

The Final Things

Topical

● ARMAGEDDON

- Armageddon = Hebrew = Har (mountain) and Medgiddo
- Armageddon = the climatic event of the Great Tribulation, when all the armies of the earth gather to come against Israel and to eradicate the Jewish people once and for all.

(See Reference Chart on the Proposed Chronology of Armageddon.)

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. ¹³Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. . . . ¹⁶Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. Revelation 16:12-16 (NIV)

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. Zech 12:3 (NIV)

● THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is

the Word of God. ¹⁴The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV)

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, ¹⁸so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great." ¹⁹Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. ²⁰But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. Revelation 19:17-21 (NIV)

● THE MILLENNIUM REIGN

Four Truths of the Millennium

- Satan will **be removed and bound** for 1000 years.

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. Revelation 20:1-3 (NIV)

- The saints **will reign**.

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over

them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. Revelation 20:4-6 (NIV)

- Satan will return.

When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison . . . Revelation 20:7 (NIV)

- The nations will revolt.

Satan will be released from his prison⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.¹⁰ And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:7b-10 (NIV)

- **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT**

Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sits on it . . .¹² And I saw the dead, great and small alike, standing before the throne. Books were opened, and then another book was opened, the book of the living. The dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books . . .¹⁴ Then death and the world of the dead were thrown into the lake of fire . . . Whoever did not have his name written in the book of the living was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15 (GNB)

- The purpose of final judgment will not be to determine the quality of an individual’s faith and character, but to disclose his faith and character and assign judgment.

- Judgment

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. Revelation 20:11-12 (NIV)

“Book of Life” = The record of God’s elect (See Philippians 3:20)

God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you⁷ and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power¹⁰ on the day he comes . . . 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10a

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power¹⁰ on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10a (NIV)

- - “Everlasting destruction” = “complete ruin”

- Complete separation from God
 - “Outer darkness. . . weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 8)

- (See Matthew 22:13; 2 Peter 2:17; Mark 9:48; Matthew 8:12-22; Matthew 13:42; 22:13; 24:51; Luke 13:28)

- **ETERNITY – NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.⁷ He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.” Revelation 21:1-8 (NIV)

*“Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in
this book.”* Revelation 22:7 (NIV)