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THE FINAL BATTLE, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

The Battle of Armageddon will take place at the end of the Tribulation period.

The nations will gather against Israel, but when Jesus comes back, they will turn against him.

The process of this event is as follows:

The Euphrates River will dry up.[1] The Euphrates begins in Turkey and passes through Syria and Iraq and then links with the Tigris River that borders Iran.

Revelation 9:14-16

And the voice said to the sixth angel who held the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River." 15 Then the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth. 16 I heard the size of their army, which was 200 million mounted troops.

Here we see the fact that a massive army will gather near the Euphrates River to invade Israel and as it does, the river dries up, so they can move along it, down towards Israel.

Revelation 16:12-14

Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and it dried up so that the kings from the east could march their armies toward the west without hindrance. 13 And I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. 14 They are demonic spirits who work miracles and go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgement day of God the Almighty.

The army will move towards Israel and will amass in the valley of Armageddon.

[1] <https://features.csis.org/the-future-of-the-Euphrates-River>. The Euphrates is predicted to be completely dry by 2040.

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The name Armageddon means:

Har – ‘mountains or hills’

Megiddo – mount Megiddo – a place in Israel – meaning ‘rendezvous or assembly.’

Gadad – crowd

Armageddon basically means – ‘the hills where a crowd will assemble’

There are differing views as to where this army is from, but it seems that it represents 10 kings from different nations.

Revelation 17:12-14

The ten horns of the beast are ten kings who have not yet risen to power. They will be appointed to their kingdoms for one brief moment to reign with the beast. 13 They will all agree to give him their power and authority. 14 Together they will go to war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of all lords and King of all kings. And his called and chosen and faithful ones will be with him.”

These 10 kings are also mentioned in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Notice what it says in Ezekiel 38:1-6 (NKJV)

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. 4 I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you.

Here we see it lists the names of 10 ethnic groups.

- Gog
- Magog
- Rosh (sometimes translated chief)
- Meshek
- Tubal
- Persia
- Cush (often translated as Ethiopia)
- Put (often translated as Lybia)
- Gomer
- Togarmah

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Rosh, in Hebrew, means head, so many Bibles translate Rosh as “chief” in Ezekiel 38:2-3. But in Ezekiel 38, Rosh is actually the name of an ethnic group that isn’t mentioned anywhere else in the Bible. Some scholars believe that it refers to the Rus people, who gave their name to Russia and Belarus.[1]

The valley of Megiddo in Israel



The battle between Jesus Christ and the nations, it seems, will take place around the city of Jerusalem rather than in the valley of Armageddon.

Zechariah 14:2-5

I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle. 4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. 5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

The battle is described in detail in the prophecies of Ezekiel, Zechariah, and Revelation.

[1] <https://thecleartruth.com/prophecy/gog-and-magog>

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This is what will happen at the battle:

- **God will cause the armies to fight each other.**

Ezekiel 38:21-22

I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign Lord. Every man's sword will be against his brother. 22 I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulphur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him.

Zechariah 12:3-5

On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. 4 On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness," declares the Lord. "I will keep a watchful eye over Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations. 5 Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the Lord Almighty is their God.'

- **God will rain huge hailstones, fire, and sulphur on them from the sky**

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Revelation 16:21

From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

- **A plague will strike the soldiers**

Ezekiel 38:22

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Zechariah 12:4

On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

- **The greatest earthquake in history will shake the earth, and the armies will be completely defeated.**

Ezekiel 38:19-20

In my zeal and fiery wrath, I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. 20 The fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble, and every wall will fall to the ground.

Joel 3:16

The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the heavens will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

Micah 5:11

I will destroy the cities of your land and tear down all your strongholds.

Zechariah 14:4-5

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Revelation 16:18-20

Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. 19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. 20 Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.

- **Birds will eat the dead bodies of the soldiers**

Ezekiel 39:4

On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your troops and the nations with you. I will give you as food to all kinds of carrion birds and to the wild animals.

Ezekiel 39:17-20

Son of man, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: Call out to every kind of bird and all the wild animals: 'Assemble and come together from all around to the sacrifice I am preparing for you, the great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. There you will eat flesh and drink blood. 18 You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth as if they were rams and lambs, goats and bulls—all of them fattened animals from Bashan. 19 At the sacrifice I am preparing for you, you will eat fat till you are gluttoned and drink blood till you are drunk. 20 At my table you will eat your fill of horses and riders, mighty men and soldiers of every kind,' declares the Sovereign Lord.

Revelation 19:17-18

And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small."

Revelation 19: 21

The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

At the battle, the Beast and the False Prophet will be captured and thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 19:20

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.

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The nations of the world will be defeated Haggai 2:22

I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother.

The Bible also speaks of 3 great armies converging together in

Daniel 11:40-45

At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. 41 He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand. 42 He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape. 43 He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with the Libyans and Cushites in submission. 44 But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many. 45 He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Here we see that an army from the south will come and an army from the north (thought to be Turkey or more likely Russia).

Then while these are lining up another army from the east will come with an army 200million strong, which will ultimately turn on Jesus when he returns.

Revelation 9:16

The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number.

Jerusalem will be defended by the people, but also by the power of God during this time, as the horses are blinded and riders driven mad.

Zech 12:2-4 I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. 3 On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness,' declares the Lord. 'I will keep a watchful eye over Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations.

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We also see that the battle that takes place will cover an area of 200 miles.

Revelation 14:20

They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia. (180-200miles)

Also see the bloodshed and destruction of this event from Rev 19:21

The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Note - that when Jesus comes back to defeat this great army, the church will be with him:

Revelation 19:14

The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Jesus will return to the mount of Olives which will be split in two and from there he will defeat the enemies of Israel and set up his earthly Kingdom.

Zech 14:3-4

Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past. 4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south.

Jesus will defeat the army but will also defeat the dragon (Satan) the beast (the antichrist) and the false prophet – the trinity of evil.

Jesus overthrows the army and the enemy (trinity of evil) by the sword of his mouth (the word of God) and then the beast and false prophet are thrown into the fiery lake.

Revelation 19:19-21

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. 20 And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulphur. 21 Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies.

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OVERVIEW OF THE BATTLE

Revelation 16:16

Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

The place of the battle

The word Armageddon refers to the hill of Megiddo on the South side of the Mount Carmel where the armies will gather, but fighting will be around Jerusalem.

The time of the battle

At the return of Christ to deliver the Jews (Note, not the first part of His Second Coming but after the tribulation period) scriptures that refer to this are:

Joel 3
Zech 14
Isa 63:1-3
Jude 14
2 Thess 1:7-10

The two sides at the battle

On the side of Christ

Earthly Israel – Zech 14:1-15
Resurrected saints – Zech 14:5; Rev 19:11-12

On the side of Antichrist

The devil and his fallen angels – Rev 16:13-16
The ten kings of Daniel 7:24– Rev 17:14-17
Many other nations – Rev 16:13-16
A Two million strong army

Revelation 9:16 "And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them."

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The outcome

Total defeat for the armies of Antichrist – Rev 19:19-20

Beast and false prophet cast into the lake of fire – Rev 19:20

Devil and his angels cast into the abyss – Rev 20:1-7