

What Is This World Coming To?

An In-depth Study of Bible Prophecy

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Lesson 9 (Part 2)

If you remember, we left off last week talking about the **Vial Judgments in Lesson 10**. However, we need to go back and address the **6th Trumpet Judgment in Revelation 9:13-15**. So that's where we will start in today's **Lesson 9 Part 2**

Let me explain; In **Revelation 9:13-15** we are introduced to this final military conflict that is but we have to come to **Revelation 16:12-16** and see the details of this final military conflict.

1st Observation:

- This battle of Armageddon isn't an isolated battle, but rather a campaign that extends over the last half of the Tribulation period.
- That word "**battle**" in **16:14** is the word "**campaign**". So, the battle of Armageddon is the culmination of a war that has been raging for a long time and *is brought to a head* here.

2nd Observation:

The location of this campaign is in the hill of Megiddo located west of the Jordan River in north central Palestine

- Many of Israel's battles have been fought there.
- Deborah and Barak defeated the Canaanites there (Judges **4 & 5**)
- Gideon triumphed over the Midianites there (Judges **7**)
- Armageddon will be the place where the troops will gather together from the four corners of the earth and from Armageddon the battle will spread out over the entire land of Palestine.

- There are several other geographical locations involved in this campaign. The prophet Joel speaks of events taking place in the valley of Jehoshaphat in **Joel 3:2, 13**
- In **Ezekiel 39:11**, Ezekiel speaks of *the valley of passengers*
- In **Isaiah 34** and **63** we see the LORD is coming from Edom.
- **Jerusalem will be the center of the conflict (Zechariah 12:2-11; 14:2)**
- **The prophet Ezekiel says the invaders will “cover the land” (Ezekiel 39:9, 16)**

3rd Observation:

The participants in the campaign are many; There will be four great world powers

- *(1) The ten-kingdom federation of nations under the Beast that constitutes the final form of the fourth great world power.*
- *(2) The northern federation, Russia and her allies.*
- *(3) The Kings of the East, the Asiatic peoples from beyond the Euphrates*
- *(4) The King of the South, a north African power or powers*
- **And then there is the LORD and HIS armies from heaven**

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