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Awesome And Exalted: 'Battle Of That Great Day Of God Almighty!'



What do you know about God's awesome and infinite power? What is the Biblical Armageddon? Is Armageddon the battle that will end the world? When, how and why will it take place?

One of God's attributes is His omnipotence - supreme, infinite and awesome power. God's power signifies supremacy and authority, and is a manifestation of His glory Jer 32:17; Mt 19:26; Lk 1:37. God's attributes are a manifestation of His excellence (Read Tracts - 'Supremacy And Authority Of God,' 'Attributes, Qualities & Characteristics,' & 'Extraordinary Miracles, Signs And Wonders!').

How is God's awesome power reflected? Here are just a few examples:

- 1) In the creation of the universe Ge 1:1; Is 44:24; Mk 13:19; Ro 1:20.
- 2) Upholding of the universe - all things visible and invisible, by His powerful word Ps 36:6; 145:14-16; Col 1:16; Heb 1:3.
- 3) God's sovereignty over creation Job 12:13-16; Ro 9:17-18. He daily and continually preserves His own creation - both man and beast Ps 36:6; 145:14-16.
- 4) God successfully does whatever He pleases in the heavens above, and on the earth below - always according to His will. God's omnipotence is emphasized in Ps 115:3; Jer 32:27; Mt 19:26; Lk 1:37. The heavens and the earth display the greatness of His power, glory, honor and majesty. All that is in heaven and on the earth belongs to God 1 Ch 29:11. The heaven is His magnificent masterpiece Ps 8:3; 19:1; 102:25; 150:1. He alone does great wonders Ps 136:4.
- 5) God's divine power was manifested through the most compelling event - the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead Ac 2:31; 3:15; 4:33; Ro 1:4; 6:5; 2 Co 13:4; Col 1:18.
- 6) The power of God is manifested through His ultimate control of the weather. For example, thunder, lightning, storms, hurricanes and earthquakes Ps 77:18; 83:13-18; Is 29:6 (Read Tract - 'God Controls The Weather!'). He also governs the rain Ps 147:8.
- 7) God's power is demonstrated through the pouring out of plagues upon an unrepentant and rebellious world Rev 8: 16 (Read Tract - 'Heavenly Signs Introduce Day Of The Lord!').
- 8) Salvation is according to God's grace, but is nevertheless a manifestation of His power. God's power is continually manifested through the proclamation of the gospel. Acceptance of, and faith in the gospel is a gift of God. Mk 10:27; Ac 4:11-12; Ro 1:16; 1 Co 1:24; 2 Co 4:6; Eph 2:8. God's glory is revealed through displays of His saving power. God powerfully sustains and protects His true Church. Throughout the ages, it has stood the test of time. Nothing has ever been able to overcome it, just as Christ promised in Mt 16:18. God faithfully and successfully preserves His elect unto salvation Jn 10:27-30; 1 Pe 1:5.
- 9) God blesses the righteous; and judges and condemns the wicked Ps 1:1-6; 3:7-8; 5:12; Mt 25:31-46; 2 Pe 2:4-6. God brings prosperity, and creates disaster Is 45:7. Note: This scripture does not teach that God is responsible for the moral evil and decline that is in the world. He is able to bless immeasurably more - far above and beyond our highest hopes, thoughts, dreams and expectations Eph 3:20. God exalts the humble; and brings the wicked down Ps 31:23; 37:28; 147:5-6. He makes fools of judges Job 12:17. He overthrows the "mighty" and "brings princes to nothing" Job 12:19; Is 40:23-24. He silences trusted advisers, and deprives the elders of good sense Job 12:20.
- 10) God has the infinite power to create something out of nothing Ps 33:9; 147:5; Ro 4:17; 1 Co 1:26-31.
- 11) Conversion of sinners is also evidence of God's power Mk 2:17.

What is Biblical Armageddon? Many believe that Armageddon is the one catastrophic event in human history that would destroy the whole human race - meaning "the end of the world." When World War I and II occurred, many falsely understood that either of these two wars would end with "Armageddon." World leaders and scientists use the term to refer to the annihilation of humanity through nuclear, chemical and biological warfare. The false and most commonly accepted belief is that Armageddon is the final battle of an upcoming war, where the atheistic forces on the one side, will attack Jerusalem; and the British and American armies on the other side, will be defending it. And at that specific moment of battle, Jesus will return. Yet very few people really understand what Armageddon is really all about. What does Bible prophecy really foretell? With the possession of nuclear weapons, World War III will cause such massive destruction, that only the return of Jesus Christ will save mankind from annihilation! Jesus commands us to watch and pray, so that we may be accounted worthy to escape all the terrifying events that will be fulfilled, prior to His Second Coming Lk 21:36. As we watch world events unfolding, we will see Bible prophecy being fulfilled right before our very eyes.

