruits of Jesus, the harvest. These are the “first fruits” coming back to the new heaven and new earth with Jesus. From the middle of the tribulation, count backwards to get the beginning of the tribulation….1260 backwards from the Tish B’Av the only feast day is the 15th of Shavout, new year’s for trees…..January/Feb., what triggers this? A new year….a new American president….a pagan festival….End of Winter Solstice…If that happens then, then the .Rapture might happen on a Feast of Rosh Hashanah, the blowing of the Trumpets…..if the feast days line up.** About the 1290 versus the 1335 days in Daniel chapter twelve.   It says in context here that from the abolition of the daily sacrifice and the erection of the “abomination of desolation" (i.e., the cult idol statue of antichrist which the false prophet will animate: [Rev.13](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Rev.13)), "there will be 1290 days". Now we know from elsewhere in Daniel, as well  as from information in Revelation, that the start point of this time period is the middle of the  Tribulation (i.e., at the outset of the "Great Tribulation": [Dan.9:27](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Dan.9.27); [Rev.13:11-15](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Rev.13.11-15); cf. [2Thes.2:1-12](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/2Thes.2.1-12)) Further, it is clear that this period lasts for three and one half years only,  generally described in terms of lunar years as either 42 months, or 1260 days, or "a time, times  and half a time"… ([Dan.7:25](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Dan.7.25); [12:7](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Dan%2012.7); [Rev.11:2](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Rev.11.2); [12:6](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Rev%2012.6); [12:14](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Rev%2012.14); [13:5](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Rev%2013.5)). Since the time will be further shortened "for the sake of the elect" ([Mk.13:20](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Mk.13.20)), neither the 1290 nor the 1335 can fit entirely in this window of the Tribulation's second half...   **In this we also have a parallel to the number of years Israel was in the wilderness following the Exodus plus the number of years necessary to enter and subdue the promised land (cf.** [**Josh.14:10**](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Josh.14.10)**: the Exodus is a repeating parallel analogy in scripture to the tribulation events).**This is why the one who "attains" this second number/time is "blessed", since that person will actually enter into the millennial kingdom. For, initially, those who are gathered are brought "into the wilderness" for the Lord to separate - like sheep from goats (although the primary application of the Matthew 25 passage is at the end of the Millennium; cf. [Ezek.34:1-24](http://biblia.com/bible/niv/Ezek.34.1-24)) - with only those who are truly repentant at seeing our risen, glorified Lord actually coming into the land of promise: **Ezekiel 20:33-38,** : **“**As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I will reign over you with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath. I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered—with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath. I will bring you into the wilderness of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgment upon you. As I judged your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will judge you, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will take note of you as you pass under my rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me. Although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”
			2. **When will the 7-year tribulation begin? Go backwards from Tish B’ Av. The only feast day that fits…Jan/Feb….Shavuot, in the middle of winter…**
			3. **Rapture could happen in fall season….The Blowing of the Trumpet….Sept/ Oct.**
2. **In verse 13, what does God promise Daniel? What is the promise implied to Israel? To us?**
3. **Compare Daniel with John. Use John 21:22 with Daniel 12:13.** At the end of the gospel of John, Jesus told Peter about his destiny to die as a martyr for Jesus. Peter wanted to know about John's destiny, so he asked Jesus, "What about John?" Essentially, Jesus replied, "It's none of your business. You follow Me" ([John 21:22](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=John+21:22&t1=en_nas)). In the same way, Daniel was not to spend all of his time and energy speculating and worrying about things he couldn't know. Instead, he should simply obey the word to go your way till the end.
4. **Summarize, in your own words, Daniel 12. Is there a “promised end” to trouble? Read Romans 8:22-25 (the whole earth groans waiting for the finish of time)**

**357 Verses of Daniel, 12 Chapters, equivalent to 20 hours of lecture, over 200 other verses used to teach this course…..review chapter 1—growing up in Babylon, 2—Neb’s dream, chapter 2—the golden image, the fiery furnace, and the 4th man, chapter 3, Nebuchadnezzar’s 2nd dream, a stump, 5—handwriting on the wall, 6—lion’s den, 7—prophecy, vision of the 4 beasts, chapter 8—prophecy, vision of the ram and the goat, ch.9—prayer and 70 weeks prophecy, chapter 10—prophecy--Daniels vision of Christ, chapter 11—kings of north and south, chapter 12-end of all things-**

