

End Times Bible Prophecy – The Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ Part-4 Sunday September 22, 2024

We are currently doing a 4-part sermon series on End Times Bible Prophecy. In this series we will cover:

Sun Sep 01: The Middle East Conflict

Sun Sep 08: Antichrist, False Prophet, Mark of the Beast Sun Sep 15: Russia, Iran, Turkey and kings of the East

Sun Sep 22: The Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

<u>Today: The Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ</u>

THE ASSEMBLY OF NATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

The Bible indicates in Joel 3 (see full chapter), Ezekiel 38-39, Revelation 16:12-16, Revelation 19:11-21 an all-out war, where the nations of the earth will gather against Israel. This will happen at the end of the 7-years of Tribulation, which is Biblically referred to as the Battle of Armageddon. Two specific locations are mentioned: the Valley of Jehoshaphat (the Kidron Valley) east of Jerusalem, and The Valley of Jezreel (Armageddon) in Northern Israel.

ARMAGEDDON - THE VALLEY OF JEZREEL

Revelation 16:12-16

- 12 Then 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.
- 13 And 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.
- 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and 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."
- 16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

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Armageddon is derived from the Hebrew "Har Megiddo," meaning "Mount of Megiddo." This refers to the ancient city of Megiddo, located in northern Israel. The site is situated

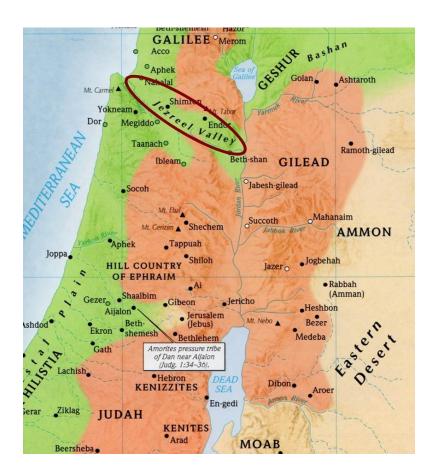


on a strategic hill overlooking the Jezreel Valley, near the modern town of Megiddo. In Revelation 16:16, Armageddon is the prophesied location of the final battle. It is depicted as the gathering place for armies in the end times. The surrounding Jezreel Valley is a vast plain, historically a battleground due to its strategic location.



Location of Megiddo (Armageddon) Source: Google Maps





During the past 4,000 years, at least 34 battles have been fought at Megiddo and the adjacent Valley of Jezreel, including Napoleon and the British General Edmund Allenby. General Allenby fought his battle with the Ottoman Turks in the Battle of Megiddo (1918) in this region.

The Valley of Jezreel (Armageddon) stretches approximately 20 miles (32 kilometers) in length and the width of the valley varies but is generally around 14 miles (22 kilometers) at its widest point. The ancient city of Megiddo covers roughly 200-300 meters in both length and width, but its significance comes from its position overlooking the Valley of Jezreel, which is the prophesied location for the Battle of Armageddon.

Just before Jesus returns to earth a second time, God will then cause the Euphrates river to dry up so that the armies of the world can gather, along with the Antichrist and false prophet to fight Jesus coming directly from heaven at the Jezreel valley. This will be the final war mankind will have to fight.



There is also another location mentioned in Joel 3 close to the city of Jerusalem where God will judge the nations. This is the valley of Jehoshaphat.

THE VALLEY OF JEHOSHAPHAT (KIDRON VALLEY)

Joel 3:1-2,12

1 "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

12 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

The Valley of Jehoshaphat is traditionally identified with the Kidron Valley, which lies between the eastern walls of the Old City of Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. In Joel 3:12, the Valley of Jehoshaphat is described as the place where God will gather all nations for judgment in the "Day of the Lord." The name "Jehoshaphat" means "Yahweh judges," symbolizing divine judgment. While no physical valley known as Jehoshaphat exists by name today, the Kidron Valley is widely associated with this biblical reference. The valley has historical significance and has been a burial site since ancient times, adding to its association with judgment.





Kidron Valley (Valley of Jehosaphat) Source: Google Maps

The Valley of Jehoshaphat (Kidron Valley) is often identified with the Kidron Valley, which lies between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. The Kidron Valley stretches about 20 miles (32 kilometers) in length, from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea. The width of the Kidron Valley varies significantly, but within the area near Jerusalem, it is quite narrow, ranging from 500 to 1,000 feet (150 to 300 meters) across.

