

God's Plan for the Future

Study Sheet

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The Tribulation: Armageddon

Selected Scriptures

The _____ for the battle (Revelation 12:9, 13)

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ... (13) And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

Revelation 16:13-14 – *And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the **dragon** and out of the mouth of the **beast** and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**, three unclean spirits like frogs. (14) For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.*

The word translated *battle* in verse 14 is the Greek word, *polemos*, which signifies a war or campaign. Armageddon will be a series of battles fought over 3½ years throughout the land of Israel.

The _____ of the battle (Revelation 16:16)

And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

The Hebrew name is *har Megiddo*, a compound word which means Mount of Megiddo.

Armageddon literally means *Mount of _____*.

Mt. Megiddo is an actual geographic location in northern Israel.

Approximately 60 miles N. of Jerusalem and 10 miles from Nazareth.

Armageddon will be fought in the Valley of Jezreel.

Jezreel is the same place Barak defeated the Canaanites (Judges 4).

Jezreel is the same place Gideon conquered the Midianites (Judges 7).



In 1799, as Napoleon looked out at the enormous plain of Armageddon, he said, "All the armies of the world could maneuver their forces on this vast plain... There is no place in the whole world more suited for war than this... [It is] the most natural battleground on the whole earth."

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Revelation 14:17-20 [NLT] – *After that, another angel came from the Temple in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. (18) Then another angel, who had power to destroy with fire, came from the altar. He shouted to the angel with the sharp sickle, "Swing your sickle now to gather the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth, for they are ripe for judgment." (19) So, the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God's wrath. (20) The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress in a stream about 180 miles long and as high as a horse's bridle.*

Joel 3:13 – *Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Go in, tread, for the winepress is full. The vats overflow, for their evil is great.*

The _____ of the battle (Revelation 19:15)

To _____ divine judgment upon the nation of Israel (Matthew 24:21)
For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

Jeremiah 30:7 – *Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob...*

To _____ divine judgment upon the Israel-persecuting nations (Joel 3:2)
I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land...

Jehoshaphat means "Yahweh _____."

Joel 3:12, 14 – *Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. ... (14) Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.*

(Ezekiel 38 and 39; Daniel 11:45; Zechariah 9:14ff and 12:1ff).

Jesus foretells the judgment of the nations in the book of Matthew.

Matthew 25:31-34, 41 – *But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. (32) All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*

(33) He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. (34) Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world."

(41) Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, "Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons..."

To _____ divine judgment upon all the Christ-rejecting nations (Revelation 19:15)
From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

Jude 1:14-15 – *"Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, (15) to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."*

Revelation 16:8-9 – *The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. (9) They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.*

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The _____ in the battle

The _____ between Israel and Antichrist (Daniel 9:27)

And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.

Daniel 11:21-23 – *In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. (22) Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant. (23) And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people.*

The _____ to the Antichrist (Revelation 13:3-4)

...The whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. (4) And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 – *Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day [day of the Lord] will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, (4) who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.*

Daniel 11:36-39 – *And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. (37) He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women [?]. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all. (38) He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. (39) He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price.*

Revelation 13:15 – *And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.*

The _____ to fight against the Antichrist (Daniel 11:40-41)

At the time of the end, the king of the south shall attack him, but the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. And he shall come into countries and shall overflow and pass through. (41) He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom and Moab and the main part of the Ammonites.

The _____ news from the east (Daniel 11:44)

But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction.

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

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- The Euphrates is the longest river in western Asia.
- The Euphrates River flows exclusively through Muslim Territory.
- The 280-mile-long *Kara Su* (Western Euphrates R.) and the 400-mile-long *Murat Su* (Eastern Euphrates R.) unite in southeastern Turkey.
- The river's length is about 1,900 miles; roughly the distance between Indy and San Fran. The river travels 760 miles through Turkey; 440 miles through Syria; 660 miles through Iraq.
- The final 90-121 miles of the waterway (called *Shatt al-Arab*) connects the Euphrates and Tigris with the Persian Gulf.
- The Scriptures specify that the river will be the easternmost border of the promised land.
 - Genesis 15:18** [NLT] – *The LORD made a covenant with Abram that day and said, "I have given this land to your descendants, from the border of Egypt to the great Euphrates River..."*
 - Deuteronomy 11:24** [NLT] – *Wherever you set foot, that land will be yours. Your frontiers will stretch from the wilderness in the south to Lebanon in the north, and from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.*
- The Euphrates serves as a natural border and barrier between Israel and many enemies.
- The Garden of Eden was located in the vicinity of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.
 - Genesis 2:10-14** – *A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. (11) The name of the first is the Pishon... (13) The name of the second river is the Gihon... (14) And the name of the third river is the **Tigris**... And the fourth river is the **Euphrates**.*

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The _____ from the heavens

The coming of the Lord, as _____

Revelation 19:11-16 – *Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. (12) His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. (13) He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. (14) And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. (15) From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. (16) On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

The coming of the saints, as _____

Zechariah 14:5 – [NKJV] *Jehovah my God shall come, and all the saints with You.*
1 Thessalonians 3:13 – [ESV] *...Establish your hearts blameless in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.*
Jude 1:14 – [KJV] *Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand(s) of his saints.*

The coming of the angels, as _____

2 Thessalonians 1:7 – *And to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.*
Matthew 25:31 – *When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.*

Programming note...The King is coming!!