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 **Wrapping up Daniel…from Daniel 11:36-Daniel 12, we see:**

1. **A world ruler, totally opposed to God**
2. **A world religion, based on the “Abomination of Desolation”**
3. **A final world war, world-wide which defeats the ruler**
4. **A time of tribulation for Israel, which lasts 3 1/2 years**
5. **A deliverance at the end for the people of God (after the tribulation)**
6. **Resurrection and judgment**
7. **Rewards for the righteous**

**“Firsts”**

**1. First example of “Corporate Prayer”—Dan.2:17-18**

**2. First example of “Praying Scripture” when you pray—Dan. 2:20-23**

**3. First Gentile King to write part of the Bible—Daniel 4**

**4. First example of a Jew being made head over two world empires—Daniel 5**

**5. First detailed description of The Tribulation—Chapter 9**

**6. First detailed description of the “history in advance” of the time between the Old Testament and New Testament**

**7. First mention of “everlasting life”—Daniel 12:2**

**Summary of the Book of Daniel:**

**Chapter 1—A loyal teenager taken captive**

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**Chapter 4—The Tree Dream, Nebuchadnezzar turns into a beast for seven years, and then writes a personal testimony to all of the world**

**Chapter 5—The Fall of Babylon and Belshazzar’s “Handwriting on the Wall”**

**Chapter 6—Aged Daniel in the lion’s den; second Theophany in Daniel**

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**Chapter 12—“Time of the End” and description of the Anti-Christ**

**Wrapping up Daniel, the Battle of Armageddon**

**The word Armageddon was used by the Apostle John, in the book of Revelation, 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:**

**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?3“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.”

**This scenario of the final wars of history is written by Dr. David Reagan….**

**1) The War of Extermination — Psalm 83 (Gaza, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan). The psalm states that the immediate neighbors of Israel will launch a war for the purpose of “wiping out Israel as a nation” (verse 4). The nations described as being a part of this nefarious effort are those with a common border with Israel today (verses 6-8). The rest of the psalm is a prayer for the victory of Israel (verses 9-18). The outcome of the war is not stated, but we know from other scriptures that Israel will be victorious. For example, in Zechariah 12:6 we are told that in the end times Israel will be like “a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples…” Also, in Amos 9:15 we are told that once the Jews are re-established in their land, “they will not again be rooted out from their land.” Bill Salus believes this war will result in an overwhelming victory for Israel, resulting in great territorial expansion and enhanced national resources. It will also produce the security spoken of in Ezekiel 38.**

**2) The First War of Gog & Magog — Ezekiel 38 and 39—AND ISAIAH 17--Israel living in peace…(Russia and other Muslim allies, outer ring, all but Saudi Arabia) But the security provided by the Psalm 83 war will not last long. The Arab nations will turn to their natural ally, Russia, and cry out for help. And the Russians will be very happy to respond, for they have always dreamed of taking the oil fields of the Middle East. They will, therefore, launch an invasion for the stated purpose of helping the Muslims destroy Israel, but their unstated agenda will be to use the Arab invitation as an excuse to expand their sovereignty over all the Middle East. This ulterior motive is described in Ezekiel 38:12 where it says the Russians will come “to capture spoil and to seize plunder.” The invading armies will be supernaturally destroyed by God “on the mountains of Israel” (Ezekiel 39:4). The Lord will accomplish this destruction through earthquakes, pestilence, hail storms, fire, brimstone, and battlefield confusion (Ezekiel 38:19-22). Even the Jewish people will recognize that the victory belongs to the Lord, and many will open their hearts to the Lord (Ezekiel 38:23). In fact, this event could mark the occasion when the 144,000 Jews of Revelation 7:1-8 accept Yeshua as their Messiah and are sealed by the Lord for special service throughout the seven year period of the Tribulation. The greatest mystery concerning this war is its timing. Most have placed it at the beginning of the Tribulation. Others delay its start to the middle of the Tribulation. Increasingly in recent years, the tendency has been to place it before the beginning of the Tribulation. The best discussion of timing that has yet been written can be found in Ron Rhodes’ book, Northern Storm Rising. He concludes that it is most likely to occur 3 1/2 years prior to the Tribulation. One of his most important reasons for this conclusion is that Ezekiel 39:9 says the Jews will spend seven years burning the weapons captured in the war, and the book of Revelation says they will be run out of the land in the middle of the Tribulation (Revelation 12:13-17). Since the middle of the Tribulation will occur 3 1/2 years into that seven year period, that means the only way the Jews could spend seven years burning the weapons is for the war to start at least 3 1/2 years before the Tribulation begins. (Note: The “burning of weapons” could refer to captured nuclear fuel.) Does this mean the wars of Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38 and 39 must occur before the Rapture? Not at all. The Rapture could occur anytime before, during, or after these wars. Keep in mind that the Rapture is not what marks the beginning of the Tribulation. The Tribulation will begin when the Antichrist signs a security treaty with Israel (Daniel 9:27). There could be a period of several years between the Rapture and the beginning of the Tribulation.**

