

Armageddon

Lesson 8

A. Introduction: **Rev. 16:16** (1817)

B. The Meaning of Armageddon

1. Popular meaning - the last great battle
2. Ar (Har) + Megiddo or Megiddon = mountain + an ancient city
3. Ar (Har) + Mo'ed = mountain + congregation: **Isa. 14:13-14** (1041)

C. The historical significance of Megiddo

1. Solomon and his war horses: **1 Ki. 9:15** (566); **4:26** (553); **10:26** (569)
2. Gideon and the faithful few: **Judges 6-7** (402)
 - a. God's people were victorious by faith: **Judges 7:19-21** (402)
 - b. They were in the minority against insurmountable odds, yet victorious: **Judges 8:10** (407)
 - c. God fought for His people: **Judges 7:22** (406)

D. Elijah on Mt. Carmel: **1 Ki. 17-18** (583)

1. Famine for 3 1/2 years: **1 Ki. 17:1**; **James 5:17-18** (1779)
2. God provided for Elijah during that time: **1 Ki. 3-16**
3. Wicked king Ahab blamed Elijah for the famine: **1 Ki. 18:17-18** (585)
4. Showdown on Mt. Carmel between Elijah and prophets of Baal: **1 Ki. 18:19-39** (585)
5. Prophets of Baal slain: **1 Ki. 18:40** (587)

E. Who is involved in the fight?

1. The whole world: **Rev. 16:14** (1917); **19:19-20** (1822)
2. The beast, and spiritual Babylon: **Rev. 16:2, 10** (1817)
3. Satan and his demons: **Rev. 16:14** (1817); **18:2** (1819)
4. Christ fighting for his people: **Rev. 16:5-6** (1817); **2 Th. 1:6-9** (1738); **Rev. 17:14** (1818)
Rev. 19:11-21 (1821)

5. God's people: **Rev. 12:17** (1813); **14:12** (1815); **15:2** (1816); **18:20** (1820)

F. Methods used in the fight

1. Satan uses signs and miracles to deceive: **Rev. 13:13-14** (1814); **16:14** (1817) **2 Cor. 11:13-15** (1702)
2. Christ uses His Word, a sword, and hailstones: **Rev. 16:19-21** (1818); **Job 38:22-23** (854); **Rev. 19:13, 15** (1821); **Eph. 6:17** (1720); **Heb. 4:12** (1760); **Rev. 2:12** (1802); **12:11** (1813)

G. Jesus' Warning

1. Don't be deceived by signs, miracles or feelings: **Mt. 24:4, 24** (1439)
2. Be convinced by His Word: **Lk. 24:15-16, 31-32** (1543)
3. Follow His Word: **Mt. 7:21-23** (1407); **15:7-9** (1422); **Rev. 1:3** (1800); **22:7** (1825)

Review

1. Many decisive battles were fought around the ancient city of Megiddo. T F

2. List two things that were issues in those ancient battles.

3. List two forces or groups that will be participating in the battle of Armageddon.

4. Satan will employ miracles to deceive people in the end of time. T F

5. Our only safety will be in following Jesus and His Word. T F