

World War 3, Armageddon
Revelation 16:12-21

1. Armageddon in Scripture

Only one place the name “Armageddon” is mentioned—Revelation 16:16
“Har-Magedon.”

Other parallel passages: Revelation 14:20, blood flowing about 200 miles
Revelation 11:13, earthquake concludes the battle. (as in Rev. 16:18)

A. Structure of Revelations (possible structure)

Introduction 1:1—8		
Earthly Vision 1:9—20		
7 Churches 2:1—3:22	God and the Lamb 4:1—5:14	7 Seals 6:1—8:5
7 Trumpets 8:6—11:19	The Big Picture 11:19—15:5	7 Bowls 15:5—16:21
Harlot Babylon 17:1—19:10	Judgment in Christ 19:11—21:9	Bride & New Jerusalem 21:9—22:9
Conclusion 22:10-21		

B. Direct references to Megiddo

10 or so references to Megiddo as a city or field of battle.

By New Testament times, unknown, unimportant, unoccupied.

Zechariah 12-14, Big Picture mentality

12:3—all nations gather against Israel

12:10ff— Israel recognized Jesus (the one they have pierced)

12:13—weeping in the plain of Megiddo (references to Josiah’s death by Pharaoh Necca)

13:1—fountain opened to house of David to cleanse from sin.

13:7—strike the shepherd and sheep scattered, reference to Christ, but also Israel’s exile.

13:9—a remnant, 1/3 third of Jews refined and comes to faith.

14:2— I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it,

14:3-4— The Lord will fight, he will stand on the Mt. Olives, split, earthquake.

C. Indirect References

Ezekiel 38-39— Battle against Gog.

Ezekiel 37—Valley of Dry bones, Israel is reborn, one nation again.

Ezekiel 38— God gathers the enemies of Israel for battle.

Ezekiel 39:29— God no longer hides face from the Jews

“I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel.”

Ezekiel 40—New Temple, river of life flows from Heavenly temple on earth.

WW 3, destruction of Israel’s enemies, plus conversion of Israel.

2. Where is Armageddon today?

Charles Ryrie Study Bible notes: “Revelation 16:16, Har-Magedon (or Armageddon) literally, Mount of Megiddo, near the city of Megiddo at the head of the Esdraelon Plain.”

Har-magedon = Mountain of Megiddo, but Megiddo is not really a mountain, rather a mound.

Mt. Carmel, Elijah battled the prophets of Baal and Asherah (1 Kings 18).

Ar-magedon = city of Megiddo. Allusion to Megiddo, not precise.

Region—Israel?

Connected with the Big Picture of Revelation 11:19-15:5.

Cosmic struggle of God versus Satan, Creation—Christmas—Easter—Second Coming

Truths, Armageddon, WW3

1. End of the Age, concludes with the return of Jesus
Revelation 16:15—behold I come like a thief!
Zechariah 14—split Mt of Olives
Revelation 14:16—He who was seated on the cloud harvests the earth
2. Final battle of good versus evil. Vindication of saints, judgment of unbelievers
Revelation 14, Two sickles and two harvests (Next week’s message)
Some sing praises (Rev. 15:3-4), Some curse God (Rev. 16:21)
3. Centers around Israel
Geographically in battling earthly enemies in Palestine.
Spiritually of their acceptance of Jesus Christ.

Personal Application:

1. History to the war, Creation—Consummation—Jesus paid it all. “It is finished.”
2. Battle is coming to completion. Soon. “Watch and pray.” (1 Peter 5:8)
3. Battle is raging today for lost souls. Ephesians 6:10-11
Watch your daily walk, you daily witness.
Be people of prayer, people of worship, people of service.