

1 **A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

LESSON 62

2 **OPENING REMARKS**

- We continuing in chapter 19 of the Book of Revelation
- We read verses 11 through 16 last week and we were looking close at verses 13 and 14
- These verses are about the Second Coming of Jesus when He comes back with His saints
- His saints are the bride that has already gone up to heaven in the Rapture and have continued in the work of redemption during the Tribulation and Judgement periods
- The armies that are coming back with Jesus are clothed in linen clean and white showing their righteousness – they are the saints

3 **OPENING REMARKS cont.**

- These Scriptures also show us that the bride needs to be taken out before the Tribulation period as they will be in heaven and doing heavenly works
- The armies that are coming back with Jesus is the bride, the saints who are clothed in righteousness or the fullness of the Holy Ghost

4 **SECOND COMING OF JESUS**

Revelation 19:15-16

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

- We read quite a few Scriptures on this last week but there are a few more that are important for us to look into
- When Jesus comes back to do battle it is not as we suppose as it is

not a battle between 2 armies

5 **A SHARP SWORD**

- The saints that come back with Him are coming back to rule and to finish up the redemption work during the 1,000 years
- The saints are not doing any battling at this this time as our battles will be over with
- Instead we find that the battle is done by the sword that comes from His mouth
- What are these Scriptures speaking about? A literal sword?
- This sword is the Word of God
- In the beginning God formed the earth by His Word, and He formed everything in it just by His Word

6 **A SHARP SWORD cont.**

- He finishes up this battle simply by His Word; He does not have to lift a finger in this battle
- We need to realize the power and importance of this Word of God
- Isaiah chapter 11 gives us a teaching where this prophet saw ahead in time the remnant of Israel be saved and He saw the kingdom of Jesus established on this earth

Isaiah 11:4

4 but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

7 **A SHARP SWORD cont.**

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- The choice is ours to make: the Word is eternal salvation for us or the

Word is eternal damnation

- It would be very difficult for someone who has heard the teachings of the Word of God to stand before Him in judgement and say "I don't know what the Word of God is"
- The Word of God is a very powerful tool if we would only use it

8 **A SHARP SWORD cont.**

- If we should abuse the Word of God it will turn against us
- The Word of God is God (John 1:1)
- The Word is a discerner of the very intents of our hearts
- We cannot hide or misrepresent to God anything that we do or even think
- The Word of God has to be the most powerful thing that this world or any world that will ever be formed will ever know
- Think about it: nothing is more powerful than this Word of God
- Mankind casually dismisses the purity and power of His Word

9 **A SHARP SWORD cont.**

- To add to the Word, to take away from it, to make their own doctrine by their own imagination is a very fearful thing (Deuteronomy 4:2)
- To think the Word isn't that important or that it really doesn't mean that is to sign your own death warrant
- The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit
- He is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart
- This is the very same tool that God will use at the battle of Armageddon
- In John 18:6 Jesus answers the those seeking Him after Judas's betrayal saying "I am He"

10 **A SHARP SWORD cont.**

- When Jesus answered with those words, those seeking Him fell backwards to the ground
- They had to have felt, for that moment, the power of His Word

- The power of God's Word is demonstrated throughout the Scriptures
- It is even as when Moses came to the burning bush God told him he was standing on holy ground
- We see in John where so mild an utterance as "I am he" sent them backwards and to the ground, then what will it be like when He girds Himself for the "battle of the God Almighty"?
- How could anyone living who catches a glimpse of this power deliberately go out and sin?

11 **A SHARP SWORD cont.**

- If you don't harden your heart then there is no way you could not understand just what His Word means
- When this Word goes forth in execution, as stated here in Revelation the 19th chapter, and brings almighty wrath upon those in arms against His throne, what a flow of blood and deadly disaster that is going to be!
- He is King of kings and Lord of lords, not now in name only, but by actual possession and by a personal and literal reign in the city of Jerusalem and over the entire world
- The battle of Armageddon ushers in the kingdom of God and the 1,000 years of peace
- The 7th trumpet of the heaven section, Revelation 11:15, and again in the earth section Revelation 16:17-21 shows this same time as where we are in chapter 19

12 **HEAVEN AND EARTH HISTORY UNITED**

- We saw in these 2 portions of Scripture Satan gathering the armies of the world, preparing for this battle, to fight over the possession of this earth
- At that time the story was interrupted to tell of the destruction of Satan's church and his kingdom
- Now the story is resumed and the heaven history unites with the earth history because the saints which were in heaven return with Jesus to rule on the earth

- As we move on through the Scriptures we now come to the actual battle of Armageddon
- This particular portion of Scripture doesn't have a great deal to say about it however if you want to refresh your mind with more details please look into the previous lessons for chapters: 8, 9 and 16 (Lessons 28-32 and 48-50)

