

SGB Church Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study Notes

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Isaiah Study 112

"In an epic culmination God preserves His chosen nation"

READING : Isaiah 66:5-24

This final chapter of Isaiah's prophecy concludes with the complete destruction of all the enemies of Israel.

Is.66:6-13 Pictures the regathering of the nation and in every true sense its rebirth as the people of God, but all of this great joy will be mingled with sadness as the very thing that creates this joy for Israel will be born out of the effects of God's judgement upon her enemies. **:14-16, 24**

The period of tribulation will become the great tribulation, ending with the greatest warfare ever known in the history of the world and ending in the greatest battle ever known, the Battle of Armageddon

Rev 16:13-16 describes how this comes about as Satan sets out to succeed in his plan to thwart God's promise and therefore His plan for Israel. Cp **Acts 1:6-7**

- A. Satan tried to kill Jesus at His birth. **Matt 1:13-23**
- B. He tried to tempt Jesus in the wilderness at the commencement of His earthly ministry **Matt 4**
- C. He had Jesus betrayed and crucified. **Matt 26:14-16, 27:35**

Now, as he knows that time is running out, Satan will employ 2 agents to help him facilitate his plan.

1. The Beast **Rev 16:13**
Head of a revived Roman Empire **Daniel 2**

2. The False Prophet. **Rev 16:13**
Head of new World Religious System

Here we have the Satanic Trinity.

1. The Dragon (Satan)
2. The Beast (The Antichrist)
3. The False Prophet.

All are committed to the destruction of Jerusalem

The Tribulation period has already revealed their intention; now everything is about to come to a head. **Rev 16:13-16**

"Armageddon" is only mentioned by name here in **v:16**

Comes from Hebrew "Har Megiddo"

"Har" means "Mount", "Har Megiddo" means "Mt Megiddo"

"Megiddo" means "Slaughter"

"Armageddon" means "Mount of slaughter" and is located about 55 miles north of Jerusalem. This will be the place of Israel's last stand.

Rev 14:18-20 describes the slaughter. Blood will flow up to the bridles of the horses a distance of 1,600 furlongs the distance of the entire length of Israel.

The Battle of Armageddon will take place over a period of 3.5 years.

Joel 3:1-2, 9-21 sums it up.

Christ returns to rescue Israel, destroy her enemies, and set up His rule upon the earth!

Isaiah 66:22-24, 55:12-13, 11:1-12.