

What Is This World Coming To?

An In-depth Study Of Bible Prophecy

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Lesson 9 (Part 3 The Carnage Of Armageddon)

We left off last week talking about the **The Battle Of Armageddon**.

When we use the word "carnage", we are describing a scene where there is this bloody and extensive slaughter of a large number of people.

So, let's come to In **Revelation 14:14-20** and read about this carnage. It is described so accurately and graphically by the Bible scholar Dr. Albert Edmund Johnson in his book entitled *God's Unveiling Of The Future*.

He writes: "Here we see the Divine View of God's harvest of the world's corruption after the fruit of iniquity will have fully ripened into total and absolute rebellion against God and all that HE represents. Human civilization will have run its course without God and shall now reap what they have sowed."

1st Observation: **Notice the Language of the Harvest**

- **The cloud & the ONE sitting on the cloud (v.14)**
- **A sharp sickle (v.14)** *A sickle is a curved hand-held tool used for cutting grass or harvesting crops. It is also known as a grass hook or reaping-hook.*
- **The cutting down of men** Verse 15 says, **thrust in HIS sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth.**
- **The winepress of the wrath of God vvs.19-20**
 - It's important that we explain what a winepress is and what happened at a winepress
- **Participant at the winepress** the text let's us know that both the Lord Jesus and the holy angels will be involved in this judgment upon all the armies of the world locked in a death struggle that will be consummated only by the personal return of Christ and His angels at the end of the Tribulation period (**Revelation 19:11-21**)
- **The Extent of this carnage.** When we read **verse 20**, we see that this carnage was spread out some **185 miles!**

2nd Observation: **The Drying Up of the Euphrates River (Revelation 16:12)**

- We've previously looked at this point, but we must return to it again.
- A river in ancient times constituted a tremendous military barrier.
- A nation would fortify along them to prevent invasions.
- To the nations who were under the rule of the Antichrist, the drying up of the river to them would be sign in their minds that this was the right moment to revolt against the Antichrist and throw off his yoke.

- But, more importantly, this drying up of the Euphrates River spoke symbolically of the drying up of the Antichrist's economic and military resistance by the judgments of God.

3rd Observation: **This Death Struggle (Revelation 19:11-16)**

- Now we are gonna move to the **19th chapter of Revelation** and see that, while these armies are locked in a death struggle, Christ shall descend from heaven.
- The armies of the nations will turn their attention upon Christ, since HIS threat with the armies of Heaven will constitute a common enemy to all the people of the world.
- I call this moment "The One Punch Knock-Out "(**19:15**)
- **Note the pageantry before the punch!**
 - *The armies of heaven come riding on white horses.*
 - *They are dressed in fine linen, white and clean.*
 - *There is this sharp sword that comes out of HIS (the Lord Jesus) mouth.*
 - This word for **sword** in **verse 15** is used of an unusually long sword used as a spear indicating a **piercing action**.
 - It is also interesting that, according to **Psalm 2:2** and **Revelation 2:27**, Christ will use an iron scepter for ruling.

4th Observation: **The Final Stage of the Great World War**

- What we are looking at here is the scene on earth of this final great world war that has been under way for weeks.
- There are these armies battling up and down the Holy Land for victory, on the very day of the return of Christ there will be house-to-house fighting in Jerusalem itself.
- We see this in **Zechariah 14:2-3**.

5th Observation: **The Instigator (Revelation 16:12-16)**

- These armies have been lured to the battle site by demons sent by Satan to assemble the armies of the world to fight the armies of Heaven.
- **Hallelujah!** The armies of the earth are no match for the armies from heaven.
- **As we have seen, the AUTHORITATIVE WORD OF THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS** will destroy earth's armies by Divine Power.

6th Observation: **The Birds Supper (Revelation 19:17-18)**

- *Here's an interesting contrast;*
 - In **verse 9** we have the **Bride's Supper**.
 - Here in **verses 17-18**, we have the **Bird's Supper**.
- The Apostle John recorded that he saw an angel standing in the sun crying with a loud voice to all the flying birds to gather together for the great supper of God.
- This command was for them to eat the carcasses of kings and generals, horsemen, and all the people slain by Christ.