

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AND THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Text: Zech. 12-14, Mt. 24:29-31, Rev. 19:11-21

Matthew 24:29–31 29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Revelation 19:11-21 11 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. 12 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. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 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. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great.” 19 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. 20 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. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

INTRODUCTION: We start today where we ended last lesson. The armies of the earth have gathered in _____ for a climatic siege of Jerusalem.

I. THE APPOINTMENTS AT ARMAGEDDON

A. Appointment for Israel

1. The siege of Jerusalem will provide the final purging of rebellious _____ from Israel in preparation for Christ's return.

Ezekiel 20:33-38 33 “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you. 34 I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. 35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. 36 Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you,” says the Lord GOD.

37 “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; 38 I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I *am* the LORD.

2. Two-thirds of the Jews left in Israel will _____ in the siege.

Zechariah 13:8-9 8 And it shall come to pass in all the land,” Says the LORD, “*That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: 9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, ‘This is My people’; And each one will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’*”

B. Appointment for the Gentiles

1. In the early months of the tribulation, God used the War of Gog and Magog to bring the antichrist and his armies to Israel.
2. At the sixth trumpet (3 and a half years before Armageddon), God began to lure the army from the _____ to move toward Jerusalem. (Rev. 9:13-19)
3. At the sixth bowl (just a month or so before Armageddon), God removes the last barrier from the advance of the army of the east and allows them to march all the way to _____.

Revelation 16:12-16 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. 13 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. 14 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. 15 “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.” 16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

4. God gathers all of the armies of all of the _____ of the world to this battle.

Zechariah 14:2 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.

All of the soldiers of all of these armies are lost worshippers of the antichrist and proudly wear the _____ of the beast.

Both the Israelites and the Gentiles think they are merely doing what they want to do. But in reality, God has _____ the events around them so as to lead them to come to the place where He wants to meet with them: some of them for salvation; most of them for deadly judgment!

C. These remind us of God's appointments now.

1. To be _____: **John 6:44** No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.
2. For the _____: **Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

II. THE ACTION AT ARMAGEDDON

A. Christ returns on a white horse.

1. He does not come as
 - a. a little baby in a manger
 - b. a humble servant
 - c. gentle Jesus meek and mild
2. He comes as
 - a. The Righteous _____
 - b. A Conquering _____
 - c. King of Kings and Lord of Lords
3. He comes to
 - a. Lay claim to the earth which rightfully belongs to Him
 - 1) as _____
 - 2) as _____
 - b. Judge those on the earth who have rejected His grace
 - c. _____ over all the earth

And my friend, He does not come alone.

B. The armies of heaven come with Him.

1. These are the _____ of Mt. 24:31, brought from one end of heaven to the other to come with Him.
2. These are _____, believers, clothed in white linen. (Rev. 19:14)

C. He strikes the Gentile soldiers with the _____ of His mouth, the Word of God. (Rev. 19:21)

1. Zechariah 14:12 ... Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.
2. Rev. 14:20 says that the blood flows to the depth of a horse's bridle for a distance of 184 miles.

III. THE AFTERMATH OF ARMAGEDDON

A. The antichrist and the false prophet are captured and cast alive into the Lake of _____ that burns with brimstone. (Rev. 19:20)

B. Satan is bound and cast into the bottomless pit where he will remain for _____ years.

Revelation 20:1-3 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

C. The Tribulation is over!

D. Jesus goes to _____.

E. _____ comes to Israel.

1. The remnant of Israel that has survived the tribulation will now _____ believe and trust Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Zechariah 13:1 "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

2. Then the words of the Holy Spirit through _____ shall be fulfilled: Romans 11:26 "And so all Israel will be saved..."