

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 16

REVELATION 16:16

"And they gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew Har-Magedon."

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BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

- **Armageddon** is the spiritual conflict!
 - Satan and his allies wage war against God and His saints. The kingdom of Christ and His disciples has never been, nor shall ever be, advanced by engaging in physical warfare (John 18:36; 2 Corinthians 10:4).
 - The sword used by God's army is His word, the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:10-18).

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- **Armageddon** literally means "hill of Megiddo"
- Derived from an actual place in the **Valley of Jezreel**
- No literal "hill" or "mount of Megiddo"
 - **Towns** of Megiddo – Joshua 17:11; Judges 1:27
 - **Waters** of Megiddo – Judges 5:19
 - **Valley** of Megiddo – 2 Chronicles 35:22; Zechariah 12:11

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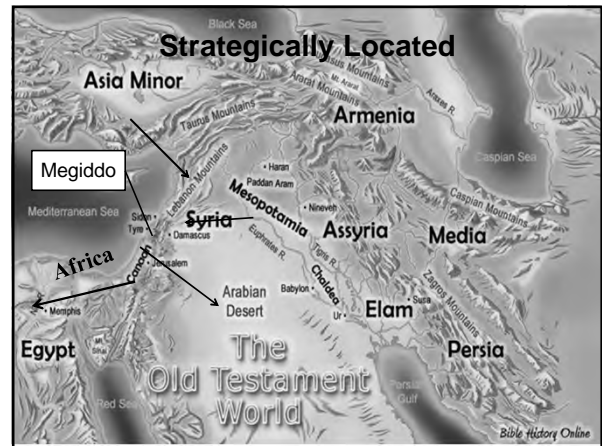
- **Mount Megiddo** is a plain located between the Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean Sea
- Since not an actual **literal place** – This is not an actual literal battle.
 - The valley is somewhat triangular and is no more than 20 by 15 miles in size. It is only about 6 miles across the valley due north from Megiddo.
- Megiddo overlooked the plain of Esdraelon and has been a **strategic place** in the history of God's people. It is on the main road between Egypt and Mesopotamia.
- Typically it is a **battleground** between the forces of good and evil.

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A number of ancient battles were fought there.

- Barak and Deborah overthrew the kings of Canaan – **Judges 5:19**
- Gideon defeated the Midianites. **Judges 6:33**
- Saul defeated the Philistines. **1 Samuel 31:8**
- Ahaziah died of Jehu's arrows. **2 Kings 9:27**
- Pharaoh-Necoh overthrew Josiah. **2 Kings 23:29-30**



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BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

- The warfare is between the spiritual forces of righteousness and evil
- God and Satan
- Battle was fought and won by the Lord in the **complete destruction** of the Roman Empire.
 - The Lord will emerge as the victor in this drama. **Revelation 19:19-21**
 - Assure the saints the ultimate victory!

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REVELATION 16:17

- "And the seventh poured out his bowl upon the air; and there came forth a great voice out of the temple, from the throne, saying, It is done"*

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THE SEVENTH BOWL POURED OUT

- The air is smitten
- “It is done – it is finished!”
- The judgment has been **completed**
- Final bowl of **divine wrath** is emptied
- **Final judgment** coming down on Rome
- Voice came from **heaven**, from the **throne** – a divine pronouncement!

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REVELATION 16:18

“and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since there were men upon the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty.”

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REVELATION 16:19

“And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.”

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11:8; 14:8

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REVELATION 16:20

“And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.”

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6:14;
Ezekiel
26:18

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REVELATION 16:21

“And great hail, (every stone) about the weight of a talent, cometh down out of heaven upon men: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof is exceeding great.”

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SEVENTH BOWL GOD’S EXCLAMATION POINT!

- After that announcement there were:
 - Lightnings
 - Thunderings
 - Great earthquake
 - Like none other that had ever appeared on the earth
 - The epitome of horror
 - Judah at hand of Nebuchadnezzar (Ezekiel 5:8-9)
 - Jews at hand of Rome (Matthew 24:21)
 - Destruction of a mighty great nation!
- From Revelation 8:3-5
- Incense added to the prayers of the saints. Censer filled with **fire** taken from the altar.
 - Fire strikes the earth, causing thunder, voices, lightning, and an earthquake – all symbolic of God’s response.
- All this expresses certainty that God **hears and answers** the prayers of His people. (cf. Revelation 6:9-11; Exodus 2:23-24; 1 Peter 3:12; 1 Peter 2:5; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Philippians 4:6).
- God warns first – then comes judgment! Amos 3:3, 7; 2 Peter 3:9
- Now God’s judgment is certain!

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| SEVENTH BOWL GOD’S EXCLAMATION POINT! |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary:• The division of the great city into three parts points to completeness of the destruction• All nations fell who were in the league with Rome with opposition to God• Weakened and divided – easily conquered!• No place of refuge – even islands and remote mountains removed• Cup of wrath and its fierceness – Great power magnified! |