

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON REVELATION 19:11-21

There have been many great battles in world history. There is coming a battle that will end human history as we now know it. This battle will culminate in the return of Christ and will usher in his reign of peace on earth.

I. THE SETTING OF THIS BATTLE.

A. The Great Tribulation.

1. Seven years of unprecedented catastrophe on earth. Rev. 6,9,16.
2. The reign of the Antichrist. Rev. 13.
3. The collapse of Antichrist's kingdom. Rev. 17 and 18,

B. The Last World War.

1. The final battle in a world war that last 3 ½ years.
2. The beginning of the war. Ezek. 38.
3. The escalation of this war. Dan. 11:40-45; Rev. 16:12-16; Zech. 14:1-3.

C. The Location of this Battle.

1. Mt. Megiddo is located about 60 miles north of Jerusalem.
2. The Valley of Megiddo, or Jezreel Valley, lies to the north of Mt. Megiddo.
3. Napoleon called the site the greatest battlefield he had ever seen.
4. Megiddo is the focal point of the last great battle of human history as we know it.

II. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS BATTLE.

A. The Armies of this World. Rev. 19:19.

B. The Armies of Heaven.

1. These angels are part of this group. Matt. 25:31. Note Isa. 37:31.
2. The saints are also involved in this event. Jude 14,15.

C. The Captain of our Salvation. Rev. 19:14.

1. His appearance.
 - a. The white horse – 19:11 -He returns as a triumphant warrior. Cp. Zech. 9:9.
 - b. Eyes as a flame of fire – 19:12- He comes in judgment. Cp. 1:14.
 - c. Many crowns – 19:12 -He is the almighty king.
 - d. Garments dipped in blood – 19:13 - He has fought and won many battles.
2. His names.
 - a. Faithful and true – 19:11 - He keeps his promises. See Rev. 1:5.
 - b. The Word of God – 19:13 -This is the Babe of Bethlehem. See John 1:1.
 - c. King of Kings and Lord of Lords – 1:16 – None is greater than Him.
 - d. A name that no man knew – 19:12 – There is a mystery about Christ.

III. THE OUTCOME OF THIS BATTLE.

A. The Destruction of the Armies. 19:21.

* They are destroyed with the power of his word. 19:15;21. *

B. The Destruction of the Antichrist and False Prophet. 19:20. Cp. Rev. 13:4.

This great event shows that the only hope for our world is the return of Christ. He will return one day to defeat the forces of evil and establish his reign of righteousness on this earth. We should trust and follow this mighty Savior.