The reality of the matter is that Armageddon is directly connected to the return of Jesus Christ, where God will defeat the evil human forces, influenced by Satan and his demons. Many commentators refer to this most spectacular event - great and final cataclysmic battle - as "Armageddon" - "the final battle between good and evil." Notice that in scripture, the Battle is not called "the battle of Armageddon." It is called the "battle of that great day of God Almighty!" Rev 16:14. Therefore, it is God's battle. The word 'Armageddon' occurs only once in scripture Rev 16:16. It is not found in Hebrew literature. It has been transliterated from the Greek into the English language as: 'Armageddon' (KJV); 'Har Magedon' (NAS); 'Harmageddon' (Moffatt). 'Armageddon' is a Greek form of the Hebrew name *har Megiddo*, meaning literally the "hill (or mountain) of Megiddo" - site of the ancient city of Megiddo, which is about 55 miles (88.51 km) north of Jerusalem, and approximately 15 miles (24.14 km) inland from the Mediterranean Sea. Anciently, the area that includes Megiddo and the Valley of Megiddo, was an important military site that fortified the strategic passes around Mt. Carmel. Nowadays, it is not a major military site. But Megiddo is a symbol of war. In Jos 17:11, we find that Megiddo was a royal city of the Canaanites until Joshua captured it. Megiddo is also known as the Plain of Esdraelon or Valley of Jezreel Josh 17:16. Over the centuries, Megiddo has been known as a battleground, where more than 200 battles have been fought at or near there. Here are just a few scriptural examples: 1) At the time when Deborah was judging Israel, she ordered Barak into battle there against the Canaanites, led by Sisera. Sisera's whole army of soldiers were killed Jdg 4-5. 2) The army of Gideon killed 120,000 Midianite soldiers - famous defeat Jdg 7-8. 3) Jehu, king of Israel smite Ahaziah, king of Judah in the chariot, and he fled to Megiddo where he died 2 Kgs 9:27. 4) Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt helped the Assyrians, and defeated the Israelites. He killed king Josiah at Megiddo 2 Kgs 23:29-30. 5) Israel's defeat before the Philistines 1 Sa 31.

The Merriam Webster Dictionary: defines Armageddon as: "a final conclusive battle between the forces of good and evil; also: the site or time of this."

Young's Compact Bible Dictionary: p. 62 also defines ARMAGEDDON as: "The location of the battle on the great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:16). And it goes on to define more exactly where this location is: "The word translated means "Mount Megiddo." In the great

valley below the ancient city of Megiddo many famous battles of antiquity were fought and hence many consider the word "Armageddon" to refer to an eschatological battle that will be fought in that valley, the valley of Jezreel."

The KJV Study Bible p. 1839 states: Armageddon "probably stands for Har Mageddon, "the mountain of Megiddo." Many see no specific geographical reference in the designation and take it to be a symbol of the final overthrow of evil by God. However, the city of Megiddo strategically overlooks the Jezreel Valley where this final battle will be fought. It takes its name from this city and the mound upon which it is built, thus providing the reader with a specific location for this conflict."

The Expositor's Bible Commentary offers another insight into Armageddon: "It is surprising that no one has suggested taking magedon as deriving from the secondary sense of the Hebrew gadad that means 'to gather in troops or bands.' The simple way in Hebrew to make a noun from a verb is to prefix a ma to the verbal form. Thus we have maged , 'a place of gathering in troops,' and the suffix o , meaning 'his,' yielding 'his place of gathering troops.' This is almost equivalent to the expressions in vs. 14, 16-'to gather them (the kings and their armies) for the battle on the great day of God Almighty'-and would allude to the prophetic expectation of the gathering of the nations for judgment" (Johnson, p. 552).

Sixth Plague: The sixth of the last plagues sets the stage for the ultimate battle to fight Christ at His Second Coming. When the sixth angel pours out his bowl, or when the sixth symbolic vial of God's wrath is poured out, Satan who is referred to as the dragon in Rev 12:9, will influence the nations to fight against Jesus Rev 16:12-16. Satan and his demons will incite the battle, and worldwide opposition and resistance to Christ. These forces of spiritual wickedness, demons or evil spirits (fallen angels), will directly influence the nation's leaders - deceiving them with miracles Rev 16:13-14, to fight Christ and His army of holy angels! Rev 16:13 mentions that three unclean spirits like frogs came out of the mouth of the dragon (the devil - Rev 12:9), and out of the mouth of the beast (demon-possessed civil end-time ruler), and out of the mouth of the false prophet (demon-possessed religious leader). Rev 16:14 mentions the word "devils," which should be correctly translated demons." "Spirits of devils" are demons or fallen angels Jude 1:6, who followed the archangel Lucifer (whose name was changed to Satan, which means adversary) in rebellion against the Creator God long ago Is 14:12-14; Ez 28:12-17; Rev 12:4. These unclean spirits are responsible for gathering the rebellious armies of all nations together at a place called "Armageddon."