THE FALL OF MYSTERY BABYLON AND THE GREAT CITY BABYLON

As the armies of the kings of the east, and the nations are moving toward Israel and Jerusalem (Revelation 16:12,14) two major things happen: The world religious system which had global influence, referred to as Mystery Babylon in Revelation 17 collapses. God puts it in the mind of the 10 leaders who were supporting the Antichrist to reject it (Revelation 17:15-18). And then the world financial system brought in by the Antichrist and false prophet referred to as the Great City Babylon collapses. In one hour people lose their wealth and their riches come to nothing (Revelation 18:17,19).

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

While these events mentioned above in Revelation 16, 17, 18 are happening on the earth, in heaven, we see the Marriage Supper of the Lamb taking place.



Revelation 19:6-10

6 And 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!

7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

8 And 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.

9 Then 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."

10 And 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."

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb is Christ celebrating His union with His people.

The Marriage Supper is a grand celebration, reflecting the joy and fulfillment of God's promises. This can be understood as in ancient Jewish wedding customs, where the marriage supper was the culmination of the marriage process. The groom would claim his bride, and the marriage would be celebrated with a joyous feast attended by friends and family. Similarly, Christ will come for His Church, and this event will be celebrated with great joy in heaven.

The marriage imagery highlights the intimate, loving, and eternal relationship between Christ and His people. Just as a marriage represents a lifelong covenant, the union between Christ and the Church is a symbol of the eternal covenant of grace and salvation.

"His wife has made herself ready" (19:7) and she is "arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints" (19:8). We see here that there is what the Church has done, making herself ready through righteous living, in response to the grace and gift of redemption, sanctification and righteousness through faith in Christ.

'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " (19:9). Being part of the marriage supper of the Lamb are among the many joys and blessings we will have in His Kingdom.

Once the marriage supper of the Lamb is done, Christ descends through the clouds of heaven, along with all of us, His people, and the armies of heaven.



THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS

Revelation 19:11-16

- 11 Now 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.
- 12 His 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.
- 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
- 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.
- 15 Now 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.
- 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

What is amazing is that Enoch, prophesied about this, about 5000 years ago.

Jude 1:14-15

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,

15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Going by Biblical genealogy, Enoch was born 622 years after Adam's creation. Enoch lived for 365 years. Enoch was "taken" by God in the year 987 after Adam's creation. If we base this timeline on biblical chronology, the creation of Adam around 4000 BC, the birth of Enoch would be about 3378 BC (622 years after 4000 BC) and he would have been translated to heaven at 3013 BC (987 years after 4000 BC). So, Enoch prophesied about 5000 years ago about the coming of Christ as written in Revelation 19!

THE LORD WILL DEFEND JERUSALEM

Zechariah was part of the group of exiles that returned to Judea after the decree of Cyrus. His prophecies were centered around the rebuilding of the Temple, the spiritual renewal of the people, and the coming of the Messianic Kingdom. The Book of Zechariah was written in stages, with the first part (chapters 1-8) being composed between 520 and 518 BC, and the second part (chapters 9-14) likely being written later much after the completion of the Second Temple around 480-470 BC (about 2,500 years ago). Zechariah chapters 12-14 describe what happens in the end times. We consider a few selected verses here.



Zechariah 12:8-10

8 In 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

9 It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

God Himself will defend Jerusalem and destroy the nations gathered against Israel. There will be a great outpouring of God's Spirit on the people (see Ezekiel 39:29). They will recognize Jesus the Messiah and grieve for what they did to Him.

WAR AGAINST CHRIST AND HIS ARMY

Revelation 19:17-21

17 Then 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,

18 that 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, free and slave, both small and great."

19 And 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.

20 Then 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.

21 And 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.

The Antichrist, the false prophet, and others who worshipped the Antichrist are destroyed and cast into the lake of fire. The devastation is so great that the birds of the air are called to feast on the dead bodies. This is referred to as the Supper of the Great God. This battle takes place in the valley of Megiddo, which is often referred to as Armageddon and in the Valley of Jehosaphat.

HIS FEET WILL STAND ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Zechariah 14:4-5,9

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.

5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You.



The Lord Himself will come down and fight against the nations. His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which will split in two. The valley formed by the splitting of the Mount of Olives is large enough to provide a path of escape for people fleeing from the chaos of the final battles in Jerusalem.

This dramatic topographical change will provide an escape route for the people of Jerusalem and will signify a shift in the region's geography. In Zechariah 14:10, it is mentioned that the land around Jerusalem will be flattened or leveled to create a vast plain, with Jerusalem being lifted up and exalted. This suggests a dramatic reshaping of the landscape in the End Times. While the area around the city will be flattened, Jerusalem will remain elevated, symbolizing its importance as the center of God's reign during the Messianic Kingdom.

