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**Armageddon  
and  
Har-Megiddon**

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## Armageddon and Har-Megiddon.

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**Armageddon or Har-Megiddon:** also called Megiddon or Megiddo, is of Hebrew origin (*har*) and Hebrew (*M<sup>e</sup>giddown*) and refers to a mountain or range of hills in Palestine and sometimes used to refer to a hill country. When used figuratively it carries the idea of elevation and promotion, and symbolically carries the idea of, gathering as a crowd, to gash (as if by pressing into), to assemble and gather as troops. This is the only verse that uses the word Armageddon.

**Armageddon location:** according to recent searches the plain of Megiddo is either an extension or the whole plain of Esdraelon, toward Mount Carmel; where the city of Megiddo was situated and the waters of Megiddo are mentioned (Judges 5:19). It is a high table land of Megiddo, surrounded by mountains. In the valleys adjacent to, or at the bottom of these mountains, battles were fought, these plains became the great battle-fields of the Holy Land.

When the word mountain is used in, connection with Armageddon (i.e., the mountain of Megiddo) it appears to have been used because Megiddo was in a mountainous region, though the battles were fought in a valley adjacent to or at the bottom of these mountains. It was at Megiddo that kings fought and fell, and fortunes of dynasties and kingdoms were decided and for this reason Megiddo became a symbol of grievous mourning.

**NOTE:** the place called in Armageddon does not necessarily mean that this final war will be a literal war fought upon a literal battlefield called Armageddon.

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### BATTLES FOUGHT AT MEGIDDO

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Megiddo, is a place frequently mentioned in the Old Testament and well known in ancient times for various memorable battles. Following are the most notable ones:

- Kings came and fought the kings of Canaan, at Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo (Judges 5:19). It was here that Deborah and Barak destroyed Sisera and his host.
- Saul fought against the Philistines (1 Sam 31).
- After Ahaziah the king of Judah had been wounded, he fled to Megiddo and died there. (2 Kings 9:27).
- Solomon fought against Pharaoh Shishak (2 Chr. 12:3-4).
- Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt went up to the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. King Josiah went to meet him, and Pharaoh Neco killed him at Megiddo. Josiah's servants took his body from Megiddo and buried him in Jerusalem in his own tomb. (2 Kings 23:29-30) (2 Chron. 35:20-25).
- Four separate battles between Saladin and the Crusaders in the 12th century.
- Egyptian Mamlouks fought against the Mongols in 14th century.

- Napoleon Bonaparte fought against the Ottomans in 1799.
- General George Allenby fought against the Ottoman Turks in 1918.

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## VARIOUS EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE AT MEGIDDO

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In Joshua we read that:

- The king of Taanach was one of the kings of Megiddo (Joshua 12:21) showing that it had originally been one of the royal cities of the Canaanites.
- Manasseh had the inhabitants of Taanach and its villages, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages. (Joshua 17:11), showing that Megiddo was a town belonging to Manasseh, (although within the limits of Issachar).

In the book of King's, we read that:

- The King Solomon drafted to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and the Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo and Gezer (1 Kings 9:15), showing that Megiddo was rebuilt and fortified by Solomon.
- After Ahaziah the king of Judah had been wounded in his chariot by Jehu, he fled to Megiddo and died there. (2 Kings 9:27).

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## HADAD-RIMMON AND THE PLAIN OF MEGIDDO

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### ZECHARIAH 12:11

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- **Zechariah 12:9-11:** And on that day (the day the LORD protects the inhabitants of Jerusalem) (v8), I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. <sup>11</sup> On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

These verses are in the context of the antichristian nations of the world coming against Jerusalem in the latter days, and the Lord protecting Jerusalem and destroying the armies of these nations. After this great defeat of Israel's enemies God pours out upon Israel a spirit of grace, after which the Jews recognize the One who they pierced, and there is great mourning throughout all the land of Israel, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem cry for mercy. In response to their cry, John describes their Messiah, the one who they pieced coming with a sharp sword coming out of his mouth:

- **Revelation 19:15–16:** From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Then John describes the King of kings encounter against the armies of the antichristian ten horned beast nations in the following way:

- **Revelation 19:19–21:** And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those

who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.<sup>21</sup> And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

And Paul wrote that when the lawless one (man of sin in KJV) is revealed, the Lord Jesus will kill him with the breath of his mouth, and bring him to nothing by the appearance of his coming:

- **2 Thessalonians 2:3-8:** Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,<sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.<sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?<sup>6</sup> And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time.<sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.<sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. (2 Thess. 2:3-8).