**3) The Conventional War of the Tribulation — Revelation 6 –SEAL JUDGMENTS. The book of Revelation states that a major world war will break out soon after the Tribulation begins. This war is described in Revelation 6 AND REVELATION 13:7. Although the Antichrist will rise to world power in Europe through cunning, deception, and intrigue (Daniel 8:23), he will have to resort to military power to conquer the world. Asia, Africa, and South America have spent too long casting off the shackles of European colonialism for them to suddenly surrender their sovereignty peacefully to a new European dictator — regardless of how brilliant and charismatic he may be. We are told in Revelation 13:7 that the Antichrist will ultimately achieve “authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.” This authority will be achieved through war. Revelation 6 records the outbreak of this world war. It results in the death of one-fourth of humanity, or 1.5 billion in today’s terms (Revelation 6:8). The War of Psalm 83 results in the destruction of the inner ring of Muslim states around Israel. The War of Ezekiel 38 and 39 produces the defeat of the immediate outer ring of Muslim states. But the vast majority of all Muslims live outside the Middle East, the largest Muslim nations being Indonesia (201 million), India (144 million), Pakistan (140 million), and Bangladesh (115 million). These nations are the ones, who are most likely to produce the strongest resistance to a Western, non-Muslim dictator, and they will be destroyed either in this war or the one that follows it. In other words, I believe God is going to use the Antichrist as His hammer of wrath to destroy Islam. But many other nations in the world will also have to be subdued, and that leads us to the next war of the end times.**

 **4) The Nuclear War of the Tribulation — Revelation 8 & 9 (TRUMPET JUDGMENTS) WAR 3 MORPHS INTO A NUCLEUR WAR WHERE 1/3 OF THOSE LEFT ARE KILLED (ANOTHER 1 ½ BILLION PEOPLE). THREE BILLION PEOPLE DIE IN 3 ½ YEARS. POPULATION OF THE WORLD—7.13 BILLION PEOPLE. At some point, the book of Revelation indicates that the conventional war will morph into a nuclear holocaust, resulting in the deaths of another one-third of Mankind, or another 1.5 billion people (Revelation 9:15). This means that in the first two wars of the Tribulation, more than one half of humanity will die. A hint that the conventional war will become a nuclear one is found in Revelation 8:7 where it states that the escalation of the war will result in one-third of the earth being burned up. Another hint is found in Revelation 16:2-11 where we are told that “loathsome and malignant” sores will afflict people at the end of the Tribulation, something that would be a natural consequence of radiation from the use of nuclear weapons. It could very well be that this nuclear holocaust could be what Jesus had in mind when He stated that in the end times men will faint from fear over the expectation of the things coming upon the world, “for the powers of the heavens will be shaken” (Luke 21:26). This war is portrayed in the book of Revelation in chapters 8-9 as a series of “Trumpet Judgments.” REVELATION 16:2, 11—SORES ON PEOPLE, LUKE 21:26, REVELATION 8-9—TRUMPET JUDGMENTS.**

**5) The War in the Heavens — Revelation 12 The next end time war is totally different in nature from all the rest. It is a supernatural one that will occur in the heavens in the middle of the Tribulation. It is most likely prompted by an attempt of Satan to once again take the throne of God. Satan and his angels are opposed in this war by Michael and his angels. Michael is an archangel who is pictured in the Hebrew Scriptures as the commander-in-chief of the armies of God (Daniel 10:13, 21 and 12:1). Michael and his angels prevail in this war and Satan is cast down to earth. His access to God’s throne is cut off (Revelation 12:9-10). When this happens, Satan realizes that his time is short because he knows Bible prophecy (Revelation 12:12). In his rage, Satan decides to destroy the Jewish people, and this decision leads to the next war.**

