

of the kings of the east will contain two hundred million soldiers.

The end is now near. This will be the beginning of the end of Tribulation which will conclude with the return of Christ and the destruction of the Antichrist and False Prophet.

## Return of the King

Armageddon ends with the magnificent return of Jesus Christ in the mountain wilderness of Bozrah. He will return to Earth in the clouds in the same manner in which He departed ([Jude 14-15](#); [Revelation 19:11-16](#)). He will be accompanied by an army of angels and with the church saints (robed in white at the marriage of the Lamb). [Revelation 19:17-18](#) describe something that occurs just as the Lord and His army of believers appears in the skies.

In this battle, Jesus will fight alone on behalf of Israel destroying the satanically indwelt Antichrist ([Habakkuk 3:13, 2](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:8](#)) and his armies in the Valley of Jehoshaphat ([Joel 3:12-13](#); [Zechariah 14:12-15](#); [Revelation 14:19-20](#)).

So Jesus Christ comes back, not alone, but He brings the Church with Him (as spectators). How do we know this? Well, Jude quotes Enoch as saying about Jesus: "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints" ([Jude 14](#)).

By this time, the armies that surround the city of Jerusalem have every reason to expect that

they will conquer the place. Yet, they look up, and see a massive military contingent coming back from heaven, sweeping down out of the skies, and taking them out of the way like nothing! They will be utterly destroyed. That army will be scattered all over the place. There will be millions who die. And there will be a special thing that is done with reference to the devil and the Antichrist. The Scripture says that the Antichrist and the False Prophet will be thrown into the lake of fire ([Revelation 19:20](#)), and the devil will be thrown into the bottomless pit ([Revelation 20:1-3](#)). He is kept prisoner there for 1000 years.

It's no small thing to be a Christian. It is to be an inheritor of the universe!"

During the Tribulation, there will have been many who have accepted the Lord, and believe the Gospel of the Kingdom. And what will happen as a result of that faith for them? When the Tribulation ends by the return of Christ, He will come, and not only deliver the nation of Israel, but He will set up His Kingdom.

Where will the capital of that Kingdom be? Jerusalem, the Holy City, called the "city of the great King" ([Psalm 48:2](#)) in the Old Testament. He will establish His throne there, and He will reign over the world for 1000 amazing and remarkable years."

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## Armageddon

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The term Armageddon has taken on a life of its own, with meanings not indicated in the Bible. The word has entered every type of media and pop-culture as a generic term to describe the destruction of the world by any event or means thought up by an author or director. All that a writer has to do to conjure up a concept of utter destruction is to mention the term Armageddon. However, to understand Armageddon correctly, we need to go back to the source, to the Bible itself, to find out what Armageddon is all about.

While the name Armageddon comes from a place, it is a term given to what may be the most widely heard of and misunderstood prophetic event in the Bible. After almost seven years of wars, famine, natural and supernatural disasters, and of the unbelievably harsh,

tyrannical rule of the Antichrist; this age will conclude with a gathering of all the armies of the world followed by the return of Christ and his destruction of these gathered armies. It is this event that will usher in the Millennial Reign of Christ.

Armageddon is the final war involving the Antichrist and includes all the nations of the earth coming against Israel, Jerusalem (which at the time of Armageddon, Jerusalem will be the Antichrist's capital), and the Lord God Almighty. It is terminated by the direct intervention of the Lord Himself, who destroys the Antichrist and his armies, imprisons Satan in the Abyss, and establishes His kingdom on the earth. The similarities between the [Ezekiel 38-39](#) war and Armageddon are that they both involve nations attempting to destroy Israel and the Lord, and are destroyed, but they are sufficiently different that they must be separated. One occurs before the Tribulation, while the other comes about at the end of the Tribulation.

## The Unfolding Events

When Armageddon is mentioned, people usually think of a one-time gigantic conflagration. The Scriptures do present Armageddon as a massive conflagration, but it is a process, a series of events and battles that span a relatively short period of time at the end of the seven year Tribulation. Furthermore, these conflicts range over a wide area in the Middle East, including the Valley of Megiddo, but also several other places.

Following the Antichrist's initial victory over three of the ten nations of the revived Roman Empire (whether it be a military or political victory), the armies of the Antichrist will be concentrated initially in Europe and the Middle East. In the final three and half year of Tribulation, with the world suffering under the brutal rule of the Antichrist, a series of wars will be unleashed. A number of nations will rebel against the tyranny of the Antichrist, and those nations will wage war against the Antichrist's armies. Many devastating battles will be fought leading up to Armageddon.

The king of the south (Egypt and her African allies) will attack the Antichrist's forces gathered in Israel. Then the king of the north (Russia, Turkey, Syria) will join the devastation by bringing their forces from the north in a lightning attack on the armies of the Antichrist ([Daniel 11:40](#)).

However, the Antichrist will swiftly counterattack, annihilating the enemy armies from both the north and the south. The Antichrist will decisively win the first round of the war against the armies of the king of the north and south.

The nations of the eastern world ([Revelation 16: 12-14](#)) will unite in a desperate attempt to secure their political freedom by attacking the Antichrist's armies. Enormous armies of a size never seen before in human history will arise from several nations in Asia. These armies will march westward toward the Middle East,

where they will engage in a cataclysmic struggle with the western armies of the Antichrist. An alliance between Japan, China, India, and developing nations of Asia could produce the armaments and manpower for such an unprecedented army from the East.

For thousands of years the Euphrates River has stood as a military barrier between the east and the west. The river runs for more than a thousand miles from its headwaters in the mountains of Turkey. It flows south through the territory of ancient Babylon until it empties into the Persian Gulf.

Initially victorious, the Antichrist's forces will pursue his enemies through Egypt, plundering the country's treasure, and then continue the pursuit into Libya and Ethiopia ([Daniel 11:42-43](#)). Pressing his advantage in the south, the Antichrist will hear disturbing rumours of armies from the east and north amassing against him.

### [Daniel 11:44-45](#)

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. 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.

The Antichrist will receive intelligence reports that enormous armies are mobilizing far to the east and north in Asia. These reports will create a great disturbance because the huge armies