This means the following four things:

1. The rebellion refers to the armies of the latter days antichristian ten horned beast nations surrounding the city of Jerusalem.
2. The man of lawlessness (man of sin in KJV) refers to the head of the antichristian ten horned beast nations.
3. The man of lawlessness will be clearly revealed when he sends or leads the armies of the antichristian ten horned beast nations against the city of Jerusalem.
4. The man of lawlessness is called the son of destruction, because immediately after the defeat of his armies, all governments of the global world, its, finance and trade, and all false religions and idolatry is brought to ruin.

Based on these four facts, it is very possible, the one who is restraining these events from happening embraces a combination of the following four:

1. Christianity, because of the passion they have for Israel, and nations that at some level hold to the Bibles teaching concerning Israel (especially nations like America who at this present time (2022) have covenanted to defend them).
2. Because it is not yet God's fixed time to gather the faithful to Christ.
3. We are still living in the long day of grace, in which God is giving a space of time for sinners to respond to the Gospel, for He desires that all would be saved.
4. It is not yet Gods appointed time for His wrath to be poured out upon earth.

The fact, the Lord Jesus Christ, returns as King of kings and Lord of lords, and comes to defend the city of Jerusalem from the armies of the antichristian ten horned beast nations, means that it will not be a military showdown. Remember when the soldiers came to take Jesus one of those who were with him drew his sword and cut off the ear of the high priests' servant, after which Jesus said to him:

- Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.<sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? (Matt. 26:50-53).

Jesus is not coming as he did the first time, as a Lamb to be slaughtered, but as the King of kings and Lord of lords to conquer, by the word of his mouth, meaning he will speak the appropriate word and the armies gathered against him will be destroyed. Keep in mind, he has all the power of his heavenly Father available to him.

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## ARMAGEDDON IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

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### REVELATION 16:16

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- **Revelation 16:16:** And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

Amongst Christians there are two views concerning this verse, a spiritual view, and a literal view, since both have certain truths, we will look at them separately.

**THE SPIRITUAL VIEW:** some take the ancient battle-ground of Armageddon to be a symbol (not a geographical location) of the struggles and battles Christians must have to maintain godly principles and morals, and of holding fast to their faith during, persecution, hardships and sorrows.

Those who hold this view, see the battle of Armageddon as an ongoing spiritual warfare that every individual Christian faces when temptations as large as mountains puts them in the following position:

- Should they choose God's way it will cause them loss of some kind (i.e., loss of family, friends, or money etc.).
- Should they choose the worlds way, they will maintain family relationships, keep their worldly friends, and financially profit etc.

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It is fitting to describe these moments as mountains, because whatever choice is made will have enormous ramifications, and for this reason are for many difficult to make. Spiritualising the battle of Armageddon is largely founded on the belief that the Kingdom of God is within all Christians, it makes sense to those who hold this view to believe the battle of Armageddon signifies the battle all Christians inwardly struggle with to overcome the ungodly inward passions and thoughts of the flesh, and the conflicts, that emerge because of the worlds views that strongly clash with the laws of God and with Christianity.

**THE LITERAL VIEW:** the antichristian ten horned beast nations and the false prophet assemble the kings of the world at Armageddon., to the battle of the great day of God the Almighty. (Rev. 16:12-14). Zechariah speaking of the same battle uses the word Megiddo, rather than Armageddon.

- **Zechariah 12:11:** On that day (the day all the nations come against Jerusalem) (v9) the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

This verse is in the context of all the nations of the world coming against Jerusalem and the Lord protecting them and God pouring out upon them a spirit of grace, and the Jews recognizing the One who they pierced and their being great mourning throughout the land of Israel and the inhabitants of Jerusalem crying for mercy. This means that there will be a universal gathering of forces for the battle called Armageddon, that will make some form of enormous opposition against Israel in the valley of

Megiddo. The prophecy implies that there will be a decline of the formidable Turkish power, symbolised by the drying up of the great river Euphrates, with the beginning of the Turkish decline being closely followed by the events spoken of in the previous five vials, especially those connected with the successive blows on the papacy and the seat of the beast.

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## CONCLUSION OF THE SPIRITUAL AND LITEERAL VIEW

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Both these views contain certain truths, for it is true, that all Christians do, at various times battle against what the flesh demands, and what the Spirit of God calls us to deny and forsake, but it is also equally true, that in the latter days the antichristian ten horned beast nations will bring their armies up against God's Holy City Jerusalem, which will bring about the return of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords, and prepare the way for the establishment of his glorious millennial Kingdom on earth.

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