Armageddon: Gathering place: Armageddon is the gathering place Rev 16:16. It is not the event or battle, and neither is it the end of the world. The kings of the Earth will wage war and fight against the returning Jesus Christ Rev 17:14. By this stage, Christ, His army of angels and resurrected saints will already be in Jerusalem. The "way of the kings of the east" will be prepared by the drying up of the Great Euphrates River Rev 16:12. This will enable the nations to easily assemble their armies at "Armageddon." The Euphrates River originates in Turkey and flows southeast through Syria and Iraq, right through to the Persian Gulf. Nowhere in scripture do we find armies actually attacking each other. Scripture does indicate that armies will assemble on the Plain of Megiddo, which is situated about 55 miles north of Jerusalem in Israel, and overlooks the Valley of Jezreel. It is the staging ground for the greatest battle and military might ever assembled. According to Rev 16:12, those who are gathered seem to be two political and military coalitions - "The kings of the earth and of the whole world" v14, and "the kings from the east" v12, that is, east of the Euphrates River. The term "kings" originally means ruler or leader, which may be used today to describe a president, prime minister, chairman, etc. By this time, there will be an alliance of humans, nations and rulers that will support the "beast" power of Rev 17. Massive and rebellious armies will gather on the Plain of Esdraelon (also known as the Valley of Jezreel). Then, they will proceed to march towards Jerusalem, and attempt to fight Christ at His return.

Where is the focal point of the battle? The Valley of Jehoshaphat, also called the "valley of decision" Joel 3:1-2, 9-14. Jehoshaphat means "Valley of the Judgment of Jehovah." This valley is a deep ravine which separates Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. The Valley of Jehoshaphat is also known as the Kidron Valley, which is used today as a burial ground by the Jews. It lies just east of Jerusalem. In Rev 17:14, the "Lamb" refers to Jesus Christ. Our righteous, holy and mighty warrior, Jesus Christ will win an overwhelming victory, and utterly vanquish the rebellious nations of the earth, in the Kidron Valley Rev 19:7-21. According to 2 Ch 20:17, the Lord overthrew the people of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, when they came against Jerusalem (Read Tract - 'Praise And Worship!'). The battle belonged to God. When "tomorrow" came, He wiped out all the enemies who were found dead, without Jehoshaphat even lifting a finger.

What are the results of the 'Battle of that great day of God Almighty'? Human generals will swiftly realize that they are simply puny, mortal human beings who have foolishly engaged in battle with Almighty God, thinking that they can fight God with the most advanced weaponry. The prophet Zechariah also describes how the righteous judgment of God will be visibly manifested Zech 14:12. The wrath of God will be poured out upon these wicked and rebellious armies, and they will be totally destroyed! Zech 14:12; Rev 19:20-21. Even the world's armies combined are no match for our Great and Awesome God - who will totally defeat them with His mighty power! Zech 14:9. The carnage will be so great that it will extend for some 200 miles (321.87 km) Rev 14:20. Jesus Christ will fight these massive armies at His return. In Rev 19:11-21, Jesus is described as the 'Rider On The White Horse' (Read Tract - 'Glorious And Imminent Return Of Christ Jesus!'). The birds will feed on the dead bodies of those who war against Jesus Christ.

Armageddon: Prelude to peace, joy and prosperity: Armageddon is a prelude to peace, joy and prosperity, and man's salvation, where the world will finally be at one with God. This final battle will end all wars once and for all. Armageddon signals the end of human pain, suffering and misery. Humanity will ultimately learn its lesson the hard way, when God dramatically intervenes in human affairs, and enforces peace on a foundering world. Human governments including religious, political, cultural, economic and educational systems will be replaced. Armageddon will precede the establishment of Christ's Kingdom and government. After Christ wins an overwhelming victory, nations will never wage war ever again Is 2:2-4. All nations will learn the way of peace in the Kingdom of God Zec 14:9. (Read Tract - 'Will You Inherit The Kingdom Of God?'). Armageddon is not the battle that will annihilate all life on planet earth. Rather, it signals the end of death and destruction, and is a prelude to 1,000 years of peace, happiness, joy and prosperity on the earth. It establishes the Kingdom of God, and the Millennial reign of Christ as King of kings and Lord of Lords, with His true saints on the earth, where the whole world will be taught God's way that brings health, harmony, peace, happiness, joy and prosperity to all mankind! Rev 17:14; 20:6.