BLOOD AS HIGH AS THE HORSES BRIDLE

Revelation 14:19-20

19 So 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.

20 And 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.

The winepress imagery is used in the Bible to depict divine judgment. The Greek term used here is "stadia" (plural of stadion), which is roughly equivalent to 1/8th of a mile or 185 meters. Therefore, 1,600 stadia would be approximately 200 miles (322 kilometers). A horse's bridle is typically about 4 to 5 feet (1.2 to 1.5 meters) high. This indicates an immense and catastrophic amount of blood, representing the scale of destruction.

SATAN AND HIS DEMONS BOUND FOR 1000 YEARS

Revelation 20:1-3

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Satan and his demons will be taken out of the earth for 1000 years. The very nature of things on the earth will change.



RESURRECTION OF THE TRIBULATION SAINTS - CHRIST AND THE SAINTS REIGN

Revelation 20:4-6

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Those who have died for their faith in Jesus during the Tribulation will be resurrected and have glorified bodies. All the saints, past (old and new Testament saints) resurrected/caught up in the rapture will also have glorified bodies.

There will be natural people from the Tribulation who have not received the mark of the beast who will enter the Millennium (Zechariah 14:16-21).

The saints will rule and reign with Jesus for 1000 years over the nations.

The Lord Jesus will be King over all the earth. His kingdom will bring peace and justice, and the rebellion of the nations will be crushed.

A FOUNTAIN OF CLEANSING FOR THE LAND

Zechariah 13:1-2

1 "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

2 "It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.

The Bible talks about a time of cleansing of the land from all manner of evil. The Temple will be cleansed (Malachi 3:1-5). We will have a Millennial Temple that is clean and consecrated for worship of the Lord.



THE MILLENNIAL REIGN DESCRIBED

While there are many Scriptures that describe the Millennium, we present just a few passages from Isaiah and a brief overview.

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 11:1-10

- 1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
- 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
- 3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;
- 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.
- 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.
- 6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.
- 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.
- 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.
- 10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

Here are a few facts we can mention about the Millennium: (Adapted from Dakes Bible. There is so much more).

Satan and his demons will be bound.

The Lord Jesus along with His saints will rule for 1000 years. This is a literal kingdom on the earth. Christ will rule under God the Father. King David will rule under Jesus (Jeremiah 30:9). Jerusalem will be the world capital (Isaiah 2:2-4).

Israel will be given all the original promised land (Genesis 17:8). There will be the Millennial Jewish temple at Jerusalem. A river will flow out from under the temple southward and part into two branches—one going into the Mediterranean and one into



the Dead Sea, the waters of which will be healed and have many fish. All the former sacrifices, feasts, and rituals of the temple worship will be continued as an eternal memorial of what they were types of before Christ fulfilled them. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God.

Salvation in its fullness will be for all, with divine healing for the body There will be peace and prosperity.

The very nature of things will be changed. People will live long (perhaps the full 1000 years). The nature of animals will be changed as before the Fall. Deserts will blossom again as a rose. Love and righteousness will prevail. Fruitful seasons and material blessings will fill the earth.

SUMMARY

MATTHEW 25

The Ten Virgins – Be alert, be ready
The Ten Talents – Continue with good stewardship

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads





End Times Bible Prophecy – The Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ Part-4 Sunday September 22, 2024

The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our sermons page. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: Revelation chapter 19 and Revelation 20:1-6

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

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If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.



FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.



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SERMON OUTLINE

Bible prophecy is history written in advance. In this sermon series on End Times Bible Prophecy, we consider topics such as: The Middle East Conflict where we addressed the land of Israel, the city of Jerusalem and the Temple (Third Temple). The Antichrist, False Prophet, and the Mark of the Beast. Russia, Iran, Turkey and the kings of the East. The Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. In this sermon we focus on some details on what will happen at the battle of Armageddon, how Christ will return to defend Israel and vanquish His enemies and the introduction of the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. Specific topics in this sermon include:

The Assembly Of Nations Against Israel

Armageddon - The Valley Of Jezreel

The Valley Of Jehoshaphat (Kidron Valley)

The Fall Of Mystery Babylon And The Great City Babylon

The Marriage Supper Of The Lamb

The King Of Kings And The Lord Of Lords

The Lord Will Defend Jerusalem

War Against Christ And His Army

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