

=BIBLE MOUNTAINS=

Lesson 5

Mount Megiddo

INTRODUCTION: Mount Megiddo was famous for many things in the Bible. Actually, it comes from the name of a town in Palestine. It was inside the tribe of Issachar. It was a strong fort. Ahaziah, king of Judah, died there. Also, King Josiah was killed near Mount Megiddo. The word “Armageddon” comes from the word “Megiddo.” It is there where the last battle shall be fought. Following are the events which lead up to that battle which has made famous Mount Megiddo.

- I. THIS END-TIME BATTLE WILL BEGIN WITH AN ATTACK UPON ISRAEL FROM THE NORTH. This is found in Ezekiel 38 and 39. The confederacy will be composed of Russia, which is Gog in Ezekiel 38:2. The word “Gog” means “the chief prince of Rosh.” The prefix “ma” means “land,” so the word “Magog” means “the land of the chief prince of Rosh,” or Russia. “Rosh” is the root word for Russia.

With her comes Persia (which is now Iran), Ethiopia, and Libya (Ezekiel 38:5.) Also comes Gomer, which is a major portion of eastern Germany, and Togarmah, which is what is now Turkey.

All of these nations will come from the north like a storm and a cloud. (Ezekiel 38:9) They will come because of the riches of Palestine and will attack the nation Israel. (Ezekiel 38:12)

- II. THE WESTERN NATIONS WILL COME TO DEFEND ISRAEL AGAINST THE NORTHERN ATTACK. (Ezekiel 38:13) These nations form basically what is the old British Empire (note the term “young lions”). They come to defend Israel and to fight against Russia.

In Ezekiel 38:15 you find a great cavalry and a mighty army coming from Russia. Then in verse 16 you notice this army coming up on Israel.

- III. THE WESTERN POWERS WILL BE VICTORIOUS IN THIS BATTLE, WHEREUPON THE EASTERN NATIONS WILL COME TO REINFORCE THE NORTHERN CONFEDERACY. At this time, the Euphrates River will be dried up so that the kings of the East (that is, China and Russia) may march over and join in the battle. Of course, in a brief outline like this, and in a brief lesson, we can only outline these prophecies and cannot begin to study all the Scriptures involved. Once again, the Western forces will be victorious over the Northern and Eastern Confederacies, as follows:

1. God is against the Northern Confederacy. See Ezekiel 39:1.
2. Five-sixths of that confederacy will be destroyed. Notice Ezekiel 39:2.
3. The Northern Confederacy shall fall upon the mountains of Israel and shall be prey for the ravenous birds.
4. It will take seven months to bury the dead from this battle, that is the dead that will be left upon the mountains of Israel. Review Ezekiel 39:12, 13.
5. Men shall be employed to go up and down the land, getting the dead bodies and burying them. (Ezekiel 39:14, 15)

THEN COMES THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON. The Western Confederacy will win, having defeated the Northern Confederacy (mainly Russia) and the Eastern Confederacy (mainly China). This Western Confederacy will be headed up by a ruthless man of sin called the Antichrist. He will conquer the world and will, for a moment, be king of the world. He will be the political dictator who will unite the West. There will also be another wicked man known as the False Prophet, who will unite the religions of the West. There are those who believe, and with some reasons, that the political union will be a revival of the old Roman Empire, and there are those who believe that it will encompass just about what is the present European Common Market. There are also

those who believe that the False Prophet will be the head of the great Catholic (universal) Church after the little children have come back to mother; that is, when the Protestants return to the mother.

The Antichrist will have conquered the world and will momentarily be its dictator. Suddenly, Heaven will open, and Jesus will come back in His glory. We will be with Him, for we have been raptured seven years before. All of this battle takes place during the tribulation period of seven years while we are in the air at the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Marriage of the Lamb. Jesus will come back with all the saints. He will immediately, simply by His Word and the brightness of His coming, defeat the Antichrist. (II Thessalonians 2:8)

This is the Battle of Armageddon. The Battle of Armageddon is not a battle between nations; it is a battle between Christ and the Antichrist. The Antichrist will have conquered the world. Then Jesus comes in His glory and defeats the Antichrist. It is an instantaneous battle. The Battle of Armageddon is not one of the battles that we have mentioned earlier in this outline, but rather that one time when Jesus comes in the air with His own to defeat the Antichrist.

No doubt when He returns, He will return to Mount Megiddo. This will be Armageddon, and this is the one event that really makes Mount Megiddo famous in the Bible.

V. JESUS WILL THEN SET UP HIS THRONE AS KING OF THE WORLD. Mount Zion will be the headquarters, and this will be discussed in the next lesson.

CONCLUSION: The little outline should be appropriate here concerning the three appearings of Christ: He came in Bethlehem to His own; He is coming in the air for His own; He is coming, seven years later with His own. It is at this last coming when He comes with His own, that He comes to Mount Megiddo and the Battle of Armageddon is fought and the kingdom of Christ on Earth is begun.