

# *The Road to Armageddon!*

**Revelation 16:12-16; Daniel 11:36-45**

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## Introduction

- The secular fascination with “Armageddon”

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### A. **Destination:** *Where is “Armageddon”?*

- Revelation 16:12-16-- *“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. 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. 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. “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.” And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.”*
1. Meaning of the Hebrew name, “Armageddon”
  2. Location of the Valley of Megiddo
  3. Major conflicts fought in the plain
  4. Previous spiritual battles fought here

### B. **Timing:** *When will the “Battle of Armageddon” take place?*

1. Chronological Sequence of End-Time Events
2. Last Event prior to the Second Coming of Christ

### C. **Sequence:** *Who will be involved in the “Battle of Armageddon”?*

1. **The Beginning of the Road**
  - a. **The elevation of the “willful King” as supreme ruler and mighty warrior**
    - Daniel 11:36-39-- *“Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.”*
  - b. **The challenge to the antichrist’s authority by the king of the South**
    - Daniel 11:40-- . *“At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.*

- c. **The king of the South joined by the king of the North in opposing the Antichrist**
    - 1) Same as Ezekiel 38-39 "Gog and Magog"???"-- NO
    - 2) Possible identity of the "king of the North"
  - d. **The Antichrist engages in the conflict and defeats them.**
    - Daniel 11:40-43-- *"At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels."*
2. **The Middle of the Road**
- a. **The Antichrist hears "disturbing news" from the north east.**
  - b. **The kings of the East challenge the Antichrist's forces**
    - Daniel 11:44-- *"But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many."*
    - Revelation 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."*
  - c. **The Antichrist's forces defeat them and thus secures world domination**
    - Daniel 11:44b-45-- *"therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him."*
3. **The End of the Road**
- a. **Antichrist and his allied forces turn on Israel and Jerusalem**
    - Zechariah 14:1-3-- *"Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle."*
  - b. **Just when the Antichrist appears to be the victor, the world leader, the supreme sovereign, he is greeted by another army from heaven.**
    - Revelation 19:11-16-- *"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. 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. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 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. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."*
    - Zechariah 14:3-5-- *"Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. 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. 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."*

- c. **The Antichrist's forces are defeated with one word, the "sharp sword that comes out of His mouth"**
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8-- *"And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming."*
- d. **The Antichrist and false prophet are captured and cast alive into the lake of fire.**
- Revelation 19:19-20-- *"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. 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."*

**BOTTOM LINE: JESUS CHRIST WINS!!!!**

- John 16:33-- *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*