 **6) The War Against the Jews and the Saints — Revelation 12 (LAST HALF OF TRIBULATION—THE GREAT TRIBULATION) Satan hates the Jews with a passion for several reasons: They are the Chosen People of God. God used them to provide the Scriptures to the world. SATAN GOES AGAINST THE JEWS AND THEIR GENTILE/SAVED COUNTERPARTS. It was through them that the Messiah came. God has promised that He will bring a great remnant of them to faith in His Son at the end of the Tribulation. There is going to be another holocaust during the latter half of the Tribulation. When Satan is cast down to earth, he will possess the Antichrist (Revelation 13:2) and inspire him to annihilate all the Jews. This is the reason that Jesus referred to the last half of the Tribulation as “the great tribulation” (Matthew 24:21) — not because this half will be worse than the first half, but because the wrath of Satan will be focused on the Jews. Some of the Jews of Israel will flee to a place in the “wilderness” where they will be supernaturally protected by God (Revelation 12:13-14). Many believe this hiding place will be the ancient city of Petra, located inside a box canyon in modern Jordan. There is good reason for this assumption because Daniel 11:41 says the Antichrist will be prevented from conquering Jordan when it is part of an end time rebellion. But Zechariah 13:8 indicates that two-thirds of the Jewish people will be killed by the Antichrist during this time, and Revelation 12:17 says the Antichrist will also war against the “offspring” of Israel — namely, those “who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.” I believe this is a reference to all those who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior during the Tribulation, both Jews and Gentiles. It is no wonder that Revelation 7:9-14 pictures a great multitude of martyrs in Heaven, so great that it cannot be counted. They are identified as “the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14). So the Antichrist will be very successful in his war against the Jews and the Saints, but he will fail in his ultimate goal of annihilating all the Jews. For we are told repeatedly throughout the Scriptures that a great remnant of the Jews will live to the end of the Tribulation at which time they will receive Yeshua as their Messiah. (See: Isaiah 10:20-23; Zechariah 12:10; Romans 9:27-28; and Romans 11:25-26.) REVELATION 12:7—WAR AGAINST THE SAVED IN THE GREAT TRIBULATION. THIS IS THE SECOND HOLOCAUST FOR THE JEWS, WHERE 2/3 WILL BE SLAUGHTERED—ZECHARIAH 13:8. DANIEL 11:41 SAYS JORDAN WILL NOT BE ENTERED BY ANTICHRIST. REVELATION 7:9-14—MULTITUDE MARTYRED IN TRIBULATION.**

**7) The Middle East Campaign of the Antichrist — Daniel 11 Daniel 11:40-45 describes a military campaign of the Antichrist in the Middle East that occurs at the end of the Tribulation. These verses and related verses in Revelation could very well indicate that when the Antichrist becomes insanely obsessed with destroying the Jews and the Saints, *the nations of the world will see an opportunity to rebel against him.* The nations in the Middle East will be led by the “king of the North” (most likely Syria) and the “king of the South” (Egypt). The Antichrist responds by invading “the Beautiful Land” and subduing all the area except Jordan. But just as he seems to be completely victorious, he hears “rumors from the East and from the North” that deeply disturb him. He retreats with his armies to the area “between the seas” where “he will come to his end.” The geographical description here of a location between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Galilee corresponds to the Valley of Armageddon. I believe the rumors that frighten him are, in part, the news that “the kings from the East” (Revelation 16:12) who are bringing huge armies from Asia have arrived at the Euphrates River and are ready to cross into Israel to challenge him. The rumors from the North could relate to a reconstituted rebellious army from Russia.**