13 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON**

Revelation 19:17-21

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

14 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

Revelation 19:20-21

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

- These few verses of Scripture describe an event that is actually the climax of world history and comprises a large section of Old Testament prophecy

15 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- The saints, the Jews, and the nations are involved in this battle: even the world today is feeling the "end of times"
- Our natural minds would have us believe in some other ending but it will really happens as described in the Scriptures
- In the Old Testament it is the Jews rather than the saints that are in view but the events are the same events just seen from the differing perspectives
- This will be a real "world war" but even then it will be more than this world that is involved
- The armies have been gathered on the Plain of Megiddo (Jezreel Valley) for what purpose?
- They were coming for one purpose but Satan was gathering them for another purpose

16 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- We previously learned that Satan gathers these armies to fight against the armies of God
- Satan is trying to keep Jesus from taking possession of the earth

17 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

Zechariah 14:1-4

1 Behold, the day the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

18 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

Zechariah 14:9

9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.

- Verse 9 is not so different from today in that there is one Lord and His Name is one
- The topography around Jerusalem is such that its valleys and hills provided natural barriers, making the location strategically defensible but this also made escape more difficult
- This battle will be going on and on for a long time and then in that instant before they are totally destroyed Jesus actually sets foot with His army on the Mount of Olives

19 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- As He steps forth and that mountain cleaves in two, one half goes north and the other half goes south, it makes a new valley that makes a way for them, the Jews, to escape as Jesus finishes up with Satan and the nations
- This will be the beginning of Jesus' rule on earth
- Ezekiel's description is almost word for word like that of Revelation except it gives the location of the battle and tells the effect it has on Israel
- Ezekiel speaks from the standpoint of the Jews, Revelation speaks from the standpoint of the saints who are with Jesus

20 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

Ezekiel 39:17-20

17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the

princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God.

21 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

Ezekiel 39:21-22

21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward.

- The moment Jesus sets His foot back on earth, Israel will recognize who He is
- The remnant that is left and the 144,000 will know Him as their God
- Joel paints a remarkable picture of this scene, and again it is from the standpoint of the Jews

22 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

Joel 3:9-12

9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

10 beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord.

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

23 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

Joel 3:13-16

13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

24 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

Joel 3:17-18

17 So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

- This is a beautiful picture that we see from beginning to end as Joel did
- The thing that is different about this battle is that the outcome is sure

25 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- This war will be a total victory
- The battle of Armageddon will do more for Israel, the Jews, than for any other people
- It is the fulfillment of all their hopes and prophecies and the beginning of their promised kingdom that the Jews have been looking for for so long
- None of this is seen in Revelation as Revelation is concerned only

with Jesus and the saints

- Revelation does show us the armies gathered against the Lord and those that are with Him
- Both views are true in the Old and New Testaments
- Satan's purpose in bringing the armies of the nations together is to prevent the reign of Christ and the saints

26 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- The kings of the earth are more interested in taking a spoil from the Jews and that is the bait Satan uses to gather the nations

Ezekiel 38:11-12

11 and thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

12 to take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

27 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- This is why the nations come to Armageddon as we studied in Revelation chapters 8, 9 and 16 where we also saw the gathering of these nations
- The nations came not knowing that it was to actually fight against Jesus Christ
- They don't know and don't understand because they have chosen to be that way but Satan knows and understands
- Revelation chapters 19 and 20 go together and they are about the Kingdom, the time from the return of Jesus with His saints to the end of the 1,000 years
- We will go into chapter 20 next week
- It is by the Word of God that the nations are completely destroyed in this battle

28 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- Jesus does bring death by His Word here
- Remember the story of Korah where, by the Word of God, the ground opened up and swallowed them for their sin
- God would also strike them with leprosy and send fire down and consume them by His Word
- Even though we live in the Dispensation of Grace the power of God's Word used in His judgement is still the same
- It is by God's Word that He is going to do this terrible destruction at this battle
- The remnant of Jews and the 144,000 will inherit this new earth

29 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- God stops the Tribulation to seal the 144,000 Jews who are on the earth at that time
- Lesson 26 and 27 covering chapter 7 show exactly who these are
- These 144,000 are on earth, sealed and on Mt. Zion through the 3-1/2 years of Tribulation and 7 years of judgement
- The sealed Jews and the remnant are waiting on earth for Jesus Christ's return
- There will also be a great number of Gentiles who survived the Tribulation and Judgement and they will live until the end of the 1,000 years reign when Satan is loosed for a short period
- Remember there is no death during the 1,000 years

30 **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- There will be nations and peoples who do not take the mark or go against Jesus at the battle of Armageddon and these will go into the Millennium
- It will not be perfect in the 1,000 years
- There is great importance in obtaining and reviewing the lessons of this study

31 **CLOSING GRAPHIC**