

I. THE BATTLE SET

A. These verses speak of the Battle of Armageddon

1. Many use that name lightly
2. There are movies made using the name Armageddon
 - a. I searched Wikipedia for movies about “Armageddon”
 - b. It was broken up into decades
 - i. 4 before 1950
 - ii. 11 in 1950-1959
 - iii. 26 in 1960-1969
 - iv. 39 in 1970-1979 (Notice a trend?)
 - v. Well over 100 in 2010-2019!
 - c. Even if these were 100% Biblical (they aren’t)
 - d. Hollywood could NEVER do it justice
3. Please don’t get your theology from Hollywood

B. These verses do NOT speak of Wars in the past

1. Many said (at the time) it was WW1 or WW2 or Korea
2. That has been a common theme throughout history
 - a. Each time something truly horrendous happens
 - b. In the peace that follows we tell ourselves it won’t happen again
 - c. 2 TIM. 3:13 – “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”
 - d. MATT. 24:6 – “And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.”
3. But let’s never lose our trust in Him! After all, we know who wins!
 - a. LUKE 21:28 – “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”
 - b. I’m not looking for the undertaker, I’m looking for the upper-taker
 - c. HE KNOWS where His children are! He cares!

C. Remember the context of Chapter 12-14

1. This “zooms out” on the timeline of events in Revelation
 - a. Before we were seeing things happen chronologically
 - b. It was dark and getting darker; terrible, and getting worse
 - c. THESE chapters are here for our HOPE!
2. And because it looks like Satan (that old dragon) is winning
 - a. God stops the story and lets us know! NO CHANCE!
 - b. The battle is the Lord’s!
3. The Battle of Armageddon is Set
 - a. Let us see then the Battle’s Stage,

- b. The Battle's Sides
- c. And how the Battle Stops

II. THE BATTLE STAGE

- A. There is only one place where this battle can take place
 - 1. This battle gets its name from REV. 16:16
 - 2. Old commentators who used to try to fit this into history
 - a. Europe is not a valley outside of Jerusalem
 - b. Viet Nam is not a valley in Isreal
 - 3. And yet here the Bible is VERY clear on the geography
 - 4. 'Ar' is a word for hill or mount surrounding a valley
 - a. The valley of Megiddo is a REAL place
 - b. Also called Plain of Jezreel
- B. There is only one time when this battle can take place
 - 1. This chapter lets us know that it HAS NOT already happened
 - 2. The time is ripe AFTER the Beast arrives, after the Mark REV. 14:15
 - 3. After this the earth WAS reaped REV. 14:16
 - 4. It will be the ENTIRE VINE (not branches) of the Earth REV. 14:19
 - 5. It must be fought after all the Christians are taken out of the way
 - 6. 1 THESS. 5:9 – “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,”
- C. There is only one reason why this battle can take place
 - 1. This battle is a real battle in a real place
 - a. This is NOT a battle fought between nations
 - b. It is fought between JESUS and the forces of Satan REV. 16:13-14
 - 2. And it is fought to finally SETTLE the question – who will be God?
 - a. Satan thinks it's him.
 - b. ISA. 14:14 – “I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”
 - c. ISA. 14:15 – “Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”
 - 3. There's a battle coming!

III. THE BATTLE SIDES

- A. Satan and his forces
 - 1. As REV. 16:14 points out, the kings and people of the all the earth
 - a. It is a vast army of all that oppose God and His Christ
 - b. It all that have been blinded by Satan and his false prophet
 - c. It will be the greatest fighting force ever seen
 - 2. The conditions of the Earth are ripe for Harvest REV. 14:15b & 18b
 - a. Turn to 2 TIM. 3:1-7 – This is a description of our world today
 - b. They are “ever learning” and “never able”

- c. This world is rotten from the inside out.
 - d. ROM. 3:12 – “They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”
 - 3. Crime, murder, rape, homosexuality – NO moral standards
 - 4. When crops become ripe, they must be harvested REV. 14:16
- B. Jesus Christ – ALONE
 - 1. He returns to Earth as He went away
 - a. ACTS 1:9 – “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.”
 - b. ACTS 1:10 – “And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;”
 - c. ACTS 1:11 – “Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”
 - d. Look back at REV. 1:7!
 - 2. See His description – a GOLDEN CROWN on His head REV. 14:14
 - a. Very different from the crown of thorns at the Cross!
 - b. You recall how they mocked the Savior at the Cross
 - c. How they beat Him, spat upon Him, struck Him!
 - 3. They put a reed in His hand to mock Him
 - a. Hail King of the Jews!
 - b. There’s no reed in his hand anymore
 - c. Now He has a sharp Sickle to REAP!
- C. These are the sides
 - 1. One is the all-powerful Creator God
 - 2. One is the rebellious creation
 - 3. There is a battle...but there is NO CONTEST

IV. THE BATTLE STOPS

- A. The Bible compares this battle to the WINEPRESS of God’s Wrath REV. 14:18-20
 - 1. Have you ever thought about grapes being at war with the winemaker?
 - 2. Satan’s forces have EXACTLY as much hope of victory as grapes in a press!
 - 3. We know the results of a winepress - juice
- B. This battle has results too – blood
 - 1. The Bible tells us that blood will LITERALLY fill the valley
 - 2. It will flow to the horse’s bridles – 4 or 5 feet deep REV. 14:20
 - 3. Along a valley for approximately 200 miles
 - 4. Fulfillment of ISA. 63:3-4 – “I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my

garments, and I will stain all my raiment. (4) For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.”

- C. This battle closes the Seven Years of Tribulation
- D. This battle ushers in the Millennial Reign of Christ on Earth

V. THE VICTORY SURE

A. Jesus wins

1. REV. 19:19 – “And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. (20) And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. (21) And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”
2. They were taken. They couldn’t stop the Lord!
3. A sword came out of His mouth?
 - a. Of course!
 - b. HEB. 4:12 – “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
 - c. This same WORD will judge you, my friend

B. Judgement by the Holy Bible - three things are true:

1. All will be judged
2. We will be judged by Truth
3. “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)

C. You can judge yourself by the Word as a sinner needing Salvation in Jesus Christ

D. Or Jesus Christ will judge you by the Word as a sinner who rejected His free GIFT of Salvation

E. Be Saved Today!