**8) The Battle of Armageddon — Joel 3:16, Zechariah 14:12, Isaiah 10:16, and Revelation 19:19. (Only place named is in Revelation 16:16; see also Revelation 19:19) It appears that just as the armies from the East and the North start arriving in the Valley of Armageddon to challenge the Antichrist, the Lord breaks from the heavens, returns to the Mount of Olives, (\*\*\*I believe this is where Isaiah 63 happens first, where Jesus picks up His remnant from Petra first! \*\*) speaks a supernatural word, and all the armies are instantly destroyed. In other words, there really is no such thing as the “Battle of Armageddon.” The armies are assembled to do battle, but the Lord annihilates all of them in a microsecond “with the breath of His mouth” (2 Thessalonians 2:8). Joel 3:16 says the Lord will “roar from Zion” and “utter His voice from Jerusalem.” Isaiah 10:16 says the result will be “a wasting disease.” Zechariah 14:12 says it will be a plague that will cause the flesh of the soldiers “to rot while they stand on their feet.” Their eyes will rot in their sockets and their tongues will rot in their mouths. It will be like the explosion of a neutron bomb.**

**9) The Second Battle of Gog & Magog — Revelation 20 Mercifully and joyfully, the “battle” of Armageddon will be followed by one thousand years of peace as the reign of Jesus from Jerusalem results in the world being filled with righteousness and justice (Isaiah 11:4-5,9). Swords will be beat into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, and “nation will not lift up sword against nation…” (Isaiah 2:4). All the money that is spent today on armaments will be spent on agricultural implements. The world will be flooded with agricultural abundance (Amos 9:13). There will be no homeless or hungry people. Every man will have his own vineyard and orchard (Micah 4:4). Satan will be bound (Revelation 20:1-3). Sin and crime will be greatly reduced. But there will be seething rebellion in the hearts of many, if not most, that are born during that time. This is hard for most people to understand. Why would there be resentment in the hearts of people in the midst of such a perfect reign of Jesus? The initial population of the Millennium will be all those, both Jew and Gentile, who live to the end of the Tribulation and who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. All others will be consigned to death when the Lord returns. So, the Millennium will begin with only believers. But they will begin to propagate, and since death will be curtailed and life spans will be greatly extended (Isaiah 65:20), the population of the world will grow exponentially. Those born during this time will still have the old sin nature. They will desire all the things of the flesh — booze, drugs, gambling, and promiscuous sex. But they will see that any violation of the Law of God results in swift and certain justice. Immediate arrest will be followed by an immediate trial and an immediate judgment. There will be no appeal, for all judges will be Saints in glorified bodies that will make perfect decisions. So, the average person in the flesh will say, “I love you Jesus!” but he or she will do so with clinched teeth. The Bible states repeatedly that Jesus will rule with “a rod of iron” (Psalm 2:9 and Revelation 2:26-27). And despite the fact that His reign will produce righteousness, fairness, and perfect justice (Isaiah 11:4-5), most of those living in the flesh will deeply resent the fact that they cannot freely pursue their worldly lusts. It is no wonder that when Satan is released at the end of the Lord’s millennial reign (Revelation 20:7), the majority of those in the flesh will unite in one last rebellion against God that is pictured in Revelation 20:7-9. Led once again by Gog & Magog, this war is often confused with the war of Ezekiel 38 and 39. But the two are very different. The Ezekiel war pictures Russia coming against the nation of Israel with certain specified allies. In Revelation 20 Russia is portrayed as leading all the nations of the world against Jesus Christ. History is going to end as it began. It started out with two people living in a perfect society, but deciding to rebel against their Creator. It ends with all of humanity living in a perfect society, and the majority making the same decision to rebel against God. One of the many purposes of the Millennium is for God to prove that Mankind’s inherent sin defect can be remedied only by the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. But the Bible teaches that Mankind is fatally flawed with a sin nature that makes people naturally evil (Jeremiah 17:9). And the Bible teaches that the only solution to the problem is the transformation of the Holy Spirit that begins when a person accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior. God will prove this beyond doubt when He puts all of Mankind into a perfect society for one thousand years and Mankind responds in rebellion. The Second War of Gog & Magog will be the final war of history.**

**FINALE--Following “The Second War of Gog and Magog,” God will take the Redeemed off the earth and place them in the New Jerusalem He is now preparing. He will then consume the earth with fire to burn away the pollution of Satan’s last revolt. Out of that fiery inferno will come new heavens and a new earth — this earth redeemed and perfected (2 Peter 3:10-13). He will then lower the Redeemed down to this earth inside the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-7), and He will come to earth to live in their presence eternally (Revelation 22:1-4)**

**Revelation 19:17-18—Great Supper of our God—birds and beasts called to feast.**